

MEMORANDUM

November 14, 1997

To: Rochelle Juelich
From: Jeremy Gunn
Subject: Bibliographical Research

Please compile a bibliography of the two topics we discussed earlier today: (a) research on eye-witness observations, and (b) standard forensic autopsy procedures as they existed prior to 1964.

With respect to eye-witnesses testimony, I would like you to identify the principal, authoritative books and articles (whether in law reviews or psychology journals). The issue with which we are principally concerned is the reliability of eye-witness testimony, particularly testimony that may be provided twenty-five to thirty years after the fact. (One possible topic that may point you in a useful direction would be holocaust survivors' identification of concentration camp guards.) I would recommend your speaking with professors of criminal law to obtain leads. Your suggestion of speaking with psychology professors also is very good. This does not need to be a comprehensive bibliography -- merely one that identifies the most prominent sources.

With respect to autopsy procedures, our interest is in obtaining an understanding of the state-of-the-art (circa 1963) for forensic autopsies for gunshot wound victims. My best recommendation is to speak with a reference librarian at a medical school. Your suggestion of speaking with someone in forensic medicine is very good, particularly to the extent that he or she has knowledge about practices thirty years ago. As an example of the type of document we are seeking, I am lending you my copy of a 1960 military Autopsy Manual.

At a minimum, it would be helpful if you could provide a list of the basic texts and articles. To the extent that time permits, a short bibliographic essay or even more detailed essay would be very helpful. Please do not hesitate to ask if you have any additional questions.