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“THEY OUGHT TO DECLARE THE PLACE A HISTORICAL LANDMARK. YOU’D NEVER BE ABLE TO REPLACE THE SMELL OF ALL THE DEAD NIGGERS WE KILLED IN THERE.” —Mark Fuhrman speaking of the 77th Division building and fond memories of murder

*Among the statements attributed to O.J. Simpson as indicating his guilt, was the “dream” testimony of Ron Shipp and selected portions of an unauthenticated diary purported to be Nicole’s. If you ignore the real possibility that both the dream and the diary originated with Mark Fuhrman and his forgery-expert friend, Ron Shipp, we still don’t have the kind of self-incriminating evidence against O.J. that we do against Fuhrman. On the McKinny tapes, Fuhrman reminisces about the days when cops were taught how to commit murder. He questions the kind of police force that would bow to the wishes of civil rights groups and outlaw police tactics that produced high body counts of black people with the words, “What have we become?”*

In the next letter from Wolf, you’re going to see a reference to “Jim” and his grandfather. I don’t know who these people are or what change in Jim’s grandfather she is acknowledging cannot be made. I didn’t get a copy of Jim’s letter. As near as I could tell, the issue was racism and the difficulty of getting through to someone who expresses the kinds of races attitudes that Mark Fuhrman expressed on the McKinny tapes. Let me remind you of the affection and support heaped on Mark Fuhrman by the vast majority of Americans following his performance under the cross examination of F. Lee Bailey. Let me remind you of the antagonism directed against Bailey for his “baseless” and “irrelevant” accusations of racism and duplicity against Fuhrman.

With the McKinny tapes in the hands of OJ’s defense, thanks to the North Carolina Court of Appeals, out went the “baseless” part of the argument as well as the “irrelevant” part. Here was a guy boasting of his ability to lie under oath, to abuse “niggers” with impunity and to frame “niggers” for

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whatever case he wanted to make against them—and, still, that wasn't enough to keep him down for long. William Wood, Jr., the North Carolina judge who denied the tapes to the defense was the first to argue their irrelevance in the Simpson case because “This detective was obviously playing a role.”

Judge Wood's argument has been used ever since. It's the one Marcia Clark used when she tried to talk Judge Ito into suppressing the tapes. Never mind what Fuhrman said to Kathleen Bell and Natalie Singer. Never mind what he said and did to Roderic Hodge. Never mind his own characterization of his attitudes and behavior toward black people when he was bucking for a discharge in the early '80's. Never mind that all of these things added up to the same Mark Fuhrman on Laura Hart McKinny's tapes—he was “obviously playing a role” for her screenplay.

Subj: Re: Fuhrman

Date: 97-02-22 18:51:59 EST

From: Wolf

To: Jim

CC: All

Hi Jim— I understand that you cannot change your grandfather and that you are not going to not communicate with him because of his beliefs; he's part of your family and we all have to live with what we were parceled out. I do not find that comparable with the situation between Fuhrman and Laura McKinny. Granted, she was writing a script, but isn't that what Fuhrman thought he was doing also?

If I look at the personalities involved in this situation, I don't find it difficult to come up with a reasonable explanation of what was going on between them. Fuhrman, the macho cop and McKinny, the soft spoken intellectual college teacher. How many women like McKinny do you think Fuhrman ran into in his job? I'm sure she impressed the heck out of him and he was trying to impress her with his street smart banter. I think visions of Joseph Wambaugh fame was dashing through Fuhrman's brain and the more down and dirty he

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got, the more he believed he may make it big in “Hollywood.” I think most women have run into a situation like this, a guy is trying to impress her with a bunch of bull. It’s not an uncommon experience.

I still believe that McKinny bears a lot of the responsibility for what is on her tapes. I have a hard time believing that she took everything he was saying at face value.

To the other members of the discussion group, would it be permitted for everybody to give a short introduction of themselves, I am lost between the Court TV boards and trying to place everybody in the E-mail group with what I remember from their former posts. —Wolf

Subj: Re: Our weather

Date: Sunday, February 23, 1997 1:19 AM

From: Paula

To: Patricia Whetham

CC: Trooper

Pat— ...I can walk to the ocean in ten minutes and to the Sound in about 10 minutes. Of course, that’s if I’d stop making myself sick over OJ and go outside.

The MF stuff is bad. People think he’s looking like a hero...Geraldo can’t fool me, he’s just trying to make amends to Black America. It won’t work. Nobody has asked the really hard questions....everybody talks about the tapes but nobody wants to talk about the people who testified in court about the things he said to them personally. Judge Ito blocked part of the Hodge testimony. He was arrested by MF and taken to jail. When he arrived MF made him drop his pants and bend over, then the mighty MF turned to another cop and said, “See, I told you they all look alike,” and they laughed.

There is absolutely no place for him on the face of this earth. He is disgusting. Oprah Winfrey... I’m terribly disappointed

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in her. I don't think she would have been as generous with O.J. —Paula

Subj: Oprah  
Date: 97-02-23  
From: Pat  
To: Hhhana  
CC: Trooper

Paula— I didn't see the Oprah show but from what I've heard it was the wrong show for him to be on. I think to have him on a black woman's show gives him a little more credibility. I wish she had never had him on. I thought Geraldo would be tougher on him. He tried but I don't think he did a good job either. He should have had some of his other lawyers on and maybe the right questions would have been asked. I'm glad you didn't get the bad weather. I just heard it was bad in North Carolina and thought of you. You need to kind of put the OJ thing in it's place. We're all pretty PO'd about it but still have to keep going. Get out and enjoy mother nature. It will probably do you good and I find sometimes if you relax a little, things are easier to figure out if you get a fresh start. —Pat

Sub: Re: If O.J. Didn't...  
Date: Sunday, February 23, 1997 10:46 PM  
From: Trooper  
To: Patricia Whetham  
CC: Hhhana, Peggy, Trille, Dable, Chameleon, Kim

Pat— I think that what we find out about the partner will tell us everything. Fuhrman had a number of partners who were probably straight and thought he was, too. The man is a great actor and knows how and when to turn it on (I'm sure he didn't expect to see Kathleen Bell or Natalie Singer again). I've worked with guys like that for 20 years without learning their secret until I sued the company and got access to the

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records. But Roberts is a different case. As far as I can tell, rat-face had no reason to hide what he was from him—no reason not to use the n-word in front of him or to say how he really felt about black people and mixed couples. Furthermore, who was MF's partner when he met Natalie Singer and harassed Roderic Hodge? Could it have been Brad Roberts? I'd like to know [*Editor's note: The former partner was Tom Petruno*].

As far as the book is concerned [*If O.J. Didn't... by Christopher Springer*], I found the web site, too, and plan to order a copy for myself. I can order two as easily as one and send you one. Just tell me where you want me to send it. —Jasper

Subj: Re: If O.J. Didn't...

Date: 97-02-23

From: Pat

To: Trooper

Jasper— I am really interested in this partner. Any partner of long standing would be familiar with MF's way of operating. I would like to know as well how long they were partners. Like I said, I've only had the computer less than a year and been on-line only a couple of months. I never touched one before so I'm learning as I go along. I wish I knew more about finding information about bad cops, etc. Well maybe someone will come up with something. I will try and order the book from here and see what happens. —Pat

*While our discussion group had its Lion and its Tiger, there were other groups who had theirs. The resemblance was so close in some cases that only the names appear to have been changed. Trille found someone named Trudy495 at another site who sounded a lot like them replying to a guy named Bob who sounded a lot like us.*

Subj: Who is Trudy495

Date: 97-02-24 13:14:12 EST

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From: Christine (Trille)

To: Pat

CC: Trooper, Dable, Hhhana

Bob writes,

The last tape, maybe the last two, were made after the murders. Fuhrman said, "Die, nigger! Why won't you die?" after he'd pumped robbery suspect Joseph Britton with six shots in 1988 (that cost the City of Los Angeles 100,000 dollars a couple weeks before he went on the stand in the Simpson case and perjured himself numerous times). He was painting swastikas on the locker of another cop who'd made the mistake of marrying a Jewish woman.

Do you wonder why Fuhrman "sounds" so good this time? You wonder why no one is asking him the hard questions? Phone in Lynn Samuels on WABC. —Bob

Trudy495 wrote:

You are about a year and a half behind on all the rumors surrounding this case. The rumors you mentioned have long since been laid to rest, so that is why no one is asking him these questions. Don't forget that two years before the trial, Fuhrman was investigated and cleared by the Christopher Commission. Before the trial, Fuhrman was investigated by the DA's office to determine if he would be a good witness, then he was investigated as a suspect at the request of the defense. He was also investigated by two top notch private detectives hired by the defense. They uncovered a couple of rumors about Fuhrman claiming to have had an affair with Nicole and making remarks about her boob job. These rumors were investigated by the LAPD internal affairs department.

After the trial, he was investigated by the public defender's office to see if they could get any criminals out of prison on grounds of any wrong doing by Fuhrman. Then he was in-

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vestigated by the FBI and simultaneously investigated by the California Attorney Generals office. Finally, the LAPD spent \$400,000 of the tax payers' money to do a 10-month-long investigation of his entire 20-year career in the LAPD.

Now let's count them all up. There were 8 separate investigations of Fuhrman, which encompassed his entire career and even his childhood in Washington state. Out of all this, absolutely nothing was found. And you know that they wanted to find something. All they found was compliments paid to Fuhrman by his fellow officers, the people he arrested and the victims. Give it a rest, Bob, Fuhrman is not what you think he is.

— Trudy495

Bob wrote:

Laying rumors to rest doesn't mean that it didn't happen; it just means that the LAPD didn't investigate thoroughly. Reading A PROBLEM OF EVIDENCE shows quite clearly how well the LAPD looked into the charges. The Britton case is laid to rest. Los Angeles paid a convicted felon sitting in a jail cell 100,000 dollars to keep his case out of court before Fuhrman was to go on the stand in the Simpson case. — Bob

Trudy495 wrote:

Bob, you seem to be extremely well read and knowledgeable. Can you tell us of any one \*person\* who has been investigated to the extent that Fuhrman has in the entire history of the world? The LAPD put \*eleven detectives\* on the case full time for \*ten months\* and yet you say this was not thorough enough. Keep in mind that this was only one investigation. The FBI and the Public Defender's Office and the California Attorney General's Office and the Christopher Commission all did investigations.

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Please detail for us what you think would be thorough enough for you. There was far more investigation of Fuhrman than there was of O.J. Simpson. The short investigation of O.J. Simpson turned up enough evidence for 40 trials, and new evidence against him is still surfacing. Yet not one shred of evidence against Fuhrman was found. If it had been, do you think he would now be making millions on his book and going on every TV show in television? —Trudy495

Hi guys—Did anyone notice that this [Trudy 495] HAS THE SAME E-MAIL ADDRESS AS TIGER? ...THIS IS PROBABLY EITHER A 'FRIEND' OR A RELATIVE. I also saw a Tiger alias at the Discovery Channel's web site where they also have a OJ discussion group which is even more pathetic and childish than LA Times and Eonline.

Anyway, the reason LADA AND LAPD CLEARED Fuhrman was because they didn't want to spend all that money to settle with all the police misconduct they would have to pay if it was established that Fuhrman was a bad cop. In the Washington Post web site, where they also have a discussion group, there was a guy who also had had problems with Mark Fuhrman, and he stated that the DA was really leaning on anyone who could say anything derogatory about MF. They were practically threatening to him. Also if MF was such a good cop then why did the state settle that lawsuit JUST BEFORE THE OJ CASE??!!

All these Fuhrman defenders are really pathetic but also dangerous. It really surprises me that Tiger, who is Jewish, would defend him, but I guess they are willing to defend all OJG's and vilify all OJI's. —Trille

*The following is one of my letters about Trudy495 and Fuhrman that took too long to write to fit into what was being discussed at the time. It fits in here, so here it is....*

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Subj: Trudy and Mark

Date: (never sent)

From: Trooper

To: (undecided)

Why does Trudy495 sound so much like Lion and Tiger? Where did she get all of her “blockbuster” information? You have to admit it looks so good from a distance and appears to be loaded with undeniable facts. But the closer you look, the farther the “facts” get from the truth.

What difference would it make how many detectives worked on the case and how much time they worked (11 full-time cops + 10 months = \$400,000) if their real objective was to come up clean? What incentive did they have to find dirt? Look at what happened to F. Lee Bailey and damn near everyone else who has tried to say what kind of man Fuhrman was. Talk about your bad career moves...

Trudy495’s remarks are consistent with what the authorities have said about MF all along. The active word is, consistent. In every major forum of inquiry into the murders at 875 South Bundy, there seems to be a “Trudy495” blocking the paths of knowledge about his behavior as an agent of government.

The extent to which he has been consistently protected from aggressive investigations of his conduct toward African-Americans as a police officer is unheard of outside of the old Jim Crow South. In 1983, the authorities even protected him from charges of racism and violence he made against himself. They did so by accusing him of being a liar. When the DA’s office investigated him in 1994 to see what kind of witness he would make against O.J. Simpson, they determined that he may have been a racist 11 years before, but he was not a liar and no longer a racist. Marcia Clark angrily attacked Kathleen Bell and an attorney on her own staff who questioned the Boy Scout image of MF they wanted to portray.

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She called them liars. The attorney was directed by William Hodgman to talk to Internal Affairs and ended up being interrogated by them as if she were the problem.

It gets worse....

The public defenders had to rely on the DA and the LAPD for critical information. The LA County District Attorney's Office, the Los Angeles Police Department, the California Attorney General's Office and the FBI all bent the rules when necessary to produce incriminating evidence against OJ, and to suppress exculpatory evidence. The FBI's investigation of Fuhrman consisted entirely of two alleged phone calls to a couple of Hispanic attorneys who did not respond and who denied being called.

Like it or not, Fuhrman is the one person who had a hand in every aspect of the case that ties the critical evidence to Simpson. He pointed out the Bundy blood-drops that were supposed to be OJ's and theorized they belonged to the killer. He entered Simpson's estate illegally and found all of the evidence leading to other evidence which led to OJ's arrest. Any path you may seek to the truth about Fuhrman is blocked by an official government sign that says, "do not enter," and an unofficial legion of defenders like Trudy495.

How do you get anything on a highly intelligent man whose every action, no matter how extreme, must be ignored, covered up or explained away by the authorities to protect the state and county, not to mention the media, from multi-billion dollar lawsuits? And what do you do with people like Clark, Darden, Ito and Garcetti, if the evidence they suppressed lends credence to the theory that Mark Fuhrman was the killer? How do you keep them from being publicly humiliated? What happens to their political careers and book deals? How do you keep them out of prison?

Forgetting the fact that the man put his story on tape, hoping that a slightly edited version of his exploits would be

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known to the world in the form of a screenplay, the official “investigation” went no farther than he planned for it to go. The investigators checked out only the names, dates and places he provided for the screenplay, some of which gave him a perfect alibi. The tapes were a problem for him only in regard to a single word. He had no reason to believe that anyone he did not intend to hear it would ever hear him use it. If the judge in North Carolina had gotten his way, Fuhrman would not have been convicted of perjury. He wouldn’t have been charged with perjury because the tapes would never have left North Carolina.

So much for Fuhrman the liar. How about Fuhrman the murder suspect?

When did the defense ask the police to check out Fuhrman as a murder suspect? Though the subject was never raised in court, Judge Ito practically insured that it would not be when he complied with the DA’s request to seal Fuhrman’s Marine Corps personnel file. The relevant issues in a murder investigation of Fuhrman would be his aptitude for killing, his training and proficiency in silent kills, his familiarity with a knife that can stun or kill. None of this information could be touched because Ito ruled that it was irrelevant to the prosecution of OJ. How thorough could an investigation of any former soldier or Marine be without it?

One component of any stealthy military operation is a realistic rehearsal, as close to the real thing as you can get it. The other knife killings in the area before the Bundy murders could be evidence of military-style rehearsals. Without access to Fuhrman’s military records, one can only speculate on his interest and familiarity with the subject. I would be interested to know where he was and what he was doing when those murders occurred.

If Fuhrman was investigated as a murder suspect by the LAPD and P.I.’s working for the defense, why haven’t we

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heard more about those sealed files? Pray tell, who are these two top-notch detectives who came up with nothing? Why are we just now hearing about the investigation from an OJG? And why didn't the evidence that cleared him make headline news around the world?

The only detective on the case that I know of to so much as allude to Fuhrman as a murder suspect is Pat McKenna — and it wasn't his idea. McKenna is the PI who found the tapes. He is frequently quoted in Joe Bosco's *A Problem of Evidence*, and not once is there a hint that he or any of the other detectives ever thought of Fuhrman as a murder suspect. After the verdict in the criminal trial he was interviewed by Larry King. McKenna left the identity of the killer open, certain only that it wasn't OJ. He said that he didn't think the killer planted the evidence. He didn't say why, though I suspect it had to do with a "good" tip about perpetrators unlikely to have been a part of a setup. He also said that he thought Fuhrman planted the right-hand glove and Rosa Lopez heard him. Neither he nor Larry King said anything about how the logic of those beliefs put Fuhrman out of reach of a murder investigation.

Just as the prosecution's rush to judgment kept them from seeing anyone but OJ as a suspect, it looks to me like OJ's defense, and OJ himself made a rush to judgment themselves. It appears their rush to judgment kept them from seeing Mark Fuhrman as anything but a racist, opportunistic cop who planted evidence and lied about it. —Trooper1

Subj: MF on Geraldo

Date: Tuesday, February 25, 1997 7:50 PM

From: Hhhana

To: Trooper, Patricia Whetham

CC: Rabne, Peggy, Dable, Connie

Hi Gang—I haven't seen Geraldo and MF yet. We don't get it until 6pm from somewhere on the West Coast. I don't care

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how rough Geraldo acts, I know what he's doing. He has this need for everybody to love him, and he lost any respect he had in the African-American community when he immediately started proclaiming to the world that OJ was a murderer before there was even a trial.

Then he complicated it further with his reaction to the criminal trial verdict. The insults he threw at the jury. The butt-kissing he did with the Browns and Goldmans and anybody connected to them.

I love to see his attempts to ingratiate himself, but it won't work. If I could have a wish other than having the killer caught, it would be for Geraldo to be accused of something he did not do and watch his reaction when trivia starts tightening the noose around his neck. To see his buddy Grodin throwing fuel to the fire of hatred against him.... That's bad, isn't it?

Phil Rabne said something today that I have been trying for months to remember to ask. OJ is obviously pigeon-toed. Was this demonstrated in the bloody footprints at Bundy? I doubt it or we would have heard it. Phil, if you read this I tried all day to get to the LA Times site and my computer is too slow. I kept getting kicked out, couldn't even register. Would love to hear more about it. —Paula

Subj: Re: MF on Geraldo

Date: 97-02-26 03:52:55 EST

From: Pat

To: Trooper, Hhhana

CC: Rabne, Peggy, Dable, Connie

Paula— Geraldo is an ass but sometimes it's the only place to get any information at all. It depends on who he has on whether he's a complete ass or not. He seems to slant his thinking to whoever is on the show. As for Grodin, I thought he was a lousy actor and I think he's a worse talk-show host. Him I never watch... —Pat

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Subj: Mark Fuhrman

Date: 97-02-26 13:58:03 EST

From: Chameleon

To: Ted (Theodore Bulger)

CC: All

Hi everyone— It seems with all the fury being caused by Mark Fuhrman and his new book on the Simpson criminal trial, that one main point is being overlooked. That point is this: When talking to Ms. McKinny, Mr. Fuhrman's last session with her was on 24 July, 1994. Mr. Fuhrman says that without the glove (Rockingham) the whole case is down the drain...that the prosecution needs him....

Key word is “needs” him.

Well, that got blown out of the water, and he was left holding his hands...and a lot of trouble. Mr. Fuhrman “needs” to be in the spotlight and “he-r-r-r-e's Mark.”

This is open for discussion.... Chameleon

Subj: Re: Mark Fuhrman

Date: 97-02-26 17:40:42 EST

From: Pat

To: Chameleon, Theodore Bulger

CC: Jasper, Paula, Openmind, Dianne

Chameleon— You would not want me to get started on MF. I think he's the slimiest character to come down the road in a long time. I also think the reference to the glove and the Case of the Century should have been brought to the jury's attention during the criminal trial. Why wasn't the new evidence brought out before the book? Apparently he has his partner swearing the stuff about the bloody fingerprint and the knife box was true. Who is Brad Roberts and why didn't they use him in the criminal trial instead of MF when they knew they were going to have a problem with Fuhrman (from Kathleen Bell and Roderic Hodge to name a few)? I

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don't understand why they used Fuhrman instead of Roberts. In the civil trial they brought in the evidence of the glove without Fuhrman or Roberts. I wonder what's in Robert's background that they didn't use him. Any guesses? —Pat (Crowe)

Subj: Re: Mark Fuhrman

Date: 97-03-01 20:43:46 EST

From: Christine (Trille)

To: Trooper

CC: Chameleon, Hhhana, Pat (Crowe), Peggy, Dable, Kim, Connie

You wrote:

“Yes Pat— I understand very well what Fuhrman needs. When Fuhrman was telling Laura Hart McKinny that the glove ‘he found’ was ‘everything,’ the knife that some of us said was ‘everything’ did not come up (If OJ did not have the knife he could not have committed the crime—and there was zero evidence that he ever had the kind of knife EVERYONE agreed at that time was used in the killing) [*Editor's note: It was in the sealed package that the defense handed to Judge Ito*]. Where, in any part of those tapes, does he talk about the empty knife box ‘he found’ that he now says is ‘everything?’ Where does he rail against the stupidity of the prosecution for not entering the empty knife box into evidence? Why do you suppose we're hearing so much about it now that he's selling ‘his book?’ —Jasper”

Trooper— Absolutely correct. I hadn't thought of that, but you have a really good point. We forget that he was still tapping with her AFTER THE OJ CASE, AND HE SURE WASN'T PRETENDING TO BE WRITING A PLAY WHEN HE TOLD HER ABOUT THE GLOVE IN THE OJ CASE! —Trille

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Subj: Fuhrman  
Date: 97-03-02 14:19:16 EST  
From: Peggy (Margaret Richardson)  
To: Trooper  
CC: All

Hi Jasper: Hadn't heard from you in a long time. Just a little info I found while checking around on Mr. Fuhrman. At the time of the murders, Fuhrman drove a pea-green and white sport utility vehicle, possibly an International Scout. Also, at the time that Fuhrman was trying to get disability, I think back in 1981, he made the remark he was "smarter than the people who investigated the incident" where he and his partner beat four guys to a pulp and had to go down and hose the blood off themselves. This incident really happened in 1978, and this was one of the incidents he related to Laura McKinny.

One of the psychiatrists who recommended that Fuhrman be removed from active duty stated he suffered from "a highly narcissistic character disorder" and had "many aspects of paranoia, underlying hostility and rage." Another psychiatrist recommended that he not be allowed to carry a gun. In Fuhrman's last interview with Larry King he stated that he loved being a detective, that he loved solving crimes. To my way of thinking his "narcissistic character disorder" has been clearly self-evident throughout this whole thing. He honestly believes he is smarter than everybody, that someone can know he did something, but can't prove it.

The Los Angeles Police Department is living up to his expectations. In their mind this case is closed. OJ did it, and they aren't even going to consider anything or anybody else, much less one of their own. —Peggy

Subj: Fuhrman  
Date: 97-03-02 16:05:12 EST

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From: Pat

To: Trooper, Peggy (Margaret Richardson)

CC: All

Peggy—I imagine someone like Fuhrman would love being a detective for the power it would give him. My God, a psychiatrist thought he should not carry a gun and he's a cop for the next 12 or 13 years. I wonder what awful things he did during that time. The way the LAPD is (was) run especially under Darryl Gates it's no wonder he thought he could get away with anything. It gives me the willies to think there are people with the authority of the police, carrying a gun and, to my way of thinking, out of their ever-loving minds running around this world. I think Fuhrman is a despicable human being (if that is even applicable) and it makes me sick the way he's being treated while on this book tour. I didn't see the Oprah show but I gather she treated him very, very well. Also, even Geraldo, who is supposed to be such a hard-hitter, had MF stay over at his house and played basketball with him. What a laugh. Oh well, I really would like to hear anything else anyone comes up with about MF or anyone else involved in the case. —Pat (Crowe)

Subj: Re: Springer

Date: 97-03-01

From: Trooper

To: Pat, Paula, Trille

Pat—It is astounding how close Springer and I come on so many points. What really got me was what he says in his book about the faxes he sent to the media during the criminal trial pointing out THE SAME THINGS I did in my faxes to the media. We couldn't have been the only two. And if you read what we say, it makes sense—that's how we arrived at the same conclusions. Even the title of his book is a mind-blower. I started out one of my letters or posts or faxes with the exact words, "If O.J. Didn't." I'm pretty sure I even

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used the periods in O.J. which is too much of a hassle to do all the time in e-mail.

I know how long it takes to get a book in print, so I know he didn't get any of this stuff from me (and you know I didn't get mine from him). That tells me there were probably A LOT OF US saying the same things about MF for the same reasons and the media ignored us all.

You don't want to get me started on that!

I'll ship your book out to you (he doesn't say what Fuhrman's alibi was despite the title of a chapter called, Fuhrman's Alibi). —Jasper

*From the moment I began to think that O.J. might have been framed for a capital crime, I was hounded by the possibility that the "special circumstances" involved in his case were engineered to get him killed by the State of California. That's right, a triple homicide, with the law as the weapon of choice for the third victim after years of mental torture and humiliation on death row. I didn't know how other OJIs felt about that, but some of us did agree that capital punishment was a bad idea. No matter whose neck was in the noose, whose head was on the chopping block, whose back was against the wall or tied to the stake—no matter whose backside was in the chair or whose body was on the gurney, we were against it. If Tom Lange and Nancy Grace had their way, O.J. Simpson would be on death row. If Supreme Court Justice Thomas and Chief Justice Rehnquist had their way, he would already be dead.*

Subj: Death Penalty

Date: 97-03-01

From: Trooper

To: Trille

CC: Paula, Pat, Kim

Hi Christine— Once again, I'm with you. The enthusiasm with which "civilized" people impose the death penalty is a frightening thing. I've seen men killed and I know how hardened one can become to it. When a whole society can get along just fine with the idea of killing people in cold blood

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for any reason, you gotta wonder how civilized that society is. I would have no qualms about taking out a ruthless enemy soldier in battle (or some guy threatening my life or someone else's). But to take a life on the basis of who can tell the best story in court is beyond my ability to justify.

Between the crime and the deliberations too many things can go wrong to make an innocent person look guilty. Then, of course, there are those individuals charged with upholding the law who pride themselves on making the people of their choice look guilty. I'm not just talking about the Fuhrmans of the world. I'm talking about the network news executives, the Dardens, the Clarks, the Geraldos and all the "little people" working for the LAPD and the FBI who couldn't resist doing their bit for their idea of justice. And, of course, there are always the "evil ones." The road to death row runs right through these people. That's one of the things that makes the OJ case so compelling. Like you said, Christine, it isn't just about OJ. It's about justice. —Jasper

Subj: Re: Oprah

Date: 97-03-02 11:43:49 EST

From: Pat

To: Trille, Trooper

CC: Hhhana Peggy, Dable, Chameleon, Kim Connie, Rabne

Jasper— what is justice?

I watch Court TV all the time and I keep watching these prosecutors. Before the OJ trial, I was one of the people with my eyes closed who thought that the majority of cops told the truth and that the DA's office was full of righteous people trying to get to the truth. Now I know better. Most prosecutors are not out for the truth, but to WIN, WIN, WIN. It's really sad to say but I don't believe anymore that the justice system seeks truth. It depends so much on the variables. The judge-the jury and where they come from and what their life

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experiences are—and the prosecutors—elected officials who are afraid to go against what the public thinks is the truth. It seems to me if a prosecutor is what I would call fair, and he or she went against public thinking, they would not be in office very long.

As to the death penalty, at one time I probably would have said go ahead and execute them. Look at what they did. After watching a lot of cases on court TV, some of which were death penalty cases, I have changed my mind. There have been some I thought did not get a fair trial and yet were sentenced to death. I've also read of people who have been on death row for up to 20 years and then found to be innocent. I think that's why I'm of two minds about capital punishment.

Sometimes in a particularly heinous crime I still think well maybe but then I think as long as there is life without parole and it means just that—then that's the way I prefer it to be. Here in Canada we have not reinstated the death penalty. People have been trying for years but have not succeeded. The only problem with our system is that life does not mean life. I always thought it cost more to keep a person in prison than to execute them (not that that should be the reason for killing someone) but a study in the US says that it costs more for the appeals etc. than to keep a person in prison. So people cannot use that argument for using the death penalty. It's tragic that everything in your country and mine comes down to money in some people's eyes. Well, I think that's enough of that. —Pat (Crowe)

Subj: Oprah

Date: 97-02-26 18:26:29 EST

From: Hhhana

To: Trooper, Trille, Pat

CC: Peggy, Dable, Connie

## Chapter 15: WHAT HAVE WE BECOME?

Jasper— Did anybody see Oprah today? Chris Darden was on. She did her usual thing, again taking the prosecution side. She is amazing to me. Darden's sitting there spitting out all of this tabloid junk regarding all of the relationships in OJ's life and she's nodding her head. She has been the victim of tabloid junk and should know better.

Different audience, too. Full of folks who would agree with Darden. I'm just amazed. Darden is writing a novel now. Wonder what it's about. Did you notice MF's statement that he believes Nicole and Ron were lovers? Hmmm... This is the guy who we believe had a relationship with NBS, and who hates blacks, women, and Jews. If he did think he was something special to NBS, how would he feel about her being involved with a Jewish man? The answer is lurking in the world of Nicole...her relationships, her acquaintances and the people involved with all of them. Again and again, I try to look in other directions, but I always seem to come back to the fact that everything was staged before the first officer arrived at the murder scene...all of the evidence just laying there begging to be connected to OJ.....and Fuhrman found the glove...and the rest is rock and roll to me.

Someone has got to get access to the people close to Nicole, find out what was really going on in her life. —Paula

Subj: Re: Oprah

Date: Saturday, March 01, 1997 8:18 PM

From: Trooper

To: Hhhana

CC: Patricia, Peggy, Trille, Dianne, Chameleon, Kim, Connie, Rabne

Paula— I don't get it. HOW CAN ANYONE DENY THAT MARK FUHRMAN IS A REASONABLE SUSPECT in the murder of Ron Goldman and Nicole Brown Simpson? Like you, I've tried out every new direction that came along to get

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away from accusing this new, misunderstood MF who is touring the country with his soon-to-be best-seller. But every new thing that turns up—like “his discovery” of the Swiss Army knife, his credit card alibi and now, “his theory” about Nicole’s relationship to Ron, leads right back to the same old MF we know so well.

Then there’s Oprah.... —Jasper

Subj: Oprah

Date: 97-03-02 10:57:10 EST

From: Pat

To: Hhhana Trooper

CC: Peggy, Trille, Dable, Chameleon, Kim, Connie, Rabne

Hi Jasper—You will never get a closed mind to open without a stick of dynamite. Damn it, I’m against all violence but sometimes these people make me angry. Keep the good thoughts. —Pat (Crowe)

Subj: Oprah

Date: 97-02-26 19:28:26 EST

From: Pat

To: Trooper, Trille, Hhhana

CC: Peggy, Dable, Connie

Paula I sure wish we could find out more about Fuhrman and Roberts and also Nicole and her friends. Some of them did lots of talking right after the murders but everyone seems to have clamed up now. Maybe one of her so-called friends(I don’t count Resnick) will need some money and come out with a book. That would be one I’d like to read. I don’t believe anything Resnick said (except maybe about Marcus Allen and that was verified by Cora Fishman). I think Faye would say or do anything to make a buck...I guess she’s a little like Fuhrman, as I didn’t believe her the first time I saw her on Geraldo. Well I hope somebody can find out something.

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I keep wondering what's happening with the appeal. It should have been filed by now and we've heard nothing. Oh well, tomorrow is another day. Keep the faith. —Pat

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