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3 MR. KANE: Okay. Mr. Ramsey,
4 good morning.

5 MR. BECKNER: Just before we get
6 in, I want to say we appreciate your
7 willingness to sit down with us and answer
8 questions. We appreciate the opportunity.

9 THE WITNESS: Likewise.

10 MR. BECKNER: I want to make
11 sure, do you know who everybody is here?

12 THE WITNESS: Yes. We met. We
13 met everybody yesterday.

14 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: All right.

15 (OFF THE RECORD)

16 Q. (By Mr. Kane) Okay, Mr. Ramsey,
17 we've spoken before for quite a period of
18 time. When I first spoke with you earlier,
19 I explained to you that, if ever there were
20 going to be an intruder on trial, the
21 defense is going to be that you did it. Do
22 you remember that?

23 A. I remember that, but I am not
24 here to prove my innocence. I am here to
25 find the killer of my daughter.

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1 MR. WOOD: Without getting into a
2 back and forth, I don't want to, but I think
3 you raised it and it was raised yesterday.

4 I just think you all can sell that somewhere
5 else about the idea that if an intruder is
6 put on trial you will need to have answers
7 from the Ramseys because, if you find the
8 person that killed their daughter, the
9 intruder, and you put that person on trial,
10 before that trial date occurs, you will have
11 every opportunity to talk with John and Patsy
12 to make sure that they can assist you in the
13 prosecution of the criminal, including
14 assisting you in rebutting any defense.

15 MR. KANE: I thought that is what
16 we are here for today.

17 MR. WOOD: Well, you haven't
18 gotten the intruder yet. All I am saying
19 is, if you will get the guy, we will always
20 be available to help you with that.

21 MR. KANE: Okay.

22 Q. (By Mr. Kane) How active have
23 you been involved in the investigation in the
24 last two years since we last met? How
25 actively have you taken part in it?

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1 A. Well, that's a relative term. I
2 don't know how to answer that question. I
3 am aware somewhat of what is going on.
4 Bryan Morgan shepherded the effort for a good
5 while after the grand jury and specifically
6 told me he didn't want to tell me a lot
7 because we were talking to the media and I
8 had a tendency to perhaps say things I
9 shouldn't.

10 Q. What kinds of things were you
11 concerned of saying?

12 A. He was concerned about keeping the
13 efforts of the investigation as confidential
14 as possible.

15 Q. Why is that?

16 A. I don't know. You have to ask
17 him.

18 Q. In your mind --

19 A. In my mind, it compromises the
20 effort.

21 Q. In your mind it compromises the

22 effort or in his mind?

23 A. Yes, in my mind.

24 Q. It compromises the effort to

25 disclose things?

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1 A. To find the killer, which is what

2 we were trying to do.

3 Q. That wasn't my question, how does

4 it compromise the effort to not disclose

5 things you are uncovering?

6 MR. WOOD: Disclose them publicly?

7 MR. KANE: Yes, yes.

8 THE WITNESS: We've always felt

9 that way.

10 MR. WOOD: Don't you all feel

11 that way, with all due respect?

12 Q. (By Mr. Kane) But you said that

13 Bryan had to tell you that he wasn't going

14 to disclose information to you because you

15 would take it public?

16 A. He thought that that risk was

17 there because we were in conversation with

18 the media. We were in the process of

19 writing a book.

20 Q. The first time that you had,

21 between June of 1998 and the time you wrote

22 your book, had you given any media

23 interviews?

24 A. I think we gave one in Nashville.

25 That's all I can remember, but I don't

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1 recall the timing.

2 Q. So you got a limited briefing on

3 what the progress of the investigation was?

4 A. Uh-huh (affirmative).

5 Q. What were the things that were

6 disclosed you?

7 A. I think anything substantive has

8 been turned over to you, first of all, or to

9 the Boulder Police Department.

10 Q. No, I understand that, but what

11 was disclosed to you?

12 MR. WOOD: Wait. Give him --

13 MR. KANE: That wasn't my

14 question.

15 MR. WOOD: Doesn't matter. Let
16 him finish saying what he was going to say.
17 He has the right to answer. If you don't
18 think it's responsive, then just deal with
19 it, but I -- John, go ahead and finish.
20 Don't interrupt.

21 THE WITNESS: I forgot your
22 question now.

23 Q. (By Mr. Kane) The question was,
24 what was disclosed to you?

25 MR. WOOD: And you started to
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1 say, John --

2 THE WITNESS: That I, first of
3 all, I believe that whatever has been
4 disclosed to me I am highly confident has
5 been given to the Boulder Police Department
6 as information.

7 We have, I know, pursued a good
8 number of leads. I don't know that any of
9 them are the killer. I don't know that one
10 of them is not the killer. They are
11 interesting leads, the ones I am aware of.
12 They need to be pursued. We are pursuing
13 them to the best of our ability as a private
14 citizen.

15 One of the reasons we are here
16 today is because we realize that there are
17 powers that the state has that we cannot, as
18 private citizens, exercise, and that's going
19 to be necessary to ultimately find the
20 killer.

21 Q. (By Mr. Levin) If I can
22 interrupt. Mr. Ramsey, what I would like
23 you to do, I mean, as an individual, I am
24 sure, who has thought about this all day,
25 every day, is just lay out for us what you
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1 see as the significant lead so that we can
2 make sure that we have followed these things
3 up.

4 A. Well, the -- and this is the file
5 I've kept of leads that come in on the

6 internet. And we have a tip line, we get
7 lots of letters, most of which are not of
8 any interest or value, but these are ones
9 that I kept. I sent these on to Ollie, and
10 I think probably he has sent them on to you.
11 These aren't necessarily inclusive.
12 This is just from a psychologist,
13 who had, I think, a good perspective on the
14 killer.
15 This is the Dorothy Allison stuff
16 which I believe you guys are familiar with.
17 Chris Wolf is still very much of
18 interest to me. I don't know that he is
19 involved. I don't know he's not. But --
20 Q. (By Mr. Levin) Hang on. I
21 suppose what I'm -- I don't mean to cut you
22 off, Mr. Ramsey, obviously. But what I am
23 interested in, I mean, we had a list of
24 names that you provided early on, and I was
25 interested if there are recent people. I
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1 mean, obviously we've looked at Chris Wolf
2 and we looked at Fleet and we've looked at
3 Priscilla and we've looked at Merrick, and
4 those people, and I'm looking for --
5 MR. WOOD: Have they been
6 cleared, Bruce? Have they been cleared?
7 MR. LEVIN: I can't comment on the
8 status of the investigation.
9 MR. WOOD: Has he been cleared
10 from your list. Are we wasting our time?
11 Tell us so we won't waste Ollie's resources.
12 They can go elsewhere.
13 Well, let me go get the 50-page
14 document which the Ramseys gave to you all
15 and you ask him what is significant.
16 MR. LEVIN: Let me get post-98.
17 MR. WOOD: But you interrupted
18 him. Post '98, you gave us 51 pages almost
19 50 pages. Let's go through that because you
20 certainly thought that was significant.
21 Let's get that. Let me get that.
22 MR. LEVIN: Maybe my question
23 wasn't clear and maybe this will save you

24 the trouble.

25 MR. WOOD: Okay.

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1 MR. LEVIN: What I'm interested

2 in is --

3 MR. WOOD: You will not tell us

4 if the other people are cleared?

5 MR. LEVIN: No.

6 MR. WOOD: Thank you for the

7 cooperation.

8 MR. LEVIN: I am interested in

9 what, I'm interested in what Mr. Ramsey felt

10 was significant, if there were people post

11 '98 that jumped out.

12 MR. WOOD: That 50 page document

13 was felt to be significant.

14 MR. LEVIN: To a man that it's

15 at the heart of who murdered his child.

16 THE WITNESS: Well, I can tell

17 you that I think you know there was this

18 whole issue of some strange activity in the

19 Cherry Knolls, and I've often thought, you

20 know, we lived there, it was a small town,

21 we were higher profile, you know, perhaps we

22 went to the wrong place.

23 I spent a little time this summer

24 talking to some of the people that I know

25 our investigators talked to. Some of the

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1 information that I heard secondhand wasn't as

2 strong as I thought it was in terms of being

3 interesting.

4 We had the incident of someone

5 sleeping in JonBenet's bed while we were

6 gone. We had the incident of somebody

7 running down the hill saying they were going

8 to get even with me and harm my daughter.

9 I don't know if there is anything there or

10 not, but I think it's foolish not to look at

11 that.

12 MR. KANE: Can I ask --

13 MR. WOOD: Wait, let him finish

14 answering the question.

15 MR. KANE: He did.

16 THE WITNESS: I am not finished.

17 MR. WOOD: I have a 50 page
18 document we're going to go through,
19 gentlemen. You are not going to cut him off
20 and say he doesn't have information that he
21 thought was significant.

22 MR. KANE: I just want to ask
23 one follow-up --

24 MR. WOOD: Follow up after his
25 answer. We are going to talk about the
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1 September of '97 incident. We're going to
2 talk about all of this. You want him to
3 give you this information. And I hope you
4 do want it. That's why I would like him to
5 have that 50 page document in front of him
6 when he talks about this. Would you like to
7 have it, John?

8 THE WITNESS: I have not seen it,
9 so I would. Here's a lead on a guy named
10 Pete Flynn who was part of a motorcycle gang
11 in Casper, Wyoming called the Saints Bike and
12 Trail Club, SBTC, possible connections to
13 Linda Hawk, worked at the Tomahawk Lounge in
14 Casper, in the '70s. It was where the
15 Saints hung out. I don't know. You know,
16 I have, I have stretched my imagination to
17 the limit trying to figure out what SBTC is.
18 This lady continues to claim that
19 Larry Petrie is the killer. She goes on and
20 on. I don't think that is terribly
21 significant, but what I look for in these
22 things is, is there something that they know
23 that really ties it together or is there
24 something they know that really isn't public,
25 which is kind of difficult because so much
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1 has been public.
2 This is a -- these Patricia
3 letters are incredibly bizarre. When I read
4 those things, this wasn't just an internet
5 quack, in my opinion. This was somebody who
6 was watching us, who knew a lot about us,
7 who would talk about the killer being

8 actually a pretty nice guy.
9 You know, we tried desperately to
10 track this back. He's a very clever fellow.
11 He used several servers in his Internet
12 transmissions. We couldn't, couldn't track
13 it back. But I still am very interested in
14 that.
15 I have an original letter that I
16 am convinced the same guy sent me that was
17 written in a different -- supposedly it is a
18 different author, but it's the same. So I
19 mean, it could be the killer. I don't know.
20 But it's a lead.
21 Here is a, this is a family
22 that -- oh, this is just some Dorothy
23 Allison information. This is about a killer
24 of a six-year-old child.
25 One of my theories is, frankly,
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1 that the murder of a child is such a
2 horrible thing and so subhuman that there are
3 not many people around that do it. Here is
4 a fellow that murdered a six-year-old child,
5 or the name of a fellow. My contention is
6 that --

7 MR. KANE: Dorothy Allison, can I
8 ask, is that a psychic?

9 THE WITNESS: No, no, this was
10 from --

11 MR. WOOD: He is talking about
12 someone else now.

13 MR. KANE: No, but before you
14 said --

15 MR. WOOD: You are going to let
16 him finish what he's saying.

17 MR. KANE: Oh, come on. Lin,
18 I'm just asking who is Dorothy Allison for
19 the record.

20 MR. WOOD: Let him finish. Make
21 a note and --

22 THE WITNESS: Dorothy Allison was
23 on a television program. I believe she is a
24 psychic. I did not see it. I've never
25 have seen her. These are letters from

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1 people who have sent information based on
2 what they heard on the television program.

3 MR. KANE: I just wanted to --

4 MR. WOOD: It is going to be a
5 better procedure to let my client finish.

6 You are going to let my client answer his
7 question or you're going to leave. You're
8 not here to interrupt. Show some courtesy
9 and I will show it to you.

10 THE WITNESS: Dennis Kelly. This
11 is actually very interesting.

12 MR. KANE: If you want to play
13 that game, I will win.

14 MR. WOOD: Well, did you
15 answer -- hold on, John.

16 What did you say, sir?

17 MR. KANE: I said, if you want
18 to play that game, let's take a break.

19 MR. WOOD: Let's take a break.
20 I don't know what that means. We'll
21 consider what that means. I'm going to play
22 that game, you're going to win? I don't
23 know.

24 MR. KANE: You are playing games.

25 MR. WOOD: I am not playing a

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1 game, Mr. Kane.

2 MR. KANE: He mentioned Dorothy
3 Allison, and I said who is Dorothy Allison.

4 MR. WOOD: Mr. Kane, I am not
5 going to waste my breath talking to you like
6 I did yesterday. I am going to take a
7 break now, but when you make comments about
8 me playing a game and you are going to win
9 when I asked you not to interrupt my client,
10 number one, sir, that was rude. I asked you
11 not to do it. I told you if you were
12 going to be discourteous to my client, you
13 would have to leave.

14 MR. KANE: I was not
15 discourteous.

16 MR. WOOD: If it is a game to
17 you, as you practice law, it is not a game

18 for me.

19 MR. KANE: Are we going to take
20 a break here?

21 MR. WOOD: We will get through
22 this, Chief, no matter what he tries to do,
23 we will get through it. I promise you.

24 MR. KANE: This is a stall.

25 MR. WOOD: And I will get that
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1 50 page document too.

2 (WHEREUPON, a brief recess was
3 taken.)

4 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: All right.

5 THE WITNESS: Well, I started to
6 talk about Dennis Kelly, which interested me
7 because this is a note from a guy in Boulder
8 who lived near Kelly who apparently painted
9 our basement in either '95 or 1996. He's a
10 fairly dysfunctional fellow. I don't know if
11 you know his name or not.

12 Q. (By Chief Beckner) When you say
13 dysfunctional, what do you mean?

14 A. Well, I can give you copies of
15 these things, but he was wearing an ankle
16 monitor when he was painting our basement,
17 apparently. I don't know how this was
18 known, but obviously he was supposed to be
19 on a restricted duty.

20 MR. TRUJILLO: Mr. Ramsey, are
21 you speaking of Mr. Kelly as the person who
22 painted your basement?

23 THE WITNESS: Yes, Dennis Kelly.
24 Do you know that name or --

25 MR. TRUJILLO: I would have to go
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1 back and look.

2 THE WITNESS: But anyway, this is
3 one of those that had a connection, in our
4 house.

5 MR. BECKNER: And that is the
6 type of thing that is particularly of
7 interest to us are people who have had
8 connections, because obviously there are a
9 lot of people that are going to write on the

10 internet and send letters and things.

11 THE WITNESS: Right. Yeah. I

12 mentioned a wealthy friend I visited, da-dah,

13 da-dah, da-dah, and then Kelly said, yeah, I

14 know some rich people. Who? The Ramseys.

15 He seemed to have some sort of grudge

16 against you which he wouldn't explain.

17 But -- and this was March 2000. So I can

18 give you a copy of that.

19 In terms of the stuff that I have

20 been keeping track of, that's probably the

21 most interesting.

22 This is Randy Simons. I don't

23 know if there is anything there.

24 This is a woman who believes that

25 her brother might have done it. And I

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1 think -- I can give you this too, but I

2 think you guys know about it.

3 MR. KANE: Who is that?

4 THE WITNESS: Well, I don't know.

5 She didn't give me a name.

6 Q. (By Mr. Kane) Her, the name of

7 the brother?

8 A. She doesn't, but she has an

9 e-mail address. Well, this actually came from

10 Jamison, who I am sure you guys are

11 painfully aware of. But I think she had

12 been communicating with this woman, or this

13 person who is a woman.

14 We had another lady write us that

15 her ex-husband did it, but in talking to

16 her, we decided she was really a woman

17 scorned.

18 MR. WOOD: We had everybody back

19 from John Kennedy calling.

20 THE WITNESS: Yeah, it got really

21 bizarre in the end. That's the kind of

22 thing I've been looking for, and that's what

23 I've learned, yet one of those for every

24 hundred that really are not particularly

25 interesting.

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1 Michael Helgoth, I know we gave

2 you some boots, Hi-Tec boots, that from my
3 perspective looked like a perfect match to
4 the footprint.

5 We also know he has a stun gun
6 that was an AirTaser. We know he committed
7 suicide the day after Alex Hunter's speech
8 about we know who you are, we are going to
9 get you.

10 There is the another fellow, I
11 don't know his name, but I know Ollie has
12 been working on it that had a shrine of
13 JonBenet prior to '96.

14 MR. TRUJILLO: Mr. Ramsey, let me
15 jump back to Mr. Helgoth for a moment. You
16 said he had boots that you have seen. Have
17 you seen the boots?

18 THE WITNESS: I haven't seen the
19 boots. I saw a picture that Ollie had taken
20 earlier of the footprint compared to the
21 image of the bootprint.

22 Q. (By Mr. Trujillo) That is my
23 question, have you seen the actual crime
24 scene photograph of the boot print there?

25 A. No, no.

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1 Q. What image have you seen?

2 MR. WOOD: That is a copy of it.

3 THE WITNESS: I don't know what
4 image I have seen, but it was on the
5 internet.

6 MR. TRUJILLO: Okay. I don't
7 know if this is the boot image of -- oh,
8 here it is, yes.

9 MR. WOOD: This is a copy.

10 MR. TRUJILLO: This is an image
11 off of the internet?

12 THE WITNESS: And yes, I don't
13 know --

14 MS. HARMER: And the internet,
15 the person who put it on the internet is
16 purporting it to be the actual footprint that
17 was found in the cellar?

18 THE WITNESS: Not necessarily.

19 His parents, Helgoth's parents finally turned

20 over his boots, which we turned over to you.

21 I don't know Helgoth. I don't know that

22 name. Whether or not there is any

23 significance there, I don't know.

24 MS. HARMER: I guess I am not

25 clear about where you got this image.

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1 THE WITNESS: The --

2 MR. WOOD: Ollie would be able to

3 tell us that.

4 THE WITNESS: Yeah, I don't know.

5 MR. WOOD: The image of the print

6 in the wine cellar.

7 MR. GRAY: I did that comparison

8 with glue.

9 THE WITNESS: But here is a guy

10 that ought to be looked at. I don't know

11 anything else about it, but he certainly

12 meets some of the factors that we find

13 interesting.

14 I still believe the September '97

15 incident is significant. I don't know what

16 you found on that, but that sent chills down

17 my spine when I read about that, heard about

18 that a month or two ago.

19 This person that has a shrine, I

20 think, had a cane, one of those candycanes

21 from my front yard in his home. I don't

22 know how he could have come by that after

23 the fact. It was secured December 25th.

24 Those are probably, in my mind,

25 the most interesting, substantial leads that

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1 I had seen.

2 Q. (By Mr. Levin) Mr. Ramsey, you

3 mention --

4 MR. WOOD: Before we go there,

5 Bruce, let me say to you, I turned over to

6 Ollie two expandables of stuff that I have

7 gotten for him to look at, including, you

8 may know this, Chief, but I got some really

9 long and detailed analysis of Fleet White's

10 letters compared to the ransom notes from a

11 lawyer in New York. Are you familiar with

12 it? You may not have gotten it yet.
13 MR. BECKNER: I don't believe so.
14 MR. WOOD: He will go through it
15 and get it all to you. I am trying to
16 keep up with it to go to Ollie. It is two
17 expandables of different tips on leads.
18 MR. BECKNER: What type of
19 analysis is it?
20 MR. WOOD: It's a linguistic
21 analysis of the public letters that Fleet
22 White and Priscilla White have written about
23 the case, and they have taken that and done
24 an analysis of the ransom note. So I am
25 not making any suggestions except to describe
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1 it.

2 Q. (By Ms. Harmer) Mr. Ramsey, this
3 Dennis Kelly that you brought up, the
4 painter, have your investigators contacted him
5 or done any follow-up that you are aware of?

6 A. I don't know of.

7 MR. GRAY: I beg your pardon?

8 MR. WOOD: Dennis Kelly, any
9 follow-up on Kelly yet?

10 MR. GRAY: I don't know a Kelly.

11 MR. WOOD: The painter.

12 MR. GRAY: Uh-uh (negative).

13 MR. WOOD: Give that to Ollie.

14 MR. GRAY: There are a couple of
15 others we followed up on, but not him.

16 MR. LEVIN: Mr. Ramsey, you
17 mentioned Dorothy Allison provided you with a
18 name? I missed it.

19 THE WITNESS: A woman who had
20 seen her on television provided us with a
21 name of a -- I said I can give you what
22 she sent, but I don't --

23 Q. (By Mr. Levin) Was that on the
24 list that you gave us, the name?

25 A. No, no.

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1 Q. If I can change gears for just a
2 second, one of the things that you found
3 significant, and, obviously since you found

4 it significant, it was of great interest to
5 us, was the baseball bat, the second baseball
6 bat, aluminum bat.

7 And we have, through confidential
8 grand jury investigations, found that that
9 bat, that second bat was Burke's. Was there
10 anything else that you thought about,
11 assuming that is true?

12 A. Well, I never have seen the bat,
13 so -- and I think the best person to say
14 whether it was Burke's or not is to ask
15 Burke.

16 Q. Okay.

17 A. I don't know.

18 Q. That's it from your
19 perspective --

20 A. No, there was nothing else I know
21 about the bat.

22 Q. Okay. Thank you. We received
23 from your lawyers in January of '97 two
24 black shirts which we received really
25 without --

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1 MR. BECKNER: January of '98.

2 MR. LEVIN: January of '98. I
3 am sorry.

4 Q. (By Mr. Levin) January of 1998.
5 It was in response to Boulder Police
6 Department's request for the shirt that you
7 are wearing in the photographs from Christmas
8 at the White's house. And they were given
9 to us without explanation of how they got
10 into their possession. I thought you could
11 explain that for us.

12 A. Well, I assume they were the
13 shirts that, when we were asked to provide
14 the clothing we had on that night before, we
15 couldn't remember. We asked for a picture
16 that was taken that night so we could
17 remember. As far as I know, those are the
18 only shirts that we sent.

19 Q. And that was in response to our
20 request --

21 A. Uh-huh (affirmative).

22 Q. -- for the clothing that you were
23 wearing?

24 A. I suspect it was, yes.

25 Q. What I would like you, if you
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1 recall, did you personally retrieve it, send
2 it off to your lawyers, and, if so, where
3 did you retrieve it from?

4 A. Gosh, I don't know. It would be
5 in December of '98, we were living in
6 Atlanta.

7 MR. TRUJILLO: Actually December
8 of '97.

9 MR. WOOD: I think the request
10 for the clothing was made in December of
11 '97, a year after the murder.

12 THE WITNESS: Oh, yes, December
13 of '97, yeah, yeah.

14 MR. WOOD: And you turned it over
15 in January of '98.

16 MR. LEVIN: I believe that is
17 correct, sir.

18 THE WITNESS: We still lived in
19 Atlanta. So it was either in a box or in
20 my closet, I suppose.

21 Q. (By Mr. Levin) Do you recall,
22 when, on September the 28th, when your
23 sister-in-law Pam went over to retrieve some
24 items for the family, was that among the
25 items that she took out of the house?

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1 A. December?

2 Q. 28th, 1996. That Saturday
3 before -- that Saturday after the murder.

4 A. I don't know.

5 Q. So just so I am clear, your best
6 recollection is that that was an item that
7 was in the house that was packed up by the
8 movers that was sent off?

9 A. Uh-huh (affirmative).

10 Q. You provided us with two shirts.

11 One of them had a collar, it's a wool shirt
12 made in Israel. The other one did not have
13 a collar. Do you have a belief as to which

14 one was the actual shirt that you were
15 wearing on Christmas '96?
16 A. I don't remember, I guess. And
17 if I -- well, I think the issue, if I
18 recall was I couldn't remember which one, so
19 I think we sent you both. But I mean, I'd
20 have to look at pictures, I guess, to
21 compare. I don't remember that far back.
22 Q. Mr. Ramsey, I take it, and
23 correct me if I am wrong, please, that the
24 fact that you sent two shirts as opposed to
25 one indicated you were not certain which of
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1 the two you were wearing?

2 A. Well, I think that's what we did,
3 but I don't, I mean, I don't remember
4 exactly the logic. I know that we were
5 asked about shoes, and the picture didn't
6 even show shoes, so I couldn't remember what
7 shoes we had on. So was it to send all my
8 shoes or one hundred percent sure.

9 Q. Those items of evidence, did you
10 continue, after the clothing was moved down
11 to Atlanta, after you moved to Atlanta, did
12 you continue to wear them? Were they
13 laundered? Were they -- one of them was
14 wool. I assume that would be dry cleaned.
15 Do you have any recollection in that regard?

16 A. No, I don't.

17 Q. We have been provided, and again,
18 one of the sources of this information is
19 confidential grand jury material I can tell
20 you in the question, but we have been
21 provided information from two sources that
22 your son Burke, prior to the murder of your
23 daughter, owned and wore Hi-Tec boots that
24 had a compass on them, which makes them
25 distinctive.

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1 Do you recall -- if you don't
2 recall that they actually were Hi-Tec, do you
3 remember Burke having boots that had a
4 compass on the laces?

5 A. Vaguely. I don't know if they

6 were boots or tennis shoes. My memory is
7 they were tennis shoes, but that is very
8 vague. He had boots that had lights on them
9 and all sorts of different things.

10 Q. But you do have some recollection
11 that he had some type of footwear that had
12 compasses attached to them?

13 A. I don't, I don't specifically
14 remember them, but my impression is that he
15 did, in my mind, yeah. But my impression
16 was that they were tennis shoes.

17 Q. Sneakers?

18 A. Sneakers. Yeah. Ask Burke if he
19 remembers it.

20 I said, ask Burke, perhaps he --

21 well, we could certainly ask Burke.

22 Q. (By Mr. Kane) Mr. Ramsey, page
23 266 and 267 of your book, you quote a letter
24 you sent to Alex Hunter.

25 A. Okay.

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1 Q. The last full paragraph of that,
2 finally I am willing, it's on 267, I am
3 willing and able to put up a substantial
4 reward, \$1 million, through the help of
5 friends if this would help drive the
6 investigation.

7 Now, did you ever put up \$1
8 million reward?

9 A. No. I was advised that it
10 wouldn't make any difference.

11 Q. Who was it that advised you of
12 that?

13 A. My attorneys. That \$100,000 was
14 a significant amount of money. And I didn't
15 have a million dollars at that point. I
16 would have had to gone to friends for help.
17 And if it wasn't significant, I wasn't going
18 to approach my friends for that kind of
19 help.

20 Q. Did you talk to anybody else
21 about whether the amount of money offered
22 would have any bearing?

23 A. Well, I never got a response from

24 Alex on that, but I don't remember that I
25 did, no.

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1 Q. Was there something about, in your
2 attorney's experience, that they cited --

3 MR. WOOD: I don't want to go
4 into anything further on that, about
5 attorneys. The things they cited to him,
6 would go into the privilege.

7 MR. KANE: Fine. No problem.

8 Q. (By Mr. Kane) What did you
9 think? What did your instinct tell you
10 about a million versus 100,000?

11 A. Well, in the beginning, I thought
12 that that would drive information. At the
13 beginning we couldn't get the police to even
14 acknowledge or participate in announcing a
15 reward. It was very frustrating.

16 And so we, you know --

17 Q. Do you have a reward outstanding
18 right now?

19 A. Yes. As far as I am concerned,
20 we do.

21 Q. I am sorry?

22 A. As far as I'm concerned, we do,
23 yeah.

24 Q. Is it publicized anywhere?

25 A. It is publicized on our internet
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1 site, I believe.

2 Q. Who maintains that?

3 A. Ollie and I guess -- you can do
4 that yourself and have an internet service.

5 Q. You understand there is a reward
6 that is listed on your internet site?

7 A. (Witness nodded head
8 affirmatively).

9 Q. Is that that ramseyfamily.com?

10 A. It was originally. We changed
11 the number. I guess that is still how you
12 access it. I think you access it both ways,
13 don't you? Ramseyfamily.com, and we also set
14 up a JonBenetinfo@AOL.com.

15 Q. JonBenetinfo --

16 A. -- @AOL.com. That's not a
17 website.

18 Q. That is an e-mail?

19 A. Right.

20 Q. (By Mr. Levin) Mr. Ramsey, I know
21 that the -- it is my belief, I should say,
22 that the fact that certain people have
23 represented to you that there are stun gun
24 injuries to your daughter is a significant
25 fact.

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1 A. Uh-huh (affirmative).

2 Q. And I am curious, if you don't
3 mind, could you just tell us who has
4 provided you information in that regard that
5 has caused you to hold the belief that she
6 has suffered a stun gun injury?

7 MR. WOOD: That would be
8 information provided to him subsequent to
9 June of 1998?

10 MR. LEVIN: Yes.

11 MR. WOOD: Do you understand the
12 question, John? I know what you said in
13 June of 1998, but he is talking about since
14 the time of your last interviews. If you've
15 got anything else.

16 Let me ask him a question.

17 (Mr. Ramsey and his counsel
18 confer.)

19 THE WITNESS: We had, under
20 the -- kind of the direction of Pat Burke a
21 group of experts assembled to look at the
22 medical, from the scientific and medical
23 aspects of this, and that was one of the
24 things, I believe, that they looked at.

25 Q. (By Mr. Levin) That would be
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1 Dr. Sperry?

2 A. Well, that would be one of the
3 names. There were two to three. I don't
4 remember the other names because I never met
5 them, but these are the people we offered to
6 have meet with you in January.

7 Q. Right, right. Were you provided

8 information from those folks that told you
9 that one of the things that they examined
10 were photographs of the reported stun gun
11 injuries, ask Mr. Sperry and his colleagues
12 if he had --

13 A. I don't, I don't remember what
14 they said, I guess. I never talked to him
15 directly. You know --

16 MR. WOOD: Bruce, as indicated
17 by your question, you all have now an
18 interest in the information from those
19 individuals and would like to reconsider the
20 request to meet with them which you earlier
21 rejected, again, I think I am pretty sure
22 that I can speak with Pat Burke and that
23 that can be done. As indicated by your
24 question, you are obviously interested in
25 what those people have to say, and we will
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1 give them to you.

2 THE WITNESS: My position on stun
3 guns is that the people that have told me
4 that this was likely the case seemed pretty
5 qualified.

6 MR. LEVIN: But that, I am sorry,
7 Michael.

8 Q. (By Mr. Levin) But that, just a
9 follow up so I am clear, that information is
10 not from this group that was put together
11 after '98. That is some other individuals
12 that precede your June '98 interviews?

13 A. Well, the first time the stun gun
14 came up was in a meeting with Lou Schmidt
15 and Tom was there. I don't remember.

16 MR. WICKMAN: Pete Hoster?

17 MR. LEVIN: Ainesworth?

18 THE WITNESS: And he asked me to
19 keep it very confidential but did we have,
20 did we know anybody that owned a stun gun.
21 That is the first I heard about it. But
22 that was probably in '97.

23 MR. WICKMAN: Yeah.

24 Q. (By Mr. Levin) And since your
25 interviews in '98, there has been a passage

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1 of a significant period of time, have you
2 come up with names of people you know that
3 have, that you were associated with, which
4 you know owned stun guns that were unfamiliar
5 with --

6 A. Not the -- I mean, my answer to
7 that back then was I don't know of anybody
8 that I know that owns a stun gun, and I
9 still don't. I mean, we have come up with
10 guys like Helgoth who we know owned the
11 brand that was a suspect, but --

12 MR. KANE: Let me follow up on
13 that.

14 Q. (By Mr. Kane) have you talked to
15 Lou Schmidt about the stun gun after he
16 resigned from the case?

17 MR. WOOD: After he resigned from
18 the case would have been?

19 MR. KANE: Would have been
20 September of 1998.

21 MR. LEVIN: '99?

22 MR. WOOD: '98.

23 MR. KANE: '98.

24 MR. LEVIN: '98.

25 THE WITNESS: Only, I think, that
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1 he still believes it's very significant.

2 Q. (By Mr. Kane) Now, you said that
3 you hadn't talked to any of the experts that
4 had looked at it. What information did you
5 get, if any, from these people?

6 A. I think the most significant piece
7 of information, that they felt that the blow
8 to the head was after she had died or near
9 death.

10 Q. I am now talking about the stun
11 gun.

12 A. Oh, about the stun gun?

13 Q. Yes.

14 A. I don't remember that they told
15 me anything about the stun gun that I didn't
16 already know, I mean, that I was aware of.

17 Q. What are you aware of, I guess,

18 is the question, about the stun gun?

19 A. Well, I was aware that it was
20 highly likely that one was used, which is a
21 very distressing fact. I learned, and I
22 think I heard this in the media, it might
23 have been Carol McCane, I don't remember,
24 said something about there were burn marks on
25 the tape. I don't know if that is true or
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1 not.

2 Q. But you don't know of any experts
3 that say that?

4 THE WITNESS: No, I don't.

5 MR. WOOD: Because of what's
6 obviously of interest on your all's part, I
7 take it you would all be receptive with
8 meeting with them now? Are you interested
9 in hearing what they want to say? I assume
10 you would want us to arrange that, Bruce?

11 MR. LEVIN: I think that is
12 something we can talk about. There are
13 issues are surrounding those people that
14 isn't germane to our talking to Mr. Ramsey
15 at this time that maybe you and I can talk
16 about in the future.

17 Q. (By Mr. Kane) You started to say
18 about the most significant thing was the blow
19 to the head preceded the strangulation. Was
20 that, have you talked to any particular
21 expert about that?

22 A. I haven't talked directly to any
23 particular expert about that. That was the
24 analysis I got back through Pat Burke, I
25 believe.

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1 A. And do you know who --

2 MR. WOOD: Just so it is clear,
3 I think you said preceded strangulation. I
4 think you misspoke.

5 MR. KANE: If the blow, no I
6 think that's what you said. You said, I am
7 sorry.

8 MR. WOOD: Hold on. Let's make
9 sure. He said precisely, the most

10 significant piece of information was that
11 they felt was the blow to the death was
12 after the death, and your question, I think
13 inadvertently you said preceded the
14 strangulation, which is not what he said.

15 MR. KANE: You are right. That's
16 not what I meant. Okay.

17 Q. (By Mr. Kane) But you got this
18 information through Pat Burke. Have you ever
19 sought to talk to the people that he got the
20 information from?

21 A. No, because I wanted to stay
22 independent of them. The objective was, when
23 we presented these people up in January, was
24 to present highly qualified experts that
25 would help provide information to find the
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1 killer.

2 Q. But there are people in addition
3 to Kris Sperry?

4 A. Yes. I don't remember their
5 names, but it seems to me there were
6 several.

7 Q. But you could get access to who
8 they were and provide us with those?

9 A. As far as I know, yes.

10 Q. (By Mr. Levin) Mr. Ramsey, I know
11 that you were asked questions about a black
12 metal flashlight that was found in the house.
13 We have developed, since '98, some
14 information about that flashlight I would
15 like to ask you just a little bit about.

16 Is that the flashlight that you
17 habitually used, say for example, if your
18 power went out and you had candles lit in
19 your house? Do you know?

20 A. Not necessarily. And I don't
21 know that that was my flashlight. The
22 picture I saw, and I think I commented at
23 the time, was that that one was very dirty.
24 My flashlight, while it looked to be the
25 same size, mine was clean. And my son gave
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1 it to me for a present. So that was the

2 issue that I saw. It kind of looks like
3 mine, but it's certainly filthy.

4 Q. May not be?

5 A. Yeah.

6 Q. Let's talk about, I want to ask
7 this so it is clear for you. The flashlight
8 your son gave you, whether the light in the
9 picture is that or not, but that flashlight,
10 the one you received as a gift from your
11 son, was that the light that, if you had
12 power failures, routinely, that is the first
13 thing you would grab?

14 A. No, not necessarily.

15 Q. Not necessarily?

16 A. Because we kept it -- it was a
17 big flashlight. We kept it, I believe,
18 normally in the drawer down that little sink
19 area in the back hall. I don't even
20 remember if I had a flashlight by my bedside
21 or not.

22 Q. (By Mr. Kane) The documentary that
23 was done by Michael Tracy in 1998 sometime,
24 did you have any say in any aspect of that
25 documentary?

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1 A. No.

2 Q. I think previously you said the
3 one thing you did was you insisted that it
4 wouldn't be shown before --

5 A. Well, there was an issue about,
6 if it was, if the grand jury was in session
7 or convened or something that we had the
8 right to tell them not to put it on. That
9 was the only thing, I believe, that we --

10 Q. Did you have any discussions with
11 anybody about when it was aired just a
12 couple of weeks before the grand jury
13 started?

14 A. Did I have discussions? No, not
15 that I remember.

16 Q. (By Mr. Levin) Mr. Ramsey, one of
17 the things that you were asked about during
18 your interview in 1998 I would like to
19 follow up on is some new information, are

20 some questions about a Santa Bear that was
21 found on your daughter's bed. Do you
22 remember that?

23 A. Uh-huh (affirmative).

24 Q. Do you remember the bear?

25 A. (Witness nodded head
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1 affirmatively).

2 Q. At the time you were interviewed,
3 you stated to the effect that you did not
4 recognize it?

5 A. Correct.

6 Q. And I am wondering, we have
7 identified the source, we know how it got to
8 JonBenet through a pageant on December 14.

9 MR. WOOD: Well, you say that,
10 but we're not -- we haven't seen the
11 photographs or video.

12 MR. LEVIN: I understand that.

13 Q. (By Mr. Levin) It is our belief.

14 Are you comfortable with that
15 phrasing?

16 MR. WOOD: I would be more
17 comfortable if you are going to question him
18 about something that you give him the right
19 to look at it yourself, but, you know, since
20 you, for whatever reason, choose not to do
21 so, I accept you state that is your belief.

22 Q. (By Mr. Levin) It is my belief,

23 Mr. Ramsey, that she received that as a
24 prize in a pageant on December 14, 1996.

25 And I am wondering if, do you recall being,
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1 first of all, were you at her last pageant
2 in December? Do you remember?

3 A. I got there late. I usually
4 would try to go for the talent portion. And
5 they were running early. I was late. I
6 got there after it was over. So I was
7 there, but not for very long.

8 Q. And the follow-up question to that
9 would be, if my belief is correct that you
10 received that bear at that pageant, does that
11 maybe jog your memory as to the origin of

12 it?

13 A. No.

14 MR. WOOD: I don't think you

15 meant to say that he received it.

16 THE WITNESS: We have no idea

17 whether that was significant or not, that

18 bear. I mean, you know, it was, when I was

19 shown those photos, we were looking for

20 anything that looked out of the ordinary.

21 I mean, we had fully expected

22 that, if someone had given it to her, that

23 they would come forward and say, oh, yes, I

24 gave that to JonBenet. That explains that.

25 Q. (By Mr. Levin) And you understand

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1 of course, that anything you found

2 significant or out of the ordinary became

3 significant to us, obviously?

4 A. That's right. Yeah.

5 MR. WOOD: You did misspeak, just

6 for the record. You meant to say JonBenet

7 received it, not that John received it.

8 MR. LEVIN: That's correct. I

9 don't think John won a Little Miss Christmas

10 pageant.

11 THE WITNESS: I don't remember

12 that.

13 MR. WOOD: No, and it's

14 unfortunate what you asked him in the

15 question says that he did.

16 MR. LEVIN: Michael?

17 Q. (By Mr. Kane) Mr. Ramsey, at the

18 present time, how much money is in the

19 JonBenet Ramsey Foundation?

20 A. I believe that is public record,

21 but I think there is about \$7,000 in there.

22 Q. What is the highest balance that

23 you know of that it has been?

24 A. I don't know.

25 Q. Have you done any fundraisers to

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1 fund it?

2 A. No. It wasn't our intention to

3 raise public money. I set up a foundation

4 for my other daughter, which still exists, by
5 the way. We were desperate to honor our
6 daughter in some way, and that was our
7 attempt to do it, and why we have been
8 criticized for that, I don't know.

9 Q. You put out a press release that
10 gave an address for contributions to be made
11 to the foundation.

12 A. I don't remember ever asking for
13 contributions.

14 MR. WOOD: Do you have a copy of
15 the press release?

16 MR. KANE: Yes. As a matter of
17 fact, I do.

18 MR. WOOD: Why don't you let him
19 see it.

20 THE WITNESS: I would like to see
21 it.

22 MR. KANE: I have what the Denver
23 Post has published as coming from your press
24 release.

25 MR. LEVIN: While he gets booted
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1 up on that just so that we don't waste time,
2 how about if I ask him questions on another
3 matter? Does that work for you procedurally?

4 MR. WOOD: Sure.

5 THE WITNESS: Can I respond to
6 that though?

7 MR. WOOD: Go ahead, John.

8 THE WITNESS: I am offended, and
9 I have been offended. I have been offended
10 that you investigated that foundation during
11 the grand jury. I have a mind to disband
12 it and treat it just as a private -- we
13 want to honor our daughter, and we have
14 received nothing but grief from you folks,
15 from the media over that attempt, and I am
16 baffled by that.

17 Q. (By Mr. Kane) I'll get it, but
18 I want to follow up on that, you made an
19 application for it to be a 503(C) charitable
20 foundation, haven't you?

21 A. Yes.

22 MR. WOOD: I think it actually
23 has been so designated.

24 MR. KANE: Has it been? That
25 was what I was going to ask you.

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1 THE WITNESS: Yes.

2 MR. WOOD: There was a mistake in
3 the book jacket cover that indicated an
4 application had been made. An application
5 for tax exempt status has been submitted, and
6 I remember someone called it to the attention
7 of the publisher that, in fact, it had been
8 granted. I don't sit here and represent
9 that I have seen it, but I do know that
10 information.

11 Q. (By Mr. Kane) Has any, to your
12 knowledge, any of the money that ever has
13 been in that foundation ever been given to
14 any charitable --

15 A. Yeah.

16 Q. -- or social --

17 A. Not to the level we would have
18 hoped. I mean, our original plan was that we
19 were going to sue the hell out of the
20 tabloids and donate it all to the foundation
21 and do some very significant things. That
22 has been a tough process.
23 So we have not been able to do
24 with it what we hoped, but I hope some day
25 we can.

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1 Q. You did get money from the
2 public, though, that came in?

3 A. Very, very little. I got -- the
4 most significant donations I got were from
5 two friends. One was the president of
6 Lockheed-Martin, sent \$1,000, and my boss
7 sent \$1,000. We probably received a few
8 very small checks.

9 Q. (By Mr. Levin) While Mr. Kane is
10 looking for that on his computer, Mr. Ramsey,
11 I am interested, and this is concerning
12 events, obviously, that precede 1998, but it
13 is based on information developed after the

14 grand jury was convened. I am interested,
15 if you would, please tell us what types, if
16 any, work gloves you own, whether you kept
17 them in the house, on the plane, in the car,
18 it doesn't matter, but just identify them by
19 their location.

20 A. I don't remember that I owned any
21 work gloves. I don't normally wear work
22 gloves.

23 Q. So just to clarify, you are
24 saying that your recollection is that you did
25 not or you are just unsure because of the
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1 passage of time?

2 A. I don't remember. I mean, I
3 don't normally wear work gloves. I've had
4 work gloves from time to time, but I
5 don't -- I can't specifically remember that I
6 had any then or if I did what they were
7 like.

8 I had a pair here that were gray,
9 and I bought those at Home Depot, and God
10 knows where they are now. So they kind of
11 come and go.

12 Q. So it wasn't your routine habit
13 or practice to keep a pair of work gloves in
14 your cars if you needed to change a tire
15 or --

16 A. (Witness shook head negatively).

17 Q. -- or on your plane if you needed
18 to do something where you would kind of get
19 dirtied up?

20 A. No. I am not qualified to work
21 on my airplane, my former airplane.

22 MR. WOOD: Do you have the PR
23 statement, Mr. Kane?

24 MR. KANE: No. It's still
25 booting up.

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1 MR. WOOD: Okay.

2 Q. (By Mr. Levin) Mr. Ramsey, during
3 the evening of December 25th, was there a
4 time when either, after JonBenet got dressed
5 to leave for the White's house or while she

6 was at the White's house or after you came
7 home from the White's house, she had any
8 problems going to the bathroom or problems
9 with her clothes that you may have helped
10 her with?

11 A. I don't remember. I really do
12 not.

13 Q. If I may follow --

14 A. It is possible. I don't know.

15 Q. If I can follow it up just to
16 clarify, when you say you don't remember,
17 does that mean, as you sit here today, your
18 best recollection is no or you don't know
19 yes or no?

20 A. I don't remember. It was three
21 and a half years ago.

22 Q. I understand that. I was just
23 trying to clarify your answer.

24 A. I don't know. I just don't
25 remember.

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1 Q. One way or the other?

2 A. One way or the other.

3 MR. LEVIN: Mike, do you have
4 other questions while your computer is
5 humming?

6 MR. KANE: No.

7 Q. (By Mr. Levin) I've got some
8 questions, Mr. Ramsey, that deal with fiber
9 evidence, and this is probably going to be
10 questions that your lawyer is going to advise
11 you not to answer, but I would like to pose
12 them to you.

13 MR. WOOD: Is this what we
14 discussed yesterday with Patsy?

15 MR. LEVIN: Different fibers
16 associated directly with --

17 MR. WOOD: I think the position
18 is, to save some time, if you want to
19 question Mr. Ramsey about test results, that
20 it is absolutely fair that we be allowed to
21 see the result ourselves before we answer
22 questions so that we are not dealing with
23 speculation and hypotheticals that are not

24 supported by the facts as you might represent
25 them.

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1 We couldn't get yesterday what I
2 discerned to be a consistent response from
3 any of you all about the test results that
4 you discussed on the red fiber. That just
5 tells me that, to try to go into this area
6 without being privy to the actual result, is
7 not something I am comfortable with in terms
8 of fundamental fairness. If you are willing
9 to disclose to us what you claim the result
10 to be, it makes absolutely no sense to me
11 that you would not share the actual result
12 with us. I do not see how that can in any
13 justified way impede your investigation or
14 prevent you from going forward with your
15 investigation.

16 So we are not comfortable with
17 your characterization of any test results
18 forensically. We will reconsider at the
19 appropriate time if we get there whether we
20 will answer those questions if you will
21 provide us with the actual result itself.
22 So that's our position yesterday. That's our
23 position today. That will be our position
24 tomorrow.

25 But if you will give us the

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1 results, we will look at them and we will
2 consider whether or not we can answer
3 questions based on those results.

4 Fair enough?

5 MR. LEVIN: I understand. And,
6 of course, and I believe you feel I am
7 entitled to at least pose the questions,
8 understanding your position, so they are part
9 of the record so this is an accurate --

10 MR. WOOD: Well, you can pose
11 them if you want to make a record, and I
12 think I understand pretty clearly why you
13 want to make that record based on what you
14 said yesterday.

15 I said yesterday I thought it was

16 an injustice for you to make those kinds of
17 representations through your questions or
18 statements.

19 If you are going to make
20 statements that contain some form of innuendo
21 that an article of clothing might possibly be
22 connected to some portion of the crime scene
23 or this man's daughter's body, I think you
24 have an obligation, not only to him but to
25 whoever reads that report and this
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1 transcript, to be candid and give full
2 disclosure, show the people what the results
3 are, show the people what you also had in
4 terms of fiber evidence.

5 We are told there are hundreds of
6 fibers, for example, on the duct tape. And
7 I think you have a fundamental right,
8 fundamental fairness requires that you
9 disclose that information and not single out
10 some hypothetical innuendo that unfairly casts
11 perhaps in someone's mind that reads this
12 some finger of blame at John or Patsy
13 Ramsey. I think it is totally inappropriate
14 for you to do so, but if you want to go
15 ahead and make a record for whatever reason,
16 I certainly am not here to stop you. You
17 have the right.

18 MR. LEVIN: Thank you, Mr. Wood.

19 I appreciate the opportunity.

20 MR. WOOD: Thank you.

21 Q. (By Mr. Levin) Mr. Ramsey, it is
22 our belief based on forensic evidence that
23 there are hairs that are associated, that the
24 source is the collared black shirt that you
25 sent us that are found in your daughter's
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1 underpants, and I wondered if you --

2 A. Bullshit. I don't believe that.

3 I don't buy it. If you are trying to
4 disgrace my relationship with my daughter --

5 Q. Mr. Ramsey, I am not trying to
6 disgrace --

7 A. Well, I don't believe it. I

8 think you are. That's disgusting.

9 MR. WOOD: I think you --

10 MR. LEVIN: I am not.

11 MR. WOOD: Yes, you are.

12 MR. LEVIN: And the follow-up

13 question would be --

14 MR. WOOD: Posing the question in

15 light of what I said to you yesterday is

16 nothing more than an attempt to make a

17 record that unfairly, unjustly, and in a

18 disgusting fashion points what you might

19 consider to be some finger of blame at this

20 man regarding his daughter, and you ought to

21 be ashamed of yourself for doing it, Bruce.

22 You knew we weren't going to

23 answer the question. Why don't you just

24 give us the report, and we'll put it out

25 there for someone to look at and tell us

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1 what it says and see how fair and accurate

2 you have been.

3 I know why you said what you said

4 yesterday about Patsy and the fibers and John

5 and the fibers. And you know why you did

6 it, Bruce. Because you want this somehow to

7 get out and then people will read that and

8 be prejudiced even further against this

9 family.

10 I just don't know why you want to

11 do it, but I can't stop you.

12 MR. LEVIN: Mr. Wood, if you

13 would like to, I would challenge you to find

14 any article anywhere that I have been quoted

15 as giving an opinion or any statement to the

16 press concerning this case.

17 MR. WOOD: You don't have to be

18 quoted. You don't have to be quoted.

19 MR. LEVIN: Or any piece of

20 evidence that I have released.

21 MR. WOOD: You don't have to be

22 quoted. You do not have to be quoted.

23 MR. LEVIN: This is a murder

24 investigation, and I am trying to get an

25 explanation, which can be an innocent

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1 explanation.

2 MR. WOOD: It could be, but you

3 pose your question as if it's not not.

4 That's what's unfair. Why don't you let us

5 see the report so we can know exactly what's

6 going on, exactly what other fibers were

7 found in that area so that you don't

8 unfairly cast an aspersion through innuendo

9 or suggestion toward this man and his

10 daughter.

11 It seems to me that you should

12 look over and go look, Mr. Wood, we want

13 your client's help, we will give you the

14 test results if it will help get this

15 answered, if it is so important, we'll tell

16 you whether there was another fiber or fibers

17 found that we don't know where they came

18 from and maybe he can help you with that

19 information, but that is not what you are

20 doing. You are focusing on what you believe

21 is one specific area. And you are doing it

22 in a way that I think is just unfair.

23 Let me just answer your question

24 about you being quoted. Look, John and

25 Patsy Ramsey sat around for three years and

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1 did not go public with this case, even

2 though your people were talking to tabloids

3 and writing books and appearing on

4 television. Linda Arndt, Steve Thomas, Alex

5 Hunter.

6 You want to go through the litany

7 of how your people have publicly prosecuted

8 and persecuted this family, and now they

9 decided enough is enough and they tried to

10 go out with me, yes, sir, and them and try

11 to refute some of the absolute lies that

12 have been told about them. Do you have a

13 problem with that?

14 MR. LEVIN: Mr. Wood.

15 MR. WOOD: Because your people

16 have been saying it. I am not calling your

17 name. I don't know who it is linked to.

18 I don't know who gave the ransom note to
19 Vanity Fair. I'm not suggesting it is you.
20 But don't sit here and tell me that because
21 Bruce Levin hasn't been quoted that this
22 investigation from the Boulder Police
23 Department and the district attorney's office
24 is a lily white when it comes to talking
25 about this case in the media because that is
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1 false, and you know it.

2 MR. LEVIN: Now, Mr. Wood, if I
3 can just respond very briefly, and I want
4 Mr. Ramsey to listen to this because it's
5 important, the suggestion is that I am
6 suggesting that the only explanation for that
7 question is sinister. I am a part of a
8 team conducting an investigation into your
9 daughter's death, and an innocent explanation
10 that would help us further that investigation
11 is very welcome. I am not looking for a
12 sinister answer or innocent answer.

13 MR. WOOD: If you are looking for
14 that, then give us the test result and let
15 us know what it says.

16 MR. LEVIN: Mr. Wood, the fact
17 of --

18 MR. WOOD: No, Bruce. If you
19 wanted the answer so badly, you would give
20 us the test result instead of representing
21 what the test result is. I, for the life
22 of me, do not understand the logic.
23 You say we can tell you what the
24 test result is, but we can't show you the
25 test result. So trust us, Mr. Ramsey, and
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1 answer this hypothetical question.

2 If that information means that
3 much to this investigation, Bruce, you would
4 not hesitate to give us that report, period.
5 So let's move to something else.

6 MR. LEVIN: Let's move on to
7 another topic.

8 THE WITNESS: If the question is
9 how did fibers of your shirt get into your

10 daughter's underwear, I say that is not
11 possible. I don't believe it. That is
12 ridiculous.

13 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: I need to
14 change the audio cassette. It will take
15 just one moment.

16 MR. WOOD: Did we ever find it?

17 MR. KANE: No. I can't put my
18 finger on it. I will send it to you.

19 THE WITNESS: Well, we have
20 never, knowingly to me, ever solicited any
21 funds from the public.

22 It was not the intent and is not
23 the intent. In fact, we may even not accept
24 funds from the public because of the
25 innuendoes that seem to be cast upon that.

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1 MR. WOOD: So that we are clear,
2 too, and Mr. Kane, you do not have this
3 alleged --

4 MR. KANE: I have --

5 MR. WOOD: Excuse me, let me
6 finish.

7 MR. KANE: Okay.

8 MR. WOOD: You do not have as
9 you represented or at least thought, you do
10 not have here today this public relations ad
11 or whatever you called it claiming that John
12 and Patsy were soliciting public funds? You
13 said you would look for it, and send it to
14 me.

15 MR. KANE: Yes. It is on my
16 computer somewhere, and I can't find it.

17 Q. (By Mr. Levin) Mr. Ramsey, when
18 you came home on the 25th, do you recall if
19 you threw your clothes down the chute to the
20 second floor where someone who might have
21 been in the house would have access to them?
22 Can you tell us who might have done that?

23 A. Who knows. I don't know.

24 Q. I understand it is tough.

25 A. I really don't. Yeah, I don't

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1 know.

2 MR. WOOD: I mean, you asked for
3 his clothes in December of '97, you got them
4 in January of '98. Why, for the love of
5 common sense and logic, wouldn't you have
6 asked him about that in June of 1998 when
7 his memory was a lot more fresh, at least
8 fresher than it is now two plus years later?
9 But, you know, that's just a part of the
10 ongoing mystery of some of the aspects of
11 the case, I guess, in terms of the
12 investigation.

13 Q. (By Mr. Levin) Wool shirts, would
14 those normally go out to the cleaners or
15 would it depend? Even now, what is your
16 family practice?

17 A. Well, if it is a dry-cleaning
18 item, we'd normally send it directly to the
19 dry cleaners. Once in a while they get
20 thrown in by mistake, but particularly if it
21 is a shirt.

22 Q. Your dry-cleaning items, would you
23 just throw them down the chute and let Linda
24 sort them out, this is dry-cleaning, this
25 gets washed or would you separate them up
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1 front and keep them in a separate place, if
2 you recall?

3 A. I don't -- I am trying to
4 remember where the laundry chute went to. I
5 mean, it probably -- I wasn't that organized
6 to separate things out like that as a normal
7 course of business.

8 MR. BECKNER: Did you ask what he
9 did on that particular night with the shirt?
10 I missed that.

11 THE WITNESS: Frankly, I don't
12 remember.

13 MR. LEVIN: I thought I had asked
14 you. I wasn't sure if that was clear.

15 THE WITNESS: I mean, typically
16 if it is a wool shirt, something that does
17 require dry-cleaning, I try to get several
18 cycles out of it, but I don't remember.

19 MR. BECKNER: What was your

20 normal routine?

21 THE WITNESS: Well, normally, I
22 would --

23 MR. WOOD: About dry-cleaning?

24 MR. BECKNER: No.

25 THE WITNESS: -- I would hang
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1 onto it. If it was something I wanted to

2 wear again, I'd hang it, I'd try to, I'd

3 usually hang it up. Sometimes I would put

4 it on a chair. But I wasn't religious about

5 that. I would normally try to hang it up.

6 Q. (By Chief Beckner) Let me be

7 more specific. Would you throw your clothes

8 on the floor typically in a pile?

9 A. Well, no, not, not if I was, if

10 I was going to wear it again. If it was

11 headed for the laundry, you know, it could

12 end up on the floor before it ended up in

13 the laundry chute, but if I intend to wear

14 it again, if it was a suit or sweater, or

15 something like that, I normally wouldn't

16 throw it on the floor.

17 MR. WOOD: Have we finished that

18 area of questioning because it seemed like

19 maybe it is a good time to take a short

20 break.

21 MR. LEVIN: I am finished with

22 that area.

23 MR. WOOD: Is that okay for

24 everybody to take a short break?

25 MR. LEVIN: That is good.

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1 MR. WOOD: Any guesstimate on

2 time?

3 MR. LEVIN: How about if we

4 discuss it during the break.

5 MR. WOOD: I am not looking to

6 force you to answer, but curious for lunch

7 plans.

8 MR. LEVIN: Certainly as a courtesy

9 we will tell you. Let us talk about it and

10 we will let you know.

11 (WHEREUPON, a brief recess was

12 taken.)

13 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: All ready.

14 MR. KANE: Shall I go? Okay.

15 Q. (By Mr. Kane) Mr. Ramsey, after

16 December 26, 1996, did you ever go back in

17 the house?

18 A. No.

19 Q. You never were in it after that?

20 A. No.

21 Q. Did you ever go back to the

22 house?

23 A. I think I drove by it, but I

24 never went back to the house.

25 Q. You mentioned Dorothy Allison

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1 earlier. Is this Dorothy Allison the

2 psychic, she is now dead?

3 A. As far as I know. I heard she

4 is dead.

5 Q. Well, I said that. That wasn't a

6 question. Dorothy Allison is the Dorothy

7 Allison who was a psychic that's made

8 comments about this?

9 A. As far as I know. I never laid

10 eyes on Dorothy Allison, nor heard her. She

11 was on a television program about this case,

12 and we received information as a result of

13 some things she said in terms of leads.

14 Q. Okay. And that was part of that

15 packet you handed in there?

16 A. Uh-huh (affirmative).

17 Q. There was a sketch that was made

18 based on a description that she --

19 A. Right.

20 Q. -- created. Are you aware of

21 that, that sketch?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Have you gotten any leads as a

24 result of that sketch?

25 A. We have gotten -- I know the lead

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1 level went up dramatically when we put that

2 out there, and I think the reason for

3 putting it out there was to keep things

4 stirred up. One of our objectives certainly
5 has been to keep this active in the public's
6 mind.

7 Q. So after that --

8 A. Yeah, we got a lot of leads after
9 that.

10 Q. When you say you put it out
11 there, what do you mean?

12 A. It was put on our website by the
13 investigators.

14 Q. Okay. And you say after that, it
15 got put on your website, you got a lot
16 of --

17 A. Yeah.

18 Q. And is that still on your
19 website?

20 A. I haven't looked, but I don't
21 believe so.

22 Q. Why is that?

23 A. We are trying to keep the website
24 active so people come back. The whole
25 objective here is to keep it stirred up,
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1 keep it active.

2 Q. Is the ransom note on the
3 website?

4 A. It was -- well, the ransom note?

5 No, I don't think so. No, not that I know
6 of. I mean, I haven't seen it there.

7 Q. Was that a conscious decision not
8 to put it on?

9 A. I wasn't directly involved with
10 what went on that website from the beginning.
11 I don't know if it was a conscious decision
12 or not.

13 MR. WOOD: I think Ollie would
14 probably know.

15 THE WITNESS: I think it's on the
16 web in other places, I've been told.

17 Q. (By Mr. Kane) Have you been
18 involved in any efforts to publicize the
19 ransom note?

20 A. No. Not -- we wanted it released
21 early on based on strong recommendations that

22 that be done, but --

23 Q. But you haven't, yourself,

24 promoted that or anything?

25 A. Uh-uh (indicating negatively).

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1 Q. Have you gotten anybody in the

2 last two years who has contacted you saying

3 they recognize the handwriting?

4 A. We have gotten, we have gotten

5 handwriting samples from people that say this

6 looks familiar. The woman that turned her

7 ex-husband in sent us a volume of his

8 handwriting samples.

9 Q. Well, she was dismissed on other

10 grounds, from what I understand?

11 A. Well, yes.

12 Q. Was there anybody else besides her

13 who submitted handwriting?

14 MR. WOOD: I told you about the

15 Fleet White package that I received.

16 MR. KANE: Yes. That is right.

17 Fleet White.

18 MR. LEVIN: If I can interrupt

19 for just a second, that's based on

20 linguistics, though, if I understood you?

21 MR. WOOD: To tell you the truth,

22 I haven't, other than to recognize what it

23 was, I did not try to study it. So I

24 wouldn't -- my impression was initially it

25 was linguistics, but it might be, it might

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1 reference handwriting.

2 MR. KANE: Was that a handwritten

3 note or something of Fleet or --

4 MR. WOOD: No. It's about an

5 inch and a half thick report.

6 MR. KANE: Okay. But it's not

7 handwritten, I was talking about handwriting

8 here, was that in here?

9 MR. WOOD: That is what I was

10 telling Bruce. I didn't study it other than

11 to recognize that it was someone sending me

12 an analysis of Fleet White's writings. And

13 whether it is limited to linguistics or

14 whether it goes into the handwriting issue, I
15 wouldn't state on the record without being
16 certain, but I will get that to you all and
17 you will know exactly what it is.
18 Q. (By Mr. Kane) So, I'm sorry, YOU
19 were saying, you said the Allison woman.
20 Anybody else whose handwriting has been
21 submitted based on -- well, by anybody?
22 A. Well, we received a package that
23 was delivered anonymously, which I believe we
24 turned over to police a couple of years ago.
25 I don't know. It's been --
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1 Q. I mean, to your recollection, has
2 there been any handwriting you received as a
3 result of the massive publicity about the
4 handwriting, or about the ransom note?

5 A. Is there any? Yeah, yeah.

6 Q. You received that or your
7 investigators have?

8 A. Yeah, as far as I know.

9 Q. Have you had any of that analyzed
10 by any experts?

11 A. I know early on we had Chris
12 Wolf's handwriting looked at. I know we had
13 them look at several.

14 Q. There have been others that have
15 been looked at by your experts?

16 A. As far as I know.

17 Q. Which experts are these now? I
18 am aware of Mr. Ryle and Mr. Cunningham.

19 A. As far as I know, that is who
20 looked at it.

21 Q. And when you say as far as you
22 know, I mean, have you talked to them about
23 their --

24 A. I've never talked to Ryle and
25 Cunningham directly.

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1 Q. Have you received information
2 about them, because I am not aware that they
3 looked at any others when I asked them
4 besides Chris Wolf? Have you received
5 information that they have, in fact, looked

6 at those?

7 A. I have not received information.

8 It is my impression that they have, yes.

9 Q. What was that impression based
10 upon?

11 A. The thousands and thousands of
12 information bits that hit me every day from
13 everywhere.

14 I don't know. Ask them.

15 Q. (By Mr. Beckner) You mentioned
16 Chris Wolf. Did you know Chris Wolf prior
17 to the death of your daughter?

18 A. No.

19 Q. (By Chief Beckner) Had you ever
20 heard of Chris Wolf?

21 A. No.

22 MR. WOOD: There is some
23 connection between Wolf and the Colorado
24 University. Somebody has indicated that
25 there may have been.

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1 MR. WICKMAN: I thought that he
2 had been to a class.

3 MR. KANE: I lost my place here.

4 Q. (By Mr. Kane) You are aware of
5 Jackie Dilson?

6 A. Uh-huh (affirmative).

7 Q. Have you ever spoken with Jackie
8 Dilson yourself?

9 A. Not directly, I don't believe.

10 We got a videotaped message from her months
11 ago, and that's the first time I had ever
12 seen her.

13 Q. So you never had an one-on-one
14 conversation with her?

15 A. No. Our investigators had, I
16 know, at some length.

17 Q. Do you recall, when you left
18 Jalleo, is that how you pronounce it?

19 A. Jalleo.

20 Q. Jalleo. Jim Marino was quoted in
21 the Denver papers about your leaving. Do
22 you remember that at all?

23 A. No, I don't remember the

24 quote.

25 MR. WOOD: Do you have a quote
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1 you can put in front of him to look at to
2 refresh him?

3 MR. KANE: I just asked him if
4 he would remember it.

5 MR. WOOD: Why don't you tell him
6 what the quote was. Maybe he will remember.

7 (By Mr. Kane) Well, he said that
8 you had left Jalleo to concentrate on the
9 investigation, that he had spoken to you the
10 week before?

11 A. I left Jalleo because of the
12 tarnished reputation that had been laid upon
13 me was detrimental to the business.

14 Q. Okay. So it didn't have anything
15 to do with spending more time on the
16 investigation?

17 A. No.

18 Q. You also said that you had gotten
19 a lot of, maybe not a lot, but you got
20 experts to volunteer their time on the case.

21 Who are those people? I never heard a name,
22 but that statement.

23 A. Well, it was part of the group
24 that we asked to present to you in January.
25 John Douglas spent time on it. We have a
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1 number of psychologists that have offered
2 their help.

3 Q. Do you know who they are?

4 A. Well, one of the letters I have
5 is in the file. We can certainly provide
6 that to you.

7 Q. I will be honest with you, when I
8 got the letter in January, the only person
9 who was mentioned in there was Kris Sperry.

10 A. My impression was that it was a
11 group of people who had looked at it. It
12 was being led by John -- wasn't Wardman. He
13 used to be a -- whether it is a prosecutor
14 in Denver or not, but I met with him a
15 couple of times.

16 Q. Was he the one from Oregon?

17 A. Yes. I cannot remember the name.

18 But he had a medical associate that was

19 involved with it, I know, out of New Mexico,

20 I think.

21 Q. What was that person's

22 involvement?

23 A. He was a, I believe -- I believe

24 he was a --

25 MR. LEVIN: Forensic pathologist?

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1 That is Sperry. Out of New Mexico?

2 THE WITNESS: There is another

3 guy.

4 MR. RAMSEY: There are several --

5 MR. LEVIN: Sperry worked in New

6 Mexico on an Indian reservation to pay off

7 his student loans many years ago.

8 THE WITNESS: No. This is a guy

9 who I believe currently lives in New Mexico.

10 It's not Sperry. I can get you their names.

11 I just don't remember off the top of my

12 head. This was a year ago.

13 Q. (By Mr. Kane) Why did you write

14 the book?

15 A. Needed the money. First of all,

16 we wanted to tell our story. We had been

17 lied about in the press for three years. We

18 wanted to address every one of the media

19 myths that were out there. We wanted one

20 place that the truth was encapsulated. And

21 we wanted to find the killer of our

22 daughter.

23 Q. So by publicizing information, you

24 thought it would generate --

25 A. Yeah.

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1 Q. Okay. Why did you decline to put

2 in anything about your own investigation?

3 A. One of the problems we had with

4 the book is it got way too big. I know

5 that. And we had to cut a lot.

6 Q. Why did you decide to cut that?

7 A. I don't know that we cut that at

8 all. I don't remember if it was in there
9 to start with.

10 Q. Well, you made a statement about
11 it.

12 MR. WOOD: What page?

13 THE WITNESS: What's the point?

14 MR. KANE: On page, it's 373.

15 Q. (By Mr. Kane) You say to avoid an
16 accusation of grand standing from the media,
17 not much will be said outside of a close
18 circle about our own efforts to find the
19 killer.

20 A. And not much has been said about
21 it.

22 MR. WOOD: Doesn't that answer
23 your question then?

24 Q. (By Mr. Kane) Well, was that, I
25 mean, was that the reason --
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1 A. Yes.

2 Q. -- because you didn't want to be
3 accused of grand standing?

4 A. We have been in a position, and
5 we have been for the past three and a half
6 years, where we are damned if we do, damned
7 if we don't. And that was our position.

8 Q. Do you still consider Priscilla
9 White to be a suspect?

10 A. I never considered either of the
11 Whites to be a suspect. Their behavior
12 post-December '96 was very, very strange.
13 And that -- we were frightened of it, pure
14 and simple.

15 MR. WOOD: Did they ever --

16 THE WITNESS: But I -- you know,
17 we were at their home that evening, they
18 were in good spirits, they had relatives
19 there, I had no reason to consider them
20 suspects.

21 MR. WOOD: All of their letters,
22 you made mention of this, and it now has
23 struck that cord with me on handwriting, it
24 seems that all of Fleet's and Priscilla's
25 joint letters have been typed. Do you all

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1 I have handwriting on Fleet White?

2 MR. KANE: I am sure we do. I

3 know we do.

4 (By Mr. Kane) Maybe the word

5 suspect then needs to be defined. Do you

6 today think there is a possibility that

7 Priscilla White killed your daughter?

8 A. We have not eliminated anyone in

9 our minds. We have become suspicious of

10 everyone. And that's how I feel.

11 Q. Is there anything, other than what

12 you described on several occasions about what

13 happened down in Atlanta around the time of

14 the funeral, is there anything other than

15 that that would suggest --

16 A. Yeah. God, he is in the paper

17 every few months with some 20 page letter.

18 I just think that -- I don't understand it.

19 I can't explain it. I don't know if he --

20 I mean, it was a traumatic event. They were

21 there. I don't know. But our feeling was

22 that their behavior was frightening.

23 MR. WOOD: You all are aware that

24 there is a problem exists between the libel

25 charges and all of the background behind

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1 that?

2 MR. KANE: Yes.

3 MR. WOOD: So all of that, for

4 whatever reason, is bizarre.

5 THE WITNESS: But it makes no

6 sense.

7 MR. WOOD: Or for whatever

8 reason. I am not suggesting bizarre to any

9 individual, but the whole thing is bizarre.

10 Q. (By Mr. Levin) Mr. Ramsey, I

11 don't know for a fact it has been answered,

12 so if the question sounds kind of naive,

13 bear with me. Neither Priscilla nor Fleet,

14 since '98, have made any attempts to contact

15 you, reconcile, restore your friendship, have

16 they?

17 A. Well, they -- we were staying at

18 the Stein's, and they apparently, I learned
19 later, approached Susan, asked to meet with
20 us. And she refused. I wasn't aware of
21 that at the time. There would have been no
22 reason to do that. But maybe that added
23 fuel to the fire. I don't know. From
24 their perspective.

25 But I had written Fleet. I had
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1 a sail off of a sailboard that belonged to
2 him that got packed inadvertently. And I
3 sent it back to him with a note, don't
4 believe what you've read in the media.
5 He burst in on me one day when I
6 was meeting with our minister, and I talked
7 to him then. But other than that --

8 Q. But nothing in '99 or since June
9 of '98 --

10 A. No.

11 Q. -- no attempts or no letters from
12 them to renew --

13 A. No.

14 Q. -- your friendship?

15 A. No.

16 Q. (By Mr. Kane) Have you been
17 critical of the Boulder police for not
18 interviewing everyone who was around the
19 neighborhood?

20 A. I have been told that that wasn't
21 done at the beginning, and I had been
22 critical of that, yes.

23 Q. The people who were not
24 interviewed, have your investigators
25 interviewed them?

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1 MR. WOOD: Hold on one second.
2 I think you are comparing apples and oranges,
3 slightly. If I understood your question, you
4 are asking, was he critical of the fact they
5 weren't interviewed.

6 MR. KANE: Yeah.

7 MR. WOOD: And I think his answer
8 was, yes, that they weren't interviewed early
9 on. And obviously the opportunity for his

10 investigators to interview them early on, you
11 know, is lost.

12 THE WITNESS: My understanding is
13 the information we sent to Chief Beckner was
14 a list of people that we were aware of that
15 hadn't been talked to, and I believe the
16 Chief said he had, that that had been done.

17 So --

18 Q. (By Mr. Kane) Have any of your
19 investigators interviewed any of those people
20 themselves?

21 A. I know they have interviewed a
22 number of people. I don't know if they have
23 interviewed all of them. I mean, ask our
24 investigator.

25 Q. Mr. Ramsey, to follow up on the
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1 neighborhood, it was brought to my
2 attention --

3 THE WITNESS: Do we want an
4 answer to that question or not?

5 MR. WOOD: If you all make your
6 list, add that to the list when all is said
7 and done, and I will consider it and get you
8 an answer if it is appropriate. It probably
9 will be.

10 Q. (By Mr. Levin) It was brought to
11 my attention fairly recently that a woman I
12 believe named Jean Fortier, F-o-r-t-i-e-r, for
13 the reporter, who are the parents of some
14 children who were over your house on
15 Christmas, and they, they, she, excuse me,
16 said that her children reported to her at
17 Christmas day when they went over to play,
18 they played with Burke but that JonBenet did
19 not play because she was sick. I hadn't
20 heard that before. Is that nonsense?

21 A. Absolutely. I don't know who
22 that is, but we had a whole parcel of kids
23 there all day.

24 MR. KANE: I have to bolt.

25 MR. LEVIN: Do you have anything
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1 left?

2 MR. KANE: No.

3 MR. LEVIN: Mike's got to catch a
4 plane.

5 (WHEREUPON, Mr. Kane left the
6 interview.)

7 Q. (By Chief Beckner) What about
8 your relationship with John and Barbara
9 Furnham --

10 A. It was -- they were good friends.

11 We spent a fair amount of time together.

12 They were good family friends.

13 Q. Are they still good friends?

14 A. Well, we certainly consider them
15 friends. Barbara had some emotional problems
16 before this all happened, and John wrote us,
17 I don't know, I guess months later and said
18 that Barbara is having difficulty dealing
19 with this and please ask Patsy not to write
20 her or respond to her.

21 I have talked to John a few
22 times, but not, not recently.

23 Q. Since June of '98, have you
24 talked to John?

25 A. Possibly. I don't remember
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1 specifically, but I have talked to him
2 probably twice, I guess.

3 Q. By telephone?

4 A. By telephone.

5 Q. (By Mr. Wickman) John, I asked
6 this of Patsy earlier this morning. Since
7 you relocated to Atlanta, have there been any
8 threats to you, to her, or to Burke?

9 A. There have been. In fact, I just
10 got one last night on the internet. The guy
11 was in New York and said if I ever came to
12 New York, I was done for.

13 We've had people come to our
14 door -- I mean to our home. We put a gate
15 up. But what has been uplifting for us is
16 that, in the last three and a half years,
17 virtually everyone who has approached us has
18 been kind and sympathetic.

19 But we would get occasional hate

20 letters. We haven't gotten many, haven't
21 gotten too many recently other than the one
22 last night.

23 Q. I was in discussion with an
24 Atlanta detective probably a year and a half
25 ago about some guy beating on your door in
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1 order to meet somebody -- I don't know if it
2 was you or Patsy -- at the club or
3 something. Do you remember that?

4 A. Yeah. Yeah. I remember that.

5 That was one of the, he rang our doorbell
6 basically at 2:00 in the morning and said, I
7 saw the lights were on so I figured we were
8 up. We had an intercom system. He said I
9 have got critical information. Well, it's
10 2:00, we will meet you. I think he said
11 yes to that and we called the Atlanta police
12 and I guess they contacted you.

13 Q. Yeah, and I don't remember, but I
14 don't think it panned out.

15 A. No. The Atlanta police came back
16 that afternoon and said the guy was
17 certifiable, and we never heard from him
18 again.

19 Q. (By Mr. Levin) Mr. Ramsey, your
20 wife told us that there was a college
21 student that was staying with the Steins, I
22 believe, named Nathan Inouwe?

23 MR. WOOD: It was a reference in
24 the book.

25 Q. (By Mr. Levin) Okay. Had you,
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1 prior to the murder of your daughter, had
2 you had any contact with him?

3 A. Yeah. We would see him at their
4 house. He would drive the kids to school
5 occasionally in a carpool, Patsy would take
6 them, sometimes, Susan would sometimes or
7 Nathan would take them.

8 Q. Was there anything unusual about
9 his conduct -- and I am asking for your
10 contemporaneous impression, and then I'm going
11 to ask you about the post-murder impression.

12 Your contemporaneous impression of Mr. Inouwe
13 I assume was favorable if you let him drive
14 your kids to school?

15 A. Yes. He was a very, very kind,
16 nice person.

17 Q. Keeping in mind that you told us
18 that you are suspicious of everyone, is there
19 anything in particular about Mr. Inouwe,
20 using the power of hindsight, that causes you
21 today to be particularly suspicious of him?

22 A. Nothing specifically in terms of
23 his actions or what he said. Have I
24 eliminated him? No, I haven't. I thought
25 about that from time to time, but I don't
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1 consider him of strong, strong interest.

2 Q. We asked Mrs. Ramsey about the
3 Bloomi's underpants that JonBenet was wearing
4 when she was found murdered, and we are
5 trying to kind of track those from purchase
6 to her. And again, I suspect you probably
7 don't have detailed information --

8 A. No.

9 Q. -- about your child's underwear,
10 but you can see why I need to ask the
11 questions; right?

12 A. Right.

13 Q. We believe that they were
14 purchased in November of 1996. Were you
15 aware of their existence before JonBenet's
16 death?

17 A. No, but I wouldn't have been.

18 But I mean, I -- what I know is what was
19 asked of Patsy when she said, you know, we
20 were on a trip to New York. She bought
21 them and I think had planned to give them to
22 her niece, who is older than JonBenet, and
23 then they, for some reason, decided that
24 JonBenet would have them. I don't know if
25 she wanted them or if Patsy gave them to

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1 her, but --

2 Q. The niece that they were purchased
3 for, I think, was Jenny Davis?

4 A. Uh-huh (affirmative).

5 Q. Do you recall approximately how
6 big she was in 1996? I know it is a tough
7 question.

8 A. She's either a junior or a senior
9 in high school now. And she's fairly
10 stocky.

11 Q. Was there anything about the
12 Bloomi's underwear that was particularly,
13 other than the fact that they come from
14 Bloomingdale's, fascinating that caused them
15 to be, you know, JonBenet would talk about
16 them or something, like I have these cool
17 panties that have the days of the week,
18 anything that would direct your attention to
19 them?

20 A. No, no.

21 Q. As far as the size, they were for
22 an 85-pound girl. Were you aware she was
23 wearing these real big panties?

24 A. Only after the fact.

25 Q. After the fact?

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1 A. Yeah.

2 Q. Our information that we developed
3 from the grand, well -- after the grand
4 jury, actually, were you unaware of any
5 incident where JonBenet had any accidents at
6 school where she would have to go into the
7 extra panty box that most grammar schools
8 keep for young kids? Do you have a memory
9 of an incident that is contrary to that?

10 A. At school?

11 Q. Yes.

12 A. No.

13 Q. (By Chief Beckner) Did you, the
14 night of the 25th, did you help undress
15 JonBenet?

16 A. I did. I think I was asked that
17 before, but I don't -- I mean, I at least
18 took her shoes off, I believe, later on. I
19 carried her upstairs, laid her in bed, took
20 her shoes off. I don't know if I took her
21 coat off.

22 Usually what I would do is try to
23 get her semi-ready for bed because it wasn't
24 infrequent she would fall to sleep when we
25 came home like that, before we got home.
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1 Patsy would come in, get her in bed totally.

2 Q. I guess what I mean is, did you
3 notice at that time whether she was or was
4 not wearing underwear?

5 A. I mean, I think I would have
6 noticed if she wasn't. But I don't
7 remember. I really don't.

8 Q. Do you recall if you took her
9 underwear off?

10 A. No, I'm sure I did not.

11 MR. LEVIN: Mr. Wickman?

12 Questions?

13 MS. HARMER: Nothing.

14 MR. LEVIN: I think we are done.

15 MR. WOOD: All right.

16 MR. LEVIN: Thank you for talking
17 to us.

18 MR. BECKNER: Thank you for your
19 time.

20 THE WITNESS: You are welcome.

21 Thanks for coming out.

22 (Whereupon, the interview of JOHN

23 RAMSEY was concluded.)

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