

To: Robert Critton / Michael Burman
From: [REDACTED]
Date: June 10, 2009
Re: Epstein / Interview with Cynthia Steadman re [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
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On June 10, 2009 Investigator [REDACTED] drove to the reported address for Cynthia Steadman, [REDACTED]. You will recall Steadman is the mother of John Riedel who (Riedel) dated [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. At this location [REDACTED] contacted a white female who said she was Steadman's aunt and Steadman was not home. [REDACTED] left a business card and requested Steadman to call him. Later that day Steadman called [REDACTED] from phone number [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] identified himself and explained to Steadman why she was being contacted. Steadman's first response was "if you are investigating for [REDACTED] you are talking to the wrong person". [REDACTED] explained to Steadman that [REDACTED] was expected to testify in a court proceeding and was conducting a background on [REDACTED] concerning her reputation and truthfulness, and that we wanted only the truth which would be provided to the attorneys in the case. Steadman asked is this in reference to Epstein? [REDACTED] replied yes. Steadman asked which side [REDACTED] represented and was told [REDACTED] was working for attorneys representing Mr. Epstein. Steadman agreed to speak with [REDACTED] adding she has never like [REDACTED].

Steadman stated she met [REDACTED] about two to three years ago when she started dating her son John Riedel (see Riedel memo). Steadman then without questions started talking about [REDACTED]. In her narrative Steadman stated she believed [REDACTED] to be an untruthful person as she has lied to her many times. Steadman as an example stated [REDACTED] had lied to her and police about an altercation she and her son had which resulted in his arrest. Steadman added

that later the truth came out. Steadman added "[REDACTED] is all about "me, me, me" and is "all about the money". Steadman stated [REDACTED] likes to portray herself as sweet and innocent, but nothing could be further from the truth. Steadman stated [REDACTED] told her about Epstein saying she was being paid to have sex with him. Steadman stated [REDACTED] told her she was between sixteen and seventeen years old when she first started seeing Epstein. Steadman stated [REDACTED] told her that her mother had introduced her to the sex business and added she believes both [REDACTED] and the mother work as prostitutes. Steadman told [REDACTED], [REDACTED] also works as a stripper. Steadman stated she has not had any contact with [REDACTED] recently, but saw her at Wild Cargo visiting her current boyfriend who she believes works in the store.

In response to questions from [REDACTED] Steadman stated she has seen [REDACTED] under the influence of drugs and alcohol many times. Steadman denied actually seeing [REDACTED] use drugs explaining [REDACTED] is too smart for that. Steadman added she believes [REDACTED] uses Xanax. Steadman stated she does not know when [REDACTED] became sexually active. Steadman denied any knowledge of any self destructive behavior, Mental or emotional problems on the part of [REDACTED] or of [REDACTED] being in rehab. Steadman denied any knowledge or conversation with [REDACTED] regarding her lack of trust in men. Other than the mother introducing [REDACTED] to the sex business, Steadman denied any knowledge of any relationship problems [REDACTED] has with family members.

Steadman stated in her opinion [REDACTED] was as responsible for what ever happened as Epstein. Steadman added [REDACTED] was not some innocent young girl and she knew what she was doing. Steadman asked the question isn't what [REDACTED] did also against the law? Steadman again stated, "to [REDACTED] it is all about the money."

Steadman stated her son would know more about [REDACTED], but confirmed her son is in jail in North Florida.

Steadman started to become uncomfortable in answering questions so [REDACTED] did not push further. [REDACTED] asked if it would be alright to contact her again and Steadman agreed.

This was a phone interview behind Steadman calling after [REDACTED] left a message for her at her home. It is possible Steadman could provide more information if contacted in person. It is suggested she be re-contacted in the near future.