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Good afternoon Rodney,

I have just sent the email below to the reporters requesting information regarding the above-mentioned subject. Please let me know if you should have any questions.

Thank you,
Cheryle

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On Wednesday, January 6, 2021 an unprecedented incident of civil insurrection at the United States Capitol resulted in the deaths of five individuals. The District of Columbia Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, Dr. Francisco J. Diaz, MD, FACP, has issued the following determinations as to the cause and manner of death for four of those individuals.

Ashli Babbitt, 35 years old:

- Cause of Death—Gunshot wound to the left anterior shoulder
- Manner of Death—Homicide

Kevin Greeson, 55 years old:

- Cause of Death—Hypertensive atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease

- Manner of Death – Natural

Benjamin Phillips, 50 years old:

- Cause of Death – Hypertensive atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease
- Manner of Death – Natural

Roseanne Boyland, 34 years old:

- Cause of Death – Acute Amphetamine Intoxication
- Manner of Death – Accident

The cause and manner of death for Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick are pending.

Background explanation of medical terminology on the cause and manner of death:

As determined by the Chief Medical Examiner, the “cause of death” is the medical disease, injury, alcohol, drug or toxic substance that caused a person’s death. The “manner of death” describes the circumstances surrounding a person’s death and falls within one of the following categories:

- Accident: Used when there is no evidence of intent; an unintentional, sudden, and unexpected death.
- Homicide: Death results from the intentional harm of one person by another, including actions of grossly reckless behavior.
- Natural: Used when a disease alone causes death. If death is hastened by an injury, the manner of death is not considered natural.
- Suicide: Death results from the purposeful attempt to end one’s life.
- Undetermined: Used when there is insufficient information to assign another manner.

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