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I was beginning to despair about finding the person we're looking for. I still don't know that I've found him/her, but did want you to know that my word of mouth referral campaign may be paying off. Yesterday I spoke with a former colleague of mine who is in private practice here in DC with a major investigative firm. He suggested I contact Lee Coykendall. I had a productive screening interview with her on the telephone and learned she has been in DC doing investigative work for all except the last 18 months, when she's been at home with a baby. She originally came here 13 years ago after graduating from the University of Vermont (I was surprised to hear) to work as a public defender's investigator while deciding if she wanted to attend law school. She found she loved investigative work so much she didn't attend law school but instead started her own firm and carried some city contracts and some private work. She has done everything from white collar crime to death penalty background investigations to looking for deadbeats in the worst DC neighborhoods. Lee is married to DC Superior Court judge Russ Cannon. She told me she would not be available for 60 hour weeks, but does want to return to investigative work now that her baby is no longer a baby. She's going to stop by next Wednesday morning with a resume. If I think there is more to explore I'll arrange for a meeting with Tom, Jeremy, Sheryl or you at a later time.

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