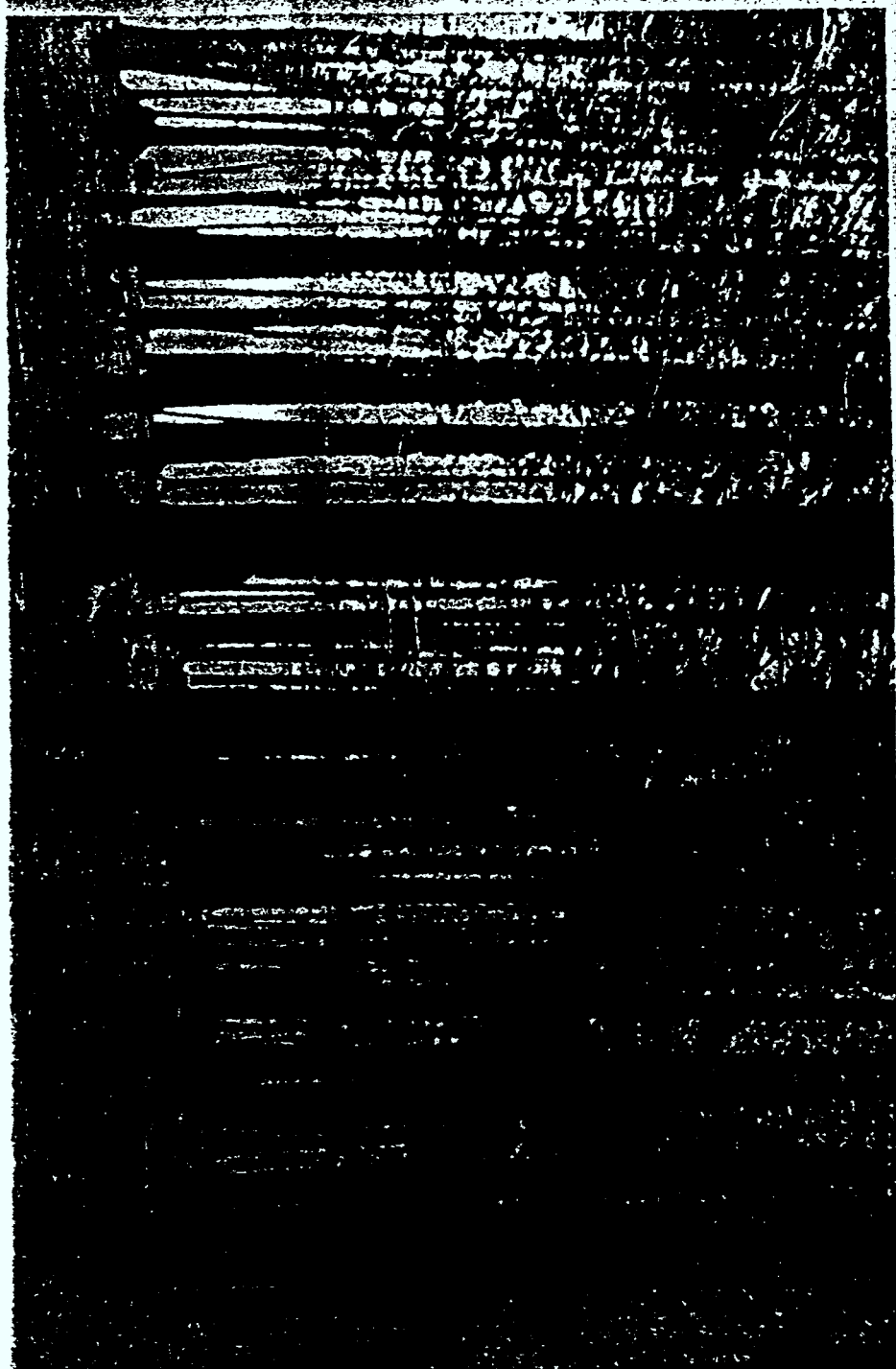
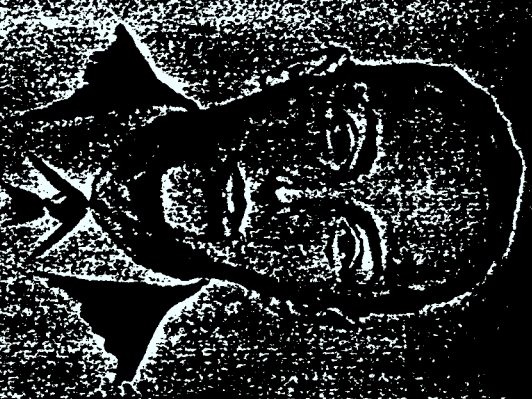


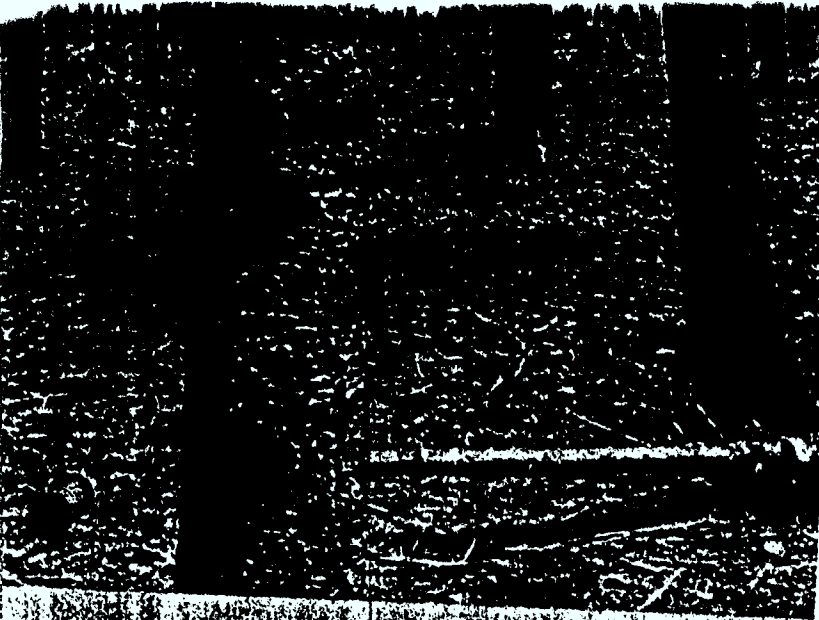
PARTING SHOTS

The skyjacker who vanished into thin air

This country has a way of eating people up, says the young deputy sheriff, mentioning through the mist at a ridge of the Cascade Mountains, in southwest Washington, "They tell us Cooper pulled out and landed back of that mountain. But who really knows?"

These thickly curtained woods have become the graveyard for scores of lost hunters and strayed children. Now, they also seem to have swallowed up the secret of "D. B. Cooper," the first of the parachuting hijackers and, currently, the only one not in custody. No tangible trace of him has been found since he bailed out the back door of a Northwest Orient jet last Thanksgiving Eve. He was dressed in a business suit, top coat and brown oxfords, and he had \$200,000 in ransom strapped to his chest. This exploit has become legend in the Northwest. A meager cut has formed around him, and at least three subsequent hijackers have used Cooper's technique. All were later arrested. Cooper himself remains a total mystery. The





Friday, whose house looks down on long, frigid Lake Merwin. "Everyone breathed a sigh when he wasn't found. They feel the glory—and the money—belong to us."

In Mrs. Friday's book, which her brother-in-law, Bill, illustrated with cartoons (right), the skyjacker meets an ignominious end. Indeed, the FBI informed residents that Cooper may have been de-

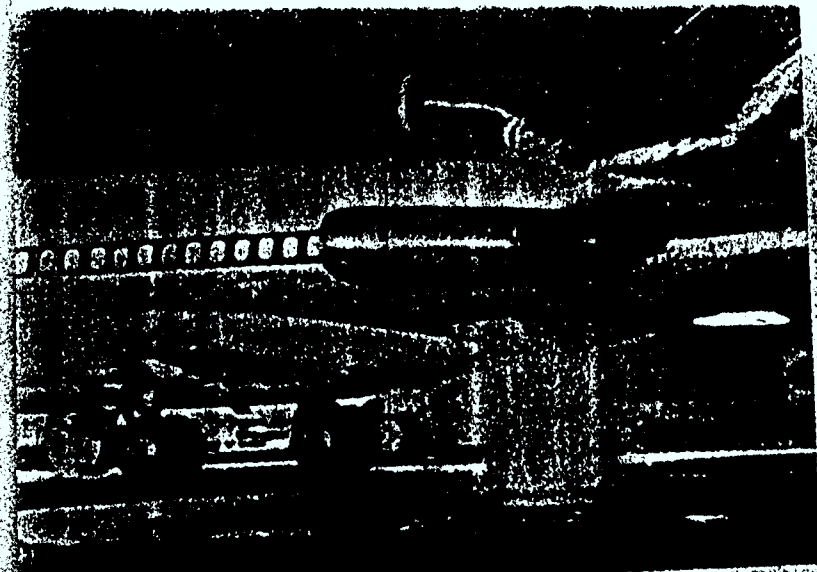
voured by animals, and asked them to look for remains. But like most of her neighbors, Anna Friday doesn't believe that Cooper died. "It was too carefully planned for him to flub up at the last minute," she says, fixing a thoughtful gaze out through the low-lying fog. "And remember—there were just enough odd things that happened around here that night."

and then both disappeared. Was this a rehearsal for Cooper's getaway? The Hauns don't know. On the night of the crime, like just about everyone else in the Center, they were attending a wedding at the Evangelical church.

This spring the army sent 300 men in for a three-week search, but they turned up nothing except a little local hostility. The folks in Etne are still angry at the disturbance that the soldiers and their helicopters caused. Clarence Anry's horse disappeared for three days and two frightened cows ran themselves to death. A few days after the searchers left, Shirley Free and Howard Pearson's wife were out collecting old bottles at the griet mill on Cedar Creek when they stumbled upon a woman's hand in the underbrush. Then yet another body was discovered over on Studebaker Road. It wasn't Cooper. And now, Cowlitz County has two unsolved murders on its hands, as well as a phantom hijacker.

RICHARD WOODBURY



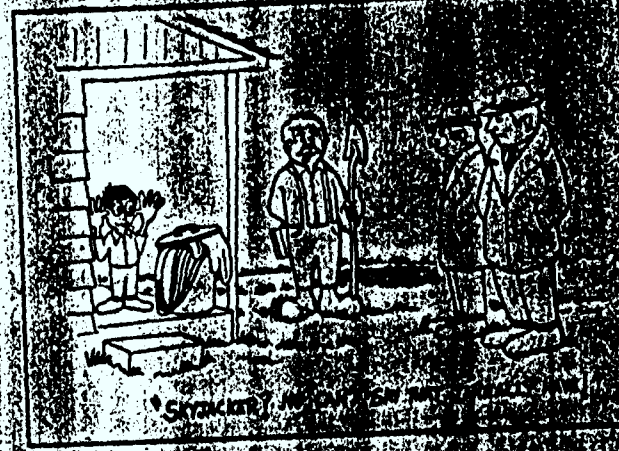


With a make-believe bomb, a passenger using the name D. B. Cooper (in FBI sketch, far left) hijacked this Northwest jet, then bailed out into the dense woods of south-western Washington state (below)

A recently published book by Anna Friday (below, right) includes some cartoon speculation as to what may have happened to Cooper after he parachuted to earth.

Like down the road at Jess Hatfield's place. Old Jess heard a thumping on his roof, but by the time he got out there, rifle at the ready, there was nothing. In the nearby community of View, it was black and blustery—hardly a night for small planes—but at a seldom-used airstrip near the cemetery, there were strange goings-on. Emil Neiger's wife recalls seeing an aircraft circling for nearly an hour. She doesn't know if it landed, but Mrs. Melvin Andersen, who lives across the way, says that it did.

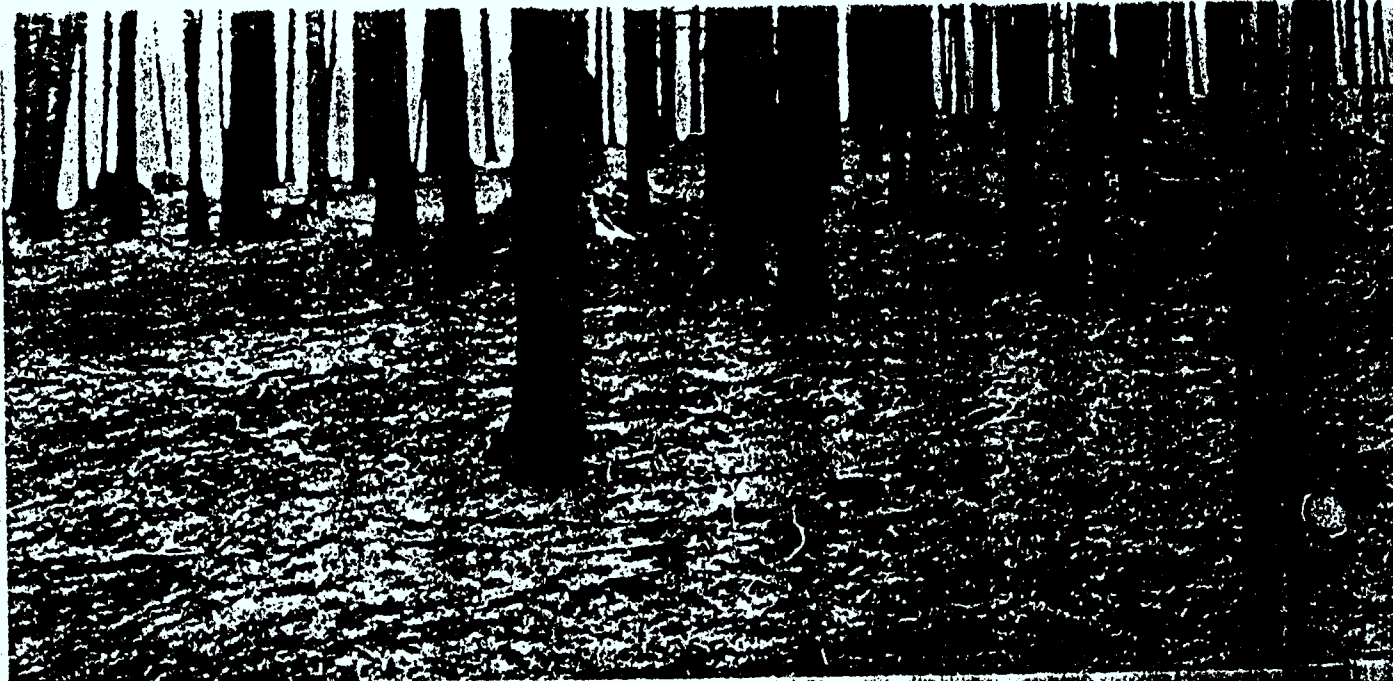
Five miles to the west, at Le Center, there is another strip adjacent to Donald Haun's blackberry farm. On the preceding night, also in forbidding weather, Haun's wife remembers that a plane was devioused with a gas. The aircraft took off with the aid of the headlight. It returned 15 minutes later and then both carrier plane. Was this a rehearsal for Cooper's getaway? The Hauns don't know. On the night of the



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After Cooper jumped, it was two days before the heavy clouds cleared enough to permit a helicopter search of the steep lava foothills and farmlands. The authorities figured that Cooper probably came down near the shores of Lake Merwin. But the search yielded nothing, and heavy snows soon sealed the woods off.

Did Cooper get away or not? That is one of the questions that galled loggers spend long hours debating around the stove in the Ariel general store and across the river at Nick's Tavern in Amboy. If Cooper did, then why haven't any of the ten thousand \$20 bills—all carefully recorded by the FBI—shown up? Could the skyjacker have had an accomplice on the ground? Or is Cooper hanging dead, tangled in a fir tree out there



above Merwin Dam, then why hasn't his body or the money been found? Have the searchers been looking in the wrong place?

No answers. The prospect of all that money sent fortune hunters racing into the woods last fall. And even today campers keep an eager eye out for the skyjacker's loot. Meanwhile, the North-

west has eulogized D. B. Cooper in song and verse. Promoters have capitalized on Cooper T-shirts and bumper stickers. Two men were arrested and charged with fleecing a writer of \$30,000 by promising an interview with Cooper. An underground newspaper in Seattle published another "interview" with the skyjacker, but it was promptly debunked by authorities. With the

passage of time, Cooper has assumed a certain Jesse James quality. At the Ariel store, an autograph party was held this month to celebrate publication of Anna Friday's whimsical book on the skyjacking, entitled *Skyjacker's Guide—Or Please Hold This Bomb While I Go to the Bathroom*. "The people are all kind of proud that happened here," observed Mrs.

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St. Richfield discovered that the man claimed he had a bomb was demanding \$200,000 ransom, four parachutes and the flight crew's cooperation in his escape.

The hijacker, described by crew members as "not nervous" rather "nice" and "never cruel or nasty," got everything he wanted and apparently used two of the parachutes to leave the Boeing 727 jet airplane sometime during the flight later Wednesday from Seattle to Reno, Nev.

At a press conference yesterday morning at the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport, the plane's six crew members gave this account of the hijacking:

The middle-aged hijacker, Hijack
Continued on page 9A

NWA hijacker continues

United Press International Woodland, Wash. Hampered by fog and rain, searchers slogged through the foothills of the Cascade Mountains Friday looking for an airline hijacker.

The fugitive took over a Northwest Airlines 727 jet Wednesday, collected \$200,000 ransom and escaped by parachute somewhere between Seattle, Wash. and Reno, Nev.

The ground and air search started near Woodland yesterday. FBI officials said that the site was selected on "pure conjecture" because four crew members who remained on the plane did not communicate with the hijacker between Seattle and Reno.

Indian troops claim after East Pakistan

Mukti Bahini (East Pakistan) guerrillas named a fighting base located near the village of Debra, East Pakistan.

Associated Press

HIJACK Stewardess remembers seeing red cylinder in suitcase

Continued from page 1
who wore dark glasses, a dark overcoat and a business suit, apparently boarded the plane Northwest flight 305 in Portland. He sat alone in the last row of seats in the coach compartment.

Shortly after takeoff from Portland, the man asked Miss Schaffner to sit beside him, and then handed her the note.

After she read the note, Miss Schaffner looked inside a small black suitcase the man was holding.

"I was scared to death and pretty nervous," she said, "but I do remember seeing a red cylinder in the suitcase."

She said the hijacker had no other suitcase with him, and added that Miss Schaffner told her the hijacker told her the hijacker was a pilot.

While Miss Schaffner accepted the note, down in the main cabin, Scott and Mucklow were with the hijacker.

Scott said the hijacker was always polite to me. Miss Mucklow said of the hijacker, "He did seem impatient at times."

The airplane landed at about 10:30 a.m. and 40 minutes of circling. The plane's 35 other passengers, who were not aware of the hijacking, left the aircraft in Seattle with Miss Schaffner and a third stewardess, Mrs. Alice Hancock, 24, Inver Grove Heights.

Scott said Office William Rataczak, 3407 Selkirk Dr., Burnsville, and Second Officer Harold E. Anderson, Excelsior, remained in the cockpit throughout the hijacking. They never saw the hijacker.

Miss Mucklow, 7320 Cedar Av., Richfield, remained seated beside the hijacker in the coach compartment and relayed his demands to the cockpit via the plane's intercom system.

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Hijacker Believed Injured

WOODLAND, Wash. (UPI)—

The FBI said yesterday a hijacker who parachuted from an airliner with \$200,000 ransom probably landed in a timbered area east of here, and might still be there, possibly with a broken leg.

"We feel he is in this area," FBI Agent Thomas Manning said of the 3-by-3-mile stretch of rough timber country 15 miles north of Portland, Ore. "If we have to, we'll cover every square foot of it."

A search plane spotted "some thing white" nine miles northwest of the main search area, but it turned out to be a piece of plastic, probably left by loggers.

The hijacker, a healthy, middle-aged man who called himself D. B. Cooper, took over a Northwest Airlines jet with a "bomb" during a flight from Portland on Nov. 6.

He forced the plane to land at Seattle, collected four parachutes and \$200,000 in \$20 bills in a suitcase, and then disappeared. He was believed to have bled from the nose and leg during the jump. He was also believed to have broken his leg when he landed. He was believed to have been wearing a one-piece jumpsuit and a leather jacket. He was also believed to have been wearing a watch and a pocket knife.

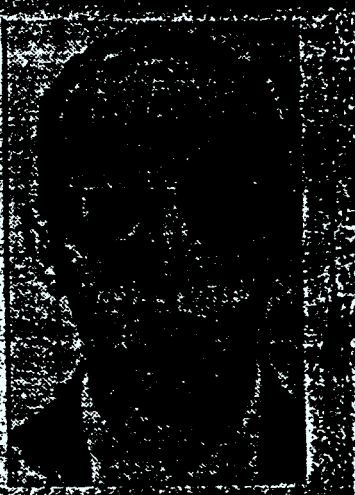


Photo (left) of the person who is believed to be the hijacker, who parachuted from the plane. Photo (right) shows the area where he is believed to have landed. The FBI agent said he believes the area had told him they were looking for the hijacker.

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sincerely I ask you: Do cover stories
thing going with mid-terms, or

has a strength and fortitude that probably
makes him a greater man than man
John, you ought to win greeting card
I'm impressed.

... cheating and lying to the public. Why
do liberals think Ted Kennedy is any
different than Richard Nixon, a liar and a
cheat?

Ronald Reagan is calling for tax cuts,
across the board for all taxpayers. People
a freeze on wages, prices, rents, interest
rates and profits. He does not mention a
freeze on TAXES, the one thing that is
killing all American wallets and
pocketbooks. Kennedy is calling for the
passage, by Congress of the Humphrey-
Hawkins Full Employment Bill, and the
National Health Insurance Bill, these two
pieces of legislation are highly inflationary
and totally unnecessary. This legislation
will hurt the very people that Kennedy is so
concerned about: the poor, elderly,
do not want the big government that
Kennedy stands for. Kennedy is calling for
minorities and women. This proposed
legislation would tax these people even
more, because the hidden tax, inflation,
hunts these groups the hardest. Miss Riley,
Ronald Reagan and his "performance" in
New Hampshire may not be to your liking,
but I'll take him any day over our buffoon
from Massachusetts.

Lawrence A. Cunningham
Quincy, MA.

Oh! Revisited

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Launched forward, sweat poured, demons
chanted, hoaxed screeching:

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God himself delivering the word from on
high... The paradox of human
achievement had been presented—the
invisible star—infinite geometry
demanded an existence remembered only
by those so twisted... so possessed... A
Rocky Ryan... A Jim Schreiber. For this
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Lookout

D.B. Cooper Was Here

by Ken Lizotte

I have been passed more evidence that
D.B. Cooper, the 1971 hijacker who
escaped with \$200,000 somewhere over the
Southern California countryside, actually
surfaced—at least briefly—in Cambridge.
Cooper has been eluding the F.B.I. rather
successfully all through the seventies, but
my source (let's call him, The Lark) claims
that a D.B. Cooper lived in the Boston area
from 1977 to at least late 1978. He also
maintains that prominent U.S. officials
knew this but did not report it to the
Bureau. The Lark also says that former
New Hampshire Governor Mel Thomson
gave information to Cooper concerning
the possibility of transmigration to South
Africa. The question, then, is what this *the*
D.B. Cooper, and, whoever it was, who did
Governor Thomson think it was?

Also, who did Arthur F. Burns, former
chairman of the Federal Reserve Board,
think he was communicating with when
he received a letter from a D.B. Cooper
dated December 30, 1977? This letter is
noteworthy, since Cooper indicates that if
Burns is interested, Cooper might actually
send him some *Money*. Why? Surely, Burns
has enough of his own, and yet, here was a
D.B. Cooper (?) offering money to the
outgoing chairman of the F.R.B.? One can
only surmise how much and for what
reason and in any case, why, like
Thomson, did Burns say nothing about the
matter to law enforcement officials?

The Lark has offered this portion of the
letter as evidence: "I've been watching you
work very closely all the years you've been
head of the Fed, and I think you've done a
great job. Better than I could do, that's for
sure. I mean, it ain't easy keeping money
from getting out to the people the way you
have... somebody's got to keep money

from falling into the wrong hands... I
will most regret your leaving your job
because I will not be able to beat of you
anymore. Maybe they'll write a story about
you in People? I hope so, because I would
miss not being able to read about what
you've been doing with yourself. Whatever
happens, be active. Don't let the economy
get you down, it's not your worry
anymore."

Huh? This is an *outlaw* speaking? Is this
on the level or what? The Lark says it is,
but offers no explanation. Why then would
D.B. Cooper, the outlaw, commend Arthur
F. Burns for his work with the FRB? Could
this be code? Does Cooper know what he's
talking about when he writes, "It ain't
easy keeping money from falling into the
wrong hands?" The F.B.I. has certainly
been wringing its own hands as it's scoured
high and low for the two hundred thou
from Cooper's hijacking ransom.

The kicker here is that later in the letter,
Cooper offers Burns a *loan*! "I could send
you a few bucks," he says. "Nothing's too
good for a pal like you. *AND FOR ALL*
YOU'VE DONE." (*Emphasis mine!*) The
letter ends: "I wouldn't charge as much
interest as the banks do, so don't worry
about that part! Please contact me if I can
help. *I'M ALWAYS AROUND*."
(*Emphasis, once again, my own!*)

Most importantly, however, there is a
reply from Burns, dated January 6, 1978,
on FRB stationery and addressed to D.B.
Cooper, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Unless The Lark has somehow stolen
FRB letterheads, Arthur Burns must have a
copy of this reply somewhere in his own
files! Does the Bureau know this? Again,
why didn't Burns report these
communiqués in the first place?

The reply is terse, even perplexing: "It
was good of you to write me so graciously. I
deeply appreciate your kind thoughts."
That's it! Maybe Burns is merely simple,
maybe it never crossed his mind that this
might be the same D.B. Cooper.

But how, really, do any of us know for
certain that it was not?

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Lookout

D. B. Cooper in Cambridge

by Ken Lizotte

The news media in this town ain't so special, nor are the F.B.I., anywhere. They've been tracking down *D.B. Cooper* for years, since 1971 in fact, and looking for the \$200 G's he obtained in ransom from an airline hijacking, a feat of no miniscule proportion considering he escaped — yes, ESCAPED! — by parachuting into the Southern California countryside. The one that did it, AND GOT AWAY, that's Daniel B. Cooper.

Legend has it, however, that Cooper dropped the money, either in part or all, as he floated to earth, and that twenty-dollar bills were thus deposited ~~throughout~~ about the towns and villages in his landing area. Yet, strangely, none of the money, not one buck!, was ever found, and even more strange, every year, on the anniversary of his escape, the towns and villages in that area throw a "D.B. Cooper Celebration" to honor him for, well, for something! They appreciate him, though one can only speculate as to why, and there seems to be a genuine hope that the feds never catch him, wherever he may be.

And could that "wherever" be, or have been, Cambridge? According to a most reliable source of mine, a D.B. Cooper lived near Central Square during the winter months of 1978. His name was clearly displayed on a mailbox and correspondence to and from him was regularly delivered. Was this the same D.B.

corresponded with many well-known public officials, including *Arthur F. Burns*, former chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, *Bob Berglund*, Secretary of Agriculture, *Benjamin F. Bailar*, Postmaster-General of the United States, our own *Mel Thomson* of New Hampshire, and a *Dr. Red Metrowich*, chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Southern Africa Freedom Foundation. Apparently, Cooper wrote to Metrowich asking about getting out of the country and escaping to South Africa. His initial contact, however, had been with Thomson, who had directed him to Metrowich. Was Thomson collaborating with hijacker Cooper to help him get out of the country? Or was Thomson unaware that a hijacker seven years earlier had been named D.B. Cooper? Whatever the answer, did Thomson, or any of the others report this correspondence to the FBI as any good law-abiding American should? A check with both the Bureau and offices of these gentlemen reveals they did not.

Where are you now, *Alan Lupo*? The *Globe Spotlight Team*? *Mark Zanger*? *Peter Lucas*. All the other great investigative minds of Boston journalism? Was D.B. Cooper, the hijacker-that-got-away, right here in the Boston area for a year or more? Is he now in South Africa? How can the FBI take so much credit for finding "bits of twenty dollar bills," as they did this month, when Cooper may not even be in the country any longer? After all, it's been nine years, and those bits they found in the California mud are the most they've got to show for the years and talent poured into this mending manhood.

It would seem easy that if *Abbie Hoffman* wants to truly remain at large, the thing to do is change his name back to just that: *Abbie Hoffman*. No one would ever suspect that a fugitive would keep his true name. This obviously has been the case with D.B. Cooper.

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D.B. COOPER ENTHUSIAST PLANS TO CONTINUE SEARCH
PORTLAND, Ore. (UPI) - A FORMER FBI AGENT, FASCINATED BY THE
11-YEAR-OLD LEGEND OF SKYJACKER D.B. COOPER, PLANS TO SEARCH THE
COLUMBIA RIVER WHERE HE BELIEVES THE STILL-MISSING COOPER LEFT SOME OF
HIS \$200,000 RANSOM.

RICHARD TOSAW ALSO HAS ENTERED INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH FOUR BROTHERS
WHO OWN FARM LAND WEST OF PORTLAND TO SEARCH AN AREA IN WHICH PART OF
THE \$200,000 RANSOM PAID BY NORTHWEST AIRLINES ON THANKSGIVING EVE 1971
WAS FOUND.

AN 8-YEAR-OLD BOY PICNICKING WITH HIS FAMILY ON A BEACH ON THE
FAZIO BROS. PROPERTY FOUND ROTTING PACKETS CONTAINING \$5,800 IN \$20
BILLS, THE ONLY MONEY RECOVERED FROM THE SKYJACKING.

TOSAW, A CERES, CALIF., PROBATE ATTORNEY WRITING A BOOK ON THE
SKYJACKING, WANTS TO START SEARCHING NOV. 24 - THE 11TH ANNIVERSARY OF
THE DAY A MAN USING THE NAME COOPER BAILED OUT OF A NORTHWEST BOEING 727
WITH THE MONEY APPARENTLY STRAPPED AROUND HIS BODY IN ONE OF THE SPARE
PARACHUTES HE DEMANDED.

COOPER HIJACKED THE PLANE AFTER IT LEFT PORTLAND, LET THE
PASSENGERS OFF IN SEATTLE AND ORDERED THE CREW TO STAY IN THE COCKPIT
AREA AND FLY HIM TO RENO, NEV., WITH THE RANSOM MONEY HE GOT FROM THE
AIRLINE.

HE PARACHUTED FROM THE PLANE'S REAR DOOR. THE FBI COMPUTED HE
LANDED IN THE LAKE MERWIN AREA NORTHEAST OF VANCOUVER, WASH.

TOSAW, WHO LEFT THE FBI BEFORE THE SKYJACKING, BECAME INTERESTED IN
THE CASE AFTER THE MONEY WAS FOUND AND DECIDED COOPER LANDED NEARBY,
SOME NINE MILES WEST OF VANCOUVER.

HE WANTS SOMEONE TO DRAG THE RIVER WITH GRAPPLING HOOKS TO TRY TO
SNAG COOPER'S PARACHUTE, HIS BODY OR ANYTHING ELSE THAT DIVERS COULD
THEN CHECK.

"MY THEORY IS THAT THE PARACHUTE WOULD BE EASIEST TO FIND BECAUSE
IT'S 28 FEET ACROSS AND WITH NYLON CORDS AND A CANVAS HARNESS," TOSAW
SAID.

HE FIGURES THE MONEY FOUND WAS CHURNED UP BY AN ARMY CORPS OF
ENGINEERS' DREDGE WORKING THE AREA IN EARLY 1980.

TOSAW HAS WITHDRAWN A REWARD HE HAD OFFERED FOR FINDING ANY SIGN OF
COOPER.

HE BELIEVES THE HIJACKER WAS AN EX-MILITARY MAN WITH PARACHUTE
TRAINING, AND POSSIBLY A STRONG SWIMMER WHO COULD HAVE MADE IT TO SHORE
AFTER DUMPING THE CHUTE AND THE HEAVY MONEY BAG IN THE WATER.

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BY BARNEY LERTEN.

PORTLAND, Ore. (UPI) - A TATTERED PIECE OF CLOTH-COVERED NYLON, A PIECE OF ROPE AND A BONE SCOOPED FROM THE COLUMBIA RIVER MAY PROVIDE CLUES TO THE WHEREABOUTS OF SKYJACKER D.B. COOPER.

BLAKE PAYNE OF FLORENCE, Ore., MAILED THE ITEMS TO EX-FBI AGENT RICHARD TOSAW, A CERES, CALIF., LAWYER WRITING A BOOK ABOUT COOPER'S MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE AFTER HE PULLED OFF THE WORLD'S FIRST AERIAL HIJACK FOR RANSOM 11 YEARS AGO.

"AS LONG AS IT'S RELATED TO THAT JUMP, I'LL FEEL HE'VE HIT PAYDIRT," TOSAW SAID FRIDAY.

MOST AUTHORITIES DECIDED LONG AGO THE MAN NAMED ON PASSENGER LISTS AS DAN COOPER PROBABLY WAS KILLED WHEN HE PARACHUTED OUT OF A NORTHWEST AIRLINES BOEING 727 OVER SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON ON A RAINY THANKSGIVING EVE IN 1971 WITH \$200,000 IN RANSOM STRAPPED TO HIS WAIST.

THE ONLY CONCRETE CLUES TO COOPER'S FATE SO FAR HAVE BEEN SOME TATTERED BILLS FROM THE RANSOM MONEY DUG UP ALONG THE SHORE OF THE COLUMBIA IN FEBRUARY 1980.

PAYNE, SKIPPER OF THE FISHING BOAT "MAGNUM," WAS HIRED BY TOSAW LAST MONTH TO DREDGE THE BOTTOM OF THE COLUMBIA BETWEEN PORTLAND AND VANCOUVER, WASH., IN THE PLANE'S FLIGHT PATH.

"HE'S BEEN RAKING THE RIVER WITH A 12-FOOT RAKE - HE CALLS IT A 'COOPER SNOOPER' - FROM THE STERN OF HIS BOAT," TOSAW SAID IN A PHONE INTERVIEW.

"HE GOES BACK AND FORTH RIGHT WHERE THE AIRPLANE FLEW OVER THAT NIGHT, AT THE TIP OF HAYDEN ISLAND IN THE COLUMBIA.

PAYNE FOUND THE NYLON, CORD AND BONE THURSDAY. HE SAID HE WILL LEAVE THE SIGNIFICANCE OF HIS FIND TO THE EXPERTS.

"IT'S SOMETHING, ANYWAY," HE SAID. "IT'S DEFINITELY CANVAS, AND THAT NYLON CORD IS THE TYPE COOPER HAD. IT'S BEEN 11 YEARS, AND THIS STUFF LOOKED LIKE IT HAD BEEN THERE THAT LONG."

"WE'RE INTERESTED IN EXAMINING IT TO SEE IF THERE'S ANY INDICATION IT'S PART OF COOPER'S GEAR," TOSAW SAID. HE SAID HE WILL ASK EARL COSSEY OF SEATTLE, WHO PACKED THE PARACHUTES USED BY COOPER, TO HELP DETERMINE ITS VALIDITY.

"THE BONE PROBABLY HAS NO CONNECTION AT ALL," TOSAW SAID. HE SAID IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO CONFIRM THE IDENTITY OF A BONE, AND HE WAS NOT EVEN SURE IF IT WAS HUMAN.

WHETHER OR NOT THE CLUES PROVE TO HAVE MERIT, TOSAW SAID HE WILL KEEP UP THE SEARCH, WHICH ALREADY HAS COST HIM \$10,000. A MAJOR FIND COULDN'T HURT SALES OF TOSAW'S BOOK, WHICH HE PLANS TO PUBLISH IN TWO MONTHS, CALLED "D.B. COOPER: DEAD OR ALIVE?"

A NORTHWEST LEGEND HAS GROWN AROUND COOPER, WHO PULLED OFF THE NATION'S ONLY UNSOLVED HIJACKING, TRIGGERING HEIGHTENED SECURITY PROCEDURES AT AIRPORTS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

SONGS HAVE BEEN WRITTEN AND T-SHIRTS PRINTED, WHILE RESIDENTS OF ARIEL, WASH., IN THE AREA WHERE COOPER JUMPED, HOLD AN ANNUAL PARTY AND INVITE COOPER TO ATTEND. HE HAS YET TO DO SO.

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By BARNEY LERTEN
PORTLAND, ORE. (UPI) - THE FBI HAS DISCOUNTED ANY LINK BETWEEN
MISSING SKYJACKER D.B. COOPER AND PART OF A PARACHUTE AND OTHER ITEMS
SCOOPED FROM THE COLUMBIA RIVER.

"THIS ITEM, IF IT'S THE OLIVE-DRAB COLOR YOU DESCRIBE, HAS NOTHING
TO DO WITH COOPER," FBI AGENT DORWIN SCHREUDER SAID MONDAY.
SCHREUDER AND OTHER AGENTS LOOKED AT BLACK-AND-WHITE PHOTOS OF THE
DARK PIECE OF FABRIC.

THE PARACHUTE PART WAS FOUND SATURDAY BY CHARTER BOAT CAPTAIN BLAKE
PAYNE, WHO RETURNED TO HIS FLORENCE, ORE., HOME TO AWAIT FURTHER
INSTRUCTIONS FROM FORMER FBI AGENT RICHARD TOSAW OF CERES, CALIF., WHO
IS PAYING FOR THE RIVER SEARCH.

SCHREUDER SAID ONE OF THE FOUR PARACHUTES PROVIDED TO COOPER ALONG
WITH \$200,000 BEFORE THE SKYJACKER LEAPED FROM A NORTHWEST AIRLINES
BOEING 727 ON THANKSGIVING EVE OF 1971 WAS SIMILAR. BUT HE SAID IT WAS
LEFT BEHIND ON THE PLANE AND "WAS NOT ONE THAT HE TOOK WITH HIM."

SOME OF THE MONEY HAS BEEN FOUND ON A BANK OF THE WASHINGTON SIDE
OF THE COLUMBIA RIVER.

LAST WEEK PAYNE MAILED TOSAW A PIECE OF NYLON CORD, A TATTERED
PIECE OF FABRIC AND A BONE HE SCOOPED FROM THE COLUMBIA RIVER WITH A
METAL DEVICE CALLED THE "COOPER SNOOPER."

SCHREUDER, AFTER VIEWING PHOTOS OF THE MATERIALS FOUND BY PAYNE,
SAID: "THEY DON'T APPEAR TO BE AMONG THE ITEMS" LEFT BY THE LEGENDARY
SKYJACKER.

TOSAW IS WRITING A BOOK ABOUT COOPER. HE SURMISED THE FABRIC MIGHT
BE PART OF A BAG STUFFED WITH THE \$200,000 THE SKYJACKER STRAPPED TO HIS
WAIST BEFORE BAILING OUT OF THE JETLINER SOMEWHERE OVER SOUTHWEST
WASHINGTON.

TOSAW SAID THE CORD MIGHT HAVE COME FROM ONE OF THE PARACHUTES. HE
SAID COOPER MIGHT HAVE BEEN AN EX-GREEN BERET WHO DECIDED TO USE A
MILITARY CHUTE RATHER THAN THE CIVILIAN ONE GIVEN TO HIM BECAUSE HE
WOULD HAVE BEEN MORE FAMILIAR WITH IT.

THE HIJACK MARKED THE WORLD'S FIRST AIR PIRACY FOR RANSOM AND
REMAINS THE NATION'S ONLY UNSOLVED HIJACKING.

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PORTLAND, ORE. (UPI) - A CHARTER BOAT CAPTAIN ENGAGED IN A SEARCH OF THE COLUMBIA RIVER FOR LEGENDARY SKYJACKER D.B. COOPER, MONDAY REPORTED FINDING A PIECE OF OLIVE-DRAB FABRIC THAT COULD BE PART OF A PARACHUTE.

"I'VE SEEN A COUPLE OF CHUTES BEFORE - THIS LOOKS LIKE ONE. IT'S GOT SILK IN IT; JUST LIKE A CHUTE HAS," SAID THE BOAT CAPTAIN, BLAKE PAYNE, WHO IS EMPLOYED BY RICHARD TOSAW, A CERES, CALIF., ATTORNEY WHO PLANS TO WRITE A BOOK ABOUT THE SKYJACKING MYSTERY.

LAST WEEK, PAYNE MAILED TO TOSAW A PIECE OF NYLON CORD, A TATTERED PIECE OF FABRIC AND A BONE HE DREDGED FROM THE RIVER BOTTOM WITH A HEAVY METAL RAKE.

THE TWO MEN SUSPENDED THE FABRIC FOUND LAST WEEK MIGHT BE PART OF A MONEY BAG STUFFED WITH \$200,000 THAT THE SKYJACKER STRAPPED TO HIS WAIST ON A RAINY THANKSGIVING EVE 1971 AS HE JUMPED FROM A NORTHWEST AIRLINES BOEING 727 OVER SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON.

THE CORD, PAYNE SAID, MIGHT HAVE COME FROM ONE OF FOUR PARACHUTES DEMANDED BY COOPER. THE CLOTH REPORTED MONDAY MAY ALSO BE FROM ONE OF THE PARACHUTES THE SKYJACKER HAD, HE SAID.

FBI AGENTS, HOWEVER, DISCOUNTED ANY LINK BETWEEN THE MATERIAL AND COOPER.

"THIS ITEM, IF IT'S THE OLIVE-DRAB COLOR YOU DESCRIBE, HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH COOPER," DORWIN SCHREUDER OF THE FBI'S PORTLAND OFFICE SAID AFTER HE AND OTHER AGENTS VIEWED BLACK-AND-WHITE PHOTOS OF THE DARK PIECE OF FABRIC.

PAYNE FOUND THE ITEM SATURDAY WHILE DREDGING THE RIVER BETWEEN OREGON AND WASHINGTON. HE WAS BACK IN HIS FLORENCE, ORE., HOME AWAITING FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS FROM TOSAW, A FORMER FBI AGENT WHO IS FUNDING THE RIVER SEARCH.

SCHREUDER SAID ONE OF THE FOUR PARACHUTES PROVIDED TO COOPER ALONG WITH \$200,000 RANSOM BEFORE HE JUMPED FROM A NORTHWEST AIRLINES BOEING 727 ON A RAINY THANKSGIVING EVE IN 1971 WAS OF A SIMILAR NATURE BUT HAD BEEN LEFT BEHIND ON THE PLANE AND "WAS NOT ONE THAT HE TOOK WITH HIM."

SCHREUDER SAID HE COULD NOT DISCUSS UNRELEASED DETAILS ABOUT THE CASE IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE 11-YEAR-OLD INVESTIGATION. HOWEVER, AFTER VIEWING PHOTOS OF THE MATERIALS FOUND BY PAYNE, HE SAID "THEY DON'T APPEAR TO BE AMONG THE ITEMS" PROVIDED TO COOPER.

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VANCOUVER, WASH. (AP) -- AS HORDES OF REPORTERS AND A HERD OF COWS LOOKED ON, SCIENTISTS AND FBI AGENTS SIFTED THROUGH SAND ALONG THE COLUMBIA RIVER, SEARCHING FOR MORE OF THE LOOT THAT HAD BEEN MISSING SINCE SKY PIRATE D.B. COOPER PARACHUTED FROM A PLANE NINE YEARS AGO.

AGENTS TRENCHING THE RIVERBANK WEDNESDAY FOUND A FEW MORE SCRAPS OF THE \$200,000 RANSOM BUT NO SIGN OF THE FIRST MAN TO HIJACK AN AIRLINER FOR MONEY.

AND THE FBI AGENT WHO LED THE INVESTIGATION SINCE THE 1971 HIJACK SAYS THE DISCOVERY TENDS TO CONFIRM HIS SPECULATION THAT COOPER, WHO HAS BECOME SOMETHING OF A FOLK HERO, DIED THE NIGHT HE PARACHUTED INTO A STORM SOMEWHERE OVER SOUTHWESTERN WASHINGTON.

SOGGY AND BATTERED FRAGMENTS OF SEVERAL THOUSAND DOLLARS IN \$20 BILLS WERE DISCOVERED SUNDAY BY AN 8-YEAR-OLD BOY DURING A FAMILY PICNIC. SERIAL NUMBERS CONFIRMED THEY WERE PART OF THE RANSOM.

FBI AGENT PAUL HUDSON SAID HE RULED OUT THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE MONEY WAS BURIED ALONG THE RIVER NEAR VANCOUVER.

"HOWEVER THEY GOT THERE, THEY MUST HAVE BEEN DEPOSITED WITHIN A COUPLE OF YEARS AFTER THE HIJACKING," SAID AGENT RALPH HIMMELSBACH, DUE TO RETIRE IN TWO WEEKS AFTER HEADING THE COOPER INVESTIGATION SINCE THE HIJACK. "RUBBER BANDS DETERIORATE RAPIDLY AND COULD NOT HAVE HELD THE BUNDLES TOGETHER VERY LONG."

THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS IDENTIFIED A LAYER OF SAND AS HAVING BEEN DEPOSITED WHEN THE 40-FOOT SHIP CHANNEL WAS DREDGED IN AUGUST 1974. AGENTS SPECULATED COOPER'S BODY WOULD HAVE CLOGGED THE DREDGE IF IT HAD BEEN IN THE CHANNEL THEN, BUT A SACHEL COULD HAVE GONE THROUGH.

AGENTS ALSO SPECULATED THE BILLS COULD HAVE WASHED INTO THE COLUMBIA FROM A TRIBUTARY IN THE AREA NEAR LACENTER, WASH., INTO WHICH COOPER APPARENTLY PARACHUTED.

OFFICIALS ROPED OFF THE RIVERBANK TO KEEP WOULD-BE TREASURE SEEKERS FROM THE AREA AS THEY DUG FOR MORE OF THE RANSOM. THE ONLY SPECTATORS ALLOWED IN WEDNESDAY WERE REPORTERS, THREE FISHERMEN AND DAIRY COWS.

"I'LL ADMIT TO A CERTAIN SENSE OF SATISFACTION," SAID HIMMELSBACH. "THE CASE ISN'T SOLVED, BUT THIS IS CERTAINLY A MAJOR MILESTONE."

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PORTLAND, ORE. (UPI) - FBI AGENT RALPH HIMMELSBACH RETIRES FRIDAY, GIVING UP HIS EIGHT-YEAR HUNT FOR ONE OF AMERICA'S LEGENDARY CRIMINALS - SKYJACKER D.B. COOPER, WHO PARACHUTED FROM A JET WITH \$200,000 IN RANSOM.

THE FBI, OF COURSE, WILL CONTINUE TO PURSUE COOPER BUT HIMMELSBACH, 54, IS TURNING IN HIS CREDENTIALS SEVEN MONTHS EARLY, USING ACCUMULATED SICK LEAVE TO GET FAVORABLE RETIREMENT BENEFITS.

"IF I HAD MY CHOICE, I'D STAY ON," HE SAID. "I'M IN TOP PHYSICAL SHAPE."

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COOPER MONEY

VANCOUVER, WASH. (AP) -- THE CRUMBLING REMAINS OF \$20 BILLS UNEARTHED BY A VANCOUVER FAMILY MORE THAN TWO WEEKS AGO REPRESENT ABOUT \$5,800 OF THE \$200,000 TAKEN BY SKYJACKER D.B. COOPER IN 1971, THE FBI SAYS.

RAY MATHIS, SENIOR AGENT FROM THE BUREAU'S SEATTLE OFFICE, SAID WEDNESDAY THAT OFFICIALS COUNTED THE DECAYING GREENBACKS DURING FBI LABORATORY TESTS IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

OTIS COX OF THE BUREAU'S WASHINGTON, D.C., OFFICE CONFIRMED THAT THE COUNT WAS MADE, BUT SAID LITTLE ELSE HAS BEEN REVEALED ABOUT THE MONEY. LAB TECHNICIANS CONTINUE TO STUDY THE LOOT, PARTICULARLY FOR EVIDENCE OF WHERE IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN BEFORE IT WASHED UP ON THE BANKS OF THE COLUMBIA RIVER, OTIS SAID.

THOUGH LUMPY WADS OF THE MONEY WERE FOUND BURIED BENEATH A SHALLOW COVER OF SAND, COOPER, AMERICA'S FIRST SKYJACKER-FOR-MONEY, HAS NEVER BEEN LOCATED. AUTHORITIES TEND TO BELIEVE HE IS DEAD, BUT ACKNOWLEDGE THEY DON'T KNOW FOR SURE.

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(BY CLYDE JABIN)

PORTLAND, ORE. (UPI) - THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION CALLED NEWS CONFERENCES IN PORTLAND AND SEATTLE TODAY TO ANNOUNCE "A MAJOR DEVELOPMENT" IN THE D.B. COOPER AIRLINE HIJACKING.

THE NEWS CONFERENCES WERE CALLED FOR 6 P.M. EST.

NEITHER COOPER, WHO PARACHUTED FROM A NORTHWEST AIRLINES JET OVER THE NORTHWEST ON THANKSGIVING EVE 1971, NOR ANY OF THE \$200,000 IN \$20 BILLS HE COLLECTED EVER HAS BEEN FOUND.

FBI SPOKESMAN BILL WILLIAMS REFUSED TO DIVULGE WHAT THE ANNOUNCEMENT WOULD BE BUT INDICATED IT DEVELOPED THIS MORNING AND "WE FIRST THOUGHT IT WAS A HOAX."

THE FBI HAS SAID SINCE SHORTLY AFTER THE HIJACKING IT BELIEVED THAT COOPER - WHOSE REAL NAME WAS NEVER LEARNED - JUMPED FROM THE REAR OF A BOEING 727 OVER SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON AND PROBABLY WAS KILLED WHEN HE LANDED.

COOPER BOARDED A NORTHWEST FLIGHT IN PORTLAND ^{164-5137-A} ~~RECORDING~~ THE NAME DAN COOPER. BEFORE THE PLANE REACHED SEATTLE, COOPER THREATENED TO EXPLODE A "BOMB" IN HIS BRIEF CASE IF HE WERE NOT GIVEN THE MONEY AND FOUR PARACHUTES AND FLOWN TO RENO, NEV.

THE OTHER PASSENGERS WERE ALLOWED TO LEAVE THE PLANE AT SEATTLE AND COOPER WAS GIVEN THE MONEY AND THE PARACHUTES. AFTER THE PLANE LEFT SEATTLE HE ORDERED ALL THE CREW MEMBERS INTO THE FLIGHT DECK.

WHEN THE PLANE ARRIVED AT RENO COOPER AND THE MONEY WERE GONE.

THE FLIGHT RECORDER AND CREW TESTIMONY INDICATED COOPER HAD JUMPED NEAR THE LITTLE TOWN OF ARIEL ABOUT 30 MILES NORTH OF PORTLAND, A DENSELY WOODED AREA IN THE FOOTHILLS OF THE CASCADE MOUNTAINS.

DESPITE INTENSIVE SEARCHES OF THE AREA, THE ONLY ITEM CONNECTED WITH THE HIJACKING EVER FOUND WAS A REAR DOOR FROM THE 727.

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VANCOUVER, WASH. (AP) -- THE SEARCH ALONG A COLUMBIA RIVER BEACH FOR MORE MONEY FROM THE D.B. COOPER HIJACKING EIGHT YEARS AGO PROBABLY WILL BE SUSPENDED AFTER FRIDAY, FBI OFFICIALS SAID THURSDAY.

MEANWHILE, A GEOLOGIST CONCLUDED THAT SEVERAL THOUSAND DOLLARS FOUND SUNDAY BY AN 8-YEAR-OLD BOY ON A FAMILY PICNIC WAS DEPOSITED ON THE BEACH IN THE PAST YEAR OR TWO.

FBI AGENTS CONTINUED TO DIG FOR MORE OF THE \$200,000 THAT COOPER TOOK WITH HIM WHEN HE BAILED OUT OF A PLANE ON THANKSGIVING EVE IN 1971.

THE SEARCH BEGAN TUESDAY ALONG THE RIVER'S NORTH SHORE, ABOUT THREE MILES SOUTHWEST OF DOWNTOWN VANCOUVER. ADDITIONAL SCRAPS OF MONEY WERE FOUND ON WEDNESDAY.

A MAN WHOSE PASSENGER LIST WAS SIGNED "DAN COOPER" LEFT A NORTHWEST AIRLINES PLANE THAT WAS BOUND FOR RENO FROM SEATTLE AFTER HE DISPLAYED WHAT APPEARED TO BE A BOMB AND OBTAINED A PACKAGE OF \$20 BILLS AND THREE PARACHUTES.

FBI AGENTS BELIEVED HE LEFT THE PLANE, DURING A STORM, ABOUT 20 MILES NORTHEAST OF WHERE THE CRUMBLLED AND WEATHERED BILLS WERE FOUND. IT IS THE NATION'S ONLY UNSOLVED HIJACKING.

"WE'LL WORK TODAY AND TOMORROW AND PROBABLY KNOCK IT OFF AND BRING MY TROOPS BACK UP HERE AND REASSESS THE SITUATION," SAID JACK PRINGLE, ASSISTANT AGENT IN CHARGE OF THE SEATTLE OFFICE WHICH TOOK OVER THE SEARCH OPERATIONS.

"SOME OF THE AREA IS INACCESSIBLE AND THERE'S NO WAY WE CAN SEARCH THE WHOLE RIVER," PRINGLE SAID.

HE SAID GEOLOGIST LEONARD PALMER OF PORTLAND STATE UNIVERSITY CONCLUDED THAT THE DREDGING OPERATION IN 1974 DID NOT PUT THE MONEY ONTO THE BEACH, BECAUSE THE BILLS WERE FOUND ABOVE CLAY DEPOSITS PUT ON THE BANKS BY THE DREDGE.

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VANCOUVER, WASH. (AP) -- THE FBI TODAY CALLED OFF THE SEARCH ALONG A COLUMBIA RIVER BEACH FOR MORE OF THE \$200,000 MISSING FROM THE 1971 D. B. COOPER HIJACKING.

"NOT A THING" WAS FOUND THURSDAY AS AGENTS FINISHED SIFTING THE SANDS ON THE NORTHERN BANK OF THE RIVER, SAID JACK PRINGLE, ASSISTANT AGENT IN CHARGE OF THE SEATTLE OFFICE.

"THEY REALLY HAVE NO FURTHER PLACES TO SEARCH" THE BEACH, PRINGLE SAID. IN ADDITION, HE NOTED THE AREA WAS COVERED BY A FRESH SNOWFALL.

HE SAID ANY DECISION ON EXTENDING OR MOVING THE SEARCH TO OTHER AREAS WOULD NOT BE MADE UNTIL EARLY NEXT WEEK.

KEN MOORE, THE SEATTLE AGENT IN CHARGE OF THE DIGGING, SAID THE MONEY PROBABLY WAS WASHED DOWNSTREAM INTO THE COLUMBIA, MOST LIKELY FROM THE WASHOUGAL RIVER OR FROM ONE OF SEVERAL SMALLER STREAMS IN THE AREA IN WHICH COOPER PROBABLY LANDED.

"TOURISTS WHO WANT TO LOOK FOR MORE COOPER MONEY PROBABLY SHOULD LOOK ON THE WASHOUGAL RIVER," MOORE SAID.

THE FBI SAID A GEOLOGIST HAD CONCLUDED THAT SEVERAL THOUSAND DOLLARS FOUND SUNDAY BY A YOUNG BOY HAD BEEN DEPOSITED ON THE COLUMBIA RIVER BEACH AFTER 1974.

THE SEARCH BEGAN TUESDAY THREE MILES SOUTHWEST OF VANCOUVER AFTER A COMPARISON OF SERIAL NUMBERS CONFIRMED THE BOY'S FIND WAS PART OF THE COOPER RANSOM. ADDITIONAL SCRAPS OF MONEY WERE FOUND ON WEDNESDAY.

NO TRACE OF COOPER, THE FIRST PERSON TO HIJACK AN AIRLINER FOR MONEY, HAS BEEN FOUND.

FBI AGENTS HAD BELIEVED HE PARACHUTED FROM THE PLANE ABOUT 20 MILES NORTHEAST OF WHERE THE CRUMBLING AND WEATHERED BILLS WERE FOUND.

HOWEVER, MOORE SAID IT WAS UNLIKELY THAT THE BILLS HAD WASHED DOWN THE LEWIS RIVER AND THEN BEEN PUSHED UP THE COLUMBIA BY TIDAL ACTION.

"THERE IS NOTHING INFALLIBLE ABOUT OUR ORIGINAL ESTIMATE OF WHERE HE LANDED," PRINGLE SAID. "BECAUSE OF STRONG WIND CURRENTS AND OTHER VARIABLES, WE COULD HAVE BEEN A LITTLE OFF IN OUR ORIGINAL ESTIMATES."

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■ Eight Years Then Irony

Ralph Himmelsbach is reluctantly retiring from the FBI without having closed the case on the skyjacker called D.B. Cooper. Himmelsbach, based in Portland, Ore., pursued more than a thousand potential suspects and thousands of leads that took him nowhere in the eight years since a man who identified himself as Dan Cooper commandeered a Northwest Airlines jetliner and demanded and received \$200,000 and four parachutes. Said Himmelsbach: "We don't know who he was, but we do know a lot of people who he wasn't." Himmelsbach dismisses the idea that he's been in a kind of obsessed manhunt like Inspector Javert in Victor Hugo's "Les Miserables," but he admits that the case has seldom strayed from his mind over the last eight years. The discovery of some of the ransom money last week leads Himmelsbach "to assume more and more the possibility that (Cooper) didn't make it." "It's ironic, isn't it?" Himmelsbach asked, that "the first and only concrete bit of information comes only 17 days before I retire."

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Journal Completes 'Cooper' Bill

Listing

The Journal in this edition reproduces the last of the official FBI list of serial numbers of \$20 bills that disappeared with the hijacker known as D.B. or Dan Cooper when he parachuted from a Northwest Orient Airlines jet Thanksgiving Eve, 1971, between Seattle and Reno.

He extorted \$200,000 from the airline that night as ransom for the release of the passengers and some of the crew of the jet he originally hijacked just after it left Portland for Seattle.

To date, neither Cooper nor the money has shown up.

The Journal last Nov. 22 offered to pay \$1,000 for the first of the missing \$20 bills to be turned in to the newspaper or to any FBI office in the nation. The offer triggered requests from all parts of the country, by telephone and letter, for copies of the list of serial numbers that the newspaper has been publishing in installments.

In checking bills in their possession, many people have come close to matching them with the serial numbers of the missing currency, but so far none of the money Cooper took has been recovered.

Many readers have prepared their own booklets from the newspaper listings and with this edition those readers will have complete copies of the official document prepared by the FBI and heretofore distributed mainly to financial institutions.

Persons who are missing key editions of The Journal may order them from the Circulation Department by telephoning 221-8240 or writing to The Journal, 1320 SW Broadway, Portland, Ore. 97201. For people who are outside of the normal circulation area of the newspaper, check with the nearest FBI office for permission to inspect a copy of the list there.

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Search For Skyjacked Bills Revives 'D.B. Cooper' Song

By ROLLA J. CRICK

Journal Staff Writer

Remember the song, "D.B. Cooper: Where Are You?"

Since The Journal made its offer to pay \$1,000 for the first \$20 bill turned in from the money the man popularly known as D.B. Cooper parachuted into the night with, the song has been played periodically on disc jockey programs.

It had almost faded away, but the new Cooper publicity gave it new life.

It was written by Judy Sword, 25, of Baker, a guitarist now singing in a Yaki-



JUDY SWORD

... writes 'D.B.' song

ma, Wash., supper club. She was in Astoria when the hijack occurred and the name D.B. Cooper was on everyone's lips.

Whether prophetically or not, she wrote lyrics and music within two weeks of the incident and indicated that Cooper died hanging in a tree in the shrouds of a parachute while his stolen money drifted to the ground.

The song further emphasized the D.B. Cooper name in the minds of the public in

those first weeks as the search for the hijacker ranged from Seattle to Reno. It enjoyed another brief round of popularity a year ago when FBI agents and Army troops from Ft. Lewis, Wash., combed the woods of Cowlitz County.

And now, it's playing again.

Ironically, though, D.B. Cooper is the wrong name.

Somehow in the first hours after the hijack the name D.B. Cooper cropped up and stuck. It may have been because the FBI was checking on an individual whose name really was D.B. Cooper, but he was in jail at the time of the hijack.

When the hijacker bought his Portland to Seattle ticket in Portland, he gave the name Dan Cooper. The FBI now officially identifies the man they want as Dan Cooper. That name was obtained by a process of elimination as the only passenger left on the 727 jetliner in Seattle after the hijacker let the other passengers go.

Curiously, there was a bona fide Cooper who got off the still-to-be-hijacked plane at Portland. The FBI investigated him and determined that he had not flown on to Seattle and thus could not be the hijacker. His first name was not Dan; it was Michael.

Dan Cooper was not the right name for the hijacker in any case, the FBI believes.

But whether Dan or D.B. or Rumpelstiltskin Cooper, the FBI would like to talk to him, if he is the hijacker.

And The Journal still is willing to pay \$1,000 for that first \$20 of "Cooper cash" to be turned in. Serial numbers of some of the bills are at right.

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JOURNAL ASKS: D.B. COOPER, WHERE ARE YOU?

\$1,000 Offered For First \$20 Bill

By ROLLA J. CRICK
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The Journal will pay \$1,000 for the first \$20 bill turned in to the newspaper upon verification by the Federal Bureau of Investigation that the bill is a bona fide part of the \$200,000 extorted from Northwest Orient Airlines in the "D.B. Cooper skyjack" of Nov. 24, 1971.

The offer is made with the concurrence of the FBI that obtaining any of the missing money would be a substantial aid to the two-year long investigation of the nation's most celebrated airline hijacking.

It is also made in the belief that if any of the money is in circulation, that fact can be established by alert readers who check the serial numbers on \$20 bills in their possession.

The man known as Cooper demanded and obtained \$200,000 in \$20 bills, plus four parachutes, and disappeared into the rain-spattered night somewhere between Seattle and Reno from the 727 he had commandeered at Portland International Airport. Neither he nor the money have appeared since, but there is a chance that almost anyone by now may have come into possession of one of the bills.

To assist in the search for the money, The Journal is publishing on page 31 the serial numbers of some of the missing twenties and will publish more of the list on succeeding days. Serial numbers of the bills that were delivered to Cooper were recorded before the delivery was made.

This is the first time that the list of numbers has been made public. Banks and other financial institutions have had a 35-page booklet of the numbers since its preparation by the FBI shortly after the hijacking.

Journal readers who keep each of the partial lists published by the newspaper will be able to put together their own copies of the complete official list.

The Journal invites other news media to aid in the distribution of serial numbers.

Northwest Airlines initially offered a reward of 15 percent of the extortion money recovered up to a maximum of \$25,000, but the reward has been discontinued, the airline informed the newspaper.

The Journal's \$1,000 for \$20 will be paid even if the first bill to be turned in is surrendered directly to the FBI at any of its field offices, once it is established that the bill surfaced because of the newspaper's publication of the list of serial numbers.

"D. B. Cooper" or "Dan Cooper" is the name assigned to the middle-aged, dark-haired man who boarded NWA flight 305 at Portland Thanksgiving Eve, 1971,

and presented a note to a stewardess. The note demanded money and parachutes and was backed up by display of what the man claimed was a bomb. After negotiations on the ground in Seattle the demand was met and the plane took off for Reno.

The plane reached Reno, but Cooper was not to be found.

A flight recorder indicated that the rear door of the 727 was opened shortly after takeoff and it was assumed that Cooper had parachuted about then.

There has been a widespread belief that the hijacker perished in the nocturnal jump. Speculation has ranged from the possibility that his body someday would be found hanging in the shrouds of parachutes caught in a tree to the chance that he and the money are at the bottom of Lake Merwin near Cougar, Wash., location of an intensive search in 1972.

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