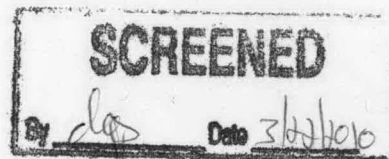


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VINCENT WALKER FOSTER, III (age 23), was interviewed at the law offices of Swidler & Berlin, 3000 K Street, Northwest, in conjunction with Independent Counsel KENNETH W. STARR, Associate Independent Counsel HICKMAN EWING, and Associate Independent Counsel BRETT KAVANAUGH. Also present during the interview was attorney JIM HAMILTON of Swidler & Berlin. VINCENT FOSTER, III was advised of the identities of all of the individuals that were present and the purpose for the interview. He then provided the following information:

VINCENT FOSTER, III is the oldest son of VINCENT WALKER FOSTER, JR.

VINCENT FOSTER, III stated that the FOSTER family is a very close family, that tries to maintain open communication between the family members.

VINCENT FOSTER, III had an "excellent relationship" with his father. They did many things together, and considered themselves to be "friends."

At the end of November or beginning of December 1992, VINCENT FOSTER, III learned that his father was definitely going to be nominated for a position at the White House. The family knew that there was a good chance of this happening prior to this date, and was anticipating the nomination. VINCENT FOSTER, JR. moved to Washington, D.C. in January of 1993. VINCENT FOSTER, III talked to his father at least once a week while he was in D.C., and made plans to intern with Senator BUMPERS, so that he could work in D.C. when his family moved there.

VINCENT FOSTER, III stated that he noticed some changes in his father's personality in Washington, D.C. His father seemed more cynical towards life, and in particular towards the news media. The job and life in D.C. in general was much harder than his father had thought it would be.

VINCENT FOSTER, III began working in D.C. during the

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first week in July 1993. His father would drop him off at the Foggy Bottom Metro Station on his way to work, and then take his sister to the U.S. State Department where she was working.

It was normal for his father to be introverted and intense about work. VINCENT FOSTER, JR. was always very serious about his work. While in D.C., his father usually got home between 8:00 and 9:00 p.m. However, most every night, the family had dinner together.

The weekend prior to VINCENT FOSTER, JR.'s death, VINCENT FOSTER, III's parents went away for the weekend. The FOSTER children stayed at home that weekend. That Saturday night, VINCENT FOSTER, III and his brother went to a concert in Maryland. Sunday night they were home watching television, when their mother and father returned. VINCENT FOSTER, III stated that his mother and father seemed like they were in good spirits. They related several stories regarding their activities over the weekend, however, VINCENT FOSTER, III could not recall any extensive conversation or specific details about the weekend.

The following day, Monday, VINCENT FOSTER, III played softball after work, and then went out with his friends. Everyone was sleeping when he returned home.

The next day, Tuesday (July 20, 1993), the day of his father's death, VINCENT FOSTER, III was awakened by his father. They had coffee together, and VINCENT FOSTER, III told his father about the previous night's softball game. VINCENT FOSTER, III could not recall anything significant about the conversation. However, in hindsight, he stated that his father may have been "a little down." VINCENT FOSTER, III stated that this was nothing "real unusual," inasmuch as nothing struck him as particularly odd. VINCENT FOSTER, III stated that it would not be his father's style to say goodbye or leave a note if he was contemplating suicide. VINCENT FOSTER, III stated that his father was not one for a "big production."

VINCENT FOSTER, III stated that his father's suicide completely shocked him; it never entered his mind that his father could be considering taking his own life. VINCENT FOSTER, III was not aware of any of the conversations that his father had with his sister, SHEILA ANTHONY.

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VINCENT FOSTER, III stated that he was confident of the finding of suicide in the case. VINCENT FOSTER, III expressed complete confidence in the thoroughness and professionalism of the FBI investigation, and stated that he was convinced and satisfied that his father had taken his own life.

VINCENT FOSTER, III stated that he knew that his father had an old .38 caliber revolver. He had seen it unpacked in their residence in D.C. His father told him that he had received it from his father (VINCENT FOSTER, SR.). VINCENT FOSTER, III was subsequently shown the .38 caliber Colt revolver which was found in the hand of VINCENT FOSTER, JR. at the time of his death. VINCENT FOSTER, III was unable to identify the gun as the one that he had previously seen, and stated that he was not sure if it was the same weapon. VINCENT FOSTER, III recalls his father previously saying something about keeping the gun for protection in "the big city." VINCENT FOSTER, III did not know where the gun was kept, except that he was certain that the gun was hidden somewhere in the family's residence. He did not think that his father brought it with him to work.

VINCENT FOSTER, III knew that his father was concerned about "Travelgate." VINCENT FOSTER, JR. had previously contacted an attorney by the name of JIM LYONS regarding the possibility of representing him on this matter. VINCENT FOSTER, JR. thought that it would be in his best interest to have an attorney for this incident. VINCENT FOSTER, JR. was upset about the media coverage regarding the firing of the Travel Office staff. Additionally, he thought that BILL KENNEDY had received a "bad deal" regarding his contact with the FBI.

VINCENT FOSTER, III stated that he had heard rumors about a letter from Senator DOLE, but did not know any specific information about this letter.

VINCENT FOSTER, III stated that he had no knowledge of any family financial problems, or of his father having any health problems. Money did not seem to be a problem, the children had a trust fund for their college tuitions.

VINCENT FOSTER, III recalled that his father had taken a day off from work at some point immediately prior to his death. However, he could recall no specific information regarding what prompted his father to take the day off or what actual day it

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was.

VINCENT FOSTER, III recalled his father bringing the family together to brief them on some of the problems that he was having at work, and how the next few months might be difficult for him and the family. His father had told them that some of the things that might happen could be very unpleasant for the family.

VINCE FOSTER, III could not recall his father ever mentioning Whitewater, Madison Guaranty Savings and Loan, or Capital Management Services. Additionally, he could not recall his father ever being concerned about the family's telephones being tapped. He did recall his father talking with him at one point regarding purchasing a sail boat. VINCENT FOSTER, III knew that this was just "wishful thinking," and that his father did not have any actual plans to purchase the boat.

VINCENT FOSTER, III's mother spoke to him about helping her cheer his father up. His mother was concerned about the pressure VINCENT FOSTER, JR. was under at work and how it was affecting him. As a result, VINCENT FOSTER, III stated that he may have called his father during the afternoon of Tuesday, July 20th, to see if he wanted to go to an Orioles game with him.

The evening of his father's death, at the FOSTER residence, VINCENT FOSTER, III recalled seeing the President, WEBB HUBBELL, MACK MCLARTY, and possibly DAVID WATKINS.

VINCE FOSTER, III did not specifically recall driving the family's Honda sedan on Sunday, but stated that he may have. The beer cans and other items in the vehicle were probably his. He stated that he kept the car at college, as well as used it the weekend prior to his father's death.

VINCE FOSTER, III was subsequently shown a green oven mitt that was obtained from the glove compartment of the Honda sedan subsequent to his father's death. VINCE FOSTER, III identified the oven mitt as belonging to his mother. He had no specific information regarding the mitt or how it ended up in the glove compartment in the car. He stated that he, as well as his brother, eat sunflower seeds.

VINCENT FOSTER, JR. had an old "beat-up" leather

briefcase. He carried the briefcase to work with him every morning. VINCENT FOSTER, III did not know of any other briefcases that his father kept.

VINCENT FOSTER, III stated that his father was not a Civil War enthusiast.

VINCENT FOSTER, III cannot recall how he learned of the note that his father had written.

VINCENT FOSTER, III stated that his father "got along" with BERNARD NUSSBAUM, his boss at the White House Counsel's office. However, VINCENT FOSTER, JR. did not agree with the way that all of the matters at the White House Counsel's office were handled. BERNIE NUSSBAUM was a "different type of a lawyer" than VINCENT FOSTER, JR. was used to working with.

VINCENT FOSTER, III was unaware of any sleeping problems that his father had during this time. Additionally, he had no knowledge of his father taking any medication.

There was generally a normal amount of tension at the FOSTER home between family members. VINCENT FOSTER, III stated that there was nothing really uncommon about the family members' relationships to each other; there was the usual amount of family bickering.

VINCENT FOSTER, III was unfamiliar with CRAIG LIVINGSTONE. VINCENT FOSTER, III did recall someone trying to get rid of the news media that were in front of the FOSTER house on the morning of July 21, 1993.

VINCENT FOSTER, III stated that he thought that his father killed himself because he "lost it." VINCENT FOSTER, JR. did not maintain a healthy perspective on life; he tended to blow little things ways out of proportion.

VINCENT FOSTER, III stated that his father was right-handed.