

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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DIRECTOR URGENT

MURDER OF ELIZABETH SHORT, AKA, BLACK DAHLIA, INFO CONCERNING LOCAL
POLICE HAVE VERY LIKELY SUSPECT, [REDACTED] WASH [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] LAST KNOWN TO BE ASSIGNED TO [REDACTED] REQUEST

APPROPRIATE INQUIRIES BE MADE TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER INSTANT SUSPECT
PRESENTLY IN ARMY AND IF POSSIBLE, WHERE ASSIGNED DURING MONTH OF JAN
UARY LAST.

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[REDACTED]
3/18/47

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- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Carson
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LOCAL AUTHORITIES DESIRE TO KNOW WHERE SUSPECT [REDACTED]
ASSIGNED DURING JAN FORTY SEVEN. [REDACTED] PRESENTLY ASSIGNED

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REQUEST CHECK OF [REDACTED] NAVAL RECORDS FOR DESIRED
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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

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RECORDED TELETYPE APRIL ONE, ELIZABETH SHORT, BLACK DANLIA, INFO CONCERNING. NAVY
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DEPARTED FROM THERE JANUARY SEVENTEEN-- ARRIVED [REDACTED] ON

EIGHTEENTH. ARRIVED [REDACTED] FEBRUARY ONE.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Philadelphia

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT
 ELIZABETH SHORT, with alias - VICTIM
 INFORMATION CONCERNING

DATE: April 25, 1947

Reference is made to the Bureau's communication to Philadelphia of April 22, 1947.

In response to Los Angeles teletype dated March 21, 1947, it was ascertained that the service record of [redacted] maintained at [redacted] reflected he was assigned to [redacted] on July 19, 1946. He left [redacted] on January 28, 1947 and reported to [redacted] on February 6, 1947. He is presently assigned at [redacted]. He was assigned to [redacted] until January 10, 1947, when he was carried on the records as attached until January 28, when he left for [redacted].

The only furloughs reported are -

- November 27, 1945 to February 25, 1946
- May 13, 1946 to June 2, 1946
- July 19, 1946 to August 11, 1946

The information as noted above was brought to the attention of the Pittsburgh Office by teletype on March 25, 1947, said teletype incorporating the information received by this office in Los Angeles teletype of March 21, 1947, along with the fact that the Bureau, by teletype of March 21, 1947, had authorized the investigation, as was requested by Los Angeles. The results of Pittsburgh's investigation are not known to this office.

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cc Mr. Rosen *b7c*

May 6, 1947

SAC, Pittsburgh

Director, FBI

UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
ELIZABETH SHORT, with alias, VICTIM
INFORMATION CONCERNING

You are requested to inform as to the results of the investigation conducted by you relative to [redacted] as requested by Philadelphia Division teletype of March 25, 1947. *b7c*

cc Los Angeles

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cc Mr. Rosen

April 22, 1947

SAC, Philadelphia

Director, FBI

UNKNOWN SUBJECT; ELIZABETH SHORT,
WITH ALIAS, VICTIM
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Please furnish by return mail the results of the investigation conducted by you pursuant to the request contained in the teletype message from the Los Angeles Division dated March 21, 1947.

cc Los Angeles

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[Redacted]

Egar Hoover.

Dear Mr Hoover.

[Redacted]

As a Citizen of united states I suspect the
 killer of the black dahlia I may be wrong. but
 In 1946 He took my social security No.
 And took \$70 dollars of me he claims he'd extra
 In the motion picture he promised me he would make
 in actor out of me he is 5 feet & rough face weigh
 145 pound dark brown complexion black mustache and
 Black hair the last time I seen him was in July 1946.
 If you wish to have someone to talk to me or
 write to me. I shall be very happy. if I could be
 helpful to you.

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I have a pleasure to hear from you soon
 with kind regards

I remain

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May 13, 1947

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Dear [Redacted]

I have received your letter of May 7, 1947 furnishing information relative to an individual whom you believe may be identical with the killer of Elisabeth Short also known as the "Black Dahlia". As the investigation in this matter is being conducted by the Police Department at Los Angeles, California, I am taking the liberty of referring a copy of your letter to that organization.

Your courtesy and interest in communicating with this Bureau are appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc Newark (with copy of incoming)
cc Los Angeles (with copy of incoming) - An additional copy of the incoming letter from [Redacted] is furnished herewith so that you may transmit the same to the Police Department, Los Angeles, California.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. ROSEN

DATE: May 16, 1947

FROM : [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
ELIZABETH SHORT, aka Black Dahlia, VICTIM
MURDER - INFORMATION CONCERNING

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The Los Angeles Division has requested authorization for investigation to be conducted by the Chicago Division as a matter of cooperation with the Los Angeles Police Department. The request is to interview three persons whose names appeared in the personal address book of the victim.

Los Angeles has also requested Chicago to furnish the facts relative to the mutilation murder of Lucille Kietzman [REDACTED] was questioned by the Sheriff at Urbana, Illinois, relative to his possible implication in the Elizabeth Short slaying.

OBSERVATION

On March 21, 1947, Los Angeles, upon a request of the Los Angeles Police Department, requested that Philadelphia interview [REDACTED] husband of Elizabeth Short, and considered a likely suspect. Although the recommendation was made that we not conduct such investigation and not enter into the investigation at this late date, the Director commented "I think we might well do this."

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Chicago be authorized to conduct the three interviews. If you concur, there is attached a teletype to the Chicago Division.

Attachment

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DIRECTOR AND SAC CHICAGO URGENT

ELIZABETH SHORT, AKA BLACK DAHLIA, VICTIM MUTILATION MURDER, INFO CONCERNING. BUREAU AUTHORIZATION REQUESTED FOR CHICAGO CONDUCT

INQUIRY AS MATTER OF COOPERATION LAPD AS REQUESTED LA TEL TO CHICAGO DATED MAY TWELVE LAST REQUESTING INTERVIEW OF THREE INDIVIDUALS LISTED IN PERSONAL ADDRESS BOOK OF VICTIM. CHICAGO ALSO REQUESTED FURNISH AMSD FACTS CONCERNING MUTILATION MURDER LUCILLE KRETZMAN

CONCERNING WHICH SHERIFF, URBANA, ILL, RELATED [REDACTED] WOULD BE QUESTIONED CONCERNING BLACK DAHLIA SLAYING, LA.

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cc Mr. Rosen

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UNSUB, ELIZABETH SHORT, AKA BLACK DAHLIA, VICTIM, MURDER. INFO CONCERNING.
AUTHORIZATION GRANTED TO CONDUCT INVESTIGATION OUTLINED LOS ANGELES WIRE
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cc Los Angeles (regular mail)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. E. A. TAMM

DATE: May 20, 1947

FROM : R. A. Rosen

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; ELIZABETH SHORT,
aka Black Dahlia, VICTIM
INFORMATION CONCERNING

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The Los Angeles Police Department informed the Los Angeles Division that [redacted] was considered a likely suspect in connection with the murder of the above victim based on two postcards postmarked September 21, 1946 to [redacted] the victim signing one as Betty Short [redacted] and the other signed by [redacted] indicated that they were married and living in Hollywood. [redacted] was acquainted with the victim when she resided in Medford, Massachusetts. Although military records indicated [redacted] was on duty [redacted] during the pertinent period the Los Angeles Police Department requested that [redacted] be interviewed for them.

[redacted] was interviewed by the Pittsburgh Division at which time he informed that during 1946 while with the Army he was assigned the duty of returning deserters and absentees to [redacted]. While in Los Angeles on September 20, 1946 he was picked up by the victim while standing on a street corner after she had commented on certain military insignia on his uniform and asked if he was acquainted with [redacted] who was also in [redacted]. He had a date with the victim and spent the night with her in her hotel room, spending also part of the day of September 21 with the victim and [redacted] whose name [redacted] could not recall. Accompanying them on this day was [redacted] who had accompanied [redacted] to Los Angeles. It was on September 21 when the discussion of [redacted] came up that the victim stated that she had formerly gone with him and he was quite jealous of her and to play a joke on [redacted] she suggested that they both send postcards to him informing [redacted] that she was married to [redacted].

[redacted] says further that after reading in the [redacted] papers about the Black Dahlia murder he wrote a letter to the Los Angeles Police Department informing them of his meeting with her, fearing that his name might be found in her address book as she had noted it down when she had promised to write to him [redacted]. He did not receive a reply from the Los Angeles Police Department.

[redacted] added that the victim was the type of girl who was very friendly and would talk to anyone. She appeared known to the head waiter and numerous waiters at Tom Brenneman's Restaurant.

[redacted] could furnish no information relative to the possible killer of Elizabeth Short.

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DIRECTOR AND SAC, LOS ANGELES URGENT

UNSUB, ██████████ ELIZABETH SHORT, AKA BLACK DAHLIA, VICTIM OF
MURDER, INFO CONCERNING. REBUTEL MAY SIXTEEN LAST AUTHORIZING
INTERVIEWS REQUESTED BY LOS ANGELES DIVISION IN ABOVE MATTER. ONE OF
PERSONS DESIRED INTERVIEWED IS ██████████ AKA ██████████

██████████ WHO HAS
██████████ REPUTATION OF BEING WELL INFORMED BUT VERY INDISCREET. BUREAU
REQUESTED TO ADVISE CHICAGO DIVISION WHETHER UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES
██████████ SHOULD BE INTERVIEWED.

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REURTEL MAY TWENTYONE. [REDACTED] MAY BE INTERVIEWED AS REQUESTED BY L.A. BUT HE SHOULD BE SPECIFICALLY INFORMED INTERVIEW IS BEING CONDUCTED AS A COOPERATIVE MATTER UPON REQUEST OF AND FOR BENEFIT OF LOS ANGELES PD AND THAT BUREAU HAS NO INTEREST IN MURDER INVESTIGATION.

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CC LOS ANGELES

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to interview [REDACTED] b7c*

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

AIR MAIL, SPECIAL DELIVERY

TO : SAC, Los Angeles

DATE: March 27, 1947

FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
ELIZABETH SHORT, aka Black Dahlia - VICTIM
INFORMATION CONCERNING

[REDACTED] ASN [REDACTED] was interviewed by Special Agents [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] at his office on March 27, 1947. During the interview with [REDACTED] he furnished the following information regarding his relations with the victim:

[REDACTED] stated that he was stationed at [REDACTED] during the summer of 1946 and was assigned the duty of traveling to all sections of the United States to pick up deserters and AWOL soldiers and to return them to [REDACTED]. In accordance with these duties, he was directed to proceed to Fort McArthur, California in September, 1946, accompanied by [REDACTED] in order to pick up an AWOL soldier and return him to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] arrived at Fort McArthur, located at San Pedro, California, on September 19, 1946. Upon their arrival they requested four days leave in order to visit Los Angeles, and were unofficially granted permission to take this leave without going through the proper Army channels. [REDACTED] separated from [REDACTED] on the morning of September 20, 1946, and proceeded to downtown Los Angeles.

[REDACTED] wandered around the downtown section of Los Angeles until about 1:45 P. M., when he stopped and stood leaning against the wall of a store on the corner of what he recalls was 6th and Olive Streets. While he was idly watching the passers-by, he observed the victim, accompanied by another young woman, walk by at about 2:00 P. M. After passing him, the victim turned around and walked over to [REDACTED] and asked him whether he had been in [REDACTED] at this time was wearing his Army khaki uniform with numerous overseas ribbons and with the shoulder badge of [REDACTED] on his right shoulder [REDACTED] stated that he told the victim that he was a member of [REDACTED] whereupon she inquired if he was acquainted with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] advised that he recalled a [REDACTED] who had been with him in [REDACTED] whereupon the victim advised him that she and [REDACTED] had been childhood sweethearts in their home town of Medford, Massachusetts. She also advised [REDACTED] that she had heard that [REDACTED] had re-enlisted in the Army but did not know where he was stationed at that time.

[REDACTED] stated that after this conversation he inquired of the victim whether she would give him a date for that evening. The victim agreed and

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asked him to accompany her to her hotel. [redacted] stated that before going to the hotel, Miss SHORT introduced him to her girl friend, whose name he is unable to recall. However, he advised that the victim [redacted] in the Figueroa Hotel, and he was positive that the room [redacted] at the Figueroa Hotel was definitely registered in the name of [redacted]. The victim, according to [redacted] advised him that her name was BETTY SHORT.

[redacted], the victim, and her girl friend then proceeded to the Figueroa Hotel, where they sat in the lobby for some time and talked. The victim then went up to her room to dress and [redacted] and the victim's girl friend engaged in conversation. During the conversation, [redacted] ascertained from the victim's girl friend that she was married at one time, had separated from her husband, and was then divorced. He also ascertained that this girl was employed [redacted] at some establishment in Hollywood or Los Angeles [redacted]. He also stated that the victim's girl friend advised him that the victim was not working, and that [redacted] she did not pay any of the expenses. In addition, this girl friend stated that she lent the victim money from time to time.

[redacted] stated that he inquired of the victim's girl friend to determine if she knew where he might obtain a hotel room for the night, and she advised him that it would be extremely difficult to obtain a room. However, she suggested [redacted] since [redacted] the victim had twin beds, he might sleep [redacted] if the victim agreed. [redacted] stated that he then told the victim's girl friend that she should talk to the victim and have her agree on this plan. [redacted] stated that the victim's girl friend then went upstairs [redacted] and after some time she and the victim returned to the lobby of the hotel, at which time the victim advised [redacted] that she would show him Los Angeles that night.

[redacted] the victim, and her girl friend then proceeded to get on a bus nearby, on which bus [redacted] sat with the victim's girl friend, and at which time the victim's girl friend told him that the victim had told her that [redacted] could sleep [redacted] that night. [redacted] stated that during the bus ride the victim sat in a vacant seat next to a Marine and immediately struck up a conversation with him. He stated that the victim was the type of girl who was very friendly and would talk to anyone.

SAC, Los Angeles

March 27, 1947

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The victim's girl friend separated from them, and the victim and [redacted] then proceeded to the Columbia Broadcasting Station Studios, where they saw TONY MARTIN broadcast. Thereafter they proceeded to Tom Brenneman's. [redacted] stated that at the corner of Hollywood and Vine they met [redacted] who accompanied them to Tom Brenneman's. Upon arriving at Tom Brenneman's, they observed that a number of people were waiting in line for a table, but as soon as they entered the door, the head waiter came over to the victim and escorted her, along with [redacted] and [redacted] to a nearby table. [redacted] stated that during the time they were at Tom Brenneman's, he observed that the victim appeared to be well known to all of the waiters there.

[redacted] related that while they dined at Tom Brenneman's, the victim's conversation returned to [redacted] and she again related that he had been quite jealous of her when they were young and had told her not to have any boy friends. [redacted] stated that the victim related this in a laughing, matter-of-fact manner and thought that it was quite a joke. The victim advised [redacted] that she had seen [redacted] upon his return from the Army, but had not seen him for several months. [redacted] stated that he advised the victim that he had only known [redacted] under combat conditions and, therefore, did not know him very well. [redacted] also stated that the victim was very well dressed and caught the attention of many of the guests at Tom Brenneman's. He stated that he caught snatches of conversations of people seated in the immediate vicinity and heard some of them suggest that she must be a professional actress employed by RKO or some other studio. [redacted] advised that they departed from Tom Brenneman's establishment at approximately 12:30 A. M., September 21, 1946, at which time [redacted] separated from them.

[redacted] said that they rode a trolley to return to the hotel and had to walk about five blocks from the point where they left the trolley, and while they were walking back to the hotel, a black car drove up beside them and stopped. [redacted] stated that there were five men seated in the car who appeared to be dark complexioned and possibly were Mexicans, three of whom jumped out of the rear of the car and yelled, "There she is." [redacted] stated that he suggested to the victim that he beat these individuals up, but she told him the best thing to do would be to run. Accordingly, he stated, they ran and escaped from these individuals, who apparently were unknown to the victim.

SAC, Los Angeles

March 27, 1947

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Upon arriving at a point approximately one block from the hotel, the victim told [redacted] to wait outside for about twenty minutes while she proceeded to her room alone since the hotel regulations were rather strict. [redacted] stated that he then waited for twenty-five minutes before entering the hotel and then immediately proceeded to her room. [redacted] was unable to recall the floor or the room number of the victim's room. He stated that upon knocking on the door, the victim immediately opened the door and he observed her dressed in a flimsy negligee.

[redacted] then proceeded to take a shower and then got into the bed. [redacted] stated that after lying in bed for a few minutes he advised the victim that he was unable to sleep, and she stated that she also was unable to sleep. [redacted] then suggested to the victim that he kiss her goodnight, at which time he proceeded to get into bed with her. [redacted] related that immediately thereafter he proceeded to make love to the victim and was successful in having relations with her. He stated that he had relations with the victim numerous times during the night. [redacted] said that at no time was the victim in a passionate mood, which led him to suggest the possibility that she was a lesbian. In order to corroborate this statement by [redacted] he pointed out that during his conversations with the victim, she related to him that she at one time frequently visited a wealthy woman who resides either in Hollywood or Los Angeles, and that this woman had made improper advances towards her, which she resisted.

The following morning, the victim's girl friend returned to the hotel room, and at this time arrangements were made to have [redacted] obtain a date for the victim's girl friend with his friend [redacted]. It was agreed that they would meet at 2:00 or 3:00 that afternoon at the corner drugstore located directly across the street from the Figueroa Hotel.

[redacted] and [redacted] were met by the victim and her girl friend at the aforementioned drugstore at about 2:00 or 3:00 P. M. on the afternoon of September 21, 1946, at which time they proceeded to have a coke in this drugstore. [redacted] stated that as they were leaving the drugstore, the victim suggested to him that each of them write a postcard to [redacted] and advise him that they were happily married and living in Hollywood. He said that the victim suggested that this would be an excellent way to make [redacted] jealous, and they both considered it a huge joke at the time. [redacted]

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related that accordingly, he purchased some postcards and stamps at the drugstore, and that they then proceeded to write the postcards and to address them to [redacted] home address in Medford, Massachusetts, and mailed them at the mail box located near the drugstore.

[redacted] and [redacted] accompanied by the victim and her girl friend, then proceeded to a small beer garden, located within a short distance of the hotel, where all of them proceeded to get drunk. [redacted] stated that both he and [redacted] suggested to the girls that all of them return to the hotel, but both girls stated that they had dates with other men for that night. The victim indicated that her date was with a man having a car, who planned to take her someplace that night. [redacted] stated that he could not recall the name of this individual although the victim mentioned it during the conversation. [redacted] stated that after it became apparent that he would not have another date with the victim, he told her that he wanted to correspond with her and wanted to see her again sometime. Accordingly, he furnished his address at [redacted] which address was noted down in a small notebook by the victim's girl friend.

[redacted] said that he and [redacted] separated from the victim and her girl friend at about 7:00 P. M. on September 21, 1946, when both girls proceeded to the Figueroa Hotel. [redacted] stated that as the girls entered the hotel, he observed the victim in a heated conversation with a short, chunky, well-dressed man who appeared to be 40 or 45 years of age. [redacted] advised that he had not seen the victim since that time, and had never had any correspondence with her.

[redacted] claimed that after reading in the [redacted] newspapers that the victim had been murdered, he wrote a letter to the Los Angeles Police Department advising them of his meeting with the victim. [redacted] stated that he feared that his name might be found in the little black book of the victim's girl friend, and, accordingly, contacted the Los Angeles Police Department as soon as possible. [redacted] advised that he had never received a reply to his letter.

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[redacted] stated that during his various conversations with the victim, she never expressed fear of anyone, but she did mention that Los Angeles was a tough city and that it was dangerous for a girl to be alone on the streets at night. She told him that she was afraid to be alone on the streets at night, and while they were reading a newspaper in the lobby of the Figueroa Hotel, she pointed out to him an article which featured a resume of the number of murders and rapes which had occurred in Los Angeles over a short period of time. In addition, [redacted] stated that the victim told him that she was going with a man whom she did not like very much, but she stated that she did not want to hurt his feelings by stopping to go with him. [redacted] advised that he did not know the name of this man. It may be noted that [redacted] vigorously denied that he had ever been married to the victim.

[redacted] furnished the following description of the victim's girl friend:

Race	White
Age	Approximately 21 or 22
Height	5' 2" or 5' 3"
Weight	120 lbs.
Complexion	Light
Hair	Brunette
Eyes	He observed that she appeared to have trouble with her eyes and noted that they were red most of the time. She indicated that she wore glasses at times.

[redacted] stated that he and [redacted] departed from Los Angeles, as well as he could recall, on September 22, 1946 to return to [redacted]. He denied that he was in Los Angeles from January 9 to January 15, 1947, and stated that the records at [redacted] would positively establish his whereabouts during that period as having been at [redacted].

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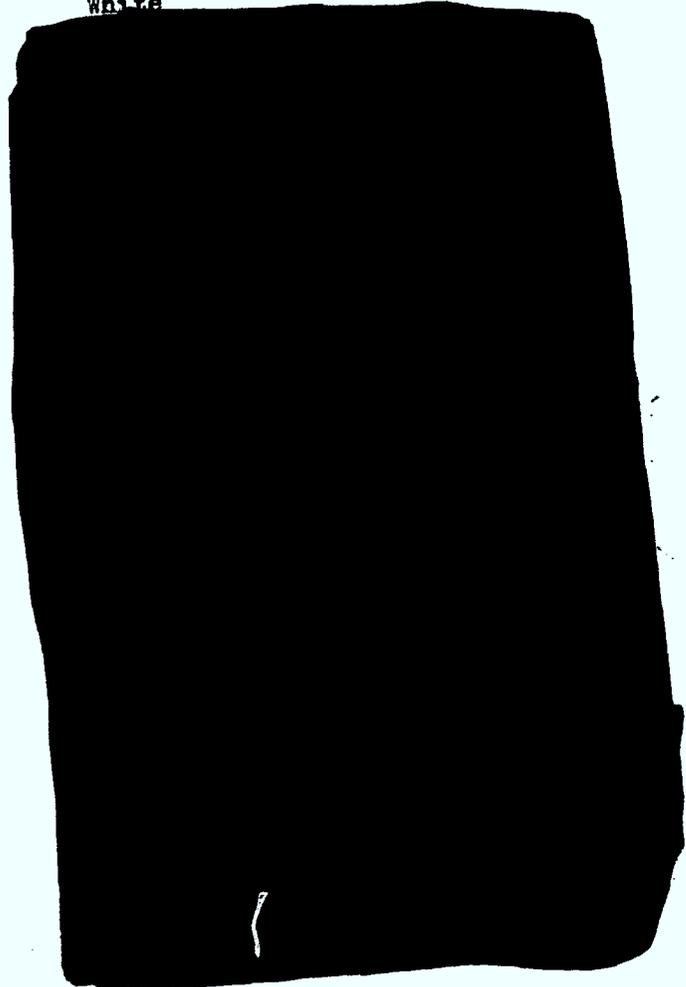
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[redacted] stated that [redacted] was stationed at [redacted] b7C
[redacted] recently [redacted]
[redacted] but was scheduled to be discharged [redacted]

The following description of [redacted] and background information concerning him was obtained from [redacted] during the course of the interview:

Race
Height
Weight
Hair
Eyes
Scars and marks

White



Born
Present address
Telephone No.
Home address
Education

Army record

Relatives

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Marital Status

Married [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and obtained
divorce [REDACTED] presently
unmarried.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: May 15, 1947

FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
ELIZABETH SHORT, aka Black Dahlia - VICTIM
INFORMATION CONCERNING
Bureau File 62-82627

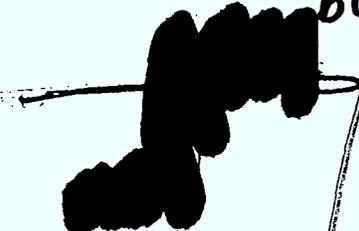
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Attached hereto are copies of memorandum addressed to the Los Angeles Office March 27, 1947.

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cc - Los Angeles

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May 23. 1947.

[Redacted]

John Edgar Hoover
United States
Department of Justice
Washington D. C.

My dear Edgar Hoover,

I have receipt your letter May 13. 1947
which you stated referring a copy of my letter
Police Department Los Angeles California.

I am forwarding you a key which I suspect
The killer Elizabeth shot the Black dallas.
This suspect gave me this key to get a room to-gether.
And swindle 75 dollars in cash of me.

Which he promised me to put me in motion picture
And make me famous this suspect claimed he was an
Extra to act in motion picture R. K. O. Studio
His first name is Vicent last name De. I cant.

I will remember his last name.
I will you sent someone to see me I will explain things better
as a letter which I wrote to
Honorable Albert W. Hawkes

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I hope I could be helpful to you in anyway" 8 1947

May I hear from you real soon
with kind regards
I remain

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May 23, 1947,

John Edgar Hoover
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

My Dear Edgar Hoover,

I have receipt your letter May 13, 1947, which you stated referring a copy of my letter Police Department los Angeles California. I am forwarding you a key which I suspect The Killer Elizabeth Short the black dahlia. This suspect gave me this key to git a room to-gether And swindle 75 dollars in cash of me. Which he promised me to put me in motion picture and make me famous this suspect claimed he was an Extra to act in motion picture R.K.O. Studio Is first name is Vicent last name De I cant not remember his last name. I wish you sent someone to see me I will explain things better. Is a letter which I wrote to Honorable Albert W. Hawkes I hope I could be helpful to you in anyway.

May I hear from you real soon

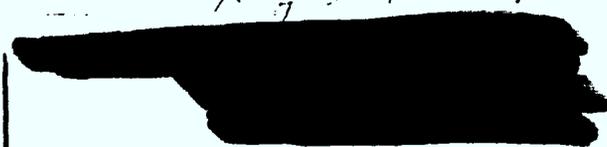
With Kind Regards

I remain
[Redacted Signature]

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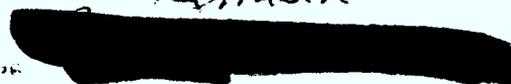
Honorable Albert W. Hawkes
Senate Office Building
Washington D.C.

My Dear Senator Hawkes,

I have received your letter and Senator Knowland
I thank you very much.

I am enclosing a letter which I have from the
Federal Bureau of investigation John Edgar Hoover
which I wrote Edgar Hoover which I suspect the killer -
The Black Dahlia that this suspect swindle \$75 dollars of me
which he promised he would put me in motion picture
and make me famous he also took my social security
number and my name kindly write a letter to
Edgar Hoover if they have picked up this suspect
5 feet 4 black hair black mustache dark brown eyes
weight 145 pounds is a boy I'm sending you which the suspect
saw me at the time I was in California.
You could forward this boy to Edgar Hoover
please send the letter back to me which John Edgar Hoover
wrote to me. I have lost my discharge button.
Could I get another one.

Kindly Reply soon
With kind regards b7C
I Remain



May 20, 1947,

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Honorable Albert W. Hawkes
Senate Office Building
Washington D. C.

My Dear Senator Hawkes,

I have recieved your letter and Senator Knowland I thank you very much.

I am enclosing a letter which I have from the Federal Bureau of investigation John Edgar hoover which I wrote Edgar hoover which I suspect the Killer The Black dalhia that this supect swindle \$75 dollars of me which he promised he would put me in motion picture And make me famous he also took my social Security Number and My name Kindly write a letter to Edgar hoover if they have picked up this supect 5 feet 4 black hair black mustache dark brown eyes weigh 145 pounds is a key im sending you which the suspect gave me at the time I was in California.

You could forward this key to edgar hoover.

Please send the letter back to me which John Edgar Hoover wrote to me. I have lost my discharge button.

Could I git another one.

Kindly Reply Soon
With Kind Regards
I remain

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June 4, 1947

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of May 23, 1947, has been received and the contents thereof carefully noted.

Inasmuch as the murder of Elizabeth Short in Los Angeles, California, is a matter not within the jurisdiction of this Bureau, I am taking the liberty of forwarding a copy of your communication to the Los Angeles Police Department for information and consideration. A copy of your letter to the Honorable Albert W. Hawkes, Senate Office Building, Washington, D. C., is also being furnished to the Los Angeles Police Department. The key, which you transmitted with your referenced letter, is being returned herewith.

It is suggested that in the event you have any additional information which you think may have some bearing on the murder of Elizabeth Short that you communicate directly with the Chief of Police, Los Angeles, California. However, I want you to feel free to communicate with me at any time you have any information which, in your opinion, concerns the functions of this Bureau.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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[Handwritten signature and initials]

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June 4, 1947

SAC, Los Angeles

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Director, FBI

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UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
ELIZABETH SHORT, wa Black Dahlia, Victim;
INFORMATION CONCERNING

There are transmitted herewith three copies each of two self-explanatory communications prepared by [redacted] under the dates of May 23 and May 20, 1947, respectively. In this connection reference is made to Bulet of May 13, 1947, transmitting to your division a copy of a prior communication received by the Bureau from [redacted] for transmittal to the Los Angeles, California Police Department. It is desired that one copy each of the attached letters prepared by [redacted] be delivered to the Los Angeles Police Department for their information.

The Bureau will not interview [redacted] in the absence of a specific request from the Los Angeles Police Department. For your information, the key referred to by [redacted] is being returned to him direct.

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cc Newark (Enc.)

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June 24, 1947

I.I. #590 SOUND-PHOTO TRANSMISSION OF FINGERPRINTS
LEADS TO IDENTITY OF ELIZABETH SHORT

During January, 1947; the police in a Southern California city were not only confronted with the problem of solving mad butcher murders of women, but in the first instance were many times unable to determine the identity of the victims.

When the body of a young woman, severed at the waist and mutilated in other ways, was found in a vacant lot in Southwestern Los Angeles on the morning of January 15, 1947, they were again confronted with this problem. It appeared she had been dead about ten hours and the body had been placed in full view only a few feet from the sidewalk.

The authorities were practically at a standstill in their investigation until the deceased victim could be identified.

The fingerprints of the body were taken by the police, who then sought the cooperation of the Los Angeles Examiner newspaper to transmit the fingerprints by wire photo to the FBI Identification Division in Washington, D. C. Eliciting the aid of the International News Service, the newspaper transmitted the prints to its Washington headquarters. At 11 a.m. on January 16 the pictures were received by the Identification

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Division. Within 58 minutes an identification was established with two fingerprint cards previously on file bearing the name of Elizabeth Short.

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Despite the fact that two of the impressions were missing entirely and three others were badly blurred, FBI fingerprint technicians were able to make an identification by searching all possible fingerprint combinations. At this time there were approximately 104,000,000 fingerprint cards on file.

One of the fingerprint cards submitted and identified as that of Elizabeth Short indicated that Miss Short was an applicant for a position as a clerk in the Post Exchange of Camp Cook, California, on January 30, 1943. The other set was submitted by the Santa Barbara, California, Police Department reflecting her arrest on September 23, 1943, on charges of violating juvenile court laws, after which she was released to the probation department.

The successful use of scientific communications equipment in this case was referred to by the Director of the FBI as follows: "The action of the Los Angeles Examiner in transmitting to the FBI the fingerprints of the unidentified murder victim is an excellent illustration of the cooperation of the press with law enforcement, and it is such cooperation that aids law enforcement in curbing the increase in crime."

The FBI was not only able to advise as to the Short girl's identification but, in addition, was able to furnish copies of her picture and a record of her past employment to the authorities and others interested.

The successful identification of Elizabeth Short prompted the Los Angeles authorities on March 11, 1947, to again

transmit fingerprints via the photo-wire service process to the FBI. From an indistinct set of ten prints, two of which defied efforts to classify, an identification was effected within 25 minutes after receipt. The unknown murder victim was identified as Mrs Lorene Preston and Los Angeles authorities were notified of the identification the same night.

The woman had been fingerprinted as an applicant on two different occasions.

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TO : Mr. Tracy *Man*

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: Interesting Identification #590

DATE: 6/3/47

Attached for approval is an interesting identification prepared in the Crime Records Section. Upon approval it is suggested this be returned to Crime Records for further handling.

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Elizabeth Short

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ELIZABETH SHORT, AKA BLACK DAHLIA. INFO. CONCERNING [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] NSN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] PRESENTLY IN CUSTODY RIVERSIDE PD ON CHARGE OF BURGLARY. SUSPECT STILL IN SERVICE OF USN AND CONSIDERED BY LA AUTHORITIES AS LIKELY SUSPECT IN BO MURDER. DESIRE TO ASCERTAIN THROUGH SUSPECT SERVICE RECORD HIS WHEREABOUTS ON PERTINENT PERIOD OF JANUARY NINE THROUGH FIFTEEN, FORTY SEVEN. EXPEDITE ANSWER AS MATTER OF COOPERATION TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION. September 18, 1947

Transmit the following message to: SAC, LOS ANGELES URGENT

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REFEL SEPTEMBER SIXTEEN LAST ELIZABETH SHORT, AKA BLACK DANLIA, INFORMATION

CONCERNING. [REDACTED] NEW [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] TRANSFERRED JANUARY SEVEN LAST FROM [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] TO [REDACTED] ARRIVING SAME DAY. TRANSFERRED BACK TO
[REDACTED] JANUARY TWENTY-TWO LAST. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WILL
HAVE RECORD SHOWING IF SUBJECT CONFINED TO BASE DURING PERIOD FROM JANUARY
SEVEN TO TWENTY-TWO LAST. BUREAU INDICES REFLECT SUBJECT NO LONGER DESERVED
FROM NAVY. RETURNED TO MILITARY CONTROL AUGUST TWENTY-EIGHT LAST AT LOS
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DIRECTOR URGENT

ELIZABETH [REDACTED] SHORT, AKA BLACK DAHLIA, MURDERED EVA. JANE
FIFTEEN, LAST. [REDACTED] ASN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] FORMERLY ASSIGNED [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] AND TRANSFERRED IN SEPT., NINETEEN FORTYSIX TO [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] KNOWN TO HAVE CARRIED ON SEVERAL TELEPHONIC CONVER-
SATIONS WITH VICTIM WHILE HE [REDACTED] WAS STATIONED IN [REDACTED]
LOCAL AUTHORITIES DESIRE TO [REDACTED] ASCERTAIN WHETHER [REDACTED] PRESENTLY
IN SERVICE AND IF SO WHERE LOCATED SO THAT HE MAY BE INTERVIEWED.
ADVISE AS MATTER OF COOPERATION WITH LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

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Transmit the following message to:

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RETEL OCTOBER ONE, ELIZABETH SHORT, AKA BLACK DAHLIA. WAR DEPARTMENT ADVISES

[REDACTED] BELIEVED FROM ACTIVE DUTY JANUARY THREE, LAST AT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HOME ADDRESS [REDACTED]

ROCHESTER, NEW YORK.

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DIRECTOR URGENT

ELIZABETH SHORT, VICTIM, AKA BLACK DAHLIA, MURDER. MARK HANSEN
 WA. MARK HANSEN, FIFTY TWO YRS, BORN DENMARK, FIVE FT. NINE, ONE
 SEVENTY FIVE LBS., LT. BROWN HAIR, BLUE EYES, OCCUPATION THEATER
 BUSINESS, HANSEN CONSIDERED LIKELY SUSPECT IN INSTANT MURDER.
 AS MATTER OF COOPERATION LOCAL PD REQUEST CHECK OF FILES FOR
 CRIMINAL RECORD OR INFO CONCERNING INSTANT SUSPECT. SUTEL.

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TO: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION MARCH 16, 1948

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Transmit the following message to: SAC
LOS ANGELES

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ELIZABETH SHORT, VICTIM, AKA BLACK DAHLIA, MURDER. REURTEL
MARCH FIFTEENTH LAST. SUSPECT MARK HANSEN MAYBE IDENTICAL MARK
M. HANSEN, FBI THREE FIVE THREE SEVEN TWO NAUGHT NAUGHT. FIN-
GERPRINTED APRIL THIRTYEIGHT, APPLICANT ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE
LICENSE, BY STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION, LOS ANGELES, NUMBER
TWO TWO FIVE NINE SIX. ALSO FINGERPRINTED BY SHERIFF LOS ANGELES,
APPLICANT SPECIAL DEPUTY SHERIFF COMM. JUNE FORTYTHREE, DESCRIBED
THEN - BORN DENMARK JULY TWENTYFIFTH EIGHTEEN NINETYTWO, FIVE
SEVEN AND HALF, ONE SIXTYFIVE POUNDS, BROWN HAIR, BLUE EYES,
RESIDENCE SIX NAUGHT TWO ONE HOLLYWOOD BLVD. THIS SUBJECT HAS
NO CRIMINAL RECORD IDENT. DIV. FILES. CONFIRMING.

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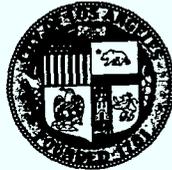
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Per [Redacted]

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CITY OF LOS ANGELES
CALIFORNIA



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MAYOR

DEPARTMENT OF
POLICE
CITY HALL
LOS ANGELES 12
MICHIGAN 5211

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January 10, 1949.

John Edgar Hoover, Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Identification Division.

Dear Sir:

We hereby request your Abstract, Form T-2,
indicating record of [redacted]
described as being male, caucasian.

[redacted] years of
age, in [redacted]. A copy of his fingerprints are
enclosed.

Request immediate reply by airmail, special
delivery, as subject is a suspect in an important
murder case.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Yours very truly,

By [redacted]

RECORDS &
IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Date recorded: 1-19-49 10:00 AM

Single Fingerprint Report

Number: 62-82627-61 ✓

Case: RE: BLACK DAHLIA
ELIZABETH SHORT
MURDER

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Specimens: The fingerprints of suspect [redacted] submitted for comparison with the latents previously submitted in connection with the above-entitled case.

Examination requested by: [redacted] Police, Los Angeles, Calif.
Att: [redacted] Records and Identification

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Date received: 1-18-49 [redacted] Division

Date of reference communication: 1-10-49

Examination requested: Fingerprint

Result of examination:

Examination by: [redacted] b7c

MSD

Evidence Noted by:

*7 pts. of above individual compared
latents instant case. 1/14 [redacted] b7c
Dictated 1-14 [redacted] b7c*

[redacted] b7c

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. H. B. FLETCHER *WPF*

FROM : [REDACTED] *b7c*

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
 BLACK DAHLIA MURDER CASE
 Los Angeles, California
 MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

DATE: 1-11-49

Time of Call: 10:55 p.m.
1-10-49

- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. Clegg _____
- Mr. Glavin _____
- Mr. Ladd _____
- Mr. Nichols _____
- Mr. Rosen _____
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Egan _____
- Mr. Gurnea _____
- Mr. Harbo _____
- Mr. Mohr _____
- Mr. Pennington _____
- Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
- Tele. Room _____
- Mr. Nease _____
- Miss Holmes _____
- Miss Gandy _____

b7c [REDACTED] of the Hearst Newspapers called. He said that the police had located a suspect in the above case by the name of [REDACTED] with aliases [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. He stated that the organization was supposed to get a set of the suspect's fingerprints in Los Angeles and send them to Los Angeles by wirephoto, whereupon he would deliver them to the FBI for searching. He said that he hadn't received the prints as yet and it didn't appear that he was going to get them. I explained to him that we would make such searches only for recognized police agencies. He said that he understood that.

ACTION:

None. This is being prepared in order that the Identification Division may be alert for such prints if and when they are received.

[REDACTED] *b7c*

1-11-49-3:30 PM

Finger print of [REDACTED] FBI [REDACTED] b7c b7

who is probably identical with the subject compared with the latest fingerprints in this case but no identification effected -

Wire photo not received to date - [REDACTED]

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January 14, 1949

AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

[REDACTED]
Police
Los Angeles, California

Attention: **[REDACTED]**
Records and Identification
Division

RE: BLACK DAHLIA
ELIZABETH SHORT
MURDER

My dear **[REDACTED]**

Reference is made to your letter of January 10, 1948 submit-
ting a set of fingerprints of **[REDACTED]** a possible suspect
in connection with the above-entitled case, your reference # **[REDACTED]**

You are advised that a search of the fingerprints submitted
through the Bureau's main fingerprint files, has disclosed a prior
fingerprint record for this individual as #FBI **[REDACTED]** a transcript
of which is enclosed.

Assuring you of my desire to be of assistance in these matters,
I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosure
[REDACTED]
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- Miss Gandy _____

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: May 26, 1950

FROM : James M. McInerney, Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

JMM:JFB:mlm

SUBJECT: Unknown subject

We are transmitting herewith for whatever action you deem appropriate a letter from an inmate of the Federal Correctional Institution, Danbury, Connecticut. This letter was sent through the prisoner's mail box and transmitted to the Criminal Division by the Bureau of Prisons. The writer alleges that the perpetrator of the "Black Dahlia" murder is presently an inmate of the Federal Institution at Danbury, Connecticut, and states that he can be identified by certain tattoo marks and that the alleged murderer is [redacted] named [redacted].

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Mar 2, 1950
(Date)

To Mr. W. G. Medina
(Name)

W. B. Courthouse, Foley Square
(Address)

Sir:

There was a murder committed in California in 1946. And the murderer is still at large. The person killed was known as the "Black Bitch" and she was a show girl.

The person who killed her, is serving time at this institution, and you'll know him by a tattoo that he has on his right arm. The tattoo reads as follows, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He is a Spanish fellow [REDACTED] known as [REDACTED] b7U

A word to the wise...

ENCLOSURE

SAC, Los Angeles

June 8, 1950

Director, FBI

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UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
ELIZABETH SHORT, AKA "BLACK BAHIA" -
VICTIM, MURDER, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
JANUARY 15, 1947
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING
RESEARCH

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Enclosed is a copy of a memorandum dated May 26, 1950, from the Department together with a copy of an enclosed letter dated May 18, 1950, from an anonymous prisoner who furnishes information relating to the above-captioned case.

As a matter of police cooperation, it is requested that the contents of the letter from the unidentified prisoner be made available to appropriate local law enforcement authorities in Los Angeles.

Enclosure

cc - New Haven, with copy of memorandum and enclosed letter.

NOTE: See 62-82627

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: February 26, 1952

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (62-2928)

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
ELIZABETH SHORT, aka "Black Dahlia," - VICTIM
Murder, Los Angeles, California,
January 15, 1947
POLICE COOPERATION

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The Los Angeles Police Department continues its investigation into the unsolved murder of ELIZABETH SHORT. On February 25, 1952, [redacted] Homicide Division, Los Angeles Police Department, called attention to [redacted]

[redacted] the activity of [redacted] who had posed as a surgeon and thus had entered the Navy as a surgeon-lieutenant, and had allegedly performed numerous surgical operations in the Korean area, although he has had no formal medical education, and was an impostor using the credentials of [redacted]

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The police have made no inquiry [redacted] and desire to delay such inquiry until more definite dates can be ascertained. It is suggested

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that the investigative file on [REDACTED] may contain information as to his travels prior to his apprehension and may include dates of his stay [REDACTED]

The files of the Los Angeles Office contain no identifiable record concerning [REDACTED] under his true name or any of the three aliases.

It has been a contention of the Los Angeles Police Department detectives that the person who murdered ELIZABETH SHORT had some training or knowledge of surgery or a related science, due to the manner in which the body of the victim was mutilated and bisected at the waist [REDACTED] requested that the files of the Bureau be reviewed to ascertain, if possible, the dates when [REDACTED] was in California, and when he might have been released from Navy barracks at San Pedro, a suburb of Los Angeles. The Los Angeles Police Department has indicated no data reflecting [REDACTED] is a suspect in the Black Dahlia killing, and desires to know whether [REDACTED] might have a provable alibi for his location on January 15, 1947, which would eliminate him as a possible suspect in this murder.

As the Bureau has in the past furnished considerable assistance on this case to the Los Angeles Police Department, it is requested that Bureau files and records of the Identification Division be reviewed for data of possible assistance to the Los Angeles Police Department regarding [REDACTED]

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SAC, Los Angeles (62-2928)
Director, FBI

March 21, 1952

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UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
ELIZABETH BENTLEY, aka "Black Dahlia," - VICTIM
Murder, Los Angeles, California,
January 30, 1947
POLICE INVESTIGATION

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Reurlet 3/21/52, concerning
ASN [redacted] WAS [redacted]

NSH

[redacted]
Information concerning the subject about the time of the
captioned murder reflects that on November 18, 1946 the Office
advised that the subject was there and was being held awaiting
action. The Department of the Navy, in advising the Bureau of the
subject's most recent exploits [redacted]

A review of the Bureau file reflects that subject was inter-
viewed at the time of his apprehension [redacted] at
which time he stated that he left [redacted] during March
or April, 1946 and traveled to Los Angeles where he stayed at [redacted]
Subject stated he stayed
at [redacted] approximately three months and upon leaving there
went to [redacted] Washington. The investigation
reflected that subject first appeared at [redacted] July
6, 1946. This would indicate [redacted] was in Los Angeles for
approximately three months, from some time in March or April until
early in June, 1946.

There are enclosed herewith two copies of the identification
record of [redacted] under FBI number [redacted]. This information is
provided for whatever use may be made of it by the Los Angeles Police
Department.

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[Redacted]

MARCH 14, 1975

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Black Dahlia

Dear Sir:

I would like to request information or newspaper clippings on the murder case of the "BLACK DAHLIA TRIALS".

The information will be used on an English report on journalism.

Please send as quickly as possible, thank you for your time.

ack 3-12-75 [Redacted] b7c

Sincerely Yours,

[Redacted]

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UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

(In care of Washington D.C.)
(Airmail)

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[Redacted] b7c
CORRESPONDENCE