

February 26, 1999

Detective Michael Hammel
CIB / Homicide Unit
and
Vicki Wash
Assistant State's Attorney

With reference to CC# 98-8K-17586, I spoke with the following authorities:

1. Dr. William F. Gimpel, Jr. [REDACTED]
Administrator of Plant Protection and Weed Management
Department of Agriculture
50 Harry Truman Parkway
Room 345
Annapolis, Maryland
(His staff would prefer not to work with vacuum samples. He gave reference to Smithsonian Botany Department.)
2. Mr. Stanley Yankowski [REDACTED]
Department of Botany
166 Natural History Building
Smithsonian Institute
Washington, DC 20560-0166
(Actually spoke with his co-worker Ms. Deborah Bell [REDACTED], to whom Mr. Yankowski stated that he would look at samples.)
3. (Left voice message)
Dr. Liz Zimmer [REDACTED]
Molecular Systematics
Smithsonian Institute
(Can she offer molecular comparison of vacuum samples to leaves from victim??)
4. Frank Chiafari [REDACTED]
Baltimore Rh Typing Laboratory
(I am still waiting for the name and telephone number of the source he has contact with.)

Please remember that the commonalty of trees in the Baltimore City area will remain a limiting factor in relating the vegetation from the suspected vehicle to the vegetation recovered around the victim.

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