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bullet particles

Exhibit (a)

Honorable Supervisor Baxter Ward
Supervisor, Fifth District
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Dear Supervisor Ward:

Pursuant to your request of September 25, 1975, I am submitting my comments and recommendations.

If there were serious questions that could be solved only by the introduction of biological material containing minute metallic particles which are in my control, I would recommend the following items for the identification of the types of metal (the metallic composition) of the bullet fragments by neutron activation analysis.

1. Minute metallic fragments in the brain tissue.
2. A portion of gunshot wound #1 (head wound).
3. A portion of gunshot wound #2 (right axilla).
4. A portion of gunshot wound #3 (right axilla).

Examination of the unburned gun powder embedded in the clothing (black jacket, in custody of another agency) along with the gunshot wounds #1, 2 and 3, may be conducted by a gas chromatograph-mass spectrometer (GC-MS) for the identification of the types of gun powder used.

I hope this report and comments will be of some assistance to the panel of experts who have been charged in examining certain

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