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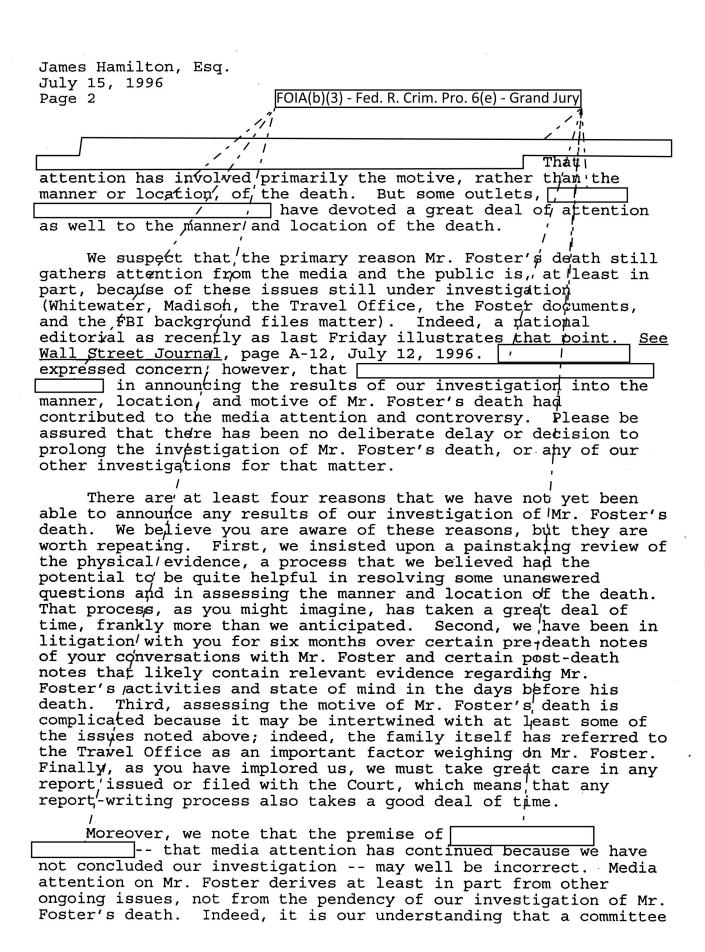
Dear Jim:

I am writing regarding two closely related subjects, both involving the completion of our investigation of the circumstances of Vince Foster's death. Your cooperation on the second of these subjects likely will help to expedite that process.

FOIA(b)(3) - Fed. R. Crim. Pro. 6(e) - Grand Jury

At the outset, some context may be helpful. Mr. Foster would have been an important witness with respect to at least three separate issues that have been investigated extensively by various regulatory agencies, committees of Congress, and law enforcement agencies (including this Office): the operation of Whitewater Development; the operation of Madison Guaranty, including the Rose Law Firm's work for Madison Guaranty; and the Travel Office firings. In addition, there is a fourth issue that has been extensively investigated and that obviously implicates Mr. Foster's name: the handling of his documents and papers by White House officials and others in the aftermath of his death. These issues are in addition to our ongoing investigation of the circumstances of Mr. Foster's death.

These issues have been investigated in multiple fora and have been the subject of innumerable media stories. We understand the family's distress at seeing or hearing Mr. Foster's name bandied about in media stories or congressional hearings in connection with these issues. Recent stories on a new subject -- the FBI background files matter -- must further add to that distress. As you know, however, we cannot control the media's interest in these issues, and we cannot control any investigation but our own.



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of Congress was contemplating holding hearings on Mr. Foster's death in late 1995 or early 1996, but determined not to do so because this Office had not yet concluded its investigation. Such hearings no doubt would have greatly increased the public attention devoted to Mr. Foster's death.

In sum, let us assure you and the family that we do consider them to be victims of all of this publicity and that we have tried, to the extent we can, not to cause them further distress. As we continue towards closure, we would like to be considered as the FOIA(b)(3)-Fed. R. Crim. Pro. 6(e)-Grand Jury We are proceeding, we believe, with appropriate dispatch, and we appreciate the patience and understanding of you and the family.

The second matter I want to raise involves the acquisition of further information relevant to our investigation of Mr. Foster's death. In the course of gathering additional evidence, a few questions have arisen that, we believe, can only be answered by your clients, the Foster family members. Although it might be easier for us simply to ask to interview the family members again, we recognize that might be more burdensome on you and them. Hence, we are prepared to obtain this additional information by means of written responses to a few questions and requests for materials.

The prompt provision of this small amount of additional information will significantly assist us in our effort to bring the investigation of Mr. Foster's death to closure in the near future. Therefore, please provide answers to the written questions and responses to the requests for materials that are enclosed herewith, on behalf of your clients Lisa Foster Moody, the Foster children, Beryl Anthony and Sharon Bowman. We would appreciate any efforts you and your clients can make to provide this information by August 2, 1996. We hope and strongly believe that the provision of written responses will obviate the need for any additional interviews of family members as part of our investigation of Mr. Foster's death.

Thank you for your assistance. Please feel free to contact me if you or your clients have any questions or want to voice further concerns.

Sincerely,

John D. Bates

Deputy Independent Counsel

QUESTIONS FOR FOSTER FAMILY

- 1. Please describe the colors of the carpets located in the Foster home in Washington, D.C.
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- 3. Did anyone see Vince Foster buy, eat, or possess sunflower seeds in the days immediately prior to his death?
- 4. Did any other Foster family members or friends buy sunflower seed, or eat or possess them in the grey Honda sedan, in the days immediately prior to Vince Foster's death?
- 5. Do Laura Foster or Vincent Foster III recall seeing a road map of the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area on the front passenger side floorboard of the Honda on the morning of July 20, 1993?
- 6. A birthday card addressed to "Tom" was found in the car; who is Tom, what is Tom's relationship to Vince Foster, and why was the card in the Honda?
- 7. Was the "cowboy" type gun ever located at the Foster home in Washington, D.C. after July 20, 1993? Was it ever found anywhere else?
- 8. Was any ammunition found in the Foster house after July 20, 1993? If so, where was it found? (Other than the .45 caliber bullet which Lisa Foster showed SA James Clemente in Little Rock.)
- 9. Do any Foster family members know of or possess any hand guns which were formerly owned by Vincent Foster, Sr., but which were not listed on the codicil to his will?
- 10. In Lisa Foster's <u>New Yorker</u> interview, she reportedly stated that there was a White House Credit Union (WHCU) error that caused an overdraft in Foster's account shortly before his death. This overdraft reportedly caused Lisa Foster to request and obtain weekly account statements from the WHCU. However, a review of WHCU records and interviews of WHCU employees reveals no such occurrence prior to July 20, 1993. Please explain in full.

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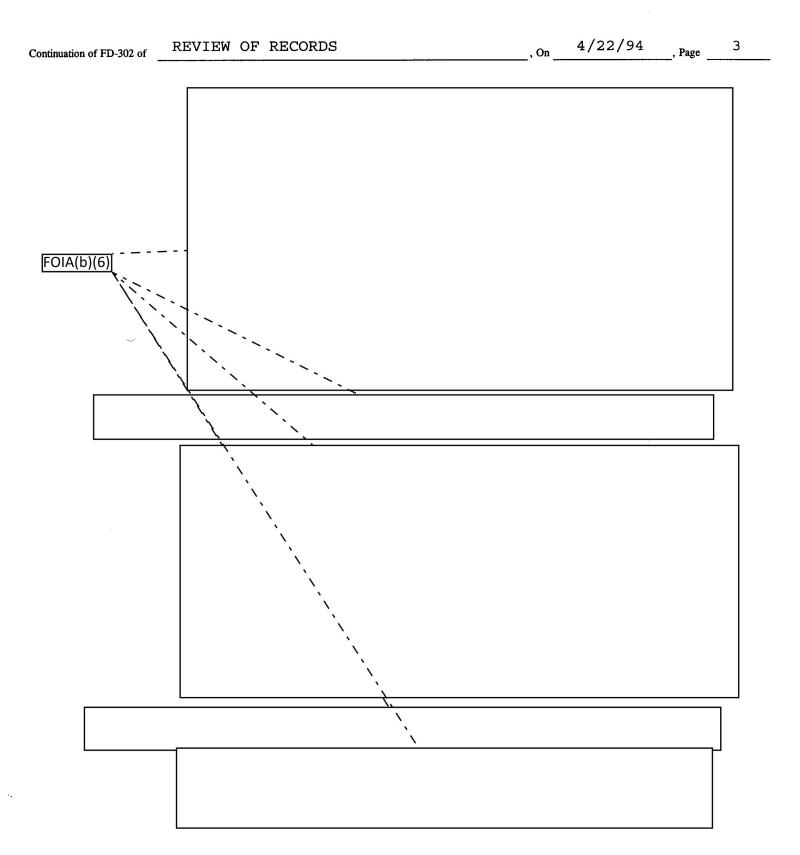
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	Check stub from University of Arkansas Controller's Office
	Handwritten notation: reimburse TVL expenses to Fayetteville for commencement address
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Auto and homeowners insurance documents.

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HAMILTON DOCS

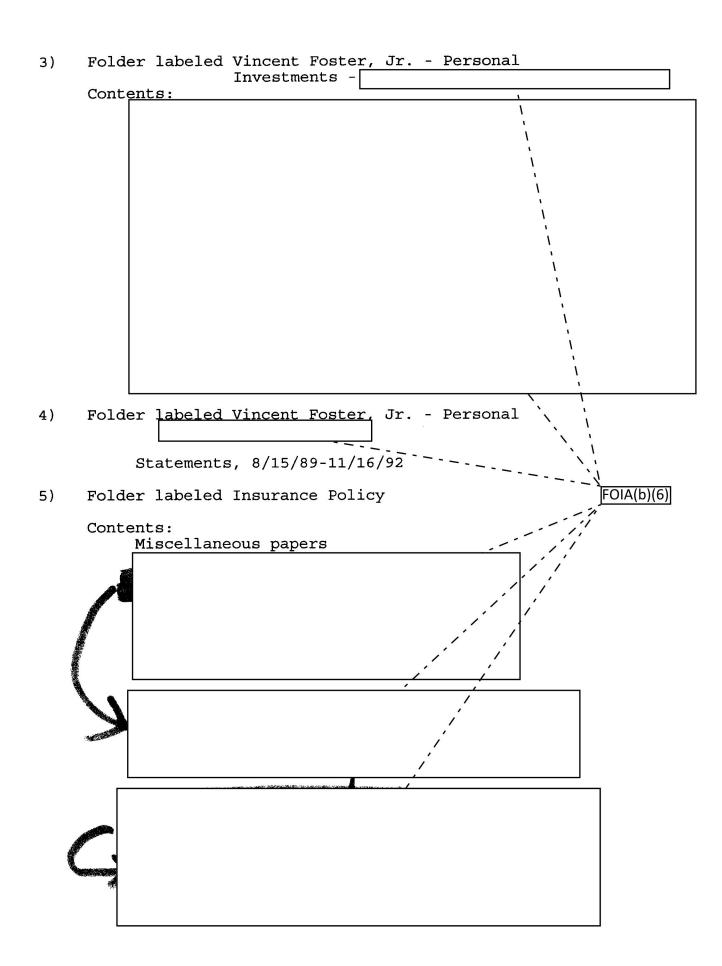
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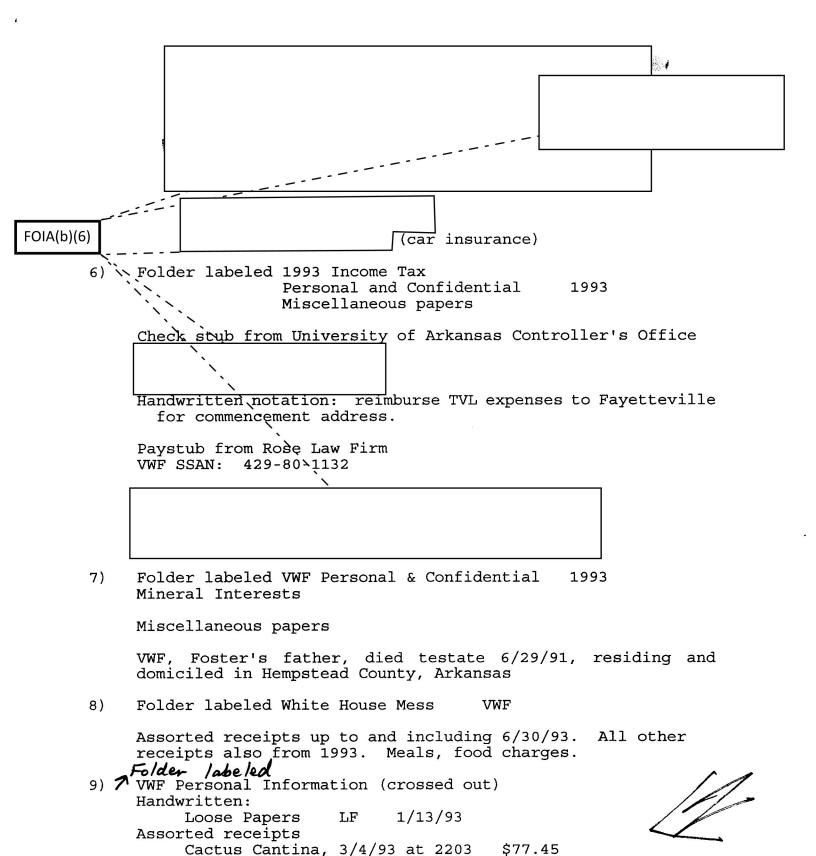
Map of Georgetown.

Dent Place Association, Inc. newsletter

Job invoice #13968 from: James J. Madden, Inc. 904 Philadelphia Avenue P.O. Box 8247 Silver Spring, MD 20907 (301) 587-1710 Signed by Laura Foster

2) Folder labeled VWF Personal & Confidential 1993 Moving Expenses Empty.





10) Folder labeled To be copied Lisa Foster - Tax

Receipts
Charge card statements

FOIA(b)(6)

11) Folder labeled Insurance
Auto and homeowners insurance documents.

May 16, 1994

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On 4/13/94, Deputy, Independent Counsel, Roderick Lanklar, Jr. met with Attorney, James Hamilton, at the offices of the law firm of Swidler and Berlin, 3000 K Street, NW, Washington, D.C., to review documents Hamilton received from The White House office of Vincent W. Foster, Jr. Prior to commencing the document review, Hamilton advised that during the summer of 1993, subsequent to the death of Foster, he received files from The White House that were removed from Foster's office. Hamilton subsequently shipped the documents and other items to the office of Sheila Anthony, Foster's sister. The box of documents was later shipped to Lisa Foster in Little Rock, Arkansas.

According to Hamilton, Lisa Foster made her best effort to reassemble documents and items from Foster's office that were in her possession. It should be noted that Lisa Foster has had to utilize a number of the documents in her personal dealings.

In the course of reviewing documents at Hamilton's office, Lanklar composed a listing of documents he reviewed. The listing of documents reviewed by Lanklar is attached and made a part of the record hereto.

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Envelope - Arkansas Bar Association, Stamped 56/22/93

- 1. Copy of Daily Record 6/18/93
- Nomination as outstanding lawyer

Blue Folder - One Bank 88-90 - Vince Foster Insurance Trust

Manilla Folder containing insurance information

Folder - V. Foster Jr. Personal

1990 Income Tax Backup

- 1. Securities Sales
- 2. Misc. Deductions
- 3. Business
- 4. Misc. Income
- 5. Charitable
- 6. Pool
- 7. Auto
- 8. 1990 Return

1991 Income Tax

- 1. Mid Life Investors c/o Hillary Rodham Clinton Silver Screen Partners
- 2. Misc. Papers
 Auto
- 3. Taxes
- 4. Pool
- 5. Mis. Deductions
- 6. Charitables
- 7. Interest Expense
- 8. Income

File Misc. Papers

- 1. 1993 Upcoming Events
- 2. Standards of Ethical Conduct for Employees of Executive Branch
- 3. 6/11/93 News excerpt re Judge Breyer
- 4. State Bar of Texas 1993 Meeting Announcement
- 5. Headquarters Dallas Bar Assoc. 5/15/93
- 6. Letter to Mr. & Mrs. Eason re home and lease
- 7. Newsweek Winter Spring 1993
- 8. Business Week May 24
- 9. May 10, 1993 Christian Science Monitor
- 10. White House News Report June 1, 1993
- 11. Letter from Jay Dickey w/WSJ column
- 12. Copy of WSJ June 17, Who is V. Foster and series of articles from different dates
- 13. Blood Pressure Record, 7/16/93 132/84

- 14. Letter from "H.T." enclosing Ark. Dem. 5/3
- 15. Copy of Monday, Jan. 25 Roll Call
- 16. Aug. at 5/3 Ark. Dem.
- 17. Memo to V. from Linda with another newspaper
- 18. News articles
- 19. Supreme Court Cutout Boat
- 20. June 7, 1993 Time Magazine
- 21. June 24, 1993 WSJ
- 22. May 23, 1993 Story on Kaki Hockersmith
- 23. Green Postem
 "Get Counsel"
 Carvell
 Stephanopoulos
 Independent
- 24. Note from Lyons to V. adding picture to WSJ story
- 25. Note paper ... court staffing
 Court of Appeals
 Right of terminally ill
 FOIA
- 26. Art. Dem. April 9, 1993
 Death brings 1st family home
 Picture of VF and Hillary
- 27. White House Bulletin, Monday, June 21, 1993 For Bernie Nussbaum
- 28. News Shaking Out Period Gets Underway
- 29. April 30, 1993 Washington Post

Diary

Phone notebook

Abstract and brief for appellants

Reply brief for appellants

1993 calendar

June 24, 1993 Wall Street Journal - "Vincent Foster's Victory"

Miscellaneous papers

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October 11, 1995

VIA FACSIMILE AND MAIL

James Hamilton, Esq. Swidler & Berlin 3000 K Street, Northwest, Suite 300 Washington, D. C. 20007

Dear Mr. Hamilton:

This letter will expand on our recent discussions regarding documents and information we are seeking as part of our ongoing investigations. We are troubled by the position you have taken to date because it would preclude our acquisition of information that we believe is relevant but not protected by any privilege.

At this point, we have requested three categories of information: (1) the documents in your possession that came from Vincent Foster's office as of July 20, 1993; (2) documents and information relating to conversations or other interactions you had with Vincent Foster, Jr., in 1993 prior to his death; and (3) documents and information relating to conversations or other interactions you had with certain individuals during the ten-day period from July 20, 1993 through July 30, 1993, particularly as they relate to a search or inspection of Mr. Foster's office or to the disposition of documents from his office. To date, we have only made an "informal" request for these materials, although we have indicated our willingness and intention to pursue this information through an appropriate grand jury subpoena, if necessary.

You have agreed, with certain conditions acceptable to us, to provide what we seek pursuant to the first and second categories above. We appreciate that, as those materials are relevant to our investigations. For example, you have stated that you had a conversation with Vincent Foster, Jr., just a few days before his death, and that you have notes of that conversation.

However, you have been adamant in your position that you will not voluntarily provide documents or information in your possession relating to category three above, although you have also stated that you had several conversations with White House officials or others that would be responsive to our request. You have asserted your view that many of these conversations are privileged or protected as work product. Moreover, you have

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insisted that any willingness by you to provide information responsive to categories one and two above is conditioned on our agreement to forego seeking information responsive to category three that you claim is "privileged" -- in short, you are insisting on a "package" deal.

We have proposed that you meet with us pursuant to our request for information under category three in a session in which we would ask questions, to which you could then either respond or identify a privilege. This would permit us to acquire some relevant information and at the same time narrow, or even eliminate, remaining issues between us. We believe this would be especially useful in that you have indicated that there were several conversations responsive to category three, some of which you concede are not privileged.*

Hence, we continue to urge you to agree to our proposal. We do not seek to question you about, or seek documents concerning, conversations between you and any of the Foster family. Rather, we seek information relating to your conversations or interactions with certain White House personnel, DOJ personnel, and a few other individuals, in the ten days or so following Vincent Foster's death.

Some of these conversations may be relevant to our investigation relating to Mr. Foster's death, while others may be relevant to our investigation of possible obstruction of justice, and some may be relevant to both. Based on our current knowledge, we believe that such conversations are material and very important to our investigative efforts. While there may be some information to which a privilege could apply, it would not seem that the attorney-client privilege is directly applicable because your conversations with clients are not being sought. Moreover, it is unclear to us how the work product doctrine would apply since it does not appear that these conversations were in anticipation of any specific litigation.

We are prepared to go forward with a session with you relating to the third category of information, as described above, at your earliest convenience. We would reserve the right to seek further information from you, either voluntarily or through other methods, following that session. Of course, as we have discussed, any waiver of a privilege on a specific question or subject will not be construed to extend to other questions or subjects. In the meantime, we would like also to go forward to

^{*} Given the nature and sensitivity of our investigations, we must decline your request that we provide you with written questions in lieu of a meeting or interview.

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acquire the information sought in categories one and two described above, subject to the conditions you have raised and to which we have agreed.

We hope we can resolve this matter voluntarily, and we will continue to work to do so. However, as you have noted, we all would like to bring the fact-gathering in these investigations to a close as soon as possible. If we do not have an agreement within a week from today, we will promptly pursue this information by other means. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

John D. Bates

Deputy Independent Counsel

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March 3, 1995

James Hamilton, Esq.
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Dear Jim:

We appreciate very much your meeting today with Professor Dash, Mark Tuohey, and me about interviews by this Office of Mrs. Lisa Foster and the three Foster children. We found the discussion with you both informative and helpful. We completely agree with you about the sensitivity involved in any interviews of the Foster family.

Following the meeting, Sam, Mark, and I convened and considered in detail the points you so eloquently raised. Because Mrs. Foster and the Foster children are important witnesses in our investigations of matters including but not limited to the death of Mr. Foster, it is our considered judgment that we are duty-bound to interview them.

We recognize the serious dignity and privacy interests at stake. For that reason, we hope to ensure that the interviews are conducted in an appropriate and sensitive manner, and we welcome your suggestions in that respect. We are also quite mindful that the family is deeply concerned about confidentiality, and we will take every appropriate step to ensure the confidentiality of these interviews.

Thank you again for informing us of your views. Please feel free to call Mark Tuohey with any questions or to discuss scheduling for the interviews.

Sincerely yours,

Kenneth W. Starr Independent Counsel

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