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Addendum to the report dated the 14th of January 2000, titled Additional Work Performed During the Years 1997 to 2000 on the Investigation of the Death of Marilyn Reese Sheppard by the Cuyahoga County Coroner’s Office.

All of the tests mentioned in that report (Items 1 through 10) were done under my direction and supervision. I performed and/or directed and supervised the performance, monitored the progress, and reviewed the findings and documentation of these tests. I witnessed the performance and/or interpretation of these tests. Furthermore, I played a major role in designing these tests. I initiated and ordered the performance of test numbers 4 through 10.

Within a reasonable medical and scientific certainty, I concur with all of the results and conclusions detailed in the reports that have already been submitted.

Test #4. Head injury reconstruction. To provide relevant information about the type of weapon that might have been used to inflict the injuries. I concur with Dr. Lovejoy’s opinion as detailed in his report. It is my opinion that these are blows caused by blunt trauma. A flashlight did not produce those injuries. The weapon was greater in mass than a flashlight.

Test #5. I concur with the results and conclusion detailed in the report.

Test #6. I concur with the results and conclusion as detailed in the report.
Test #7. I concur with the results and conclusion.

Test #8. I concur with the results.

Test #9. I concur with the results and conclusion of Mr. James T. Wentzel.

Test #10. I concur with the test results.

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