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Washington, D.C. 20535

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Colonel Daniel Marvin
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Subject of Request: William Bruce Pitzer

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WILLIAM BRUCE PITZER, VICIM-CGR-DEATH BY GUNSHOT WOUND.

RE. BA TEL TEN THIRTY INSTANT.

H.B.LOWSMA, LT. COMMAMDER,U.S. NAVY,NAVY MEDICAL SCHOOL,BETHESDA, MD., WHO PATICAPATED IN AUTOPSY ON DECEASED THIS A.M. ADVISED AS FOLLOWS:

HIS PRELIMINARY OPION PRIOR TO COMPLETION TO ALL LABORATORY EXAMINATIONS WHICH WILL NOT BE COMPLETED FOR AT LEAST A WEEK IS THAT DEATH WAS CAUSED BY GUN SHOT WOUND IN HEAD, FROM RIGHT TEMPLE EXITING NEAR LEFT TEMPLE, WHICH IS NOT INCONSISTENT WITH SELF INFLECTED SHOT FROM PISTOL. GUN NOT RESTING AGAINST HEAD WHEN SHOT FIRED AND HE COULD NOT ESTAMATE THE DISTANCE AWAY. NO MARKES ON BODY NOT ATTRIBUTABLE TO GUN SHOT WOUND. ST-102 [redacted] 70-11229-

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b7C [redacted] DECEASED INTERVIEWED AND COULD FURNISH NO BASIS TO SUSPECT FOUL PLAY OR REASONS FOR SUICIDE.

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NAVAL INVESTIGATIVE SERVICE OFFICE WASHINGTON
WASHINGTON NAVY YARD
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20390

IN REPLY REFER TO:
20-BE/DEA/js
Ser: 11[illegible]

1 November 1966

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Attention: FBI Laboratory

Re: PITZER, William Bruce (deceased)
LCDR, USN, 416681
Death by gunshot wound
CCN: 10-29-66/20-0060-7S(NA)

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Enclosed herewith for examination is the evidence described below:

Item 1. A .38 caliber Smith & Wesson (S & W) revolver, military issue, serial #311546 found near the body.

Item 2. A .38 caliber S & W, Western, cartridge case found in the weapon (Item 1 in the cylinder positioned under the hammer).

Item 3. A .38 caliber S & W, Western, bullet found in the cylinder of Item 1 in the next firing position.

Item 4. A .38 caliber S & W, (R-P) blank cartridge found in the cylinder of Item 1 in the second firing position.

Item 5. Spent projectile found at the scene.

Item 6. Envelope containing three .38 caliber S & W blank cartridges found on deceased's desk.

Item 7. A pair of eye glasses found in vicinity of the body.

Item 8. Dented section of blackboard located near the body.

Item 9. Four notes containing apparent work notations found near the body.

Item 10. 8" X 10½" lined note pad found on chair near body.

Item 11. A blue grease pencil found on chair next to Item 10.

Copy & Specs retained in Lab for Lab action & report

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Items 12. Fourteen latent prints lifted from two chairs and three beer cans at the scene.

Item 13. Work note found on the desk of the deceased's assistant.

Item 14. Same as Item 13 above.

Item 15. Half of a paraffin cast of the deceased's right hand prepared at time of autopsy.

Item 16. The other half of paraffin cast (See Item 15 above).

Item 17. Samples of paraffin used in obtaining Items 15 and 16 above.

Item 18. Twenty-one cards containing finger and palm prints taken from the body.

At 7:50 P. M., on 29 October 1966, PITZER was found dead in the Television Studios of the Television Division of the Naval Medical School (NMS), National Naval Medical Center (NNMC), Bethesda, Maryland. Autopsy conducted at NNMC determined death resulted from gun shot wound, the bullet entering at the right temple and exiting at a point slightly to the rear and slightly above the left temple. Deceased was determined to be right-handed.

A weapon, (Item 1), was found near the body and was determined to have been obtained from the NNMC Security Office on 12 October 1966, along with six blank cartridges, for the deceased's use as a training aid. In this capacity, at least one blank cartridge is known to have been discharged in the weapon on 24 October 1966. Items 2, 3 and 4 were found in the cylinder of the weapon. Items 5 and 7 were found in the vicinity of the body. Three blank cartridges, (Item 6), were found in an envelope on the deceased's desk. An area of a blackboard, located at the scene, was found to have been dented, possible by the projectile after passage through the skull of the deceased, and this dented section (Item 8), was removed for the requested examination below. Various work notes, an 8" X 10½" pad, a blue grease pencil and other notes setting forth instructions to a subordinate were found near the body and in the general area. Two wooden chairs and three beer cans at the scene were processed for latent fingerprints. Paraffin casts of the deceased's right hand were made at the time of autopsy; and palm and fingerprint impressions were subsequently taken from the body.

The body of the deceased was found lying face down between two wooden chairs with the head extending under the lower rung of two alumimum step ladders which were leaning against a foundation post. Extensive examination of the scene failed to determine what the projectile struck resulting in the extensive indentation.

Victim was last known to be alive when he was seen at approximately 3:50 P. M. purchasing a package of cigarettes. Medical examination shortly after the body

was found indicated that he had been dead approximately four hours.

Autopsy surgeon advised it was his opinion that the barrel of the weapon was not resting against the head when it was fired and that he found no pattern of powder burn or powder particles embedded in the skin around the entrance of the wound. He stated the weapon could have been very slightly away from the head which could have caused this condition or it was a sufficient distance away from the head that there was no flesh burn or embedded powder particles. He stated this distance could depend upon the capability of the charge of the type of ammunition used to cause this condition.

Deceased was a male, caucasian born 13 April 1917 at Gerrardstown, West Virginia. He was married, 5' 8" in height, weight 150 pounds, gray hair, blue eyes and of medium build.

It is requested that the enclosed items be forwarded the following examinations:

Item 1 (a) Process for latent fingerprints
(b) Comparative ballistic check with Item 5.
(c) Test fire Item 1 with same type of ammunition as Items 2 & 3 to determine distance away from the skull at which the charge would fail to leave powder burns or embedded powder particles.

Item 2. (a) Process for latent fingerprints.
(b) Establish if this Item was fired in Item 1.
(c) Was item 5 fired from this item.

Item 3. (a) Process for latent prints.

Item 4. (a) Process for latent prints.

Item 5. (a) Was this projectile fired from Item 1.
(b) Examine for all foreign matter on the surface with particular attention to determination as to what the projectile struck and if it struck Item 8.

Item 6. (a) Process for latent prints.
(b) Were these items ever in Item 1.

Item 7. (a) Process for latent prints.
(b) Determine prescription

Item 8. (a) See request set forth in Item 5 (b).

Items 9, 10, 13 and 14. (a) Process for latent prints.
(b) Process for any invisible writing

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Item 11. (a) Process for latent prints
(b) Did this instrument write all notes (Items 9, 10, 13, 14 and particularly Item 14).

Item 12. (a) Are these latent prints identical to deceased

Items 15, 16, 17. (a) Determine if this hand had held a gun that had been fired.
(b) Determine nature of any foreign substance in this hand.

Item 18. (a) This item is provided for assistance in identifying deceased finger and palm prints on all appropriate items particularly Item 1.

This evidence is submitted in connection with a criminal matter. The evidence has not been examined by any other expert, nor will it be submitted to any other expert in the same technical field.

Very truly yours,

H. H. RUMBLE, II
CDR, USN
By direction

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DOCUMENT

FINGERPRINT

Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: PITZER, William Bruce (deceased)
LCDR, USN, 416681
Death by gunshot wound
CCN: 10-29-66/20-0060-7S(NA)

File # 70-94229-2
Lab. # PC-95420 AR GH B
D-51949/ IL

Examination requested by: (see below)

Examination requested: Firearms(G&A)(GPT)-Spectro-Document-Fingerprint-Misc.

Date received: 11-2 per del

Result of Examination:

Examination by: [redacted]

Naval Investigative Service Office Washington
Washington Navy Yard
Washington, D. C. 20390

Attention: Mr. H. H. Rumble, III
CDR, USN

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cc - FBI Baltimore w/ copy of memo

Evid personally delivered by Special Agent [redacted] on 11-2

Specimens submitted for examination

Q1 Cartridge case (2)
Q2 Bullet (5)
Q3-Q5 Three blank cartridges (6)
Q6 Eyeglasses (7)
Q7 Piece of blackboard (8)
Q8-Q11 Four notes (9)
Q12 Note (13)
Q13 Note (14)
Q14 Paraffin cast of right hand (15-16)
Q15 Note pad (10)

K1 .38 [redacted] caliber Smith and Wesson revolver, Serial Number 311546 (1)
K2 Grease pencil (11)
K3 Sample of paraffin (17)

Also Submitted: Cartridge (3)
Blank cartridge (4)
Fourteen latent lifts (12)
Twenty-one fingerprint cards

11-28-66 GAB

G7, G7.6 IN - ... in tab - ITPS ...

... Willi ...

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Q1- 38 S+W Western cart. case.
Mked Q1 GB

Identd K1 photoed

Q2- WT- 147 grs.
Bullet extremely mut.
Based on contours, base -
Cal. 38 S+W copper coated Ld. bullet
Mked Q2 GB
K1 is 38 Spl - however some 38 S+W carts. can be loaded in Cyl. w. difficulty.
Bone fragments on bullet
One side of bullet split open -
However no other material found to assoc. w. any other object bullet may have struck.
Due to mut. of Q2 micro. mks. NG for ident. purposes.
2 Ld. lines. same width as K1.

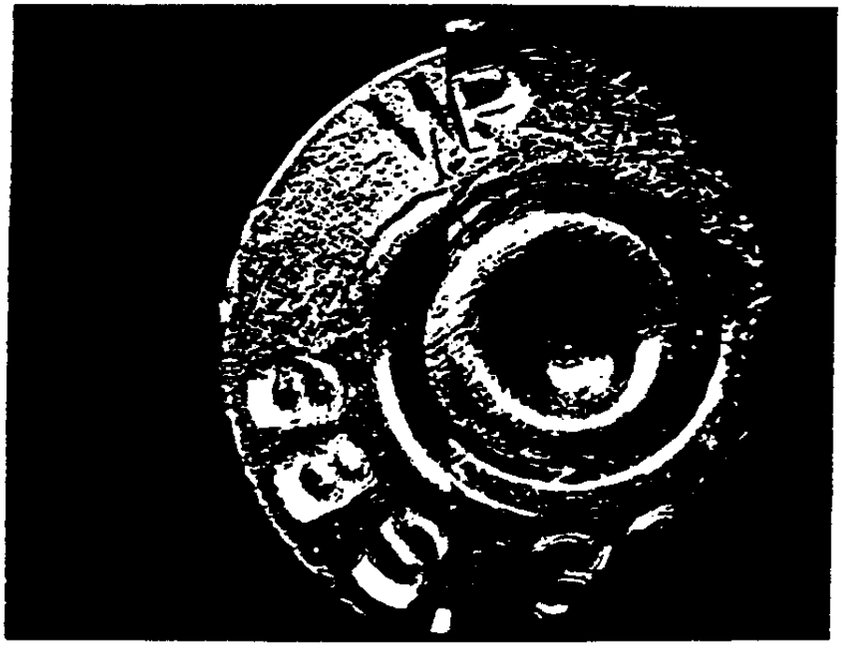
93-95- 3 cal. 38 S+W R-P blank carts.

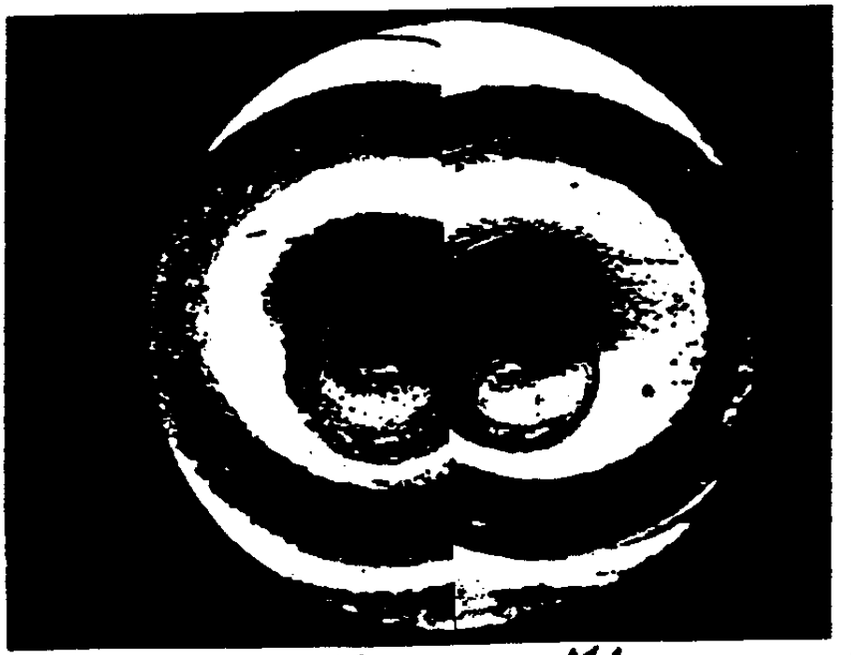
Item 3- Cal. 38 S+W Western cart. copper coated ld. bullet as qr.

Also ant cart.- 38 S+W R-P Blank.

38 S+W R-P blanks go into chamber sr. case.

38 S+W Western go in with extreme difficulty.





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Solution

The G6 eyeglasses are executive-type, bifocal glasses with American Optical "Smoked Gray" frames having 5 3/4" temples and a pupillary distance of 67 mm.

The prescription of the lenses is as follows:

	Sphere	Cylinder	Axis	add
Right	+.50	+.50	40°	+1.00
Left	+.75	+.75	0°	+1.00

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FINGERPRINT

Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: PITZER, William Bruce (deceased)
LCDR, USN, 416681
Death by gunshot wound
CCN: 10-29-66/20-0060-7S(NA)

File # 70-44229-5
Lab. # PC-95420 AR GH BV

Examination requested by: (see below)

Examination requested: Firearms(G&A)(GPT)-Spectro-Document-Fingerprint-Misc.

Date received: 11-2 per del

Result of Examination: (over)

Examination by: 11/14,15/66 [redacted]

Naval Investigative Service Office Washington
Washington Navy Yard
Washington, D. C. 20390

Attention: Mr. H. H. Rumble, III
CDR, USN

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Evid personally delivered by Special Agent [redacted] on 11-2

Specimens submitted for examination

Q1 Cartridge case (2)
Q2 Bullet (5)
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K3 Sample of paraffin (17)

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Fourteen latent lifts (12)
Twenty-one fingerprint cards

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Q6

	Sphere	Cylinder	Axis	Add
R	+.50	+.50	4°	+1.25
L	+.75	+.75	0°	+1.00

44 mm frame
23 mm bridge PD 67mm 5 3/4" Temples

Executive type bifocal glass
A/O frames "Smoked Grey"

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Laboratory Work Sheet

FINGERPRINT

Re: PITZER, William Bruce (deceased)
LCDR, USN, 416681
Death by gunshot wound
CCN: 10-29-66/20-0060-7S(NA)

File # 70-44[illegible]-2
Lab. # PC-95420 AR GH BV
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Examination requested by: (see below)

Examination requested: Firearms(G&A)(GPT)-Spectro-Document-Fingerprint-Misc.

Date received: 11-2 per del

Examination by: [redacted] b7C 11/4/66

Result of Examination:

Naval Investigative Service Office Washington
Washington Navy Yard
Washington, D. C. 20390

Attention: Mr. H. H. Rumble, III
CDR, USN

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Suite - see attached.

Specimens submitted for examination

Q1 Cartridge case (2)
Q2 Bullet (5)
Q3-Q5 Three blank cartridges (6)
Q6 Eyeglasses (7)
Q7 Piece of blackboard (8)
Q8-Q11 Four notes (9)
Q12 Note (13) ⇐ See reverse for description 28 + 213 11/15
Q13 Note (14) ⇐
Q14 Paraffin cast of right hand (15-16)
Q15 Note pad (10)

K1 .38 S&W caliber Smith and Wesson revolver, Serial Number 311546 (1)
K2 Grease pencil (11)
K3 Sample of paraffin (17)

Also Submitted: Cartridge (3)
Blank cartridge (4)
Fourteen latent lifts (12)
Twenty-one fingerprint cards

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Photo'd 10-4
Headprint photo'd 10

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Submitted on.

Q8) None

Q9) 138
Q10) 140
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Q10) None

Q11) Some indentations which appear same as shown on Q9

(Q12) No indented wr.

Q13) " " "

Q15) " " "

No differences noted in writing under magnification

Q8 - 7.9 X 10.45 X .0
no H2O mark.
Q9, Q10, Q11, Q12 and Q15
similar to Q8

Q13 - 3"x5" notepaper
paper - no H2O mark

K2

Q8) Sheet of tablet paper bearing handwriting "[redacted]ff
Q9) Sheet of (your 9) "Cpt [redacted] Office
Q10) Sheet of (your 9) " " " b7C " "Cls. [redacted]"
Q11) Sheet of (your 11) " " "C O's Office"
Q12) Sheet of (your 13) " " " beginning "[redacted]..." ending "... details P"
Q13) Sheet of note paper bearing handwriting beginning "[redacted] (your 14) remind" and ending "... Off. P"
Q15) Tablet consisting of numerous sheets of paper none of which bear handwriting (your 10)

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Results - Document Exam.

The writing on Q8 through Q13 is similar in all observable physical characteristics to writing prepared using the K2 pencil; however, because of the lack of sufficient identifying characteristics, it could not be determined whether K2, with the exclusion of all other similar pencils, was used in preparing the questioned writing on Q8 through Q13. No writing appears on Q15.

Indented writing was noted on Q9 as follows:

138
140
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Indentations were noted on Q11 which appear to be the same as those on Q9. No indented writing was noted on Q8, Q10, Q12, Q13, and

Specimens prepared using K2 and photographs of Q8 through Q13 are retained. Q15 and K2 were not photographed.

11/4/66
T. Lee

The design noted in the partial heel print on Q9 resembles one of the heel designs used by the Goodyear Rubber Company. Due to the limited detail in this print, it is unlikely that it can be definitely associated with a particular heel. However, the partial heel print on Q9 has been photographed for possible future reference.

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Remand me to return gun to Sec Off

G13 DN 519491 IL

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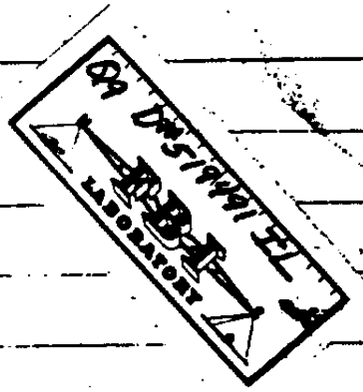

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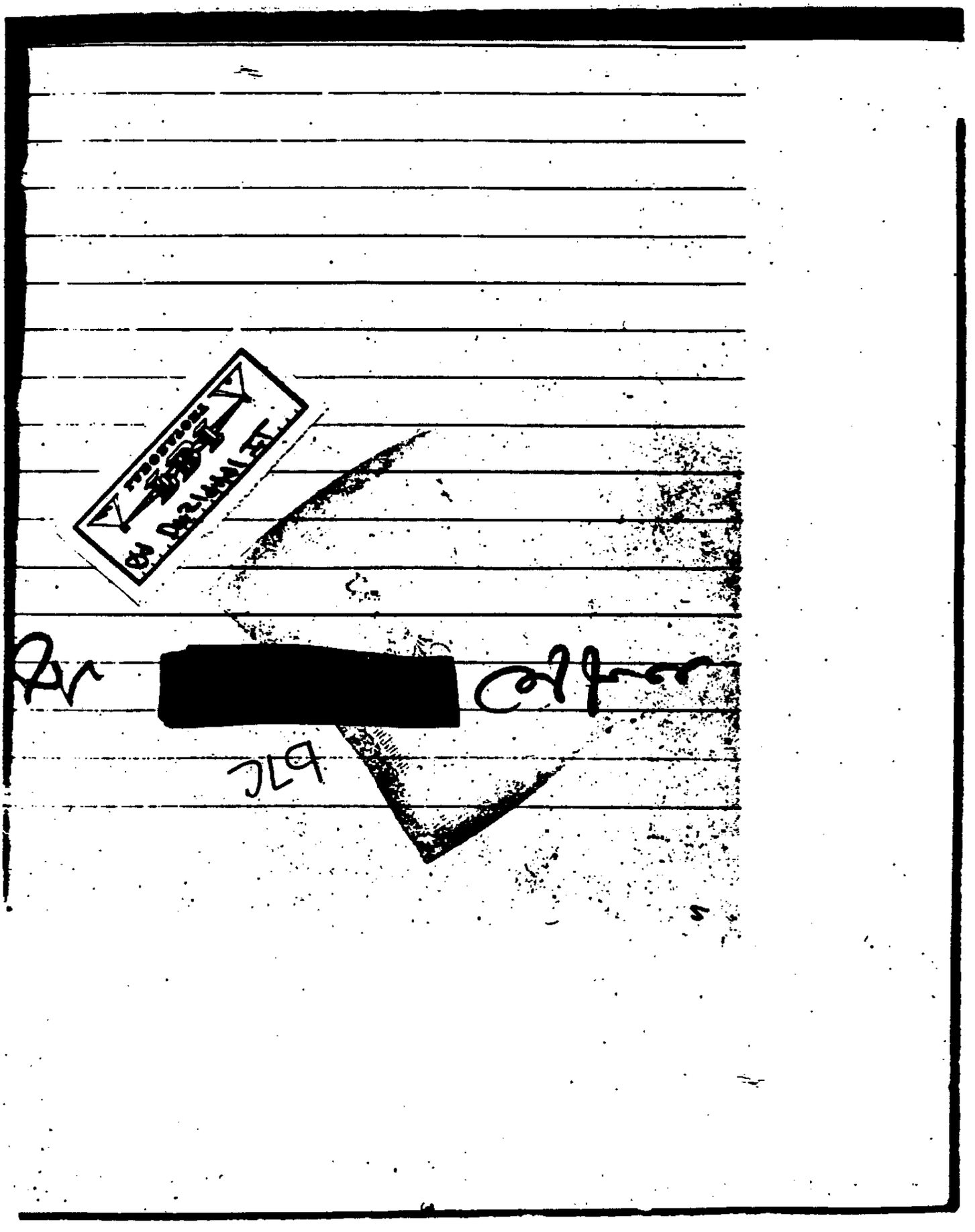

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WR for construction of containers for classified sign, padded

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Capt. [redacted] Capt.

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Cdr. [redacted] b7C

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CO's office

Beth is in enclosure envelope
this is a specimen prepared
using K2

[redacted] b7C

Remind
me to return
gun to
Sec of
D

This is A
sample
K2

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Sample prepared using
K2 — Cetain in
enclosure envelope.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

DATE: 12/21/66

TO: Naval Investigative Service
Office Washington
Washington Navy Yard
Washington, D. C. 20390

Attention: Mr. H. H. Rumble, II
CDR, USN

Re: PITZER, William Bruce (deceased)
LCDR, USN, 416681
Death by gunshot wound
CCN: 10-29-66/20-0060-7S(NA)

Invoice of Contents

Q1 through Q15
K1 through K3
Also Submitted (cartridge + ~~cart~~ a blank cart.)

☐ Crypt.-Trans.
☐ Document
☐ Electronics
☒ P & C
☐ LFPS

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

To: Naval Investigative Service Office
Washington
Washington Navy Yard
Washington, D. C. 20390

December 14, 1966

Attention: Commander H. H. Rumble, II

Re: PITZER, William Bruce
(deceased) LCDR, USN,
416681, Death by gunshot
wound, CCN: 18-28-66/20-0060-
7S(NA)

John Edgar Hoover, Director
YOUR NO. 20-BE/DEA/js
NEW FILE NO. Ser: 1956
LAB. NO. 78-44229 - 2
PC-95420 AR GH BV
D-519491 IL

Examination requested by: Addressee

Reference: Letter 11/1/66; evidence personally delivered by Special Agent [redacted], on 11/2/66

Examination requested: Firearms - Spectrographic - Document - Fingerprint - Miscellaneous

Specimen:

This report supplements and completes FBI Laboratory report dated November 28, 1966, previously furnished to your office. Please refer to this previously furnished report for a detailed listing of the evidence.

The blackboard fragments Q7 bore foreign soft metallic deposits which consisted essentially of lead. Antimony and copper were also detected in these deposits. These metallic deposits were similar to the bullet metal of Q2. However, it is pointed out that these small lead deposits on Q7 exhibited too few characteristics to be specifically associated with the bullet metal of Q2 to the exclusion of numerous other sources of bullet metal.

Examination of Q14, paraffin cast, reflected no substance characteristic of, or which could be associated with, gunpowder or gunshot residue.

Foreign material on Q14, paraffin cast, consisted essentially of blood, hair, and skin assumed to be from the person from whose hand the cast was taken.

That portion of the evidence which was not necessarily consumed during the course of examinations conducted is being retained in the FBI Laboratory until called for by a representative of your organization.

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PC-95428 Notes

Particles 1-8 right [illegible] PA 56.

Cast [illegible] with gauze. The paraffin coat on gauze is thin it is impossible to scrape cast thoroughly without contaminating paraffin with gauze scrapings. Gauze contains Sb.

Scraping cast would be further complicated by large amounts of blood skin, and hair on #16, dorsal area cast.

Dictation

EXAMINATION of Q14 paraffin cast ~~for~~ reflected. ~~foreign~~ substance chart of, or ~~chemicals~~ which did. not associated with gunpowder or gunshot residue.

Foreign material on Q14 paraffin cast consisted essentially of blood, hair, and skin, ~~tissues~~ assumed to be from the ~~victim~~ person from whom the cast was taken.

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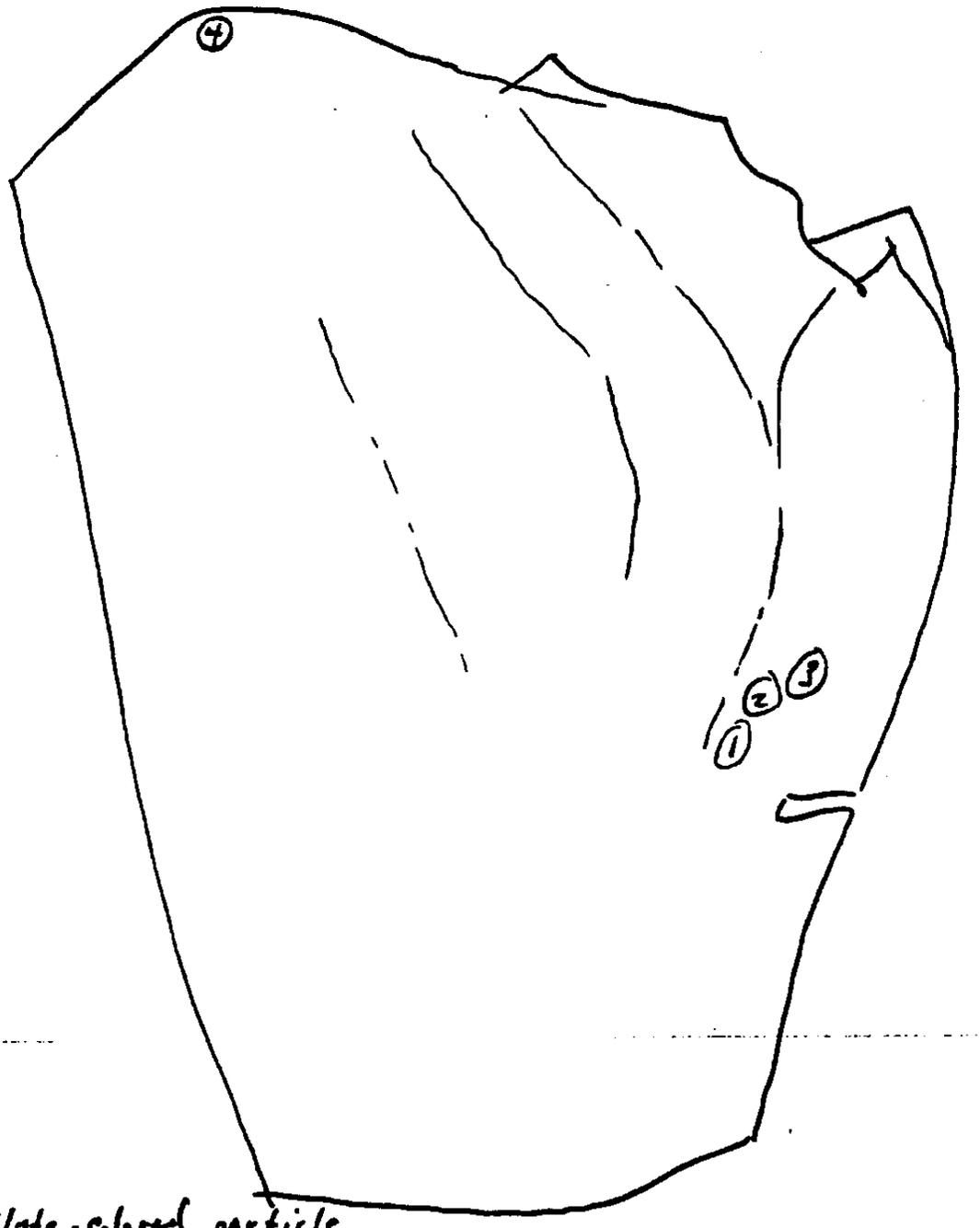
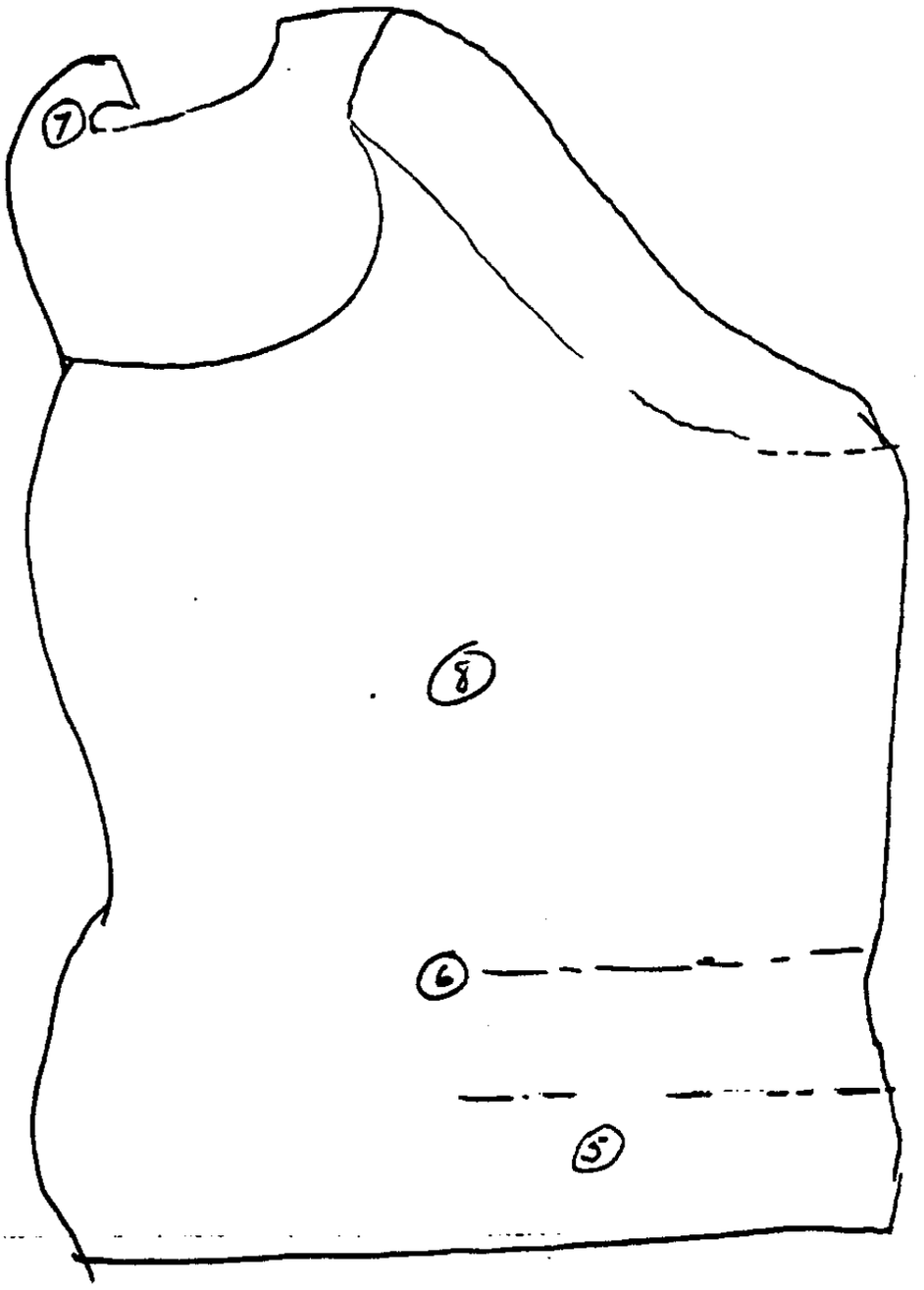
Paraffin cl 9, dorsal area of hand



(1) slate-colored particle
(2) black particle
(3) black particle
(4) black particle

PC-95420 notes

Paraffin cast, Palmar aspect



(5) light Brown particle
(6) thin black film
(7) black particle
(8) black-brn part. well imbedded in paraffin

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Spectros -

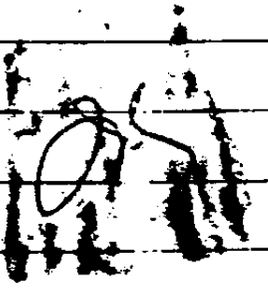
1 - Lead (known, bullet) (actually lead with trace of Cu on it.)

2 - " (unknown

3 - B. board (Control)

C. control - 72

	Fe-	69			
1 -		66	Pb^+		$Pb^+ Sb^+ Cu$
2 -		63	Pb^+		$Pb^+ Sb^+ Cu$
3 -		60	Pb^{++}	B $Ca^+ Al^+$	



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

To: Naval Investigative Service Office — November 28, 1966
Washington
Washington Navy Yard
Washington, D. C. 20390

Attention: Commander H. H. Rumble, II

Re: PITZER, William Bruce
(deceased) LCDR, USN,
416681, Death by gunshot
wound, CCN: 10-29-66/20-0060-
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John Edgar Hoover, Director

YOUR NO. EX-103
FBI FILE NO. 70-44229 - 2
LAB. NO. REC-6 PC-95420 AR GH BV
D-519491 IL

Examination requested by: Addressee

Reference: Letter 11-1-66; evidence personally delivered by Special Agent [redacted], on 11-2-66

Examination requested: Firearms - Spectrographic - Document - Fingerprint - Miscellaneous

Specimens:

Q1 Cartridge case (2)
Q2 Bullet (5)
Q3-Q6 Three blank cartridges (6)
Q7 Eyeglasses (7)
Q8 Piece of blackboard (8)
Q9-Q11 Four notes (9)
Q12 Note (13)
Q13 Note (14)
Q14 Paraffin cast of right hand (15-16)
Q15 Note pad (10)

K1 .38 caliber Smith and Wesson revolver, Serial Number 211546 (1)
K2 Grease pencil (11)
K3 Sample of paraffin (17)

Also Submitted: Cartridge (3)
Blank cartridge (4)
Fourteen latent lifts (12)
Twenty-one fingerprint cards

1 - Baltimore - Enclosure (copy of incoming letter)

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Results of examination:

Specimen Q2 is a caliber .38 S&W copper-coated lead bullet. The few remaining rifling impressions on specimen Q2 are the same width as those found on test bullets fired from specimen K1. However, due to the mutilation of specimen Q2, the microscopic markings remaining on its surface are insufficient to permit identification of the particular weapon from which it was fired.

Specimen Q1 was identified as having been fired in specimen K1. It was not possible to determine whether specimen Q2 had originally been loaded into specimen K1. However, bullets of this type are commercially loaded into cartridge cases such as specimen Q1.

In tests conducted it was observed that at muzzle-to-cloth distances beyond three feet, no powder residues were deposited. It is to be noted that in the case of a tight contact shot, the powder residues will be projected into the wound rather than being deposited on the surface of the skin immediately surrounding the wound.

The markings on specimens Q3 through Q5 are not sufficiently characteristic to permit a conclusion to be reached whether or not these cartridges were loaded into specimen K1.

The Q6 eyeglasses are executive-type, bifocal glasses with American Optical "Smoked Gray" frames having 5 3/4" temples and a pupillary distance of 67mm.

The prescription of the lenses is as follows:

	Sphere	Cylinder	Axis	Add
Right	+.50	+.50	4°	+1.00
Left	+.75	+.75	6°	+1.00

The writing on Q8 through Q13 is similar in all observable physical characteristics to writing prepared using the K2 pencil; however, because of the lack of sufficient identifying characteristics it could not be determined whether K2, with the exclusion of all other similar pencils, was used in preparing the questioned writing on Q8 through Q13. No writing appears on Q15.

Indented writing was noted on Q9 as follows:

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Indentations were noted on Q11 which appear to be the same as those on Q9. No indented writing was noted on Q8, Q10, Q12, Q13 and Q15.

Specimens prepared using K2 and photographs of Q8 through Q13 are retained. Q15 and K2 were not photographed.

The design noted in the partial heel print on Q9 resembles one of the heel designs used by the Goodyear Rubber Company. Due to the limited detail in this print, it is unlikely that it can be definitely associated with a particular heel. However, the partial heel print on Q9 has been photographed for possible future reference.

A separate report is being furnished to you relative to the results of the fingerprint examination conducted.

The examinations requested are continuing and you will be advised of the results of a separate report.

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155 AM URGENT 10-30-66 TEC

TO DIRECTOR

FROM BALTIMORE (70-NEW)

Crime on Government Reservation

WILLIAM BRUCE PITZER- VICTIM ~~CGR~~ DEATH BY GUNSHOT WOUND

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USNavy

VICTIM, A LT. COMMANDER, ~~USN~~, STATIONED AT NATIONAL NAVAL MEDICAL CENTER (NNMC), BETHESDA, MD., FOUND DEAD TEN TWENTY NINE SIXTY SIX AT SEVEN FIFTY PM IN TV PRODUCTION STUDIO NNMC, HIS WORKING AREA, WITH GUNSHOT WOUND IN HEAD. BODY LAYING FACE DOWN ON FLOOR, AND A POOL OF BLOOD WITH A THIRTY EIGHT CALIBER REVOLVER LAYING CLOSE TO BODY.

REVOLVER CONTAINED ONE SPENT CARTRIDGE, ONE LIVE ROUND, AND ONE BLANK CARTRIDGE. THREE BLANK CARTRIDGES TYPE IN GUN FOUND ON TOP OF VICTIMS DESK IN AN ENVELOPE.

VICTIM HAD CHECKED OUT REVOLVER, APPROXIMATELY ONE WEEK AGO, FROM SECURITY OFFICE NNMC, TO USE AS A GIMMICK IN CONNECTION WITH TRAINING LECTURES, AND HAD SO USED RECENTLY.

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VICTIM LEFT HOME IN MID AFTERNOON TEN TWENTY NINE SIXTY SIX FOR NNMC, TO SEE SON, WHO WAS PLAYING BALL AT NNMC, AND TO GET A HAIRCUT.

WHEN HE DID NOT RETURN HOME FOR DINNER WIFE CALLED NNMC SECURITY OFFICE TO LOCATE HIM.

WIFE MENTIONED, AFTER BODY FOUND, TO VICTIM'S SUPERIOR OFFICER, THAT VICTIM HAD RECENTLY COMPLAINED OF BACK TROUBLE AND STATED HE INTE TO SEE A DOCTOR. VICTIM ATTENDED FUNERALS LAST WEEK OF TWO NAVY FRIENDS AND COMMENTED "I WONDER WHO THE THIRD ONE WILL BE".

AUTOPSY TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR EIGHT AM TEN THIRTY SIXTY SIX.

INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED.

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Date: 11/8/66

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Via AIRTEL REGULAR MAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, BALTIMORE (70-3287)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM BRUCE FITZER -
VICTIM
CGR - DEATH BY
GUNSHOT WOUND

Re Baltimore teletypes, dated 10/30/66.

b7C [redacted] All indications are that deceased committed suicide.

Report will be submitted upon completion of all investigation and obtaining copy of autopsy report.

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cc: [redacted]

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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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October 31, 1966
GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

This is a new matter. Investigation t determine facts of shooting has been undertaken.

Preliminary opinion on autopsy (whic will not be completed for at least a week) is that death caused by gunshot wound at angle not inconsistent with self inflicted shot from pistol. Family has no reason t suspect either foul play or suicide.

LHB:pah

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Washington, D. C. 20537

REPORT
of the
IDENTIFICATION DIVISION
LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

YOUR FILE NO. 90-XX/DRA/jm

November 18, 1966

FBI FILE NO.

LATENT CASE NO. 72068

TO: Naval Investigative Service Office Washington
Washington Navy Yard
Washington, D. C. 20000

Attention: Commander Harry E. Rumble II

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
WILLIAM BRUCE STEINER - VICTIM
TELEVISION DIVISION OF NAVAL MEDICAL SCHOOL
NATIONAL NAVAL MEDICAL CENTER
BETHESDA, MARYLAND
BEACH BY CUMMINGS POUND

REFERENCE: Letter November 1, 1966
EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: Addressee
SPECIMENS:

The requested latent print examination is being conducted and you will be advised upon completion.

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REPORT
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IDENTIFICATION DIVISION
LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

YOUR FILE NO. 20-BE/DEA/js
FBI FILE NO.
LATENT CASE NO. 73063

November 22, 1966

REGISTERED

TO: Naval Investigative Service Office Washington
Washington Navy Yard
Washington, D. C. 20390

Attention: Commander Harry H. Rumble II

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
WILLIAM BRUCE PITZER - VICTIM
TELEVISION DIVISION OF NAVAL MEDICAL SCHOOL
NATIONAL NAVAL MEDICAL CENTER
BETHESDA, MARYLAND
DEATH BY GUNSHOT WOUND

REFERENCE: Letter November 1, 1966
EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: Addressee
SPECIMENS:
Q1, cartridge case
Q3 through Q5, three blank cartridges
Q6, eyeglasses
Q8 through Q11, four notes
Q12 and Q13, two notes
Q15, note pad
K1, one revolver
K2, grease pencil
One cartridge
One blank cartridge
Fourteen lifts
Twenty-one cards bearing the inked finger and palm prints of victim William Bruce Pitzer, Navy service #416681

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This supplements the Latent Fingerprint Section report dated November 15, 1966.

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Naval Investigative Service
Office Washington November 22, 1966

One latent fingerprint of value appears on transparent lift #5; two latent fingerprints of value appear on transparent lift #6; one latent palm print of value appears on white rubber lift #1; one latent fingerprint of value appears on white rubber lift #2; and one latent impression of value, which is either a fingerprint or a palm print, appears on white rubber lift #7. No other latent prints of value appear or were developed on the remaining specimens that were submitted for latent examination.

The latent prints are not identical with the finger and palm prints of victim Pitzer.

Photographs of the latent prints have been placed in our files and will be available for any additional comparisons desired.

The lifts and the inked prints of Pitzer are enclosed.

You will receive a separate report relative to the results of the laboratory examinations and the disposition of all other evidence.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

RECORDED: 11/7/66 1:00 p.m. RECEIVED: ~~11/7/66~~ PAM

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Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: Unknown Subject; [redacted] (deceased) [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]
William Bruce Fitzer-Victim
Evaluation Division, Naval Medical School, National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Maryland
Death by gunshot wound

File # 70-44224-6
Lab. # PC-95420 AR GH BV
LC# 73063

Expedite

Examination requested by: (see below)

Examination requested: Firearms (G&A) (GPT) -Spectro- Document-Fingerprint-Misc.

Date received: 11-2 per del

Result of Examination:

Examination by: [redacted] 245

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Naval Investigative Service Office Washington
Washington Navy Yard
Washington, D. C. 20390

Attention: Mr. H. H. Rumble, III and (Last previous)
CDR, USN

Evid personally delivered by Special Agent [redacted] on 11-2

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Specimens submitted for examination

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[redacted]

Q1 Cartridge case (2)
Q2 Bullet (5)
Q3-Q5 Three blank cartridges (6)
Q6 Eyeglasses (7)
Q7 Piece of blackboard (8)
Q8-Q11 Four notes (9)
Q12 Note (13)
Q13 Note (14)
Q14 Paraffin cast of right hand (15-16)
Q15 Note pad (10)

K1 .38 S&W caliber Smith and Wesson revolver, Serial Number 311546 (1)
K2 Grease pencil (11)
K3 Sample of paraffin (17)

Also Submitted: Cartridge (3)
Blank cartridge (4)
Fourteen latent lifts (12) from [redacted] USN 716681
Twenty-one fingerprint cards (INKED FORM FP'S VICTIM)

Compared by LFPS

Q3, Q7, Q14 + K3 retained in lab - LFPS [illegible] all others ret and ret to lab - Lab rep sig 11/4/66 [illegible] Lab. 11-15-66 LFPS bal returned 11-

Examination completed Time Date Dictated

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Both lifts ~~[illegible]~~ } to photo 11/8 wtm
Rem lifts ~~[illegible]~~ rem portion }

no other lats of value appear on dev rem spaces
by I2, nm, + sm + gr. pwd.

LFPS will ret lifts + fgpt cards - all other items
ret'd to [redacted], Lab (per call to [redacted] 10:30 A.M. 11/14/ wtm
Called [redacted] re file #. None as yet 11/17 wtm

4 lat fgprints, 1 lat pp, & 1 lat smp of value on 5
lifts as follows: (lifts are #'d, but no info re location
of [redacted] b7C & inv says "from chair & bench

1 fgprint on tr lift #5
2 fgprints on tr lift #6

1 pp on rev lift #1
3 fgprints on rev lift #2
1 smp on rev lift #7

Rem lifts no value.
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Lat prints left @ subs ffp + pp's or with fgprints, in files (2 cards)
Lat fgprints ret @ Hdqtrs
Lifts of [redacted] prints ret Hdqtrs (35 cards)

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NAVAL INVESTIGATIVE SERVICE OFFICE WASHINGTON
WASHINGTON NAVY YARD
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20390

IN REPLY REFER TO:
20-BE/DEA/js
Ser: 1956
1 November 1966

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Attention: FBI Laboratory

Re: PITZER, William Bruce (deceased)
LCDR, USN, 416681
Death by gunshot wound
CCN: 10-29-66/20-0060-7S(NA)

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Enclosed herewith for examination is the evidence described below:

Item 1. A .38 caliber Smith & Wesson (S & W) revolver, military issue, serial #311546 found near the body.

Item 2. A .38 caliber S & W, Western, cartridge case found in the weapon (Item 1 in the cylinder positioned under the hammer).

Item 3. A .38 caliber S & W, Western, bullet found in the cylinder of Item 1 in the next firing position.

Item 4. A .38 caliber S & W, (R-P) blank cartridge found in the cylinder of Item 1 in the second firing position.

Item 5. Spent projectile found at the scene.

Item 6. Envelope containing three .38 caliber S & W blank cartridges found on deceased's desk.

Item 7. A pair of eye glasses found in vicinity of the body.

Item 8. Dented section of blackborad located near the body.

Item 9. Four notes containing apparent work notations found near the body.

Item 10. 8" X 10½" lined note pad found on chair near body.

Item 11. A blue grease pencil found on chair next to Item 10.

Items 12. Fourteen latent prints lifted from two chairs and three beer cans at the scene.

Item 13. Work note found on the desk of the deceased's assistant.

Item 14. Same as Item 13 above.

Item 15. Half of a paraffin cast of the deceased's right hand prepared at time of autopsy.

Item 16. The other half of paraffin cast (See Item 15 above).

Item 17. Samples of paraffin used in obtaining Items 15 and 16 above.

Item 18. Twenty-one cards containing finger and palm prints taken from the body.

At 7:50 P. M., on 29 October 1966, PITZER was found dead in the Television Studios of the Television Division of the Naval Medical School (NMS), National Naval Medical Center (NNMC), Bethesda, Maryland. Autopsy conducted at NNMC determined death resulted from gun shot wound, the bullet entering at the right temple and exiting at a point slightly to the rear and slightly above the left temple. Deceased was determined to be right-handed.

A weapon, (Item 1), was found near the body and was determined to have been obtained from the NNMC Security Office on 12 October 1966, along with six blank cartridges, for the deceased's use as a training aid. In this capacity, at least one blank cartridge is known to have been discharged in the weapon on 24 October 1966. Items 2, 3 and 4 were found in the cylinder of the weapon. Items 5 and 7 were found in the vicinity of the body. Three blank cartridges, (Item 6), were found in an envelope on the deceased's desk. An area of a blackboard, located at the scene, was found to have been dented, possible by the projectile after passage through the skull of the deceased, and this dented section (Item 8), was removed for the requested examination below. Various work notes, an 8" X 10½" pad, a blue grease pencil and other notes setting forth instructions to a subordinate were found near the body and in the general area. Two wooden chairs and three beer cans at the scene were processed for latent fingerprints. Paraffin casts of the deceased's right hand were made at the time of autopsy; and palm and fingerprint impressions were subsequently taken from the body.

The body of the deceased was found lying face down between two wooden chairs with the head extending under the lower rung of two aluminum step ladders which were leaning against a foundation post. Extensive examination of the scene failed to determine what the projectile struck resulting in the extensive indentation.

Victim was last known to be alive when he was seen at approximately 3:50 P. M. purchasing a package of cigarettes. Medical examination shortly after the body

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was found indicated that he had been dead approximately four hours.

Autopsy surgeon advised it was his opinion that the barrel of the weapon was not resting against the head when it was fired and that he found no pattern of powder burn or powder particles embedded in the skin around the entrance of the wound. He stated the weapon could have been very slightly away from the head which could have caused this condition or it was a sufficient distance away from the head that there was no flesh burn or embedded powder particles. He stated this distance could depend upon the capability of the charge of the type of ammunition used to cause this condition.

Deceased was a male, caucasian born 13 April 1917 at Gerrardstown, West Virginia. He was married, 5' 8" in height, weight 150 pounds, gray hair, blue eyes and of medium build.

It is requested that the enclosed items be forwarded the following examinations:

Item 1 (a) Process for latent fingerprints
(b) Comparative ballistic check with Item 5.
(c) Test fire Item 1 with same type of ammunition as Items 2 & 3 to determine distance away from the skull at which the charge would fail to leave powder burns or embedded powder particles.

Item 2. (a) Process for latent fingerprints.
(b) Establish if this Item was fired in Item 1.
(c) Was item 5 fired from this item.

Item 3. (a) Process for latent prints.

Item 4. (a) Process for latent prints.

Item 5. (a) Was this projectile fired from Item 1.
(b) Examine for all foreign matter on the surface with particular attention to determination as to what the projectile struck and if it struck Item 8.

Item 6. (a) Process for latent prints.
(b) Were these items ever in Item 1.

Item 7. (a) Process for latent prints.
(b) Determine prescription

Item 8. (a) See request set forth in Item 5 (b).

Items 9, 10, 13 and 14. (a) Process for latent prints.
(b) Process for any invisible writing

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Item 11. (a) Process for latent prints
(b) Did this instrument write all notes (Items 9, 10, 13, 14 and particularly Item 14).

Item 12. (a) Are these latent prints identical to deceased

Items 15, 16, 17. (a) Determine if this hand had held a gun that had been fired.
(b) Determine nature of any foreign substance in this hand.

Item 18. (a) This item is provided for assistance in identifying deceased finger and palm prints on all appropriate items particularly Item 1.

This evidence is submitted in connection with a criminal matter. The evidence has not been examined by any other expert, nor will it be submitted to any other expert in the same technical field.

Very truly yours,

H. H. RUMBLE, II
CDR, USN
By direction

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WASHINGTON NAVY YARD
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20390

IN REPLY REFER TO:
20-BE/DEA/js
Ser: 110
12 January 1967

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Attention: FBI Laboratory

Re: PITZER, William Bruce (deceased)
LCDR, USN, 416681
Death by gunshot wound
CCN: 10-29-66/20-0060-7S(NA)

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Enclosed herewith for examination is the evidence described below:

Item 1. Nine (9) fingerprint cards.

Reference is made to Naval Investigative Service Office, Washington, D. C., letter, serial #1956, dated 1 November 1966 (hereinafter referred to as reference (a)) and FBI Identification Division, Latent Fingerprint Section report, dated 22 November 1966, Latent Case No. 73063, (hereinafter referred to as reference (b)); Subject of both: PITZER, William Bruce (deceased), LCDR, USN, 416681.

Attention is directed to reference (a) in which one of the requests was examination of fourteen (14) latent prints lifted from two chairs and three beer cans found at the scene of Subject's death, for determination as to whether they were identical to fingerprints of deceased. Reference (b) reported that only five of the submitted latent prints were determined to be of value and that these latent prints are not identical with the finger and palm prints of victim PITZER. Further, that photographs of the latent prints have been placed on file and would be available for any additional comparisons.

It is requested that additional examination be made to determine if any of the latent prints of value are identical to those of the individuals on whom fingerprint cards are submitted herewith. Palm prints are not available on these individuals. These prints are submitted for this comparison request only and not intended for record purposes.

This evidence is submitted in connection with a criminal matter. The evidence has not been examined by any other expert nor will it be submitted to any other expert in the same technical field.

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Very truly yours,

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H. H. RUMBLE, II
COMMANDER, USN
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Washington, D. C. 20537

REPORT
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IDENTIFICATION DIVISION
LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

YOUR FILE NO. 20-BE/DEA/js
FBI FILE NO. Ser. 110
LATENT CASE NO. 70-44239-7
79063

January 25, 1967

TO: Naval Investigative Service Office Washington
Washington Navy Yard
Washington, D. C. 20390

Attention: Mr. E. H. Rumble, II
Commander

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
WILLIAM BRUCE FITZER - VICTIM
IV DIVISION OF NAVAL MEDICAL SCHOOL
NATIONAL NAVAL MEDICAL CENTER
BETHESDA, MARYLAND
DEATH BY GUNSHOT WOUND

REFERENCE: Letter January 12, 1967
EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: Addressee
SPECIMENS: Fingerprints of eight individuals (duplicate not submitted for [redacted])

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The latent prints in this case are not identical with any of the submitted inked fingerprints. Palm prints are not available in our Identification Division files for any of the persons for whom fingerprints were submitted.

The fingerprint cards are returned.

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Reference No: Ser. 110
FBI File No: 70-44229 - 7
Received: 1/18/67/skw
Latent Case No: 73063

Answer to Naval Investigative Service Office Washington, Washington Navy Yard, Washington, D.C. 20390. Attention: Mr. H. H. Rumble, II, Commander USN.

Examination requested by: Addressee

Copy to:

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
WILLIAM BURCE PITZER- VICTIM
TV DIVISION OF NAVAL MEDICAL SCHOOL, NATIONAL NAVAL MEDICAL CENTER
BETHESDA, MARYLAND
DEATH BY GUNSHOT WOUND

Date of reference communication: Letter - January 12, 1967
Specimens: Fingerprint cards of suspects:

b7C [redacted] - 2 cards submitted

Result of examination:

Examination by: [redacted] b7C
Evidence noted by:

Called C.I. for possible hits 1/18 wtm
Lat prts not ♦ any inked fgrprts 1/25 wtm
no hits ♦ N.I. files for above persons
Top to rest here (9 cards)

1/25 wtm

Examination completed 9:20 AM Time 1/25/67 Date wtm
9:20 1-25-67 WTM drop
Dictated 1/25/67 Date wtm

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REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
BALTIMORE	BALTIMORE	1/31/67	10/29/66 - 1/13/67

TITLE OF CASE

WILLIAM BRUCE PITZER - VICTIM

REPORT MADE BY

SA [redacted] b7C

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CHARACTER OF CASE

CGR - DEATH BY GUNSHOT WOUND

REFERENCE:

Baltimore teletypes (2) to Bureau, dated 10/30/66.
Baltimore airtel to Bureau, dated 11/8/66.
Baltimore airtel to Jacksonville, dated 11/8/66.

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ADMINISTRATIVE DATA: b7C

Information from the records of the Bank of Bethesda was furnished by [redacted] Bookkeeping Department.

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Case has been: Pending over one year ☐ Yes ☐ No; Pending prosecution over six months ☐ Yes ☐ No

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JACKSONVILLE DIVISION:

AT PENSACOLA, FLORIDA:

Will report investigation previously conducted.

BALTIMORE DIVISION:

AT BETHESDA, MARYLAND:

Will conduct any indicated investigation from investigation conducted at Pensacola, Florida.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - Naval Investigative Service Office, Washington Navy Yard, Washington, D. C.

Report of: SA [redacted] Office: BALTIMORE, MARYLAND
Date: January 31, 1967

Field Office File #: BA 70-3287 Bureau File #: 70-44229

Title: WILLIAM BRUCE PITZER - VICTIM

Character: CRIME ON A GOVERNMENT RESERVATION - DEATH BY GUNSHOT WOUND

Synopsis: Deceased, a Lt. Commander in the U. S. Navy, was found dead at approximately 7:40 PM, Saturday 10/29/66, with a gunshot wound in the head. He was laying face down on the floor of the television studio at the National Naval Medical Center (NNMC), Bethesda, Maryland, his working area, after his wife called the NNMC security office and said he was late coming home and she had been unable to locate him. Laying next to the body was a .38 caliber revolver containing one spent round, one live round and one blank. Deceased had checked out the revolver from the NNMC Security Office to use as a training aid. Deceased left home about 1:00 PM, 10/29/66 for NNMC to see his 14 year old son, who was at NNMC playing golf and to get a haircut. Victim was last known to be alive about 3:50 PM, October 29, 1966 when he purchased a package of cigarettes in the Navy Exchange, at which time his hair was messed, his appearance sloppy, which was out of character for him. One person described his appearance as like a wild man. Doctors observing the body shortly after it was discovered, estimated the time of death as approximately 4:00 PM.

b7C [redacted] While in Pensacola, Florida on two business trips in 1966,

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deceased dated one [redacted] and upon interview by NISO she stated she received a letter from deceased dated October 29, 1966 which indicated he was having trouble at home. Autopsy report revealed nothing inconsistent with death by self-inflicted gun shot wound. County medical examiner filed a death certificate listing cause of death as suicide, which he stated was his opinion from his examination of the body in the condition it was originally found.

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DETAILS:

This investigation was predicated upon receipt of information from Special Agent [redacted] b7C Naval Investigative Service Office, Bethesda, Maryland, on the night of October 29, 1966 that a Lieutenant Commander WILLIAM PITZER, had been found dead from a gunshot wound, in the television studio, National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Maryland and it was not known if it was suicide or homicide.

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[redacted], Medical Service Corps, USNR, Administrative Duty Officer, National Naval Medical Center (NNMC), Bethesda, Maryland, furnished the following information:

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At approximately 7:20 PM on October 29, 1966, the Security Office, NNMC, received a telephone call from [redacted] Lieutenant Commander WILLIAM B. PITZER, stating that Mr. PITZER was overdue at home and requesting the Security Office to make an effort to locate him at the NNMC.

He went to the TV Studio at NNMC, Mr. PITZER's Office, at approximately 7:50 PM and observed that the lights were on in this office. He found the outside door to this building locked and upon obtaining a key and unlocking the door he proceeded through the reception office to the TV studio where he observed an individual, believed to be Lieutenant Commander PITZER, laying on the floor apparently dead in a pool of blood.

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He thereupon notified Lieutenant Commander PITZER's commanding officer, [redacted] the National Naval Medical Center Security Officer, and [redacted] of the Naval Investigative Service Office. He placed a guard on the room until the Duty Doctor, Lieutenant Commander [redacted] arrived to pronounce the individual dead and a guard was maintained on the room thereafter until Special Agent [redacted] of the Naval Investigative Service Office arrived.

[redacted] stated that at the time of interview, approximately 10 PM the room was in the same condition as was the body, at the time he found it, and nothing had been disturbed since he found the body.

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On October 31, 1966, SA [redacted] made available a copy of the incident report prepared by the Administrative Duty Officer, NNMC, concerning the death of LCDR PITZER. This incident report is as follows:

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30 October 1966

From: Administrative Duty Officer, NNMC, Bethesda, Md.
To: Security Officer, NNMC, Bethesda, Md.
Subj: Pitzer Incident

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1. At 1920, 29 Oct. 1966, a call was received in the NNMC security office from [redacted] stating that [redacted], LCdR William B. Pitzer of NMS Command, was overdue at home.

2. The security office was asked to try to determine if LCdR Pitzer was aboard NNMC.

3. CCD, NMC (Strander found that the subjects automobile was parked in G lot, near LCdR Pitzer's office in the TV studio, Bldg 141.

4. The AOO and Civilian Guard Blue went to Bldg. 141, entered by unlocking the door facing G lot, and found the body of a white male, tentively identified as LCdR Pitzer, on the floor of the sound studio. Blood was noted on the floor around the head of the body and a revolver was noted near the body.

5. The body was found at 1950.

6. Proper authorities, including the NNMC Security Officer, Capt. Stover CO of NMS, Hospital OOD and AOO, and NIS and FBI were notified.

7. NIS and FBI agents [redacted] conducted an examination of the remains and scene. b7C

8. I remain available at any time to aid the investigation in any way possible.

Respectfully submitted,

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[redacted] ENS, MSC USNR

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A search of the television studio, Building No. 144, National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Maryland, was conducted in conjunction with Special Agent [redacted] Naval Investigative Service Office (NISO), and the following items were found, marked for identification by SA [redacted] and taken into custody by SA [redacted]

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1. A .38 caliber Smith and Wesson Revolver, serial number 311546,

2. The following items removed from the cylinder of the .38 caliber Smith and Wesson:

a. one spent cartage case, .38 caliber Western S&W
b. one live cartage, Western .38 caliber S&W
c. one blank cartage, .38 caliber marked R-T, S&W

3. One .38 caliber slug,

4. One pair eyeglasses,

5. One greese pencil,

6. One 8 1/2 inch by 11 inch lined tablet,

7. Three sheets of 8 1/2 by 11 inch lined paper with writing on them, apparently from a greese pencil.

A rough sketch was prepared by SA [redacted] showing the locating of these items and based upon measurements made by SA [redacted] SA [redacted]

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Two chairs in the room, one located on either side of the location of the body at the time it was found, were processed by SA [redacted] for latent fingerprints and seven latent prints were lifted from these two chairs.

In a trash receptacle located in a corner of the room, there were found three empty beer cans and they were

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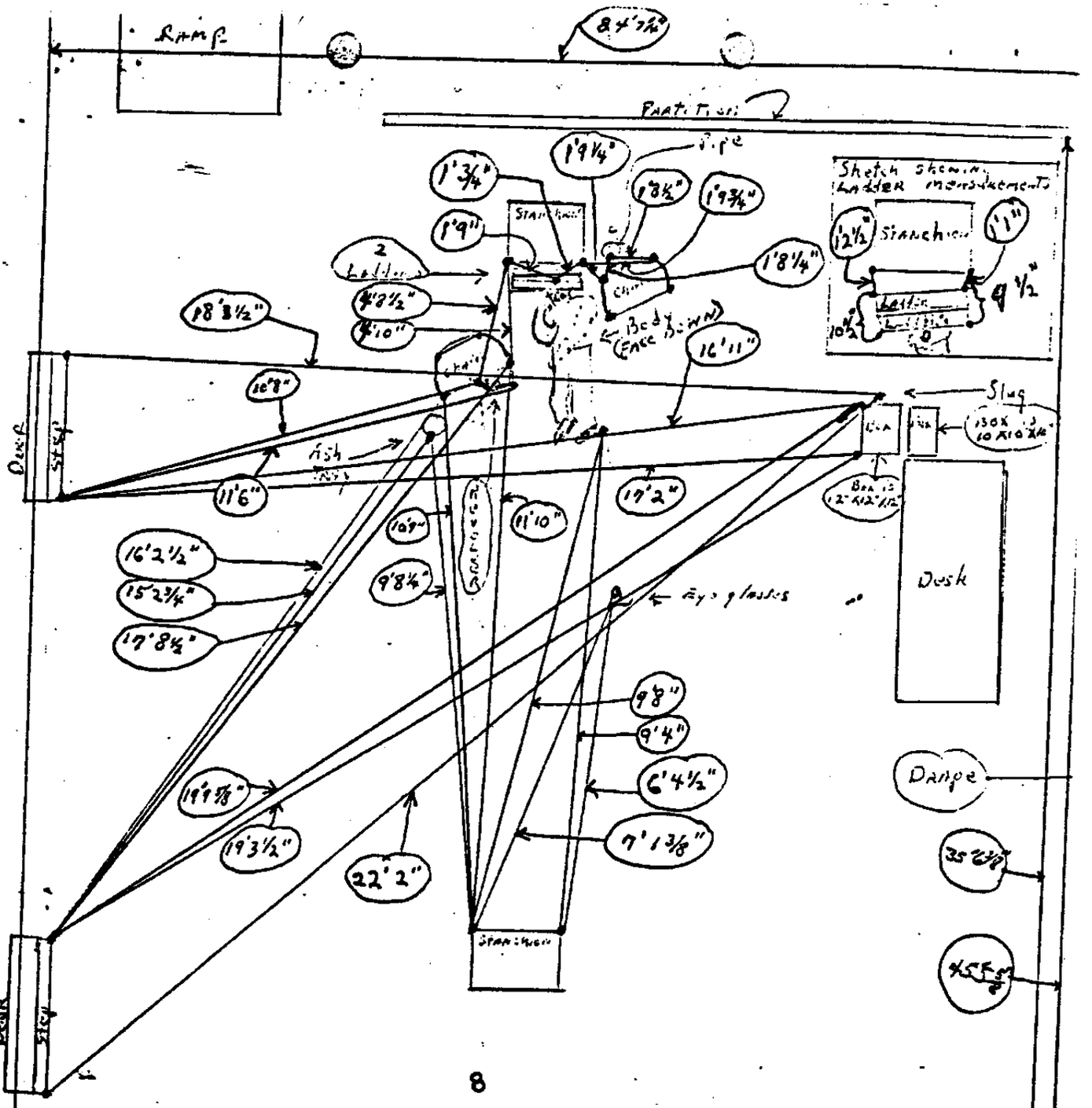

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Rough Sketch Showing Measurements
Television Studio
U.S. National Naval Medical Center
Building No. 144
Bethesda, Md. 10/29/66
Measurements SA [redacted] FBI
" SA [redacted] NISO
Sketch SA [redacted] FBI

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Special Agent [redacted] Naval Investigative Service Office, Bethesda, Maryland Resident Agency, National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Maryland, advised that he had looked on the desk of Lieutenant Commander WILLIAM BRUCE FITZER in his office located on the ground floor of Building 144, National Naval Medical Center and had found on the desk an envelope containing three blank .38 caliber cartages.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

To: Naval Investigative Service Office
Washington
Washington Navy Yard
Washington, D. C. 20390

November 23, 1966

Attention: Commander H. H. Rumble, II

Re: PITZER, William Bruce
(deceased) LCDR, USN,
416631, Death by gunshot
wound, CCN: 10-20-66/20-0060-
7S(NA)

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover, Director

YOUR NO. Ser: 1056
FBI FILE NO. 70-44229
LAB. NO. PC-35429 AR CH BV
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Examination requested by: Addressee

Reference: Letter 11-1-66; evidence personally delivered by Special Agent [redacted] on 11-2-66

Examination requested: Firearms - Spectrographic - Document - Fingerprint
Miscellaneous

Specimens:

Q1 Cartridge case (2)
Q2 Bullet (5)
Q3-Q5 Three blank cartridges (6)
Q6 Eyeglasses (7)
Q7 Piece of blackboard (8)
Q8-Q11 Four notes (9)
Q12 Note (13)
Q13 Note (14)
Q14 Paraffin cast of right hand (15-16)
Q15 Note pad (10)

K1 .38 caliber Smith and Wesson revolver, Serial Number 311546 (1)
K2 Grease pencil (11)
K3 Sample of paraffin (17)

Also Submitted: Cartridge (3)
Blank cartridge (4)
Fourteen latent lifts (12)
Twenty-one fingerprint cards

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Results of examination:

Specimen Q2 is a caliber .38 S&W copper-coated lead bullet. The few remaining rifling impressions on specimen Q2 are the same width as those found on test bullets fired from specimen K1. However, due to the mutilation of specimen Q2, the microscopic markings remaining on its surface are insufficient to permit identification of the particular weapon from which it was fired.

Specimen Q1 was identified as having been fired in specimen K1. It was not possible to determine whether specimen Q2 had originally been loaded into specimen K1. However, bullets of this type are commercially loaded into cartridge cases such as specimen Q1.

In tests conducted it was observed that at muzzle-to-cloth distances beyond three feet, no powder residues were deposited. It is to be noted that in the case of a tight contact shot, the powder residues will be projected into the wound rather than being deposited on the surface of the skin immediately surrounding the wound.

The markings on specimens Q3 through Q5 are not sufficiently characteristic to permit a conclusion to be reached whether or not these cartridges were loaded into specimen K1.

The Q6 eyeglasses are executive-type, bifocal glasses with American Optical "Smoked Gray" frames having 5 3/4" temples and a pupillary distance of 67mm.

The prescription of the lenses is as follows:

	Sphere	Cylinder	Axis	Add
Right	+.50	+.50	4°	+1.00
Left	+.75	+.75	0°	+1.00

The writing on Q8 through Q13 is similar in all observable physical characteristics to writing prepared using the K2 pencil; however, because of the lack of sufficient identifying characteristic it could not be determined whether K2, with the exclusion of all other similar pencils, was used in preparing the questioned writing on Q8 through Q13. No writing appears on Q15.

Indented writing was noted on Q9 as follows:

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Indentations were noted on Q11 which appear to be the same as those on Q9. No indented writing was noted on Q3, Q10, Q12, Q13 and Q15.

Specimens prepared using K2 and photographs of Q3 through Q13 are retained. Q15 and K2 were not photographed.

The design noted in the partial heel print on Q9 resembles one of the heel designs used by the Goodyear Rubber Company. Due to the limited detail in this print, it is unlikely that it can be definitely associated with a particular heel. However, the partial heel print on Q9 has been photographed for possible future reference.

A separate report is being furnished to you relative to the results of the fingerprint examination conducted.

The examinations requested are continuing and you will be advised of the results of a separate report.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

To: Naval Investigative Service Office
Washington
Washington Navy Yard
Washington, D. C. 20390

December 14, 1966

Attention: Commander H. H. Rumble, II

Re: PITZER, William Bruce
(deceased) LCDR, USN,
416681, Death by gunshot
wound, CCN: 10-29-66/20-0060-
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Examination requested by: Addressee

Reference: Letter 11/1/66; evidence personally delivered by Special Agent [redacted] on 11/2/66

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Examination requested: Firearms - Spectrographic - Document - Fingerprint - Miscellaneous

Specimens: This report supplements and completes FBI Laboratory report dated November 28, 1966, previously furnished to your office. Please refer to this previously furnished report for a detailed listing of the evidence.

The blackboard fragments Q7 bore foreign soft metallic deposits which consisted essentially of lead. Antimony and copper were also detected in these deposits. These metallic deposits were similar to the bullet metal of Q2. However, it is pointed out that these small lead deposits on Q7 exhibited too few characteristics to be specifically associated with the bullet metal of Q2 to the exclusion of numerous other sources of bullet metal.

Examination of Q14, paraffin cast, reflected no substance characteristic of, or which could be associated with, gunpowder or gunshot residue.

Foreign material on Q14, paraffin cast, consisted essentially of blood, hair, and skin assumed to be from the person from whose hand the cast was taken.

That portion of the evidence which was not necessarily consumed during the course of examinations conducted is being retained in the FBI Laboratory until called for by a representative of your organization.

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LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

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YOUR FILE NO. 20-BE/DEA/js
FBI FILE NO.
LATENT CASE NO. 73063

November 22, 1966

REGISTERED

TO: Naval Investigative Service Office Washington
Washington Navy Yard
Washington, D. C. 20390

Attention: Commander Harry H. Rumble II

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
WILLIAM BRUCE PITZER - VICTIM
TELEVISION DIVISION OF NAVAL MEDICAL SCHOOL
NATIONAL NAVAL MEDICAL CENTER
BETHESDA, MARYLAND
DEATH BY GUNSHOT WOUND

REFERENCE: Letter November 1, 1966
EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: Addressee
SPECIMENS:
Q1, cartridge case
Q3 through Q5, three blank cartridges
Q6, eyeglasses
Q8 through Q11, four notes
Q12 and Q13, two notes
Q15, note pad
K1, one revolver
K2, grease pencil
One cartridge
One blank cartridge
Fourteen lifts
Twenty-one cards bearing the inked finger and palm prints of victim William Bruce Pitzer, Navy service #416681

This supplements the Latent Fingerprint Section report dated November 15, 1966.

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John Edgar Hoover, Director

Naval Investigative Service
Office Washington November 22, 1966

One latent fingerprint of value appears on transparent lift #5; two latent fingerprints of value appear on transparent lift #6; one latent palm print of value appears on white rubber lift #1; one latent fingerprint of value appears on white rubber lift #2; and one latent impression of value, which is either a fingerprint or a palm print, appears on white rubber lift #7. No other latent prints of value appear or were developed on the remaining specimens that were submitted for latent examination.

The latent prints are not identical with the finger and palm prints of victim Pitzer.

Photographs of the latent prints have been placed in our files and will be available for any additional comparisons desired.

The lifts and the inked prints of Pitzer are enclosed.

You will receive a separate report relative to the results of the laboratory examinations and the disposition of all other evidence.

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The Firearms Log Book contained in the Security Office, National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Maryland, was examined and in the front of the book was located an undated notation that a .38 caliber revolver, serial number 311546 had been checked out for Lieutenant Commander WILLIAM B. PITZER. The signature under this notation was illegible.

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[redacted], Washington, D.C., was contacted at the W W Chambers Funeral Home, 1400 Chapin Street, NW, Washington, D.C., where [redacted] is employed as a [redacted] in the preparation room.

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Present at the time was Special Agent [redacted], Office of Naval Intelligence (ONI), resident agency, National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Maryland. [redacted] pointed out the remains of WILLIAM PITZER and assisted Special Agent [redacted] Federal Bureau of Investigation, (FBI), in the obtaining of inked finger and palm impressions of both hands of the remains of the individual pointed out by [redacted] as WILLIAM PITZER. It was noted by Special Agent [redacted] that this corpse was labeled WILLIAM PITZER on one of the legs. The inked impressions were placed on twenty-one (21) cards and consecutively numbered one through 21. Each card was initialed by Special Agent [redacted], Special Agent [redacted] and [redacted]. Each card was also dated.

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[redacted] Avenue, was interviewed [redacted] jointly with Special Agent [redacted] Naval Investigative Service Office, National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Maryland. The purpose of the interview was to determine if [redacted] had any information which would provide a motive for [redacted] Lieutenant Commander WILLIAM BRUCE PITZER, taking his own life or whether [redacted] any suspicions that anyone might have murdered [redacted]

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[redacted] advised as follows: [redacted] knew of absolutely no enemies of [redacted] knew of absolutely no one who held a gruge against him. [redacted] had no reason whatsoever to think that he had been murdered.

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At the present time [redacted] will eventually have to bring [redacted] to believe that he had committed suicide [redacted] certain that if PITZER did commit suicide it was not a premeditated act. [redacted] this opinion and belief on the fact that suicide was so against his principals and so against all that he believed in and did. [redacted] he was a strong, stable, dependable person who was never ruffled and that he was a firm believer that no matter how serious your problem seemed, if you waited the trouble would take care of itself.

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[redacted]

[redacted] of the Navy Hospital, Bethesda, Maryland, has been treating PITZER for approximately three years for prostate trouble. Although PITZER at one time

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was taking prescription medicine for this difficulty, he has not done so for approximately a year. He had been suffering from backaches which are symptomatic of prostate trouble.

PITZER has always been a very moderate drinker who never became intoxicated and never showed any sign of feeling his drinks. He drank very little liquor, most of that being in the form of cocktails at parties, [redacted] discounted the possibility [redacted] might have taken his own life while being intoxicated. PITZER did not own a gun of any kind; however, he had recently had one in his possession which he had drawn from Navy Supply in connection with his work. He had made business trips to Florida from October [redacted] to 22, 1966, and to Norfolk, Virginia, from October [redacted] to 24, 1966. Upon his return he had shown [redacted] the gun which was a pistol, and had also shown [redacted] several rounds of ammunition which he had used therein. [redacted] described the ammunition as being "blanks" with no lead in them but with holes"in the end. [redacted] He had stated he was going to return it to the Navy.

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[redacted] who enjoyed being around [redacted] and one who was interested in his Masonic Lodge, a school for retarted children in Washington, D.C., of which he was a member of the Board of Directors and activities in the Takoma Park PTA of which he was an officer. [redacted] was

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[redacted], was interviewed at his home in the presence of [redacted] Naval Investigative Service, and furnished the following information:

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He is aware of the death of [redacted] Lieutenant Commander WILLIAM FITZER on Saturday, October 29, 1966, at the National Naval Medical Center (NNMC), Bethesda, Maryland. On the morning of October 29, 1966, Mr. FITZER [redacted]

b7C [redacted]

[redacted] worked very hard at his assigned duties and also participated in off base activities [redacted]

b7C concerned about Mr. FITZER's health, as on occasion he had a severe cough.

b7C [redacted]

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Date November 10, 1966

[redacted] was interviewed at [redacted] Lieutenant Commander WILLIAM B. FITZER. This interview was conducted jointly with [redacted] Naval Investigative Service.

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[redacted] died of a gunshot wound at the National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Maryland, on October 29, 1966, having been advised of this by [redacted] said he could not offer any motive for the death, stating that he did not have any knowledge [redacted]

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[redacted]

[redacted] could not specifically recall the remarks [redacted] to indicate this trend of thought, but stated that [redacted] would not be surprised if the death were ruled a suicide.

[redacted] said he had infrequent contact [redacted] in the past, did not see nor speak with him on October 29, 1966, and could not furnish any additional information of assistance to this inquiry.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 11/18/66

[redacted] Medical Corps, United States Navy, Duty Doctor for the Naval Medical School on October 29, 1966, furnished the following information:

On the night of October 29, 1966, at approximately 8 PM he, together with [redacted] Deputy Medical Examiner, Montgomery County, Maryland, examined the body identified as being WILLIAM B. PITZER, Lieutenant Commander, USN, in the TV Studio, located on the National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Maryland.

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From a preliminary examination of the body at that time it was their opinion that he had been dead for approximately four hours at the time of their examination.

[redacted] stated that an autopsy would be performed on the body of Lieutenant Commander PITZER on the morning of October 30, 1966, at the National Naval Medical Center, and that a complete and thorough autopsy would be performed at that time.

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[redacted] Medical Corps, U.S. Navy, Navy Medical School, National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Maryland, furnished the following information:

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On the morning of October 30, 1966, he in associating with [redacted], conducted a complete autopsy on the body of William Bruce Pitzer, Lieutenant Commander, U.S. Navy.

No autopsy report has been prepared and one will not be prepared for at least a week, as it will be that long before the brain will harden enought for a complete examination.

It is his conclusion from the autopsy performed by him that at the time Lieutenant Commander PITZER was shot in the head, the muzzle of the gun was not touching the head and he found no powder burns around the wound nor did he find any imbeded powder particles around the wound. There was no evidence that the muzzle was touching the skull at the time the shot was fired.

He stated the gun could have been very close to the head, but not touching it but so close there would have been no [redacted] for the powder to have spread out after leaving the muzzle of the gun before it hit the head and thereby leaving no outside indicating of splatter burn or imbeded powder particles around the wound. He stated that if this was not the case, he could not estimate the distance from the body that the gun was at the time the shot was fired as this would depend upon how far the particular charge in bullet would carry a flash burn or throw powder particles with sufficient force to imbed in the skin.

He stated that the death was caused by a gun shot wound in the head from the right temple, entering near the left temple with the angle slightly to the rear of the head but being fairly level up and down with the top of the head, ~~which was not inconsistant with self inflicted [redacted] from~~ pistol shot.

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He stated there were no bruses on the body which would indicate that he had been subjected to any force or been engaged in any fight or any struggle prior to death and that there were no marks or abrasions on the head or body which could not be attributed to the gun shot wound.

He stated the autopsy report would be issued under the name of [redacted]

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[redacted] in the U. S. Navy Medical Corps. He is also a pathologist and [redacted] the Emmuno Hematology Section, Bethesda Naval Hospital, Bethesda, Maryland. He furnished the following information to SA [redacted] and SA [redacted] Office of Naval Intelligence.

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[redacted] was the duty officer on Saturday night, October 29, 1966, when he received a call from the officer of the day, [redacted] informing him that a dead body had been found and [redacted] needed the assistance of a pathologist. [redacted] immediately went to the assistance of [redacted] examined the body of an individual whose name was given as Lieutenant-Commander WILLIAM PITZER. [redacted] tested the skin temperature, observed blood serum, etc., to see if rigor mortis had set in. The skin was cold and the blood was dry indicating to [redacted] that the individual had been dead for at least three to five hours.

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The spinal fluid dried about three hours after [redacted] first arrived and this indicated further to him that the individual had been dead at least three to five hours prior to his initial arrival. [redacted] did not make a careful examination of the wound at the time of his first arrival.

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[redacted] An autopsy was subsequently performed by [redacted] who was assisted by [redacted] The death of Lieutenant-Commander PITZER was caused by a bullet wound which entered the right side of his head in front of the ear and exited on the left side of the head just to the rear of the left ear. The bullet went on a straight line from one side of the head to the other. There was no evidence of powder burns on the right side of the head where entry was made and the wound at this point was about 3/4" in diameter. [redacted] explained that he could not say how far from the head the gun was held as he was no an expert in this field. He did comment that colored photographs had been made of the area. There was a hole in the skull bone approximately 1 1/2-2" in diameter.

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When the body was first observed by [redacted] the head of the individual was underneath a stepladder and blood was splattered in all directions. [redacted] expressed belief that the individual had first come to rest on the stepladder where he bled profusely and later fell into the pool of blood.

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A thorough examination was made of the body. No indication of cancer was found and the body was in excellent health prior to death. It was explained by [redacted] that a comprehensive formal autopsy report was being prepared.

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The aforementioned phone call from [redacted] was received about 8:15pm on October 29, 1966 first observed the body within a matter of minutes. The autopsy was done on the following morning at about 8:15am.

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b7C [redacted] Montgomery County, Maryland, furnished the following information to [redacted] Naval Investigative Service Office, Bethesda, Maryland:

He files a death certificate in Montgomery County, Maryland for Lieutenant Commander WILLIAM B. PITZER in which he listed the cause of death as suicide. It was his opinion that death was caused by self-inflicted gun shot wound because when he examined the body on the night of November 29, 1966 in the TV Studio at the National Naval Medical Center, he observed powder burns on the head. From his observations of the situation in the room at the time he first observed it, and after having been advised that things were in the same condition as when the body was found, he concluded that PITZER was probably sitting in a chair and shot himself in the head with the pistol which was lying near the body and pistol sort of spun him around and he kind of slid his head under the step-ladder. From his examination of the body at that time, he placed the time of death at about 4:00 p.m. This was based on only his examination of the body, but the fact that he was advised that the victim's wife had attempted to call him at 6:30 p.m. at that location and had received no answer.

When he observed the wound in the head on the night of November 29, 1966, he observed muzzle marks around the wound and powder burns.

On the night of November 29, 1966, he received a call at approximately 8:50 p.m. concerning the death of Lieutenant Commander WILLIAM B. PITZER and he arrived at the TV Studio at the National Naval Medical Center at 9:15 p.m. and it was approximately 11:30 p.m. when he conducted his examination of the wound in the head.

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On November 17, 1966, SA [redacted] made available a copy of the autopsy report which is as follows:

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Standard Form 503
Revised August 1954
Bureau of the Budget
Circular A-52 (Rev.)

CLINICAL RECORD	AUTOPSY PROTOCOL

DATE AND HOUR DIED: 29 October 1946 — A. M. / P. M.

DATE AND HOUR AUTOPSY PERFORMED: 30 October 1946 0800 — A. M. / P. M.

CHECK ONE: FULL AUTOPSY [X] | HEAD ONLY [ ] | TRUNK ONLY [ ]

PROSECTOR: [redacted] b7C

ASSISTANT: [redacted]

CLINICAL DIAGNOSES (Including operations)

EYES: Blue
HAIR: Gray
FINAL

PATHOLOGICAL DIAGNOSES

CAUSE OF DEATH: Penetrating missile wound, head, consistent with small caliber (pistol) bullet wound.

CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEM:
Arteriosclerosis, generalized, mild
Arteriosclerosis, coronary arteries, focal mild

RESPIRATORY SYSTEM:
Pulmonary congestion, bilateral, mild
Emphysema, bilateral, focal, mild

LIVER:
Centrolobular congestion, mild

GASTROINTESTINAL TRACT:
Ganglio neuroma, celiac plexus

GENITOURINARY SYSTEM:
Chronic prostatitis, moderate
Arteriolar nephrosclerosis, bilateral, mild

PATHOLOGICAL DIAGNOSES

CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM:
Bullet wound, brain - entrance right frontal area, exit left parietal area
Subarachnoid hemorrhage, frontal and temporal region, bilateral
Cerebral edema, diffuse, moderate

SKIN:
Puncture wound, entrance, right temporal area
Laceration, exit, left parietal area
Subcutaneous hematoma, upper eyelids, bilateral
Subgaleal hematomata, right temporal and left parietal areas

BONES AND JOINTS:
Puncture wound, skull, right temporal bone (entrance)
Fracture, comminuted, left parietal and temporal bone (exit)
Fracture, comminuted, supraorbital plate, sphenoid bone, left

APPROVED—SIGNATURE: [redacted] b7C

MILITARY ORGANIZATION (When required)	AGE	SEX	RACE	IDENTIFICATION NO.	AUTOPSY NO.
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PATIENT'S IDENTIFICATION (For typed or written entries give: Name—last, first, middle; grade; date; hospital or medical facility)

PITTER, William B.
NH, NNC, Bethesda, Maryland Cl
1 930-4141

REGISTER NO.: 5 0 4

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This 49 year old white male was a Lieutenant Commander, Medical Service Corps, United States Navy, attached to the National Naval Medical Center. On the evening of October 29, 1966, he was found dead in the television studio of the Naval Medical School with a bullet wound in the head. Investigation of the circumstances leading to this wound is being carried on by cognizant authorities.

EXTERNAL EXAMINATION: The body when first seen was clothed in civilian attire consisting of a blue knit shirt with undershirt, grey trousers, black loafer-type shoes, and blue socks. The head and face are partially covered by clotted blood. Blood stains are present over the anterior portions of the shirt, undershirt and both hands. Small blood stains are also splattered over the trousers. After removal of the clothing the body is seen to be that of a well-developed well-nourished Caucasian male appearing to be of the stated age of 49. The head is slightly asymmetrical due to a large hematoma on the left side. The head is covered by a balding grey hair. Penetrating wounds are present in the right temporal and left parietal areas. The wound in the right temporal area is oval and measures 0.6 x 0.8 cm. in greatest dimension. An area of charring of the skin surrounds the wound. The wound and the charred area measures 1.5 x 1.3 cm. No additional wounds are noted on the right side of the head and no powder burns of the skin surrounding the area are noted. This wound is judged to be the entrance wound and is located 3 cm. anterior to a perpendicular from the point where the upper anterior helix of the right ear attaches to the head. The wound is also 3 cm. above this point and is located in a diagonal measuring 4 cm. anterior and upward. It is located 6 cm. posterior and is slightly elevated from the lateral canthus of the right eye. The wound in the left parietal area is roughly triangular in shape with the apex pointing posteriorly. The two broken edges of the triangle each measures 1.0 cm. in length. This wound is judged to be the exit wound and is located 4 cm. above the point where the upper anterior helix of the left ear attaches to the head and 5 cm. posteriorly in a diagonal from the attachment of the anterior helix. Additionally it is located 9 cm. posterior and slightly upward from the lateral canthus of the left eye. Both upper eyelids are markedly swollen and exhibit a dark blue discoloration secondary to underlying hematomas. The eyes are blue in color. Blood drains continuously from the left auricular canal. A small amount of crusted blood surrounds the nares and appears to have been draining from the nose. The nasal and oral cavities are otherwise patent. The neck is supple and there are no palpable masses present. X-rays and photographs are taken of the pertinent lesions of the head. A paraffin test is performed on the right hand.

The thorax is bilaterally symmetrical and no lesions are noted. There are no palpable organs present on examination of the abdomen. The external genitalia are uncircumcised adult male. The upper and lower extremeties are bilateral symmetrical and exhibit no remarkable gross lesions. Over the left knee there is a U-shaped well-healed surgical incision which partially encompasses the patella and measures 8 cm. in total length. No evidence of abrasions, contusions, or lacerations are noted in any part of the body with the exception of the head wounds.

HEAD: The scalp is incised and reflected in the usual manner. In the subgaleal region of the right there is a hematoma which extends into the temporal musculature in the frontal area which measures up to 1.0 cm. in thickness. A second subgaleal hematoma is present on the left in the area of the exit wounds and extends into the tissues underlying the scalp in all directions for a distance of approximately 7 cm. This hematoma measures up to 2.5 cm. in greatest thickness and produces the asymmetry previously noted. The entrance wound in the right temporal region of the skull is represented by a discrete round defect measuring approximately 1.0 cm. in diameter. The exit wound in the left parietal region of the skull is represented by a large irregular defect measuring up to 2.5 cm. in greatest dimension. Surrounding the defect are three irregular fracture lines forming a roughly Y-shape. One branch extends posteriorly toward the occipital region, a second extends superiorly and the third extends anteriorly and inferiorly into the temporal and basilar portions of the skull. Fragments of macerated brain tissue exude from the exit defect and scattered small fragments of bone are noted within the brain substance. After removal of the calvarium the superior surfaces of both cerebral hemispheres appear roughly symmetrical and exhibit mild edema characterized by narrowing of the sulci and flattening of the gyri. After removal of the brain a third defect in the bony skull is encountered. This consists of a large defect in the left supra-orbital plate measuring 3.0 x 1.0 cm.

BRAIN: After removal the brain weighs 1625 grams. The cerebral cortices are bilaterally symmetrical and exhibit a mild diffuse edema. The inferior and lateral portions of the frontal and temporal lobes are covered by a diffuse subarachnoid hemorrhage. Scattered subarachnoid hemorrhage is also present over the superior and posterior portions of the brain. Examination of the basilar structures reveals a normal arterial distribution without remarkable atheromatc changes, and other than scattered subarachnoid hemorrhage no remarkable gross lesions are seen. In the right frontal lobe approximately 1.0 cm. anterior and slightly superi to the right temporal lobe a 1.5 cm. defect in the brain substance is present which corresponds with the previously noted wound of entrance in the scalp and temporal bone. This lesion is located in the region of the inferior frontal gyrus and operculum. On the left exit wound has produced a 6.0 cm. irregular defect in the brain substance with a loss in continuity of the leptomeninges and maceration of the underlying cortical tissues. The exit wound is located in the region of the posterior central gyrus and operculum.

After fixation the wounds in both lateral hemispheres are more prominent due to shrinkage of the surrounding tissues but no additional significant gross features are noted. On cut section the frontal lobe exhibits scattered petechial hemorrhages which are most prominent in the white matter. A section is made between the entrance and exit wounds to reveal the missile tract. This tract follows an almost horizontal path which is directed slightly posteriorly from the entrance in the region of the inferior frontal gyrus and operculum on the right to the posterior central gyrus and operculum on the left. The tract measures up to 1.5 cm. in diameter and is surrounded by variable amounts of focally hemorrhagic and macerated tissue. In its course the missile passed through the insula, the superior portions of the claustrum, putamen, and internal capsule and the inferior

portions of the head of the caudate nucleus. It then entered the anterior horn of the lateral ventricles penetrating the septum pellucidum. The missile passed immediately below the corpus callosum leaving it intact. In its exit course through the left cerebral hemisphere it passed through the anterior and lateral portions of the thalamus superior portions of the internal and external capsule, insula and exited in the poste central gyrus. Further sectioning reveals diffuse petechial hemorrhage in all of the paraventricular structures but no gross intraventricular hemorrhage. There are also scattered petechial hemorrhages noted in the brain stem. The cerebellum is grossly normal in appearance.

THORACIC CAVITY: The organs of the thoracic cavity are in their usual relationships. There are no adhesions or other abnormalities seen anywhere in the thorax.

HEART: The heart weighs 230 grams. It was stopped in systole and the muscle is firm. The valvular measurements of the heart are as follows: aortic 7 cm., pulmonic 6.8 cm., tricuspid 11 cm., and mitral 11 cm. All of the heart valves are thin and translucent. The left ventricular muscle measures 1 cm. in thickness and the right ventricular muscle measures 0.2 cm. in thickness. The myocardium is a uniform dark reddish-brown color throughout the heart. The coronary arteries show a moderate arteriosclerosis which causes a slight thickening of the vessels but in no place is there any evidence of nodular plaque formation nor occlusions. The vessels are elastic and have wide lumens. The aorta shows mild athero sclerotic changes with a few yellow plaques in the arch and lumbar portions. It is elastic throughout. The cardiac chambers and the vasculature are devoid of blood.

LUNGS: The right lung weighs 550 grams and the left lung weighs 500 grams. Both lungs are aerated and a small amount of reddish fluid can be expressed on their cut surfaces. The pulmonary vessels are widely patent. The larger bronchi contain a small amount of blood tinged mucous. The pleural surfaces are smooth and glistening. The trachea contains a small amount of blood in the larynx and a minimal amount adherent to the wall below this level. A small amount of blood is also found in the upper half of the esophagus. The thyroid weighs 21½ grams and is composed of 2 symmetrical lobules. The thyroid tissue is uniformly brown, firm, and smooth.

ABDOMEN: The diaphragmatic domes lie at the fifth rib bilaterally. The organs of the abdomen are in their usual positions. There are no adhesions and the peritoneum is smooth and glistening.

LIVER: The liver weighs 1400 grams. The capsule i smooth and glistening. The liver is brown and uniform beneath it. A small amount of blood cozes from the cut surfaces. The gallbladder show a cholesterosis of the wall without any stones. It contains approximately 10 cc. of golden bile. The biliary duct is patent.

SPLEEN: The spleen weighs 150 grams, is contracted, and the surface is wrinkled. Upon cutting it is dark reddish-brown and has a dry cut surface. Malpighian bodies are easily identified but not promi

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PANCREAS: The pancreas is of the usual size and shape, of tan color, and shows signs of early autolysis.

GASTROINTESTINAL TRACT: As previously mentioned there is blood in the upper portion of the esophagus. There is no blood present in the lower half. The stomach contains approximately 40 cc. of white fluid. There are no abnormalities noted in the mucosa of the stomach, duodenum, jejunum, ileum or colon. The appendix is present. A small firm nodule about 1.5 x 1.5 cm. is found at the junction of aorta and cardiac artery. This nodule is white and fibrous when cut. No other such nodules are found.

KIDNEYS: Each kidney weighs 140 grams. The capsules strip with ease revealing a smooth surface which shows residual fetal lobulations. There is mild congestion of the cortex of the kidneys. No abnormalities are noticed in the pelves or ureters.

BLADDER: The bladder contains approximately 100 cc. of clear yellow urine. The mucosal surface is smooth and white. The prostate is approximately normal size and shows the normal lobular configuration. It is slightly rubbery and upon compression exudes prostatic fluid. A small median bar is present at the vesico-urethral junction.

TESTES: The right testis weighs 20 grams and the left testis weighs 31 grams. The string test is positive.

ADRENALS: The right adrenal weighs 10 grams and the left adrenal weighs 9.5 grams. The cortices are yellow and the medullae are gray and intact.

BONE MARROW: The bone marrow is grossly normal in appearance.

MICROSCOPIC DESCRIPTION OF MAJOR ORGANS

BRAIN: Sections from the frontal lobe reveal a diffuse moderate subarachnoid hemorrhage which extends deep into the sulci. There is a moderate perineuroneal edema present with congestion of the cortical vessels. Sections from the region of the missile tract reveal a marked distortion of the normal architectural features without remarkable infiltrate. The underlying brain substance exhibits scattered focal areas of intracerebral hemorrhage as well as congesti and perivascular extravasation or red blood cells. The deeper tissues show a mild perineuroneal edema. Sections of brain stem also show mild perineuroneal edema and congestion of the intracerebral blood vessels. No areas of hemorrhage are present. Sections of pineal gland show focal zones of calcification. Sections of the cerebellum exhibit no microscopic lesions.

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SKIN: Sections from the margin of the entrance wound reveal a loss in the continuity of the epidermis with a marked basophilic degeneration and hyalinization of the underlying collagen. Scattere throughout these tissues are prominent collections of a dark brown to black granular material presumably representing nitrates. The neighboring portions of the skin reve moderate basophilic degeneration of collagen but no lesions of the epidermis or deposits of a foreign material are present.

THYROID GLAND: Other than a mild variation in size of the follicles with some accentuation of the lobular architectural pattern no remarkable lesions are present.

HEART: Sections of myocardium reveal fragmentation of the myofibrils and some moderate increase in perivascular fibrous connective tissue. Sections of a coronary artery reveal a moderate subintimal thickening with focal areas of hyalinization and cystic degeneration. However, no remarkable secondary narrowing of the lumen is seen.

LUNG: Sections reveal a diffuse congestion of the interalveol capillaries with focal areas of intra-alveolar hemorrha and accumulation of siderophages. Many of the smaller arteries and arterioles exhibit mild to moderate thickening with focal hyalinization of their walls. In the subpleural regions there are focal areas of emphysematous dilatation of alveolar spaces with thickening and fibrosis of the interalveolar septae. In these regions there are collec tions of chronic inflammatory cells as deposition of anthracotic pigment. The pleura overlying these areas also exhibits a very mild thickening.

LIVER: Sections reveal a relative retention of the overall lobular architecture. The central veins and surrounding sinusoids exhibit a moderate congestion. There is a scattered mild to moderate fatty infiltration of the hepatocytes. The portal areas are unremarkable.

SPLEEN: Other than focal congestion of the red pulp no remarkabl microscopic lesions are present.

PANCREAS: Sections reveal diffuse autolytic changes.

ADRENAL: Sections reveal occasional zones of nodular cortical hyperplasia. There is a rather prominent congestion at the corticomedullary function. No additional lesions.

GASTROINTESTINAL TRACT: Sections of stomach and small bowel reveal a superficial autolysis of the mucosa but no specific pathologic changes are seen. The gallbladder also exhibits a marked autolysis. Sections taken from the mass noted grossly within the celiac plexus reveal a discrete encapsulated nodule composed of numerous mature ganglion cells situated within an intervening stroma composed of fibrous and neural elements.

KIDNEYS: Sections from both kidneys are similar and reveal a diffuse congestion of the interstitial blood vessels. The glomeruli are also congested with some secondary swelling. Occasional hyalinized glomeruli are encountered but in general their architecture is well preserved. High power examination reveals focal areas of thickening with hyalinization of the basement membranes within some of the glomerular tufts. The tubules in general exhibit diffuse autolytic changes. In one section calcification of a renal papilla is present.

BLADDER: No lesions.

TESTICLES: Sections reveal focal atrophic changes with some lack of spermatogenesis and thickening and hyalinization of the peritubular connective tissue. No additional lesions are noted.

PROSTATE: Sections of prostate gland reveal a diffuse dilatation of the acini and filling of their lumen by chronic inflammatory cells, macrophages, and calcospherules. The intervening stroma does not appear hyperplastic and no remarkable inflammatory infiltrate is seen.

BONE MARROW: Sections reveal a normal cellular bone marrow without lesions.

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Date 11/18/66

[redacted], Naval Medical School, National Naval Medical Center, (NNMC), Bethesda, Maryland, furnished the following information:

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Lieutenant Commander WILLIAM B. PITZER was assigned to the Graphic Arts Division, Naval Medical School, and was particularly in charge of TV and sound reproduction.

After he was advised that Mr. PITZER was found dead of a gun shot wound, he personally advised [redacted] and during the conversation she mentioned that Mr. PITZER had recently complained of his back hurting and had commented recently that he intended to see a doctor about his back condition. [redacted] further commented that during the past week, Mr. PITZER had attended the funerals of two old Navy friends and after the second funeral had commented "I wonder who the third one will be."

Mr. PITZER had returned on the previous weekend from a business trip lasting for more then a week, to the Naval Station at Pensacola, Florida. During the time they were in Pensacola he was fairly closely associated with Mr. PITZER during their work and observed nothing in Mr. PITZER's action, conversation or attitude which would indicate he had any problems or any way depressed. He stated that while in Pensacola they lead a normal life and after work they would indulge in an occasional drink and dinner and then go to bed or read or watch TV in their room or discuss the following day's problems.

He stated he had no knowledge that Mr. PITZER gambled, had any family problems, or engaged in any extra marital affairs.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date November 10, 1966

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[redacted] Naval Medical School (NMS), National Naval Medical Center (NNMC), Bethesda, Maryland, was interviewed at his place of employment, NMS Television Division in the presence of [redacted] Naval Investigative Service, and furnished the following information:

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On Tuesday, October 25, 1966, when his commanding officer, Lieutenant Commander WILLIAM B. FITZER, returned from a trip to Norfolk, Virginia, Commander FITZER said he intended to put in his retirement letter. That same day, [redacted] FITZER if he wanted him, [redacted] return a .38 caliber Smith and Wesson revolver to the NNMC Security Office. [redacted] explained that he had previously secured this gun, along with six blank cartridges, from the Security Office earlier in October, to be used by FITZER as a training prop.

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[redacted] he had signed for this gun and wanted to return it when it was no longer needed by FITZER.

[redacted] FITZER, when asked about the return of the gun, said that he would take it back to the Security Office himself. In [redacted], this was entirely out of character for FITZER who usually had enlisted men run all of his errands.

On Friday, October 28, 1966, [redacted] with FITZER for about two minutes. On this occasion, FITZER inquired whether [redacted] have some slides ready for his use by the morning of October 31, 1966. [redacted] FITZER he did not believe the slides would be ready.

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[redacted] saw FITZER about 4:20 PM, October 28, 1966, when FITZER was drinking beer near the audio consul in the control room of the Television Division [redacted] did not observe anything unusual about FITZER on October 28, 1966.

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On October 27, 1966, [redacted] making a $200 bank deposit for PITZER.

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[redacted], said he did not return to NNMC from October 28, 1966 until October 31, 1966, at which time he learned of the death of Commander PITZER.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 11/3/66

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[redacted] was interviewed in the presence of [redacted] Naval Investigative Service, and furnished the following information:

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[redacted] Lieutenant Commander WILLIAM B. FITZER, whose office is in the Navy Exchange Building, National Naval Medical Center. [redacted] FITZER since September, 1964. She last saw FITZER at about 4:20 p.m. on Friday, 10/28/66. She left the office at about 4:30 p.m. on 10/28/66.

On Friday, 10/28/66, FITZER's schedule was very erratic. He came and left the office many times. She did not have many dealings with him on Friday, 10/28/66.

FITZER seemdd to have something upsetting him for about a year. He dropped remarks to her on occasions. He told her that [redacted]

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FITZER had to travel on occasions and he remarked that his wife did not like his being away from home.

It was common practice for FITZER to go to his office on Saturdays to clean up his desk. She did not consider it unusual for him to have been at his office on Saturday, 10/29/66.

She did not know anyone at the Naval Center who was a particularly close friend of FITZER's. He got along well with the employees at the Naval Center. She did not know of anyone that disliked FITZER.

Mrs. FITZER called her husband about once or twice

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a week. He never argued with her when she called. She called him once in the past week to leave a message for him about the death of one of his friends.

FITZER never expressed any interest in hunting or any other sport where a gun would be used. She never saw him with any ammunition in his possession at any time.

In the past few weeks FITZER came to the office in a very glum mood and would not say "Good morning" to her but in a few hours he would be in a good mood again; would laugh and joke with employees.

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FITZER never expressed any concern about his finances.

[redacted] could furnish no other pertinent information regarding this matter.

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[redacted], National Naval Medical Center (NNMC), Bethesda, Maryland, was interviewed concerning WILLIAM B. PITZER, Lieutenant Commander, U.S. Navy, and advised as follows:

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[redacted] stated he first met PITZER, approximately three years ago at the NNMC. [redacted] PITZER have had day to day contact with each other, due to similarities in job classifications, however, they have not been out together on a strictly social basis.

[redacted] PITZER was a perfect image of a Naval Officer and classified him as a perfectionist. During the past six or seven months, PITZER appeared to be on edge, and became very irascible when the slightest thing went wrong. PITZER never made any remarks concerning his personal life, marital, family or otherwise, except on one occasion, while returning from a recent trip to Florida. While returning from Florida, they stopped at the residence of [redacted], USN, in Norfolk, Virginia, for cocktails and dinner. PITZER remarked [redacted] that he had to get home [redacted] PITZER left [redacted] residence before anyone else and returned to Bethesda alone. [redacted] PITZER did not appear overly concerned and exhibited only normal, parental concern. He also mentioned that the boy, name unrecalled, usually played mother against father in family arguments, and the boy usually won out.

While on the most recent trip to Florida, PITZER had in his possession a .38 caliber revolver, which he used to signal the end of class periods by firing a blank round. He appeared to know exactly what he was doing with a gun, and appeared by no means to be a stranger to firearms. [redacted] stated he did not see any live ammunition in possession of PITZER. He recalled that after one class, PITZER was

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discussing ammunition with [redacted] an ardent sportsman. On two occasions, in Florida, while breaking for lunch, PITZER returned to his quarters and drank a beer. [redacted] PITZER drank his beer, on these two occasions, extremely fast and both times stated to the effect "I really needed that, I have to relax".

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[redacted] stated PITZER's death came as a great surprise to him and that he finds it difficult to believe that he would take his own life. [redacted] stated that for the past six or seven months PITZER appeared to be under considerable stress, but certainly not to the point of becoming a suicide.

[redacted] stated PITZER never mentioned to him that he was concerned over his health, only mentioning on one or two occasions that he had a bad back.

[redacted] Approximately six months ago, PITZER informed [redacted] he was going to take some leave and stated that "he just had to get away from it all."

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b7C [redacted] assigned to the Photography Lab, Naval Medical School, National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Maryland, was interviewed in the presence of Special Agent [redacted], Naval Investigative Service Office, Bethesda, Maryland, and furnished the following information:

He has known Lieutenant Commander WILLIAM FITZER for approximately 6 months and has taken two business trips in associating with FITZER to the Pensocola Naval Station, Pensocola, Florida, the most recent of these trips being from October 11, 1966, to October 22, 1966. He and Lieutenant Commander FITZER were fairly friendly and socialized together. They went to the Chiefs Club at the Pensocola Naval Base together on several occasions and drank together.

Mr. FITZER on occasions mentioned his problems to him in conversation

b7C [redacted]

He most recently discussed [redacted] Lieutenant Commander FITZER on Thursday, October 29, 1966, when they visited for about one hour. During that conversation, Lieutenant Commander FITZER told him that [redacted]

Mr. FITZER had previously mentioned to him that

b7C every time he took a trip [redacted] Mr. FITZER never went into great detail concerning [redacted]

He recalls one occasion while they were at Pensocola, Florida, during the period of October, 1966, when Lieutenant Commander FITZER received a phone call and returned and mentioned the phone call [redacted]

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b7C [redacted]

At the time Commander PITZER received this phone call he was very upset and angry about it and mentioned that [redacted]

During one such conversation with Mr. PITZER he asked Mr. PITZER why he did not [redacted] Mr. PITZER indicated he could not do this [redacted]

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Commander PITZER in discussing the [redacted]

Commander PITZER never mentioned to him that he had trouble with his wife or that he had any financial problems or any problems with his health or sex life.

While they were in Pensocola, Florida, during October, 1966, Commander PITZER went out with a woman a few times. This woman was known as [redacted] last name unknown to him. [redacted] a woman 45 to 50 years of age, about 5'2" tall, very nicely built and very attractive and a woman who hangs out at the Chiefs Club at the Pensocola Naval Station and is there at least two nights each week. [redacted] white Cadillac convertible.

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He and Commander PITZER went out together a time or two and he dated a friend [redacted] last name unknown. Commander PITZER mentioned to him [redacted] was the widow of an old friend of his. Commander PITZER took [redacted] both trips he made to Pensocola, Florida, with Commander PITZER.

He never knew of Commander PITZER to have any ammunition for the gun except blank ammunition. He knew Commander PITZER had a gun which he kept in his brief case and that this gun was used as a training aid during lectures.

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[redacted], Naval Medical School, National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Maryland, interviewed in the presence of Special Agent [redacted] Naval Investigative Service Office, Bethesda, Maryland, and furnished the following information:

Approximately 30 days ago he took a color photograph of Commander PITZER for use during the training lecture tour on which Commander PITZER went in October, 1966. Shortly after he took this picture, Commander PITZER mentioned he would like to have a print made of this picture for his wife.

On Friday, October 28, 1966, at approximately 1:30 in the afternoon, Commander PITZER came by his office and requested him to make a copy of this picture for his wife.

At the time he discussed making a copy of this photograph for Commander PITZER, there was nothing in Commander PITZER's conversation to indicate that he at that time entertained throughts of suicide but he merely commented that his wife would like to have a copy of the picture. Commander PITZER gave no instructions as to what he should do with the photograph after he had printed a copy of it and he assumed that Commander PITZER would come by and pick it up.

He has known Commander WILLIAM B. PITZER since 1947 and been friendly with him but they were never particularly close. Commander PITZER has mentioned to him on various occasions [redacted] Commander PITZER mentioned this to him on several occasions down through the years but never gave him any specific details concerning [redacted]

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He met PITZER and his wife occasionally at the parties and they seemed completely devoted to each other and there was

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nothing in their attitude towards each other indicating they were having any difficulties.

Commander PITZER always appeared to him to be a very straight laced individual, who was always a neat, careful dresser, and very particular about his personal appearance.

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Date November 10, 1966

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[redacted] Navy Exchange, National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Maryland, was interviewed in the presence of [redacted] Naval Investigative Service, and furnished the following information:

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At about 3:50 PM, October 29, 1966, she observed Lieutenant Commander WILLIAM PITZER at the checkout counter of the exchange operated by [redacted] He had purchased some Camel cigarettes and was alone. PITZER was wearing sports-type clothing, probably a jacket and beige or light colored pants. His hair was messed up. He had a sloppy appearance and this was entirely out of character for him.

[redacted] said PITZER looked like a wild man. She kidded him about his appearance. She did not see where he went when he left the exchange. This was the only time [redacted] saw PITZER that day.

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In her brief conversation with PITZER, there did not appear to be anything unusual with his attitude.

[redacted] was aware of the death of Commander PITZER. She said that she understood that [redacted] at the Naval Exchange, saw PITZER open up the trunk of his car about 3:30 PM, October 29, 1966, on the base and did speak with him.

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[redacted] Navy Exchange Building, National Naval Medical Center, was interviewed in the presence of [redacted] Naval Investigative Service, and furnished the following information:

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She worked from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, 10/29/66. She was shown a photograph of Lieutenant Commander WILLIAM B. PITZER and identified him as the man who came into the Navy Exchange Building on Saturday, 10/29/66. She explained that around noon on Saturday, 10/29/66, PITZER came in the front door of the Navy Exchange Building. She said "Hello, how are you ?" to him and he answered "Fine, thank you." There was no other conversation between them. Mr. PITZER was alone at the time. He was in uniform at this time. He was neat and clean shaven. [redacted] did not know PITZER by name. However, in the last 2 years she has seen him in the building every day. She said that she had never seen him in civilian clothes.

[redacted] could furnish no additional information regarding this matter.

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[redacted] Navy Exchange Building, National Naval Medical Center, was interviewed in the presence of [redacted] Naval Investigative Service, and furnished the following information:

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He started to work at 8:15 a.m. on Saturday, 10/29/66 and left between 4:15 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. He had known Lieutenant Commander WILLIAM B. FITZER for about 1½ years through seeing him at the Navy Exchange.

On Saturday, 10/29/66, at about 3:30 p.m. he saw FITZER coming through the front door of the building and he said "Hello" to FITZER and FITZER replied "Hello". There was no other conversation. [redacted] did not notice which direction in the building that Mr. FITZER had walked. He recalled that at this time FITZER wore tan trousers and a white or tan sport shirt. He was clean shaven and he was not carrying anything.

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[redacted] said that he did not hear any noise like a shot from a gun.

[redacted] advised that he could furnish no additional pertinent information regarding this matter.

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[redacted] Navy Exchange Building, National Naval Medical Center, was interviewed in the presence of [redacted] Naval Investigative Service, and furnished the following information:

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He began to work about 7:45 a.m. on 10/29/66. At about 2 p.m. he left the Navy Exchange Building to do some grocery shopping and after taking the groceries to his home he returned to his office about 4 p.m.

He had known Lieutenant Commander WILLIAM B. FITZER since about 1951, through contacts at the Navy Exchange. He did not see FITZER on Saturday, 10/29/66.

[redacted] said that he did not hear any noise like a shot from a gun.

[redacted] advised that the Navy Exchange does not sell any ammunition unless it is ordered on special order. The Navy Exchange does not keep any ammunition in stock. [redacted] had not ordered any ammunition on special order for quite some time.

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[redacted] could furnish no additional pertinent information regarding this matter.

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[redacted] Navy Exchange Building, National Naval Medical Center, was interviewed in the presence of JOHN F. O'DONNELL, Naval Investigative Service, and furnished the following information:

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On Saturday, 10/29/66, he worked at the [redacted] along from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Shortly before noon, Lieutenant Commander WILLIAM B. FITZER walked in [redacted] He stood in the doorway and while standing there [redacted] asked FITZER about his trip to Florida. Mr. FITZER replied that he had to work very hard and could not get outside to get a suntan. FITZER appeared to be in good spirits and was cheerful. [redacted] could not recall whether FITZER wore civilian clothes or a uniform. He asked FITZER if he [redacted] and FITZER said he was going to take a look at it. He did not see FITZER at any other time on Saturday, 10/29/66. He did not hear any noise like a shot from a gun.

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[redacted] said that he knew FITZER for at least 10 years through FITZER's stopping at the [redacted] and talking to him. He had [redacted] on numerous occasions.

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[redacted] could furnish no additional information regarding this matter.

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[redacted] Navy Exchange Building, National Naval Medical Center, was interviewed in the Presence of [redacted] Naval Investigative Service, and furnished the following information:

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She worked from 7:30 a.m. to about 4:10 p.m. on Saturday, 10/29/66. [redacted] has worked there for 9 years and had talked to Lieutenant Commander WILLIAM B. FITZER once in a while, when she saw him in the building. Between 2 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, 10/29/66, she saw FITZER and he asked her about her son. They talked for a few minutes. Between 3 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. she saw FITZER [redacted] and she waved to him. On both occasions when she saw him he was wearing a sport shirt and slacks. He definitely was not in uniform. He seemed very cheerful on the occasions that she saw him.

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[redacted] advised that she did not hear any noise like a shot from a gun at any time on 10/29/66.

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On November 5, 1966, SA [redacted] advised that NISO Agents had interviewed [redacted] of the Western Auto Store located at 8218 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland, and had exhibited him a photograph of LCDR PITZER. After viewing the photograph [redacted] advised that on October 29, 1966 between 2:00 PM and 3:00 PM, PITZER had come into the Western Auto Store, in a Naval Officers dress blue uniform, and handed him a fishing reel, [redacted] and turned around and walked out of the store without saying anything else.

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[redacted] was interviewed in the presence of Special Agent [redacted] Naval Investigative Service Office, at her place of employment, [redacted], where she works as an [redacted] furnished the following information: b7C

She has resided at the above mentioned address since 1958 and during this period she has [redacted] Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM PITZER, 603 Boston Avenue. She has had no social contact with the PITZERs and knows them more or less only casually [redacted]

[redacted] was aware that WILLIAM PITZER had died suddenly at the Naval Hospital, National Naval Medical Center (NNMC), but had not previously heard that he had died of a gun shot wound in the head. She had no information indicating that anyone had a grudge against PITZER and she had no reason to suspect that he would commit suicide. b7C

[redacted] considered [redacted] the son of Mr. and Mrs. PITZER, to be a normal teenage boy and she knew of no particular difficulty between [redacted] and his parents. She recalled that Mr. PITZER had been extremely upset several years ago [redacted] Mr. PITZER had reportedly changed his attitude. [redacted] had no other information concerning any periods of depression on the part of PITZER. b7C

[redacted] last saw PITZER on the morning of Saturday, October 29, 1966, when he was working around the yard of his residence and washing his car. b7C

At approximately 12:30 p.m. on October 29, 1966 [redacted]

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[redacted] to the Navy Base and upon their arrival she let him off at the Barber Shop in the Hospital Building since his father had told him he had to get a hair cut. After a short wait [redacted] returned stating that they were too busy and he would go back later. Thereafter they proceeded to play golf. When they were on about the 3rd hole, [redacted] stopped by and told [redacted] to be sure and get his hair cut. At this time she did not see Mr. FITZER, but could only see the top of the car from where she was standing on the golf course. She recalled that since neither she nor [redacted] had a watch, [redacted] had asked his father what time it was and the latter had stated that it was 2:55 p.m. She heard [redacted] tell his father that he would get his hair cut after they had finished 9 holes.

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Due to the difficulty caused by leaves being on the golf course, they did not finish the nine holes until approximate 4 p.m. Since [redacted] was so intent on playing another nine holes before dark, he stated he would put off getting a hair cut until he returned to Silver Spring; however, [redacted] that he definitely had to get his hair cut at that time or she would not play any further with him. She then drove him in her car up to the Hospital Building and let him out. He entered the Building and she drove to the Practice Putting Green adjacent to the Officer's Club. She parked on the parking lot on the west side of the stream near the club and then walked over to the green. The putting green was estimated to be approximately 400 or 500 yards from the Hospital Building. She had not been practicing anytime at all, according to her recollection, possibly 10 to 15 minutes, when [redacted] returned with his hair cut. To her it did not seem that he had had sufficient time to get a hair cut, but she particularly noted that his hair had been cut.

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[redacted] immediately started to play the second 9 holes of golf and finished playing just prior to dark, at approximately 6:30 p.m. Thereafter they returned to their homes.

[redacted] could recall nothing to indicate that [redacted] was in anyway unhappy with [redacted] or was experiencing

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any difficulty whatsoever [redacted] While they were playing golf she had mentioned to [redacted] how lucky he was to have such fine golf equipment as he owned and to be able to play golf as frequently as he did. During this time he made favorable comments regarding his advantages in life and also that he felt his family was rich as compared to the of other boys. [redacted] indicated no dissatisfaction with his family whatsoever.

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[redacted] felt certain that during the time [redacted] was out of her presence, as mentioned above, getting a hair cut, he would not have had time to visit [redacted] at NNMC. Furthermore it was her strong and firm opinion that his mind was strictly on playing the second nine holes of golf and nothing else. She recalled that while she was on the practice putting green he had come running from the Hospital Building and calling to her to come on and play the second nine holes of golf.

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[redacted] regarded Mr. and Mrs. PITZER as a devoted couple and she described Mr. PITZER as being very much of a home body.

[redacted] stated that in the event she should receive any information whatsoever being upon this matter she would immediately contact the interviewing agent.

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[redacted], National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda Naval Hospital, advised that he had searched the records of this section for any information relative to WILLIAM BRUCE PITZER, [redacted] and could find no record of any of these individuals ever having been treated at this hospital.

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[redacted] National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda Naval Hospital, advised that he had not treated [redacted] and had not talked to [redacted] WILLIAM PITZER. He commented that he had talked to [redacted] as it was his understanding that [redacted] had consulted with [redacted] on previous occasions. [redacted] furnished a note which he said had been given to him by [redacted] relative to the phone call received by [redacted] from WILLIAM PITZER on October 28, 1966. A copy of this note appears as follows:

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Re: [redacted]

[redacted] LCDR/USN/ACT

[redacted] works here in TV—
his office EXT is 430.
Home phone: JU. 8-8730
Referred by [redacted]

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I told LCDR Pitzer you'd call him early next week.

[redacted]

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[redacted] National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda Naval Hospital, Psychiatric Unit, advised on Friday afternoon, October 28, 1966, she received a phone call from a man who identified himself as WILLIAM PITZER. Mr. PITZER informed [redacted] that he wanted to arrange for an appointment [redacted] with a doctor in the Psychiatric Unit in the near future. He told [redacted] Mr. PITZER went into more detail concerning [redacted] and information furnished to [redacted] by him was recorded by her and subsequently furnished [redacted] She expressed belief [redacted] still had possession of her notes and this would explain in more detail what was said to her by Mr. PITZER.

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[redacted] U. S. Navy, is assigned to the National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda Naval Hospital, [redacted] and he furnished the following information to SA [redacted] SA [redacted] Office of Naval Intelligence.

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[redacted] first met WILLIAM PITZER during the Spring of 1965 in connection with the rehabilitation of an enlisted man in the U. S. Navy who was being treated by [redacted] In connection with the patient's rehabilitation, he was placed under the supervision of WILLIAM PITZER at the National Naval Medical Center and with the cooperation of Mr. PITZER the rehabilitation of this patient worked out very well.

During the late summer of 1965, WILLIAM PITZER told [redacted] that he was having a problem [redacted]

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WILLIAM PITZER has never been treate[redacted]
and he was not aware of Mr. PITZER ever having received psychiatric treatment. He never observed any indication of mental disorder in Mr. PITZER.[redacted]

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Date 11/8/66

b7C [redacted] Naval Medical School, Bethesda Naval Hospital, advised that the U. S. Navy Officer's Service Record of Lieutenant-Commander (LTCDR) WILLIAM PITZER contained a voucher in rough draft form submitted by LTCDR PITZER..This voucher indicates that LTCDR PITZER had left Bethesda on October 13, 1966, and had traveled by plane to Pensacola, Florida. where he remained until October 22, 1966. He then traveled by plane to Little Creek, Virginia before returning to Bethesda on October 24, 1966. He was at Pensacola for the purpose of providing audiovisual support at a course held at the U. S. Naval Aerospace Medical Institute, Pensacola.

These records indicate that LTCDR PITZER was born on April 13, 1917, at Gerrardstown, West Virginia. The above records indicate that LTCDR PITZER had gone to Little Creek, Virginia, in connection with a course similar to the one at Pensacola.

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The following information, obtained from the records of the Bank of Bethesda, Bethesda, Maryland, is confidential and should not be made public without the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum to [redacted] Bank of Bethesda, Bethesda, Maryland:

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The account in the name of WILLIAM B. PITZER [redacted] Takoma Park, Maryland is account number [redacted] and is a checking account.

[redacted]

Check number 1177, dated October 10, 1966, in the amount of $47.30, was payable to the Hecht Company and was signed by WILLIAM B. PITZER.

Check number 1173, dated October 10, 1966, in the amount of $4.50, was payable to Woodward and Lothrop Department Store and was signed by WILLIAM B. PITZER.

Check number 1174, dated October 10, 1966, in the amount of $7.35, payable to the Humble Oil Company and was signed by WILLIAM B. PITZER.

Check number 1178, dated October 10, 1966, in the amount of $29.27, payable to Central Charge Service, and was signed by WILLIAM B. PITZER.

Check number 1176, dated October 10, 1966, to Blachistone, Incorporated, in the amount of $2.79 and was signed by WILLIAM B. PITZER. This check was endorsed by Blachistone, Inc., 1407 H Street, Northwest, Washington, D.C.

Check number 1179, payable to the Bank of Bethesda, dated October 11, 1966, in the amount of $70.82, and was signed by WILLIAM B. PITZER. On the back of this check was the

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notation payment number 18 on account number 13542.

Check number 1175, payable to J.C. Penny Company, dated October 10, 1966, in the amount of $14.38 and signed by WILLIAM B. PITZER.

[redacted]

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Check number 1172, dated October 10, 1966, in the amount of $10.00, payable to E.V. Comulada, D.D.S. and signed WILLIAM B. PITZER.

WILLIAM B. PITZER has a savings account at the National Naval Medical Center Branch, the Bank of Bethesda, with a current balance of $806.89, with the last deposit being on August 1, 1966, and the last withdraw sometime in 1962.

The ledger cards for this account from January 13, 1966 to October 26, 1966 indicates the following:

William B. Pitzer

[redacted]

Takoma Park, Md.

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DEPOSITS & CHECKS	CHECKS & ANALYSIS	NO OF CHECKS	DATE	BALANCE
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	JAN 13 66 ☆ JAN 14 66 ☆ JAN 17 66 ☆ JAN 20 66 ☆ JAN 21 66 ☆ JAN 28 66 ☆ FEB -2 66 ☆ FEB -7 66 ★ FEB -9 66 ☆	[redacted]

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William B. Pitzer

[redacted]

Takoma Park, Md.

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DEPOSITS & CHECKS	CHECKS & ANALYSIS	NO OF CHECKS	DATE	BALANCE
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	FEB 10 66 ☆ FEB 11 66 ☆ FEB 14 66 ☆ FEB 15 66 ☆ FEB 17 66 ☆ FEB 18 66 ☆ FEB 21 66 ☆ FEB 25 66 ☆ FEB 25 66 ☆ MAR -2 66 ☆ MAR -7 66 ☆ MAR -8 66 ☆ MAR 10 66 ☆	[redacted]

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William B. Pitzer
& or Joyce B. Pitzer
603 Boston Ave.
Takoma Park, Md.

NNNC

DEPOSITS & CHECKS	CHECKS & ANALYSIS	NO OF CHECKS	DATE	BALANCE
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	MAR 10 66 ☆ MAR 11 66 ☆ MAR 15 66 ☆ MAR 18 67 ☆ MAR 22 66 ☆ MAR 29 66 ☆ MAR 28 66 ☆ MAR 31 66 ☆ APR -4 66 ☆ APR -6 66 ☆ APR 12 66 ☆ APR 13 66 ☆	[redacted]

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William B. Pitzer
[redacted]
Takoma Park, Md.

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DEPOSITS & CHECKS	CHECKS & ANALYSIS	NO OF CHECKS	DATE	BALANCE
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	APR 13 66 ☆ APR 20 66 ☆ APR 21 66 ☆ APR 21 66 ☆ APR 25 66 ☆ APR 26 66 ☆ APR 29 66 ☆ MAY -2 66 ☆ MAY -3 66 ☆ MAY -4 66 ☆ MAY -5 66 ☆ MAY -5 66 ☆ MAY -6 66 ☆ MAY -9 66 ☆	[redacted]

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DEPOSITS & CHECKS	CHECKS & ANALYSIS	NO. OF CHECKS	DATE	BALANCE
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]

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William B. Pitzer
[redacted]
Takoma Park, Md.

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DEPOSITS & CHECKS	CHECKS & ANALYSIS	NO. OF CHECKS	DATE	BALANCE
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]

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William D. Pitzer
& or Joyce B. Pitzer
603 Boston Ave.
Takoma Park, Md.

DEPOSITS & CHECKS	CHECKS & ANALYSIS	NO OF CHECKS	DATE	BALANCE
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	JUL 12 66	[redacted]
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			JUL 15 66	
			JUL 19 66	
			JUL 20 66	
			JUL 21 66	
			JUL 26 66	
			AUG -1 66	
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			AUG -8 66	

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William D. Pitzer
[redacted]
Takoma Park, Md.

DEPOSITS & CHECKS	CHECKS & ANALYSIS	NO OF CHECKS	DATE	BALANCE
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	AUG -9 66	[redacted]
			AUG 12 66	
			AUG 15 66	
			AUG 17 66	
			AUG 18 66	
			AUG 19 66	
			AUG 22 66	
			AUG 23 66	
			AUG 26 66	
			AUG 30 66	
			SEP -2 66	
			SEP -8 66	
			SEP -9 66	
			SEP -9 66	
			SEP 12 66	

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& or Joyce B. Pitzer
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Takoma Park, Md.

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DEPOSITS & CHECKS	CHECKS & ANALYSIS	NO OF CHECKS	DATE	BALANCE
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	SEP 13 66 ★ SEP 19 66 ★ SEP 20 66 ★ SEP 22 66 ★ SEP 23 66 ★ SEP 23 66 ★ SEP 27 66 ☆ OCT -4 66 ★ OCT -6 66 ★ OCT -7 66 ★ OCT 12 66 ★ OCT 13 66 ☆	[redacted]

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William B. Pitzer

[redacted]

Takoma Park, Md.

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DEPOSITS & CHECKS	CHECKS & ANALYSIS	NO OF CHECKS	DATE	BALANCE
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	OCT 13 66 ☆ OCT 14 66 ★ OCT 17 66 ★ OCT 18 66 ☆ OCT 19 66 ☆ OCT 20 66 ☆ OCT 25 66 ☆ OCT 25 66 ★	[redacted]

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Date 11/15/66

[redacted] Bank of Bethesda, Bethesda, Maryland was interviewed in the presence of SA [redacted] Naval Investigative Service Office, Bethesda, Maryland and furnished the following information:

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He received a telephone call about October 26 or 27, 1966 from Lieutenant Commander WILLIAM PITZER at the National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Maryland. Mr. PITZER told him that on about November 3, 1966 they were having a TV Program at the National Naval Medical Center and needed $1,000 in pennies to put in a pile to dramatize a particular point. Mr. PITZER asked him if they had this many pennies in stock. After checking he determined that they did and so advised Lt. Commander PITZER and told him that this would be 20 bags of pennies. He made arrangements with Mr. PITZER to call him back on November 1, 1966 to make definite arrangements for the delivery of the pennies, as at the time that he was called by Mr. PITZER, a definite date for the TV show was not set, but Mr. PITZER advised him that he thought it would be Thursday, November 3, 1966.

They kidded about this situation and Mr. PITZER seemed very jovial.

He never met Mr. PITZER personally and this is the only transaction he has ever had with Mr. PITZER.

[redacted] made available the loan file concerning WILLIAM B. PITZER which contained a loan application dated April 20, 1966 for the purchase of an automobile.

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This loan application indicated that he had been at his present address for nine years, had $22,000 in insurance and owned the property at 603 Boston Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland, which he had purchased in August, 1957 for $16,000 and which was subject to a first mortgage in the amount of $12,643 owed to the Emigrant Industrial Savings Bank, New York, New York. His yearly earnings were indicated

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to be $10,400. and it was indicated that he owned General Electric stock and 1/128th share of a gas venture.

This file contained loan applications of December 18, 1961, June 8, 1961 and July 23, 1959. Each of these loan applications contained the same basic information as did the loan application dated April 20, 1966.

The current loan was opened on April 26, 1965 in the original amount of $2,549.52 and was to be repaid in 36 equal monthly installments of $70.82 each. The current balance of that loan was $1,274.76 and all payments had been made on time.

This loan was included in the bank's group insurance policy on borrowers and would be paid off by the insurance company upon claim by the bank.

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The following investigation was conducted by IC [redacted] in Montgomery County, Maryland:

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On November 3, 1966, the records of the Credit Bureau, Inc., Washington, D. C., were reviewed by IC [redacted] WFO, and a October 5, 1949 report was located on PITZER:

Name:	WILLIAM B. PITZER
[redacted]	
Address:	603 Boston Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland
Former Address:	[redacted] which is his mother's home, [redacted]
b7C	Wife's former address [redacted]
Date of Birth:	April 13, 1917
Employment:	Chief Warrant Officer, U. S. Navy (Regular). Bureau of Medicine and Surgery Entered service May 28, 1938
[redacted]	
Credit:	Satisfactory - Two accounts 1. [redacted] 2. unknown in June, 1947

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On November 7, 1966, [redacted] advised that [redacted] U. S. Naval Hospital had been interviewed and stated that he had from time to time examined and treated LCDR PITZER and that he had a mild congested, prostatism and some loss of sexual desire but there was nothing from his treatment or diagnosis of LCDR PITZER to indicate he should have been concerned about his health.

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In the interview of [redacted] he stated that while in Pensacola, Florida on business, he dated a woman named [redacted]

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Mr Holston *

On November 3, 1966, [redacted] furnished a copy of a letter received at the National Naval Medical Center addressed to LCDR W. B. PITZER, MSC, USN, TV Division, NMS, Bethesda, Maryland, post marked October 28, 1966 at Pensacola, Florida, and signed [redacted] This letter is as follows:

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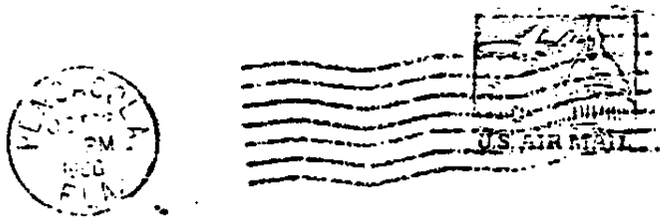
* Mr - Lt Holston Lt in the Chief Petty Officer - See pp 90-99



LCDR E.B. Pitzer MSC USN
TV DIVISION
NMS Bethesda, MD. 20014

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Wish I could See You

If I could just trade places
With this little note today
There'd be so much
to talk about
So many things to say!
We'd chat about the
"good old days"
And many things we've done,
If we could get together
It would sure be lots of fun!

Oct 28. 66
Friday Night

Dearest Bill.

I do not feel like sending this card since not hearing from you in such a lot done I could cry a word from you by this time oh well Can it be out of sight out of mind remember tonight was our night ago we were together Can I that ever to forget I tried to make things pleasant while you were here. Just trust I do pride in my thing in were with you

Lovingly [redacted] b6c

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On November 7, 1966, [redacted] advised that an NISO Agent in Pensacola, Florida had identified [redacted] and that upon interview she stated she first met deceased in 1965 at the Chiefs Club at the Pensacola Naval Station and had dated him each time he had been in Pensacola since that time, and had dated him in Atlanta Georgia during the period January 6-10, 1966.

During these dates he had discussed his family problems which consisted of a nagging wife and a problem son.

She had received a letter from him dated October 29, 1966 in which he indicated he had tried to call her about 2:45 PM that date. This letter continued that he did not want her to write him any more as he was in deep trouble at home and there was no use hurting any other person at that time. The letter stated that he a trip to that area in January, 1967 and that he longed to see her, if no sooner than January. This letter closed "until you hear from or of me, I am always".

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REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
BALTIMORE	BALTIMORE	3/22/67	1/11/67-3/16/67

TITLE OF CASE

WILLIAM BRUCE PITZER-
VICTIM

REPORT MADE BY: SA [redacted] TYPED BY: ddt

CHARACTER OF CASE

CGR-DEATH BY GUN SHOT WOUND

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REFERENCES:

Jacksonville letter to Baltimore, January 26, 1967.
Report of SA [redacted] January 31, 1967, at Baltimore.

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ADMINISTRATIVE DATA:

The investigative period of this report predates the date of referenced report as investigation is included from auxiliary office, conducted prior to the date of last report and received after last report was in dictation.

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Case has been: Pending over one year ☐ Yes ☐ No; Pending prosecution over six months ☐ Yes ☐ No

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Copy to: 1-NISO, Washington, D.C.

Report of: SA [redacted] Office: BALTIMORE
Date: March 22, 1967

Field Office File #: 70-3287 Bureau File #:

Title: WILLIAM BRUCE PITZER-
VICTIM

Character: CRIME ON GOVERNMENT RESERVATION-
DEATH BY GUN SHOT WOUND

Synopsis: Deceased's female associate, [redacted] stated deceased had mentioned he was dissatisfied with [redacted]. She felt he committed suicide because he ended the letter written to her, on the day of his death, with "until you hear from or of me." Navy Board of Investigation concluded that death was caused by self inflicted gun shot wound. Case being placed in closed status as investigation has developed consistent with suicide.

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DETAILS:

[redacted] The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] at Jacksonville:

AT PENSACOLA, FLORIDA

On January 11, 1967, [redacted] Special Agent, Naval Investigative Service Resident Agency, U.S. Naval Air Station, advised that his organization had conducted an investigation regarding the death of Lt. Cmdr. WILLIAM BRUCE PITZER at Bethesda, Maryland, on October 29, 1966. During the investigation, he determined that Lt. Cmdr. PITZER had been dating [redacted] who resides at [redacted] telephone [redacted] He advised that [redacted] is divorced from [redacted] and resides along [redacted] She admitted that she had met Lt. Cmdr. PITZER at one of the Chief's Clubs on U.S. NAS, Pensacola, Florida, around October, 1965, when he was at the Naval Station for a temporary duty assignment

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She further admitted that a romance developed and she flew to Atlanta, Georgia, and met him and stayed with him in a hotel from January 10, 1966, to January 12, 1966. Also, when he came to Pensacola, Florida, during October, 1966, she stayed with him in the Rodeway Inn, Pensacola, Florida, from October 13, 1966, to October 15, 1966, where he registered as Lt. Cmdr. WILLIAM B. PITZER, 603 Boston Avenue, TX PK, Maryland.

[redacted] advised that during the interview first conducted on November 3, 1966, [redacted] said that all correspondence she had received from Lt. Cmdr. PITZER had been destroyed. During subsequent interviews on November 4, and November 7, 1966, she admitted that she retained correspondence and produced the original letter written by Lt. Cmdr. PITZER to her as [redacted] Pensacola, Florida, which was postmarked at "Washington, D.C., 38P (illegible) PM, 1966." The letter reads as follows:

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Saturday afternoon
29 October 1966

[redacted]

Received your very welcome letter yesterday, but have been just too busy to call or write you. Have just tried to call you at 2:45, but you were out. I did so want to talk to you, to hear your voice. Please [redacted] do not write to me anymore. You will hear from me, but please do not write. I am in deep trouble at home, so there's no good in hurting any other person at this time.

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I am sure you will understand and I long to be with you, if no sooner than in January. The trip is on for the week of 23 January. [redacted] will be coming back with me.

It was such an enjoyable week for me and I wish for you the very best of everything. Until you hear from or of me, I am always,

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[redacted] further said that [redacted] said that on October 29, 1966, she mailed a greeting card to Lt. Cmdr. WILLIAM B. PITZER, USN, MSC TD Div. NMS, Bethesda, Md., 20014.

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Date January 25, 1967

[redacted] advised she is divorced and resides alone at that address. She said that during the fall of 1965, while attending a function at the Navy Chiefs Club at the United States Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Florida, she became acquainted with Lieutenant Commander WILLIAM BRUCE PITZER, who was there on temporary duty from Bethesda Naval Hospital. They became friendly and had several dates while he was in town at that time. He admitted to her that he was married and indicated that he had a satisfactory home life. He later corresponded with her and suggested that she meet him in a hotel in Atlanta, Georgia, which she did, from January 10 to January 12, 1966. In addition, on several occasions, she spent time with him in local hotels in Pensacola, Florida, when he was here on special temporary assignments. She said that it was understood that there would be no permanent relationship between them and he never suggested that his home life was not satisfactory. He did indicate a dissatisfaction with [redacted] He never indicated to her in any way that there would be any reason for him to take his own life. He further never exhibited a gun or any ammunition to her and she would have no knowledge of any motive or way in which he would take his life.

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[redacted] advised that in view of the letter which she received and which was apparently written on the same afternoon in which he was killed, she believes that he did take his own life. She pointed that he ended the letter with the statement "Until you hear from or of me" and she now believes at that time he was thinking of taking his own life. She advised that in case anything else comes to her attention which would relate to this matter, she will immediately contact the FBI. She added that she has furnished full details regarding her relationship to the Special Agent of the Naval Investigative Service who talked to her on several occasions.

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On 1/13/67 at Pensacola, Florida File # Jacksonville 70-1252

by SA [redacted] :eal b7C Date dictated 1/19/67

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On March 16, 1967, [redacted] National Naval Medical Center, stated that it was the opinion of the informal Board of Investigation appointed by the Commanding Officer of the Navy Medical School, after reviewing the facts and conducting an independent inquiry, that Lt. Cmdr. WILLIAM BRUCE PITZER's death was caused by a self inflicted gun shot wound.

This case is being placed in a closed status as all logical investigation has been conducted and nothing inconsistent with suicide has developed and investigation did disclose circumstances consistent with suicide and reasons for suicide.

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U.S. Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Washington, D.C. 20535

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Colonel Daniel Marvin
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Subject of Request: William Bruce Pitzer

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Sincerely yours,

J. Kevin O'Brien

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(b) (5) inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency;

(b) (6) personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;

(b) (7) records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the production of such law enforcement records or information (A) could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, (B) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, (C) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, (D) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of a confidential source, including a State, local, or foreign agency or authority or any private institution which furnished information on a confidential basis, and, in the case of record or information compiled by a criminal law enforcement authority in the course of a criminal investigation, or by an agency conducting a lawful national security intelligence investigation, information furnished by a confidential source, (E) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law, or (F) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual;

(b) (8) contained in or related to examination, operating, or condition reports prepared by, on behalf of, or for the use of an agency responsible for the regulation or supervision of financial institutions; or

(b) (9) geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells.

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(d) (5) information compiled in reasonable anticipation of a civil action proceeding;

(j) (2) material reporting investigative efforts pertaining to the enforcement of criminal law including efforts to prevent, control, or reduce crime or apprehend criminals;

(k) (1) information which is currently and properly classified pursuant to an Executive order in the interest of the national defense or foreign policy, for example, information involving intelligence sources or methods;

(k) (2) investigatory material compiled for law enforcement purposes, other than criminal, which did not result in loss of a right, benefit or privilege under Federal programs, or which would identify a source who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;

(k) (3) material maintained in connection with providing protective services to the President of the United States or any other individual pursuant to the authority of Title 18, United States Code, Section 3056;

(k) (4) required by statute to be maintained and used solely as statistical records;

(k) (5) investigatory material compiled solely for the purpose of determining suitability, eligibility, or qualifications for Federal civilian employment or for access to classified information, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;

(k) (6) testing or examination material used to determine individual qualifications for appointment or promotion in Federal Government service the release of which would compromise the testing or examination process;

(k) (7) material used to determine potential for promotion in the armed services, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished the material pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence.

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