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RE: Killian Signatures; My File Ref. 040903-A

To Whom It May Concern:

I examined copies of documents bearing purported signatures of Jerry B. Killian. I observed nothing about the documents that could disprove their authenticity. I specifically addressed this question:

On the preponderance of the available handwriting evidence, are all the purported “Jerry B. Killian” signatures by the same person?

My expert opinion from examining the first documents submitted to me was confirmed by examination of the several that were later submitted to me.

I observed that all signatures had inconspicuous, significant similarities except one signature that had conspicuous, insignificant differences only. Such differences are inconsistent with either an imitated or a traced writing. However, there was a reasonable explanation for the differences. The signature fit the protocol of a writing made under stress, and the text states severe stress. Therefore, the preponderance of the available handwriting evidence is that one writer made all signatures examined.

My work was more detailed, and authorities can be cited for the method and theory employed.

Sincerely,

Marcel B. Matley