



WACO INVESTIGATION

FBI knew of projectiles, didn't tell Congress

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WASHINGTON — Justice Department officials acknowledge that an FBI document the agency had failed to turn over to Congress will become a key part of an independent probe into whether the government killed people during the Branch Davidian standoff in Waco, Texas, and tried to cover it up. The Associated Press has learned.

Justice spokesman Myron Marlin said Friday night that former Republican Sen. John Danforth, who is heading the independent inquiry, will have to examine why the crucial page of the report did not reach Congress earlier than this week.

Marlin noted, however, that the page was properly turned over to lawyers in criminal and civil cases involving Waco survivors.

"Whether it was an administrative error is something that the special counsel will have to look at," Marlin said. "But we know that the plaintiff and defendants counsel received it."

The key final page from a 49-page FBI lab report was turned over to the House Government Reform Committee this week, along with

an internal Justice Department memo acknowledging the document "was not produced to Congress" during the 1995 investigations into the tragedy.

The first 48 pages of the lab report, dated Dec. 6, 1993, had been turned over to lawmakers years ago, absent the mention of the military-style tear gas that government officials for years had denied using.

The 49th page, obtained Friday by the AP, discloses that FBI investigators who examined the scene at Waco found a "fired US military 40mm shell casing which originally contained a CS gas round" and two "expended 40mm tear gas projectiles."

The report is likely to become a key piece of evidence in the independent inquiry ordered by Attorney General Janet Reno and separate congressional investigations into whether government officials tried to cover up the use of potentially incendiary tear gas on the final day of the siege.

Justice Department and FBI officials denied for years that flammable tear gas grenades were used on April 19, 1993, the day the

Davidian compound went up in flames. They abruptly reversed course earlier this month and acknowledged a "very limited number" of such devices were fired hours before the fatal fire.

The government continues to maintain that religious sect members set the fire, and federal agents did not contribute to it. They have said the tear gas canisters bounced off a roof of a concrete bunker and into a field. Sect leader David Koresh and some 80 followers perished during a later blaze in a wooden structure away from the bunker.

Meanwhile, the physician who headed the team that performed autopsies on the people who perished in the Davidian compound said he would welcome an opportunity to reopen his investigation into the deaths of the 23 cult members who died of bullet wounds.

"There is a feeling that one should go back and re-evaluate," Nizam Peerwani, the Tarrant County medical examiner told the *Waco Tribune-Herald* in an interview published Sunday. "The focus at the time was not whether the FBI was doing the shooting."

The FBI lab report does not specifically state whether the gas in

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JonBenet investigation nears one-year anniversary

BY STEVEN K. PAULSON
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BOULDER, COLO. — Nearly a year after a grand jury began looking into the murder of JonBenet Ramsey, there's no indication it's any closer to resolution of the case, frustrating both residents and city leaders.

"They're at the point where they either have to say they have something or they don't," said Brian Greenman, a shopkeeper who lives near the Boulder County Justice Center.

The 12-member jury, which began its work Sept. 15, 1998, has heard testimony from police officers, friends and relatives of the Ramsey family, and technicians who examined thousands of pieces of forensic evidence.

But the panel, whose term expires next month, has not met since May 25.

Denver attorney Scott Robinson, who has followed the case, said jurors might

be awaiting forensic test results, still following leads or waiting for attorneys to work out a deal for JonBenet's parents to testify.

A spokeswoman for District Attorney Alex Hunter declined comment, citing a state law that requires grand juries to operate in secret.

In finishing its term, the grand jury might issue indictments, draft a report or simply adjourn without so much as a recommendation. It will then be up to Hunter to decide whether to pursue any jury recommendation or empanel another group to start anew.

JonBenet, 6, was found beaten and strangled Dec. 26, 1996 in the basement of the family's home.

John Ramsey found his daughter's body about eight hours after his wife, Patsy Ramsey, told police she had discovered a ransom note seeking money in exchange for JonBenet's safe return.

APEC leaders seek end to East Timor crisis

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AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND — The Pacific Rim economic summit was transformed into a high-level forum on the East Timor atrocities, but tensions finally broke Sunday when Indonesia said international troops can come in to restore order.

The crisis forced the 21 members of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation summit to pay less attention to their official agenda just when some of the states were cautiously proclaiming their satisfaction in pulling out of the devastating Asian economic slump that began two years ago.

Outside the APEC venue in Auckland, demonstrators were staging protests on topics ranging from Indonesia's actions in East Timor and APEC's trade policies to China's control of Tibet and suppression of the Falun Gong meditation movement.

Inside, meanwhile, the APEC lead-

ers finally found the time Sunday to get down to the original business at hand — economics.

APEC members said they're relieved that the Asian financial crisis that dominated their agenda last year is easing. But Clinton said there is no room for complacency, and the nations plan to seek new ways to liberalize global commerce through the World Trade Organization.

APEC trade ministers hope to reduce or eliminate tariffs in eight business sectors. They have thrown down a challenge to the 15-member European Union, calling for an end to all subsidies to agricultural exports.

In an issue on the sidelines of APEC, but with vast implications for global commerce, the United States and China restarted formal talks Sunday about admitting China into the WTO. U.S. Trade Representative Charlene Barshefsky and Chinese trade minister Shi Guangsheng declined comment after their talk, but

aides were planning more detailed discussions.

The Geneva-based WTO sets rules for trade among its 134 members, and China has long sought membership. The U.S.-China WTO dialogue had been on hold for months since the last proposed deal failed, and China then was angered by the U.S. bombing of its embassy in Belgrade.

In a breakfast speech to business executives, Clinton touched on Asian trouble spots. He urged China and Taiwan to resolve their differences peacefully and called on North Korea to abandon long-range missile tests and focus on helping its people, who are suffering through a famine.

Clinton later met privately with Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin, discussing topics including corruption, money-laundering in Russia, the Russian economy and arms control.

WORLD BRIEFS

■ Strom Thurmond readmitted to hospital for fatigue

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Strom Thurmond, R-S.C., has been admitted to the Walter Reed Army Medical Center for tests and observation after complaining of feeling weak.

Thurmond, 96, the oldest senator ever, was admitted Saturday night, his press secretary, John DeCrosta, said Sunday. DeCrosta said doctors expected the senator to be released this afternoon.

Physicians wanted to find out why he has been fatigued, DeCrosta said in a statement.

Thurmond's last disclosed hospitalization was Aug. 22 at the medical center in Washington, two days after a brief stay in a hospital in Columbia, S.C., where he had collapsed at a USC reception.

DeCrosta said the senator has made an estimated five previously unreported trips to the medical center on weekends in the past three months for a variety of complaints. He said none required an overnight stay or caused him to miss any work or Senate votes.

In a recent Charleston, S.C., newspaper interview, Thurmond described his health as "generally all right."

"I'm not planning to die soon," he told *The Post and Courier*. "I expect to serve my term out."

■ U.S. and Korean negotiators extend missile talks

BERLIN (AP) — U.S. and North Korean negotiators extended talks on the communist nation's missile program Saturday, scheduling an unplanned sixth day of discussions.

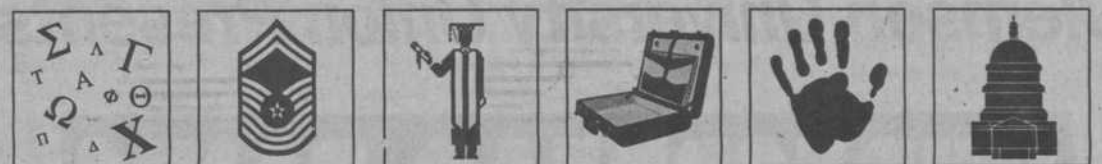
"I'm satisfied; we have made some progress," North Korean Vice Foreign Minister Kim Gye Gwan said after the latest session at the U.S. Embassy in Berlin. He gave no details.

The Clinton administration hopes to persuade North Korea to freeze its missile programs, which are seen as a threat to East Asia's military balance, by offering food aid and an easing of economic sanctions.

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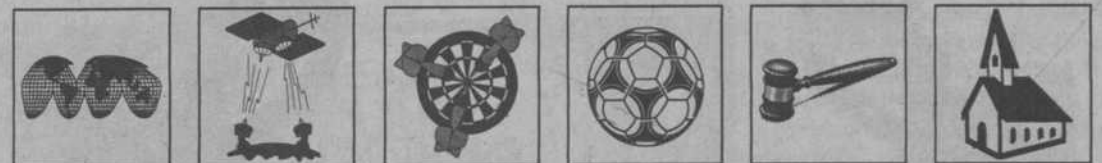
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Tuesday, September 14	3:30-5 pm	Russell House 322/326
Wednesday, September 15	3:30-5 pm	Russell House 322/326

An Executive Officer must attend a workshop and submit a registration form by Friday, September 17, 1999. For more information about Renewal/Registration, contact the Campus Activities Center at 777-5780. Any questions concerning funding should be directed to Student Government at 777-2654.



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