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On 4/27/99, Sarah Slater, DOB 6/27/82, 6478 West Roxbury Drive, Littleton, Colorado, 80128, was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent, and the nature and purpose of the interview. She was interviewed in the presence of her Father, Graham Slater, DOB 7/24/54. She provided the following information.

On 4/20/99, Sarah arrived at school at approximately 7:10 a.m. For a reason she could not explain, Sarah had a feeling that she should not have gone to school that day. She attended her normal morning classes, to include her language arts class, which is her last class prior to lunch period. This class ends at approximately 11:10 a.m. From there she proceeded directly to her lunch period.

Sarah was sitting in the cafeteria at table SS or EE. She was sitting with her friend named Sam Granillo. The only other person that she could remember in the vicinity was Richard Green, seated at a table in their immediate vicinity. They both brought their lunches, and were eating and conversing when they heard a what she believed was a gun shot. At that point, she looked outside the west windows of the cafeteria, and could see some students running in from the outside, and some students running away from the cafeteria. She also saw Mr. Sanders running from the area of the teachers lounge yelling "everyone get down." Sam and Sarah then got down under their table. There was a lot of confusion, and some students were crawling away, while some were running away. She then took off her shoes, grabbed her purse, and ran towards the kitchen area. As she was going into the kitchen area, she could see people in black entering through the doors with her peripheral vision. As they came in, they were shooting guns. Sarah and several others, she thinks about 18 in total, to include 2 female cafeteria workers crowded into a small (10'x10') pantry room. Sarah and Sam physically held the door to the room shut with their bodies. All during this time, they could hear shooting, and big bangs. She could hear footsteps in the kitchen, and people were knocking at the door, trying to get in. No one in the room would say anything to those attempting to get in the pantry.

There was a boy that was a sophomore who picked up a telephone that was in the room, and contacted police. Sarah could

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not remember the name of this boy. The boy told the police where they were at, and their names. This was all done by writing, and no talking, as they did not want anyone outside to know that they were in the pantry. At this point, she could still hear shooting going on, but the shots seemed to be getting farther away. Sam and Sarah were calming everyone in the room, when she heard what she believed to be the SWAT Team. The SWAT Team then knocked at the door, and identified themselves. Sarah and Sam gradually opened the door, and realized that it was in fact the SWAT Team. The SWAT Team evacuated the students through a window near the faculty lounge, girls first. From there, they were placed in police cars, and evacuated out of the area.

Sarah Slater knew Dylan Klebold from helping out with lighting at school plays. She did not see Klebold nor Harris on Monday or Tuesday. The last time that she saw Klebold was the previous weekend at the prom. Klebold was with a date, but she could not remember who that was.

Sarah knows Zach Heckler fairly well. She had seen Heckler on Monday, 4/19/99 in the halls in school, but not on Tuesday. She also saw Heckler at the prom with his date, Devon Adams. Heckler hung out a lot with Dylan Klebold. Klebold and Heckler often got drunk together. They also played video games over the Internet. They played mostly shoot and kill games, with Doom being their favorite. Heckler was often times depressed due to social problems. He had trouble getting a girlfriend. He would cry in front of Sarah, and get very emotional. During her freshman year, approximately two years ago, Sarah used to talk to Dylan Klebold on the Internet. Klebold had a crush on Sarah, and wanted to date her. She did not want to date Klebold and told him no; he did not persist. Heckler also wanted to date her during this same time frame, but she had no interest in dating him either.

Later in the day, on 4/20/99, Sarah talked to Heckler. Heckler, after hearing that one of the shooters was Klebold, said that he was sure that it was true, but couldn't believe that Klebold had done this, in fact did not want to believe it. Later that same day, Sarah spoke to Heckler's sister, Jocelyn Heckler. Jocelyn told Sarah that Zach knew that Klebold and Harris had this incident planned, but that he never believed that they would carry it out.

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Sarah Slater said that from time to time she would see Trench Coat Mafia (TCM) people yelling "you're going down" to the jocks and athletes. At the end of the 1998 school year during the school morning newscast, there was a graphic representation of the Columbine High School being blown up. Sarah believes that this was done by members of the TCM. Finally, on the morning of 4/20/99, the school morning newscast, which airs a thought for the day, the thought was something to the effect of "today is going to be a bad day".

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REPORTING AGENT: KARLA SARNACKI

CASE NUMBER: 99-38856

VICTIM: COLUMBINE HIGH SCHOOL

DATE OF REPORT: 05/05/99

FENSE: AOA/COLUMBINE HIGH SCHOOL TASK FORCE/JEFFCO SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INFORMATION CONTROL NUMBER DN2590, FBI: 174A-DN57419, JCSO: CR #99-7625

SUSPECTS: Eric Harris
Dylan Klebold

SUBJECT: Slater, Sarah White female, dob: 6/27/82
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Littleton, Colorado 80125
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Graham Slater (father)
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OBSERVATION/INVESTIGATION:

On 5/4/99 at 0900 hours I interviewed Sarah Slater in the presence of her father at her home. Sarah stated that she rode to school with a friend by the name of Anne Behouneck, the morning of 4/20/99. They arrived at approximately 0710 hours and parked in the junior lot (south side of building). She stated they entered the school through the student entrance on the south side. She stated she did not see anything unusual going on outside the building or around the school between classes.

Sarah stated she knew Dylan Klebold in the 9th and 10th grade but had lost touch with him in the 11th grade. She knew him by name. She did not know Eric Harris at all. Sarah stated she did not know any of the others in their trench coat mafia group. Sarah stated that the group, in her opinion, had been branded with this name. Sarah stated she has language arts during her fourth hour period. She left the class and went into the cafeteria

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entering from the stairway. She brought along her lunch and sat down with Dan Granille. Sarah indicated the path she took on the attached diagram, and also who was sitting with her, and where they were sitting at the table. She stated she entered the cafeteria approximately 11:15 and approximately 11:25 was when the commotion started.

Sarah stated what drew her attention to the fact that something was going on was Mr. Sanders came in the west exit door into the cafeteria. She stated she looked outside and the people who were sitting outside eating began running around. At the same time, the people who were sitting near the windows started to stand up and approach the west windows. She stated Mr. Sanders went outside then almost immediately came back in telling everyone to get down. She stated it took a few seconds for everything to sink in and for her to figure out that there was shooting going on outside. Mr. Sanders looked out the exit door again and then came back in warning for everyone to *get down*. Sarah stated she heard shots and at that point took off her high-heeled shoes and grabbed her purse and ran for the kitchen. She stated she ended up in an L-shaped room that had computer and other lunch equipment stored in it. She stated she noticed that out of the corner of her eye she saw some people dressed in black coming in the west cafeteria exit door. She looked back over her shoulder when she heard shots and she saw what she thought was a bullet hitting near the serving line because she saw sparks fly from this point. She stated they went into the L-shaped room/office in the kitchen and closed the door. She stated she was with Sam Burnell, two kitchen employees, and approximately seventeen other kids. She stated they heard gunfire, screams, and explosions. She stated she also heard people running around and this lasted from 15 to 20 minutes. She stated they heard footsteps outside the door.

Sarah stated the refrigerator was next to the room she was in and it sounded as if someone was banging or moving things around in the refrigerator. She also heard a walkie-talkie, but she could not understand what was being said. She stated then someone knocked on the door and asked if anyone was in there. The person then tried to open up the door. She stated one shot then rang out and it hit somewhere close to the door. Again the

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person on the other side tried to open the door. She stated there was one guy in the room that was on the phone to Denver Police. The person outside the door then went away.

Sarah stated she then heard shots in the distance. She stated they had barricaded themselves inside, putting heavy objects in front of the door. She stated they were trying to calm down and they wrote down their names, telephone numbers and their parents names for the DPD officer on the phone. She stated she did not know how much time had passed at that point, but she added that she had stayed in the room for almost three hours.

She stated they were warned by the officer on the phone that they would hear gunshots from a SWAT team. They were told to get down and stay quiet. She stated they heard gunshots and radios. They then heard loud voices from SWAT team members. She stated she heard them in the refrigerator first when they yelled out "*put your hands up!*". She stated this scared her since she thought perhaps the suspects were in the room next to her. They then tried to push the door open, but the occupants in the room did not move the heavy objects. They asked if anyone was in there, and they eventually realized that it was the SWAT team outside. She stated they took the girls out first and lined them up against the wall. She stated that after they left out the faculty lounge window she saw Daniel Rohrbough laying on the cement, and then she saw a girl laying on the grass.

Sarah had indicated on the attached diagram which path she took to get to her table after she came down the stairs. She indicates she sat at table number EE. Sarah stated that she noticed a large, four or five foot, medium blue duffle bag sitting next to this table. She stated that it was full and she tried to push it aside with her foot. She asked around her table if it belonged to anyone. She stated it was so heavy she could not push it with her foot and so she just stepped over it. She stated it had a strap across the top of it. She had no idea what it contained. She did not notice any funny smell around the bag.

Sarah stated she left her navy blue Great Land backpack in the cafeteria. The backpack has a cloth patch that

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says *Operation Ivy* on it. She also left her black high-heel shoes. Inside her backpack she has schools papers, history book, Sociology book, and two binders. She stated she was wearing a black dress at the time.

Sarah stated she knew Zack Heckler and he had told her to go to Klebold and Harris's Web site on the Internet. Sarah stated from the way Zack talked, she gathered that he helped them make this Web site. Zack told Sarah that this was a *hate site* for Columbine High School. She stated that a lot of kids hated Columbine High School at that time, even she did. I asked her to clarify that if it was Columbine High School in particular or just going to high school period. She clarified that it was just going to high school. She stated Zack Heckler's nickname was "Kibbz" and Klebold's was "Vodka". She did not know any other nicknames. She stated that there was an announcement that morning that it was going to be a *very bad day*. She also stated that it was the *thought of the day*. Sarah stated that toward the end of last year's school year, the Friday feature was a video that the video production class had put together. Sarah couldn't remember a lot of specifics about it, but it showed people going through the school shooting others with squirt guns. They also blew the school up.

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