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**RE: Linda Adanalian, Deceased**

Dear Mr. Melikian:

I have reviewed the Adanalian case materials and talked with my colleague, Dr. Fredric Rieders at National Medical Services.

It is my opinion that this case requires a law enforcement investigation. In fact, an investigation was warranted at the time of the exhumation. The absence of an anatomical cause of death, in conjunction with the social circumstances surrounding Mrs. Adanalian's death, should have prompted the Coroner to call for a law enforcement investigation in June of 2000.

Now that the lead forensic pathologist responsible for this case has submitted his final autopsy report, I am quite certain that the Coroner will promptly initiate a criminal investigation. The scientific evidence conclusively demonstrates this case to be a toxic death, and all the relevant circumstances and social features require that this case be investigated as a homicide. As I am certain you are aware, the passage of time results in memories fading and leads growing cold, making it more difficult to determine how this death occurred in the future.

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Regarding the Death Certificate, I would certainly expect it to mirror the final autopsy report. Any other result would be most unusual, especially given the thoroughness and completeness of the medical findings set forth by the pathologist.

Please let me know how I can help you press forward with this troubling case. I am willing to assist you to ensure an appropriate investigation, something that is long overdue in this matter.

Very truly yours,

  
Cyril H. Wecht, M.D., J.D.

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