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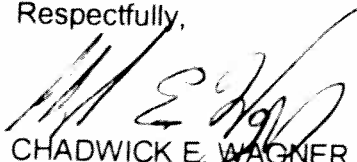
Re: Criminal investigation exceptional clearance of the abduction
and homicide of Adam Walsh

Dear Mr. Morton:

For several months, we have painstakingly reviewed the details of the Adam Walsh abduction and homicide investigation in consult with homicide investigators, past and present. As a result of our recent meeting, Assistant Police Chief Mark Smith was tasked to review the independent investigation submitted by retired Miami Beach Homicide Detective Joe Matthews regarding the abduction and homicide of Adam Walsh and he has shared his thoughts in the form of a memorandum directed to my attention which I have attached for your review. As a result of this exhaustive review, which included the investigative process over the past twelve (12) years since the Adam Walsh files were disclosed for inspection, it is my intention to exceptionally clear this investigation with the conclusion that there is adequate probable cause to arrest Ottis Toole for the abduction and homicide of Adam Walsh if he were alive today. I believe your office supports this position and I am appreciative of your recent assistance and guidance.

The professional relationship between your office and our Agency cannot be underestimated and I wish to thank you in advance for the support and assistance your office has provided during the term of this investigation.

Respectfully,


CHADWICK E. WAGNER
Chief of Police

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