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On below date, investigating Agents identified themselves, stated the purpose for the interview and interviewed M. KATHERINE FRIEDRICH at the Office of the Independent Counsel, 1001 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Suite 490 North, Washington, D.C. 20004. FRIEDRICH provided the following:

FRIEDRICH, date of birth January 1, 1968, place of birth Worcester, Massachusetts, Social Security Account Number [REDACTED], currently resides at [REDACTED], [REDACTED], home telephone number [REDACTED]. FRIEDRICH is the Special Assistant to the Deputy National Security Advisor. Her office is located in the West Wing of the White House, First Floor, telephone number [REDACTED].

FRIEDRICH has been employed at the White House since July of 1992, when she worked in the Office of Administration (OA). FRIEDRICH left OA and came over to the National Security Council in June of 1995.

As Special Assistant to the Deputy National Security Advisor (NSA), FRIEDRICH's duties and responsibilities include scheduling for the Deputy, JIM STEINBERG, giving him up-to-date intelligence, and keeping him aware of late-breaking matters. FRIEDRICH also travels with the President on all international trips.

FRIEDRICH met MONICA LEWINSKY at a Christmas party held at LINDA TRIPP's home on December 20, 1997. LEWINSKY only stayed for a short period of time, and FRIEDRICH did not speak to LEWINSKY very much. FRIEDRICH described the party as small, and could only recall that aside from LEWINSKY and TRIPP, a LINDSAY Last Name Unknown from the Pentagon was present.

FRIEDRICH has been friends with LINDA TRIPP since 1994, when they were both employed at the White House. FRIEDRICH has socialized with TRIPP often, visiting TRIPP at TRIPP's home on numerous occasions.

In July of 1997, TRIPP told FRIEDRICH that LEWINSKY had told TRIPP that LEWINSKY was having an affair with the President. FRIEDRICH believed this, as there was no reason to doubt it.

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FRIEDRICH recalls speaking to TRIPP about this around the same time the KATHLEEN WILLEY story made news.

TRIPP told FRIEDRICH that she was taping telephone conversations TRIPP had with LEWINSKY in November of 1997. TRIPP told FRIEDRICH that TRIPP felt as though she would be the only person telling the truth, and TRIPP had to preserve the LEWINSKY story. TRIPP felt that TRIPP would be questioned about her conversations with LEWINSKY at a later time. TRIPP also told FRIEDRICH that she taped the telephone conversations because TRIPP felt that LEWINSKY could not tell the truth if she were deposed. TRIPP also felt that she had been treated badly after the WILLEY matter, and felt that no one would believe her unless she had hard evidence. FRIEDRICH advised TRIPP to bring all the tapes to TRIPP's lawyer's (KIRBY BEHRE) office for safekeeping. FRIEDRICH believed that there were ten or eleven tapes in all.

FRIEDRICH heard a portion of one tape that TRIPP played for her. This tape included a portion in which TRIPP yelled at her (TRIPP's) daughter. TRIPP felt concerned that this was on a tape that also contained conversations with LEWINSKY. FRIEDRICH advised TRIPP not to erase the tape, but to turn it over to TRIPP's lawyer. FRIEDRICH believed TRIPP did this. FRIEDRICH did not listen to or see other tapes. FRIEDRICH did not see the equipment TRIPP used to tape the telephone calls.

FRIEDRICH advised that TRIPP had a deposition set with PAULA JONES' lawyers in January. TRIPP felt she had no time to attend.

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KATE FRIEDRICH, previously identified and previously apprised of the official identity of the interviewing Agent, was interviewed at the Office of the Independent Counsel (OIC), 1001 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC, 20004. FRIEDRICH provided the following information:

FRIEDRICH works at the National Security Counsel (NSC) and has known LINDA TRIPP since 1994. The two met at the White House.

January of 1998 was the first time FRIEDRICH heard the name LEWINSKY. In August of 1997, FRIEDRICH was told by TRIPP about a girl who TRIPP was friends with, who was having a sexual relationship with President WILLIAM JEFFERSON CLINTON.

FRIEDRICH never heard about LEWINSKY wanting to get a job in the White House. FRIEDRICH never heard LEWINSKY's name mentioned at the NSC and, therefore, never mentioned anything about that to TRIPP. FRIEDRICH never heard about the circumstances surrounding LEWINSKY's leaving employment at the White House.

FRIEDRICH did not want to talk about the relationship between "MONICA" and CLINTON. FRIEDRICH listened to TRIPP, but discouraged that subject matter when it arose.

FRIEDRICH did fax a job posting to TRIPP, announcing a vacancy in SANDY BERGER's office. FRIEDRICH told TRIPP to call MARSHA DIMMEL, who handled job vacancies in the NSC. FRIEDRICH told DIMMEL that someone may be calling her. FRIEDRICH did not know who it was, but told DIMMEL that a friend of FRIEDRICH's, whom FRIEDRICH felt was bright, had recommended this person, who also worked at the Pentagon. FRIEDRICH told DIMMEL that her friend said her co-worker was "very good," and they were willing to work the difficult hours required by the job. FRIEDRICH has no idea if TRIPP called DIMMEL.

FRIEDRICH does not know anyone else who knew LEWINSKY. FRIEDRICH did not spend a lot of time discussing LEWINSKY with TRIPP. When FRIEDRICH met LEWINSKY at TRIPP's Christmas party in December of 1997, LEWINSKY said she had some interviews in New

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FRIEDRICH advised that TRIPP was very upset with BOB BENNETT's comments about TRIPP. FRIEDRICH said she would not have spoken to a reporter. TRIPP said that ISIKOFF was harassing her, so she felt she had no choice. TRIPP made the tapes because she was trying to cover for herself. TRIPP felt she was going to be called by the PAULA JONES' attorneys.