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To Peter Lance,

I received your e-mail this morning. Unfortunately, I am unable to contact you this afternoon, as I will be tied up in court, where I am the Municipal Court Prosecution Detective. I did want to get back to you, therefore I'm e-mailing you in response.

In response to what Mr. Robert Walker told you, I can confirm that what he told you of his accounts of the incident on Oct. 7, 1966 are the same accounts of what he told me. The only information that conflicts is this; you stated "Mr. Walker told me, that it was only after reading my book and realizing how his recollection of events surrounding the crash, meshed with Sgt. Newton's theory of Tirella's death that he decided to come forward to set the record straight." Mr. Walker advised me that he attempted to make contact with you in July of 2020, advising you that, after his wife learned you were writing a book about Doris Duke and the incident, he had critical information.

In regards to your questions, I am the only Detective assigned to the Doris Duke case. I am currently the only Detective assigned to any cold cases, but this could change at any time. I did read your Vanity Fair article prior to Mr. Walker coming in to familiarize myself with the history of this case. Also, to continue educating myself with the history, I've started reading your book. Mr. Walker did give me the same names you listed in your e-mail; names of people he has told his story to in the past. I have spoken to most of these parties, who have confirmed what Mr. Walker told me, therefore finding Mr. Walker's account of the incident on Oct. 7, 1966 credible. I conducted my interview with Mr. Walker, after he contacted the Newport Police Department that he wanted to give information, in the Criminal Investigation Interview Room, which is where all Detectives conduct any interview. Our interview lasted about two hours. In regards to obtaining a copy of the recorded interview with Mr. Walker, it is an active investigation, and I don't know if recorded interviews are allowed to the public under the Access to Public Records Act, but you can submit your request through the Records Department (401-847-1306).

I did tell Mr. Walker something to the effect that I am now assigned to follow up with this case and it's not going to be ignored. This case is now open for further review due to new facts coming forward.

It is too early to make the determination to alter the conclusion that Eduardo Tirella's death was the result of "an unfortunate accident". Regarding this, Myself and the Newport Police Department would like to look further into this (due to the new information we've been given), and rectify any possible misinformation concluded in the past, if any. After an extensive search throughout the building, unfortunately the Newport Police Department does not have any records from this case. If you would be willing to help in this matter, to help bring justice for Eduardo's family, to see if we can prove any possible misleading information from the past, the Newport Police Department and I would love to bring justice for Eduardo and his family. I've been with the Newport Police Department for over twenty two years and a Detective for nine of those years.

In regards to my name, I prefer to be identified as Det. Wuest. This is my maiden name and I got married quite a few years into my career and my name and reputation had been established.

Respectfully,

Det. Jacque Wuest