

# **EXHIBIT NO. 2**



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
UNITED STATES ARMY CID AGENCY  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20315

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
ATTN: Laboratory  
Washington, DC 20537

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Reference is made to Bureau File #70-51728 and FBI Field Office File #70-3668 (Charlotte, NC FO), concerning the murder of the Captain Jeffrey R. MacDonald family, 17 February 1970, Fort Bragg, NC. On 19 January 1971, the US Army CID Agency, Washington, DC, assumed responsibility for the investigation of the murders of Colette, Kimberly and Kristen MacDonald. In this regard, a complete re-evaluation of all items of physical evidence has been undertaken by this Agency. As a result of this activity, certain items of evidence appear to have additional investigative value and assistance of the FBI Laboratory is requested in the processing of these items along the general lines described in subsequent paragraphs.

As you know, by letter of 25 February 1970, to the Commanding General of Fort Bragg, NC, Mr. Robert M. Murphy, Special Agent in Charge of the FBI's Charlotte, NC, Field Office, formally advised the Army that the FBI would be conducting no further investigation into the MacDonald murders and that investigative jurisdiction had been retained by the Army. It is understood that the FBI will provide laboratory assistance upon specific request and further it is known from previous contacts with the FBI Laboratory that as a general rule, items of evidence that have undergone examination by another laboratory are not normally accepted at the FBI Laboratory for subsequent examinations. With this in mind, it is requested that this Agency be permitted to submit certain items of physical evidence in this case to the FBI Laboratory for examinations which either were not previously accomplished by the USA Criminal Investigation Laboratory or which that laboratory does not have the capability of performing.

Specifically the request involves examination of the clothing worn by the murder victims and Doctor MacDonald at the time of the murders to compare and diagram those tears and holes in the garments with the weapons believed to have been used in the murders. In this regard it can be stated that such examinations were not made by any other laboratory.

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Previous FBI Laboratory Reports conducted by the Identification Division, Latent Fingerprint Section, in the MacDonald murders were forwarded to CID by reports dated 26 August 1970 and 10 September 1970 under Latent Case No. A-25000.

The following laboratory request is submitted:

ITEMS OF EVIDENCE TO BE EXAMINED

<u>EXHIBIT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
V-1	One (1) paring knife, trade mark "Old Hickory"
W-1	One (1) paring knife, trade mark "Geneva Forge"
X-1	One (1) ice pick with wooden handle, no identifiable trade mark
A-3	One (1) man's pajama top, blue in color, torn, blood stained, pocket missing, numerous holes located on pajama top, property of Dr. MacDonald
R-3	One (1) pocket, blue in color, apparently torn from Exhibit A-3, property of Dr. MacDonald
Y-2	One (1) pajama top, child's red and white in color, blood stained, containing numerous cut marks, property of Kristen MacDonald (deceased)
Z-2	One (1) pajama top, woman's, pink in color, blood stained, containing numerous holes or cut marks, property of Colette MacDonald (deceased)

EXAMINATIONS REQUESTED

1. Request each garment be examined and compared with the weapons submitted in an attempt to ascertain the following:

a. How many circular defects noted in Exhibits A-3, Y-2 and Z-2 were made or could have been made by Exhibit X-1?

b. Are the circular defects noted in Exhibits A-3, Y-2 and Z-2 holes of entry or exit?

c. Were any of the circular defects made after Exhibits A-3, Y-2 and Z-2 were blood stained, and if so, of the total number of circular

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defects noted in each individual exhibit, how many fall into the category of being inflicted after the garment was contaminated by blood?

- d. How many of the cut marks in Exhibits A-3, Y-2 and Z-2 were made or could have been made by Exhibits V-1, W-1 or X-1?
- e. Are the cut marks in Exhibits A-3, Y-2 and Z-2 identifiable as marks of entry or exit?
- f. What is the point of initiation of the torn areas located on Exhibit A-3?
- g. Was Exhibit A-3 torn after it was contaminated with blood?

2. Request that any other laboratory observations made during the above examinations be furnished with your completed report and that each garment be diagrammed or a similar reproduction be made to depict the circular and/or cut marks located on each garment identified as Exhibits A-3, Y-2 and Z-2.

#### BACKGROUND INFORMATION FOR LABORATORY EXAMINERS

During the early morning hours of 17 February 1970, Mrs. Colette MacDonald, Kimberly MacDonald and Kristen MacDonald, the wife and daughters of Captain MacDonald respectively, sustained multiple knife wounds apparently inflicted by a circular instrument similar to an ice pick. In addition, Colette and Kimberly MacDonald were struck several times with a blunt instrument about the head. All three were found dead at about 0342 hours, 17 February 1970. Crime scene examination, autopsies and interviews with Doctor MacDonald revealed that Colette was located on the floor of the master bedroom of the MacDonald residence, Kimberly was located in her own bed as was her younger sister, Kristen. Kristen did not sustain any blows from the blunt instrument and no evidence was located during an autopsy indicated that Kimberly was struck with the ice pick. Wounds which appeared as "superficial pricks" were located on the chest of Kristen and these appear consistent with wounds which could have been inflicted with an ice pick. The blunt instrument, a 31-inch piece of wood, was located discarded to the immediate outside of the rear entrance to the MacDonald residence. The paring knife, Exhibit V-1, and the ice pick, Exhibit X-1, were located in the same area. Exhibit W-1, a paring knife, was located on the floor of the master bedroom and according to Doctor MacDonald, he pulled this knife from his wife's chest when he discovered her body on the floor.

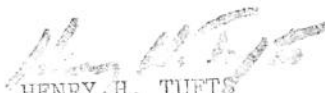
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Doctor MacDonald maintains that he sustained his injuries while engaged in an altercation with four (4) unidentified intruders in the living room of his residence. His injuries consisted of one to three contusions of the head (apparently inflicted by a blunt instrument), ten to fourteen "superficial prick wounds" similar to those which could have been inflicted by an ice pick and three lacerations which could have been inflicted by one or both of the paring knives. He stated he lost consciousness in the living room area and when he regained consciousness his pajama top, Exhibit A-3, was wrapped around his arms in a torn condition. None of the knife or ice pick wounds sustained by Doctor MacDonald were located below his waist and none were located below the bicep of either arm. With the exception of a knife wound in his chest, all other wounds were generally described as superficial in nature. Doctor MacDonald sustained no wounds under his arms, on his body sides or on his back.

Upon receipt of your consideration in this matter, USACIDA Agents will be available to discuss this matter in detail. Evidence is not submitted at this time, pending receipt of your confirmation or denial in performing this examination.

Thank you in advance for any consideration you give this request.

  
HENRY H. TUFTS  
Colonel, MPC  
Commanding