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MEMORANDUM

TO: MICHAEL ECHOLS FILE (CASE #1700-00-30182)
FROM: RONALD L. LAX
DATE: 02/23/94
SUBJECT: CONVERSATION WITH DR. CHRIS SPERRY

Dr. Chris Sperry was in Memphis in regard to another case, and I met with him and discussed his review of the Autopsy Report and the material regarding the murder of the three victims in West Memphis. He made the following observations:

1. It was his opinion and the opinion of his colleagues that the three boys did not drown but were dead at the time they were put in the water.

2. The way the boys were tied indicated that the murders were sexually motivated and not indicative of any type of satanic cult ritual.

3. Dr. Sperry stated he did understand how Dr. Peretti arrived at the time of death of 4:30 A. M. but stated he did not feel Dr. Peretti took into account the cool temperature of the water which would have retarded the findings. He stated he would estimate the time of death as eight hours earlier than the 4:30 A. M. time provided by Dr. Peretti. This would make an effective time of death of 8:30 P. M.

4. I also received photographs back from Dr. Sperry which are attached to this Memorandum and after a conversation with Val Price have examined all the photographs again in an attempt to find any indication that the scrapings, cuttings, or markings on any of victims bodies resembled the initials of "J. B." and found none.

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