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SECOND POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION

FOR

JAMES CAMPBELL

On August 10, 1981, a follow up polygraph examination was conducted on Mr. James Campbell, which consisted of an extensive pre-test interview, and the formulation of relevant questions that were asked on his polygraph examination that pertained specifically to the relevant issue which concerned the disappearance of Adam Walsh.

The following are excerpts from that pre-test interview:

When Mr. Campbell entered the room that was to be used to conduct the polygraph examination, he appeared to be nervous and somewhat upset. He said, "Joe, why are they treating me so rough? I know they think I'm responsible for Adam being missing. The police are making all kinds of accusations. I've got to calm down ---- calm down. I've got to convince myself not to let the barbarians get to me. I should have just said to myself that they were just doing their job, and not take it personally -- but I do take it personally. It is very upsetting."

After several minutes of conversation, not relating to the specific issue, the undersigned was able to calm Mr. Campbell down and begin the interview:

Q. James, let's start from the very beginning.

A. Okay, Joe, I could talk to you -- I trust you. I can't remember per se when I met Reva. The first time I actually taked to her was at John Monahan's house, while I was in high school, probably sometime around 1974. It was when John Walsh was

working for GAC, and they were married.

Q. Had you met her before they were married?

A. I heard alot about her from John. I'm sure I met her on one of our trips, but I really can't remember. The actual time I really met her was during the summer I graduated from high school. I liked her from the very first. I didn't know if it was bells and stars in love, but it was just the fact that she was a nice person. She was pregnant at the time; maybe five or six months pregnant. We had all drove to the River Ranch. It was John Monahan, myself, John and Reva. We drove in the station wagon, and that was the first big trip that we made together. I remember getting a ticket while driving for speeding. The place we went to was like a villa. John, Sr., and Mrs. Monahan were already there with some of the children. John and I (John Monahan), had our own room and John and Reva had theirs.

Q. When was the first time you were attracted to Reva?

A. She was beautiful when she was pregnant. She just glowed like an angel. I always thought she was a beautiful woman.

Q. When was the first time the two of you were alone?

A. I guess at their house in Hallandale, at lunch time. She may have made me a sandwich, or gave me a beer, and we talked about fixing up the bedroom for the baby. She was bugging John to do it but he was always working. She had brown furniture, and we painted it white with yellow handles. Then we bought yellow shades, with golden triangles and some decals for the mirrors. We fixed up the baby's room real nice. She told me John had constantly been

putting her off concerning fixing up the room so we did it together. We were friends. I would help her out; go to the store. We were very casual with each other. She did not have a car at the time so I drove her.

Q. Did she ever confide in you before the baby was born?

A. Not really. I don't recall. We were just good friends, but I don't think she told me anything very personal. I remember before that time we met in Key West together; the Monahan family, John and me. I remember she and I sat on the seawall together and we smoked marijuana.

Q. Whose marijuana was it?

A. It was hers. We only had a few joints. I remember we were smoking the last one, and I dropped it in the water. We were passing it back and forth.

Q. Did you ever snort cocaine with Reva?

A. Yes, but I can't remember the last time. I think they had friends over from out of town. There was John, Reva, Karen and myself.

Q. Who's Karen?

A. Jeff's wife. Jeff is John's best friend.

Q. Did you ever have a relationship with Karen?

A. No.

Q. Continue if you would.

A. Now when Reva and I talk about our relationship, she would say, "Why did you wait so long."

Q. When was the first time you and Reva were intimate with each other?

A. It was one night when Adam was in bed. We were smoking a joint. Then we drank some tea and watched TV. I was rubbing her back, nothing sexual, just her neck and shoulders, but after doing it awhile and because of the fact that we were alone and had just finished smoking a joint, my hands roamed, and she turned, all at the same time. It was just a mutual thing. Nothing planned - it just happened, and we kissed.

Q. Where was John at the time?

A. He was out of town on business.

Q. What happened then?

A. One thing lead to another, and we slept together. Actually we didn't sleep together, we had sex, then I slept on the couch. The next morning she was very uneasy. She told me we should never let it happen again. You have to understand the relationship we had. I would spend the nights there when John was out of town, not for the sex part of it, but because I would watch out for her and Adam and do errands around the house. Then Reva and I became intimate. We knew we shouldn't do it, but it was very natural - nothing cheap about it. It was beautiful when it happened. We knew we were in love, but didn't know what we were going to do about it. For Adam's sake she would stay with John. We discussed little things like someday having a little car - a little house together, when Adam got older. She wouldn't do anything until Adam reached a certain age. We talked about two years - maybe that's how long it would take to finish college. Something happened after Adam was born. She and John drifted apart. I never pried, but there wasn't that closeness. Reva felt it was coming from John, not her. She felt he was the cause of them

not being close. Once, when Reva and I were driving together, I made mention to her that one of my old girlfriends lived there, and pointed to a house when we drove by. The next day she said to me that she didn't want me fooling around with another girl. I told her I wasn't and I wasn't going to.

Q. Do you have any other relationships with other girls or have you had sex with any other girls since the first time you made love to Reva?

A. I went out a couple of times, but there was never a relationship. I was faithful - no other girls - no other relationships. Just her, just Reva because I loved her.

Q. Did Reva see any other man while the two of you were together?

A. No, she wasn't into one night stands. She is too much of a mother. Too serious. At the one time we were the most serious I didn't have my shit together. It was a time when we felt it difficult to be apart from each other. We enjoyed each other's company. This was during the middle of our relationship. If I had everything together at that time then we would have been together now. I didn't do my part. I didn't finish school, maybe she didn't follow up either. I guess it just wasn't meant to be. There was a time when we were super close; we didn't even argue. I guess because she was on a guilt trip she started busting my balls for me not following up. We understood it. I had to make a move and do something. That was about one or one and a half years ago. I tried to get the boats going, but because of the bad weather they weren't successful. I wanted out of the house about a year ago. Reva was putting pressure on me lately. She told me that I had to have a life of my own, and that our

relationship was going nowhere. My goal at that time was to get an apartment of my own. I didn't want to go back to my parents. Whether or not Reva came with me wasn't important. I had to be on my own. I had to do it myself. I had to prove to myself that I could do it.

Reva told me we could have had a thing. We should have had a thing, and she was disappointed in me. She told me that.

Q. How much do you love her now?

A. I love her alot.

Q. Did Reva tell you that she and John wanted to have another baby?

A. No, not per se. John would say to Adam, "How would you like to have a baby sister." At one time I didn't think it was possible but after the past year it was very feasible. There is a big difference between John and I. I'm stagnant and John is just now taking off in the business. I would have had to have it together or forget it. Adam came first for the both of us. I guess I kinda knew she wanted to have a baby.

After I took the first polygraph, when I got home, we all discussed it. Reva and I talked about the test. When I got home she asked me where I was for seven hours. She asked me what it was all about and I told her. It was at that time she said to me, "Didn't you tell him that John and I were talking about having another baby?" I told her, "No, I never told him that." When I got home that night, my sister was there with Reva and they were awake waiting for me. Jeff was napping. They both asked me what happened. I told them that they asked me alot of personal questions, and they told me to tell them exactly what was asked. Before I would

answer any of the questions I was waiting for my sister to leave. Reva and I walked my sister to the car and then she left. After that, Reva asked me what questions were asked during the polygraph test. I told her they asked about our relationship. She asked me what I said and I told her that we were in love. I told her that I told you that we made love together. Then she said, "I knew that was going to come up." I assured Reva it was confidential. She said she was sure our stories were different versions concerning what happened between us. Reva asked me if I mentioned that she and John were going to have another kid and I said to her, "Oh really, I wasn't told." Then she said to me, "You heard us talking about it." Reva and I then had a little argument about that and I walked back into the house. She made some tea. We drank the tea and talked. When I got back into the house she was looking in the refrigerator and broke down and was crying about Adam. I held her and she took a sleeping pill and went to bed. Karen woke up because she couldn't sleep and we all slept in the living room on chairs.

Q. Was Reva concerned about John finding out about you and her?

A. When the police first mentioned about us taking a lie detector we looked at each other and that was our only concern about taking the test. I explained to Reva about the confidentiality of the test; how there was only you and me in the room, and there were no police involved. I explained to her that you were not a police officer, you were just doing it to help in the investigation. Then I told her I would probably go back and take another test.

Q. What did John Walsh say about taking the polygraph test?

A. He said that you were very nice. You were well dressed, intelligent and you have a way about talking to people. There was no pressure involved in taking the test, but the one thing John said was that you had to tell the truth. That's the most important thing.

Q. James, in going back, prior to Adam's disappearance, the day you left the Walsh's house, do you remember that?

A. Yes.

Q. Can you tell me about it.

A. Yes, the day I left, we argued. John said I had to be out June 1. After he told me that I would be upset once in awhile just thinking about the fact that I had to move out, but I knew the day would soon come. Reva and I were spatting a little bit at that time, but nothing serious. Reva was encouraging me to get an apartment. She was busting my balls. I told her I was looking for an apartment and I was trying to sell my truck to get enough money to put a deposit down. I told her I wasn't waiting any longer. I told her I was moving out immediately for my own sanity. I started moving my clothes out. I was pissed as hell. I couldn't take anymore of it. I figured if I got my own apartment I would be sane again. I started loading my car and she was mad. She sat on the porch. She was pissed. I was fuming. I was upset with myself because I didn't want to leave under circumstances like this. I didn't want to leave like this. After I left I didn't call her that night or the next day. I went over a couple of days later and everything was okay. John had gone to work and Reva and I had tea. We ate breakfast, I think. Then sometime after that she might have come over to the beach with Adam or maybe I stopped off after work to say hello. I

really don't remember. I just know that there were no hard feelings after I moved out. I told her I was staying with friends and at the office. I didn't want to say that I was back at my parents' house. I wasn't happy at my father's. I remember one week I went to four movies just to stay out of the house. I tried to stay away. I felt like I was a bachelor. Reva would kid me and say, "How's the divorce." She would always invite me to come by and see Adam. I would always call and say, "I miss you." I missed both her and Adam.

Q. Tell me about the night before the abduction.

A. Two nights before the abduction I called John and told him I wanted to take Adam to the movies. Then the night before the abduction, when I was going to take him to the movies I called up, and there was no one home and I was really pissed. Later I talked to Reva and she said they had gone to the tropical plant show. When I drove over they were planting a tree. Then, 60 Minutes came on. The morning of the abduction I went over to Reva's house and she said, "Are you taking Adam with you?" I told her that I was busy and couldn't take him. If I wasn't upset with Reva, there is no doubt that I would have take Adam with me, but I didn't want her to think that anytime she asked me I would have to say yes. She said something about she was either going to take him to gram or gram was going to watch him. That was sometime between 9 and 10 am. I'm not really sure of the time. I think I stopped at Jack's Diner for breakfast. That was around 10:30 am. I went to the office. I unlocked the door and went inside. It was kind of a weird day. I just didn't open the sails. I walked

around and noticed that there weren't too many people on the beach. I was just kind of hanging out. I may have laid down for awhile and read.

There was nothing really important to do. I don't remember if I had lunch or not. I walked over to the Thunderbird to see Derrick, but he wasn't there. There were two kids there; one blond about 13 and I don't remember the second one. I wanted to borrow some sails. He wrote down two phone numbers; one for the Fontainebleau Hotel and the other was a warehouse number. I took the telephone numbers and then walked back over to the hotel. I don't remember if I walked or jogged, but on the way back there was a lady in the water. I helped her up. I gave her my hand and she got up. Before I went to get the sails I was reading a magazine and there was this Jewish girl who was very skinny, sitting there. I knew her from the cabana. She is rather abnormal looking; very skinny with a large torso and skinny limbs. She asked me if I wanted to smoke a joint later. When I got back from the Thunderbird she walked upstairs with a bag. I rolled two joints and smoked one and a half and got stoned. I couldn't finish the second one. I left her upstairs. I then cleaned my boats with soap and water. The owner, Mr. Langburst, came down with a camera crew and asked me to do some surfing around 3 pm.

They said they would be back in a half hour. I was stoned so I figured I better practice. I practiced for about 15 minutes. I changed bathing suits and waited for them. They came back while I was in the water. I was surfing for about 20 to 25 minutes. Then, while I was in the water, I saw Joe, that's John's brother, and he told me that Adam was missing. This was about 1 pm. From there I told you everything before on how we sped over

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to Sears and started looking for Adam. Joe, that's all I know. I'll answer any questions you ask me, and I'll tell the truth.

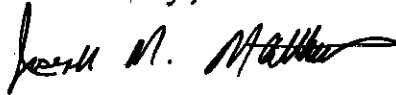
After the pre-test interview was conducted it was decided by the undersigned and investigators that the same relevant questions would be asked on Mr. Campbell's second polygraph examination.

Those questioned are listed earlier in this report.

Mr. Campbell showed no physiological reactions which would be indicative of being deceptive on any of the relevant questions asked during the second polygraph examination. Therefore, it is the opinion of this examiner based on Mr. Campbell's polygraph examination that he responded truthfully on all of the relevant questions asked during his polygraph examination.

If I can be of any further assistance in this matter, do not hesitate to call upon me.

Sincerely,



Joseph M. Matthews