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**VINCE FOSTER - Timeline of Events** 

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**Timeline of Events** 

The Strange Death of Vincent Foster

An Investigation

By Christopher Ruddy



A visit to Fort Marcy--built on President Lincoln's orders--takes one back to a critical period in our history when rivers of blood were spilled in order to preserve this unique experiment of ours--this government where justice would reign supreme, and no man, no group of men, no matter how powerful or highly placed, would be exempt from public accountability. With the "investigations" of the Park Police, the FBI, Fiske, and Starr, this tiny square of land may yet become the symbol of a cover-up conducted by people who have, with the help of the press, placed themselves above the law.

#### TIMELINE OF EVENTS

1993

January 20

William J. Clinton inaugurated forty-second president of the United States. Foster joins White House staff as deputy White House counsel.

January 23

Clinton withdraws his nomination of Zoe Baird for the post of attorney general. Shortly after, his second choice, Kimba Wood, is also withdrawn from consideration.

May 8

Foster gives commencement address at University of Arkansas.

May 19

Clinton administration fires longtime employees of the White House travel office.

June 4

Lani Gunier, Clinton's choice for assistant attorney general for civil rights, is withdrawn. She was vetted by Foster,

June 17

Wall Street Journal editorial, Who is Vincent Foster?, appears.

June 24

A second Wall Street Journal editorial entitled Vincent Foster's Victory appears.

July 3

White House management review of the travel office firing released. Associate counsel William Kennedy is criticized.

July 15

Senator Robert Dole calls for appointment of special counsel to investigate the travel office firings.

July 16

Foster and wife, Lisa, leave for weekend on Eastern shore of Maryland.

Freeh offered job as FBI director at White House meeting with Clinton.

July 17

Early morning meeting at Justice Department with FBI director William Sessions. Attorney General Reno, Nussbaum, and Hubbell tell Sessions to resign or be fired. Sessions refuses.

July 18

Foster calls Clinton attorney James Lyons. They agree to meet on Wednesday, July 21.

July 19

Hubbell meets with Chief of Staff McLarty to talk about Foster's state of mind.

Hubbell meets with Foster.

President Clinton fires FBI director William Sessions. Deputy director Floyd Clarke named acting director.

Clinton calls Foster at home and invites Foster to join him, Hubbell, and Bruce Lindsey for a private White House showing of the movie *In the Line of Fire*. Foster declines but agrees to meet Clinton on Wednesday.

July 20

Freeh nominated as FBI director at Rose Garden ceremony.

Foster makes repeated efforts to speak with William Kennedy by phone but fails.

Warrant issued for offices of David Hale's Capital Management Services in Little Rock.

Foster found dead at Fort Marcy.

July 21

Secret Service officer Bruce Abbott observes Craig Livingstone suspiciously carrying documents from the area of Foster's office.

Park Police investigators arrive at White House but are denied access to Foster's office or the right to conduct interviews.

Autopsy conducted on Foster by deputy medical examiner for Northern Virginia.

July 22

White House counsel Nussbaum conducts search of Foster's office.

Williams and counsel aide Thomas Castleton remove Clinton's papers from Foster's office and store them in closet located in Clinton's residential quarters.

July 23

Foster buried in Hope, Arkansas.

July 26

Associate White House counsel Stephen Neuwirth finds torn note in Foster's office briefcase.

July 27

Lisa Foster views note at 2:30 PM.

Susan Thomases and the Clinton's personal attorney Robert Barnett arrive at the White House. Barnett takes possession of the Clinton's personal papers that were found in Foster's office.

6:29 PM. Webster Hubbell arrives at White House residence and meets with Hillary Clinton. Susan Thomases is already in the residence. Both Hubbell and Thomases leave together at 8:20 PM.

7:00 PM. Reno and Deputy Attorney General Philip Heymann arrive at White House and are informed of note.

8:00 PM. Park Police notified of note.

#### July 29

Park Police interview Lisa Foster for first time.

#### August 5

Park Police conclude investigation, rule death a suicide.

#### August 9

FBI concludes investigation into the torn note.

#### August 10

Justice Department press conference chaired by Heymann. Park Police chief Robert Langston and FBI special agent in charge for Washington Robert Bryant announce results of inquiries. Contents of torn note revealed to press. Officials decline to release Park Police report.

#### August 15

Washington Post reveals that Park Police report says that Nussbaum, Williams, and Thomasson conducted late-night entry into Foster's office on the night of the death.

#### August 16

Park Police hand-delivered the Colt revolver found in Foster's hand to the ballistics laboratory of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. This is the first time the gun is tested.

#### December 20

Washington Times reports that Clinton aides removed Whitewater papers from Foster's office on night of death.

#### 1994

#### January 9

Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan calls for appointment of special counsel to probe Whitewater.

#### January 20

Robert Fiske appointed special counsel by Janet Reno.

#### January 27

New York Post report by Christopher Ruddy details doubts of paramedics at the death scene about Foster's "suicide."

#### January 28

Wall Street Journal files lawsuit against the Justice Department for not releasing the Park Police report completed on August 5, 1993.

#### February 2

William Sessions issues a statement to New York Post that his firing by President Clinton "compromised" the FBI's role in the Foster death case.

#### February 23

Special Counsel Fiske's investigators begin interviewing first paramedics at the death scene.

#### March 5

White House Counsel Bernard Nussbaum tenders his resignation.

# March 14

A page one New York Daily News story by Mike McAlary entitled Case Closed reports that Fiske had concluded Foster's death a suicide at the park.

Webster Hubbell offers his resignation as associate attorney general.

# April 4

The FBI begins a search and "excavation" for the missing bullet at Fort Marcy.

Wall Street Journal story by Ellen Joan Pollock reports that Fiske has concluded Foster committed suicide.

# May 9

Fiske's investigators interview Lisa Foster for the first time.

First significant FBI laboratory and forensic reports relating to death case completed. Others completed by mid-June.

#### June

A team of four independent pathologists reviews Foster case for Special Counsel Fiske.

#### June 30

Fiske releases his report on Foster's death, concluding that Foster killed himself at Fort Marcy.

President Clinton signs re-authorized Independent Counsel law.

#### July 29

Senate Banking Committee holds one day of hearings into Foster's death.

#### August 5

Three-judge panel created by newly authorized independent counsel statute selects Kenneth W. Starr as independent counsel, Fiske inquiry ends.

#### September

Starr hires Mark H. Tuohey III as Washington deputy, as well as assistant U.S. attorney Miquel Rodriguez to be lead prosecutor reviewing matters relating to Foster's death.

#### October

Prosecutor Russell G. Hardin resigns from Starr's Little Rock office over matters relating to Webster Hubbell.

#### December 6

Hubbell pleads guilty to fraud and tax evasion charges and agrees to cooperate with Starr.

# December 13

Associate White House counsel Jane Sherburne writes White House "Task List" memo identifying White House concerns over scandals, including Foster's death.

# 1995

# January 3

Senate Banking Committee releases report agreeing with conclusions made by Fiske.

#### January 5

Starr's office begins grand jury proceedings into Foster's death.

#### January 6

A Scripps Howard wire story by Lisa Hoffman appears on the front page of Washington Times claiming that Starr has closed his review of Foster's death and has concluded the death a suicide.

#### March

Rodriguez and his assistant resign.

#### April 27

The Western Journalism Center releases report prepared by two former New York City police homicide experts. The report concludes that murder cannot be ruled out and Foster's body had been moved to the park.

# May 3

Christopher Ruddy's story in Pittsburgh Tribune-Review reports that Rodriguez resigned over policy dispute in Foster case.

#### June

Starr hires O.J. Simpson defense expert Henry Lee and the San Diego medical examiner Dr. Brian Blackbourne to review Foster's death.

# June 28

Hubbell sentenced to twenty-one months, of a possible ten-year sentence, for fraud and evasion charges. Starr admits Hubbell reneged on his agreement and failed to cooperate.

# July

White House publishes and distributes a 331-page file called "Communication Stream of Conspiracy Commerce." The file deals largely with issues pertaining to Foster's death.

#### July 6

House Speaker Newt Gingrich publicly states there will be hearings on Foster's death.

# July/August

Senate Banking Committee now chaired by Senator D'Amato holds hearings into actions of White House aides involving Foster's office.

#### August 14

Senator D'Amato publicly states that questions remain on the Foster death.

#### August 22

Dr. Lee testifies as defense expert for O.J. Simpson.

#### September 1

Starr's deputy Mark Tuohey resigns and joins Washington law firm representing the Rose Law Firm before Starr's office and Congress.

#### September 3

Profile of Lisa Foster appears in The New Yorker. Lisa states that she accepts official conclusions.

#### Mid-September

Starr begins two-month FBI search for the bullet at Fort Marcy Park.

#### October 8

Mike Wallace segment on 60 minutes reports the Foster case is closed.

#### October 22

Ambrose Evans-Pritchard reports in the London Sunday Telegraph that Fort Marcy witness Patrick Knowlton claims the FBI falsified his testimony in their report.

# October 25

Strategic Investment and James Dale Davidson hold press conference announcing the findings of three handwriting experts that the torn note is a forgery.

#### December

Banking Committee threatens to hold White House in contempt for not turning over notes written by William Kennedy.

# 1996

#### January 1

Lisa Foster marries U.S. District Court Judge James Moody, a Clinton appointee.

# March

Starr hires Memphis federal prosecutor Steve Parker to review Foster death case.

# March 25

Starr's most cooperative witness, David Hale, pleads guilty to lying to the SBA and is sentenced to twenty-eight months, of a possible fifty-seven month sentence. Hale receives stiffest sentence to date for any sentenced in the scandal.

#### April 21

New York Times reports that Starr will soon be releasing report concluding Foster committed suicide.

#### May 28

Little Rock jury convicts Jim and Susan McDougal and Arkansas governor Jim Guy Tucker of bank fraud and conspiracy charges.

# July

Internal Revenue Service begins audit of the Western Journalism Center.

#### July 28

60 Minutes re-airs October 1995 segment on Foster. Wallace states that Starr will issue report closing the case by the end of the summer.

#### October 22

USA Today reports that Starr's Foster report delayed due to "several unforeseen complications."

#### November 5

Clinton reelected to second term.

#### November 12

Witness Patrick Knowlton files suit in federal court alleging the government violated his civil rights.

#### November 21

Hubbell appears before Starr's grand jury in Little Rock, which begins investigating various payments made to Hubbell shortly before he signed a plea agreement with Starr's office.

#### December 2

Starr appears on Newsweek cover and gives exclusive interview. Magazine reports Starr had concluded Foster killed himself at Fort Marcy.

#### December 4

Washington Post reports that James Carville has launched a grassroots campaign "to discredit Kenneth W. Starr."

#### 1997

#### February 13

Hubbell exits prison after seventeen months and defiantly says he will not cooperate with Starr or inquiries into campaign financing abuses.

#### February 17

Pepperdine University announces Starr will step down as independent counsel by August 1 to become dean of its law school.

#### February 21

Starr says he made a mistake by giving a resignation date of August 1 and will stay on as independent counsel.

#### February 23

Jack Nelson reports in Los Angeles Times that Starr had completed a "voluminous report" on Foster's death, concluding suicide.

#### April 25

Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit rules against White House claims of attorney-client privilege involving notes taken by government lawyers assisting Hillary Clinton.

#### May 12

White House appeals circuit court ruling to Supreme Court.

#### June 23

Supreme Court refuses to hear Clinton administration appeal on notes made by government lawyers during their conversations with Hillary Clinton.

# VINCE FOSTER'S LAST DAY

July 20, 1993

#### 8:00 AM

Foster leaves home for work. Drives daughter to work and son to Metro station.

#### 9:00 AM

Foster attends counsel's office daily staff meeting.

# 9:27 AM

Foster attends Rose Garden ceremony. President Clinton introduces Louis J. Freeh, his nominee for the directorship of the FBI.

#### 9:40 AM

Rose Garden ceremony ends.

#### 9:50 AM

Deborah Gorham states Foster arrived at counsel suite.

#### 10:30 AM

Foster leaves his office for unknown location.

#### Approx. 11:30 AM

Foster returns to the office and stops in at Nussbaum's office. Nussbaum offers congratulations for the apparent success of the nominations of Louis Freeh and Ruth Bader Ginsburg to the Supreme Court.

#### 12:00 PM

Linda Tripp, Nussbaum's assistant, says that Foster asked her to get his lunch from the White House cafeteria.

# Approx. 12:30 PM

White House claims Foster eats lunch in office.

#### 1:00 PM

Foster leaves White House counsel's office.

#### Approx. 1:00 PM

Secret Service officer John Skyles sees Foster exit West Wing. Last sighting of Foster alive.

# Approx. 4:30 PM

Motorist Patrick Knowlton drives into Fort Marcy's parking lot and sees dark brown Honda with Arkansas plates.

# Approx. 5:15 PM

A couple, identified as Mark and Judy, drive a white Nissan into Fort Marcy's lot. The couple observes two men in and around the Honda.

#### 5:30 PM

Confidential Witness claims he entered the parking lot driving a white utility van. Witness said he found Foster's body in front of the second cannon. Witness then drove to nearby parkway headquarters to notify authorities.

#### 5:59 PM

Park service employee Francis Swann calls Fairfax County 911 notifying them of a possible dead body in Fort Marcy.

#### 6:03 PM

Swann makes second call to Park Police.

#### 6-10 PM

Fairfax Fire and Rescue personnel and Park Police officer Kevin Fornshill arrive at Fort Marcy.

#### Approx. 6:15 PM

Dead body located in Park. Fornshill radios Park Police headquarters and notifies them of a "suicide" in the park,

#### Approx. 6:30 PM

Park Police investigators and supervisors begin to arrive at park.

#### 6:37 PM

Fairfax personnel leave park to return to firehouse.

### 7:40 PM

Fiske reported that Dr. Donald Haut, the medical examiner, arrived at Fort Marcy Park to view the death scene.

#### 8:02 PM

Fairfax ambulance arrives at park to pick up body and bring it to morgue.

#### 8:17 PM

Ambulance leaves Fort Marcy.

#### 8:30 PM

White House claims that Secret Service is first notified of Foster's death.

Ambulance arrives at Fairfax Hospital.

Hillary Clinton's plane makes unscheduled stop in Little Rock returning to Washington from West Coast trip.

#### Approx. 8:45 PM

Park Police investigators Cheryl Braun and John Rolla clear scene at Fort Marcy and exit park.

#### 8:45 PM

Park Police "Evidence/Property Control Receipt" shows police investigator Braun retrieved two rings of keys from Foster's front pocket. (Braun states she was at morgue at the time.)

#### 9:00 PM

President Clinton appears on CNN's Larry King Live program from White House Library.

# Approx. 9:00 PM

Senior White House aides claim to be first notified of the death.

#### Between 9:00 and 10:00 PM

Craig Livingstone and William Kennedy identify Foster's body at morgue.

Park Police investigators Rolla and Braun drive to morgue to retrieve Foster's car keys.

#### 9-25 PM

Foster's Honda towed from Fort Marcy Park.

#### 9:45 PM

White House claims Hillary Clinton first notified of death.

# 9:55 PM

White House claims it confirmed Foster was dead.

#### 10:00 PM

Clinton leaves King program, takes elevator to White House residential quarters. Mack McLarty informs Clinton of Foster's death.

Park Police arrive at Foster's Georgetown home and notify family of death.

#### 10:13 PM

Hillary Clinton calls Maggie Williams and informs her of death.

# 10:45 PM

Nussbaum arrives at White House counsel's suite.

#### 10:48 PM

Patsy Thomasson arrives at White House. Thomasson, Nussbaum, and Williams enter Foster's office. Williams observed by Secret Service officer Henry O'Neill exiting Foster's office with documents.

# 11:00 PM

Clinton arrives at Foster home.

#### 11:41 PM

Officer Henry P. O'Neill sets security alarms in the White House counsel's suite after Thomasson, Nussbaum, and Williams have left.

# 11:45 PM

Clinton leaves Foster home.

#### WHITE HOUSE NOTIFICATION TIMELINE

#### 1:00 PM

Foster last seen alive exiting White House West Wing.

# Approx. 5:45 PM

Confidential Witness claims he discovered Foster's body in park.

#### 5:59 PM

Park service employee Francis Swann calls Fairfax County 911 to notify them of a possible dead body.

#### Approx. 6:00 PM

Arkansas Trooper Larry Patterson arrives in his Little Rock apartment and receives a phone call from Trooper Roger Perry informing him of Foster's death. Patterson said the call came no later than 6:00 PM EST.

#### 6:03 PM

Swann, after calling 911, hangs up and notifies Park Police.

#### Approx. 6:15 PM

Body of unknown male found in Fort Marcy Park. Park Police officer transmits radio call of "suicide" in park.

#### Approx. 6:35 PM

Paramedics return from death scene to parking lot. Paramedic Richard Arthur claims he saw Park Police entering Foster's car in search of identification.

#### 6:40 PM

Fairfax Fire and Rescue workers exit park to return to station house.

# Approx. 6:45 PM

Fairfax Fire and Rescue workers arrive at station house. Rescuers report to station supervisor Lieutenant William Bianchi that a White House official was found dead in park.

#### 7:00 PM

Latest possible time former state police commander Lynn Davis claims he was notified of Foster's death by Trooper Perry.

#### Approx. 7:00 PM

Park Police senior investigator Cheryl Braun claims she first entered Foster's Honda in search of identification. She claims she was still unaware of deceased's name. After finding Foster's White House identification, Braun asks Lieutenant Watson to call shift commander Lieutenant Gavin to notify him of death.

#### Approx. 7:15 PM

According to a New York Post report, White House administrative chief David Watkins is paged at Georgetown theater and notified of death.

# Approx. 7:30 PM

Braun discovers that Lieutenant Gavin was not called by Watson. She calls Gavin herself to notify him of Foster's death.

### Approx. 7:40 PM

Gavin calls White House and notifies Secret Service of Foster's death.

# Approx. 7:50 PM

Deputy Chief of Staff Bill Burton calls Gavin to confirm death.

# 8:00 PM

Latest possible time Trooper Roger Perry claims he was notified of Foster's death by Helen Dickey at the White House. Perry says likely came earlier.

# Approx. 8:00 PM

According to grand jury testimony, Gayle Kennedy, put her two children to bed when call came notifying her husband William Kennedy of Foster's death.

#### Approx. 8:15PM - 8:30PM

According to his FBI statement, William Kennedy first was called by Craig Livingstone and notified of Foster's death.

#### Approx. 8:30 PM

Lead Park Police investigator testified under oath that for the first time he enters Foster's Honda in search of Foster's identification and only then was White House notified.

# 8:30 PM

According to a Secret Service memo and the White House, this is the exact time when the Park Police in the person of Lieutenant Gavin first notified the White House of Foster's death. According to the Secret Service, the first official notified by the Secret Service was David Watkins sometime after 8:30.

#### Approx. 8:45 PM

CNN makeup artist preparing president for Larry King Live overhears the president being informed about the finding of a document in Foster's office.

#### 9:00 PM

Larry King Live begins.

#### Approx. 9:05 - 9:15 PM

Senior White House aides, including McLarty, Lindsey, Livingstone, and Gearan, first claim they learned of Foster's death.

#### 9:55 PM

White House claims that Livingstone and Kennedy made positive identification of Foster at morgue.

#### 10:00 PM

Clinton departs King program and takes elevator to residential quarters. Once there, McLarty informs him of Foster's death,

#### 10:06 PM

Dickey claims she made call to her father, after which she called Arkansas governor's mansion and spoke to Perry informing him of death.

# 1 Posted on 01/24/2000 13:28:41 PST by Uncle Bill

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# To: Uncle Bill

Yes, Uncle Bill. Anyone who would actually look at the information that both Chris Ruddy and Ambrose Evans Pritchard have developed would conclude that Vince Foster, a high ranking White House official, boyhood friend of the president, Hilary's special lover and long-time partner in crime with the Clinton family was murdered, that our government covered it up and that our media ran from the story. Obviously the investigators hired by the US government (Miquel Rodriguez) to look into this matter also concluded that Foster was murdered. We tout ourselves as the greatest nation in the world, first in democracy, human rights and justice. A man is murdered in cold blood, powder stains on his fingers showing that it was murder, not suicide. A suicide note is obviously planted in Foster's office by White House officials, a prominent citizen like Bill Colby paid out of his own pocket to have three handwriting experts debunk that suicide note and then Colby was murdered. FBI agents caught in broad daylight by two prominent journalists intimidating an American citizen out of testifying as to what they know just as thugs working for a criminal gang might do.

It gets old to state the truth over and over, Uncle Bill, but it is very important to do so. Foster was murdered. Ruddy does not say so openly in his book, neither does Pritchard. However, anyone reading their work will conclude that he was murdered. It is only human to turn your back on a friend when thugs have targeted that friend for death and will kill anyone who gets in the way. Judas did it even though he loved Jesus. This holier-than-thou generation of proud Americans who is so superior to any previous generation now is confronted with this awful human face of cowardliness and fear that is our own as we turn our eyes while Clinton kills.

It will be time to stop talking about the Foster murder, the Ron Brown murder and over a hundred others when Bill Clinton faces the same justice that a street thug would face for killing a cabbie for \$60 to buy crack cocaine.

2 Posted on 01/24/2000 13:58:05 PST by Red Jones

[ Reply | Private Reply | To 1 | Top | Last ]

To: Uncle Bill

I have long believed that the truth will establish a link bewteen Foster's murder and either the murdres at Waco or the secret trips to Switzerland, or both.

3 Posted on 01/24/2000 14:21:38 PST by Tacis

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To: Red Jones

Good comments. Thanks. It's depressing, frustrating and outrageous!

William Colby's Death Mystery

4 Posted on 01/24/2000 14:21:45 PST by Uncle Bill

[ Reply | Private Reply | To 2 | Top | Last ]

To: AJFavish, John Clarke, Michael Rivero, metalbird1, Rubbertramp, Slym, MadasHell, Boyd, NDCORUP

Bump to you.

5 Posted on 01/24/2000 14:25:17 PST by Uncle Bill

[ Reply | Private Reply | To 4 | Top | Last ]

To: Uncle Bill

Bump...one day there will be justice back in this Republic of ours...

6 Posted on 01/24/2000 14:33:22 PST by shield

[ Reply | Private Reply | To 5 | Top | Last ]

To: Tacis

I understand a connection between Fosters trips to Switzerland & his murder (he knew to much about the payoffs) but what connection with Waco?

7 Posted on 01/24/2000 14:39:41 PST by Ditter

[ Reply | Private Reply | To 3 | Top | Last ]

To: Uncle Bill

Thanks for the link about Bill Colby. Colby was a war hero in WW2, he worked his way up the ranks to be director of the CIA. After retirement he used his money, his time, his expertise and his prestige to help expose Clinton as a criminal. He died for these efforts. Our people just turned the other way and laughed about it.

We have only two possible futures. Either the criminals will win, they'll be able to sweep this mess under the carpet and skate free. Or, we will trumpet the truth and our nation will respond with the appropriate application of justice. We have no in-between here. It is just as surely a struggle to protect and preserve freedom and our way of life as was any war that our military ever fought in.

8 Posted on 01/24/2000 14:41:05 PST by Red Jones

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To: Uncle Bill

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Inly 17

Early morning meeting at Justice Department with FBI director William Sessions. Attorney General Reno, Nussbaum, and Hubbell tell Sessions to resign or be fired. Sessions refuses.

A condensed timeline showing a tactic. 2 AG offers, 1 Ass't, 3 withdrawn. The 3rd AG flies with Repub Support (unanimous).But Hubbell stays in defacto charge.

Then Sessions is convicted in the media of hauling firewood in his gov't vehicle. So out he goes. And a wimp is confirmed.

The CIA at work.

# 9 Posted on 01/24/2000 14:43:19 PST by NDCORUP

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To: Red Jones

(Colby) "After retirement he used his money, his time, his expertise and his prestige to help expose Clinton as a criminal. He died for these efforts. Our people just turned the other way and laughed about it."

Who do you think was responsible? Did Slick turn them all with a wave of his scepter?

# 10 Posted on 01/24/2000 14:46:49 PST by NDCORUP

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To: Tacis

Secret Swiss link To Vince Foster Death

Hillary Clinton Criticized for Fund-raisers ties to Swiss Banks

Russian Money-Laundering Investigation Finds Familiar Swiss Banker in the Middle

# Vince Foster - Part 3 - Orlin Grabbe

"Forbes' sources say that since at least the late 1970s, Foster had been a silent, behind-the-scenes overseer on behalf of the NSA for a small Little Rock, Ark., bank data processing company. Its name was Systematics Inc., launched in 1967 [ 1968? ] and funded and controlled for most of its life by Arkansas billionaire Jackson Stephens, a 1946 Naval Academy graduate. Foster was one of Stephens' trusted deal-makers at the Rose Law Firm, where he was partner with Hillary Rodham Clinton, Webster Hubbell and William Kennedy (whose father was a Systematics director). Hubbell also played an overseer role at Systematics for the NSA for some years according to intelligence sources."

# 11 Posted on 01/24/2000 14:54:27 PST by Uncle Bill

[ Reply | Private Reply | To 3 | Top | Last ]

To: Uncle Bill

Perhaps I missed this in your timeline...

# "INSLAW'S ANALYSIS and REBUTTAL of the BUA REPORT

Memorandum in Response to the March 1993 Report of Special Counsel Nicholas J. Bua to the Attorney General of the United States Responding to the Allegations of INSLAW, Inc."

-- Transmitted by INSLAW to Associate Attorney General Webster Hubbell, July 12, 1993.

Perhaps likewise missed, the whereabouts of White House counsel William Kennedy on the afternoon of July 20, 1993. We know he was at the morgue that evening with Craig Livingstone discovering the earlier searched and missed keys on Foster's person.

# 12 Posted on 01/24/2000 14:55:20 PST by metalbird1

[ Reply | Private Reply | To 5 | Top | Last ]

To: Ditter

I think Foster and Hubbell or someone else did an end run of Reno and called the shots on the rules of engagement and kept Clintoon briefed. Someone here will be able to give more. That's what I recall.

# 13 Posted on 01/24/2000 14:55:27 PST by bigsigh [ Reply | Private Reply | To 7 | Top | Last ]

To: Ditter

Scroll down to the bottom of this thread. I have a little Waco section. Thanks.

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# 14 Posted on 01/24/2000 15:06:10 PST by Uncle Bill [Reply | Private Reply | To 7 | Top | Last ]

To: Uncle Bill

Or perhaps I should say instead that Kennedy and Livingstone were *identifying* Foster at the morgue [regardless that he (Foster) reportedly had on him his White House ID].

# 15 Posted on 01/24/2000 15:11:05 PST by metalbird1 [Reply | Private Reply | To 12 | Top | Last ]

To: metalbird1

Yes indeed. I just typed the timeline from the back of Ruddy's book. Much more of the meat is contained within the book. I was hoping to give folks, who are somewhat unfamiliar with the events, a fairly plain set of timelines to follow. I can't help but laugh to think of Craig Livingstone's background and previous employment situation, and to see him up to his eyeballs in trouble, in corruption, covering up for the President of the United States. What a country. Regards.

# <u>16</u> Posted on 01/24/2000 15:25:15 PST by <u>Uncle Bill</u> [Reply | Private Reply | To 15 | Top | Last ]

To: bigsigh

I agree. I never got the feeling at the time that she was really in charge. I doubt if they ever told her the truth & then she had to stand up & take the blame. In any other administration she would have stepped down, I guess that is when I became very concerned that clinton was a real snake.

# 17 Posted on 01/24/2000 15:27:41 PST by <u>Ditter</u> [ Reply | Private Reply | To 13 | Top | Last ]

To: Uncle Bill

Christopher Ruddy did a splendid job of researching this and laying it out. Can you imagine the hours it took to whittle down a time line this fine? This is Pulitzer Prize stuff. That is, it would be if the Pulitzer wasn't sown up by mainstream lackeys, bootlicks, and knobpolishers.

I'd like to see the same thing on Ron Brown.

# 18 Posted on 01/24/2000 16:28:43 PST by IronJack Reply | Private Reply | To 1 | Top | Last ]

To: Uncle Bill...bmp. back

Bmp.

19 Posted on 01/24/2000 17:10:11 PST by metalbird1 [ Reply | Private Reply | To 16 | Top | Last ]

To: Uncle Bill

Between this post and the related one from the other day, I can see you've been a very busy man. Dare I ask what you do in your SPARE time?! (grin)

A big thanks for your research and writing efforts to pull this information together to make it easy for the lurkers to receive a crash course on this saga.

20 Posted on 01/24/2000 17:11:06 PST by MadAsHell [Reply | Private Reply | To 1 | Top | Last ]

To: Uncle Bill

"What a country."

Now I get it. You are Yakov Smirnov's opening act in your "spare time" :-).

21 Posted on 01/24/2000 17:14:34 PST by MadAsHell [Reply | Private Reply | To 16 | Top | Last ]

To: Uncle Bill

Lets look in this direction, too:

By Sarah McClendon

Washington, D.C. — Leo Wanta, whose purchase of huge sums in Russian rubles is credited with bringing down the Soviet Union in the Cold War, will be put through a third party lunacy test in Madison, Wisconsin circuit court on Tuesday. He has successfully been declared of sound mind in two previous lunacy tests under the Wisconsin state attorney general's office. His own attorney, James Shellow of Madison, Wis., is instituting this test. Shellow says that under the rules for attorneys in Wisconsin he has to notify the court that he thinks the lunacy test should be given. Shellow admits to being a former attorney for a deceased Mafia chief in Wisconsin named Belistiari. Shellow thinks Wanta will be declared sane in the upcoming hearing on Tuesday, but Shellow claims to know nothing as to how Wisconsin was able to extradite Wanta in chains and shackles from Switzerland, where he was doing business with Swiss banks after having given up his citizenship in Wisconsin. Wanta claims that he had just been made ambassador to Switzerland and Canada when Wisconsin state officials seized him bodily in Switzerland. Wanta claims that they took his briefcase from him at that time which contained billions in Treasury bills and Promise software technical equipment which the U.S. was using to get inside information about foreign treasuries.

Although the briefcase was taken by Wisconsin authorities in 1993, it has never been returned to Wanta nor has he any knowledge of what happened to its contents.

The charge is that he owed Wisconsin originally approximately \$14,000. He claims to have paid back that amount in 1992. The state attorney general's office seized his house worth \$120,000 and sold it for \$60,000, but there is no record of this in the Department of Revenue in Wisconsin nor is there any trace of the proceeds from the sale.

Wanta was buying rubles from Russia at the request of the President, Ronald Reagan. Wanta had worked at the White House, the National Security Council, the Central Intelligence Agency and six other government agencies during his career.

He and President George Bush set up the Ameritrust account in the Credite Suisse bank for the U.S. government to use in case it needed to counter terrorists from overseas, according to Pat Cameron, Los Angeles attorney for Wanta. Wanta says that when former president George Bush sought to withdraw funds from the \$210 billion on deposit that Wanta, a co-signer of the account, refused to give his signature for the withdrawal because the funds, he said, belonged to the U.S. government, not to an individual.

A response:

To: Beverly Specht

Seems George Bush has been rumored a shadowy, central figure in many of the major scandals spanning over the last three presidencies. Brian Redman draws the same parallel in "Son of Bush" Looms on Horizon. I wonder why no one stops to take a closer look in his closet? Why bother attempting to root corruption out of government if we fail to investigate what might be the root cause of the corruption we are seeing now?

From: RoarNLion (lionhart@niia.net)

Another:

To: rich

Ah yes, the Octopus rears its ugly tentacles once again. Rich, I trust you are familiar with the tragic fate of reporter/writer Danny Casolaro who was working on a troubling tome which he referred to as "The Octopus". Danny was found dead of a questionable "suicide" in Room 517 of the Martinsburg, WV Sheraton Inn on Aug. 10th, 1991. His nude body was in the bathtub and his wrists were slashed--many times and so deeply that even the tendons were cut through. According to Danny's family he had a great fear of cutting himself, so that in itself makes his "suicide" by slashing his wrists highly suspect.

Danny Casolaro was investigating the (alleged) theft of the PROMIS software from Inslaw Co. by the U.S. Justice Dept. (note, for legal purposes, I typed "alleged theft", thank you). He was tracking the story which led to international bank spying, money laundering, drug dealing, arms dealing, and on and on. The story which began with the theft of intellectual property led Danny into a widespread story of a massive international criminal cabal so far reaching and powerful, with ties into the governments and criminal activities of so many countries that it led Casolaro to name this entity "The Octopus" because its tentacles seemed to reach everywhere.

On the day of his death, Danny Casolaro was supposed to meet with some very highly placed and well connected government figures (I will eschew naming any names here). This meeting was reported to have been arranged by a U.S. Army Special Forces operative. Our old friend Chuck Hayes (the Angel of Death of Fifth Column fame) figures in here. According to J. Orlin Grabbe, Hayes knew Danny and was following his work on the Octopus story closely. He reportedly tried to dissuade him from going to this meeting. But Danny went—and died.

There is an interesting sidebar here on Casolaro's death. "Hollywood" Henry Lee, of the O.J. trial fame, flew into Martinsburg, WV to "consult" on this matter and to help the U.S. government to officially close the case as a "suicide". Gee, what a handy guy to know if you have a suspicious looking death that really needs to be written off as a suicide, right Vince? Oh yes, I forgot. Vince Foster died back on July 20th, 1993, but Dr. Henry Lee was ready, willing and able to lend a hand, even years later, to help wrap that one up as another "suicide".

The Octopus story runs very deeply through all the political intrigue, drug and gun running, money laundering and tracking it through international banks, etc. that was traceable back to the Reagan/Bush era of Iran-Contra. And figuring heavily in all this was the PROMIS software that was (allegedly) stolen from William Hamilton's company, Inslaw. It was (allegedly) modified into banking and financial tracking software complete with a secret "back door" to allow those with the right "key" to go in and snoop around in any country's computer system and look through their banking transactions—even manipulate their data. This software was, according to the PROMIS saga, marketed very agressively all over the world, to U.S. friends and foes alike. Just think how those countries would feel if they found out that they had been suckered into implementing the very tool that would allow spies to snoop through their banking and financial transactions, Tsk!

Well, I hope I didn't bore you if you were already aware of all of this. I am merely reporting the story of Danny Casolaro and his research on the Octopus as I know it. I am in no way asserting that any of these allegations are true. There, enough of the CYOA.

Regards, Bev From: Beverly Specht (bcspecht@westol.com) 08/30/97 08:04:07 PDT

a little more [in part]:

T: This is while you were still Somalian Ambassador to Switzerland?

W: Yes, of course. I had previously been Ambassador to Canada.

- T: You were in Switzerland to execute a 70 billion dollar credit for the U.S. Treasury?
- W: Yes. Along with Vince Foster and Geneva Farrell. We were to meet at the Hotel Dekpix in Switzerland.
- T: What was the role of George Bush in the AmeriTrust account?
- W: Bush felt he could never lose the election and would be able to grab(??) all the money himself.
- T: Of course, Clinton won the election.
- W: Yes. And Vince Foster and Mickey Lee Cantor called me and drew up an instrument for \$250,000,000 for the credit of the Children's Defense Fund.
- T: What about the rest of the fund?
- W: There was \$210 billion in the account, \$250 million to the Children's Defense Fund, \$70 billion was to be assigned to the White House, and some to be directed to foreign nations.
- T: Why was Vince Foster silenced?
- W: He was upset about me and felt the AmeriTrust funds were being misdirected.
- T: What was Foster's role with Bill Casey?
- W: The Contra/arms laundering in Arkansas.
- T: What is your understanding of the role of Ken Starr?
- W: Protect the Clintons.

T= Tom from Venice, Ca. W= Leo Wanta

22 Posted on 01/24/2000 17:14:35 PST by Boyd [Reply | Private Reply | To 16 | Top | Last ]

To: Boyd

Since you're bringing up the Children's Defense Fund, Foster was purportedly funneling Hill's piece of the action [commissions, if you will] from his money laundering, espionage activities, etc., back to her through her favorite charity.

Who says accounting can't be a dangerous profession?

23 Posted on 01/24/2000 18:12:29 PST by metalbird1 [Reply | Private Reply | To 22 | Top | Last ]

To: Boyd, Bob Ireland, metalbird1

Who Is Leo Wanta?

Boyd, you wrote: "Too bad David Feustel's website died along with those documents that JimRob referenced."

Bob Ireland, you wrote: "Once again, I may have specific needs in this matter if you are interested."

Bob, if you're still watching, I'm interested. I would like to have as many of those Feustel Wanta documents that you have time to post. Thanks.

24 Posted on 01/24/2000 18:29:25 PST by Uncle Bill

# [ Reply | Private Reply | To 23 | Top | Last ]

To: Uncle Bill

Bob Ireland was one of my first influences. He has a treasure trove of Wanta info. So does DFU.

BTW, I've spoken to Tom from Venice, a friend of Doug's, several times. Interesting guy. He tried to arrange an interview w/Wanta and myself for FR. Wanta bailed. I'm not surprised.

25 Posted on 01/24/2000 19:03:13 PST by <u>Boyd</u> [Reply | Private Reply | To 24 | Top | Last ]

To: metalbird1

You may know this, and I have not found a place to 'slide it in', but in Charles Hayes' trial, Bill Bradley's name comes up as a 'premature' retirement 'victim'. This leads to some interesting questions about 'Dollar Bill'.

26 Posted on 01/24/2000 19:07:49 PST by <u>Boyd</u> [Reply | Private Reply | To 23 | Top | Last ]

To: Boyd

No, I didn't know.

That would make him owned rather than bought...

27 Posted on 01/24/2000 19:15:59 PST by metalbird1 [Reply | Private Reply | To 26 | Top | Last ]

To: metalbird1

I went looking for that reference and have not found it yet. I did find Wm. Cohen and Patsy Schroeder. I know I've seen Bradley, but I have not recovered it yet.

So, he is off the hook, for now...

But, the good news is, I stumbled onto to some good material. Still looking...

28 Posted on 01/24/2000 19:44:12 PST by <u>Boyd</u> [Reply | Private Reply | To 27 | Top | Last ]

To: Boyd, metalbird1

The answer to your "\$Bill queries" may be found at www.realchange.org. I linked to this website from today's Bourque Newswatch whose URL is www.bourque.org.

Bourque is, I believe, a Canadian Freeper. During the Kosovo crisis, he and I exchanged info as I could watch the on-the-ground British reports of the NATO advance into Kosovo on Sky News and he did not have access to that site.

From what I could gather, old Dollar Bill is the king of the junkets plus he's a master at a campaign finance trick called "bundling." Other than that, his only major flaw seems to be the ticking time bomb in his chest.

Funny,eh? I would have thought the guy was squeaky clean all round. Although I had heard (unconfirmed) that he was in the pockets of certain big chemical companies...

Anyway, good luck in your research.

29 Posted on 01/24/2000 20:46:23 PST by slym [Reply | Private Reply | To 28 | Top | Last ]

To: slym

I'd forgotten about the Skeleton Closet. They do have some good material.

Pierre has been around here for a while. [He has an excellent FR JimRob link on his site]

I use his site frequently as a 'gateway'.

30 Posted on 01/24/2000 21:08:02 PST by Boyd [Reply | Private Reply | To 29 | Top | Last ]

# To: NDCORUP

Slick is the one who benefited from these murders. Vince was involved in many scandals, Whitewater, Blood Trail, Waco, Travelgate, others. Ken Starr issued a subphoena on the day Vince died. Investigations reveal that there was some sort of conflict between Vince and the Clinton clan in the days before his death. In the last days of Foster's life this conflict was evident. Look at the Parks family's recollection of his conversation with Jerry Parks the night before Vince died. Look at Linda Tripp's testimony about conversations between Clinton's top person and Foster just a few days before the event. There's certainly no one else who would've benefited so much as Bill by getting Vince out of the way. There's also no one else we know of who would have the raw power to get the FBI to participate in the coverup.

Who do you think was behind it?

It's all too neat. There's far too many deaths. The circumstances and facts of the various cases when examined in total are extremely troubling. To solve these types of crimes we must use the RICO standards because we're going up against organized crime.

31 Posted on 01/24/2000 21:28:34 PST by Red Jones [Reply | Private Reply | To 10 | Top | Last ]

To: Red Jones

Bump.

32 Posted on 01/24/2000 21:56:31 PST by Uncle Bill [Reply | Private Reply | To 31 | Top | Last ]

To: Red Jones

**BUMP** 

When asked what was so important about the death of Vince Foster, Ambrose Evans-Pritchard is said to have replied, "It's the Rosetta Stone."

33 Posted on 01/24/2000 22:35:53 PST by slym [Reply | Private Reply | To 31 | Top | Last ]

To: Uncle Bill

Quote Of The Day by Nonstatist

34 Posted on 01/24/2000 22:49:59 PST by RJayneJ [Reply | Private Reply | To 1 | Top | Last ]

To: slym

Bttt.

35 Posted on 01/26/2000 03:30:36 PST by <u>Uncle Bill</u> [Reply | Private Reply | To 33 | Top | Last ]

To: Uncle Bill

Foster is still being discussed even today (on another FR thread). I guess Mike Bauerle's question to Hillary has reawakened interest in his death.

Thus, a late night BUMP for this thread.

36 Posted on 01/27/2000 21:52:19 PST by slym [Reply | Private Reply | To 35 | Top | Last ]

To: Webb Hubbell - Sue baby sue!

Bttt.

37 Posted on 01/28/2000 14:42:43 PST by <u>Uncle Bill</u> [Reply | Private Reply | To 36 | Top | Last ]

To: Uncle Bill

Thanks, Unc...

This complements another timeline I have from '98.

38 Posted on 02/05/2000 06:14:57 PST by B Ireland (corsair9@ao.net) [Reply | Private Reply | To 1 | Top | Last ]

To: slym

.& the amount of "heat" he got confirms their guilt and paranoia about their botched cover-up that continues to unravel like a Wal-mart sweater.

Sometimes I get mad but mostly I laugh at the dolts whose whiny and wimpy,

"It isn't so, you bad conspiracy spreader"

fades as they collective march away to worship at the "Shrine of the Magic Bullet" (Preacher arlen spincter presiding)

39 Posted on 02/05/2000 06:45:01 PST by norraad (afn52825@afn.org) [ Reply | Private Reply | To 36 | Top | Last ]

To: Uncle Bill

Unc;

I have considerable material on Wanta, some from private sources... much too extensive to consider posting.

However, I would share them with you if you will e-mail me.

How's by you?

40 Posted on 02/05/2000 06:47:34 PST by B Ireland (corsair9@ao.net) [ Reply | Private Reply | To 24 | Top | Last ]

To: Uncle Bill

VINCE FOSTER - Timeline of Events [Free Republic]

Uncle Bill- With all due respect Christopher Ruddy's time lines below are representative of his work on the Foster case. He includes a lot of unimportant facts and he often leaves out the best evidence. Which I have added in red below.

# Timeline of Events The Strange Death of Vincent Foster An Investigation By Christopher Ruddy

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A visit to Fort Marcy--built on President Lincoln's orders--takes one back to a critical period in our history when rivers of blood were spilled in order to preserve this unique experiment of ours--this government where justice would reign supreme, and no man, no group of men, no matter how powerful or highly placed, would be exempt from public accountability. With the "investigations" of the Park Police, the FBI, Fiske, and Starr, this tiny square of land may yet become the symbol of a cover-up conducted by people who have, with the help of the press, placed themselves above the law.

TIMELINE OF EVENTS

1993

#### January 20

William J. Clinton inaugurated forty-second president of the United States. Foster joins White House staff as deputy White House counsel.

#### January 23

Clinton withdraws his nomination of Zoe Baird for the post of attorney general. Shortly after, his second choice, Kimba Wood, is also withdrawn from consideration.

#### May 8

Foster gives commencement address at University of Arkansas.

#### May 19

Clinton administration fires longtime employees of the White House travel office.

#### June 4

Lani Gunier, Clinton's choice for assistant attorney general for civil rights, is withdrawn. She was vetted by Foster.

#### June 17

Wall Street Journal editorial, Who is Vincent Foster?, appears.

#### June 24

A second Wall Street Journal editorial entitled Vincent Foster's Victory appears.

#### July 3

White House management review of the travel office firing released. Associate counsel William Kennedy is criticized.

#### July 15

Senator Robert Dole calls for appointment of special counsel to investigate the travel office firings.

#### July 16

Foster and wife, Lisa, leave for weekend on Eastern shore of Maryland. And most of those people who met with Foster just before his death were never officially interviewed.

Freeh offered job as FBI director at White House meeting with Clinton.

#### July 17

Early morning meeting at Justice Department with FBI director William Sessions. Attorney General Reno, Nussbaum, and Hubbell tell Sessions to resign or be fired. Sessions refuses.

#### July 18

Foster calls Clinton attorney James Lyons. They agree to meet on Wednesday, July 21.

#### July 19

Hubbell meets with Chief of Staff McLarty to talk about Foster's state of mind.

Hubbell meets with Foster.

President Clinton fires FBI director William Sessions. Deputy director Floyd Clarke named acting director.

Clinton calls Foster at home and invites Foster to join him, Hubbell, and Bruce Lindsey for a private White House showing of the movie *In the Line of Fire*. Foster declines but agrees to meet Clinton on Wednesday.

#### July 20

Freeh nominated as FBI director at Rose Garden ceremony.

Foster makes repeated efforts to speak with William Kennedy by phone but fails.

Warrant issued for offices of David Hale's Capital Management Services in Little Rock.

Foster found dead at Fort Marcy.

And Foster's car and his car keys were not at Fort Marcy Park.

And the FBI contacted the Secret Service about their planned Foster death investigation at the White House

And the Foster family is interviewed by police for over an hour and everyone says he was not depressed or taking medication.

# July 21

Secret Service officer Bruce Abbott observes Craig Livingstone suspiciously carrying documents from the area of Foster's office.

Park Police investigators arrive at White House but are denied access to Foster's office or the right to conduct interviews.

And FBI agents were first to arrive at the White House on July 21st and FBI agents removed evidence from Foster's desk before the locks were changed. FBI agents also conducted interviews in the Old Executive Office Building on the White House campus which is where the majority of the White House Counsel's offices are located including William Kennedy and Craig Livingstone.

Autopsy conducted on Foster by deputy medical examiner for Northern Virginia.

And the autopsy was moved up and began before the police arrived in violation of Standard Operating

Procedure. The tongue, neck wound, and official entrance wound were removed before police arrived. X-ray results were explained to policed but then officially did not turn out and also were not taken(?)

#### July 22

White House counsel Nussbaum conducts search of Foster's office.

Williams and counsel aide Thomas Castleton remove Clinton's papers from Foster's office and store them in closet located in Clinton's residential quarters.

#### July 23

Foster buried in Hope, Arkansas.

#### July 26

Associate White House counsel Stephen Neuwirth finds torn note in Foster's office briefcase.

#### July 27

Lisa Foster views note at 2:30 PM.

Susan Thomases and the Clinton's personal attorney Robert Barnett arrive at the White House. Barnett takes possession of the Clinton's personal papers that were found in Foster's office.

6:29 PM. Webster Hubbell arrives at White House residence and meets with Hillary Clinton. Susan Thomases is already in the residence. Both Hubbell and Thomases leave together at 8:20PM.

7:00 PM. Reno and Deputy Attorney General Philip Heymann arrive at White House and are informed of note.

8:00 PM. Park Police notified of note.

And July 28 the NY Times prepares the next day edition with a story from an anonymous source that Foster was taking medication for depression. Thus the NYT knew this before the police, FBI or the WH ???