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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

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Re: United States v. Jeffrey R. McDonald

Dear Mr. Murtagh,

I would like to inform you that on Friday, 30 March 2001, I attempted to start processing sample 112A(#1).

According to previous analysis by MSgt Grant Graham, slide 112A contained 4 hairs. Hairs #1, 2, and 3, approximately 3.1 cm, 6.1 cm, and 2.7 cm, respectively, did not appear to have roots or tissue on them. Hair #4 was thought to be about 14.5 cm and had a root with tissue on it. However, once the cover slip was removed from this slide, it was revealed that there were actually 9 hairs of varying lengths, thicknesses, and shades of blonde/brown on this slide. Therefore, I will need to look at each of the hairs closely to find the one that was said to have the root attached to it.

I would like to be advised how you would like me to proceed with these hairs, i.e. if you would like all 9 of the hairs processed.

If you have additional inquiries, please feel free to contact me at (301) 319-0236.

Sincerely,

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cc: Philip Cormier, Esq. (by fax)