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F B I, FOI/PA Section / FOIA Officer
26 Federal Plaza, 23rd Floor
New York, New York 10278

Subject: FOIA Request for information about TWA Flight 800 forensic data on foreign objects removed from the bodies of crash victims.

Dear FOIA Officer:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552 I hereby request information pertaining to the investigation of TWA flight 800 accident and as described below. The NTSB reported that all foreign material/objects removed from the victims bodies were initially given to the FBI for further analysis. Please provide the following information about these materials:

A schedule or listing such items given to the FBI, and the results of analysis of those objects. Most importantly the identification of the origin of all such material in relation to the 747 aircraft's layout (assuming such material did originate from the 747 and its contents) and the victim's supposed location. Was any of this material of unknown origin. Please forward to me all documents that deal with the following data about each foreign object: size, weight, condition and general description, and all other analytic results including composition.

I am requesting these records for non-commercial use and as an active member of a public interest Internet news group doing research on some of the less intensely explored possibilities of the cause of the accident.

We are making all such material available through our web site as a free public service.

I request a waiver of fees because my interest in the records is not primarily commercial and disclosure of the information will contribute significantly to public understanding.

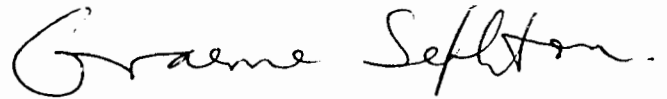
If documents are denied in whole or in part, please specify which exemption(s) is(are) claimed for each passage or whole document denied. Give the number of pages in each document and the total number of pages pertaining to this request and the dates of documents withheld. I request that excised material be "blacked out" rather than "whited out" or cut out and that the remaining non-exempt portions of documents be

released as provided under the Freedom of Information Act. Please send a memo (with a copy or copies to me) to the appropriate unit(s) in your office to assure that no records related to this request are destroyed. Please advise of any destruction of records and include the date of and authority for such destruction. As I expect to appeal any denials, please specify the office and address to which an appeal should be directed.

If you have any questions about handling this request, you may telephone me at my office (413) 545-6504.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Graeme Sephton". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name.

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