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Dr. Brian D. Blackbourne
Medical Examiner
San Diego, CA

Dear Dr. Blackbourne:

I am a former assistant district attorney from Middlesex County, Massachusetts. Currently, I am the deputy director for an independent federal agency, the President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Review Board, which was created by law with members appointed by the President, to oversee the review and public release of all records related to the Kennedy assassination. Knowing from my experience as a former assistant district attorney (and former Massachusetts Assistant Attorney General) that you are among the best in your field, when we recently decided that we required some expert consultation with a forensic pathologist in connection with our work, I immediately thought of contacting you (and my former colleague, former Middlesex County First Assistant District Attorney Ed Rapacki agreed with me).

I was hoping to speak with you on the telephone regarding the matter on which we need expert consultation. Unfortunately, I just missed you on Wednesday, according to your assistant, Cheryl. She suggested that I attempt to reach you on Friday, December 5, at approximately 9:00 a.m. (PST). I will do so. If you wish to contact me prior to that time, I can be reached at (202) 724-0088, ext. 227. Please leave me a message and advise me if there is a more convenient time for you to talk.

Again, thank you for your time and attention to this matter. I am also faxing a three page background "fact sheet" on the Review Board for your information.

Sincerely,

Thomas E. Samoluk
Deputy Director

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