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## CONFIDENTIAL CLIENT WORK PRODUCT

Ms. Nancy G. Deas  
5721 Wintergreen Drive  
Raleigh, N.C. 27609

RE: Examination of Questioned and Known Writing  
Dr. Kevin Monce, DVM, DACVIM, and  
Dr. C.S. Oliver, DVM

Dear Ms. Deas:

The following includes and supplements my reports to you in the above referenced, dated September 25, 2000 and October 6, 2000.

In accordance with your request, I have made examinations and comparisons of questioned and known writings appearing on the following described items, and herewith submit a report on my findings and conclusions.

### ITEMS SUBMITTED:

Q-1 One microscopic slide, bearing the following described QUESTIONED writing:

Dark writing, written as "6867", "8-9-00", and

Light writing, written as "800438", "Spleen", and writing, written as either "3" or "2".

Q-2 One microscopic slide, bearing the following described QUESTIONED writing:

Dark writing, written as "6867", "8-9-00", "DG", and

Light writing, written as "LN", "800438", and other writing that is illegible.

Q-3 One microscopic slide, bearing the following described QUESTIONED writing:

Dark writing, written as "6867", "8-9-00", "DG", and

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Light writing, written as "??438", "Spleen", and "6".

Q-4 One microscopic slide, bearing the following described QUESTIONED writing:

Dark writing, written as "6867", "8-9-00", "DG", and

Light writing, written as "????78", "Spleen" and "5".

Q-5 One microscopic slide, bearing the following described QUESTIONED writing:

Dark writing, written as "6867", "8-4-00", "DG", and

Light writing, written as "80?43", "LN" and a "1" (inside a circle).

Q-6 One microscopic slide, bearing the following described QUESTIONED writing:

Dark writing, written as "6867", "8-9-00", and

Light writing, written as "80?43?", "Spleen", and a "2" (inside a circle).

Q-7 One microscopic slide, bearing the following described QUESTIONED writing:

Dark writing, written as "6867", "8-9-00", and

Light writing, written as "80??38" and "LN",

Q-8 One microscopic slide, bearing the following described QUESTIONED writing:

Dark writing, written as, "6867", "8-9-00", and

Light writing, written as "8??478", and "LN",

Q-9 One microscopic slide, bearing the following described QUESTIONED writing:

Dark writing, written as "6867", "8-9-00", and

Light writing, written as "8??478", and "LN".

Q-10 One microscopic slide, bearing the following described QUESTIONED writing:

Dark writing, written as "6867", "8-9-00", and

Light writing, written as "80??38", and "LN".

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Q-11 One "FED EX" ENVELOPE, BEARING THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED questioned writing:

An address label, written as "Nancy Deas 5721 Wintergreen Dr. Raleigh, N. C. 27609".

K-1 The following described SIGNATURE STANDARDS and EXEMPLAR WRITING of Dr. Kevin Monce, DVM, DACVIM:

A one page typewritten LETTER, dated 3/9/2000, bearing one SIGNATURE STANDARD, written as "K Monce",

A one page LETTER, dated 4/24/2000, bearing one SIGNATURE STANDARD, written as "K Monce",

A ONE PAGE letter, dated 1/3/2000, bearing one SIGNATURE STANDARD, written as "K Monce", and

One page bearing EXEMPLAR WRITING, beginning "Pred L Later".

K-2 One typewritten PAGE, beginning "Slide 5", bearing one SIGNATURE STANDARD of Dr. C.S. Olver.

K-3 The following described DOCUMENTS, bearing EXEMPLAR WRITING AND SIGNATURE STANDARDS of Renee D. Daniel:

Machine copy of a one page STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA SECRETARY OF STATE ANNUAL REPORT completed form, bearing EXEMPLAR WRITING and one SIGNATURE STANDARD dated 10/22/95,

Machine copy of a one page NORTH CAROLINA ANNUAL REPORT FOR BUSINESS CORPORATIONS completed form, bearing two SIGNATURE STANDARDS dated 9/17/01, and EXEMPLAR WRITING, and

Machine copy of a one page NORTH CAROLINA ANNUAL REPORT FOR BUSINESS CORPORATIONS completed form, bearing two SIGNATURE STANDARDS dated 8/12/96, and EXEMPLAR WRITING.

#### EXAMINATIONS REQUESTED:

Make examinations to determine the following:

- 1- Whether the light and dark writings appearing in Q-1 through Q-10 were written by Dr. Kevin Monce, DVM, DACVIM,

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- 2- Whether the light marker numbers appearing in Q-1 through Q-10 were written by Unknown Person, "1",
- 3- Whether the light marker "LN" and "Spleen" writings were written by Unknown Person, "2",
- 4- Whether the dark written numbers appearing in Q-1 through Q-10 were written by Unknown Person, "3".
- 5- Whether the Q-11 writing was written by Dr. C.S. Olver, appearing in K-2,
- 6- Examine the light writing appearing in Q-1 through Q-10 to determine whether these writings were written with a writing instruments, using a graphite writing instrument, and
- 7- Whether the light writings appearing in Q-1 through Q-10 were written on the same date.
- 8- Compare Q-1 through Q-10 light written numbers with K-3 signature standards and exemplar writings of Renee D. Daniels.

**FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS:**

Characteristic similarities were noted in the Q-1 through Q-10 writings, "Spleen" and "LN" when compared with the K-1 writings of Dr. Kevin Monce, DVM, DACVIM. These similarities are sufficient in number and force, resulting in my opinion as follows:

**IT IS MY OPINION TO A REASONABLE DEGREE OF CERTAINTY THAT DR. KEVIN MONCE, DVM, DACVIM WAS LIKELY THE WRITER OF THE "Spleen" AND "LN" WRITINGS APPEARING IN Q-1 THROUGH Q-10.**

The similarities noted include, but are not limited to the following:

Slant, level of skill, spacing, line quality, and proportionate character heights.

A more conclusive opinion may be rendered with the submitting for further examinations of 25 or more additional EXISTING writings of Dr. Kevin Monce, DVM, DACVIM, including the same light characteristics, in the same sequence as appear in the Q-1 through Q-10 writings.

Dr. Kevin Monce, DVM, DACVIM was neither identified nor eliminated as the writer of the other Q-1 through Q-10 writings.

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Characteristic similarities were noted in all the dark writings appearing in Q-1 through Q-10 when compared with one another. These similarities are sufficient in number and force, resulting in my opinion as follows:

**IT IS MY OPINION TO A REASONABLE DEGREE OF CERTAINTY THAT ALL THE DARK WRITINGS APPEARING IN Q-1 THROUGH Q-10 WERE WRITTEN BY THE SAME INDIVIDUAL.**

Some characteristic similarities were noted in the Q-11 writing when compared with the K-2 writing of Dr. Olver. Dr. Olver, however was neither identified nor eliminated as the writer of the Q-11 writing.

More conclusive results may be obtained with the submitting for further examinations of 25 or more additional exemplar writings of Dr. Olver, including the same characters, in the same sequence as appear in the Q-11 writing.

The light writings in Q-1 through Q-10 appearing as "800438", "Spleen" and "LN" bear similarities found in writings prepared with writing instruments including graphite. The use of one or more pencils in preparing these writings was not excluded.

It was not determined whether any of the writing appearing in Q-1 through Q-10 were written on the same date.


Similarities in class and individual characteristics were noted in the Q-1 through Q-10 light written numbers when compared with the K-3 exemplar writing of Renee D. Daniel. These similarities are sufficient in number and force, resulting in my opinion as follows:

**IT IS MY OPINION TO A REASONABLE DEGREE OF CERTAINTY THAT RENEE D. DANIEL, AS REPRESENTED BY K-3 IS MORE LIKELY THAN NOT THE WRITER OF THE Q-1 THROUGH Q-10 LIGHT WRITTEN NUMBERS.**

The documents submitted for examination are being returned to you.

Instruments used in the examinations made include a stereoscopic microscopic, an optical forensic comparator, and a transparent measuring grid.

Very truly yours,

  
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Board Certified Questioned Document Examiner  
American Board of Forensic Examiners



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Graduate Institute of Applied Science, Chicago, Illinois

Embracing studies of Scientific Criminal Identification,  
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Identification Officer, State Bureau of Investigation, Raleigh, North Carolina

Graduate Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy - Washington, DC

Supervisor Questioned Document, Fingerprint and Firearms Evidence Sections, State  
Bureau Investigation

Taught Forensic Science at The Institute of Government, Chapel Hill, NC and  
at numerous Police Schools throughout North Carolina

Supervising Agent for Field Investigations, State Bureau of Investigation

Assistant Director of State Bureau of Investigation

Director of State Bureau of Investigation - 1975-1985

Board Certified Forensic Questioned Document and Fingerprint Examiner

Diplomate American Board of Certified Forensic Examiners

Former President NC Division of International Association for Identification

Former President NC Police Executives Association

Private Consultant to Attorneys and Private Industry in Handwriting, Fingerprints and  
Firearms Identification in Civil and Criminal cases - 1985 to present date