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**SHOOTING INCIDENT  
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 SHOOTING INCIDENT  
 MIAMI, FLORIDA  
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To : Mr. Otto *5/2/86*

Date 5/2/86

From : J. D. Glover  
*Administrative Inquiry*

*Thank you, John.  
God bless these Agents*

Subject : SHOOTING INCIDENT  
MIAMI DIVISION  
4/11/86

**PURPOSE:** To provide a summary of results of the inquiry as developed to date.

**DETAILS:** Following the tragic events at Miami, a shooting inquiry team was assembled and dispatched to Miami. Composition of the team was as follows:

- Inspector [redacted]
- Inspector's Aide [redacted]
- Inspector's Aide [redacted]
- Unit Chief [redacted] - Criminal Investigative Division
- SSA [redacted] - Chicago Division
- SSA [redacted] - New Haven Division
- Unit Chief [redacted] - Quantico

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In addition, SSA [redacted] FBI Laboratory Division, had a six-man Forensic Team reporting to the Inspector. The Baltimore Division provided an air crew to take aerial photographs of the crime scene.

Interviews of all participants have been completed and signed statements obtained. The neighborhood investigation, other witness interviews and the gathering of needed background material have been completed.

**2- ENCLOSURE**

- 1 - Mr. Otto
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Memorandum J. D. Glover to Mr. Otto  
Re: Shooting Incident  
Miami Division  
4/11/86

The FBI Laboratory Team has completed on-the-scene examinations and laboratory tests; preparation of charts, graphs, photographs and other exhibits is underway.

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Preliminary sketches of the crime scene are available for "walk throughs of the events." Videotape of the crime scene and audio tapes of FBI and Metro-Dade radio transmissions have been obtained.

RECOMMENDATION: None. for information.

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SUMMARY

SHOOTING INCIDENT  
MIAMI DIVISION  
APRIL 11, 1986

BACKGROUND OF INVESTIGATION

Since October, 1985, the Miami Division has been conducting an investigation to identify, locate and apprehend two individuals responsible for a series of bank and armored car robberies occurring in that division. The individual crimes are as follows:

Incident #1, which occurred on October 16, 1985, was the attempted robbery of a Wells Fargo armored truck, in front of a Winn Dixie Store located at 930 Southwest 104th Street, Miami, Florida. Two guards from this truck exited and entered the supermarket for a pickup, while the driver remained in the truck. As guards exited the Winn Dixie after making the pickup and returned to the truck, they heard someone yell, "Freeze." One of the subjects opened fire with a shotgun, hitting one guard in the leg. The Wells Fargo guards returned fire at the two robbers; however, no indication was given of either of them being hit. The robbers obtained no money from this robbery.

Incident #2 was the robbery of the outside teller station of the Florida National Bank, located at 14801 South Dixie Highway, Miami, Florida, on November 8, 1985, at 10:33 a.m. This robbery was committed by two white males. As the teller and a bank guard were proceeding on foot from the main bank building to the drive-in facility, they were accosted by one of the subjects with a weapon,

who demanded that the drive-in facility be opened and made accessible to the robbers. The teller and the guard were unable to open the drive-in facility and the robber took the money the teller was carrying to the drive-in; \$10,000 was obtained. The robbers made their getaway in a black, Chrysler New Yorker with Florida license plates. The license plates had been stolen from another vehicle on September 30, 1985.

Incident #3 was the robbery of the Professional Savings Bank at 13001 South Dixie Highway, Miami, Florida, on November 8, 1985, at 12:00 a.m. This robbery was committed by two white males, fitting the descriptions of the robbers in the aforementioned robberies. In this incident, one robber was carrying a large frame chrome-plated revolver and the other robber was carrying what appeared to be either an M-16 or an AR-15 rifle. During this robbery, both subjects entered the bank and ordered customers and tellers to the floor. One of the robbers grabbed a teller and took her to the back area demanding the Wells Fargo bags. Wells Fargo had just made a money delivery to the bank. The number two robber stood guard at the front door while the robbery was in progress. In this robbery, \$41,469 was obtained. The getaway vehicle utilized was a 1976 or 1977 beige, Chevrolet Monte Carlo with a vinyl top.

The fourth in this series of robberies occurred on January 10, 1986, at 10:30 a.m., and involved a Brinks armored truck at the Barnett Bank at 13593 South Dixie Highway. Again, this robbery was committed by two white males, one of whom was armed with an AR-15 or M-16 rifle and the other with a shotgun. The loss in

this robbery was \$54,000. During the robbery, the subjects accosted a Brinks courier as he opened the back door of his armored truck prior to making a pickup at the Barnett Bank. One robber shot the guard in the back with the shotgun, utilizing #7 shot, and the other robber shot the guard at close range with a rifle. One robber removed a money bag from the rear of the Brinks truck and both drove away in a gold, Chevrolet Monte Carlo. This vehicle was followed by a citizen who observed the robbers at another location switch into a white- or beige-colored Ford or GM pickup truck. The original getaway vehicle utilized in this robbery was registered to [REDACTED] a Cuban refugee, date of birth [REDACTED] Investigation determined that Briel disappeared with his car on October 5, 1985. He had gone target shooting in the Everglades alone, utilizing his .22-caliber rifle.

On March 12, 1986, [REDACTED] went shooting at a lake located at 157th Avenue and Southwest 16th Street, near the Tamiami Trail. This lake is utilized by local residents both for fishing and target shooting. It is believed that this is a lake where Aureliano Briel, mentioned above, disappeared. While [REDACTED] was target practicing he observed two white males shooting targets across the lake from him. These two white males entered a vehicle and drove over to [REDACTED] The driver, armed with a Model 13 Smith and Wesson .357 Magnum and the passenger with a Ruger Mini-14 Stainless with a folding stock, demanded [REDACTED] wallet, car and weapons. [REDACTED] was then taken by one of the males to an area by the lake and shot three times with the Magnum. [REDACTED] severely



wounded, played dead and survived. The robbers took [REDACTED] vehicle, which is described as a 1979, two-door, black Monte Carlo with Florida license NTJ-891. This is the vehicle used in this shooting incident. In addition to the vehicle, the suspects took [REDACTED] weapons, described as a Smith and Wesson Combat Masterpiece Model 14, blue with tan rogers rubber grip and a Martin Model 60, .22-caliber rifle with a scope (Note: this may be Marlin Model 60). b7c

The fifth and last robbery in this series took place at the Barnett Bank, 13593 South Dixie Highway, on March 19, 1986, at 9:25 a.m. In this incident, two males believed to be identical with the robbers at all of the above-mentioned robberies, entered the bank, went over the counter, and took two money bags. They had preceded a Brinks armored truck at the bank by approximately 30 minutes. During the robbery, one of the robbers carried a shoulder weapon thought to be the Mini-14 rifle. In this robbery, \$8,000 was taken. Witnesses observed the getaway vehicle, which turned out to be the Chevrolet Monte Carlo of [REDACTED] which still bore its Florida license plate, NTJ-891. b7c

#### Planning and Equipment

Based on the information concerning this robbery group, the Reactive Squad (C-1) of the Miami Division formulated a plan to place Agents in the general area of the bank and armored car robberies in Southwest Miami, in an attempt to spot the robbers en route to a robbery and apprehend them. Based on a known modus operandi, they selected Fridays as a logical time to activate this

plan. Surveillances on two prior occasions had been unsuccessful in locating the subjects. The squad, utilizing 14 Special Agents, under the supervision of SSA Gordon G. McNeill, on April 11, 1986, decided to set up in the area of four banks in the general southwest section of Miami, where all known prior activity was centered. This Special Agent complement included three Resident Agents from the Homestead Resident Agency (RA), since at least one of the robberies had occurred in their territory, which is adjacent to the Headquarters City territory in Southwest Miami. All 14 participating Agents had received a briefing and instructions, and all were familiar with the backgrounds of each of the preceding robberies. Investigation of this matter had been closely coordinated with the Metropolitan-Dade County Police Force; however, no local officers participated in the April 11, 1986, surveillance activity.

Vehicles utilized were Bureau cars belonging to the squad and to the Homestead RA, and at least one of these vehicles had radio communications with Metropolitan-Dade County Police radio. The Agents were armed with their sidearms and a number of the Agents had shoulder weapons. SA Edmundo Mireles and SSA Gordon G. McNeill both had shotguns in their vehicles. Other Agents on the surveillance who were not involved in the shooting were armed with M-16 rifles and submachine guns. All weapons utilized were Bureau-issued or Bureau-approved weapons and all of the Agents were fully qualified with the weapons in their possession.

SSA McNeill assigned teams of Agents to cover four banks in the southwest area. These banks were separated by some distance. The exact distances from the various banks to the shooting incident are being plotted and will be available in the final report.

A complete inventory of weapons and other equipment possessed by all Special Agent personnel during this incident is being compiled and will be made part of the final report. It is known that all of the Agents had been issued bulletproof vests and that most of them had the vests in their vehicles, but not all were wearing them at the time of the incident.

The Shooting Incident

The shooting inquiry team has in its possession a transcript of FBI radio transmissions which were monitored and tape recorded by a citizen who is a stringer for the "Miami Herald" newspaper and who monitors via scanner law enforcement channels in an effort to pick up a story. In addition, the shooting inquiry team has in its possession [REDACTED]

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At approximately 9:30 a.m., April 11, 1986, SA Benjamin P. Grogan (MM-202) radioed as follows: "Hey. Attention all units.

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We're behind a black vehicle two-door Florida license NTJ-891.  
We're headed south on South Dixie. North on South Dixie."  
SA Grogan then said "(unintelligible) read that?" SA Ronald G.  
Risner (MM-131) then called on the radio, "202 are you heading north  
or south?" SA Grogan replied, "North on South Dixie." SA Risner,  
"OK, where?" SA Grogan, "124th Street. It's a black Monte Carlo,  
two males in it, NTJ-891." SSA McNeill (MM-214) called on the  
radio, "Metro right away and let's try and yank that guy."  
SA Grogan then said, "Now. Let's get him yanked. Let's get ah...  
Bill S, call Metro on your unit and give 'em the location." b6  
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SA [REDACTED] (MM-131) then said, "...You're at 124, are  
you North of there now?" SA Grogan then replied, "Looking good,  
NTJ-891." SA Grogan then said, "120th Street, let's get up here and  
let's stop them if we have to." SA Risner then said on the radio,  
"OK, hold on Ben, till we get enough people up there." SA Grogan  
replied on the radio, "All right, blow up here." SA Jerry Dove (MM-  
202) then said, "Two white males in the vehicle, uh, one with a  
mustache." SSA McNeill, whose initial transmission is  
unintelligible then said, "Them until we can get some help and then  
let's see if they stop." SA Grogan said, "Gordo, that's our plate,  
NTJ-891, they are making a right turn on 117th, right on 117th."  
SA Dove then said, "Getting spooked, guys." SA Dove then said,  
"Southwest 81st Road heading south again." SSA McNeill said, "Did  
you get Metro?" SA Mireles (MM-55) said, "Right behind you babe,  
give me a cross street." SA Grogan said, "Stand by." b6  
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SA [REDACTED] "What's your location Ben?" SA Grogan, "(UN)

Street, right turn on 120th Street going west." SA Mireles then came on the air saying, "Ben we're right behind you babe. You wanna do it, let's do it." SA Grogan replied, "Negative, let's get some marked units. Let's get some (broken)." SA Risner said, "OK we're just at 120th and U.S. 1, are they coming back toward U.S. 1?" SA Dove replied, "That's affirmative." SSA McNeill came on the air and said, "Just looked at them, they're guys loading up something in the front." SA Grogan then said, "Let's do it." SA Dove can be heard saying in the background, "Felony car stop. Take em, felony car stop, let's do it." SA Mireles says on the air, "Jerry?" SA Dove replies, "Yeah." Conversations follow between SA [REDACTED] (MM-57) and SA [REDACTED] (MM-88), who are trying to locate the scene. SA [REDACTED] suddenly says on the air, "People down!" SA Risner then comes on the air and says, "We got people down, let's get some help over here."

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It is apparent from the transcript of the FBI radio broadcast that at some point during the surveillance, the subjects became aware that they were being followed and then began slowly driving on side streets with which they were familiar. Attached hereto is a preliminary crime scene sketch showing the final positions of the vehicles.

Vehicle #6, the vehicle occupied by SAs Grogan and Dove, was approximately ten feet further back than shown on this sketch.

As the vehicles involved came south on Southwest 82nd Avenue, a decision was made to stop them. SAs Grogan and Dove who were driving the vehicle depicted in the sketch as #6, activated their blue light and siren to affect a "felony car stop." Vehicle #4, which was occupied by SA Richard A. Manauzzi (MM-66), was coming up from the rear and Vehicle #7, occupied by SA John F. Hanlon, Jr. (MM-55), and SA Mireles, pulled up alongside the subject car.

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[REDACTED] At this point SAs Hanlon and Mireles are alongside the subjects [REDACTED].

[REDACTED]

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Apparently SA Hanlon then swung his wheels back to the right to impact against the subject vehicle and may have missed it and struck the vehicle operated by SA Manauzzi. In any event, the vehicle occupied by SAs Hanlon and Mireles lost control, ran over a short post and came to rest against the wall depicted in the sketch. The subjects made a U-turn heading northbound. SA Manauzzi made the turn with them, impacted once again into the driver's side of the subject's car, pinning it between MM-66, a tree and a parked automobile in a yard in front of the residence 12201, 12203 Southwest 82nd Avenue. As shown in the sketch, Vehicles #1 and #2 were parked unoccupied in that residence and Vehicle #3 (the subject vehicle) came to rest between them and a tree directly in front of the subjects and Vehicle #4 (SA Manauzzi's

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vehicle). Vehicle #5, occupied by SSA McNeill, turned into the area and Vehicle #6, occupied by SAs Grogan and Dove, had made a U-turn and parked to the rear of the subjects' vehicle. At this point, one of the subjects, now thought to be the subject William R. Mattix, fired a shotgun blast at SA Manauzzi. The shot, determined to be #6 shot, penetrated the window of the Bureau car and struck SA Manauzzi in the back and the back of the head as he was exiting his vehicle on the driver's side. SA Manauzzi did not have his weapon strapped on his hip in a holster. It was lying beside him and, in the impact, the gun went to the floor of the car. SA Manauzzi was unable to find it and exited his vehicle unarmed. As he left the vehicle in a low crawl, he saw SSA McNeill coming in and thought that SSA McNeill was going to hit him. SA Manauzzi crossed Southwest 82nd Avenue, wounded, and took shelter behind a wall near where Vehicle #7 (SAs Hanlon and Mireles) had impacted. SSA McNeill exited his vehicle and was taken under fire by the subjects, principally by the subject Michael Lee Platt, who was armed with a Ruger .223-caliber Mini-14, semiautomatic rifle. SSA McNeill leaned across the hood of SA Manauzzi's car and emptied his revolver into the passenger compartment of the Monte Carlo, occupied by the subjects. At this point SSA McNeill was hit in the hand by return fire. Bleeding profusely, he attempted to reload; however, blood from his hand ran into the cylinders and he could not put more rounds into his weapon. SSA McNeill then withdrew toward the rear of Vehicle #5.

In the impact of Vehicle #7 on the wall, SA Hanlon's service revolver, not secured on his hip, although holstered, was

lost or tumbled to the floor of the car and SA Hanlon drew his five-shot Smith and Wesson Snubnose Revolver from an ankle holster and proceeded into the shooting area. SAs Hanlon and Mireles had exited their vehicle and were running onto the scene. As SA Mireles approached the area of Vehicle #5, he was taken under fire by the riflemen, suffered a severe wound to his left arm and went down. SA Hanlon proceeded to the rear of Vehicle #6, crouched and fired five rounds from his five-shot revolver into the back of the subject's vehicle. As SA Hanlon started to reload his weapon, he was hit in the leg by rifle fire and he went down. At this point or shortly before, SAs Gilbert W. Orrantia and Risner arrived on the scene, stopping their vehicles at approximately the position shown as #8 in the sketch, and began firing at the subjects, who by this time were out of their vehicle and moving in the area of Vehicles #1, #2 and #3, utilizing these vehicles as cover. SA Orrantia fired 12 rounds of .38-caliber +P service ammunition from his .357 Smith and Wesson revolver and SA Risner estimates he fired 13 to 14 rounds total from his issued Model 459 .9mm Smith and Wesson semiautomatic pistol.

SSA McNeill was shot for a second time and became incapacitated due to temporary paralysis.

SAs Grogan and Dove, from an area of Vehicle #6, began firing on the subjects. Following a period of intense gunfire, subject William R. Mattix apparently took SAs Grogan and Dove under fire with a shotgun. This was evidenced by a pattern of #6 shot down the driver's side of Vehicle #6. While Mattix exchanged fire



with SAs Grogan and Dove, Michael Lee Platt left cover of his vehicle and proceeded down the passenger side of car #6, leaned over the trunk of it, shooting SA Hanlon, who was down, in the groin area, and shooting and killing SAs Grogan and Dove. During this period of time, SA Risner was firing on Platt.

Immediately after shooting the Agents, Platt and Mattix approached the Bureau vehicle marked as car #6, apparently to effect their escape. Both of them entered the vehicle. At this point, SA Mireles, who was apparently semiconscious, and was slightly behind car #5, opened fire on the subjects in the FBI car, utilizing his Bureau-issued shotgun. SA Mireles was forced to fire the gun one-handed. He rolled over on his back, put the shotgun between his legs, racked it with his right hand, forced himself up, pointed it over the rear bumper of the car and fired at the subjects. He apparently fired five rounds of 00 buckshot, puncturing the car in the left front fender, driver's window, and through the windshield. His shot patterns were found in the interior of the car. Somehow in this round of fire he hit the subject Platt through both feet. SA Mireles then rose to his feet, drew his service revolver, advanced on car #6 firing and inflicting fatal wounds on both subjects.

Arriving Special Agents, including SA [REDACTED] observed this last round of fire. Other FBI units, police units and medical emergency units arrived momentarily, rushing the wounded Agents to hospital facilities.

This narrative account of the shooting has been furnished by the Agents involved, by statements of eye witnesses in the

neighborhood, and crime scene investigation. Some of it will be further corroborated as forensic evidence is developed.

#### Forensic and Ballistics Examinations

A crime scene search by Metro-Dade Homicide Detectives and Agents of the FBI Laboratory establishes 131 identifiable rounds were fired. It is probable that other rounds were fired and cartridge cases not retrieved. It is estimated that a minimum of 131 and as many as 140-145 total rounds were exchanged. Ballistics identifications definitely establish that 40 rounds were fired by Platt from the .223 Semiautomatic Mini-14. Two and possibly three rounds of shotgun shots were discharged by Mattix from his shotgun. Both Mattix and Platt were armed with .357 Magnum revolvers, one a Dan Wesson Manufacture, the other a Smith and Wesson. Both of them fired three rounds from their revolvers without striking Agents. All of the severe damage done to Agent personnel was inflicted by the .223-caliber ammunition. SA Manauzzi suffered superficial wounds from shotgun pellets; SA Orrantia suffered superficial wounds believed to have been inflicted by shrapnel from a .357 round entering the passenger's compartment of his vehicle. Ballistics examinations have determined that Agents fired the following rounds: SA Risner - six rounds from his .9mm. SA Risner states that he fired 13 or 14 and had put a second loaded clip in the weapon; however, only six cartridges were recovered. SA Grogan - nine rounds from a .9mm. SA Dove - 20 rounds from his .9mm; cartridges all recovered. SA Orrantia - 12 rounds .38-caliber +P ammunition from his .357 Magnum. SSA McNeill - six rounds .38-caliber +P

ammunition from his .357 Magnum. SA Hanlon - five rounds .38-caliber +P ammunition from his .38-caliber revolver. SA Mireles - five rounds 00 buckshot from his shotgun; six rounds .38-caliber +P ammunition from his service revolver.

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[REDACTED] In addition, the FBI Laboratory is conducting forensics examinations involving blood typing, including

paint scrapings, to ascertain which vehicles hit together, and is also conducting some ballistics-type examinations.

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[REDACTED] Examinations are being conducted now from blood scrapings taken from vehicles and from the street at the scene of the gun fight to ascertain whose blood was recovered from the various locations.

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Latent fingerprint examinations on the subjects' weapons were negative and it was ascertained that both subjects were wearing gloves. Latent fingerprint examinations have been conducted on other items of evidence and vehicles involved in this incident, but the results of those examinations have not yet been received. A complete set of photographs and a videotape of the crime scene have been provided and will be included in the report. Charts, graphs and measurements are being prepared by the Special Exhibits Section, FBI Laboratory, and will be included in the report.

The shooting inquiry team has interviewed a number of witnesses, done a complete neighborhood, and taken signed statements from all Agent participants with the exception of SA Mireles and SSA McNeill. Based on the advice of their physicians, it was decided not to take signed statements from SA Mireles and SSA McNeill until their physical condition had improved. We are now told that they may be interviewed in detail during the week beginning Monday, April 28, 1986, and, at that time, complete signed statements will be obtained from them.

The U. S. Attorney has advised that the Agents involved in this shooting incident were performing within the scope of their duties and that their shooting and killing of the subjects was totally justified. The U. S. Attorney will provide a written statement to this effect.

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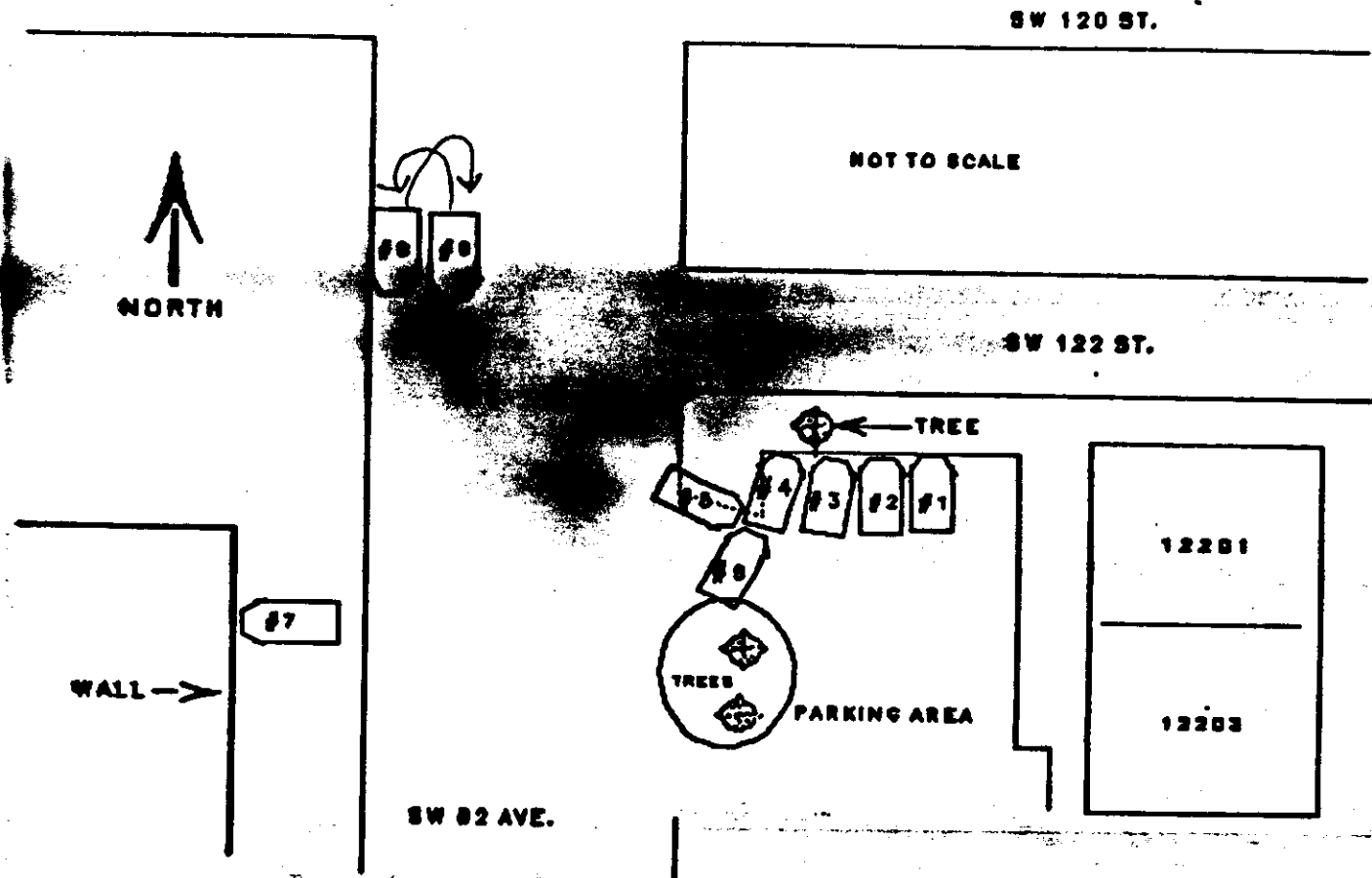
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Based on the investigation to be done by the inquiry team and the table for the receipt of forensic examination results, charts, graphs and other exhibits, it is anticipated that a complete report will be submitted within the next three weeks.

**CRIME SCENE SKETCH**  
**12201 SW 82 AVE. MIAMI, FLORIDA**



**LEGEND**

- #1 - PARKED VEHICLE AT RESIDENCE
- #2 - PARKED VEHICLE AT RESIDENCE
- #3 - SUBJECT'S VEHICLE
- #4 - FBI VEHICLE (MANAUZZI)
- #5 - FBI VEHICLE (MCNEILL)
- #6 - FBI VEHICLE (GROGAN/DOVE)
- #7 - FBI VEHICLE (HANLON/MIRELES)
- #8 - FBI VEHICLE (RISNER/ORRANTIA)
- #9 - METRO-DADE PD VEHICLE

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To : Mr. Sharp

Date 6/20/86

From : Chairman, SIRG

Subject : ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRY  
SHOOTING INCIDENT  
MIAMI DIVISION, 4/11/86

Reference report of Inspector [redacted] dated 6/5/86, captioned as above.

**PURPOSE:** This memo has been prepared to provide the analysis, comments and recommendations of the Shooting Incident Review Group (SIRG) with reference to captioned shooting, subject of an administrative inquiry by Inspector [redacted]

**RECOMMENDATIONS (1)**

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DETAILS: On 6/12/86, the SIRG reviewed the results of an administrative inquiry concerning captioned matter conducted by Inspector [REDACTED] Referenced report dated 6/5/86 was received by the General Crimes Section, Criminal Investigative Division, FBIHQ, on 6/5/86.

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By way of background, at approximately 8:45 a.m. on 4/11/86, SSA Gordon G. McNeil (EOD Clerk: 11/2/60; EOD Agent: 9/19/66), Supervisor Squad C-1 (Personal Crimes Squad), FBI Miami, initiated a physical canvass/surveillance of an area in southwest Miami, approximately 53 blocks in length (130th Street - 183rd Street), bisected north to south by the South Dixie Highway, aka U. S. Highway 1. This area is described as a high density commercial zone.

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The planned surveillance was prompted by a series of bank and armored car robberies which had been perpetrated in the same general locale by two unknown white males. Based on the unprovoked violence exhibited by the robbers during this activity, the two suspects were considered by SSA McNeil to be very dangerous and, if located, SSA McNeil believed that a violent confrontation might occur.

In addition to the bank and armored car robberies and unprovoked assaults on armored car personnel, the two holdup men were also suspects in two shooting incidents which had taken place at a Miami area "rock pit". The last known shooting at the "rock pit" occurred on 3/12/86 when [redacted] while target shooting, was approached by two white males, robbed, shot three times and left for dead. [redacted] 1979 two-door, black Monte Carlo automobile bearing Florida license NTJ-891 and two weapons (one pistol and one rifle) were taken from him at this time. [redacted] survived and furnished descriptions of these two subjects noting they were in possession of a Smith and Wesson (S&W) model 13 .357 magnum revolver and a Ruger Mini-14 rifle with a folding stock at the time he was robbed and shot. (In other related robbery activity, these two subjects were variously described as carrying a shotgun, an M-16 or AR-15 rifle and/or revolvers.)

Following the 3/12/86 robbery and attempted murder of [redacted] the Barnett Bank, 13593 South Dixie Highway, Miami, was robbed on 3/19/86 by the same two suspects utilizing [redacted] 1979 Monte Carlo (still bearing Florida license NTJ-891) as the getaway vehicle. A shoulder weapon, believed to be a Ruger Mini-14 rifle, was used in this robbery.

With this and other background information in mind, SSA McNeil preliminarily discussed his contemplated surveillance plans with SA Benjamin P. Grogan and SRA [redacted] (Homestead RA) at a Miami firearms training session on 4/10/86. It was agreed that a surveillance would be set up in southwest Miami on 4/11/86. A meeting was set for 8:45 a.m. on 4/11/86 at the Home Depot parking lot in southwest Miami where once again Special Agents would be furnished photos, descriptions and related background concerning the suspects during a final planning session. A memorandum outlining the details of this planned activity was dictated by SSA McNeil to SAC Corless' secretary on 4/10/86 for Mr. Corless' information.

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On Friday, 4/11/86, the following 14 Special Agents operating a total of 11 vehicles met at the Home Depot parking lot: SSA McNeil, SA Benjamin P. Grogan (EOD: 9/18/61), SA Jerry L. Dove (EOD: 9/13/82), SA Richard A. Manauzzi (EOD: 12/14/70), SA Edmundo Mireles, Jr. (EOD: 9/17/79), SA Gilbert M. Orrantia (EOD: 4/18/82), SA John F. Hanlon, Jr. (EOD: 8/26/63), SA Ronald G. Risner (EOD: 6/21/71),

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SSA McNeil ran the meeting, gave a history of the case, discussed the violent past activities of the subjects, gave out descriptions of the vehicles the subjects might still be using and furnished composite sketches of the two suspects. SSA McNeil then made manpower assignments and before the surveillance began once again advised surveilling Agents that should the suspects be located and a robbery occur, no arrest would be made until after the subjects had left the bank and then only when sufficient units were on hand to safely make the arrest. Further, in the event the suspects were located and could be safely taken before a robbery occurred, arrests were to be made only when necessary units were present so that the arrests could be safely made. Although no Metro-Dade Units were participating in the surveillance, Districts 4, 5 and 6 had been notified of the impending FBI surveillance activity.

The pairings established by SSA McNeil on 4/11/86 were as follows:

<u>Special Agent</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Weaponry in Vehicle</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
SSA McNeil (alone)	214	S&W .357 caliber revolver, model 19	malfunctioned at Firearms 4/10 - not used 4/11
		S&W .357 caliber revolver, model 19-3	
		Remington model 870 pump shotgun	(located rear seat of SSA McNeil's vehicle - unloaded - not used 4/11/86)

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			ballistic vest put on at arrest scene (Velcro fastening strips not totally secured before shooting incident)
SA Grogan	202	S&W model 459 9mm semi-automatic pistol	No ballistic vest worn.
SA Dove	202	S&W model 459 9mm semi-automatic pistol	No ballistic vest worn.
SA Hanlon	55	S&W model 36 - 5 shot .38 caliber revolver (carried in ankle holster - used during shooting incident)	No ballistic vest worn.
		S&W .38 caliber revolver (loose on seat - lost in crash)	
SA Mireles	55	S&W .357 caliber revolver, model 686	No ballistic vest worn.
		Remington Model 870 pump shotgun (located passenger side - front seat - loaded)	
SA Manauzzi (alone)	66	S&W .357 caliber revolver, model 19 (loose on seat, lost in crash.)	No ballistic vest worn.
SA Risner	131	S&W model 459 9mm semi-automatic pistol	Not wearing ballistic vest during stake-out but put it on at arrest scene on arrival.

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<u>Special Agent</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Weaponry in Vehicle</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
		S&W model 60 .38 caliber revolver (carried in ankle holster.)	
SA Orrantia	131	S&W .357 caliber revolver, model 29-2	Not wearing ballistic vest during stake-out, but put it on at arrest scene on arrival.
[REDACTED]	88	Heckler & Koch MP5-SD, a 9mm fully automatic shoulder weapon (located passenger side - front seat - loaded)	Ballistic vest (SWAT) worn during surveillance
		S&W .357 caliber revolver, model 19	
[REDACTED]	177	S&W .357 caliber revolver, model 66	No ballistic vest worn.
		Remington model 870 pump shotgun (located front seat - loaded)	
[REDACTED]	133	S&W .357 caliber revolver, model 19	Ballistic vest worn.
		Remington model 870 pump shotgun (located front seat - loaded)	
[REDACTED]	83	S&W .357 caliber revolver, model 19	No ballistic vest worn.
		Remington model 870 pump shotgun (located front seat - loaded)	

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<u>Special Agent</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Weaponry in Vehicle</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
		M-16 fully automatic rifle .223 caliber (located back seat - fully loaded)	
[REDACTED]	110	S&W .357 caliber revolver, model 66	Ballistic vest worn.
		S&W 9mm model 459 semi-automatic pistol	
		Remington model 570 pump shotgun (located front seat - loaded)	
[REDACTED]	57	S&W .357 caliber revolver, model 19	Ballistic vest worn.

SSA McNeil and SAs Grogan, Dove, Manauzzi and [REDACTED] were to provide coverage in the area of the Barnett Bank, Southwest 136th and South Dixie Highway. (This bank was the scene of two previous robberies--1/10/86 Brinks armored car robbed, \$54,000 loss, guard shot twice; 3/19/86 Barnett Bank robbed, \$8,000 taken, [REDACTED] vehicle the getaway car.) SAs Hanlon, Mireles and [REDACTED] were to cover the Professional Savings Bank (previously robbed 11/8/85, \$41,469 loss), Southwest 130th and South Dixie Highway; SAs Orrantia, [REDACTED] and Risner, the Florida National Bank (previously robbed 11/8/85, \$10,000 loss), 148th and South Dixie Highway and SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] the Barnett Bank, 183rd and South Dixie Highway. In addition to the noted robbery activity, the two subjects had robbed a Wells Fargo truck during a pickup at a Winn Dixie Store, 7930 Southwest 104th Street, Miami, on 10/16/85. One guard was shot in the leg during the robbery; no money was obtained. The noted robbery activity generally occurred between 9:30 a.m. - 12 noon on a Wednesday or a Friday.

At approximately 9:30 a.m., 4/11/86, SA Benjamin P. Grogan (MM-202) radioed as follows: "Hey. Attention all units. We're behind a black vehicle two-door Florida license NTJ-891. We're headed south on South Dixie. North on South Dixie." "(unintelligible) read that?" Other radio traffic ensued as hereafter noted. SA Ronald G. Risner (MM-131): "202 are you

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heading north or south?" SA Grogan: "North on South Dixie."  
SA Risner: "OK, where?" SA Grogan: "124th Street. It's a  
black Monte Carlo, two males in it, NTJ-891." SSA McNeil (MM-  
214): "Metro right away and let's get him yanked. Let's get  
ah...Bill S [REDACTED], call Metro on your unit and give 'em  
the location." SA [REDACTED] (MM-83): "...You're at  
124, are you north of there now?" SA Grogan: "Looking good,  
NTJ-891." SA Grogan: "120th Street, let's get up here and let's  
stop them if we have to." SA Risner: "OK, hold on Ben, till we  
get enough people up there." SA Grogan: "All right, blow up  
here." SA Jerry L. Dove (MM-202): "Two white males in the  
vehicle, uh, one with a mustache." SSA McNeil, whose initial  
transmission is unintelligible then said: "Them until we can get  
some help and then let's see if they stop." SA Grogan: "Gordo,  
that's our plate, NTJ-891, they're making a right turn on 117th,  
right on 117th." SA Dove: "Getting spooked, guys. Southwest  
81st Road heading south again." SSA McNeil: "Did you get  
Metro?" SA Mireles (MM-55): "Right behind you babe, give me a  
cross street." SA Grogan: "Stand by." SA [REDACTED] "What's  
your location Ben?" SA Grogan: (unintelligible) Street, right  
turn on 120th Street going west." SA Mireles: "Ben we're right  
behind you babe. You wanna do it, let's do it." SA Grogan:  
"Negative, let's get some marked units. Let's get some  
(broken)." SA Risner: "OK we're just at 120th and U.S. 1, are  
they coming back toward U.S. 1?" SA Dove: "That's affirmative."  
SSA McNeil: "Just looked at them, they're guys loading up  
something in the front." SA Grogan: "Let's do it." SA Dove can  
be heard saying in the background, "Felony car stop. Take em,  
felony car stop, let's do it." SA Mireles: "Jerry?" SA Dove:  
"Yeah." Conversations follow between SA [REDACTED] (MM-57)  
and SA [REDACTED] (MM-88), who are trying to locate the  
scene. SA [REDACTED] suddenly says on the air, "People down!"  
SA Risner: "We got people down, let's get some help over here."  
(End of pertinent radio transmissions on 4/11/86.)

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It is apparent from the transcript of the FBI radio  
broadcast that at some point during the surveillance, the  
subjects became aware that they were being followed and then  
began slowly driving on side streets into areas well known to  
them. See Tab #86, gray volume (attached).



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As the vehicles involved in the pursuit moved south on Southwest 82nd Avenue, a decision was made to "Take 'em, felony car stop, let's do it." (SA Dove's radio transmission based on SA Grogan's statement, "Let's do it.") This decision was apparently based on the following facts: the subjects obviously were preparing to resist arrest as evidenced by observation(s) that they were "loading up" their weapons (SSA McNeil's radio transmission); a need to make the arrest away from a congested area was apparent.

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[REDACTED] ); the stop should be made when the advantage is to the arresting officers.

Upon implementation of the "felony car stop" order, SAs Grogan and Dove, who were driving the vehicle depicted in the sketch as "B" (at Tab #87 - gray volume), activated their blue light and siren. Vehicle "C," which was occupied by SA Richard A. Manauzzi (MM-66), was coming up from the rear and vehicle "A," occupied by SA John F. Hanlon, Jr. (MM-55) and SA Mireles, pulled along side the subject car.

[REDACTED] SA Manauzzi rammed the subject car in an attempt to throw this subject off the seat. At this point, SAs Hanlon and Mireles were along side the subjects' vehicle.

[REDACTED] The subjects then made a U-turn heading northbound. SA Manauzzi made the turn with them, impacted once again into the driver's side of the subjects' car, pinning it between his vehicle, MM-66, a tree and a parked automobile in the yard in front of the residence 12201, 12203 Southwest 82nd Avenue. As shown in the sketch at Tab #87, two vehicles (marked RV-residence vehicle) were parked (unoccupied) at that location. Vehicle "B" (the subject vehicle) was abruptly stopped between SA Manauzzi's vehicle ("C") and an

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"RV." A small tree was located directly in front of the vehicle "B" (subjects') and vehicle "C" (SA Manauzzi's). "Vehicle "E," occupied by SSA McNeil, turned into the area and vehicle "D," occupied by SAs Grogan and Dove, made a U-turn and parked to the rear of the subjects' vehicle approximately 10 feet further back than shown in the sketch at Tab #87. Immediately after being stopped, one of the subjects, now identified as William R. Matix, fired a shotgun blast at SA Manauzzi. The shot, determined to be #6 shot, penetrated the passenger window of the Bureau car and struck SA Manauzzi in the back and the back of the head as he was exiting his vehicle on the driver's side. At this time; SA Manauzzi was unarmed since during the chase, he did not have his weapon stored on his hip (it was lying in his lap) in a holster and lost track of it during the ensuing car stop activity. SA Manauzzi, severely wounded, crossed Southwest 82nd Avenue and took shelter behind a wall near where vehicle "A" (SAs Hanlon and Mireles) had impacted. Upon arrival at the scene, SSA McNeil quickly exited his vehicle and was immediately taken under fire by the subjects, principally by the individual now identified as Michael Lee Platt, who was armed with a Ruger .223 caliber Mini-14, semi-automatic rifle. SSA McNeil went directly to SA Manauzzi's vehicle, leaned across the hood of it and, in two separate bursts, fired six rounds from his S&W .357 caliber revolver into the passenger compartment of the Monte Carlo occupied by the subjects. While firing, SSA McNeil was hit in the hand by return fire. After emptying his revolver and while bleeding profusely from his hand wound, he attempted to reload; however, due to the wound to his hand, he could not fully load his weapon. SSA McNeil then withdrew toward the rear of his vehicle ("E").

Across the street, following the impact of his vehicle ("A") against the wall on 82nd Avenue, SA Hanlon had lost track of his service revolver which had not been secured on his hip during the chase, drew his Bureau-approved #5 shot S&W subnose revolver from an ankle holster and proceeded into the shooting area. As SA Mireles, who had also exited his vehicle ("A"), approached the area of SSA McNeil's vehicle ("E"), he was taken under fire by Platt, suffered a severe wound to his left arm and went down. SA Hanlon proceeded to the rear of SA Grogan's vehicle ("D"), crouched and fired a total of five rounds from his S&W .38 caliber revolver into the subjects' vehicle. As SA Hanlon bent down, knelt on the ground and started to reload his weapon, he was hit in the right hand (by rifle fire) and went down. At this point or shortly before, SAs Gilbert M. Orrantia

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and Risner arrived on the scene. They stopped their vehicle on the west side of 82nd Avenue (facing south), slightly north of the shooting scene and began firing at the subjects, who by this time, were out of their vehicle and moving in the area of the two "RV" vehicles and vehicle "B" (subjects' vehicle--the stolen black Monte Carlo) and were utilizing these vehicles as cover. SA Orrantia proceeded to fire 12 rounds of .38-caliber +P service ammunition from his Bureau-issued .357 S&W revolver and SA Risner estimates he fired 13 to 14 rounds total from his Bureau-issued model 459 9mm S&W semi-automatic pistol.

SSA McNeil, who was lying on the ground behind his vehicle ("E"), was seen by Platt and was once again shot this time sustaining wounds in the back and to the right ear. SSA McNeil dropped his revolver and was incapacitated due to an inability to move his arms or legs.

SAs Grogan and Dove, from an area at the side and rear of SA Grogan's vehicle ("D"), had already begun firing on the subjects. Following a period of intense gunfire, subject William R. Matix apparently took SAs Grogan and Dove under fire with a shotgun. This was evidenced by a pattern of #6 shot which was found on the driver's side of Grogan's vehicle ("D"). While Matix exchanged fire with SAs Grogan and Dove, Michael Lee Platt left the cover of his vehicle ("B") and proceeded, unnoticed by SA Grogan's group, down the passenger side of SA Grogan's vehicle ("D"), leaned over the trunk of it, shooting SA Hanlon, who was down, in the groin area, and killing SAs Grogan and Dove. During this period of time, SA Risner was firing on Platt and shouted warnings to SA Grogan's group attempting to alert them to Platt's flanking movements. SA Risner's warnings were not heard by his fellow Special Agents and he observed Platt shoot at the Agents behind SA Grogan's car and saw two of them fall over.

Immediately after shooting the Agents, Platt and Matix approached SA Grogan's vehicle ("D"), apparently to effect their escape. Both of them entered the vehicle. Seeing this, SA Mireles, who was apparently semiconscious and was slightly behind SSA McNeil's vehicle ("E"), opened fire on the subjects in the FBI car, utilizing his Bureau-issued Remington model 870 pump shotgun. Due to his injury, SA Mireles was forced to fire the gun one-handed. To accomplish this task, he found it necessary to roll over on his back, put the shotgun between his legs, "rack" it with his right hand, force himself up, point it over the rear bumper of the car and fire at the subjects. SA Mireles

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apparently fired five rounds of 00 buckshot in this manner, repeating this reloading procedure each time. The rounds successfully punctured the car in the left front fender, the driver's side door window, and the windshield. (SA Mireles' shot patterns were later found in the interior of the car.) SA Mireles then rose to his feet, drew his service revolver, advanced on SA Grogan's vehicle, firing and inflicting fatal wounds on both subjects with his Bureau-issued S&W .357 caliber revolver.

Several Special Agents, including SA [REDACTED] who had just arrived at the scene, observed this last round of fire. Other FBI units, police units and medical emergency units arrived momentarily, rushing the wounded Agents to hospital facilities. SA Dova and SA [REDACTED] expired following their initial wounding.

A crime scene search by Metro-Dade Homicide Detectives and Agents of the FBI Laboratory established that 131 identifiable rounds were fired from various weapons (cartridges recovered). It is probable that other rounds were fired and all cartridge cases were not found and retrieved. The best available estimate is that a minimum of 131 and as many as 140-145 total rounds were exchanged. Ballistics identifications definitely establish that 40 rounds were fired by Platt from the Ruger .223 semiautomatic Mini-14. Two and possibly three rounds of 12-gauge #6 shot were discharged by Matix from his S&W model 3000 shotgun. Both Matix and Platt were also armed with .357 magnum revolvers--one a Dan Wesson manufacture, the other a S&W. Three rounds were fired from each of these revolvers without apparently striking any of the Special Agents. All of the severe damage done to Agent personnel was apparently inflicted by the .233 caliber ammunition fired from the Ruger Mini-14 rifle. SA Manauzzi suffered superficial wounds from 12-gauge #6 shotgun pellets and SA Orrantia suffered superficial wounds believed to have been inflicted by shrapnel from a .357 round entering the passenger's compartment of his vehicle. Ballistics examinations have determined that Agents fired the following rounds:

<u>Special Agent</u>	<u>Shots Fired</u>	<u>Weapon</u>
SA Risner	6*	Bureau-issued S&W model 459 9mm semi-automatic pistol
SA Grogan	9	Bureau-issued S&W model 459 9mm semi-automatic pistol

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<u>Special Agent</u>	<u>Shots Fired</u>	<u>Weapon</u>
SA Dove	20	Bureau-issued S&W model 459 9mm semi-automatic pistol
SA Orrantia	12	Bureau-issued S&W .357 caliber revolver, model 13-2
SSA McNeil	6	Bureau-approved S&W .357 caliber revolver, model 19
SA Hanlon	5	Bureau-approved S&W .38 caliber revolver, model 36
SA Mireles	5	Bureau-approved S&W .357 caliber revolver, model 686
SA Mireles	5	Bureau-issued 12-gauge Remington model 870 pump shotgun
Total	69	

\*(It is noted that SA Risner stated he had fired 13 or 14 shots and had placed a second loaded clip in his weapon; however, only six of his casings were found.)

All of the weapons listed here which were fired by named Special Agents on 4/11/86 were either Bureau-issued, Government owned or personally owned, Bureau-approved firearms.

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