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Met with Dr. Davis on July 30, 1996 who reviewed and discussed this case using available photos and reports pertinent to A. Walsh's death. Preliminary opinions:

- 1) Death occurred before decapitation.
- 2) Unable to confirm with certainty if there was any facial trauma.
- 3) Head could have been in the water for two weeks, but that would be surprising. There are many variables.
- 4) Machete or other sharp cutting instrument used.
- 5) Several blows were needed to sever the head. Cannot say if it took one or two hands to deliver the blows as it would depend on the instrument used and the strength of the person delivering the blow.
- 6) Victim was struck from behind and likely in a prone position.