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Hollywood Police Department
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Hollywood, Florida

Dear Captain Mowers:

As per your request on Friday, August 7, 1981, an extensive interview and specific polygraph examination was conducted on Mr. James Campbell. Said polygraph examination was conducted to determine, if, in fact, he was criminally involved in or had guilty knowledge as to who was responsible for the abduction of Adam Walsh, which occurred on or about July 27th 1981.

Prior to said examination, a pre-test interview was conducted. The following are excerpts from this interview:

Mr. Campbell was asked by this examiner to give a summary background of himself so that this examiner could better relate to him and be able to formulate the specific questions in a manner he would be able to relate to and respond truthfully.

Mr. Campbell stated that he is the second oldest of four children, and his parents were both in the military. His father was a fighter pilot in the U. S. Marines, and his mother was a Navy nurse. He was born in Tennessee, and he has an older sister by the name of Debbie, who is 26 years of age. He is 25 years old. He stated that he has a younger sister, Ellen Mc Kensey, who is 24 years old, and his kid brother is Thomas, 23 years old. After living several years at Homestead Air Force Base, his father received an honorable discharge, under medical conditions, from the U. S. Marines, after he was considered totally disabled because of his collapsed lungs.

He and his family moved to Cleveland, Ohio, his father's hometown, and in 1968, or 1969, they returned to South

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Florida. Mr. Campbell attended St. Matthews grade school and graduated from St. Thomas Aquinas High School. He earned his Associate of Arts Degree at Broward Community College, majoring in Political Science and he attended one and a half years at Florida International University and majored in Humanities. Subject stated that for the past year he took off from attending school because he lost interest. He was working during the day and attending classes at night.

When Mr. Campbell was asked what his hobbies were, he stated that he loves the ocean. He loves sailing, surfing, diving; anything that pertains to water. He never participated in any school activities because his one and only love was the ocean. He remembered he wasn't "One of the guys" and wasn't like the other kids. He did not enjoy sports nor was he one for socializing. He remembered that in late 1969 or early 1970, he met John Walsh for the first time. He was either twelve or thirteen years of age, and John was ten years older. John was a lifeguard at the Diplomat Hotel at the time, and since he liked hanging around the older beach boys, they immediately became friends. They had the same thing in common, the ocean, and occasionally he would get a free ride home or a sip of beer by just being around. At that time he was very good friends with a man by the name of John Monahan. Even though John was three years younger than he, and John was his brother's best friend at the time, they all had mutual likes such as the ocean and became close friends. He would stay after school; they would go to the Diplomat to swim and they would spend their weekends there. He stated he could never work an inside office job for he loved the outdoors and the beach.

Mr. Campbell recalled that in late 1970 or early 1971, John Walsh left South Florida, and returned to New York. Campbell recalled meeting Reva, John's wife, on several occasions, when he was very young, but could not recall any specific times. After John's return to South Florida, subject lost contact with him for

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John worked at the Crystal House, which is located on Miami Beach, but they kept in touch with each other through a mutual friend by the name of Billy Brachen. Subject recalled when he and John Walsh became closer friends it was when John Monahan's father offered John Walsh a job. Subject stated, "He got John off the beach. John was to represent the properties of GAC. I started to see him more and more often because John worked for my best friend's father. John, Johnny Monahan, Reva and me would go to different resorts. John has been in the hotel business ever since then. I was still living at home with my parents. Reva was pregnant. I would stop off at their house for a beer I would see John every once in awhile at the office because I did errands for Monahan, Sr. When Reva was pregnant, John was working from 7 am to 7 or 8 pm every day. I helped Reva get Adam's room ready. We painted it and we were all pretty close at that time. Reva had Adam on November 14, 1974. I had just graduated from high school and was going to Broward Community College. We were all ecstatic about the baby. I had met John's parents for the first time before Adam was born. I had a lot of free time, and I would spend it with John's parents. I took them shopping, to the beach, etc., while John was working.

When Adam was born I was elated to be his godfather. John's sister, Jane, was the godmother.

Reva had Adam at 12 in the afternoon. The kid was beautiful. I was ecstatic he was a boy. I wanted him to do skindiving, surfing, swimming. It was the closest friendship between Adam and me. Reva's mother flew down to help care for Adam. I saw him

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everyday. I helped Mrs. Drew, Reva's mother. I became very close to Adam at a very early age. I'd bring over Pampers, milk - I had the pleasure of taking care of him, changing his diapers. I am still living with my parents. John lived in Hallandale, ten minutes away. I spent a lot of time with Adam, being he was my godchild."

When Mr. Campbell was asked specifically when he moved in with the Walsh's, he stated that John was working for Warren Binder, but he could not remember the exact month or year. John and Reva had moved to Miami and he would drive to their home whenever he could to visit. When he got there he would have a few beers and talk to Reva. On many occasions, rather than drive all the way home he would spend the night. At times he would spend weekends there, caring for the baby and he would drive John to and from the airport when he had to make trips away from home. Subject stated that John did not mind him being there for he would do errands around the house, care for Adam, and be there if he was needed while John was away.

It was at that time that subject Campbell got a job at the Carriage House, which is located on Miami Beach. He remembered Billy Maidment was instrumental in getting him the job. He was commuting from Miami Beach to Hollywood, daily, and also at that time, Reva's brother, Cliff, moved to South Florida. Together he and Cliff rented a house close to Reva's home, which made it very convenient. There, he and Cliff lived for one to one and a half years. Subject recalled that after being together for a year and a half Cliff wanted to go back to Buffalo, and since he owned most of the furniture (subject), he moved the furniture back into his parents' house, and gave up the lease on the apartment.

Subject stated, "I was still spending a lot of time at Reva's. John was still

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working long hours. I spent a lot of time with Adam. I like kids, really a lot. We became very close - John still traveled. I did a lot of work around the house. It was nice. I had to move out of my rented house. Reva found a house in Hollywood. In Miami, Adam and I shared a room. Every winter, Reva, Adam and myself would go to Buffalo, New York, snow skiing. We drove a couple times and flew a couple times. We would stay with her parents at their home. Reva and I are very close - best of friends, like brother and sister. "

When Mr. Campbell was asked what type of sleeping arrangements they made when traveling to and from New York, at first he stated they would get a double room, but after further questioning, he stated they would share one room; he would sleep in one bed and Reva and Adam would sleep in the other.

When subject was questioned concerning his relationship with Adam, he stated, "I was close to Adam - closer than his father. I was his father, brother, uncle, and playmate. I could play with him and John would read to him. Adam would say, 'I have two fathers, one stays at home, one works.' As much love you would give this kid, he would give it back. We're inseparable - totally. If he got scared, he would sleep with me. I liked Adam, I love him, also, it was financially beneficial. Reva had her schedule, we shared him (Adam). There was some problems, lack of privacy, things were running good, nobody stepped on anybody's toes, but this past year everything was in a rut. Last year I quit my job and started my own business. I took loans, financed, and bought a fleet of boats, several types. From 6/80, until 12/80, I worked at the Diplomat. Augie, who was the dockmaster at the Diplomat for twenty three years lost the concession there, just before the season. So since Augie

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was out, I was out. There was no money to be had. From there I went to the Golden Strand Hotel, which is located at 178th Street and Collins Avenue. This year the wind was bad about 20 - 25 knots. Nobody wanted to sail. It wasn't safe. There were a lot of companies that would rent boats out to the tourists, even when it was windy. But I was concerned for their safety.

January and February were also bad months. March and April were still bad. I wanted to get out on my own. I was tired of making breakfast and doing dishes. It wasn't a free ride. I had a lot of responsibilities. I needed my freedom and they wanted their privacy. I wanted mine. I wanted to get an apartment close by. I wanted to be James Campbell, not one of the Walsh's. I wanted to be out by December. If I didn't get out soon I would never get out - I realized that. I accumulated a lot of things. When Adam disappeared I was out of their house for about a week. I moved in with my parents. I had no money for an apartment. I needed \$1000 for an apartment. Since my parents had an extra bedroom because my brother had just gotten married, I stayed there.

I didn't want to move back into my parents house, but I had no choice."

When Mr. Campbell was asked what type of relationship he had with his parents and why he did not want to move back into their house he said, "My father favored my younger brother. He was straight A's and I was a C and B student. My kid brother played football, basketball and baseball, and he was really tough. I was passive and he was a macho man. I stayed at my parents'

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home for one week before the disappearance. I was trying to sell my truck to get enough money to get an apartment. I wanted an apartment next to Reva and Adam.

When Mr. Campbell was asked specifically what he did on the day of Adam's disappearance he related the following:

"On the morning of Adam's disappearance I came over for breakfast. Adam just got up. I was away from him for a week. Not the same as living there. Not the toothbrush, etc. Even if you live next door, it is not the same as if you are living in the same house. He is what kept me in the house.

I was there Sunday night watching TV. Reva and I talked it out. We both needed our freedom - no hard feelings. I wanted to take Adam to a surfing movie. He wanted to see the Lost Ark. At first he said no, but when I was walking out he said okay. I got him dressed, and we went to the movie from 8 to 10 pm. While there we ate popcorn and all the good stuff. Adam had a good time. Since we both had not eaten, we went to Larry's Clam Stand in Ft. Lauderdale. We ate chicken wings. I drank a beer and Adam had a rootbeer. Adam fell asleep in the car while I was driving him home. Everyone was in bed when we got there but the door was locked. I knocked on the door and Reva came to the door and opened it. She wanted to know where we had been - she expected us home at 10. I said goodnight because I was tired. I had a drink of water then left."

Mr. Campbell was asked if he recalled Reva being upset with him because he had taken Adam home so late. He responded, "No not upset, or concerned, just inquisitive as to why."

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we were so late. Then I went to my parents' house and went to bed. The next morning I came over at 9:30 am and had tea with Reva. We were suppose to get our driver's licenses together. She said she had to go to Sears to buy a lamp, then work out at the gym at 1 pm. Adam got up and laid on the couch and watched TV. Reva jumped on the couch with Adam and they cuddled. I told him I had to go to work. I gave him a peck on the cheek and went to work."

When Mr. Campbell was asked what he did after leaving the Walsh's residence on the day in question, he related the following:

"A new company had bought out the hotel and they were making promotional films. They wanted me to do some wind surfing. We couldn't get together until 3:30 pm. They were busy. I was waiting for them and I was out a 100 yards off the shore surfing. I had been out in the water for thirty or forty minutes, then I saw Joe, John's brother. It was around 4 pm. He waived me in. I knew something wasn't right. I could tell by the way he waived. I went to Joe and he said Adam was missing since 12 noon. Reva had tried to call me, but I was out in the water. She couldn't get a hold of me. I got dressed and asked friends to put things away for me; then I drove to Sears, 100 mph. When I got there, there was Reva and the police. I was freaked. I couldn't believe it. I drove up and down the mall looking for Adam."

When subject was asked if he knew anyone who would like to get back at the Walsh's by taking Adam and he said we have have no enemies. It is a close-knit family. They never brought people home that weren't mutual friends."

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At this point and time during the interview, the undersigned asked Mr. Campbell to go over again what had happened on the morning in question and he related the following:

"After the movie, Adam and I went to eat. Then we went straight home. I was going to take him to the Dania pier for a walk, but he fell asleep in the car. After we ate some chicken wings at the clam stand, I took him directly home. When we got there I didn't have any house keys so I knocked on the door. Reva let us in and asked where we were. She didn't appear to be upset and I told her we had to stop off and eat because we didn't have time to eat before we went to the movies. I was carrying Adam into the house. Then he woke up and walked straight into his parents' bedroom. I'm strict with Adam as far as meals and bed time are concerned. With me he is in bed at 8:30 sharp. He had his dad wrapped around his little finger, typical dad. Adam went straight to his dad's room and I took a drink of water. Reva went into the room with him. I didn't see John. I yelled from the front door, 'I'll see you tomorrow.' Then Reva walked out of the room to the door. I told Reva either I'll see you in the morning or we will do the driver's licenses in the morning. I can't remember exactly what I said. I drove straight to my parents' house and went to bed. Next morning I got up and got dressed. I get up at the same time every morning. Nobody was home. My father and kid brother went to Cleveland for my grandfather's birthday. Since I couldn't afford to go, I stayed home. My mother didn't go either. She is a registered nurse and works from 11 pm to 7 am as a supervisor at Biscayne Medical Center. She usually doesn't get home until 9 am. My sister, Debbie was in Key West. I left

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before my mother came home. Reva's birthday is July 24, and her driver's license had expired, and I had my wallet stolen from my car in July, so we both had to get duplicate licenses. We tried to get together to get our licenses before, but we never had time. We were suppose to get our licenses that day but even if we weren't going to get the licenses, I still would have gone by to have tea and to see Adam. Reva said she was too busy to do it. I left her and Adam on the couch cuddling. He needed a lot of body contact. I was there for about a half hour or an hour. I was driving my sister's car. I had it for about three weeks while she was in Europe. After leaving Reva, I went straight to work. I went to my office. I took all of the sails out and put up a couple. I didn't rent any boats because I knew we were doing some filming. I washed down the boats and jogged to the Thunderbird Hotel which is five or six hotels away. I wanted to borrow a couple of sails, but the owner wasn't there and two young kids were doing his work. I didn't know them nor did they know me but they gave me the owner's phone number, and they told me that I would have to get his permission before they would lend me anything. While walking back to the hotel I noticed an old lady had fallen in the water. She asked me for help. I went over and helped her up and it was about 2 pm at this time. I went back to the hotel and just waited around. The owner came down with the camera crew around 3:30 or 4 pm. The owner introduced me to the camera crew. They concluded that the lighting wasn't good. Then they asked me if I would do some wind surfing. I got warmed up and about 15 minutes later returned, changed into a different bathing suit and the crew came back to get ready for the filming, and I went out for another half hour. We were in the middle of filming when Joe came out and waived me in. They

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asked me where I was going and I just asked one of my friends to pick up for me. Then I drove straight to Sears.

When Mr. Campbell was asked if he and Reva Walsh were ever intimate or had sexual relationship, he emphatically denied any type of relationship other than one of mutual love and respect as a brother and sister have towards each other. But after further questioning, Mr. Campbell admitted that they have been lovers for the past several years.

He stated that their romance started approximately one and a half or two years after Adam was born and the last time they had sex was two weeks ago, which would make it one week prior to Adam's disappearance.

Subject stated that before they lived together, they both realized it was true love, and since John was having relationships with other girls, he did not feel guilty about their relationship.

When Mr. Campbell was asked if Reva knew that John was having sex with other women, he responded that he had never told her, but he didn't think it had to be said. Subject stated, "We talked of our future together. We had opportunities to be together forever, but we didn't follow through with it. She went back to school to find herself a career just in case she had to support herself. Adam was the bond between John and Reva, but I hope he's not the bond between us."

When subject was asked what his opinion was concerning John's love for his son, Adam, he responded that John loved Adam very much and if he and Reva ever separated, there would definitely be a power struggle

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for custody and that has been on all their mines. He said, "I love Adam - I would never do anything to hurt him."

When subject Campbell was asked specifically if he felt it was Adam that was keeping John and Reva together his answer was, "Yes." When asked if he felt that John knew that he and Reva were having a relationship he stated, "We never talked about it - not directly. John would say things like is this my family or your family? but he never came out and asked me. How could he say anything to me? I would never say anything about his relationships." When subject was asked how Reva felt toward her son, Adam, he said she would never let him suffer financially or any other way. Adam comes first before all. My love for Adam is equal to my love for Reva. They are one in the same. Adam and Reva are like one person - I love them both."

When asked, "Do you feel her closeness was more to you than John?" he responded, "Yes, but she loved John too."

When subject was asked why he left the Walsh's home he responded, "I wanted to get my life together before we could get our life together." I didn't know where we were going from here." When asked whose idea was it for him to leave, he stated, "Originally it was John's, I think he was jealous, but it was mutual, I was jealous of him. I knew I had to get established before we could get established." When asked when it all came to a head, about him moving out, he stated:

"Lately we've been having petty arguments. It was a mutual understanding. It wasn't a shock to any one of us. I wasn't happy lately, doing the dishes, housework - some damn domestic - if I only had tits. It's not my goal cleaning up after everybody. I want to be me."

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The following are the relevant questions asked of Mr. Campbell during his polygraph examination:

- A. Concerning Adam's disappearance, do you intend to answer all my questions truthfully? Answer. Yes.
- B. Do you know who took Adam? Answer. No.
- C. Do you know where Adam is now? Answer. No.
- D. Did you conspire with anyone to cause Adam's disappearance? Answer. No.
- E. Are you withholding information from the police concerning Adam's disappearance? Answer. No.
- F. Do you suspect anyone of taking Adam? Answer. No.
- G. Do you know who took Adam? Answer. No.
- H. Did you take Adam? Answer. No.

After careful analysis of said polygraph examination, it is the opinion of this examiner that Mr. Campbell showed no physiological reactions which would be indicative of being deceptive on any of the above relevant questions asked during his polygraph examination.

After analyzing Mr. Campbell's polygrams, and relating the information acquired during Mr. Campbell's pre-test interview, it was decided by those investigators involved in said case, that another specific polygraph examination would be conducted at a later time, after they could verify certain information pertaining to said case.

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It was also decided that a post test interview would not be conducted at this time since Mr. Campbell appeared to be under a lot of stress and requested to return home so that he could eat and go to sleep.