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Attn: DNA Unit
Trace Evidence Unit
From: Washington Field
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Contact:
Approved By: 
Drafted By: 
Case ID-#: 175A-WF-231771 (Pending)
Title: UNSUBS;
ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES;
TBILISI, GEORGIA;
05/09/2005;
CO: WFO
Enclosures: Cloth material that was wrapped around the grenade.
Synopsis: Request all logical Laboratory examination of enclosed, to include but not limited to DNA, Trace Evidence and Explosive Residue examinations.
Details: For the information of the Laboratory, on 05/10/2005, the President of the United States (POTUS), First Lady, and Secretary of State had just concluded an overnight visit to Georgia as the final stop in a four leg tour commemorating the end of World War II. The capstone event of the visit was a public speech delivered in Freedom Square, an open venue in the Georgian capitol of Tbilisi. The speech began at approximately 1:25 PM, and concluded at approximately 2:30 PM local time. POTUS then proceeded to the airport, boarded Air Force One, and had departed by 3:00 PM.

At approximately 1:30 PM, an unknown individual tossed what is believed to be an RGD-5 hand grenade of Armenian manufacture, wrapped in material, which landed approximately 61 feet in front of the main stage in which the POTUS was standing and delivering his speech. Standing where the grenade landed and bent down to investigate the object. Upon seeing the disengaged hand grenade spoon, he...
opened the material to reveal the hand grenade. He immediately tucked the hand grenade into his jacket and ran approximately 500 meters from the site into an underground subway station. At approximately 2:40 PM, a Georgian EOD team arrived, secured the unexploded hand grenade and removed it from the area. The material that the hand grenade was wrapped in is enclosed.
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From: Washington Field  
Re: 175A-WF-231771  

**LEAD(s):**  
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LABORATORY  
AT QUANTICO, VA  

It is requested that the Laboratory conduct all logical examination of enclosed, to include but not limited to DNA, Trace Evidence and Explosive residue Examinations. Any questions regarding this matter and results of examinations should be provided to SSA (Blank) or (Blank).  

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Precedence: ROUTINE  Date: 05/11/2005

To: Tbilisi  Attn: Legat
Counterterrorism  Attn: SIOC
International Operations  Attn: Europe Unit

From: Criminal Investigative VCU
Contact: SSA

Approved By: Swecker Chris Burrus James H

Drafted By: thgg

Case ID #: 175A-WF-231771 (Pending)

Title: UNSUB (S);
THREAT AGAINST THE PRESIDENT
OF THE UNITED STATES;
TBILISI, GEORGIA;
05/10/2005;
OO: WF

Synopsis: To document CID approval and to request Legat country clearances.

Details: On 05/10/2005 the President of the United States (POTUS), First Lady, and Secretary of State had just concluded an overnight visit to Georgia as the final stop in a four leg tour commemorating the end of World War II. The capstone event of the visit was a public speech delivered in Freedom Square, an open venue in the Georgian capital of Tbilisi. The speech began at approximately 1:25 p.m., and concluded at approximately 2:30 p.m. local time. POTUS then proceeded to the airport, boarded Air Force One, and had departed by 3:00 p.m.

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of the main stage, upon which the POTUS was standing and delivering his speech. was standing where the grenade landed and bent down to investigate the object. Upon seeing the disengaged hand grenade spoon, and opening the handkerchief to reveal the hand grenade he immediately tucked the hand grenade into his jacket and ran approximately 500 meters from the site into an underground subway station. At approximately 2:40 p.m. a Georgian EOD team arrived, secured the unexploded hand grenade, recovered the disengaged hand grenade spoon, and removed them from the area. The hand grenade pin was not recovered. USG was not notified regarding this incident until approximately 4:30 p.m. local time (90 minutes after the President's departure).

An FBIHQ investigative team is scheduled to deploy to Tbilisi on 05/11/2005 with one senior member, two investigative members, one Intelligence Analyst, one Diplomatic Security detailee, two FBI bomb technicians, one linguist, and two USSS Special Agents in order to conduct necessary investigation in concert with the Georgian authorities.

On 05/11/05, the following information was provided to Legat Tbilisi via e-mail to facilitate country clearance:

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FBI employees are required to use the Travel Locator Subsystem (TLS) to record all official travel to foreign countries (refer to EC dated 02/27/2002 Serial 332). Instructions for entry of travel itineraries into the TLS have been posted to the Administrative Services Division's Intranet site under Manual and Policy Documents Available, BPMS Travel Locator Subsystem (TLS) Manual.

Further, all FBI employees deployed outside of the continental United States (OCONUS), with the exception of permanent Legal Attache personnel, must check in daily with the Strategic Information and Operations Center (SIIOC). This requirement is applicable to all OCONUS deployments. Any exception to this requirement must be approved in advance by the Executive Assistant Director Counterterrorism/Counterintelligence. The purpose of this daily contact is to facilitate support and safety issues. A designated employee representing a team of personnel may relay team information if more convenient. The preferred method of contact with
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SIOC is by Bureau e-mail captioned "OCONUS TDY STATUS." However, telephonic contact and fax transmission are also permissible.

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LEAD(s):  

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TBILISI  

AT TBILISI, GEORGIA  

Document country clearance for the aforementioned personnel.  

Set Lead 2: (Info)  

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residing at cellular telephone was advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and of the purpose of the interview. United States Secret Service, U.S. Embassy, Clayallee 170, Berlin, Germany, telephone participated in the interview of T'bilisi, Georgia, acted as the interpreter during this interview, furnished the following information:

was assisting the VIPs assigned to seats in Areas A1 and A2 during the Presidential ceremonies that took place May 10, 2005, at Freedom Square in T'bilisi, Georgia. was helping to direct VIPs to their assigned seats in the stands. The Georgian officials have a list of the dignitaries who were seated in the first row of sections A1 and A2 of the stands. He remembers that the brother of the Georgian President and the Minister of Defense were sitting in the first row. Some of the people in sections A1 and A2 had cameras and were taking pictures or video during the speeches. Security personnel were manning the barricades between sections B and C but there were no security personnel directly in front of the section A1 and A2 stands.

On the day of the visit it was extremely hot and he was uncomfortable.

During President Bush's speech, was standing at the top of the stairway between sections A1 and A2 facing towards the center of Freedom Square. The podium where President Bush was standing was at ten o'clock from position. While he was watching President Bush's speech he saw a security officer attempting to control the people that were crowding the barricade separating sections B and C. noticed that there were a number of children standing in section C.
About fifteen or twenty minutes into President Bush's speech, ______ saw an object fly through the air from his right to his left and hit the bill of a young girl's baseball style cap. The object was thrown from behind the girl so it hit the bill of her cap and fell to the ground without ever hitting her in the head or the face. ______ was about seven or eight meters from the girl. The object appeared to be wrapped in a dark colored hanky. When the object hit the ground he noticed that something flew off the object and fell nearby. The hanky still appeared to be wrapped around the object after it hit the ground. The object seemed to have been thrown from about two meters to his right from the region of Section C that was right next to the Section A stands. This area of Section C seemed a little less crowded than some of the other areas where people were standing. In total, the object appeared to travel about ten meters from where it was thrown to where it landed. ______ did not actually see the specific area where the object was thrown from. He only saw the last half of the object's flight. Initially, ______ thought that the object was about 20 - 30 centimeters above people's heads at the height of its arc. Later, while demonstrating the trajectory of the object to the interviewing agent, ______ decided that the object may have been as high as three feet above the heads of the people in the crowd. He also thought that the arc of the object indicated that the object may have been thrown underhand.

When the object hit the young girl's hat, she cried out in surprise which alerted the man, possibly her father, who was standing next to her, that something had happened. The girl was about ten or eleven years old and the top of her head came to about the middle of her father's upper arm. The father became agitated by the incident and made some comments to the people around him. ______ recalls seeing ______ (first name may be ______) that he recognized from television reports, who was standing next to the father and young girl. After the incident ______ was excited and he immediately made a call on his cellular telephone. ______ was speaking loudly and ______ heard him say "have you seen that".

About five seconds after the object hit the ground, the security officer that ______ had seen earlier approached the Father and daughter. The security officer had been about two strides away ______ can't remember if the officer actually talked to the father and daughter. The officer saw the object and made a motion as if he was going to nudge it with his foot. Instead he picked the object up and then scanned the crowd and
looked up towards the section A stands. The officer looked at who pointed towards the area from where he thought the object had been thrown. was not looking towards Area C where he was pointing so he did not notice if there was any reaction by the people in that area to his gesture. The officer picked the object up about five to seven seconds after walking up to it. After the officer had the object he turned towards Section C and walked away. From the time the object hit the ground until the officer walked away was about ten to fifteen seconds.

neither saw any suspicious activity or suspicious people either before or after the incident. After the security officer walked away, started to talk to his colleagues in the stands about the incident. He then noticed four or five security personnel move into the area where the object had landed. They were scanning the crowd. thought the whole incident might have been the act of hooligans because nothing happened after the object was thrown. President Bush's speech lasted another fifteen to twenty minutes after the incident. never placed or received any calls on his cellular telephone after the incident occurred.

Attached to this communication are copies of photographs showing Freedom Square and most of Sections A1, A2, B and C. Writer has marked on these photographs where was standing and where he believed that the object was thrown from.
X LOCATION WHERE WAS STANDING

☑ AREA WHERE WITNESS BELIEVED THAT OBJECT MAY HAVE BEEN THROWN FROM
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On May 13, 2005, Special Agent (SA) interviewed and United States Secret Service Agent at the Ministry of State Security building, Tbilisi, Georgia. After being advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents and the purpose of the interview voluntarily provided the following information:

On May 10, 2005, and who is years old, attended the speech given by the President of the United States at Freedom Square. His wife, who is received the invitation from the Mayor of Tbilisi and it was for her and her family. His wife attended the speech but was working so he and his daughter attended using the invitation. They arrived at Freedom Square at about 10:00 a.m. because that was the time indicated on the invitation. They stood in line for a long time before they got to the area reserved for the invitation (at this time was provided with a sketch of Freedom Square that showed the stands and podium as it was set up during the speech. SA asked to mark an X on the sketch where he was standing during the speech. placed an X in the area known to investigators as the B section). At no time did they pass through a metal detector on their way to this area. He remembered standing on the cobblestone part of the street, in front of the stands (which he pointed to on the sketch that is known to investigators as Section A-1 and A-2). They had a long wait until the President gave his speech and he remembers his daughter moving all around him while waiting. Most of the time she was facing away from the podium watching the video screen located to the left of them.

About a minute into President Bush's speech he heard something metal hit the stones about a meter in front of him, between himself and the President. He also heard his daughter say something hit her in the head. When he looked down to see what it was he saw a multi colored, mostly red, handkerchief on the ground and it was not moving. His daughter thought it was his so he bent down to look at it. As he bent down, he saw a smooth green metal object under the handkerchief and recognized it as an explosive. He knew from what he learned at school it was not an F-1 grenade, but he knew it was some type of hand grenade. When he first saw the handkerchief, he did not have a reaction, but after bending down and seeing the grenade he was shocked and grabbed his daughter and ran six (6) or seven (7) meters toward the video monitors. He estimates the time between when the object hit the ground and the time he grabbed his daughter and ran to be about five (5) seconds. He realized after he had run the six (6) or seven (7) meters that it should have exploded but had not so he thought they were safe so he stopped. He doesn't remember much about what happened because he panicked but he did remember seeing a security guard by the grenade. He believes this security guard was the same security guard that questioned him about his invitation as he was entering the area where he was standing. About ten (10) or fifteen (15) seconds after the grenade hit the ground the security guard picked it up and removed it from the crowd. He did not see the spoon to the grenade, but said his daughter saw the spoon.
He knew another person who he saw attending the event.

No further information provided, investigation continues in T'bilisi, Georgia.
On May 13, 2005, Special Agent (SA) [redacted] and United States Secret Service Agent [redacted] interviewed [redacted], a white male, Date Of Birth (DOB) [redacted] at the Ministry of State Security building, Tbilisi, Georgia. After being advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents and the purpose of the interview, [redacted] voluntarily provided the following information:

He attended the speech given by the President of the United States at Freedom Square after receiving an invitation from the General Prosecutors Office. He expressed interest in attending so they gave him an invitation.

He arrived at Freedom Square around 9:00 a.m. on May 10, 2005. He was not searched when entering the event and he stood in Section B, about two (2) meters in front of the bleachers, and three (3) meters from the barricade separating section B from section C. About fifteen minutes after President Bush started speaking, he saw an object flying through the air. It appeared to be an average size, dark handkerchief, wrapped up like a ball, a little smaller than a fist. He saw the object come from his right side as he was standing looking at the President. At the time he saw the object, it was about three (3) meters off the ground, flying in a flat trajectory, descending toward the ground. He thinks it hit the ground about three (3) meters in front of him, in his line of sight to the President. He did not see the object hit the ground but did hear a man start swearing because it hit his daughter's cap. He didn't hear anyone say anything other than they thought it was a stone. It was not until three (3) hours later that he heard it was a hand grenade. He saw a man in dark clothes, not a uniform, pick up the object. About a minute passed from the time the object hit the ground until the man picked it up. He assumed the man who picked the object up was a security guard because he was standing around uniformed security guards before he picked the object up and began running away and the uniformed security guards did not try to stop him. He did not see anyone acting suspiciously before or after he saw the object thrown in the crowd. He didn't hear anything derogatory being said by people in the crowd either before or after the object was thrown. He showed two (2) uniformed security guards where he thought the object was thrown from.

SA [redacted] provided [redacted] with a sketch of Freedom Square including the bleacher and podium used by the President. He was asked to mark where he was standing and where he thought the object landed. He marked the place he was standing with an O and the place where he thought the object landed with an X. He also drew a line indicating the barricade he was standing by. He then placed a dot by the corner of the bleacher where he thought the object was thrown from and drew an arrow in the direction it was thrown. He also drew an arrow from where he was standing toward the podium indicating the direction he was looking.

No further information provided, investigation continues in Tbilisi, Georgia.

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by GAM: gam

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Crowd control was a significant issue prior to the Presidential address. The weather that day was very hot and all the people in Area B had been told to arrive at 9:30am. People were trying to get shelter from the sun by covering their heads and standing in the shade next to the speaker's platform. The general public was pushing and shoving to get closer to the platform area. To make matters worse, many people were unable to hear the speeches because of poor acoustics and because the electricity went out. Some children had been passed over barricades and other people sneaked through when the police were distracted. In general, Georgians view these type of events as an opportunity to socialize and mingle with their friends and relatives. The police were understaffed to handle the size of crowd present that day. People were congregating in three areas - along the podium, along the VIP stands and in the center of the square. These three sets of people formed a triangle whose middle was somewhat less crowded. This was the section of Area B where ________ was standing.

While waiting for the speeches, ________ noticed a couple of security personnel in the immediate area. He noticed a plain clothed Georgian security officer who was about twenty-five years of age (S01). The security officer was wearing a brown coat and standing a few meters away from ________ There was also a second Georgian security officer (S02) in plain clothes who was shorter and with darker hair than the first security officer.

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did not notice anyone who appeared to be suspicious, nervous or in any way unusual.

While President Bush was speaking, heard the sound of metal hitting the pavement. Looking down saw a gold colored metal object about fifteen to twenty centimeters long laying on the ground thought it looked like the spoon handle from a grenade. He knows this because he had considerable experience with weapons and grenades.

took three or four strides over to the spoon object and bent down to look at it. While walking towards the spoon object noticed that the plain clothed security officer (SOI) was talking to a thirty-five year old Georgian who was with a ten or eleven year old girl had not seen this man or the girl before. To the left of the spoon object there was a red or purple colored tartan hanky. Security officer (SOI) tapped the hanky with his foot and noticed that there appeared to be some other object inside the hanky never actually saw what was inside the hanky. Thinking that the object might be a grenade grabbed and told her that they needed to get out of the area never saw if security officer (SOI) did anything else with the object in the hanky.

and walked briskly away until they were right in front of Area A - the VIP stands. While walking away he had the impression that people in Area B were looking up into the stands of Area A. In front of Area A noticed four or five uniformed security officers in soft berets standing by the bleachers did not notice the security officers of anyone in the crowd panicking or even reacting to the object in the hanky. He did not notice anyone yelling or issuing commands or trying to get out of the area did not notify any of the security officers of what he had seen because he knew that security officer (SOI) was dealing with the situation.

After waiting a few moments without anything happening, decided to return to the place where he saw the hanky and the grenade spoon. He went back because he was curious and wanted to know if it was just a hoax. When he got back to the location of the incident he saw a number of Georgians standing around talking on their cellular telephones. The Georgians were all dressed in
plain clothes. One man who was speaking on his cellular telephone was an individual who looked like a diplomat that had seen in the area before the incident occurred.

After checking out the scene, returned to who had remained by the Area A stands. He did not hear anyone talking about the incident throughout the remainder of President Bush's speech or immediately afterwards. assumed that the incident was a hoax that the security officer had handled discreetly.
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Telephone number was contacted and advised of the identities of FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (FBI) Special Agents (SAs) and SECRET SERVICE (USSS) SA was interviewed at the MARRIOTT T'BLISI HOTEL.

provided the following information relating to his attendance at the Freedom Square Presidential ceremonies on Tuesday, May 10, 2005.

previously had received an official written invitation to the ceremonies and was assigned to the B section. Along with hundreds of other invitees, he stood in a long line waiting to pass through a metal detection machine to get into the square. The line was moving so slowly that around 9:30 a.m. he almost decided to leave because he felt he would not get in to see the speeches.

Around 10:10 (give or take 15 minutes) his wife who was called and advised him the crowds had pushed down a barrier. Shortly thereafter those in his line were notified the metal detector had been shut down. About half an hour to 40 minutes passed before he actually got to the B section. At least three times while standing in the line he was asked to show his identification and invitation.

Once he got into the B section, he chatted with two colleagues, who works in and walked over to visit with her. He stayed around and her friends during the remainder of the ceremonies.

was standing about two-thirds of the way between the A section seating area and the speaking platform. He was closer to the A section seating than he was to the podium. an associate who is was seated in the A section directly behind the place where...
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was standing in the B section. recalled he probably was standing on pavement, not cobblestone. From his perspective, had to look through the protective glass to see the Presidents speaking, but he had a clear view of the First Ladies.

marked on a drawing of the area provided by SA the following information: 1) the dot closest to the platform marks his initial position; 2) the "X" marks the area where he stood most of the time with his friend marked as "MG"; 3) "D.B." marks the seat location of and 4) "JM" marks the crowdside standing location of signed and dated this drawing; and SAs either initialed or signed and dated the drawing. A copy of the drawing is attached to this report, and the original is housed in the 1A section of this file.

Around 12:50 or so there was an announcement that in five minutes the Presidents would arrive. Unfortunately once the ceremonies started, and his friends were frustrated when they discovered they could not hear any of the presentations either as presented in English or translated into Georgian. While the Georgian President was speaking, often watched most of his presentation on the screen behind the podium.

While one of the Presidents was speaking, noticed a man and a young girl walking past him toward the barricades around the platform area. The man was around 45 or 50 years old, approximately 5'10" tall, 235 pound and well built. He had not shaved for a day or two and was dressed in a greyish top and blackish pants. The young girl was around 10 years old. These two people did not look like they belonged in the B section.

Later, a woman walked past him toward the barricade between the crowd and the B section. The woman was around 65 or 70 years old, had a very wrinkled face, was approximately 5'6" tall and weighed about 65 or 70 kilograms. She had a black or dark scarf on her head and was dressed either in all black or all dark clothing. She was very outspoken and was talking against the Georgian First Lady. She was saying things like the politicians were all talkers who did not follow throughting with actions.

Approximately five minutes after the ceremonies ended, left the area and walked home.
recognized the following additional individuals who were near his location during the ceremonies:

who is with the AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE and who was seated in the VIP area; and

did not notice any of his friends or associates taking photographs or videos of the presentation.
was interviewed by Special Agents (SAs) Washington Field Office, and United States Secret Service, Washington Field Office, with the assistance of Russian Language Analyst, Houston Division, at the Ministry of Security, Tbilisi, Georgia, regarding any involvement in the incident. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing agents and the analyst and the purpose of the interview, provided the following information:

Further, he indicated that he did not know except for

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by SA WFO
Approximately 3 to 5 minutes into the President's speech, that a grenade was found near the "tribunal" (area for VIP's). The device had been thrown a short distance from where it ultimately landed. The grenade struck a girl who sustained no injuries.

stated that acted as he would have been expected to, given the importance of the President's visit.
On May 14, 2005, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (FBI) SPECIAL AGENT (SA) purchased a handkerchief for 50 tetra (approximately 30 cents in U. S. currency) from a street vendor located in the area of the flower market in close proximity to the U. S. Embassy in Tbilisi, Georgia.

This handkerchief appeared to SA to be similar to the one which covered the grenade tossed into the Freedom Square area during the Presidential ceremonies on May 5, 2005.

Many of the street vendors had a supply of ten or more for sale on their tables.

The handkerchief is housed in the 1C section of this file.
On 05/17/2005, (w/m, DOB: ) was interviewed by SA and (FBI/WFO) at the offices of After being advised of the interviewing agents identity and purpose of the interview, provided the following statement:

was born and raised in where he currently resides works as

(see FD-302, dated 05/18/2005 by FBI SA for further details).

stated that on 05/10/2005, the date of the Presidential speech in Freedom Square, Tbilisi, Georgia, he was which is several miles from downtown Tbilisi and Freedom Square.

stated that he could not have left his work on 5/10/05, as he believes his job to be very important. further stated that there would be no one that would identify him as being in Freedom Square during the speech.

stated that he was questioned on 5/10/05 stated that he told and that he was at work. stated that in addition to

stated that he did not know anyone by, or recognize the name

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stated further that the

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(w/f; DOB: | POB: ) was interviewed at

the offices of

Also present for the interview was United States Secret
Service ("USSS") Task Force Agent [_______]. After being advised
of the identity of the interviewing Agents and the nature of the
interview, [_______] provided the following information:

[_______] was born in [_______] and has lived there [_______]. She lives with [_______] (phonetic) and [_______] year old
daughter [_______] (phonetic) at the aforementioned [_______].

On 5/10/2005, the day of President Bush's visit to

Tbilisi, [_______] was at [_______]. She was nowhere near Freedom Square where

President Bush and President Saakashvili addressed the crowd.

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by USSS SA

Date dictated n/a

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first learned that there was an "incident" during President Bush's speech, when she saw a news report on the matter on television on 5/11/2005.

While being interviewed,

asked the interviewing Agents
On 05/17/2005, (w/f, DOB: ) was interviewed by SA (FBI/WFO), and

After being advised of the identity and purpose of the interview, made the following statement:

stated she approached United States investigators on 05/13/2005, at the Tbilisi Georgia site, to advise them of information she had in regards to the ongoing investigation.

was present at Freedom Square on 05/10/2005, in an effort to see President Bush's speech and show her support for the current Georgian government and the democratic reforms currently taking place in Georgia arrived at the site at approximately 1000 hrs., further stating that the United States Secret Service Magnetometers were still operating. While waiting in line she received a pass for access to the 'C' section.

After gaining access to the site, proceeded to the general location of the incident, near the VIP stands in stayed at the site for approximately one hour.

went on to state that she believed she was

then left the event at approximately 1130 hrs., and did not return. was not present at the site during the incident and did not have a camera with her on 05/10/05.

Investigation on 05/17/2005 at Tbilisi, Georgia

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SA

by

Date dictated 05/17/2005
On May 12, 2005, Special Agent (SA) and SA interviewed white female, was advised of the identity of the interviewing agents, and the purpose of the interview, and voluntarily provided the following information:

She has been in and lives at Her cellular telephone number is Her husband, is also in and is

She arrived at Freedom Square, on May 10, 2005, for the Presidential speech at about 10:00 a.m. She stood in a long line on a cobblestone street waiting to pass through a security check point for Section A and B, the dignitary section. She entered the venue on Leonidze Street and walked in a large group of hundreds of people through a tunnel to section B, her husband was in section A. It may have taken about an hour to an hour and a half from the time she was standing in line to the time she arrived at section B, so it was about 11:00 or 11:30 a.m. She was with a friend, who had worked in The crowd was well behaved and she was able to move freely, about one (1) or two (2) feet between the people in this section. She was surprised that a majority of the people in section B were Georgian, and she didn't know many people. They had a great view of the President, maybe 100 to 120 feet from him. The section behind the barricade was really packed with no room to move and people were pushing forward toward the barricade. She was worried because the security guards were letting old women from the general public section into section B, and other people would follow behind them. Occasionally the security guards would remove people from their section who did not belong there.

When the Presidents were giving their speeches they were unable to hear what they were saying. Sometime toward the end of President Bush's speech she noticed a shuffle in the crowd and an area opened up two (2) or three (3) feet in front of her, and she

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by GAM:gam
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had a good view of what was going on in front of her. In the opening she was able to see a mens handkerchief laying on the ground with a grenade pin, about an inch and a half long, sticking out under the handkerchief. At the time she did not know what it was. _______ told her what it was and said it was an explosive and physically moved her from the area. They moved to the other end of the bleachers near the podium. She remembered seeing four (4) or five (5) security guards circled around the handkerchief, just standing their looking at it. None of the guards touched the handkerchief or picked it up and took it away, they just stood there and looked at it. It was about five (5) seconds from when they saw the handkerchief till the time they began to move to the other side of the bleachers. They tried to leave the section but were unable to because of a barricade. She was not comfortable being unable to leave. She felt trapped. _______ told her that if it had not exploded yet they probably were okay. As she recalled, this happened about ten (10) minutes before the end of President Bush’s speech. At the end of the speech, after the President had left the podium, they climbed over the barricade and left the area.

She did not seek help during this incident because there were security guards at the scene already. When asked why she did not find an American official to tell about the incident she said she could pick out an American in a crowed and did not see any Americans around. The only American she noticed was a black female in the bleachers, section A, searching people as they entered the bleachers. Also, her attention was diverted to a friend who she thought was laboring because of the heat and not having water. She was concerned for her friend and forgot about the grenade. She did not discuss the incident with anyone after leaving the area and did not give it another thought until she saw it on the news the next day. The only person she thought was behaving strangely was a security guard near the handkerchief, but she could not give a description.

SA ______ provided her with a sketch of Freedom Square which had a diagram of the bleachers and Presidential podium. She was asked to mark the area of where she was standing, where the handkerchief landed, where the barricades were located, where she and _______ moved after they realized it was an explosive, and where her friends were standing. She marked the areas on the sketch and then signed and dated the sketch. The sketch, along with the original interview notes were placed in a 1-A envelope and
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sent to the file. A copy of the sketch is attached here to and made. part of the FD-302
contacted and advised of the identities of FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (FBI) Special Agent (SA), UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE (USSS) SA, and FOREIGN SERVICE NATIONAL (FSN) INVESTIGATOR from the Regional Security Office (RSO) at the U. S. Embassy in Tbilisi, Georgia.

provided the following information relating to his attendance at the Freedom Square Presidential ceremonies on Tuesday, May 10, 2005. Account of his activities was in Georgian and was interpreted into English by Investigator in the B section of the VIP area where guests were standing during the ceremonies. This section backed up to the A section of seating for VIPs and bordered the platform area on one side and crowdside on the other.

During the time President Bush was speaking, noticed there was a lot of pressure from crowdside and realized more barricades were needed for crowd control. There were women dressed in black pushing at the barricades who were supporters of the previous administration and were behaving in a very vocal and aggressive manner. Knew there would be problems if they breached the barricades, so he asked an associate from the podium protection area to assist him in pulling barricades from beneath the A section seating and reinforcing the barricade between the crowd and the B section.

After reinforcing the barricades between crowdside and the B section, walked a circular route through the B section.

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Date dictated 05/16/2005

by SA

SAM: sam

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section crowd for about a minute and then stopped and stood with his back to the President scanning the area from left to right. Once when turning his head to the left and facing the front of the podium, he noticed a little girl standing about half a meter away.

Shortly thereafter, ______ heard a little girl saying "Oh, my head!" in Georgian. At about the same time, he heard the slight sound of an object hitting the ground. He may have felt the impact more than he heard it. When he turned to face the little girl, crownside was to his left and the child was to his right. ______ looked down and saw something he initially thought was a stone wrapped in a checkered, dark-colored handkerchief. He then saw the little girl's father who was bent over looking at the handkerchief. ______ did not speak to the man or his daughter.

______ wanted to nudge the handkerchief away with his foot; but just before he put his foot on the handkerchief or when his foot was touching it lightly, he saw the spoon of a grenade. When he saw the spoon, ______ realized the object under the handkerchief was a grenade. He immediately squatted down and with his hands scooped up the object in the handkerchief and the spoon and stuck them under his jacket. ______ did not feel the pin in the grenade when he picked it up. As he was straightening up, he looked up and noticed a man in the A section pointing toward something. ______ did not pay much attention to the man because he wanted to get out of the crowd quickly.

______ did not attempt to contact a supervisor before he left the area because he was concerned that if anyone overheard him it could cause panic and a stampede. No one in the area of the grenade seemed afraid, maybe because there was no explosion. He did not hesitate to pick up the device and get it out of the area because he was trained to react quickly in this type situation. He instinctively knew he had to get the grenade away from the crowds. In a reenactment during the interview, it was determined that the time span between ______ hearing the young girl say "Oh, my head!" and leaving with the grenade was approximately four seconds.

______ left the area by going between the barricades at a fast walk and using his elbows roughly and rudely to make his way through the crowd while telling people he was sick. Another reason he left at a fast walk rather than a run was because he had been cautioned during a briefing not to move too fast because of the snipers on the building tops.
While he was moving through the crowd in Freedom Square, also was working on getting in touch by radio with

According to as strange as it may sound, he still thought the grenade might explode, so he took it to an underground passage area under the street which is close to the food market. It was not until he was making his way through the crowd that the reality hit that the grenade had not exploded. However, he still wanted to get it somewhere else.

When he got to the underground passage area, he noticed there was an SSPS officer who did not know standing approximately 10 meters away. The officer asked what had happened, and responded, "Nothing, just continue to do what you're supposed to do."

went into the underground passage area and examined the items more closely. verified his initial impression that there was no pin in the grenade. The handkerchief was checkered and dark, maybe ruby-colored. This type handkerchief is very common and can be purchased for approximately one Lari (around fifty cents in U. S. currency). He then placed the spoon, grenade and handkerchief in a dark corner. There was no one else in the area, and the items remained under his control.

When arrived at the entrance to the underground passage area, he told the bomb squad was nearby. At request, retrieved the spoon, grenade and handkerchief and placed them under his jacket. He and then walked together in the direction of the market where flowers are sold.

impression was that did not want the bomb squad to come to the underground passage area because it might cause suspicion or alarm.

The area to which he and walked is near a local police station and is about 80 to 100 meters from the underground area. They went to an empty car that belonged to the where placed the items in the back seat. There were some guys standing near the car who knew was on his way to the vehicle. would know the names of the individuals who were there and who were associated with the vehicle.
After the items were placed in the vehicle, some of the people who had been standing by the car accompanied [redacted] back to Freedom Square to attempt to locate the pin and look again at the area where he found the grenade. They were not successful in locating the pin. By the time they arrived at Freedom Square, the President had left the area.

[redacted] marked on a drawing of the area provided by SA the following information:

1) the circular line of arrows depict his walking route just before discovery of the grenade;

2) the dashed line extending from the A section bleachers out toward the square depicts the initial placement of the barricades between the B section and crowndside;

3) the dashed line from the crowndside barricade area to the platform barricade area depicts [redacted] route to get help from an associate to reinforce the crowndside barricades;

4) the three-part, connected straight lines depict the movement by the crowd of the barricades into the B section;

5) the two dots inside the circular arrows depict the positions of the little girl who yelled "Oh, my head!" and her father; and

6) the long, straight arrow away from the square depicts route when taking the objects out of the area to the underground passage.

[redacted] signed, dated and printed his name on the drawing; and SAs [redacted] and [redacted] initialed and dated the drawing. A copy of the drawing is attached to this report, and the original is housed in the 1A section of this file.

[redacted] also reviewed, via a computer terminal, video footage of the ceremonies which had been provided by the media. A copy of one frame was printed, and [redacted] marked with a pink highlighter the approximate area where he discovered the spoon, grenade and handkerchief. A copy of the frame is attached to this report, and the original is housed in the 1A section of this file.
SA____ took photographs of the approximate placement of the spoon, grenade and handkerchief during ________reenactment of the incident in an interview room. SA____ also took photographs of ________ for use when reviewing ________ footage of the ceremonies to determine the place where ________ picked the items up off the ground. Due to the nature of his assignment, ________ requested that these photographs not be distributed or used for any purpose other than matters associated with this incident. These photographs should be considered law-enforcement sensitive.
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE                      Date: 05/17/2005

To: Washington Field                        Attn: Evidence Control Center

From: Washington Field
CR-2
Contact: 

Approved By: 
Drafted By: 

Case ID #: 175A-WF-231771 (Pending)

Title: UNSUBS; ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT
        PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES
        TBILISI, GEORGIA;
        05/09/2005;
        00:WFO

Synopsis: Chain of Custody with regard to 1B-1.

Details: A Non-Bureau/Non-Task Force Law Enforcement Officer is recorded on the second entry line of the Original Chain of Custody as having transported the item. The automated chain in ACS will not reflect same, as it is not possible to enter a Non-Bureau/Non-Task Force Officer in the automated chain in ACS. This serves to document same for administrative purposes.
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: PRIORITY Date: 05/19/2005

To: Laboratory Attn: DNA Lab
Trace Evidence Unit
Explosives Unit

From: Washington Field
CR-2
Contact: SSA

Approved By: SSA

Drafted By: iwle

Case ID #: 175A-WF-231771 (Pending)

Title: UNSUBS; ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES TBILISI, GEORGIA; 05/09/2005; OO:WFO

Enclosures: 1) Two beer bottles, 2) one drinking glass, 3) two blue jeans, 4) one explosive grenade (thrown by unsub), and 5) four explosive grenades similar to the one thrown by unsub.

Synopsis: Request all logical Laboratory examinations of enclosed items 1-3 to include but not limited to DNA and Trace Evidence examinations. Items 4 and 5 should be provided to FBI Laboratory Bomb Tech SSA for logical examinations as deemed appropriate by SSA.

Details: For the information of the Laboratory, on 05/10/2005, the President of the United States (POTUS), First Lady, and Secretary of State had just concluded an overnight visit to Georgia as the final stop in a four leg tour commemorating the end of World War II. The capstone event of the visit was a public speech delivered in Freedom Square, an open venue in the Georgian capitol of Tbilisi. The speech began at approximately 1:25 PM, and concluded at approximately 2:30 PM local time. POTUS then proceeded to the airport, boarded Air Force One, and had departed by 3:00 PM.

At approximately 1:30 PM, an unknown individual tossed what is believed to be an RGD-5 hand grenade of Armenian

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To: Laboratory  From: Washington Field
Re: 175A-WF-231771

manufacture, wrapped in material, which landed approximately 61
feet in front of the main stage in which the POTUS was standing
and delivering his speech. 

was standing where the grenade landed and bent down to investigate
the object. Upon seeing the disengaged hand grenade spoon, he
opened the material to reveal the hand grenade. He immediately
tucked the hand grenade into his jacket and ran approximately 500
meters from the site into an underground subway station. At
approximately 2:40 PM, a Georgian EOD team arrived, secured the
unexploded hand grenade and removed it from the area. The
material that the hand grenade was wrapped in is enclosed.
To: Laboratory
From: Washington Field
Re: 175A-WF-231771

LEAD(s):

Set Lead 1: (Action)

LABORATORY

AT QUANTICO, VA

It is requested that the Laboratory conduct all logical examinations of enclosed items 1-3, to include but not limited to DNA and Trace Evidence examinations. Enclosed items 4 and 5 should be provided to SSA [Redacted] for all logical examinations as deemed appropriate by SSA [Redacted]. Any questions regarding this matter and results of examinations should be provided to SSA [Redacted] or [Redacted].

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was interviewed in the lobby of the Marriott Hotel, Tbilisi, Georgia by SAs and advised she is employed as an
Her cell phone number is
stated she attended the Freedom Square event on 5/10/05 regarding the U.S. and Georgian Presidents. stated she moved around to obtain a better view of the event and eventually watched the Presidents from a vantage point where the Sector A bleachers were at the 11 o'clock position but some distance from the bleachers (she pointed out location on a photo). advised that two male were standing close to her that were wearing black clothing, had yellow teeth (some gold on teeth) and were talking in either Azeri or Turkish. At one point noted that the two males motioned to a third individual that was standing near Sector A. A shot time later all three males returned to her position and this third male was very much like the other two, speaking Azeri/Turkish and wearing black. stated that it is her opinion that these three males did not understand either President. Also they walked one more time to the Sector A bleachers and then returned to location. stated they walked in a normal fashion and remained at Freedom Square until the end of the ceremonies.

stated she attends the according to advised she could not provide any other information.

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File # 175A-WE-231771 - Date dictated

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On was served via fax, number by SA with a Federal Grand Jury Subpoena after reviewing the Grand Jury subpoena, was asked if he had any questions and had a concern with the date on the subpoena. After advising Assistant United States Attorney it was determined that because of strict adherence to the date on the subpoena was not necessary. An email was sent expressing this information. Attached and hereto made apart is a copy of the completed subpoena faxed to. Original subpoena was mailed to

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TO: [Blank]

SUBPOENA TO TESTIFY BEFORE GRAND JURY

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and testify before the Grand Jury of the United States District Court at the place, date, and time specified below.

PLACE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA United States Courthouse Third & Constitution, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20530

YOU ARE ALSO COMMANDED to bring with you the following document(s) or object(s):*

Duces Tecum [Blank]

You may comply with this subpoena by sending [Blank] to Special Agent F.B.I., 601 4th Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20001.

☐ Please see additional information on reverse.

This subpoena shall remain in effect until you are granted leave to depart by the court or by an officer acting on behalf of the court.

U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE OR CLERK OF COURT NANCY MAYERS, WASHINGTON, D.C.

This subpoena is issued under application of the United States of America.

NAME, ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER OF ASSISTANT U.S. ATTORNEY

[Signature]

United States Attorney's Office 555 Fourth Street, N.W., Room

Washington, D.C. 20530

*If not applicable, enter "none".

U.S.GPO:1993-0-350-792/80398
As to who may serve a subpoena and the manner of its service see Rule 17(d), Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, or Rule 45(c), Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

*Fees and mileage need not be tendered to the witness upon service of a subpoena issued on behalf of the United States or an officer or agency thereof (Rule 45(c), Federal rules of Civil Procedure; Rule 17(d), Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure) or on behalf of certain indigent parties and criminal defendants who are unable to pay such costs (28 USC 1825, Rule 17(b) Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure)*.
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: PRIORITY

Date: 05/20/2005

To: Laboratory
Attn: DNA Lab
Trace Evidence Unit

From: Washington Field
CR-2
Contact: SSA

Approved By: [Signature]

Drafted By: [Signature]

Case ID #: 175A-WF-231771 (Pending)

Title: UNSUBS;
ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES
TBILISI, GEORGIA;
05/09/2005;
OO:WFO

Enclosures: One (1) cigarette butt.

Synopsis: Request all logical Laboratory examinations of enclosed item to include but not limited to DNA and Trace Evidence examinations.

Details: For the information of the Laboratory, on 05/10/2005, the President of the United States (POTUS), First Lady, and Secretary of State had just concluded an overnight visit to Georgia as the final stop in a four leg tour commemorating the end of World War II. The capstone event of the visit was a public speech delivered in Freedom Square, an open venue in the Georgian capitol of Tbilisi. The speech began at approximately 1:25 PM, and concluded at approximately 2:30 PM local time. POTUS then proceeded to the airport, boarded Air Force One, and had departed by 3:00 PM.

At approximately 1:30 PM, an unknown individual tossed what is believed to be an RGD-5 hand grenade of Armenian manufacture, wrapped in material, which landed approximately 61 feet in front of the main stage in which the POTUS was standing and delivering his speech. [Blank line] was standing where the grenade landed.
and bent down to investigate the object. Upon seeing the disengaged hand grenade spoon, he opened the material to reveal the hand grenade. He immediately tucked the hand grenade into his jacket and ran approximately 500 meters from the site into an underground subway station. At approximately 2:40 PM, a Georgian EOD team arrived, secured the unexploded hand grenade and removed it from the area. The material that the hand grenade was wrapped in is enclosed.
To: Laboratory  From: Washington Field  
Re: 175A-WF-231771  

LEAD(s):  
Set Lead 1: (Action)  

LABORATORY  
AT QUANTICO, VA  

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 05/21/2005

On 05/20/2005, [redacted] (see FD302, dated 05/19/2005 by FBI SA [redacted] for detailed biographical data and contact information) was re-interviewed by SA's [redacted] and [redacted] after being advised of the identity of the interviewing agents and purpose of the interview, made the following statement:

Writers Note: [redacted] was re-interviewed on this date for the purposes of reviewing digital still photographs of the event site at Freedom Square, Tbilisi, Georgia. During the previous interview with SA's [redacted] and [redacted] on 5/19/2005, [redacted] stated that if shown pictures of the venue, he could possible identify the two female spectators he believed saw the hand grenade being thrown. SA [redacted] was able to provide a digital photograph of the event, specifically of the VIP bleacher section had stated the women were seated in.

[redacted] stated that upon the review of the photograph, the two women/witnesses did not appear in the photograph, as the seating was not full and was possibly taken prior to the arrival of the two women.

[redacted] described the section the women/witnesses were seated as the first section to the right of the Diplomatic Corps (if looking directly at the bleachers from Freedom Square). The women were seated in the first row, the second and third seats in (from the left).

[redacted] further described the women/witnesses as follows: Witness one was a white female with died blond hair in a pony tail, tall (approximately 5'10"), as compared to accompanying SA's [redacted] and [redacted] slender build, white shirt, faded blue jeans, Georgian, and "...very attractive..." had never seen the woman before.

Witness two was described by [redacted] as short and fairly "...unattractive..." could recall no further details of the woman, again stating he had never seen this person before.

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SA [redacted] WFO [redacted]

Date dictated 05/21/2005

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reiterated that after he was struck by the grenade he saw the two women stand up and point at the location from which it was thrown.

said that the only people who he recognized in the first rows that were near the women were and a member of

provided the phone number for Georgian film maker who had stated in the previous interview was standing near him at the event.

told investigators that he would be available for re-contact, should additional photographs be ascertained.
On 05/17/2005, (w/f, DOB: ____________) was interviewed by SA 1 (FBI/WFO), and at the Ministry of State Security Headquarters, Tbilisi, after being advised of the identity and purpose of the interview, made the following statement:

Writers Note: the following information, provided by on 05/17/2005, was discovered upon secondary review of agent's notes and is intended to be made part of the original FD-302.

__________ stated that prior to departing the venue (approx. 1130 hrs.) she observed three males, approx. 20-25 years old, all dressed in black, with olive complexion, standing near her. ___________ believed the three individuals to be foreign, as they appeared not to understand what she was saying when she addressed them in Georgian, and their physical description was described as "...Arabs...or Azerbijanis..."
The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED] on May 16, 2005, in T'bilisi, Georgia.

provided to Legat T'bilisi.
On this date, 05/13/2005, SA [redacted] met with SA [redacted] US Secret Service, telephone number: [redacted] at Washington Dulles International Airport and took custody from [redacted] of a sealed bag containing cloth wrapping material associated with the captioned matter. The item was then transported to The FBI Laboratory by SA [redacted]
Enclosed in a 1A envelope and made a part of the case file are two (2) FBI Laboratory Chain-of-Custody forms, documenting the receipt of evidence from Tbilisi, Georgia by FBI Bomb Technician SSA________________ from SA________________
Precedence: IMMEDIATE

Date: 05/23/2005

To: Washington Field
Attn: Security Office

From: Washington Field
CR-2
Contact: 

Approved By: Kinnally Thomas
Drafted By: wle

Case ID #: 175A-WF-231771 (Pending)

Title: UNSUB (S);
THREAT AGAINST THE PRESIDENT
OF THE UNITED STATES;
TBILISI, GEORGIA;
05/10/2005;
OO: WF

Synopsis: To document SAC approval for foreign travel.

Details: On 05/10/2005 the President of the United States (POTUS), First Lady, and Secretary of State had just concluded an overnight visit to Georgia as the final stop in a four leg tour commemorating the end of World War II. The capstone event of the visit was a public speech delivered in Freedom Square, an open venue in the Georgian capital of Tbilisi. The speech began at approximately 1:25 p.m., and concluded at approximately 2:30 p.m. local time. POTUS then proceeded to the airport, boarded Air Force One, and had departed by 3:00 p.m.

At approximately 1:30 p.m., an unknown individual tossed what is believed to be an RGD-5 hand grenade of Armenian manufacture, wrapped in a handkerchief, which landed approximately 61 feet in front of the main stage, upon which the POTUS was standing and delivering his speech. Upon seeing
the disengaged hand grenade spoon, and opening the handkerchief to reveal the hand grenade he immediately tucked the hand grenade into his jacket and ran approximately 500 meters from the site into an underground subway station. At approximately 2:40 p.m. a Georgian EOD team arrived, secured the unexploded hand grenade, recovered the disengaged hand grenade spoon, and removed them from the area. The hand grenade pin was not recovered. USG was not notified regarding this incident until approximately 4:30 p.m. local time (90 minutes after the President's departure).

SA________________________ has received SAC and FBIHQ authority to travel to Tbilisi, Georgia in order to continue necessary investigation in concert with the Georgian authorities.
To: Washington Field

Date: May 20, 2005

Case ID No.: 175A-WF-231771-3

Lab No.: 050519014 ZW NG

Reference: Communication dated May 19, 2005

Your No.:

Title: UNSUBS; ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES; TBILISI, GEORGIA; 5/10/2005

Date specimens received: May 19, 2005

The items listed below were examined in the Latent Print Unit:

Q2 Grenade body (Your item #1)
Q6 Grenade spoon (Your item #5)

This report contains the results of the latent print examinations.

Results of Examinations:

The requested latent print examination was conducted on items Q2 and Q6, but no latent prints of value were detected.
Remarks:

The items are being returned under separate cover.
BY OVERNIGHT MAIL

Special Agent
Federal Bureau of Investigation
601 4th Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20535

Re: ________________________________

Dear Special Agent__________________

In response to your grand jury subpoena to _____________________________

Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Very truly yours,

Enclosures
CONFIDENTIALITY NOTE:
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TO: 
DATE: 
NAME: FBI Special Agent 
PHONE: 
FAX: 
COMMENTS:

Dear Special Agent,

As you requested, I enclose

Please do not hesitate to call me if you have any questions.
To: Washington Field

Date: May 25, 2005

Case ID No.: 175A-WF-231771-32
Lab No.: 050519014 ZW BE

Reference: Communication dated May 19, 2005

Your No.: 

Title: UNSUBS; ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES; TBILISI, GEORGIA; 5/10/2005; O0:WFO

Date specimens received: May 19, 2005

Specimens examined in the Firearms/Toolmarks Unit of the FBI Laboratory:

Q3 Detonator and primer (Your item #2)
Q5 Firing pin (Your item #4)
K11 Five (5) spent primers (Your item #11)

The results of the toolmark examinations are included in this report.

Results of examinations:

The toolmarked impression in the Q3 primer was identified as having been produced by the Q5 firing pin.

The Q3 primer was examined to determine the depth of the impression that was left by the Q5 firing pin. Additionally, the depth of each measurable impression among the submitted
known primers was examined. The following table lists the measured depths of the impressions for Q3 and K11 for comparison:

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The measured depths show that the firing pin impression in the Q3 primer was less than the depth of the firing pin impressions in the K11 #4 and K11 #5 primers that did detonate and also less than the impression in the K11 #3 primer that did not detonate. Therefore, the shallow depth of the firing pin impression in the Q3 primer could be a reason for its failure to function.

Remarks:

This concludes the examinations of the Firearms/Toolmarks Unit. You will be advised of the disposition of the submitted specimens at the conclusion of all requested examinations.
was interviewed telephonically. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and the nature of the interview, provided the following information:

Attached and considered part of this FD-302
Automated Serial Permanent Charge-Out
FD-5a (1-5-94)

Case ID: 175A-WF-231771  Serial: 35

Description of Document:

Type : EC
Date : 05/26/05
To : WASHINGTON FIELD
From : WASHINGTON FIELD
Topic: GEORGIAN TV SONY PAL VIDEO TAPE

Reason for Permanent Charge-Out:

agent wrote incorrect file number

Employee: [Redacted]
To: Washington Field SSA

Case ID No.: 175A-WF-231771

Lab No.: 050513016 PO PI
050516022 PO PI
050519015 PO PI

Reference: Communications dated May 13, 2005, May 16, 2005 and May 19, 2005

Your No.: 

Title: UNSUBS;
ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES;
TBILISI, GEORGIA;
05/09/2005

Date specimens received: May 13, 2005, May 16, 2005 and May 19, 2005

Specimen submitted under cover of communication dated May 13, 2005 (FBI Laboratory number 050513016 PO PI) and examined in the Trace Evidence Unit:

Q1

Specimen submitted under cover of communication dated May 16, 2005 (FBI Laboratory number 050516022 PO PI) and examined in the Trace Evidence Unit:

K5

Specimen submitted under cover of communication dated May 19, 2005 (FBI Laboratory number 050519015 PO PI) and examined in the Trace Evidence Unit:

ITEM FROM

Q10 Pants
This report contains the results of the trace evidence examinations.

Results of Examinations:

Remarks:

The results of the other laboratory examinations and the disposition of the submitted item will be the subject of separate communications.
Precedence: IMMEDIATE

To: Laboratory

From: [Washington Field]

Contact: CR-2

Approved By: ____________________________

Drafted By: ____________________________

Case ID #: 175A-WF-231771 (Pending)

Title: UNSUBS; ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

TBILISI, GEORGIA;

05/09/2005;

00:WFO

Synopsis: Request DNA Laboratory examinations of enclosed items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

Enclosure(s): 1) One envelope containing cigarette butt(s) from

2) One envelope containing cigarette butt(s) from

3) One envelope containing cigarette butt(s) from

4) One envelope containing cigarette butt(s) from

5) One envelope containing cigarette butt(s) from

and 6) Dog hair from dog of ____________________________ (previously referred to as

Details: For the information of the Laboratory, on 05/10/2005, the President of the United States (POTUS), First Lady, and Secretary of State had just concluded an overnight visit to Georgia as the final stop in a four leg tour commemorating the end of World War II. The capstone event of the visit was a public speech delivered in Freedom Square, an open venue in the Georgian capitol of Tbilisi. The speech began at approximately 1:25 PM, and concluded at approximately 2:30 PM local time. POTUS then proceeded to the airport, boarded Air Force One, and had departed by 3:00 PM.

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[Signature]
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Cigarette butts from subjects and dog hairs from one of the subjects of above captioned case were obtained by local authorities and provided to Legat Tbilisi in order to conduct DNA examinations and dog hair comparisons.
To: Laboratory  From: Washington Field  
Re: 175A-WF-231771, 06/03/2005  

LEAD(s):  
Set Lead 1: (Action)  

LABORATORY  
AT QUANTICO, VA  

It is requested that the Laboratory conduct DNA examinations of enclosed items 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 for comparison to the major contributor on K5 (handkerchief). In regard to item 6, compare dog hairs to dog hairs found on K5. Any questions regarding this matter and results of examinations should be provided to SA [ ] or [ ]  

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To: Section Chief  
Scientific Analysis Section  

From: SSA  

Re: 175A-WF-231771  
Laboratory Number 050519014 ZW  

The following is preliminary information on the forensic examinations and support being provided in this matter.  

EXPLOSIVE DEMONSTRATION: On May 26, 2005, the following demonstrations were conducted on known standard grenades and grenade components:  

1. K20 suspended in the center of a 55-gallon drum.  
2. K21 suspended inside a 6" x 6' tent.  
3. K22 placed between the front seats of an automobile.  
4. K23 placed on a 12" x 12" cement paver with target material set at 5', 30' and 60'.  
5. K17 fuze assembly.  

All four (4) grenades (K20 - K23) and the fuze assembly (K17) functioned as designed. Attached to this update are photos of the 55 gallon drum and the auto used in this demo.  

Video tapes of the demonstration will be made available on June 1, 2005.  

Laboratory examinations are continuing.  

You will be expeditiously advised of developments in this matter.  

NOT APPROPRIATE FOR DISSEMINATION TO THE PUBLIC.
May 20, 2005

To: Section Chief
   Scientific Analysis Section

From: SSA

Re: 175A-WF-231771
   Laboratory Number 050519014 ZW

The following is preliminary information on the forensic examinations and support being provided in this matter.

PHOTOGRAPHS: Two (2) sets of photographs and a photographic CD depicting the grenade and the grenade components (Q2 through Q6) were sent via Federal Express, Attn: SSA Washington Field Office on May 20, 2005. Two (2) sets of photographs and a photographic CD will be provided to SSA FBIHQ on May 23, 2005.

CHEMISTRY: Preliminary examination of the explosive main charge from the grenade body (Q2) is TNT and the explosive main charge from the detonator (Q3) is RDX.

EXPLOSIVES: The submitted specimens Q2 through Q6, grenade body and grenade components, are consistent with an Armenian RGD-5 fragmentation hand grenade.

Function of the RGD-5 grenade's components and mechanisms:
Pick up the grenade in the hand for throwing so that the spoon (Q6) is pressed to the grenade body (Q2) by the fingers. Not releasing the spoon, pull out the safety pin (not recovered) and throw the grenade at the target. After pulling out the safety pin, the position of the fuze components do not change. The firing pin (Q5) is held in the cocked position by the spoon. At the moment the grenade is thrown, the spoon separates from the grenade and releases the firing pin. Forced by the operating spring (Q6.1), the firing pin hits (dents) the primer (Q3) and ignites it. The flame from the primer ignites the time-delay substance (3.2 to 4.2 seconds delay) which in turn is transferred to the detonator. The detonator explodes and detonates the grenades explosive main charge (TNT). The grenade body is broken up and fragments of the body and fuze fly out in all directions.

LATENTS: The grenade body (Q2) and the grenade spoon (Q6) was processed for latents and no latents were developed.

TOOLMARKS: The primer (Q3) and the firing pin (Q5) are currently under examination. Preliminary examination determined the Q5 firing pin was identified as having produced the impression in the Q3 primer.
METALLURGY: The grenade spring (Q6.1) and the known standard grenade springs (K15) are currently under examination.

DNA: You will be separately advised concerning the results of the DNA examinations.

TRACE EVIDENCE: You will be separately advised concerning the results of the Trace Evidence examinations.

You will be expeditiously advised of developments in this matter.

NOT APPROPRIATE FOR DISSEMINATION TO THE PUBLIC.
To: Section Chief  
Scientific Analysis Section  

From: SSA  

Re: 175A-WF-231771  
Laboratory Number 050519014 ZW

The following is preliminary information on the forensic examinations and support being provided in this matter.

were provided to SSA FBIHQ on May 23, 2005.

STRUCTURAL DESIGN UNIT: A mock-up of the RDG-5 grenade is in progress. This mock-up will demonstrate how the grenade fuze functions.

EXPLOSIVES: The Explosives Unit will conduct a demonstration on the known standard RGD-5 grenades and grenade components (K6 through K23) on May 26, 2005 at C-Demo Range, Quantico, Virginia. The demonstration will be conducted with RGD-5 grenades that were provided by the Tbilisi Bomb Squad. The demonstration will be recorded and copies will be made available.

The RGD-5 grenade demonstration will include the following (subject to change):

1. RGD-5 grenade suspended in the center of a 55 gallon drum. This test will show the fragmentation pattern of the RGD-5 grenade.
2. RGD-5 grenade suspended in an automobile.
3. RGD-5 grenade surrounded by numerous FBI "Q" type targets.
4. RGD-5 grenade surrounded by numerous balloons.
5. Functioning of a RGD-5 grenade fuze.

TOOLMARKS: Examinations are continuing. Examinations include measuring the indentation mark on the primer and comparing the depth to the indentation mark on a primer that functioned as designed.

METALLURGY: Examinations are continuing. Examinations include measuring and testing the firing pin spring.
DNA:

May 23, 2005
Summary of DNAUI Testing*
175A-WF-231771
FBI - Legat Tbilisi, Georgia

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Note:

*Final interpretation / report issuance is pending examiner compilation and technical review

You will be expeditiously advised of developments in this matter.
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May 25, 2005

To: Section Chief
Scientific Analysis Section

From: SSA
Explosives Unit

Re: 175A-WF-231771
Laboratory Number 050519014 ZW

The following is preliminary information on the forensic examinations and support being provided in this matter.

PHOTOGRAPHS: Attached to this update are two (2) photographs depicting the LOT Number present on the grenade body, specimen Q2.

The following is a listing of specimens and corresponding Laboratory Numbers received by the FBI Laboratory in this case:

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EXPLOSIVES: SSA Explosives Unit, will meet with a representative from the United States Naval Explosive Ordnance Disposal Technology Center, Indian Head, Maryland, on May 26, 2005 to obtain and verify information relating to the RGD-5 fragmentation hand grenade.
The Explosive Demonstration of the known standard RGD-5 hand grenades will take place on May 26, 2005 at Quantico, Virginia.

**DOCUMENTS:** The numbers and markings present on the grenade body are currently under examination by the Questioned Documents Unit.

**TOOLMARKS:** Examinations are continuing.

**METALLURGY:** Examinations are continuing.

You will be separately advised concerning the results of the Trace Evidence and DNA examinations.

You will be expeditiously advised of developments in this matter.

**NOT APPROPRIATE FOR DISSEMINATION TO THE PUBLIC.**
May 31, 2005

To: Section Chief
   Scientific Analysis Section,

From: SSA

Re: 175A-WF-231771

The following is preliminary information on the forensic examinations and support being provided in this matter:

**TOOLMARKS:** See FBI Laboratory Report dated May 25, 2005 for the final results of the toolmark examinations in this case (175A-WF-231771-32).

**EXPLOSIVES:** Representatives from the National Ground Intelligence Center (NGIC), the United States Naval Explosive Ordnance Disposal Technology Center, Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) and specialists from the Department of Defense (DOD) reviewed radiographs, photographs and the actual grenade and grenade components. The grenade body (Q2) has been identified as a Soviet-era RGD-5 fragmentation hand grenade. The country of origin for the grenade, fuze housing (Q4) and the spoon (Q6) has not been identified at this time. The above mentioned specialists have never seen this type of fuze housing or spoon before.

The manufacturers black lettering "(delta-type mark) -1 004 03 *" present on the grenade body, specimen Q2, (see photograph) has been determined at this time to indicate the following information:

"delta-type mark-1" indicates production location/plant (plant undetermined at this time).

"004" indicates the Lot Number.

"03" indicates the year of production as 2003.

"*" indicates an unidentified marking at this time.

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To: Washington Field
CR-2
SSA

Date: June 6, 2005

Case ID No.: 175A-WF-231771
Lab No.: 050519015 PO NG

Reference: Communication dated May 19, 2005

Your No.: 

Title: UNSUBS; ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES TBLISI, GEORGIA; 05/09/2005

Date specimens received: May 19, 2005

The items listed below were examined in the Latent Print Unit:

ITEMS FROM Q7-Q8 Two (2) bottles

ITEM FROM Q9 Glass

This report contains the results of the latent print examinations.

Results of Examinations:

Three latent fingerprints of value were developed on Q9, a glass. No latent prints of value were detected on the remaining items.
Remarks:

No latent print comparisons are being conducted at this time as discussed in telephone conversation between SSA[Redacted] and Fingerprint Examiner[Redacted] on May 31, 2005.

Photographs of the latent prints have been placed in our files and will be available for any future comparisons you may request.

The specimens, along with photographs of the reported latent prints, are being returned under separate cover.
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 05/22/2005

To: Criminal Investigative
Attn: BOCU
UC
SSA

Finance
Attn: TAPU
UC

Washington Field
Attn: CR-2
SA

From: Vienna
Budapest Suboffice
Contact: SA

Approved By: [Signature]

Drafted By: [Signature] sam

Case ID #: 175A-WF-23171

Title: THREAT AGAINST THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES; 05/10/2005 T'BILISI, GEORGIA

Synopsis: Justification for upgrade to business class on Malev Hungarian Airlines 05/11/2005.

Details: In the early morning hours of 05/11/2005, SAs and were advised FBIHQ had ordered their immediate deployment to Tbilisi, Georgia, to assist LEGAT Tbilisi with captioned matter until relieved by the rapid deployment team.

SAs and currently are on TDY assignments to THE BUDAPEST PROJECT, FBI/HNBI OCTF, in Budapest, Hungary.

Contact was made with for immediate flight arrangements. determined that only business-class seats were available for the flight between Budapest and Kiev, the connecting city. Due to exigent circumstances and the critical need for a timely response, these seats were reserved and the tickets were purchased by the SAs.
LEAD(s):

Set Lead 1: (Info)

ALL RECEIVING OFFICES

Read and clear.
Precedence: ROUTINE
Date: 05/26/2005

To: Washington Field

From: Washington Field
Squad CR-2
Contact: SA

Approved By: §
Drafted By: drp™

Case ID #: 175A-WF-231771 (Pending)

Title: UNSUB(s); ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT PODUS, TBILISI, GEOGIA; 5/10/2005; OO:WFO

Synopsis: Georgian TV SONY PAL Video Tape

Details: On 5/23/2005, SA took the "PAL" system SONY video tape given to the FBI from authorities in the country of Georgia, and took it to the video analysis unit at ERF. SA met with examiner tel. and had her make a copy of the PAL system into a DVD so as to view it on a DVD player.

SA watched the tape at the ERF, and determined that is was the same footage as the commercially available DVD footage entitled "President of USA George W. Bush in Georgia, Tbilisi May 9-10, 2005".

SA relayed this information to Legat Tbilisi and asked that another request be made to the Georgian Authorities for any news footage that may have been shot during President Bush's speech.

Enclosed in a 1A envelope and attached to this EC are the following three items (same footage):

1) Original Sony PAL format Georgian TV tape
2) DVD copy of SONY PAL format made at ERF
3) Commercially available footage of "Pres of USA... May 9-10, 2005".

**
To: Washington Field CR-2

Date: June 13, 2005

Case ID No.: 175A-WF-231771
Lab No.: 050603003 PO PI

Reference: Communication dated June 3, 2005

Your No.: 

Title: UNSUBS; ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES TBILISI, GEORGIA; 05/09/2005

Date specimens received: June 3, 2005

Specimen submitted under cover of communication dated June 3, 2005 and examined in the Trace Evidence Unit:

K6

This report contains the results of the trace evidence examinations.

Results of Examinations:

Page 1 of 2

This Report is Furnished for Official Use Only
Remarks:

The results of the other laboratory examinations and the disposition of the submitted item will be the subject of separate communications.
To: Washington Field

Date: June 13, 2005

Case ID No.: 175A-WF-231771
Lab No.: 050603003 PO PI

Reference: Communication dated June 3, 2005

Your No.:
Title: UNSUBS;
ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES
TBILISI, GEORGIA;
05/09/2005

Date specimens received: June 3, 2005

Specimen submitted under cover of communication dated June 3, 2005 and examined in the Trace Evidence Unit:

· K6

This report contains the results of the trace evidence examinations.

Results of Examinations:

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Trace Evidence Unit

050603003 PO PI
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

To: Finance

From: (Washington Field
CR-2
Contact: 

Approved By: 

Drafted By: 

Case ID #: 175A-WF-231771 (Pending)

Title: UNSUB (S);
THREAT AGAINST THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES;
05/10/05;
TBILISI, GEORGIA
CO: WFO

Synopsis: Request to exceed room rate in WDC.

Details: Captioned matter involves a hand grenade that was thrown into the crowd in Tbilisi, Georgia while President Bush was giving a speech on 5/10/05. On extremely short notice, WFO has arranged for two Armenian bomb technicians to travel from Armenia to the U.S., arriving on 6/13/05. SA was able to arrange the Government rate for them but had to call several hotels to even find rooms available. On Sunday 6/12/05 SA was informed that the Armenian bomb techs speak no English and therefore must be with a translator to communicate in the U.S. The Los Angeles Division made available an Armenian translator who will arrive 6/13. SA could not find a hotel in the proximity of the hotel of the Armenian bomb techs at the government rate nor did the techs hotel have any rooms available at the government rate. Because of the unique circumstances of the necessity of having the translator in close proximity to the Armenian bomb techs, WFO is requesting permission to go above the government rate for two nights ($299 per night).
To: Finance From: Washington Field
Re: 175A-WF-231771, 06/13/2005

LEAD(s):

Set Lead 1: (Action)

FINANCE

AT WASHINGTON, DC

WFO is requesting that FBI translator be authorized to claim above the room rate for two nights as discussed in this EC.

**
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: PRIORITY
Date: 06/17/2005

To: Laboratory
From: Washington Field CR-2

Contact:

Approved By: [blank]
Drafted By: bjg

Case ID #: 175A-WF-231771 (Pending)

Title: UNSUB(s):
ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES
TBLISI, GEORGIA;
05/09/2005;
OO: WFO

Synopsis: Request DNA Laboratory examinations of enclosed items 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.

Enclosure(s): 1) One plastic bag containing shot glass from [blank] 2) One plastic bag containing juice glass from [blank] 3) One plastic bag containing fork from [blank] 4) One plastic bag containing beer stein from [blank] 5) One plastic bag containing ashtray, contents of which are six (6) cigarette butts from [blank]

Details: For the information of the Laboratory, on 05/10/2005, the President of the United States (POTUS), First Lady, and Secretary of State had just concluded an overnight visit to Georgia as the final stop in a four leg tour commemorating the end of World War II. The capstone event of the visit was a public speech delivered in Freedom Square, an open venue in the Georgian capitol of Tbilisi. The speech began at approximately 1:25 PM, and concluded at approximately 2:30 PM local time. POTUS then proceeded to the airport, boarded Air Force One, and had departed by 3:00 PM.

At approximately 1:30 PM, an unknown individual tossed what is believed to be an RGD-5 hand grenade of Armenian manufacture, wrapped in material, which landed
To: Laboratory  From: Washington Field
Re: 175A-WF-231771, 06/17/2005

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All items enclosed were obtained by local authorities and provided to Legat Tbilisi in order to conduct DNA examinations.
To: Laboratory From: Washington Field
Re: 175A-WF-231771, 06/17/2005

LEAD(s):
Set Lead 1: (Action)

LABORATORY
AT QUANTICO, VA

It is requested that the Laboratory conduct DNA examinations of enclosed items 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 for comparison to the major contributor on K5 (handkerchief). Any questions regarding this matter and results of examinations should be provided to SA

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: PRIORITY Date: 06/16/2005

To: Laboratory Attn: Trace Evidence/DNA Unit

From: Washington Field
CR-2
Contact: 

Approved By: 
Drafted By: 

Case ID #: 175A-WF-231771 (Pending)

Title: UNSUB(s); ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES
TBILISI, GEORGIA;
05/09/2005;
00:WFO

Synopsis: Request DNA Laboratory examinations of enclosed item.

Enclosure(s): 1) One Envelope containing cigarette butt from

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Re: 175A-WF-231771, 06/16/2005

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