

March 13, 1995

From: H. Ewing
To: K. Starr
Re: Lucia Rambusch

1. After hearing from Alex Azar over the weekend (reporting on Ken Starr's conversation with Lucia Rambusch), I called Lucia's parents' number in New York on Sunday night, March 12. I talked with her mother, leaving my Memphis home and work numbers, and the hours I would be at each; and my Little Rock number (where I would be after 11:00 a.m. Monday). I had learned that Lucia was scheduled to go out of the country on Tuesday, March 14, for at least two months to Tasmania.

2. Having not heard back from Lucia by a certain time on Monday, I called back from Little Rock, and left my number twice on the answering machine at the New York number.

3. At approximately 3:45 p.m., today, March 13, Lucia called me in Little Rock. We talked until 4:12 p.m.

We talked briefly about her upcoming trip. I told her that my old boss had a son in law who was a photographer for an outdoors magazine; and that they had a great trip covering a river race in New Zealand.

I began by trying to tell her where I was coming from, including my having been called by Ken Starr and asked to become involved; my having been briefed by Mark Touhey and Brett Kavanaugh in Little Rock; having been furnished with copies of certain grand jury transcripts, [redacted] having come to Washington, touring Fort Marcy Park on Feb. 6 with Miguel Rodriguez; and my discussions with Miguel on Feb. 13 and 14. I further told her that I had previously been furnished with a copy by Miguel of his lengthy memo.

I told her I wanted to get her perspective on the investigation, since she had been very involved in it.

I noted to her that I knew she had been there when Bob Fiske was there. I told her that I was aware that she had said certain facts were discovered after she and Miguel started working on it, and asked her why she thought these had not been discovered while Mr. Fiske was there.

She said if there were discrepancies and problems, and if she had ideas, she did not want to comment on it. She then told me that she just had a very short while to talk, as she was preparing to leave, and some friends were coming over.

4. I told her I wanted to find out from her what she thought had happened out at Fort Marcy Park. She said that she, Mark Touhey, and Chuck (SA Chuck Regini, FBI) had gone over every fact that she knew. She said words to the effect, "Thus, you have all the facts I had."

I asked her for her opinion on what had happened to Vince Foster. She said, "My opinion is irrelevant." I told her, "No, it's not. You worked on the case." I told her that anytime I have ever taken over a case from someone, they have discussed it with me, both as to the facts developed to date, and what they think happened. I have done likewise if I was bringing someone up to speed on a matter.

I told her that if we continued on with the investigation, and one and a half months from now came up with an opinion different from hers, was she then going to state that she had a different opinion. I told her I felt like we were entitled to her input.

She said words to the effect, "I can't go into something that I haven't made my mind up on... maybe when I return from my trip, I might talk about it."

5. I asked her what her theory was on whether Vince Foster was killed or committed suicide, and what the motives might have been. She said, "I'm not going to tell you any of my theories." She said that I ought to reach the same conclusion on the same facts that she had. I again stated to her that she and Miguel had worked on this day in and day out. I told her I wanted to know if she had information which was not reflected in memos, etc., i.e. like someone giving information indicating the Park Police were lying, etc. She did not want to discuss it.

6. Since she said she did not want to give opinions or theories, I asked her if she would talk about facts. She said she would. I then asked:

1) Do you know of any facts that would show that Braun, Rolla, or Simonello staged the corpse and planted the gun on Vince Foster? [I was looking at Miguel's memo, p.22, fn. 17, as my basis, but made no mention of Miguel or the memo in asking this.] She said, "I really don't want to discuss this."

Several times, she asked me to hold on as she took other calls. She said several times that people were on their way over.

2) Do you know of any facts that would show that there was a maintenance road running around the bottom of the berm where Foster's body was found, as opposed to a path, or grown over ditch? [My basis for asking this question was a reading of grand jury transcript wherein _____] She said she would have to review the evidence to discuss this.

[My basis for asking this question was] transcript wherein [redacted] She said she would have to review the evidence again, and she really did not want to discuss this.

She said she had done nothing wrong, and wanted to know why I was interrogating her. I told her that I was not saying that she had done anything wrong. I told her I was trying to be responsible and talk with her about the facts, and what she thought happened.

7. About that time she said her mother was waiting and her friends were arriving, and that she had to go.

I told her that I had given her an opportunity to share her view of the facts, what she thought the facts showed, and what she thought had happened, and she had declined to do so.