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07/01/85 4:19 pm Duncan writes a "News 8 Memo" to Marty Haag stating:
Monday "Ten days ago I mentioned to you that two Waco lawyers had received late night phone calls from "Charles Duncan", bad mouthing them, etc. Today, I was told Feazell has put out a 13-page 'White Paper' in which he relates about a half-dozen incidents of "Charles Duncan" calling various lawyers and other people, threatening to "put their business all over TV", being abusive and generally rude...Six names are people I have never called."

[Evidence: News 8 Memo]

07/01/85 Duncan and Marty Haag communicate by letter and phone
Monday call. Doug Fox receives copy of letter.

[Evidence: Response to Request for Document Production and Motion for Protective Order (April 7, 1988) (See p. 43) Document No. 153 - pages 00954-00955, withheld, reporters privilege and TRCP 166b(3)(c) and (d).

07/01/85 Duncan and Marty Haag communicate by phone
Monday call. Doug Fox receives copy of documentation.

[Evidence: Response to Request for Document Production and Motion for Protective Order (April 7, 1988) (See p. 38) Document No. 127 - page 00850, withheld, reporters privilege and TRCP 166b(3)(c) and (d).

07/01/85 Duncan writes a letter to WFAA employee Sherry Aycock and
Monday station manager Dave Lane receives a copy.

[Evidence: Response to Request for Document Production and Motion for Protective Order (April 7, 1988) (See p. 38) Document No. 129 - page 00852, withheld, TRCP 166b(3)(c) and (d).

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07/02/85 1:04 pm Duncan writes a "News 8 Memo" to file, listing the names
Tuesday of 16 lawyers and Vic's home address.

[Evidence: News 8 Memo]

07/02/85 Duncan writes a document sent to News Director Marty Haag
Tuesday concerning the "White Paper" (Could this be the one that
is Vic's Response to WFAA broadcasts?) Belo attorneys get
a copy.

[Evidence: Response to Request for Document Production and
Motion for Protective Order (April 7, 1988) (See p. 12)
Document No. 13 - Pages 00175-00177, withheld under work
product and attorney/client privileges]

07/02/85 Duncan writes a document sent to News Director Marty Haag
Tuesday concerning the "White Paper" (Could this be the one that
is Vic's Response to WFAA broadcasts?) Belo attorneys get
a copy.

[Evidence: Response to Request for Document Production and
Motion for Protective Order (April 7, 1988) (See p. 38)
Document No. 130 - Pages 00853-00855, withheld under work
product and attorney/client privileges]

07/02/85 Duncan writes a document sent to News Director Marty Haag
Tuesday concerning the "White Paper" (Could this be the one that
is Vic's Response to WFAA broadcasts?) Belo attorneys get
a copy.

[Evidence: Response to Request for Document Production and
Motion for Protective Order (April 7, 1988) (See p. 39)
Document No. 131 - Pages 00856-00858, withheld under work
product and attorney/client privileges]

07/03/85 Believed date of Duncan's telephone conversation with
Wednesday Betty Ryan, Kay Schroeder and Bob Payne

[Evidence: cassette tape]

07/03/85 Duncan sends a letter to Marty Haag
Wednesday

[Evidence: Response to Request for Production of Documents

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and Motion for Protective Order (April 7, 1988) (See p. 38) Document No. 126 - page 00849, withheld under reporter's privilege and TRCP 166b(3)(c) and (d)]

07/03/85
Wednesday

Duncan sends a letter to Marty Haag

[Evidence: Response to Request for Production of Documents and Motion for Protective Order (April 7, 1988) (See p. 43) Document No. 152 - page 00953, withheld under reporter's privilege and TRCP 166b(3)(c) and (d)]

07/03/85
Wednesday

WFAA-TV station manager David T. Lane responds to Nancy Shaw's letter of June 27, 1985, stating that he has discussed the letter with "those on our staff familiar with the news stories". Lane further states: "We feel this broadcast was accurate and that the investigation by our reporter was accomplished in a fair and professional manner."

[Evidence: letter]

07/03/85
Wednesday

Duncan makes notes concerning Feazell follow-up stories, outlining Part 9 -- Tony Schroeder and Bob Payne; Sheldon Herring and Dwight Olsen for part 10, also David Scott, Part 8. Duncan's notes also list other topics including Larry Goins, Phil Haltom, Billy Simons, Michael Wayne Smith (Koss) and Spence.

[Evidence: Duncan's computer notes]

07/05/85 9:39 am
Friday

DFS investigator Jody Fore returns Duncan's telephone call.

[Evidence: Duncan's telephone message slip]

07/08/85 10:05 am
Monday

Vic receives a call from Kay Schroeder, who leaves a message saying: "Channel 8 News just left her house and you (Vic) wanted her to call you."

[Evidence: Telephone message slip (Vic depo. Ex. # 4)]

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- 07/09/85
Tuesday
Believed date of Duncan's telephone conversations with Judge Joe Johnson, Michael Null, Jody Fore

[Evidence: cassette tape]
- 07/09/85
Tuesday
Duncan takes notes of conversation with Mel Hazelwood. The notes state: "Prosecutorial discretion. Figures are slippery -- because it doesn't take into consideration cases retired."

[Evidence: Duncan's handwritten notes]
- 07/09/85
Ed Walsh announces his resignation as Williamson County District Attorney to seek GOP nomination as Texas Attorney General, running against Jim Mattox. Walsh, who prosecuted Henry Lucas in the Orange Socks case, criticizes Mattox and Vic Feazell's probe of Lucas confessions.

[Evidence: Austin American Statesman clipping, 7/9/85]
- 07/09/85 11:56 am
Tuesday
Ron Moody returns Duncan's telephone call, leaves a message.

[Evidence: telephone message slip]
- 07/09/85 6:00 pm
Tuesday
Part Eight of Duncan's series is broadcast (Betty Ryan/Charlie Schroeder)

[Evidence: video tape and scripts]
- 07/10/85
Wednesday
Believed date of Duncan's telephone conversations with David Scott, Andy Shuval (chicken shit), Bob Payne and Gary Richardson.

[Evidence: cassette tape]
- 07/10/85
Wednesday
Duncan receives from undisclosed "sources" document concerning "Waco law enforcement".

[Evidence: Response to Request for Document Production and Motion for Protective Order (April 7, 1988) (See p. 36) Document No. 120 - pages 00833-00835, withheld under reporter's privilege and TRCP 166b(3)(c); not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence]

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07/10/85 11:53 am Duncan is preparing Part Nine of the series
Wednesday

[Evidence: Duncan's computer draft of the script]

07/10/85 6:00 pm Part Nine of Duncan's Series is broadcast concerning
Wednesday Dwight Olsen, Bob Payne

[Evidence: script_and video tape]

07/11/85 Duncan writes Open Records Request to Vic requesting
Thursday records concerning special crimes unit and combat pay

[Evidence: Letter (Vic depo. Ex. #42)]

07/11/85 Duncan places a telephone call to News Director Marty
Thursday Haag.

[Evidence: Response to Request for Production of Documents
and Motion for Protective Order (April 7, 1988) (See p. 11)
Document # 9 - Pages 00171, withheld under privileges]

07/12/85 Waco Tribune-Herald publishes story concerning Mike
Friday Cloer's resignation as public relations director of the
McLennan County Republican Party to avoid a conflict of
interest while supporting Feazell. Cloer is not
interviewed for the article. Jack Smith (Walter's
brother) is named interim PR man. Craig Reed says GOP
is looking for a challenger to Feazell, saying "...if
unethical behavior is discovered in the district
attorney's office, the county Republican Party is
obligated to field a candidate."

[Evidence: Waco Tribune-Herald, 7/12/85]

07/12/85 News Director Marty Haag gets legal advice from Belo
Friday attorneys, Duncan and station manager Dave Lane get
copies.

[Evidence: Response to Request for Document Production and
Motion for Protective Order (April 7, 1988) (See p. 10)
Document #5 - Page 00118, withheld under attorney/client

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and work product privileges]

07/12/85
Friday

News Director Marty Haag gets legal advice from Belo attorneys, Duncan gets a copy.

[Evidence: Response to Request for Production of Documents and Motion for Protective Order (April 7, 1988) (See p. 11) Document # 6 - Page 00119, withheld under work product and attorney/client privileges]

07/15/85 9:30 am
Monday

Ron Boyter testifies before federal grand jury in Austin, the WFAA-TV series was played for the grand jury.

[Evidence: Boyter's grand jury testimony transcript]

07/15/85 9:30 am
Monday

Bill Johnston testifies before federal grand jury in Austin concerning the Mendez, Hernandez, Ortega and Conover cases.

[Evidence: Johnston's grand jury testimony transcript]

07/15/85
Monday

Jan Patterson confirms that she has initiated a grand jury investigation into Feazell and that it has been "ongoing for several months. Patterson refuses to discuss details.

[Evidence: Waco Tribune-Herald, 7/16/85 and 7/18/85]

07/15/85
Monday

News Director Marty Haag gets legal advice from Belo attorneys, Duncan and station manager Dave Lane get copies.

[Evidence: Response to Request for Production of Documents and Motion for Protective Order (April 7, 1988) (See p. 11) Document # 7 - Page 00120, withheld under work product and attorney/client privileges]

07/16/85
Tuesday

Waco Tribune-Herald reports federal Grand Jury probe of Feazell is in recess. Quotes Jan Patterson as saying she initiated the grand jury investigation, saying it had been going on for several months.

[Evidence: Waco Tribune-Herald, 7/16/85]

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07/16/85
Tuesday

Bill Johnston, Waco Police Legal Advisor, writes a letter to Duncan concerning Duncan's request for crime scene photographs relating to the murder of Sue Herring. The letter confirms that Johnston had discussed the subject with Duncan "last week", and states that Duncan was given certain photographs of the crime scene, but not those showing the victim's body or outline of the body. (Note that Sue Herring was alive when police arrived and died during surgery at the hospital).

[Evidence: Letter filed under Johnston]

07/17/85
Wednesday

Fort Worth Star-Telegram reports Vic fears he could be murdered or wrongly indicted because of his criticisms over the Lucas matter. Feazell called the grand jury probe a "witch hunt" prompted by the DPS and Jim Adams. WFAA series is briefly mentioned. Jan Patterson declined to confirm whether the grand jury is investigating Feazell.

[Evidence: Fort Worth Star-Telegram, 7/17/85]

07/17/85 1:30 pm
Wednesday

Feazell announces re-election bid in news conference at McLennan county commissioner's courtroom.

[Evidence: Vic's Monthly Minder calendar]

07/18/85
Thursday

Waco Tribune-Herald reports Feazell's re-election bid and hiring of Roy Minton. Feazell declares "I will not be run from this office. If I leave, it will be because the people of McLennan county make that decision." Speculation that Filipe Reyna or Rollin Khoury will run

[Evidence: Waco Tribune-Herald, 7/18/85]

07/18/85
Thursday

Dallas Morning News reporter David Hanners writes that Feazell has hired "high-powered defense lawyer Roy Minton, and that Feazell has announced re-election bid.

[Evidence: Dallas Morning News, 7/18/85]

07/18/85

Duncan receives legal advice and information from Belo

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Thursday attorneys, Marty Haag and Dave Lane get copies
[Evidence: Response to Request for Production of Documents and Motion for Protective Order (April 7, 1988) (See p. 10) Document # 4 - Pages 00116-00117, withheld under work product and attorney/client privileges]

07/19/85 10:30 am Vic meets with Roy Minton, Rip Collins and Dennis Dement
Friday in Austin
[Evidence: Vic's Monthly Minder calendar]

07/20/85 Waco Tribune-Herald reports on Vic's meeting with Minton,
Saturday et al.
[Evidence: Waco Tribune-Herald, 7/20/85]

07/22/85 Duncan gets letter containing legal advice from Belo
Monday attorneys
[Evidence: Response to Request for Production of Documents and Motion for Protective Order (April 7, 1988) (See p. 10) Document # 2 - Pages 00113-00114, withheld under work product and attorney/client privileges]

07/23/85 Ken Bennett writes a "Statement of the Case" memo to
Tuesday Vic concerning the Dwight Olsen/McKinney-James matter. Bennett notes that as of this date, Hunter Brown stated that Charles Duncan talked to the accountants and the insurance people.
[Evidence: Memo (Vic depo. Ex. # 46)]

07/23/85 Wayne Hoskins begins circulating a petition among Waco
Tuesday Police officers in support of Larry Scott and David Smith.
[Evidence: Waco Tribune-Herald, 7/31/85]

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- 07/25/85
Thursday
Duncan writes a letter to John Faulkner denying that he ever tried to call him.
[Evidence: Letter]
- 07/25/85 10:35 pm
Thursday
Tracy Rowlett "Perspective" is aired on WFAA-TV.
[Evidence: Waco Tribune-Herald, 8/27,85]
- 07/25/85
Thursday
Duncan sends correspondence to WFAA employee Carol Gonzales.
[Evidence: Response to Request for Production of Documents and Motion for Protective Order (April 7, 1988) (See p. 10) Document # 3 - Page 00115, withheld under privilege]
- 07/28/85
Sunday
Date of a memo written by Deanna Fitzgerald saying: Det. Stanley had been called by Channel 8 regarding Deanna's prosecution of Child Abuse, sexual assault and juvenile cases. They (police) say we did a great job, at which point the reporter hung up.
[Evidence: Deanna's memo (Vic depo. Ex. #27)]
- 07/29/85
Monday
McLennan County Grand Jury convenes to hear evidence concerning Melvid Dean Priddy/Michael Wayne Royals shooting Special prosecutor Alan Levy to present the case.
[Evidence: Newspaper clipping 7/26/85]
- 07/29/85
Monday
"Vic, We Care" billboard is erected.
[Evidence: Waco Tribune-Herald, 7/30/85]
- 07/30/85
Tuesday
Melvin Dean Priddy is no-billed by the grand jury in Royals shooting. Police said the shooting was accidental, as Priddy tripped.

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[Evidence: Waco Tribune-Herald news clipping 7/31/85]

07/30/85
Tuesday

Waco City Council is presented with petition signed by 160 of the Police Department's 170 officers in support of Chief Larry Scott and City Manager David Smith. Wayne Hoskins circulated the petition.

[Evidence: Waco Tribune-Herald, 7/31/85]