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Dear Mrs. Kahler-Traylor:

The "Affidavit" as requested is attached. I hope it serves you well in your efforts to clarify the manner of your husband's death. I would appreciate being kept in the loop, as the saying goes.

My very best wishes to you.

Yours most sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James E. Starrs".

James E. Starrs  
Professor of Forensic Sciences &  
Professor of Law  
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## AFFIDAVIT

Of

Professor James E. Starrs

James E. Starrs, a Professor at The George Washington University, Washington, D.C. 20052, being duly sworn, does depose, affirm and say that I have been asked by Chaollette Kahler-Traylor to provide this affidavit in support of her efforts to exhume and analyze the remains of her husband Thomas R. Traylor and in support thereof state that

1. I am a fully tenured Professor of Forensic Sciences in the Department of Forensic Sciences of the Columbian College of Arts & Sciences at The George Washington University, Washington, D.C.;
2. In addition to the above full-time position, I also hold a full-time position as a fully tenured Professor of Law on the faculty of the Law School at The George Washington University, Washington, D.C.;
3. Among my teaching responsibilities for the past forty years of teaching I have taught courses in the forensic sciences, including subjects such as forensic pathology, forensic anthropology and firearms examinations.
4. I am the co-author of the 4<sup>th</sup> edition of Scientific Evidence in Civil and Criminal Cases, Foundation Press, 1995, having authored the chapters, among others, in that one volume text on forensic pathology, forensic anthropology and firearms examinations.
5. I am a Distinguished Fellow of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences and have been elected to serve two three year terms on its Board of Directors. I also served for fifteen years on the Board of Editors of the Journal of Forensic Sciences.
6. I have written over 100 articles, many in the field of forensic science and I have co-edited the Scientific Sleuthing Review for the past 25 years.
7. Over the past fifteen years I have organized and supervised the exhumation and analysis or reanalysis of the remains of nineteen persons, many of whom died under suspicious circumstances, a number of them as firearms fatalities. Among the persons whose remains I have exhumed are Jesse James, Albert DeSalvo (the alleged Boston Strangler), Mary Sullivan (the last victim of the so-called Boston Stranger), the five victims of Alfred Packer (known as the Colorado cannibal) and Carl Weiss, M.D. (the alleged assassin of Senator Huey Long) among others.