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"Interview"

Wallace and Ruddy: a journalistic drive-by shooting

Last Sunday evening, a report on CBS's "60 Minutes" posed the question, "What about Vince Foster?" A more honest title for correspondent Mike Wallace's piece would have been "What about Christopher Ruddy?"

Wallace spent the first 18 of the show's 60 minutes deconstructing the work of Ruddy, a New York-based investigative journalist with the *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*. Ruddy is one of the few reporters working on the still-puzzling death of Foster, a boyhood friend of Bill Clinton, one-time partner in Hillary Clinton's Rose Law Firm, and — when he died — White House deputy counsel.

Wallace's report seemed designed to smear Ruddy and those of us in journalism and politics who do not bear the ring of truth in the U.S. Park Police's and former Special Prosecutor Robert Fiske's conclusion that Foster shot himself on July 20, 1993 in Virginia's Fort Marcy Park.

Wallace painted Ruddy, *Tribune-Review* publisher Richard Mellon Scaife, and their associates at the *Strategic Investment* newsletter and the Western Journalism Center (a foundation that supports investigative reporters) as conservative partisans who slam Bill Clinton and line their pockets by selling Foster-related videotapes.

But these "right-wing kooks" are not isolated crackpots. Whitewater Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr's probe of Foster's death "is continuing and ongoing," says his spokeswoman Debbie Gershman. In fact, forensic scientist Dr.



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Henry Lee, late of *The People v. C.J. Simpson*, is on Starr's team. Somehow, Wallace forgoes to note that the book remains wide open on Foster.

Wallace called on Dr. Donald Haut, the medical examiner for Fairfax County, Va., to rebut Ruddy's reports that those at Foster's death scene say they found surprisingly little blood. Wallace did not mention that Ruddy taped Haut saying, "There was not a hell of a lot of blood on the ground." Haut's FBI statement also supports Ruddy's story. Too bad Wallace didn't ask Haut why his words now seem to contradict what he told Ruddy and the FBI.

Ruddy also says Wallace did not tell his viewers what he told Ruddy off-camera: Wallace found soil on his shoes

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when he retraced Foster's presumed 700-foot path through Fort Marcy. The FBI detected no soil on Foster's shoes. A speck of intellectual honesty might have inspired Wallace to inform his audience that he failed to duplicate Foster's amazing feat.

These and other twists, turns, and omissions in Wallace's report might be forgivable had he explored any of the dozens of still-baffling questions related to Foster's death. Alas, Wallace sped right past these conundrums:

► Why was Foster's body found in the woods of Fairfax County paramedic George Gonzalez, "as if it was ready for the coffin," with his arms neatly at his side? Gun-suicide victims usually fall limply to the ground, like rag dolls.

► How did Foster hang on to his gun? As U.S. Sen. Alfonse D'Amato, R-N.Y., recently told WCBS radio: "After the discharge there would have been a kick-back and the gun would have jumped out — yet here it is in his hand."

► Did Park Police miss Foster's car and office keys when they searched his pockets at Fort Marcy, or did he and his Honda find their way there without Foster behind the wheel? Does the fact that they later were found in Foster's pocket at a morgue highlight gross incompetence by Park Police or something worse?

► Why did a Virginia coroner, Dr. James Beyer, tell Park Police that X-rays of Foster's body pointed to suicide, then, later, on July 29, 1994, tell the U.S. Senate Banking Committee that he never took those radiographs because

"we'd been having difficulty with our equipment and were not getting readable X-rays."

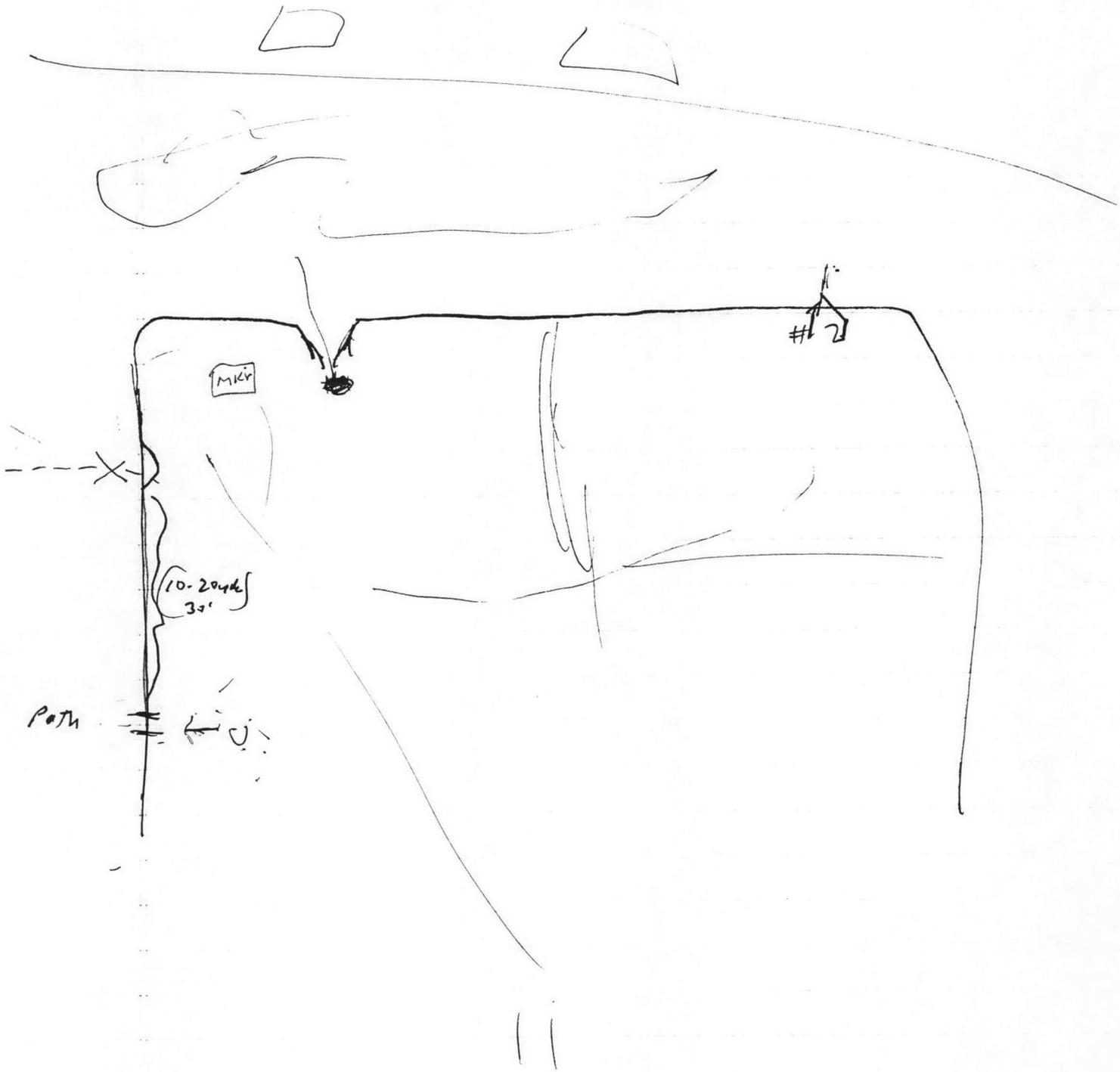
► Where is the fatal bullet from Foster's gun? Just last Sept. 13, federal agents combed Fort Marcy for the elusive slug.

► Ever assuming that Foster took his own life, did he really blow his brains out over the Travelgate scandal and several critical editorials in the *Wall Street Journal*? While Foster's so-called "suicide note" mentions these matters, it neither discussed his impending death nor said goodbye to his wife or family. The undated note also lacked Foster's signature and even his fingerprints.

The nagging questions about Vincent Foster and whatever he was doing when he died go on and on and on. It's a shame "60 Minutes" did not devote its considerable investigative muscle to solve some of these riddles rather than subject Christopher Ruddy to the journalistic equivalent of a drive-by shooting.

Why did Mike Wallace blow this opportunity? Consider his own words. "You don't like to baldly lie, but I have," he told the *Washington Post* in November 1992. "It really depends on your motive. Are you doing it for drama, or are you doing it for illumination? Each one has to be weighed separately as to the cost benefit."

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G - map CR

H - map RZ - 10-20 yds past Cannon

RL

Ruddy

Survivorist - WDC - 0730 - 1015
10-12-95

Deep background

both ways



weak link - suspended -
O FBI 302 - no mentioning where body is
①

① Gonzalez - hand sketch - canon #1

① Arthur

① HAVT - 1st canon drawings
- also shot on type

Pat Knowlton - w2 - some hispanic guy (covering that play lot)
4:50

body - mica - all over vegetation -
mica, but no soil
1st canon

FOIA(b)7 - (C)

Pat Knowlton (Tyronne Brown) told Reaver body by 1st canon - Ty-type
Mr. Reaver - MB - sick that wk...

Pat Knowlton - dirt paths to Canon #2

Not canon 2 ever - all lied abt it...
if don't continue lying

Havt type (map (consistent w/ Gonzalez))

Lee - hired gun
"could be _____"

Thom

Poison... cover shot after heart stopped



...PA type...

No exotic tests

Sprint Report - good - he will send copy

St. James -

Told him I will talk to AL, RI

Scarf, Irvine down on KS

{ w/ Irvine - make clr - of record
he types all calls - poss. conversation
will print what you say...

old

not saying I talked to Miguel, but ---

Miguel behind CW, CR does not.

↓
Msgr problem -

CW - Park - 911

- but ~~FW~~ Anonymous 911 call first

Theory

① VF - severe anxiety last few days
When you kill someone like this - went thru in familiar setting...

② VF didn't have lunch as said -
Pond told to say that...

③ Prob. died betw 4 and 5 - poison -

④ Beyer - meat & potatoes in stomach

⑤ Wt Security apartment - security ...

SKila E3 only 1 who might have seen...

⑥ Dicken - PK & lot (FMP) ...

⑦ Floor - VF onto floor -
oriental carpet
(not rolled in carpet)

⑧ ^{ca-} Mil guy - stage three betw 2 & 3.
_{at work}

⑨ AR "B" Team - as of
Dixie Mafia Three (Tron, Stephen) -
Patsy spilled beans - VF to talk ...
Enforcer -

⑩ Move out - tunnel (Tron^{at}...)
No one ever ^{perme} got out of garage - no exits

⑪ Van

⑫ Prob. car shot in van - bullet into window -
Leant - back wheel covered -

① Van - 2d ply lot

strs. lit to p/ka new #1

strs. gun

prob. .22 /silence

chad - prob. in a hpt it - p/ka his van
will not talk to ce

∑ when not

Check Rollu rough note

6:35

Wallace - see Svc memo - - before park -

W/d notified early.

Geyer told him early on - FBI to SS at autopsy.

Lisc - Boyer story -
channel WASP

LF wants to make # on it.

Wallace - full of own depression
post suicide thought when Westwood
saw him -

Scalise handled Westwood
suit - Brillin

Shiff

- Scalise request
clear w/ us --- o/c
MUC---

Sen. staff

10-6-95 REL.

1:25pm Chris Ruddy - 718-229-8209

⊙ Will meet him on Thurs. 10-12, at 7:30 am
at J. W. Marriott restaurant/lobby -

⊙ He meets w/ D'Amato staffer at lunch
on Thursday -

⊙ 60 minute - Mike Wallace - this Sun. evening

60 Minutes

SUN
10-8-95

Watched
tape on
10-10-95
JS

Intro

UnAns - Video

LH vs. RH

Why? The LH VF was RH

- 0 _____
- 0 _____

5-00-00

MW - Did he kill self or was he murdered?

- we have taken a look...
- took himself seriously

VF - comment about film -

WSJ editorial

Travel office...

Br. of course - I was not used for ps/1.

JH on. 7th - clinical depression

- travel office
- failed name - Beard/Wood

Willow Lisa - funeral

- typed

JH - F. family suit

- even prof-bodily - either incoming or engaged in copying

JH - Lisa speculated
- A Few Good Men - USMC - gun in mosh

Bill Clinger -
- account of being doped; or in coverup

MW -

con

poll
2/3 of American

CR - This could be story of the century
- Daily
photo - Seattle
- WJC
- Ahr

2 writers

• The Death of VF - Fehmel
• Strategic Five
Jack Wheeler
Jon Davidson

• Suspicious lack of blood at scene - JW/CR

• CR - Haupt said not clotted blood

• Haupt - Not Absolutely - didn't tell waddy that

• Didn't change his story -

① why
LH F. clutched gun in RH?

CR - later tried to distance himself from this

② Carpet fibers -
evid. indicates F. died elsewhere.

CR is not saying body moved.

③ CR - I did look at script.

CR - I don't have any evid. he was rolled up in carpet

FBI says not unusual to have f. fibers.

④ JH - new carpet in home -

⑤ CR - scale of 1 to 10
~~8 or 7~~ body moved to The Park.

⑥ CR - evid. indicates body moved to

⑦ Fornhill - ^{gran} no trampling of ground
- not matted down

⑧ Clige - photo - indentation on Thumb
- powder burns

Fornhill - no evid of struggle.

① JH - VF 6-4 1/2 ; imposing
- couldn't force gun into mouth w/o struggle.

Clinger - unless rendered incapable
- no ev. of drop, etc.

Furnhill libel suit v. CR, WJC -
dismissed

① Atty Philip Stinson - WJC has made ^{\$} 1/2 million ---

① Clinger - if P.P. did better job ---
assumed suicide - search for bone fragments, bullet
pretty cursory

① JH - overwhelming ev. - committed suicide in RMP,
That's the story ---

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Ruddy

July 31, 1995

Source information

The word is that Starr has "bought into" the argument that "it is in the best interest of the country to end the investigation." I disabused the source of this notion.

Vince Foster is not the writer of the "note" found on July 26 in the briefcase. The "O's" are all too similar. The handwriting analysis done was based on one known exemplar, which is not the proper way to do it.

Rusty Hardin resigned because he did not agree with the way the Hubbell case was going, not just from a personnel standpoint, but because of not wanting to put pressure on Hubbell. Hubbell was the key, and the OIC should not have entered any plea agreement with him until they fully debriefed him, as they had done with Hale. Hale was debriefed for two weeks prior to a plea agreement being entered into.

Newt Gingrich believes the Foster death is the key. No matter what the other committees do, he is going to set up a special committee to reinvestigate the Foster death and possible cover up.

Once Henry Lee gets through with his analysis, which will probably conclude that it is a suicide, that will be the end of the Starr investigation.

There is really no one who has taken Miguel Rodriguez' place. Brett Kavanaugh did not have the experience to replace Rodriguez.

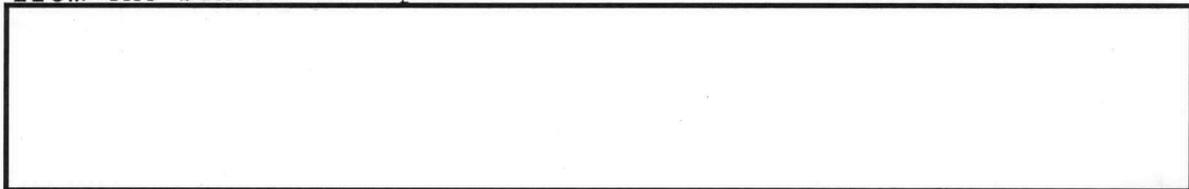
Rusty Hardin did not like Rodriguez. The mistake was hiring Rodriguez in the first place.

Webb Hubbell has told different stories on different occasions.

Not everyone connected with the Foster family is satisfied with the suicide/depression explanation.

The Travelgate matter has been overstated as it regards Foster.

His involvement with Hillary was probably not so, at least from the sexual standpoint.



© HRC's plane was diverted to LR, landed at [redacted] p.m.

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CR

[Advise Brett on 8-2 am]



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6/7/95

1054 - Chris Ruddy

- sick 2 weeks
- as your Deputy
- wish you were Dep in CIOCK

718-229-8209

5-22-95

420pm

Chris Ruddy -

① TIKU for the time - ... M = After --
Note copy (don't take so)

② WASH TIMES - look for Oze to Seper -
• Mrs. Foster stnt that one of the things
she said that was on VF's mind was Waco (no amt)

• Seper close to USPP & FBI

③ AmerEX - VF - no - in Jly
talked abt destinations on 6/16 ---

④ He will FAX me Ambrose article -

MEMO

TO: File
FROM: Hickman
DATE: May 12, 1995
RE: Information from Chris Ruddy

I did a memo while I was in Little Rock on May 11 concerning my breakfast meeting with Chris Ruddy, the reporter who has written a lot on the Vince Foster death. I met with him from about 4:30 p.m. until about 5:15 p.m. again that afternoon.

He strongly believes that Vince Foster's body was lying near cannon #1 on the night of July 20, 1993. He believes it was transported to the park from another location.

He believes that Gonzalez and Dr. Hout accurately described where the body was, and that is somewhat corroborated by Ashford. He believes that the park police were instructed to say that the body was near the second cannon.

He said we ought to look real hard at the body being brought through the back entrance. I drew a little diagram. He calls the small gate entrance through the low fence on the chain bridge roadside to be the back entrance. A car cannot drive through it, but you can park there.

He thinks the body may have been carried from that entrance to the location near cannon #1. He describes it as almost a straight line.

As he had told me that morning, he believes that "CW" may be a part of what went on. He said that CW may have been assigned to park his van on the chain bridge roadside and to watch until the people brought the body to the back entrance.

He says that from 4:30 on, there was somebody monitoring the main parking lot, a Mexican-American looking guy. He said the Dixie mafia is notorious for using people like this.

He said that one of the keys in uncovering the cover-up is to get one or more to tell the truth about where the body was found that night.

I asked him why he thought that they would said it was by cannon #2, if it was near cannon #1. He said that the park police are pretty inept, and never thought that there would be various investigations following on behind them.

As to Foster's state of mind, Ruddy has noted that originally

everybody said they couldn't believe that Foster had killed himself, with none indicating that he was depressed. Now, almost unanimously, everybody said he was obviously depressed.

He said that the source Deepwater has stated that a few days after the death, Bernie Nussbaum got everybody together in the counsel's office and said, "Vince Foster was depressed - that's what you need to say."

I showed him the little booklet from the Center for American Values, which talked about a source within the White House named Deepwater. Ruddy said that Deep Water apparently was a young man who worked in the White House counsel's office, who was a holdover from the Bush administration, and had not left yet. Ruddy said that Deepwater is one of the main sources for the little book by Debra Stone entitled "Slick Willie." She has also just released another book called "Slick Willie II."

Ruddy said that officer Ferstl signed the original report, although he didn't have a clue about what they had put in there. Ruddy said that signing an official report that you can't vouch for might possibly be criminal, and that may be a way to put pressure on Ferstl, who he again described as a weak link.

Ruddy believes that the park police were told to say that the body was found near the second cannon. He said that they were also told just to throw in anything they wanted to add to the Fiske people. He said that obviously Gonzalez didn't see a gunshot wound in the head, although he may have told the FBI that when the Fiske team was investigating.

Ruddy talks often with Ambrose Pritchard, and, in fact, got a call from him while we were talking in the afternoon. He said that Ambrose was different than most Englishmen. He said he is more excitable, whereas the stereotypical Englishman is more reserved. He said that Pritchard believes that Clinton is a crook, and his editors have encouraged him to keep writing stories. He said that Pritchard had done much more work on the Arkansas phase of things than he (Ruddy) had.

Ruddy said that some people had written stories about all the murders that have occurred in Arkansas. The only one Ruddy thinks may have a link to Foster is the murder of Jerry Parks. He was murdered supposedly as he was turning left off of Chenal Parkway onto Highway 10, Cantrell Road. He did say that Parks had sort of a sordid past himself.

Ruddy told me that the Wall Street Journal had won their lawsuit concerning getting release of the original "note," supposedly recovered in the White House counsel's office on July 26. Ruddy said that the Justice Department was appealing that court decision. Ruddy said he is interested in getting a copy of the original handwritten note. He said that he has seen it, or a copy of it, at Carl Stern's office in the Justice Department.

Ruddy said that everybody has read that there were 27 pieces recovered, and one little piece was missing. It was originally reported that this perhaps had been where a signature was, although Ruddy says it was not a big enough piece to contain a signature. He also said he had heard that Betsy Pond, secretary in the legal counsel's office, had remarked when she first saw this note that it was not Vince's writing.

I asked Ruddy if he knew John Crudele of the New York Post. He said that he used to work with Crudele. He said that Crudele had gotten kind of wild in his stories and had recently done a story promoting Larry Nichols.

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May 11, 1995

From: H. Ewing
To: File
Re: Christopher Ruddy

Met C.Ruddy at Shoney's at 0730 this date; talked until about 0940.

Ruddy originally from Long Island. Attended Catholic school. Graduate of St. John's - major: history. Masters - London ... economics. Taught school in NY for 2 years. Fellowship in Islamic literature. Did story exposing falsity of PBS-type story on black U.S. soldiers liberating concentration camps at end of WWII. Murdock hired him at NY Post. 1 year there; did stories, and then started stories on Foster.

Gave him my background in USAO, corruption prosecutions, BRILAB leak investigations (he does not think much of Buck Revell), USA, Bush, leaving USAO, Ray-King project (Baden getting \$7,000 a day on Simpson case); etc.

Gave him background of my coming to OIC; overview role; Hubbell; call on 1-20 re: getting involved in VF death; brief in LR; 2-6 FMP; 2-13/14 MR; consult re: witnesses even when back probs., active in GJ, etc. Investigation not over; no conclusion yet.

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Told him I had read a lot of his articles, as well as articles, etc. by others. Have read alot of Clinton books, as I did in the MLK-JER matter. Take all into consideration.

Mentioned reporting of inaccurate info, such as RH v. LH. He said original source was Boston Globe. He said he mentioned it early on, but not recently. Pointed out Wheeler's stmts along those lines on the Strategic Investments video.

He does not think Larry Nichols credible, i. e. on the Clinton Chronicles.

He likes and talks with Pritchard, but is not pursuing some of the things AP is.

Thinks it should be pursued as a homicide investigation, rather than a suicide. That is what the experts say you normally do. I told him:

At this point, if I announced we are now pursuing it as a homicide investigation, and then took investig. steps, a,b,c,d,e,f, and g. What difference would there be if we continued as we are, and did a,b,c,d,e,f,g. No difference.

Hypothetically, if there are "bad guys" - either in some cover up or worse, it is not all bad for them to think they have "escaped."

We are pursuing the truth, and Ken is definitely committed to that. We are doing a number of things, which I can not divulge. Told him that Brett Kavanaugh had been doing Foster documents, prior to departure of Miguel, although he was pretty familiar with the death investigation. He then was asked to be involved with me in the death investigation.

Ruddy said he had been told that Miguel was doing the death and documents investigation. I told him that was not correct. He repeated it again like he had that on good authority. I told him MR was familiar with documents investigation, but he was not the main person involved with it.

Ruddy does not think much of the credibility of the CW.

 His "palms up-no gun" story tends to show it was a suicide, as that is normally how a suicide would look (the gun would not be in the hand).

I pointed out to Ruddy that I was a little surprised that he and others had not made a bigger deal out of CW's "palms up, no

gun" story. It CW is truthful, then at 5:40, there was no gun in Foster's hand; but the USPP reported they found a gun in the hand. This would tend to show some sort of staging. Ruddy acknowledged this, but his view is that CW is lying, and may be part of something.

Ruddy has relative who were policemen, including his father.

In the parking lot, we went over his information about the body being found about 20 feet from Cannon #1, as opposed to where it has been reported at Cannon #2. He said he interviewed Gonzalez early on before anyone knew this was a big issue. Gonzalez drew him a map, which he has not published. Gonzalez says he went to the left, while Hall and Fornshill went to the right. Gonzalez says he found the body, and then called the other 2 over.

Haut drew a map for Reed Irvine, which matched the map Gonzalez drew for Ruddy. Ashford told Ruddy that he did not see any cannon near the body.

The FBI did not excavate to the depth they said. The roots are still there.

There has always been a dirt trail leading down the berm from Cannon #2.

I mentioned to him following up on the gun. Although no positive i.d., family member has stated that Foster Sr., had a gun just like the one found at the Park. No prints on outside, but a print elsewhere. I said (mistakenly) that we had no prints of Foster. Ruddy said he understood that prints were taken of Foster in the autopsy room. [Brett told me later that morning that we did have fingerprints of Foster, but not his palmprints. He does not think prints taken at autopsy.]

Ruddy says we should try to develop evidence through the "weak links", by confronting them, etc.

[REDACTED]

When I told Ruddy about hurting my back in FMP, and being incapacitated physically from Feb. 7-18, I told him about consulting with Touhey and Kavanaugh, who then put the witnesses in, with my input. Ruddy said he had wondered why Touhey had been going in with witnesses. He has spoken with at least one witness who was questioned by Touhey in the GJ. He said that Haut said that Touhey did not ask him the appropriate follow on questions.

Ruddy thinks that you pursue a case like this from a homicide standpoint - to find the perpetrators - and that you don't spend alot of time on motive on the front end.

I told him that whether it was a suicide or a homicide, what was going on in Foster's life, and what he was working on, is very relevant to our overall investigation. He said you need to catch the perpetrators first, then look at motive. I told him that you need to see what he was doing in order to see who might have had a motive to coverup, or worse. That is the point when we talked about Pritchard's info about Systematics, Switzerland, etc.

[REDACTED] Lee Bowman, Jr., son of Sharon, said he was familiar with his grandfather's guns and doesn't remember one like the one at FMP. The lawyer representing the Fosters now would want to cover things.

He thinks the FBI just wanted to validate the suicide version. The only agents name he mentioned was Colombell.

[He asked me in the end if I knew Ed McAteer in Memphis. Told him I did. Ruddy met him through Washington breakfasts]

On May 11, Ruddy said that Revell was feared then and now within the FBI.

Revell, who is an ex Marine, always wanted to use military tactics.

At some point Revell advocated training agents in the use of tanks.

When Waco came up, Revell was SAC in Dallas. He said it was a perfect situation for agents to use tanks.

Agents were trained for a month to do this. The tanks supposedly were going to punch holes in the wall. Instead they pushed on the walls til they fell down, igniting the kerosene inside, and the fire ensued.

Revell is frequent guest of TV shows, and was on 60 Minutes this past Sunday.

He supposedly was one of the ones trying to work to get rid of Judge Sessions.

May 11, 1995

Brett called me in Little Rock. Asked if I could ask Ruddy for the number for Robert Reeves.

Talked to Ruddy by phone about 11:00 am:

Robert Reeves - hard of hearing - [REDACTED]

Home:

Mobile:

Wife's mobile:

Tyrone Brown, the Park supervisor, knows Reeves well.

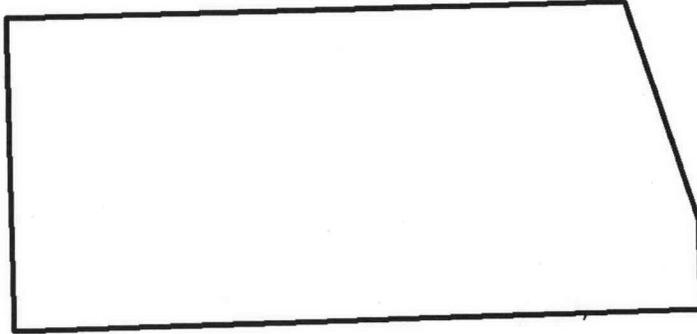
[Passed all of this to Brett shortly thereafter]

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FOIA(b)7 - (C)

5 airlines - frequent flyer miles - VF.
NW - 120,000
Ame
Univ
TWA
Delta

VF cancelled flight to Switzerland;
bought seats for 2 other people.

5-3-95

4/24/95

MT - This guy is real f-nuts

AA - This guy is crazy -
or crazy in Miguel

- shared name of Conservative friends ---

- CA Did you see my article? yes

- CA Read 2 agitator from the get go.
Major Diner 2 hr lunch to throw them off the
scent - point to document - the real story is
the note - Nussbaum lying -

(MT - you know what they say)
"Garbage in, sweetheart, garbage out"

- Diner ^{to Ruddy + Julie} no exit wound

' no blood on ground, back side of head

[Ruddy consulted w/ friends ---]

- Ruddy takes sodium penthal might have been used.

• Later Diner - corrected - was an exit wound

{Bait & Switch}

FOIA(b)3 - Rule 6(e), Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, Grand Jury

- Ruddy - I have MR story; then
• your office leaked story to:
documents — AA - we don't leak,
I know it for a fact
- AA - if you have evid., investig. steps ...
set up line of comms.
- Ruddy - don't want to waive my 1st Amendment
rights -
- you guys aren't going to do anything
- Need to talk to Reaver -
• knows CW -
- Neighbors

• Ruddy - your investig. is
a charade to merely a sham

AA - KS, KE, AA --- use some
common sense ...

CR - • you need Churchill-like character;
not you - afraid
• you need guy like Rodriguez.

CR - Rodriguez had this thorough investig. plan -

- 2 days
- Key to VF death case - 20 min. in GJ
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(Q. by MT)

AA - Ruddy made it sound like
he got into the USPP -

↳ probably got it for Miguel

CR - he was fired for Post - investg FCC
Rupert Murdoch

ⓐ take Post will start going after this.

CR - Funding - his daily paper used to
in Gensberg PA - moved to Pitt.

Scaife - very good to me - very conservative,
right wing.

W/i last mo - Nat'l Review mo, London -
Steve Farber ---

Conservative -

• VF involved in

Mena - they would kill him in a second -
(Involve Dems. & Republicans)

• CIA / FBI

• AA - he has made up his mind on
this investigation

• CR - will focus

• CR - in CR next wk - wants to talk
to HF

MT - people ignoring him.

BK - war in

Batfe - Sarah M. Clinton's WASH RPT :

- US Govt spying on foreign banks - Systematic
 - Indictment of HRC under seal
BK Fraud
DOJ - VF docs. - ^{waive} rep. Systematic -
Perjury
 - HRC gave docs to WLH -
WLH gave docs to
-

MT - unless it gets in the mainstream media - no release.

KS - (C) leak investigation in office -

- Athens
 - FBI - poss. [redacted]
 - [redacted] Thought Fiske they
basically a charade
-

AA - "I wanted to take a shower when I
got through talking to him."

5-3-95

① Alex Azar called -

① This — did it to us again

① Meets w/ CR today - AA will listen only...

① He will point to HE ; MT wanted AA to point to MT [AA didn't think that is good idea.]

① MT doesn't understand yet that we are there to buffer him, etc. ---

5-1-95Mon.

3:45pm

Checked LR voice mail -

2:33 Christopher Ruddy

bumped into Mr. Sturatt NY airport - he suggested

I give you a call - was going to do so anyway -

Live in NY ; have voice mail if not in.5-2-95Tues.

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Called Ruddy # from LR - Left msg.

Return your call for yesterday

Got your voicemail late

My LR direct line 501-221-8715

Look fwd to hng for you.

1151

Ruddy left voice mail - he will call back

5-3-95Wed.

0940

Ruddy left msg - on the way

will call ~~back~~ again this afternoon

Memorandum

Office of the Independent Counsel

To : The File

Date 4/4/95

From : Debbie Gershman

Subject: Meeting with Chris Ruddy

I met with Chris Ruddy on Saturday, April 1, 1995 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at Kirby's Restaurant in West Little Rock. Chris is probably in his late 30's, has reddish brown hair and blue eyes.

Chris spoke a little about himself. He spent some time overseas - received his degree in Economics at a school in England. He also has a Masters in politics. Chris does not have a journalism background. He taught social studies at a school in New York. There was a lot of tension between the teachers and the principal at the school. Chris was voted president of the teachers' union and eventually got rid of the principal.

Chris' first experience in journalism involved a PBS documentary on the liberation of Buchenwald. The story came out at a time when the tension between the Jewish and black population in New York was very high. According to this documentary, black soldiers were the ones who liberated Buchenwald. Chris received a telephone call from a friend who said that the story was just not true. Chris started looking into the story, called some of the black soldiers who were part of the documentary and found out that they were in the war but did not, in fact, liberate Buchenwald. The soldiers informed Chris that they told PBS that they did not liberate Buchenwald but PBS ran the story that way. After more research, Chris publicly exposed the story as being untrue.

Next, Chris did some investigative reporting on the sterilization of dental instruments. It was discovered that simply dipping the instruments in alcohol did not kill the HIV virus. Now, all dentists heat sterilize the dental instruments.

The Foster investigation is the only thing Chris is working on at the present time. He became interested in this case because of all of the inconsistencies, unanswered questions and improper handling of the death scene.

Chris does not want to be put in the same category as Larry Nichols, Ambrose Evans Pritchard, Terry Reed, etc. Chris says he is different because he does not print anything until he thoroughly checks out the story. He is also not "held hostage"

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to a source - all of his sources are identified and therefore he doesn't have to promise to write something a certain way in order to keep a relationship going with a confidential source. I asked Chris if he believed in the conspiracy theory - that 30 or so deaths could be attributed to Bill Clinton. Chris said he doesn't believe that Clinton was responsible for all the deaths. However, he does think that there is something strange about all of those deaths, especially Jerry Parks.

Chris heard that no death scene photos were taken at Fort Marcy Park. He spoke with several detectives and law officers who said that every death is supposed to be treated as a homicide, not a suicide, and that death scene photos are always taken. Chris even had someone go to the Park Police photo lab to look for the negatives since all the negatives are kept on file there. This person found no negatives. Chris later learned that the film was underexposed and therefore not on file.

Chris was amazed that we hadn't interviewed Robert Reeves. Mr. Reeves is a black man who works at Fort Marcy Park. Supposedly, about 20-25 years ago, Mr. Reeves was walking through Fort Marcy Park, saw some trash laying around and started cleaning it up. He has been taking care of the park ever since. Reeves was not working the day Foster's body was found. Reeves told Chris that he knew of only one white van that came through the park and that it belonged to KDK(?) Construction. Reeves said [REDACTED]

Chris was also bothered by the fact that our investigators didn't interview the neighboring homes around Fort Marcy Park. The only residence approached by our investigators was the Saudi Ambassador's home. There are several other homes in the area and someone may have heard or seen something that day.

Chris feels that Mr. Fiske may have been manipulated into saying the death was a suicide. A lot of standard procedure investigative work was not done. Witnesses were not brought before the grand jury and Chris feels that the investigation was not taken seriously. Chris spoke with Ellen Pollock who told him that Rod Lankler said the report would be done mid-April. Since the office had only opened in March, Chris took this to mean that Mr. Fiske had already made the decision that the death was a suicide. The pathologist panel wasn't hired until sometime in June. Chris spoke with Dr. Luke who told him that the pathologists only met together once to review the evidence.

There are two main areas that bother Chris:

(1) The location of the body. Different people remember the body being in different positions. There was no soil found on Foster's shoes. How could he have walked through the park and not gotten any dirt on his

shoes? Why was the gun still in his hand? Some people say there was no blood. Others say that when the body was moved, there was a great deal of blood under the head.

(2) The exit wound. Chris spoke with a friend of Vincent Foster's in Little Rock who lifted the body from the casket to see the exit wound. This person said that there was a dime-sized hole at the base of the neck. This is consistent with an execution-style hit.

Chris said he heard that the team got together about two weeks ago and watched his "Death of Vincent Foster" video. Chris heard that Hick Ewing made the comment during that viewing that they got the left hand fact wrong. [When I briefed Brett Kavanaugh on this part of my conversation with Chris, Brett told me that they had gotten together to watch the video and Hick had spoken with Ambrose Evans Pritchard and told him that Foster was not left-handed. Chris and Ambrose speak often.]

I asked Chris what he thought about the death - did he believe Foster was murdered? Chris said he would not go so far to say that Foster was murdered; however, there were too many unanswered questions and inconsistencies to rule out anything.

I asked Chris what he was going to spend his time on after all of this is over. He said he doesn't know what he'll do, but he will quit investigative journalism. People are always trying to discredit him. Chris said he lost his job at the New York Post because of this and in the long run, his stories proved to be accurate.

Chris said that Mr. Fiske must have thought Hale was in danger because he had an FBI guard assigned to Hale when he was in town. Obviously, Ken Starr must believe the same as he has an FBI guard on Hale also.

Chris said he heard that Rod Lankler left the team abruptly and that he was told he was not welcome on the new team. I told Chris he was way off on that, that Rod had gone back to his law firm before Mr. Fiske was replaced. I explained that Rod's firm is very small, he is a named partner and had to get back to his firm. I told Chris that Rod would come in one or two days a week or whatever was needed for the investigation (under Mr. Fiske).

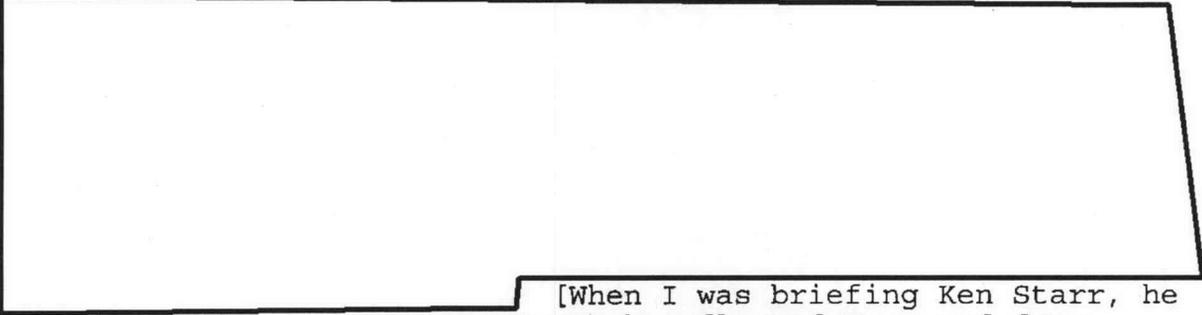
Chris asked if Rusty was still with our office. I told him that Rusty was back at his law firm. Chris said he thought that Rusty was one of the lawyers who stayed after Ken Starr took over. I said that Rusty was there through the transition but he also needed to get back to his law firm.

I explained to Chris that everyone was on his/her own timetable in the investigation. Not everyone could commit to being a part of the investigation until the end. Each person made his/her own commitment for the time he/she could be away from his/her firm.

Chris asked how many attorneys there were. I said about 15. He said, "still?"

Chris said that he spoke with several people about Ken Starr and feels his is a very honest, honorable, good man. He also likes Mark Tuohey. Chris feels that this team is a lot more aggressive than the Fiske team and says the fact that there is a grand jury now is proof of that fact.

Chris thought that I was a Starr appointee. Someone told him that I had worked with Ken Starr for years. I told Chris that I actually started last March in Washington, DC under Mr. Fiske and transferred to Little Rock last August.



[When I was briefing Ken Starr, he mentioned that Congressman Leach has flagged Mena and drug activities as an area of potential interest.]

Chris said he is working on two stories which will be in print in the next week or two. He said we wouldn't like the stories but to tell Ken Starr that it's nothing personal. I asked Chris to fax us the stories when they are ready.

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Fiske Probe's Excavation Challenged

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FOR THE TRIBUNE-REVIEW

WASHINGTON—Doubts have arisen concerning the integrity of documents prepared by special counsel Robert Fiske's staff and the FBI in the investigation of the death of deputy White House counsel Vincent W. Foster Jr.

Two experts who worked closely with Fiske's staff and FBI agents searching the McLean, Va., park where Foster's body was discovered, have offered substantially different accounts of the events than what has been presented in official documents.

On April 4, 1994, 16 individuals from the FBI lab went to Fort Marcy Park "to conduct a search in the area where Foster's body was found," according to the Fiske report.

Searchers were looking for the bullet Foster allegedly had fired, bone fragments from a large exit wound and blood residue in the soil from a "large pool of blood." Neither the bullet nor bone fragments were found. The Fiske report gave no information about blood residue.

Their search, including their claim to have excavated the path where the body was said to have been found, had been cited as an example of the painstaking efforts made by Fiske's investigators to uncover facts surrounding the case.

EXCAVATION DISPUTED

But two members of the search team—Robert Sonderman, a National Park Service senior staff archaeologist, and Dr. Doug Owsley, a forensic anthropologist with the Smithsonian Institution—contradict that claim.

Sonderman accompanied the search

party to ensure the historical site was protected and artifacts were preserved. Sonderman said he has extensive experience with metal detector searches and advised the FBI on how to lay out a search grid of the area. He was present when the ground was scanned by detectors and metal objects were flagged and subsequently unearthed.

Owsley's role was to assist in the search for bone fragments and to determine if such fragments were of human origin. He said he regularly works with the FBI.

Both men said that, because of their unique training and expertise, they spent the entire period of the search as a integral part of Fiske's team.

Both experts deny that the focal point of the investigation—the excavation of the pathway, including the area where the body was found—ever took place. They said there was superficial digging at the location—but only at specific flagged sites.

Sonderman also denies the search ended April 4, as noted in an FBI report. He said the project was unfinished by day's end and was therefore extended into the following day.

Concerning the search for bone fragments, Owsley said there was "no reason" for digging, because these types of particles should have been on the surface or lightly covered by brush and the like.

As for the claimed sifting, he said, this amounted to largely "raking" the ground.

Page 47 of the Fiske report claims "the area immediately beneath where Foster's body was found was searched by digging and hand-sifting the soil and other debris. FBI lab personnel excavated to a depth of approximately 18 inches,

searching the soil with various screening methods."

An FBI report in the Fiske documents also claims the area was excavated.

It reads: "The entire area of the path where the body was positioned was excavated down to approximately 15-18 inches, the soil and roots removed and then meticulously hand searched by various screening methods."

These descriptions clearly imply that at least 22 cubic feet of soil was unearthed—weighing more than a half a ton—on the pathway alone, and then carefully sifted.

But Owsley remembered no excavation and recalled no cutting or removal of the root stems that proliferate in the area. A recent examination of the area revealed that the root stems on the pathway were undisturbed.

"It was an intensive survey," Owsley recalls, but by no means the excavation that had been claimed. Sonderman also described the search as a "survey."

Owsley said the Fiske team concentrated its efforts not on the pathway where the body was said to have been found, but at the bottom of a hill where fragments might have been washed by rain and on the other side of the hill's crest, where bone material from the back of Foster's head might have been thrown by the bullet's explosion.

"There was very little digging," Sonderman said. He told of Owsley's removal of "overburden," his term for the foliage and other surface material.

Sonderman remembered sifting of surface material only with a wire-mesh box with a 1/4-inch screen.

Sonderman confirmed Owsley's statement that no roots were cut.

"They (the FBI) worked around them," he said.

He added that investigators took great pains to protect the historic nature of the site and did not disturb the many root stems, even in the immediate area where Foster's body was said to have been found.

Asked if digging at the site went to the 15- to 18-inch mark claimed in the

Fiske report, Sonderman was emphatic: "No way."

Nor, according to Sonderman, did the investigators seem to feel a need to dig deeply. He recalled FBI lab personnel saying the fired bullet should have been found either on the surface or no more than an inch or two below the surface.

A report in the Fiske documents with hand-written notations bears out Sonderman's recollection—indicating that numerous bullets recovered at the site were found at depths of 2 to 4 inches.

In all, Fiske's staff collected 12 modern-day bullets from the area, as well as dozens of Civil War artifacts.

Fiske, in his report, gave no explanation as to how so many metal objects could be recovered in an area the Park Police claimed to have searched.

Fiske, asked about the discrepancy between his report and what the two experts said, declined to comment. He did say he stands behind the accuracy of his report.

Fiske's was not the first search of the site.

In a deposition before the Senate Banking Committee, Sen. Robert Rule of the Park Police said that two days after Foster's death he, another detective and two technicians searched 30 square yards of the area where Foster's body was said to have been found.

NO MINOR MATTER

Former FBI agent William F. Roemer Jr. believes the discrepancies between the Fiske report and the testimony of Owsley and Sonderman is no minor matter.

"I'd certainly get to the bottom of this," said Roemer, who is the most decorated of all living former FBI agents.

Roemer, with 35 years of investigative experience, doubts the Fiske report was deliberately falsified.

Still, "the discrepancy can't be ignored," he said.

Echoing those sentiments is Thomas Scorza, a former federal prosecutor and current professor of legal ethics at the University of Chicago.

"It's real serious," he said. "It's not a small matter. An excavation is a very specific maneuver."

Scorza said that while many were present the day of the search, only one person wrote the report, which should have

been reviewed by one or more supervisory personnel at the scene.

In cases like this, he said, he likes to believe inaccuracies are a result of "incompetence" rather than purposeful misrepresentation.

He suggested that reports of this nature are sometimes embellished.

"As a bureaucratic thing, a supervisory person does it with the motive to make their work look more thorough," Scorza said.

He said it is essential that investigators for Fiske's replacement, independent counsel Kenneth Starr, interview everyone at the park the day of the search and ask them point blank. "What happened?"

Scorza said discrepancies of this type are "worrisome" in light of other discrepancies, such as the matter of blood found under Foster's body.

ANOTHER CHALLENGE

In January, the Tribune-Review reported on the discrepancy between the medical examiner's observation of blood under Foster's body and the characterization of those observations in the Fiske report.

A key part of the June 30, 1993, Fiske report notes that: "At approximately 7:40 p.m., Dr. Donald Haut, the Fairfax County Medical Examiner, arrived at the scene to examine the body. At that point, Foster's body was rolled over and those present observed a large pool of blood located on the ground where Foster's head had been. Haut observed a large exit wound in the back of the skull."

But in an interview in January, Haut, the only trained medical professional on the scene that night, gave a markedly different account, recalling that when Foster's body was rolled over, he observed a small amount of blood on the ground.

"There was not a hell of a lot of blood ...," he said, noting that "most of it had congealed" on the back of the victim's head. He added that what blood was visible, appeared "matted" to the back of the head.

According to pathology experts, a lack of blood could mean that the body was either moved to where it was found—or even that the deceased had died by means other than gunshot.

Haut's statements to the Tribune-

Review, as well as a statement made to an FBI agent working with the Fiske investigators, indicate his observations may have been misrepresented in the Fiske report.

On April 12, 1994, according to Fiske investigation records, Haut told Fiske's FBI investigators that when Foster's body was rolled over, he saw "blood around the back of Foster's head," which he described as being "matted and clotting ... the volume of which was small."

On the critical issue of the amount of blood on the ground underneath the body, Haut's statement contains no reference to having observed any blood on the ground.

This would indicate that FBI agents never asked Haut about the matter or that his response was omitted.

Starr is currently conducting a grand jury investigation into Foster's death and has been reviewing the investigations of both the Park Police and the Fiske group.

Both probes ruled Foster died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound fired near a Civil War cannon at Fort Marcy on July 20, 1993.

But both of these rulings have been challenged by a number of authorities.

The issue of whether the excavation of the site took place has an important bearing on the current investigation by Starr, according to a source familiar with the investigation.

Fiske has accepted the Park Police report that Foster's body was found on a dirt path directly in front of what is known locally as the "second cannon," though several witnesses claimed the body was actually found some 200 feet away, closer to the "first cannon" in the park.

Starr's investigators have not taken seriously the disputed issue of the body's location partly because they believe that the second cannon site—even though it seems inconsistent with photographs showing heavy foliage around the body—"has changed significantly," a source close to the investigation said. One factor cited for the change in vegetation around the second cannon site had been the Fiske "excavation."

But others familiar with the pathway said it has been a dirt path etched by root stems—virtually devoid of vegetation for many years.

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Chris spoke with Mark Tuohey today and received a "no comment" to the following questions. He wanted to know if Judge Starr would have any comment.

1. Any comment as to why Miguel Rodriguez quit in mid-March?

2. Has anyone else left the Foster part of the investigation? If so, was it related to concerns about how the investigation is being conducted?

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to get with you on this.*

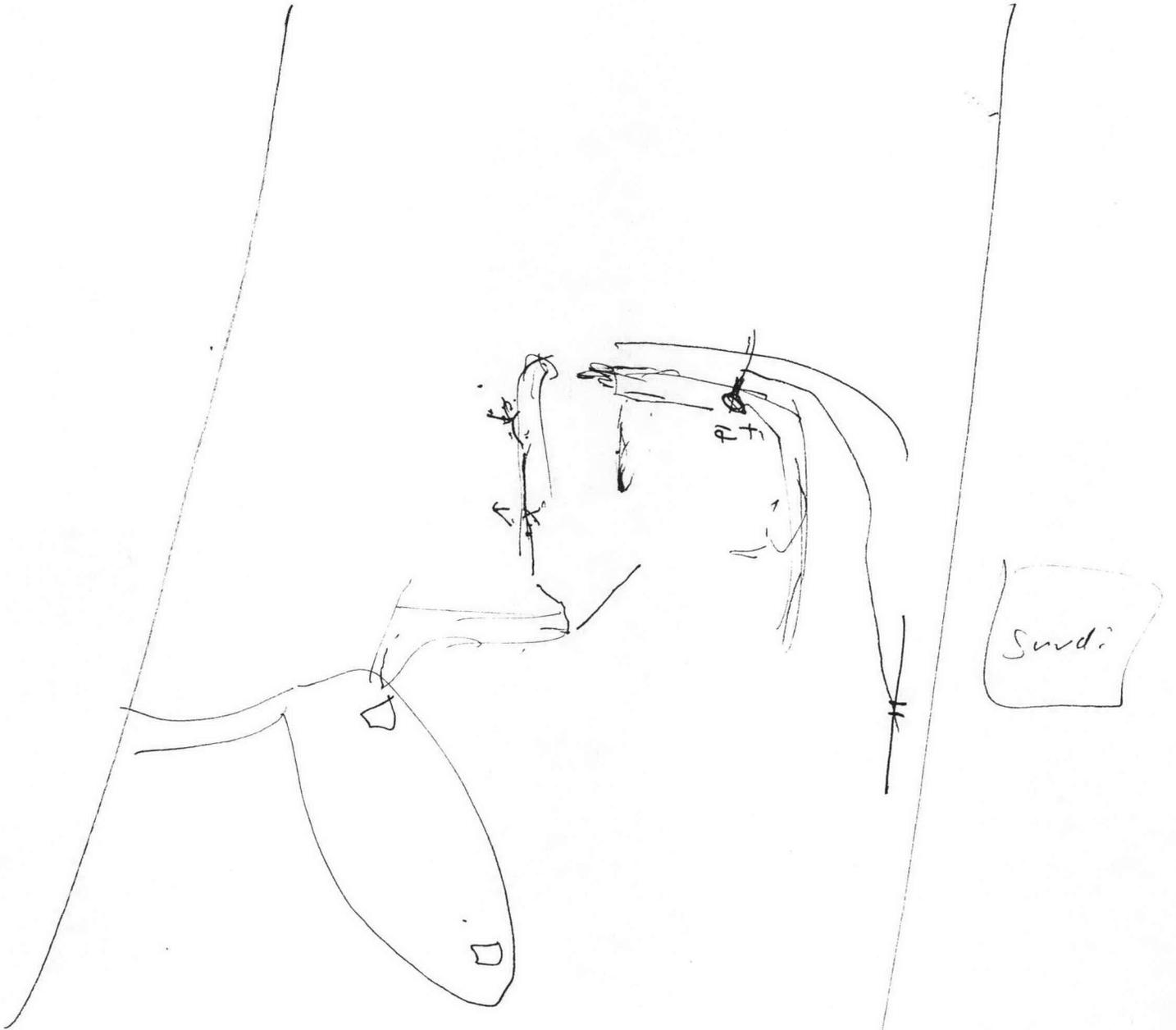
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① Prints -

② someone took VF's prints in autopsy room.

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