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PM NITEL 12-6-71 GLD
11:58
TO SEATTLE
PHOENIX
LAS VEGAS
WASHINGTON FIELD
FROM LOS ANGELES (164-497) 3P

UNSUB, AKA DAN COOPER; NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE ZERO FIVE, PORTLAND TO SEATTLE, NOVEMBER TWENTYFOUR LAST;
CAA DASH, HIJACKING; EXTORTION; OO: SEATTLE.

RE LOS ANGELES TELETYPED TO WASHINGTON FIELD, SEATTLE
AND PHOENIX DATED DECEMBER TWO LAST; PHOENIX TELETYPED TO
BUREAU, WASHINGTON FIELD AND SEATTLE DATED DECEMBER THREE
LAST; WASHINGTON FIELD TELETYPED TO BUREAU DATED DECEMBER
THREE LAST.

ADVISER AS FOLLOWS:

END PAGE ONE
INVESTIGATION BY PHOENIX FAILED TO REVEAL

INVESTIGATION BY WASHINGTON FIELD REVEALED

INSTANT DATE RECONTACTED

END PAGE TWO
PAGE THREE
LA 164-497

APPARENTLY IDENTICAL TO ONE OF SUBJECTS OF CURRENT INVESTIGATION OF LOS ANGELES

CAPTIONED LOS ANGELES FILE

REVIEW OF FILE REVEALS QUESTIONABLE RELIABILITY.

AS LOS ANGELES NOT FAMILIAR WITH DETAILS OF ROUTE INTO RENO AND LANDING, LAS VEGAS IS REQUESTED TO EVALUATE INFORMATION FURNISHED BY TO DETERMINE IF INFO HAS VALIDITY.

LOS ANGELES MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END
TIM
FBI SEATTLE
CLR

DB Cooper-3293
TO SEATTLE
PHOENIX
LAS VEGAS
WASHINGTON FIELD
FROM LOS ANGELES (164-497) 3P

UNSUB, AKA DAN COOPER; NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE ZERO FIVE, PORTLAND TO SEATTLE, NOVEMBER TWENTYFOUR LAST; CAA DASH HIJACKING; EXTORTION; 00: SEATTLE.

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IF INFO HAS VALIDITY.

LOS ANGELES MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END

TIM

FBI SEATTLE

CLR
622 PM NITEL 12-06-71 LRS
TO SEATTLE (164-81)
KANSAS CITY
PORTLAND (164-41)
SAN FRANCISCO (164-220)
FROM LOS ANGELES (164-497) 2P

UNSUB, AKA DAN COOPER; NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE ZERO FIVE,
PORTLAND TO SEATTLE, NOVEMBER TWENTY FOUR, LAST, CAA DASH HIGHJACKING;

EXTORTION, 00: SEATTLE.

RE PORTLAND TELEPHONE CALL TO LOS ANGELES DECEMBER FIVE LAST;
LOS ANGELES TELEPHONE CALL TO PORTLAND DECEMBER FIVE LAST;
SAN FRANCISCO AND PORTLAND TELETYPES TO LOS ANGELES DECEMBER
FIVE LAST.

RE SUSPECTS,

LOS ANGELES INDICES CONTAIN NO RECORD IDENTIFIABLE WITH

IS SUBJECT OF LOS ANGELES FILE

IS MALE, NEGRO, BORN

END PAGE ONE
DISCREET INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED DECEMBER FIVE, LAST, IN VICINITY ________________________________ NO ADDRESS OF ________________________________ COULD BE LOCATED AS SET FORTH IN REFERENCED PORTLAND TELETYP.

TWO VEHICLES OBSERVED IN VICINITY OF ________________________________

______________________ RECORDS CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES CHECKED AND OWNERS NOT IDENTIFIABLE WITH ANY OF CAPTIONED SUSPECTS.

LOS ANGELES AT ________________________________ WILL THROUGH UNITED STATES POST OFFICE, ASCERTAIN IF ADDRESS OF ________________________________ EXISTS AND WILL DETERMINE IF INDIVIDUAL NAMED ________________________________ HAS RECEIVED MAIL ON ________________________________

END

RECEIVED LA'S 005, 006, 007, AND 017

TIM

FBI SEATTLE

CLR
NR 008 LV PLAIN
1153 PM NITEL 12-6-71 EB
TO SEATTLE
OKLAHOMA CITY
FROM LAS VEGAS 164160

UNSUB; NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE ZERO FIVE,
NOVEMBER TWENTYFOUR, SEVENTYONE, CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION. 00
SEATTLE.

RE BUAIRTEL TO ALL OFFICES NOVEMBER TWO NINE LAST.
ON DEC. SIX INSTANT, LAS VEGAS POLICE
DEPARTMENT ADVISED HIS INFORMANT WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE
INFORMATION IN PAST, SAW ARTISTS CONCEPTION OF UNSUB AND STATED
BEARS STRONG RESEMBLANCE TO
REPORTEDLY

OKLAHOMA CITY AT TULSA REVIEW RECORDS
AND OBTAIN BIRTH DATE AND BACKGROUND ON ALSO CRIMINAL
CHECK.
END PAGE ONE
PAGE TWO
LV 164-60

SEATTLE AT [REDACTED] ON BASIS OF LIMITED INFORMATION AVAILABLE, ATTEMPT TO ASCERTAIN IF [REDACTED]

AND OBTAIN PHOTOGRAPH FOR DISPLAY TO WITNESSES.

CONSIDER UNSUB ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END

GOOD FOR TWO

TI

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END

GOOD FOR TWO

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FBI SEATTLE

CLR
NR 016 PD PLAIN
10:14 PM URGENT 12/6/71 TLA
TO: SEATTLE (164-81)
FROM: PORTLAND (164-41) 1P

UNSUB; NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE ZERO FIVE, NOVEMBER TWO FOUR, LAST. CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION. 00: SEATTLE.

ON DECEMBER SIX, SEVENTY ONE,

STATED

RESEMBLES ARTISTS DRAWING OF SUBJECT.

RESIDENCE

ADDRESS IN

DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, SIX FEET, TWO HUNDRED TO TWO HUNDRED YEARS, BROWN HAIR, RESEMBLES DRAWING EXCEPT AND SOFT

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING AT OREGON.

END

TIM

FBI SEATTLE

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NR 016 PD PLAIN
10:14 PM URGENT 12/6/71 TLA
TO:  SEATTLE (164-81)
FROM: PORTLAND (164-41) 1P

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SPOKEN. INVESTIGATION CONTINUING AT OREGON.

END

TIM

FBI SEATTLE

CLR

164-81-718

DB Cooper-3304
FBI
Date: 12/6/71

Transmit the following in

(Type in plaintext or code)

Via

TELETYPE

NITEL

(Priority)

TO

SAC, BALTIMORE

FROM

SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

UNSUB, AKA DAN COOPER, NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE ZERO FIVE, PORTLAND TO SEATTLE, NOV. TWENTYFOUR, SEVENTYONE, CAA DASH HIJACKING; EXTORTION. OO: SEATTLE

RE SUSPECT

INFORMATION WAS RECEIVED BY THIS OFFICE THAT

WAS INVOLVED IN

OFFICER INVESTIGATING

INCIDENT ADVISED

RESEMBLED ARTISTS CONCEPTION OF UNSUB

IN CAPTIONED HIJACKING.

ACCORDING TO

LAST.

JGK: J1b (1)

164-81-719

Approved: ()

Special Agent in Charge

Sent 3/9 M

Per JM

DB Cooper-3305
SE 164-81
PAGE TWO

LEAD. BALTIMORE AT ______ CONTACT ______

_______ TELEPHONE OR OTHERWISE DETERMINE

IF ______ WAS ______ NOV. TWENTYFOUR DASH
TWENTYFIVE, LAST, IN ORDER THAT HE MIGHT BE LOGICALLY
ELIMINATED AS A SUSPECT IN THIS MATTER.
QNfä 012 SE PLAINTEXT

1:35 PM 12/6/71 NITEL SENT 12/7/71 TIM
TO BALTIMORE
FROM SEATTLE (164-81)

UNSUB, AKA DAN COOPER, NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE ZERO FIVE,
PORTLAND TO SEATTLE, NOV. TWENTYFOUR, SEVENTYONE, CAA DASH HIJACK-
ING; EXTORTION. oo: SEATTLE.

RE SUSPECT ____________________________

INFORMATION WAS RECEIVED BY THIS OFFICE THAT ___________________________________

WAS ________________________________________

RESEMBLED ARTISTS ________________________________________

CONCEPTION OF UNSUB IN CAPTIONED HIJACKING.

ACCORDIG TO ____________________________

LEAD. BALTIMORE AT ____________________________ CONTACT ____________________________

TELEPHONE ____________________________

OR OTHER WISE DETERMINE IF ____________________________ WAS ____________________________

NOV. TWENTYFOUR DASH TWENTYFIVE, LAST, IN ORDER THAT HE
MIGHT BE LOGICALLY ELIMINATED AS A SUSPECT IN THIS MATTER.

END

TJP FBI BALTO CLR

164-81-719

DB Cooper-3307
FROM BALTIMORE (164-103) RUC

UNSUB; NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE ZERO FIVE, PORTLAND TO SEATTLE
NOVEMBER TWENTYFOUR LAST, CAA DASH HIJACKING DASH EXTORTION. OO: SEATTLE

RE PITTSBURGH TEL CALL OF SA JOHN CHADWICK TO BALTIMORE, DECEMBER

FURTHER.

INTerviewed instant date inasmuch as a source had advised that the artist sketch of the unsub in instant case

RESEMBLED

ON NOVEMBER TWENTYFOUR LAST, IN OFFICE FROM EIGHT THIRTY AM UNTIL THREE THIRTY PM. PRESENCE VERIFIED BY

AT APPROXIMATELY THREE THIRTY PM. ALSO VERIFYING

AND SA WHO SPOKE TO IN THE

AT APPROXIMATELY TWO PM ON THE DATE

OF INSTANT CRIME.

NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION ANTICIPATED IN CONNECTION WITH

DB Cooper-3308

END

JJT
FBI SEATTLE
5:45PM NITEL 12-6-71 RPB

TO: SEATTLE (164-81) AND ST. LOUIS (164-NPRE-M)
FROM: BOSTON (164-153) (RUC) IP

UNSUB, AKA DAN COOPER, NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE ZERO FIVE, PORTLAND TO SEATTLE, NOVEMBER TWENTYFOUR LAST, CAA - HIJACKING, EXTORTION, O0: SEATTLE.

RE ST. LOUIS TELETYPE TO BOSTON AND SEATTLE DECEMBER TWO

RE: SUSPECT.

LOCATED THIS DATE AT WHERE CLAIMS THAT ON NOVEMBER TWENTY FOUR, SEVENTY ONE, AT THREE PM HE WAS IN COMPANY OF INTERVIEWED AND VERIFIED FACT THAT HAS GOOD REPUTATION IN COMMUNITY AND NO LOCAL CRIMINAL RECORD.

END.

VAB
FBI SEATTLE CLR

DB Cooper-3309
12/2/71

AIRTEL

TO: SAC, BUTTE

FROM: SAC, DETROIT (164-115) (P)

UNSUB;
NORTHWEST AIRLINES
FLIGHT 305
11/24/71
CAA - HIJACKING
(PO: SEATTLE)

Re Seattle teletype to Bureau, 11/29/71.

On 12/1/71, telephone number ___________ advised that he observed a composite drawing of 
Unsub in a local Detroit newspaper recently. He mentioned 
that it closely resembled ___________. He stated that ___________ is a

He mentioned that ______ fits the description with exception
of age, as he is about ______ and Unsub's age was given in the
article as mid-40's. He had no specific reason for suspecting

LEAD

BUTTE

AT ___________

Will conduct investigation to determine if ______ should be considered

a suspect in this matter.

CONSIDER SUBJECT DANGEROUS.

2 - Butte
2 - Seattle (164-81)
2 - Detroit
PJG/dll
(6)

DB Cooper-3310
TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)  DATE: 12/6/71

FROM: SA ROBERT H. WICK

SUBJECT: UNSUB;
NWA FLIGHT #305
11/24/71
GAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION

RE: FLYING SCHOOLS, AIRPORTS
AND SKY DIVING CLUBS

The following Aviation companies were contacted and
advised they had no suspects in this case. Photographs
of the artist's conception were left with these personnel:

Vagabond Aviation Company, Olympia Airport
Capitol Flight Service, Olympia Airport, both on
November 30, 1971.
Executive Flight Service, Hoquiam, Wash on
December 6, 1971 (Bowerman Field)

Note: Olympia airport and Bowerman Field are the only
airports serviced by schools; that have rentals or would be
in position to assist in this matter. There are no sky
diving schools in the Olympia RA area.

RHW:
Memorandum

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)  
FROM: SA ROBERT H. WICK  
DATE: 12/6/71  
SUBJECT: UNSUB;  
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RHW:

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan  
DB Cooper-3312
NR06 DL PLAIN
3:50PM URGENT 12-6-71 EBM
TO ALBUQUERQUE (149-131) BOSTON CHICAGO
SEATTLE (164-81) SAN FRANCISCO
FROM DALLAS (164-191) 3P

UNSUB, AKA DAN COOPER; NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE
ZERO FIVE, PORTLAND TO SEATTLE, NOVEMBER TWENTY-FOUR, SEVENTY-
ONE; CAA-HIJACKING; EXTORTION; 00: SEATTLE; BUFILE ONE SIXTY-
FOUR - TWO ONE ONE ONE ONE.

RE ALBUQUERQUE TELETYPED TO DALLAS, SAN FRANCISCO, AND
SEATTLE, DECEMBER THREE, SEVENTY-ONE.

RE SUSPECT

FOR INFORMATION BOSTON AND CHICAGO, CINCINNATI ADVISED

ONE

ADVISSED DECEMBER ONE, LAST, THE COMPOSITE OF UNSUB
APPEARING IN THE CINCINNATI PAPERS APPEARS TO BE ONE

FORMERLY FROM

DESCRIPTED AS WMA, BORRN

SEVENTY-TWO INCHES, ONE EIGHT-FIVE, FBI

END PAGE ONE
INVESTIGATION AT ALBUQUERQUE REFLECTS HAS BEEN
RECENTLY AND POSSIBLY EMPLOYED BY AREA.

ADVISED DECEMBER SIXTH, SEVENTYONE WAS EMPLOYED WITH THE RECORDS OF

AND ACCORDING TO

BOSTON SHOULD CHECK RECORDS AND LOCATE ESTABLISH HIS WHEREABOUTS AT TIME OF HIJACKING.

NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION REVEALED

NOW RESIDE AT U. S. POSTAL SERVICE, WALNUT HILL BRANCH, NINE SEVEN FIVE FIVE WEBBS CHAPEL ROAD, DALLAS, ADVISED HIS RECORDS REVEALED

END PAGE TWO
CHICAGO LOCATE [BLANK] AND ESTABLISH HIS WHEREABOUTS AT TIME OF CAPTIONED MATTER.

ALBUQUERQUE, SAN FRANCISCO, AND SEATTLE ARE CONDUCTING OTHER INVESTIGATION TO LOCATE [BLANK] AND THEY SHOULD BE ADVISED PROMPTLY IF HE IS LOCATED.

THIS INDIVIDUAL IS BEING SOUGHT IN CONNECTION WITH THE EXTORTION OF TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS FROM NORTHWEST AIRLINES BY THREATENING THE CREW OF THE AIRLINE WITH A PACKAGE WHICH HE STATED CONTAINED A BOMB. HE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED DANGEROUS.

END

VAB

FBI SEATTLE CLR
TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

FROM: SPC

DATE: 12/4/71

SUBJECT: UNSUB, aka DAN COOPER;
Northwest Airlines Flight #305,
Portland to Seattle,
November 24, 1971
CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION
OO: Seattle

RES: TELE to Bureau, Minneapolis, Butte and Portland
12/4/71 which retail states glossy photos of suspect
are being forwarded to Portland Divi-
sion to display to witness

Photos were taken to Sea-Tac Airport instant date and
given to Eastern Airlines flight #962,
departing Sea-Tac 8:20 PM, to land Portland 8:55 PM.

SA JERRY WILSON, Portland Division, was informed of
above by writer. WILSON said standby agent was leaving
office now to pick them up.

DCA/dca
"(1)"

164-81-727
SERIALIZED...FBI-SEATTLE

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

DB Cooper-3326
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (164-2111)
     SAC, MINNEAPOLIS
     SAC, BUTTE (164-26)
     SAC, PORTLAND (164-41)

FROM: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

UNSUB, AKA DAN COOPER; NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE ZERO FIVE, PORTLAND TO SEATTLE, NOVEMBER TWENTYFOUR, SEVENTYONE; CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION. OO: SEATTLE.

RE: SUSPECT

RE BU TEL CALL AND SEATTLE TELETYPE THIS DATE.

TO SUMMARIZE PROGRESS MADE IN RESOLVING AS SUSPECT - BUREAU WAS ADVISED IN RETEL THAT WITNESSES

ADVISE PHOTO NOT IDENT. WITNESS SAID EARS STAND OUT TOO MUCH, FACE TOO ROUND, BUT WILL NOT SAY YES OR NO. WITNESS

WANTS TO SEE BETTER PHOTOS, AND GLOSSY PHOTOS BEING FLOWN THIS DATE.

STEWARDESS MINNEAPOLIS, TODAY SAID PHOTO

PRS/dca (2) 164-81-728

uA-8:57  MP-9:10
BT-9:16 PD-9:25 PM Per Dca

Approved: Special Agent in Charge

Sent DB Cooper-3327
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NOT IDENT. OTHER TWO STEWARDESSES IN TRAVEL STATUS. MINNEAPOLIS WILL CONTACT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

BUTTE UNABLE TO DETERMINE TODAY WHETHER ON NOVEMBER TWENTYFOUR LAST. EFFORTS CONTINUING.

BUTTE, MINNEAPOLIS, PORTLAND EXPEDITE AND SUTEL BUREAU AND SEATTLE.
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (164-2111)
SAC, MINNEAPOLIS
SAC, BUTTE (164-26)
SAC, PORTLAND (164-41)

FROM: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

UNSUB, AKA DAN COOPER; NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE ZERO
FIVE, PORTLAND TO SEATTLE, NOVEMBER TWENTYFOUR, SEVENTYONE;
CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION. OO: SEATTLE.

RE: SUSPECT

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FLOWN THIS DATE.

STEWARDESS MINNEAPOLIS, TODAY SAID PHOTO

164-81 728

DB Cooper-3329

Approved: Special Agent in Charge
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NOT IDENT. OTHER TWO STEWARDESSES IN TRAVEL STATUS. MINNEAPOLIS WILL CONTACT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

BUTTE UNABLE TO DETERMINE TODAY WHETHER [ ] IN [ ] [ ] ON NOVEMBER TWENTYFOUR LAST. EFFORTS CONTINUING.

BUTTE, MINNEAPOLIS, PORTLAND EXPEDITE AND SUTEL BUREAU AND SEATTLE.
NR008 SE PLAIN

9:25 PM URGENT 12/4/71 DCA

TO   DIRECTOR, FBI (164-2111)      MINNEAPOLIS
     BUIE (164-26)                  PORTLAND (164-41)

FROM SEATTLE (164-81)  2P

UNSUB, AKA DAN COOPER; NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE ZERO FIVE, PORTLAND TO SEATTLE, NOVEMBER TWENTYFOUR, SEVENTYONE; CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION. 00: SEATTLE.

RE: SUSPECT

RE BU TEL CALL AND SEATTLE TELETYPE THIS DATE.

TO SUMMARIZE PROGRESS MADE IN RESOLVING ____ AS SUSPECT - BUREAU WAS ADVISED IN RETEL THAT ____ WITNESSES ____ ADVISE PHOTO NOT IDENT. WITNESS ____ SAID EARS STAND OUT TOO MUCH, FACE TOO ROUND, BUT WILL NOT SAY YES OR NO. WITNESS ____ WANTS TO SEE BETTER PHOTOS, AND GLOSSY PHOTOS BEING FLOWN ____ THIS DATE.

STEWARDESS ____ MINNEAPOLIS, TODAY SAID PHOTO NOT IDENT. OTHER TWO STEWARDESSS IN TRAVEL STATUS. MINNEAPOLIS WILL CONTACT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

END PAGE ONE
BUTTE UNABLE TO DETERMINE TODAY WHETHER [BLANK] IN [BLANK] ON NOVEMBER TWENTYFOUR LAST. EFFORTS CONTINUING.

BUTTE, MINNEAPOLIS, PORTLAND EXPEDITE AND SUTEL BUREAU AND SEATTLE.

END

RMB

FBI PD CLR
NR008 SE PLAIN
9:16 PM URGENT 12/4/71 DCA
TO DIRECTOR, FBI (164-2111) MINNEAPOLIS
BUTTE (164-26) PORTLAND (164-41)
FROM SEATTLE (164-81)

UNSUB, AKA DAN COOPER; NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE ZERO FIVE,
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END PAGE ONE

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BUTTE, MINNEAPOLIS, PORTLAND EXPEDITE AND SUTEL BUREAU AND SEATTLE.

END

ALH

FBI BUTTE CLR
NR008 SE PLAIN
9:10 PM URGENT 12/4/71 DCA
TO DIRECTOR, FBI (164-2111) MINNEAPOLIS
BUTTE (164-26) PORTLAND (164-41)
FROM SEATTLE (164-81)

UNSUB, AKA DAN COOPER; NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE ZERO FIVE,
PORTLAND TO SEATTLE, NOVEMBER TWENTYFOUR, SEVENTY-ONE; CAA -
HIJACKING; EXTORTION. 00: SEATTLE.

RE: SUSPECT

RE BU TEL CALL AND SEATTLE TELETEYPE THIS DATE.

TO SUMMARIZE PROGRESS MADE IN RESOLVING _____ AS SUSPECT -
BUREAU WAS ADVISED IN RETEL THAT SEATTLE WITNESSES
____ ADVISE PHOTO NOT IDENT. WITNESS
OREGON, SAID EARS STAND OUT TOO MUCH, FACE TOO ROUND, BUT WILL NOT
SAY YES OR NO. WITNESS PORTLAND, WANTS TO SEE
BETTER PHOTOS, AND GLOSSY PHOTOS BEING FLOWN _____ THIS DATE.

STEWARDESS MINNEAPOLIS, TODAY SAID PHOTO NOT
IDENT. OTHER TWO STEWARDESSSES IN TRAVEL STATUS. MINNEAPOLIS WILL
CONTACT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

END PAGE ONE

164-81-728

DB Cooper-3335
BUTTE UNABLE TO DETERMINE TODAY WHETHER IN ON NOVEMBER TWENTYFOUR LAST. EFFORTS CONTINUING.

BUTTE, MINNEAPOLIS, PORTLAND EXPEDITE AND SUTEL BUREAU AND SEATTLE.

END

FBI MP CMH CLR

DB Cooper-3336
RE: 

On November 30, 1971, [Blank]

He advised that he observed the sketch of the hijacker in the evening newspaper of Anchorage and thinks that the sketch bears a striking resemblance to a person he once knew in [Blank]. He said his acquaintance was [Blank].

He stated that he was furnishing this information only on the basis of a similarity between [Blank] and the composite drawing of the hijacker. [Blank] had no additional information.

[Signatures]

DEC 3

164-81-729

DB Cooper-3337
On November 30, 1971, Anchorage Police Department, Anchorage, Alaska, advised SA that he received a telephone call from and that furnished the name of as a possible suspect in this matter.

On November 30, 1971, advised SA that he was acquainted with an individual by the name of who may be considered as a suspect in this matter. He advised that

advised that he heard that in further details.

He stated that
advised he described as being a white male 38 to 42 years of age, 5'10" to 6' tall, with a husky build and receding hairline. Current whereabouts are unknown.

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RE: ____________

On November 30, 1971, [_____________________] advised that she could locate no record in her personnel files. Subsequently on November 30, 1971, [_____________________] learned that during the period of time of [_____________________] she further advised that she could not determine if [_____________________] ever had a personnel file as such in view of the fact that he was [_____________________] several years ago but stated that if it became necessary to positively determine this that she would review further records to determine if there was a personnel file and for its present location. ____________
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164-81-731

From

DB Cooper-3344
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RE: (LAST NAME UNKNOWN)

On November 30, 1971, [redacted] advised SA [redacted] that he knew an individual who may be considered suspect in this matter. This individual is [redacted] (Last Name Unknown). He stated that [redacted] advised that [redacted] is a white male about [redacted] years of age and tall and slim. [redacted] advised that he has no information concerning [redacted].

164-81-732
DEC 6
TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)
FROM: SAC, ANCHORAGE (164-59) (P)
SUBJ: UNKNOWN SUBJECT, aka Dan Cooper;
NORTHWEST AIRLINES
FLIGHT #305
PORTLAND TO SEATTLE,
11/24/71
CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION
00: SEATTLE
Bufile 164-2111

ReBTnitel to Anchorage 11/29/71, reANlet to
Seattle 11/30/71; reSElet to Albany 11/30/71.

Enclosed for Seattle Division are the original
and four copies of five separate investigative inserts
relating to
(First Name Unknown) and (Last Name Unknown).

LEADS

SEATTLE DIVISION

At Seattle, Washington

For the Information of Seattle Division since
Anchorage Division is not fully aware of the investigation
conducted in this matter and since an evaluation is not
possible on the "Look alike" information as reported herein,
leads are being left to the discretion of the office of
origin.

2 - Seattle (Encs. 25) Bc
2 - Anchorage
JHP: rmm
(4)

Approved: W
Special Agent in Charge
Sent M Per
AN 164-59

ANCHORAGE DIVISION

At Anchorage, Alaska

Will report results of investigation being conducted at Fairbanks, Alaska, and any additional information received by Anchorage Division.
12/2/71

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TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)
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(2) Seattle (Encs. 25)
2 - Anchorage
JHF: rmm
(4) 164-81-734

DB Cooper-3353
ANCHORAGE DIVISION

At Anchorage, Alaska

Will report results of investigation being conducted at Fairbanks, Alaska, and any additional information received by Anchorage Division.
TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)
FROM: SAC, ANCHORAGE (164-59)(P)
SUBJ: UNSUB; NORTHWEST AIRLINES
       FLIGHT 305,
       PORTLAND TO SEATTLE,
       11/24/71
       CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION
       OO: SEATTLE

Re Anchorage letter to Seattle, 11/30/71.

He had SSAN
but believed he was

On 12/1/71 he advised he viewed
sketch of Unsub in local paper. He stated sketch could
be of______ however, he recalled______ as having hair
not as flat as in sketch.

He added______ and might possibly be able to identify jumper
from sketch.

2 - Seattle
2 - Anchorage
RMP-gal
(4)

Approved: 
Special Agent in Charge

U.S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1971-413-135
AN 164-59

He added

On 12/1/71 located the address for

LEAD

ANCHORAGE

At Anchorage, Alaska

Display sketch of Unsub to to see if it resembles acquaintance who

- 2 -
12/3/71

AIRTEL

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)
FROM: SAC, ANCHORAGE (164-59)(P)
SUBJ: UNSUB; NORTHWEST AIRLINES
       FLIGHT 305;
       PORTLAND TO SEATTLE,
       11/24/71
       CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION
       CC: SEATTLE

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2 - Seattle
2 - Anchorage
RMP-gal
(4)

DB Cooper-3357
AN 164-59

He added

On 12/1/71 located the address for

LEAD

ANCHORAGE

At Anchorage, Alaska

Display sketch of Unsub to to see if it resembles acquaintance who
TO: SAC, SEATTLE
FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (164-254) (RUC)
SUBJECT: UNSUB;
NORTHWEST AIRLINES
FLIGHT 305
11/24/71
CAA - HIJACKING
OO: SEATTLE

On 11/27/71, an individual identifying himself as advised SA that he had seen a poster at the Newark Terminal in the REA Express facility which depicted an individual sky-diving with a rope on his back.

He stated that after the recent hijacking in the northwest where an unknown individual apparently jumped from a plane with $200,000 ransom he thought this particular poster should be brought to the attention of the FBI. He stated he thought perhaps might be responsible for this crime.

Newark should furnish Seattle information concerning the poster at the Newark Terminal of REA Express in order that proper consideration may be given this matter.

2 - Seattle
2 - Newark
1 - Atlanta
RRP/1js (5)

164-81-736

Approved: Special Agent in Charge

DB Cooper-3359
Memorandum

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)  DATE: 12/6/71

FROM: SA

SUBJECT: UNSUB, aka Dan Cooper; NW AIRLINES FLIGHT #305; PORTLAND TO SEATTLE, 11/24/71

CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION

RE: SUSPECT -

On 12/1/71, [redacted] provided the following information:

He feels that he could be the hijacker.

resembles the artist's conception of the captioned UNSUB. [redacted] did look Latin if he was well tanned and [redacted] He is a nervous smoker but [redacted] cannot remember the brand of cigarettes.

[redacted] believes that

The following description of [redacted] was obtained from [redacted]

Name: [redacted]
Race: White
Sex: Male
Age: 35-36 (looks older)
Height: 6' to 6'1"
Weight: 175-185 lbs.
Build: Slender to average
Hair: Dark brown
Eyes: Brown

[redacted] also provided a photo of [redacted] 164-81-737

GET: klb

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

DB Cooper-3360
SE 164-81

LEAD

SEATTLE DIVISION

Contact FAA, Seattle, for information concerning present location.
SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) 12/6/71

SA

UNSUB, aka Dan Cooper;
NW AIRLINES FLIGHT #305,
PORTLAND TO SEATTLE,
11/24/71
CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION

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also provided a photo of 164-81-737

GET:k1b
(3)
Contact FAA, Seattle, for information concerning present location.
NR06 SV PLAIN
717 PM URGENT 12-6-71 PNR
TO DIRECTOR 164-2111
ATLANTA
SEATTLE 164-81
FROM SAVANNAH 164-29 2P

UNSUB, AKA DAN COOPER; NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT NO. THREE ZERO FIVE, PORTLAND TO SEATTLE, NOVEMBER TWENTYFOUR, SEVENTYONE, CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION, 00 SEATTLE.

REBUAIRTEL NOV. TWENTYNINE LAST, AND SEATTLE LETTER TO ALBANY, NOVEMBER THIRTY LAST. RE SAVANNAH TELCALL TO ATLANTA DEC SIX INST.

ON DEC. SIX,

ADVISED THAT

END PG ONE
IS WHITE MALE, FIVE FEET TEN INCHES, MEDIUM BUILD.

BECAUSE OF THE ABOVE, CONSIDERS A GOOD SUSPECT IN CAPTIONED AIRLINE HIJACKING.

ON DEC. SIX INSTANT RECEIVED INFO THAT

ATLANTA THOROUGHLY INTERVIEW ESTABLISH HIS ITINERARY SINCE AND SET FORTH LEADS IMMEDIATELY TO VERIFY. OBTAIN BACKGROUND AND NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF RELATIVES AND ACQUAINTANCES.

SEATTLE FURNISH ATLANTA AND SAVANNAH ANY ADDITIONAL PERTINENT INFO.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING AT P.

END

VAB

FBI SEATTLE CLR
NR09 SL Plain
8:43PM NITEL 12-6-71 NEH
TO PITTSBURGH
SEATTLE (164-81)
FROM ST. LOUIS (164-NPRC-M)

UNSUB, AKA DAN COOPER, NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE ZERO
FIVE, PORTLAND TO SEATTLE, NOVEMBER TWENTY-FOUR LAST. CAA - HIJACKING
EXTORTION. 00: SEATTLE. BUFIL: ONE SIX FOUR - TWO ONE ONE ONE.

RE SUSPECT

RE MYTEL DECEMBER THREE, LAST. PITTSBURGH AND SEATTLE ADD
FOLLOWING TWO PAGES TO ST. LOUIS TEL NR

164-81-740

END PAGE ONE
PAGE THREE

SL (164-NPRC-M)

BORN

WHITE MALE; HEIGHT: FIVE FEET, EIGHT INCHES; WEIGHT: ONE HUNDRED SIXTY POUNDS; BROWN HAIR AND EYES; MEDIUM BUILD; SELECTIVE SERVICE NUMBER

PARENTS:

RECORDS INDICATE APPLIED FOR EMPLOYMENT WITH BUT NO ADDRESS FOR IN THIS CORRESPONDENCE.

CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION CONCERNING AS SUSPECT. HANDLE PER INSTRUCTIONS IN BUREAU AIRTEL DATED NOVEMBER TWENTY-NINE LAST.

END PAGE THREE
CONSIDER UNSUB DANGEROUS.
CHARLOTTE ADVISED BY AIRMAIL COPY.
P.
END.

43:38:38
RECEIVED SL’S 01 AND 09

178
FBI SEATTLE
TIM
CLR
TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)
FROM: S.A.

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT; NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT #305, PORTLAND TO SEATTLE, 11/24/71 CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION O0: SEATTLE BUFILE 164-2111

Re Seattle Times article entitled "Hijacker's 'twin' ", front page, 12/5/71, and Memo of S.A.'s ROBERT ROSS REYNOLDS and DONALD J. STEELE, 12/3/71. ________ was eliminated as a suspect through investigation conducted by S.A. JOHN REEP, which did not include an interview.

Later on 12/3/71, ________ voluntarily appeared at the Seattle FBI office to offer whatever assistance he could. He was interviewed by S.A.'s REYNOLDS and STEELE, primarily concerning parachuting and possible other suspects. He was interviewed from approximately 2:30 PM until approximately 4:30 PM. He was not questioned as a suspect. He does not fit the description.

(1) 164-81
WRM: wrm

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan
Memorandum

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)(P)

FROM: SA ROBERT ROSS REYNOLDS AND SA DONALD J. STEELE

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT, aka Dan Cooper
NORTHWEST AIRLINES
FLIGHT #305,
PORTLAND TO SEATTLE,
11/24/71
CAA-HIJACKING;
EXTORTION
CO: SEATTLE

On 12/3/71, telephone advised
as follows:

Q. given the following set of circumstances, the Boeing 727 which you are generally familiar with, the rear stairway flying at 10,000 feet through clouds at about 178 knots on IFR Flight, what would be the conditions that would exist as soon as the cabin was depressurized?

A. As soon as the hatch was cracked, there would be depression matters of the aircraft. The lowering of the stairwell would create an effect on the entire aircraft because the air flow is disrupted here which would naturally affect the aircraft.

Q. This would have no material effect on the jumper physiologically at this altitude?

A. No, not at 10,000 feet.

Q. This would be a very practical altitude in which to jump?

A. Certainly.

Q. Would this be an ideal type aircraft from which to make a daylight or night jump?

A. Yes.

RRR/DJS:md
(1)

DB Cooper-3376

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings-Plan
Q. Given the conditions at night time with clouds below to about 7,000 feet and partial clouds and intermittent clouds taken to a ceiling about 4,000 feet, would this present any problems to a jumper?

A. There again we're dealing with variables. If a man knew what altitude at the time he was leaving the aircraft, there are two ways to determine his altitude on opening:

1. From the second hand on a wristwatch;
2. A wrist type altimeter.

Q. Making this jump, what would be practical for the man to do? To open the chute immediately or to wait until he had a view of the ground?

A. I would wait at least ten seconds before pulling. This way I am not only clear of the aircraft, but I am also out of visual sight of the aircraft or any aircraft in the area. Cloud covering is an advantage but not knowing where the ground is, is a problem because of the peaks in the area. The above procedure would be in effect if I was not in familiar territory. Another advantage of an early chute opening would be for the jumper to select the best drop zone possible.

In unfamiliar territory and wherein a light might be observed, would give the jumper not only an idea of his altitude but an opportunity for steering himself toward a suitable drop zone.

In chuting in familiar territory, this type of dropp would be rather "simple to an experienced jumper." This would allow the jumper to "free-fall" for the full
SE 164-81

40 second delay time. This would put him at approximately 2,000 feet altitude when the chute opens which still gives him another three minutes to the ground.

Footwear for an experienced jumper is inconsequential.

Jumping into a heavily wooded area is also relatively simple.

Jumping into water is even more simple for an experienced jumper.

Q. If the wind velocity at 10,000 feet was 25 knots and the ground level five knots, roughly how far could he travel?

A. He would be in the saddle for ten minutes. On a clear and pull situation (immediate opening of the chute), he could go five miles on the wind line or wind direction; and a normal delayed opening maximum distance with a five knot wind would be two or three thousand feet. Even with a non-steerable chute, by taking hold of the risers and facing into the wind and making an almost direct descent which would also produce a very soft landing equivalent to stepping off a chair.

Q. Would the speed of the plane at 178 knots present any problem?

A. No, not for a jumper.

Q. Based on the information we have discussed, here, does this jump present any problem to an experienced jumper?

A. None whatsoever.

Q. Do you think this man made this type of jump before.

A. I would say he has made some high altitude jumps before. The mere fact that the jumper requested 15 degree flaps and gear down to increase drag would also indicate the jumper was an experienced high altitude parachutist.
Q. In a free-fall from 10,000 feet to approximately 2,000 feet, what would be his rate of speed at rip cord pull?

A. 120 miles per hour which is normal free-fall terminal speed within the atmosphere because the speed increases upon the increase of altitude.

Q. What would the possibility be of the jumper suffering ankle or leg injuries in wearing oxford street shoes?

A. No more than if he had jump boots on. It shouldn't create any problem.

From the information furnished regarding the above situation, it is my opinion that this jumper was experienced and I would say having at least 150 jumps.

Q. What would your guess be as to the number of jumpers in the country that could pull this type of jump off?

A. At least 1000 people.

In the "Parachutist" put out by the U. S. Parachute Association, there are listed the names and state from which they are from for every individual which has obtained a license, whether it is Class A, B, C, D, or I.

A Class C jumper could have made the above jump. There are currently 7192 licensed Class C jumpers—to say nothing of Class D or I.

As of this month, there are 3094 Class D jumpers.

Class I is not given.

The above figures do not include military personnel that have done high altitude free-fall jumps. There is no way to determine how many jumpers would be in that category.
SE 164-81

The only time lapse necessary from departure of the aircraft to the opening of the chute is that time needed to stabilize the body and this is determined by each jumper's capabilities.

Q. Would accepting an unfamiliar chute present any problem to this person?

A. It wouldn't bother me. I would certainly check it over as would any experienced jumper.

Q. This would take less than ten minutes?

A. Yes.

Q. Could an average Forest Service Smoke Jumper pull off this job?

A. I doubt it. Bearing in mind smoke jumpers are for the most part all static line jumpers as is military, and unless they're doing some skydiving on the side.

In all likelihood, the smoke jumper could be eliminated.

Q. ______ would you discuss the age factor of a man 45 to 50 in parachute jumping? How many are active?

A. Very few.

However, high altitude jumpers in that age group would be extremely limited. These would be officials of jump clubs or parachute governing bodies and/or instructors.

Q. Bringing the age factor into this, would that change your estimate of the excess with which this jump could be performed?

A. No, because of the fact it requires no special physical condition to pull off a jump if you know what you're doing.

Q. Could you estimate how many residents in the State of Washington or Oregon could have pulled this off?

A. No.
NR005 AQ PLAIN
955PM NITEL 12/6/71 DJC
TO: SEATTLE (164-81)
PORLAND
SAN FRANCISCO
FROM: ALBUQUERQUE (149-131) IP

UNSUB, AKA DAN COOPER, NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE ZERO FIVE, PORLAND TO SEATLE, NOV. TWENTYFOUR, SEVENTYONE, CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION. SEATTLE ORIGIN.

RE LITTLE ROCK TELETYPE TO ALBUQUERQUE, DEC. THREE, LAST.

RE: SUSPECT

INVESTIGATION ALBUQUERQUE THROUGH CREDIT BUREAU, DIRECTORIES, POLICE DEPARTMENT, PARACHUTE CLUBS NEGATIVE RE

SAN FRANCISCO AND PORTLAND ADVISE ALBUQUERQUE IF LOCATED OR IF FURTHER BACKGROUND AVAILABLE.

UNSUB SHOULD BE CONSIDERED DANGEROUS.

END
TIJ
FBI SEATTLE
CLR

164-81-744

SEARCHED INDEXED
SERIALIZED FILED
DEC 6 1971
FBI SEATTLE

DB Cooper-3381
10:22PM NITEL 12/6/71 JAK
TO SEATTLE (164-81)
ALBUQUERQUE
PORTLAND (164-41)
LITTLE ROCK (164-22)
FROM SAN FRANCISCO (164-220) IP

UNSUB, AKA - DAN COOPER, NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE ZERO FIVE,
PORTLAND TO SEATTLE, NOV. TWENTYFOUR, SEVENTYONE; CAA - HIJACKING;
EXTORTION 00: SE

RE LR TEL, DEC. THREE EAST.
RE SUSPECT

ADDRESS AT THAT TIME
DOB

FIVE FT. NINE IN., ONE FIVE ZERO LBS.,
PD ATTEMPT LOCATE THROUGH ABOVE ADDRESS.

END...

HOLD FOR ONE

TIM

FBI SEATTLE
NR002 DL PLAIN

NITEL DATED 12-6-71 SENT 6:52 AM 12-7-71 JRH

TO DIRECTOR

SEATTLE (164-81)

FROM DALLAS (164-191)

UNSUB; HIJACKING OF NORTHWEST AIRLINES SEVEN TWENTY SEVEN JET, ELEVEN TWENTYFOUR SEVENTYONE. CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION. 00: SEATTLE.

RE OKLAHOMA CITY TELETYPING NOVEMBER THIRTY LAST.

__________________________

WAS INTERVIEWED THIS DATE RE HIS KNOWLEDGE OF OR INVOLVEMENT IN CAPTIONED HIJACKING. ___________ DENIED ANY INVOLVEMENT IN INSTANT MATTER AND ADVISED THAT HE ONLY KNEW OF THIS HIJACKING BECAUSE OF THE NEWS MEDIA. ___________ ADVISED THAT HE IS PRESENTLY EMPLOYED ___________.

AND THAT HIS ATTENDANCE AT WORK ON THE DATE OF THE HIJACKING CAN BE VERIFIED.

END PAGE ONE
PAGE TWO
DL 164-191

ADvised further that

Which was verified to be

The address shown on the license
is

Advised that he

Regarding his employment, stated that prior

On December six instant,

Advised was in attendance at his job on
November twentythree, four and five from the hours of

Regards as a good employee.

Is described from observation and interview as white
male, born five

Eleven, one hundred eightyfive pounds, brown hair with slight touch
of gray, eyes, slightly ruddy complexion, no distinctive scars
of marks. Glasses which, although not
unusually thick, he claims he must wear at all times.

FD three zero twos follow.

Air mail copy to Oklahoma City.

P

END

SWD FBI Seattle received two tels CLR
NR 006 LA PLAIN
611PM NITEL 12-06-71 AXV
TO PORTLAND (164-41)
SEATTLE (164-81)
FROM LOS ANGELES (164-497) 3P

UNSUB, AKA DAN COOPER; NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE ZERO FIVE,
PORTLAND TO SEATTLE, NOVEMBER TWENTY FOUR, SEVENTY ONE,
CAA-HIJACKING; EXTORTION, OFFICE OF ORIGIN: SEATTLE

RE PORTLAND TELTYPE TO SEATTLE, DECEMBER TWO LAST.
REFERENCED TELTYPE REFLECTS INTERVIEW OF
BY PORTLAND WITH REQUEST FOR LOS ANGELES TO CONDUCT
INQUIRY AT TO IDENTIFY PERSON
CLOSELY RESEMBLING UNSUB.

ON DECEMBER THREE LAST

COULD NOT RECALL

EMPLOYMENT RECORDS AT ABOVE COMPANY DATING
BACK TO REVIEWED AND NO RECORD OF

END PAGE ONE
EMPLOYMENT COULD BE LOCATED FOR  

Area. Artist conception of unsub exhibited to  

He does not know of anyone fitting description  

Of photo conception of unsub in  

Area.

Explained  

Has no information to furnish regarding  

The location of  

Is business  

Inquiry determined  

This firm has been at same location  

This location is approximately  

Area. Attempt to

End page two
LOCATE WAS MADE WITHOUT SUCCESS. PUBLIC SOURCE DATA ALSO FAILED TO LIST ANY INFORMATION REGARDING FIRMS KNOWN AS

LEAD:

PORTLAND

AT PORTLAND IS REQUESTED TO

RE-INTERVIEW FOR ADDITIONAL SPECIFIC INFORMATION REGARDING HIS RECOLLECTION OF PERSON RESEMBLING UNSUB.

LOS ANGELES

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA: WILL CONDUCT NO FURTHER INQUIRY IN THIS PHASE UNTIL ADDITIONAL FACTS RECEIVED FROM PORTLAND.

END
NR 015 PD PLAIN
10:12 PM URGENT 12/6/71 TLA

TO: NEW YORK (164-627)
    SEATTLE (164-81)

FROM: PORTLAND (164-41) 1P

UNSUB: NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE ZERO FIVE, PORTLAND TO
SEATTLE, NOVEMBER TWENTY FOUR, SEVENTY ONE. CAA DASH HIJACKING;
EXTORTION. 00: SEATTLE.

RE NEW YORK TELETYPE, DECEMBER THREE, SEVENTY ONE.

ON DECEMBER SIX, SEVENTY ONE, MVR RECORDS,
DESCRIBED AS FIVE FEET EIGHT INCHES, ONE HUNDRED FIFTY POUNDS,
AND DATE OF BIRTH

SINCE HEIGHT IS ONLY FIVE FEET EIGHT INCHES, NO FURTHER
ACTION BEING TAKEN AT PORTLAND, OREGON. -P-

END
Transmit the following in

Via

TO: SAC, ALEXANDRIA
    BUTE
    CINCINNATI
    HONOLULU
    LOS ANGELES 12:35 PM
    MIAMI
    NEW YORK
    OKLAHOMA CITY
    SAN FRANCISCO 115 PM
    WFO 2:45 PM

FROM: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

UNSUB; AKA DAN COOPER. NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE ZERO FIVE, PORTLAND TO SEATTLE, NOVEMBER TWENTY-FOUR, SEVENTY-ONE.

CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION. 00: SEATTLE.

RE: [Blank]


ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

JSD:bfr
(1)

164-81-750

Approved: [Signature]
Special Agent in Charge

Sent [Signature]

Per [Signature]

U.S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1971—413—129
NR Ø13 SE PLAINTEXT
(SENT 12/7/71 3:45AM) NITEL 12/6/71 TIM
TO ALEXANDRIA
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HONOLULU (VIA WASHINGTON, D.C.)
LOS ANGELES
MIAMI
NEW YORK
OKLAHOMA CITY
SAN FRANCISCO
WFO
F // VIA WASHINGTON //
FROM SEATTLE (164-81)

UNSUB; AKA DAN COOPER, NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE ZERO FIVE, PORTLAND TO SEATTLE, NOVEMBER TWENTY-FOUR, SEVENTYONE. CAA-
HIJACKING; EXTORTION. OO: SEATTLE.

RE: 

PHOTOGRAPH OF EXHIBITED TO THREE WITNESSES AT , WHO ADVISED NOT IDENTICAL TO UNSUB. ALL OFFICES DISCONTINUE
RE -P- ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END
PM NITEL 12/6/71 TIM SENT 12/7/71 2:15 AM

TO ALEXANDRIA
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RE -P-

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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GEA FBI WFO CLR
12:35PM NITEL 12/6/71 SENT 12/7/7158.
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UNSUB; AKA DAN COOPER, NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE ZERO FIVE, PORTLAND TO SEATTLE, NOVEMBER TWENTY-FOUR, SEVENTYONE. CAA-HIJACKING; EXTORTION. OO: SEATTLE.

RE: 

PHOTOGRAPH OF EXHIBITED TO THREE WITNESSES AT WHO ADVISED NOT IDENTICAL TO UNSUB. ALL OFFICES DISCONTINUE

RE -P-

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END
GJH FOR TWO
FBI LOS ANGELES
HOLD

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DB Cooper-3395
TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES
FROM: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

UNSUB; AKA DAN COOPER; NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE ZERO FIVE, PORTLAND TO SEATTLE, NOVEMBER TWENTYFOUR, SEVENTYONE. CAA DASH HIJACKING; EXTORTION. OO: SEATTLE.
RE MINNEAPOLIS NITEL TO BUREAU DECEMBER TWO, SEVENTYONE.

RE: SUSPECT FORMERLY EMPLOYED DESCRIBED AS WHITE, MALE, FIVE FEET SEVEN INCHES; DARK BROWN HAIR, AND BROWN EYES.

ADvised on December Six, Seventyone, That Suspect

JTS/rse

Approved: Special Agent in Charge
Sent M Per DB Cooper-3396
PAGE TWO

SE 164-81

LOS ANGELES AT WILL DISCREETLY b6
DETERMINE THE WHEREABOUTS OF THIS SUSPECT ON THE AFTERNOON b7C
AND EVENING OF NOVEMBER TWENTYFOUR, SEVENTYONE.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.
TELETYPEx URGENT

TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES
FROM: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

SUBJ: AKA DAN COOPER; NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE ZERO FIVE, PORTLAND TO SEATTLE, NOVEMBER TWENTY-FOUR, SEVENTY-ONE. CAA DASH HIJACKING; EXTORTION. 00: SEATTLE.

RE: MINNEAPOLIS HOTEL TO BUREAU DECEMBER TWO, SEVENTY-ONE.

RU:

SUSPECT FORMERLY EMPLOYED

[Blank]

[Blank] DESCRIBED AS WHITE, MALE,

DOB [Blank] FIVE FEET SEVEN INCHES,

DARK BROWN HAIR, AND BROWN EYES.

[Blank] ADVISED ON DECEMBER SIX, SEVENTY-ONE.

THAT SUSPECT [Blank]

JTS/rse

(2) 164-81-78-1

DB Cooper-3398
LOS ANGELES AT WILL DISCREETLY

DETERMINE THE WHEREABOUTS OF THIS SUSPECT ON THE AFTERNOON
AND EVENING OF NOVEMBER TWENTYFOUR, SEVENTY-ONE.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.
Transmit the following in
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via TELETYP E NITEL (Priority)

TO: SAC, PORTLAND (164-41)
FROM: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

UNSUB; AKA DAN COOPER; NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE ZERO FIVE, PORTLAND TO SEATTLE, NOVEMBER TWENTYFOUR, SEVENTYONE, CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION. CO: SEATTLE.

ON DECEMBER SIX, NINETEEN SEVENTYONE, SA EDWARD J. ANDERSON

RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL FROM

HOME ADDRESS

TELEPHONE

SUGGESTED THAT UNSUB. MAY HAVE PURCHASED FLIGHT INSURANCE FROM MACHINES OR COUNTERS AT PORTLAND INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

RECOMMENDED THAT NAMES ON POLICIES PURCHASED ON NOVEMBER TWENTYFOUR, SEVENTYONE, BE CROSS CHECKED WITH MANIFEST OF NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE ZERO FIVE.

PORTLAND. AT PORTLAND, OREGON. CONTACT APPROPRIATE CON TROLLING AGENCY FOR FLIGHT INSURANCE AT PORTLAND INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT IN ORDER TO OBTAIN LISTING OF POLICIES PURCHASED NOVEMBER TWENTYFOUR, LAST. DETERMINE, IF FEASIBLE, TO ELIMINATE NAMES ON POLICIES OF OTHER FLIGHTS THAT DATE AND THEREBY PLACE TRUE NAME OF UNSUB. TO MANIFEST ON NORTHWEST FLIGHT THREE ZERO FIVE.

(1) EJ/A/S1b

Approved: ____________ Sent 140/___ M Per ____________

Special Agent in Charge

DB Cooper-3400
NR 03 PX PLAIN
1056 PM NITEL 12-6-71 WJG
TO SEATTLE (164-81)
FROM PHOENIX (164-100) 2P

UNSUB; NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE ZERO FIVE, PORTLAND
TO SEATTLE, NOVEMBER TWENTYFOUR, LAST. CAA - HIJACKING;
EXTORTION. 00: SEATTLE.

RE BUREAU AIRTEL TO ALL OFFICES, NOVEMBER TWENTYNINE LAST.
ON INSTANT DATE, PHOENIX, ARIZONA ADVISED THAT ON DECEMBER FOUR LAST A []
[] CAME INTO ONE BRANCHES AND PURCHASED A CASHIERS CHECK IN THE AMOUNT

THE BANK EMPLOYEE ISSUING THE CASHIERS CHECK WAS SUSPICIOUS
[] BEHAVED
IN A STRANGE MANNER.

END PAGE ONE

12/7/71.
I advised SA [] in Phoenix to check these numbers through the NCIC.

JEM:eon
PAGE TWO

PX 164-100

FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING DESCRIPTION OF WHITE MALE, SIX FEET, TWO HUNDRED POUNDS, LIGHT BROWN HAIR, MID FIFTIES TO EARLY SIXTIES, WORE GLASSES, TYPE CLOTHING.

THE PHOENIX DIVISION HAS SECURED A LIST OF THE SERIAL NUMBERS OF THE TWENTY DOLLAR BILLS USED BY TO PURCHASE THE CASHIERS CHECK.

THE PHOENIX DIVISION IS PRESENTLY RETAINING THE LIST OF SERIAL NUMBERS OF THE TWENTY DOLLAR BILLS. IN THE EVENT OFFICE OF ORIGIN HAS COMPILED A LIST OF THE SERIAL NUMBERS OF THE TWENTY DOLLAR BILLS USED TO COMPRIS THE TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLAR RANSOM THESE SERIAL NUMBERS SHOULD BE FURNISHED TO THE PHOENIX DIVISION FOR COMPARISON.

NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION WILL BE CONDUCTED BY THE PHOENIX DIVISION IN THIS REGARD UNLESS OTHERWISE REQUESTED BY THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN.

---UNSUB CONSIDERED DANGEROUS---

PENDING.

END.

TIM.

FBI SEATTLE

CLR

DB Cooper-3402
MEMORANDUM

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) (P)  
FROM: SA  
DATE: 12/4/71

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT; NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT #305; PORTLAND TO SEATTLE, 11/24/71  
CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION  
00: SEATTLE  
BUFFER 164-2111

On 12/4/71, 1 was shown a file which contained a photo of an individual who was advised that this individual is not identical with his recollection of the hijacker in this case.

LMH
(3)  
1-164-81  
1-164-81 Sub 65

DB Cooper-3403
Northwest Airlines
Seattle-Tacoma International Airport
Seattle, Wash
Transmit the following in

(Type in plaintext or code)

Via

(Priority)

TO

SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (164-73) AND
SAC, MIAMI
SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

FROM

UNSUB, AKA DAN COOPER, NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT
THREE ZERO FIVE, PORTLAND TO SEATTLE, NOV. TWENTYFOUR,
SEVENTYONE. CAA DASH HIJACKING; EXTORTION. 00: SE

ON DEC. SIX, SEVENTYONE,

NORTHWEST AIRLINES, SEATTLE TACOMA
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, SEATTLE, WASH., NOTIFIED SEATTLE
OFFICE THAT HE WAS HOLDING A POSTCARD

NORTHWEST AIRLINES, SEATTLE TACOMA
AIRPORT, POSTMARKED NOV. TWENTYEIGHT, SEVENTYONE, FROM
MAIMI, FLORIDA. MESSAGE READS "DO YOU KNOW ABOUT MY
MISREPRESENTATION?", SIGNED DATED NOV.
TWENTYSEVEN, SEVENTYONE. RETURN ADDRESS OF

INDICATED
ON FACE OF CARD. THOUGHT ADDRESS UNUSUAL SINCE
IN MINNEAPOLIS. FURNISHED COPY
OF CARD TO SA EDWARD J. ANDERSON, ORIGINAL BEING FORWARDED
COPY OF POSTCARD BEING FORWARDED TO MINNEAPOLIS
AND MIAMI BY FACSIMILE.

EJA: 11b
(1)

DB Cooper-3407

Approved: 1
Special Agent in Charge

Sent MP-130 A.M

Per

12/6/71
SE 164-81

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LEADS. MINNEAPOLIS AT MINNEAPOLIS. CONTACT

TO DETERMINE IF SHE KNOWS A

AND IF MESSAGE HAS BEARING TO CAPTIONED CASE. ADVISE MIAMI

IF INTERVIEW WITH DEEMED APPROPRIATE.

MIAMI AT MIAMI. CHECK Indices FOR

HOLD IN ABEYANCE ANY FURTHER INVESTIGATION OF

UNTIL ADVISED BY MINNEAPOLIS.
NR 011 SE PLAINTEST
1:30 AM NITEL 12/6/71 SENT 12/7/71 TIM
TO MINNEAPOLIS (164-73)
MIAMI
FROM SEATTLE (164-81)

UNSUB, AKA DAN COOPER, NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE ZERO FIVE,
PORTLAND TO SEATTLE, NOVEMBER TWENTYFOUR, SEVENTYONE. CAA DASH
HIJACKING; EXTORTION. OO: SEATTLE.

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END OF PAGE ONE
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MIAMI AT MIAMI. CHECK INDICES FOR [ ] HOLD IN ABYANCE ANY FURTHER INVESTIGATION OF [ ] UNTIL ADVISED BY MINNEAPOLIS.

END

FBI MP BLB
CLR
TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)  
FROM: SA  
DATE: 12/6/71

SUBJECT: UNSUB, aka Dan Cooper; NW AIRLINES FLIGHT #305, PORTLAND TO SEATTLE 11/24/71 CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION

RE: SUSPECT - Washington, telephone advised that may be the captioned hijacker. 

looks exactly like the artist's conception of the hijacker. He was He is in his mid-30s. His hair is dark brown, has a sometimes wore glasses and was a heavy smoker of Raleigh cigarettes. He had a dark olive complexion and said he was

was a individual. He was last seen at

GET:kib (3)

Photo will be obtained. (w/)

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan DB Cooper-3411
SA

UNSUB, aka Dan Cooper;
NW AIRLINES FLIGHT #305,
PORTLAND TO SEATTLE
11/24/71
CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION

RE: SUSPECT -

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GET: klb
(3)
Memorandum

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

FROM: SA

DATE: December 6, 1971

SUBJECT: UNSUB, aka
Dan Cooper;
Northwest Airlines
Flight 305,
Portland to Seattle
11/24/71
CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION
00: SEATTLE

At 8:10 p.m. on December 4, 1971 SA hand carried an envelope to Sea-Tac Airport, Seattle, Washington, marked for the SAC, Portland Division. from Seattle to Portland same date and was advised that a Special Agent from the Portland Division would meet him at the Portland Airport. This envelope contained four glossy prints of was due to arrive in Portland at approximately 9 p.m., December 4, 1971.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

RDM:kdl
(3) /s/ Ben

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

DB Cooper-3413
SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)  

December 6, 1971

SA

UNSUB, aka
Dan Cooper;
Northwest Airlines
Flight 305,
Portland to Seattle
11/24/71
CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION
00: SEATTLE

Re: Suspect

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ARMED AND DANGEROUS

RDM: kd1

164-81-759

DB Cooper-3414
TO: SAC, BALTIMORE
FROM: SAC, PHOENIX (164-100) (P)

UNSUB;
Northwest Airlines 727
Portland, Oregon
11/24/71
CAA - HIJACKING

00: SEATTLE

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

For information of Baltimore, unsub on 11/24/71 boarded Northwest Airline 727 at Portland, Oregon and hijacked plane and demanded and received $200,000 claiming to have a bomb. He received the money at Seattle. He escaped after plane had taken off from Seattle with use of parachute somewhere between Seattle, Washington, and Reno, Nevada.

Unsub was described as white male, 50 years old, 6'1"., 172 pounds.

The Phoenix Office on 11/30/71 received information from a non-symbol source that [ ] could fit this description and [ ]

2 - Baltimore
2 - Seattle (164-81)
2 - Washington Field
2 - Phoenix

JAM/bay
(8)

Approved: Special Agent in Charge

Sent M Per 

FBI - SEATTLE

U.S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1971-613-135

DB Cooper-3415
is described by source as follows:

Name
Race
Sex
DOB
Age
Weight
Height
Eyes
Hair
Characteristics
Marital Status

Caucasian
Male

185 pounds
6'

Dark with sideburns and graying at temples
Neat dresser, handsome and distinguished looking, slightly round shouldered and wears sunglasses frequently
PX 164-100
JAM/bay

LEADS:

BALTIMORE DIVISION

AT

Conduct investigation at

to determine if

Obtain background information and conduct necessary
investigation to determine if possibly identical
with unsub.

WFO DIVISION

AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

Conduct investigation at

Obtain background information and conduct necessary investiga-
tion to determine if possibly identical with unsub.
Memorandum

TO: FILE (164-81)    DATE: 12/7/71

FROM: SAC, SEATTLE

SUBJECT: UNSUB, aka Dan Cooper
NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT 305
PORTLAND TO SEATTLE, 11/24/71
CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION

On 12/7/71 SA called from the Bureau and advised that they had just sent up a memo to the Director recommending that the Bureau make a national press release concerning the availability of the serial numbers of the money paid to the hijacker. I had discussed this with [blank] and SA[blank] on 12/6/71 and recommended that it be done, and at the same time encourage the publication of the list by any newspaper inclined to do so.

I suggested that the public be advised that the numbers were in the NCIC and that they could be checked immediately.

JEM:eon
(3)
NR003 OC PLAIN
331PM 12-7-71 URGENT DWM
TO SEATTLE (164-81)
FROM OKLAHOMA CITY (164-56) (P) I P

UNSUB, AKA DAN COOPER, NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE ZERO FIVE, PORTLAND TO SEATTLE, NOV. TWENTYFOUR LAST. CAA-
HIJACKING AND EXTORTION. OFF-SEATTLE. RE

RE LAS VEGAS TELETYPE TO SEATTLE AND OKLA. CITY DEC.
SIX LAST.
RECORDS SHOW
BORN

CREDIT CHECK REVEALS RESIDING
AS OF

LEAD. WILL DETERMINE IF PRESENTLY RESIDING AND HIS WHEREABOUTS ON NOV. TWENTYFOUR LAST.

ENQVAB
FBI SEATTLE CLR

DB Cooper-3419
TO: SAC, ALBUQUERQUE (149-131)
FROM: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)(P)

UNSUB, AKA DAN COOPER, NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE ZERO FIVE, PORTLAND TO SEATTLE, NOVEMBER TWENTY-FOUR, NINETEEN SEVENTYONE, CAA DASH HIJACKING; EXTORTION, OO: SEATTLE, BUREAU FILE ONE SIX FOUR DASH TWO ONE ONE ONE.

RE ALBUQUERQUE TELETYPE TO SEATTLE, DECEMBER THREE LAST,
CONCERNING

IS AND ADVISED SHE SHE STATES THAT

WITHIN THE NEAR FUTURE.

MRM/djs (1) 164-81-763

Approved:

Special Agent in Charge

Sent 11pm

Per DB Cooper-3420
Transmit the following in

(Type in plaintext or code)

Via

(Priority)

SE 164-81
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ADVISED

THAT

ALBUQUERQUE CONTINUE EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH

WHEREABOUTS DURING CAPTIONED MATTER.

UNSUB SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS. - P -
TO: SAC, MILWAUKEE (164-36)
FROM: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

UNSUB; AKA DAN COOPER; NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE
ZERO FIVE, PORTLAND TO SEATTLE, NOVEMBER TWENTYFOUR LAST,
CAA DASH HIJACKING; EXTORTION; OFFICE OF ORIGIN: SEATTLE.

RE: SEATTLE-NITEL TO MILWAUKEE, DECEMBER TWO LAST.
DISCONTINUE AS WITNESS HAS ELIMINATED PHOTOGRAPH.

MRM/rmh

164-81-769

Approved: Special Agent in Charge
Memorandum

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) (P)

FROM: SA

DATE: 12/7/71

SUBJECT: UNSUB, aka Dan Cooper; NORTHWEST AIRLINES
FLIGHT #305
PORTLAND TO SEATTLE,
11/24/71
CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION
00: SEATTLE

Suspect: 

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ARMED AND DANGEROUS

3. Seattle (Encl. 3)
RDM/rse (3)

Requested 12-10-71
Expedite film

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Pay
SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) (P) 12/7/71

SA

UNSUB, aka Dan Cooper;
NORTHWEST AIRLINES
FLIGHT #305
PORTLAND TO SEATTLE,
11/24/71
CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION
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ARMED AND DANGEROUS

Seattle (Encl. 3)
RDM/rse
(3)

164-81-765

DB Cooper-3425
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (164-2111)
FROM: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)
UNSUB, AKA DAN COOPER; NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT #305, PORTLAND TO SEATTLE, 11/24/71. CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION.
OO: SE.

TO COMPLETE CIRCULARIZATION IN THIS TERRITORY,
PLEASE FORWARD AN ADDITIONAL ELEVEN HUNDRED COPIES OF RANSOM MONEY LIST.

PRB: k1b (2)

Approved: Special Agent in Charge
Sent 2 p.m. Per
NR 007 PD PLAIN
4:55 PM URGENT 12-7-71 LJQ
TO: SEATTLE (164-81)
FROM: PORTLAND (164-41) IP

UNSUB; NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE ZERO FIVE, ETC. CAA DASH
HIJACKING; EXTORTION. 00: SEATTLE.

SUMMARY TELETYPE

LOOK ALIKE LEADS ARE STILL BEING RECEIVED AT PORTLAND; HOWEVER,
NONE OF THE LEADS HAS BEEN PRODUCTIVE AS YET. -P-

END
TIM
FB I SEATILE
GA
NR 010 WF PLAIN
7:02 PM URGENT 12-6-71 ASW
TO DIRECTOR
SEATTLE
FROM WASHINGTON FIELD (164-169) THREE PAGES

UNSUB; AKA DAN COOPER, NORTHWESTERN AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE ZERO FIVE, PORTLAND TO SEATTLE, NOVEMBER TWENTYFOUR SEVENTYONE, CAA-HI JACKING; EXTORTION. 00 SEATTLE.

RE SUSPECT
ON DECEMBER SIX, INSTANT, [PROTECT IDENTITY], ADvised THAT

BEARS A GOOD RESEMBLANCE TO COMPOSITE OF UNKNOWN SUBJECT IN CAPTIONED MATTER AND THAT

END PAGE ONE
PAGE TWO

FUR- NISHED THE FOLLOWING DESCRIPTIVE DATA IN REFERENCE TO

WHITE MALE, __________ YEARS OLD; DATE OF BIRTH, __________
PLACE OF BIRTH, __________; MEDIUM
HEIGHT; ONE HUNDRED SIXTY FIVE POUNDS; THINNING BROWN HAIR;
DEEP FIRM VOICE; ITALIAN EXTRACTION; HEAVY SMOKER

END PAGE TWO
INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED BY WFO DISCLOSED WFO
HAS REQUESTED FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION RECORD
UNDER FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION NUMBER

FACSIMILE PHOTOGRAPH OF BEING FURNISHED SEATTLE
HERewith.

LEAD: SEATTLE DISPLAY PHOTOGRAPHS OF TO CREW
MEMBERS OF CAPTIONED FLIGHT AND ADVISE WFO OF RESULTS.

IF DEEMED IDENTICAL OR SIMILAR TO UNKNOWN SUBJECT
WFO WILL INSTITUTE INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE HIS PRESENT
WHEREABOOUTS. P.

UNKNOWN SUBJECT CONSIDERED DANGEROUS

END

VAB

FBI SEATTLE CLR
Memorandum

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)
FROM: SA

DATE: 12/7/71

SUBJECT: UNSUB; NORTHWEST AIRLINES
          FLIGHT 305, 11/24/71
          CAA-HIJACKING; EXTORTION

On 12/7/71 SA contacted [blank] by telephone. SA exhibited to [blank] a group of photographs, including that of [blank], a suspect in the instant matter. [blank] eliminated this suspect, based upon his recollection of the hijacker in this case.

cc 1-164-81 Sub [blank]
CNG (3)

DB Cooper-3484

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan
TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)  
FROM: SA  

DATE: 12/7/71

SUBJECT: UNSUB; NORTHWEST AIRLINES  
FLIGHT 305, 11/24/71  
CAA-HIJACKING; EXTORTION

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2-164-81
CC  
1-164-81 Sub ___
CNG
(3)
NR 032 LA PLAIN
10:32 PM NITEL 12-7-71 TDH
TO SEATTLE (164-81)
SAN FRANCISCO (164-220)
FROM LOS ANGELES (164-497) 1P

UNSUB, AKA DAN COOPER; NORTHWEST AIRLINES, FLIGHT THREE-ZERO-FIVE, PORTLAND TO SEATTLE, NOVEMBER TWENTYFOUR LAST, CAA-HIJACKING, EXORTION, 00 SEATTLE.

RE SUSPECT
THIS DATE,

REQUESTING TO REMAIN ANONYMOUS, BUT KNOWN TO AGENT OF LOS ANGELES DIVISION, STATED BEARS STRIKING RESEMBLANCE TO ARTIST'S SKETCH OF HIJACKER.

SOURCE ADVISES

PHOTOGRAPH AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA RE MAINTAINED

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA: CONTACT OBTAIN BACKGROUND DATA AND SET OUT LEADS TO ESTABLISH WHEREABOUTS OF EVENING OF NOVEMBER TWENTYFOUR LAST.

UNSUB CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END

164-81-773

DECEMBER 9 1971
FBI SEATTLE

DB Cooper-3486
TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)  
FROM: SA CHARLES E. FARRELL
SUBJECT: UNSUB, aka Dan Cooper; NW AIRLINES FLIGHT #305, PORTLAND TO SEATTLE, 11/24/71; CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION; OO: SE

RE: PUBLICITY

On 12/6/71, copies of the list of ransom money were furnished to the following:

All hotels, motels in the State of Washington;
All hotels, motels in the Vancouver, B.C. area;
Liquor stores, State of Washington;
Law enforcement agencies, State of Washington;
Federal Savings & Loan Associations, and
Federal Credit Unions.

Above distribution totalled 2300.

CEF: k1b
(3)

SAC advises that all offices have been provided with ransom list.

164-81-774
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FBI - SEATTLE

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan
Office Memorandum  •  UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO:       FILE (164-81)
FROM:     SAC, SEATTLE

DATE:     12/7/71

SUBJECT:  UNSUB, aka Dan Cooper;
          NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT 305
          PORTLAND TO SEATTLE, 11/24/71
          CAA – HIJACKING; EXTORTION

SA called from the Bureau and advised
that they desired an original and 7 copies of an LHM
be submitted today outlining in detail the commission of
the offense and summarizing briefly the investigation
conducted to date, which should be submitted on 12/7/71.

JEM: eon
(3)
FILE (164-81) 12/7/71

SAC, SEATTLE

UNSUB, aka Dan Cooper; NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT 305 PORTLAND TO SEATTLE, 11/24/71 CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION

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JEM:eon (3)
FBI
Date: 12/17/71

Transmit the following in
(Teletype) (Priority)

TO: SACS WFO MINNEAPOLIS PORTLAND

FROM: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

UNSUB, AKA DAN COOPER, NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE
ZERO FIVE, PORTLAND TO SEATTLE, NOVEMBER TWENTYFOUR, NINETEEN
SEVENTYONE, CAA DASH HIJACKING; EXTORTION. OO: SEATTLE
RE WFO TELETEYPE TO DIRECTOR, DECEMBER SIX INSTANT.
RE SUSPECT
FOR INFORMATION OF PORTLAND AND MINNEAPOLIS, INFORMATION
RECEIVED FROM (PROTECT) THAT
RESEMBLES COMPOSITE AND

DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, YEARS
OLD, BORN
MEDIUM HEIGHT, ONE HUNDRED SIXTYFIVE POUNDS, THINNING BROWN
HAIR, DEEP VOICE, ITALIAN EXTRACTION, HEAVY SMOKER

164-81-776

JSD/djs
(1)

Approved: Special Agent in Charge
Sent
M Per

DB Cooper-3490
WFO FURNISH FACSIMILE PHOTO TO PORTLAND AND MINNEAPOLIS TO DISPLAY TO WITNESSES.

MINNEAPOLIS AND PORTLAND. OPON RECEIPT OF PHOTO FROM WFO, WILL DISPLAY TO WITNESSES. - P -
NR04 SE PLAIN
8:22K AM URGENT 12/7/71 SWD
TO WFO
MINNEAPOLIS
PORTLAND
FROM SEATTLE (164-81) 2P

UNSUB; AKA DAN COOPER, NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE ZERO FIVE,
PORTLAND TO SEATTLE, NOVEMBER TWENTYFOUR, NINETEEN SEVENTYONE,
CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION. 00: SEATTLE

RE WFO TELETEYPE TO DIRECTOR, DECEMBER SIX INSTANT.
RE SUSPECT

FOR INFORMATION OF PORTLAND AND MINNEAPOLIS, INFORMATION
RECEIVED FROM (PROTECT) THAT
RESEMBLES COMPOSITE AND

__________ DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, _______ YEARS OLD,
BORN

MEDIUM HEIGH, ONE HUNDRED SIXTYFIVE POUNDS, THINNING BROWN
HAIR, DEEP VOICE, ITALIAN EXTRACTION, HEAVY SMOKER

END OF PAGE ONE
WFO FURNISH FACSIMILE PHOTO TO PORTLAND AND MINNEAPOLIS TO DISPLAY TO WITNESSES.

MINNEAPOLIS AND PORTLAND, UPON RECEIPT OF PHOTO FROM WFO, WILL DISPLAY TO WITNESSES. -P-

END

LJQ

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REC OK FBI PORTLAND CLR TU
NR004 SE PLAIN
8:14 AM URGENT 12/7/71 SWD
TO WFO
    MINNEAPOLIS
    PORTLAND
FROM SEATTLE (164-81) 2KP

UNSUB; AKA DAN COOPER, NORTHWEST AIRLINES' FLIGHT THREE ZERO FIVE,
PORTLAND TO SEATTLE, NOVEMBER TWENTYFOUR, NINETEEN SEVENTYONE,
CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION. O0: SEATTLE

RE WFO TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR, DECEMBER SIX INSTANT.

RE SUSPECT

FOR INFORMATION OF PORTLAND AND MINNEAPOLIS, INFORMATION
RECEIVED FROM (PROTECT) THAT
RESEMBLES COMPOSITE AND

[Blank]

DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, YEARS OLD,
BORN
MEDIUM HEIGHT, ONE HUNDRED SIXTYFIVE POUNDS, THINNING BROWN
HAIR, DEEP VOICE, ITALIAN EXTRACTION, HEAVY SMOKER

END OF PAGE ONE

DB Cooper-3494

164-81-776
WFO FURNISH FACSIMILE PHOTO TO PORTLAND AND MINNEAPOLIS TO DISPLAY TO WITNESSES.

MINNEAPOLIS AND PORTLAND, UPON RECEIPT OF PHOTO FROM WFO, WILL DISPLAY TO WITNESSES. -P-

END

TIJ FBI MP

CLR
NR 006 CI PLAIN
730 PM  URGENT 12-7-71 JPM
TO  DETROIT (164-115)
    MINNEAPOLIS
    PHILADELPHIA
    PITTSBURGH
    SEATTLE (164-81)
FROM  CINCINNATI (164-55) 2P

UNSUB, AKA., DAN COOPER; NORTHWEST AIRLINES, FLIGHT
NUMBER THREE ZERO FIVE, PORTLAND TO SEATTLE, NOV, TWENTY-FOUR,
SEVENTY-ONE, CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION, OO: SEATTLE.

RE DETROIT TEL AND TELEPHONE CALL TO CINCINNATI TODAY.
CINCINNATI INDICES REVEAL ONE

SUBJECT OF CINCINNATI FILE  
FILE DESTROYED BUT RECORDS REVEAL PHILADELPHIA ORIGIN.

SUBJECT OF CINCINNATI FILE  
CLEVELAND ORIGIN. FILE DESTROYED.

SUBJECT OF CINCINNATI FILE  
ORIGIN NOT SHOWN BY CINCINNATI RECORDS. FILE DESTROYED.

INDICES CARD ON  
REVEALS HE IS WHITE MALE, FIVE FEET 
INCHES, ONE HUNDRED SIXTYEIGHT POUNDS, DOB  

FBI NUMBER  

NO OTHER DATA RE  IN CINCINNATI FILES.

END PAGE ONE

DB Cooper-3496.
PAGE TWO

SUBJECT OF CINCINNATI FILE

PHILADELPHIA ORIGIN, FILE DESTROYED. SUBJECT CINCINNATI FILE

LOUISVILLE ORIGIN. FILE DESTROYED.

INDIANAPOLIS ORIGIN. FILE DESTROYED. WAS SUSPECT IN CINCINNATI FILE LATER DETERMINED NOT SUBJECT. RECORDS REVEAL HE IS WHITE MALE, FIVE FEET NINE TO ELEVEN INCHES, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY POUNDS, DOB BROWN HAIR, RECEDING AT TEMPLES, EYES,

CINCINNATI FILES REVEAL NO CONNECTION BETWEEN AND NO LEADS BEING SET FORTH FOR LOUISVILLE, CLEVELAND, AND INDIANAPOLIS.

UNSUB ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END

VAB

FBI, SEATTLE CLR

DB Cooper-3497
TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES
   SAC, SAN FRANCISCO
FROM: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

UNSUB, AKA DAN COOPER; NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT NUMBER THREE ZERO FIVE, PORTLAND TO SEATTLE, NOVEMBER TWENTY FOUR, SEVENTY ONE, CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION. 00: SEATTLE.

RE: NEW YORK TELETYPING, DECEMBER TWO, SEVENTY ONE, RE

FOR THE INFORMATION OF LOS ANGELES AND SAN FRANCISCO, ON DECEMBER ONE, SEVENTY ONE, PORT OF NEW YORK AUTHORITY POLICE DEPARTMENT, LA GUARDIA AIRPORT, ADVISED BUREAU AGENTS OF AN INCIDENT OCCURRING AT LA GUARDIA IN THE SPRING OF SEVENTY ONE. STATED THAT TWO WHITE MALE INDIVIDUALS IDENTIFYING THEMSELVES AS APPEARED AT THE EASTERN AIRLINES TICKET OFFICE AT LA GUARDIA AND ATTEMPTED TO PURCHASE TICKETS FOR FLIGHT TO MIAMI WITH FRAUDULENT CREDIT CARD. TICKET AGENT RECOGNIZED FRAUDULENT CREDIT CARD AND ATTEMPTED TO STALL THE TWO

JSD:m1c 164-81-778

Approved: Special Agent in Charge
Sent 4:14 PM  Per DB Cooper-3498
SE 164-81

PAGE TWO

PASSengers who left the counter abruptly, but who had previously checked their luggage which they left behind. The luggage became property of Port Authority Police Department and upon inspection it was ascertained that one or both these individuals was an experienced and active sports parachutist. A personal letter located in the luggage indicates this individual, who is probably may have been incarcerated at one time. Included in the luggage was a
Also included in the luggage was a sports parachutist's log book bearing no name.

Los Angeles, at California, attempt to develop information concerning to determine whether he could be unsub in this matter,

San Francisco at Monterey, California, review records of U.S. parachute association for information concerning

armed and dangerous
ENR015 SE PLAIN
4:20PM URGENT 12/7/71 VAB
TO LOS ANGELES
SAN FRANCISCO
FROM SEATTLE (164-81)

UNSUB; AKA DAN COOPER; NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT NUMBER THREE ZERO FIVE, PORTLAND TO SEATTLE, NOVEMBER TWENTYFOUR, SEVENTYONE, CAARGOHIJACKING; EXTORTION. 00: SEATTLE.

RE NEW YORK TELETYP, DECEMBER TWO, SEVENTYONE, RE

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END PAGE TWO
ALSO INCLUDED IN THE LUGGAGE WAS A SPORTS PARACHUTIST'S LOG BOOK BEARING NO NAME.

LOS ANGELES, AT [ ] CALIFORNIA, ATTEMPT TO DEVELOP INFORMATION CONCERNING [ ] TO DETERMINE WHETHER HE COULD BE UNSUSPECTING IN THIS MATTER.

SAN FRANCISCO AT MONTEREY, CALIFORNIA, REVIEW RECORDS OF U.S. PARACHUTE ASSOCIATION FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING [ ] -P- ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END

MCC FBI SAN FRANCISCO
Memorandum

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) (P)               DATE: 12/7/71
FROM: SA

SUBJECT: UNSUB, aka Dan Cooper; NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT #305 PORTLAND TO SEATTLE 11/24/71 CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION 00: SEATTLE

SUSPECT: 

On December 6, 1971, the Seattle Post Intelligencer, Seattle, Washington, provided the enclosed typewritten pages concerning this information was received by the Post Intelligencer in connection with their public informant program. The Post Intelligencer offers cash awards to individuals providing information in major cases where the information provided leads to an arrest and conviction. Therefore declined to name his source. The original typed pages are contained in the I-A serial of this file.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

(3) Seattle (Encl. 3)
RDM/rse

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan DB Cooper-3504
SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) (P) 12/7/71

SA

UNSUB, aka Dan Cooper;
NORTHWEST AIRLINES
FLIGHT #305
PORTLAND TO SEATTLE
11/24/71
CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION
00: SEATTLE

SUSPECT:

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ARMED AND DANGEROUS

3 - Seattle (Encl. 3)
RDM/rse
(3)

64-81-779

DB Cooper-3507
Memorandum

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) (P)  
FROM: SA  
DATE: 12/7/71
SUB: L.

SUBJECT: UNSUB; aka Dan Cooper  
Northwest Airlines Flight 305  
Portland to Seattle  
11/24/71  
CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION  
00: Seattle

On December 1, 1971, was contacted by SA was shown photographs of the unknown subject and he advised that this individual is not familiar to him and that he is certain that this individual has never had any dealings with advised that he is.

On December 1, 1971, was contacted by SA at which time was shown a composite photograph and was furnished descriptive data regarding the unsub. stated that this individual is not familiar to him, and that he has no recollection of having seen the unsub.

On December 1, 1971, was shown the photographs and descriptive data of the unsub. advised that he has no knowledge of the unsub, and does not recall having seen him.

CC/r1g (3)  

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan DB Cooper-3510
SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) (P)  
SA

UNSUB; aka
Dan Cooper
Northwest Airlines Flight 305
Portland to Seattle
11/24/71
CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION
00: Seattle

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CC/rlg
(3)
TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) (P)
FROM: SA
SUBJ: L.

DATE: 12/7/71

SUBJECT: UNSUB, aka Dan Cooper
Northwest Airlines Flight 305
Portland to Seattle
11/24/71
CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION
00: Seattle

Re memo of SA CHARLES R. ST. JOHN, dated 12/2/71.

On December 3, 1971. was contacted by SA at which time SA the most recent artist's conception of the unknown subject.

Pursuant to the foregoing, proceeded to

the artist's conception of the unsub were presented

for forwarding to the FBI.

(3) CC/rlg

Daily

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

DB Cooper-3512
SE 164-81

On December 6, 1971, was contacted regarding captioned matter, at which time he advised that
SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) (P) 12/7/71

SA

UNSUB, aka
Dan Cooper
Northwest Airlines Flight 305
Portland to Seattle
11/24/71
CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION
00: Seattle

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for forwarding to the FBI.

CC/rlg (3)

164-81-781

DB Cooper-3514
On December 6, 1971, [ ] was contacted regarding captioned matter, at which time he [ ]. [ ] advised that [ ].
Memorandum

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)
FROM: SA ________

DATE: 12/7/71

SUBJECT: UNSUB; NORTHWEST AIRLINES
FLIGHT 305, 11/24/71
CAA-HIJACKING; EXTORTION

On 12/7/71 SA exhibited photographs of the following persons to ________ eliminated all photographs.

CC: 164-81 Sub J
    CNG (3)

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan
Memorandum

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

DATE: 12/7/71

FROM: SA

SUBJECT: UNSUB; NORTHWEST AIRLINES

FLIGHT 305, 11/24/71

CAA-HIJACKING; EXTORTION

On 12/7/71 SA exhibited photographs of the following persons to

eliminated all photographs.

2-164-81

CC

1-164-81 Sub J

CNG

(3)
Memorandum

To: SAO (164-81)

From: SA William S. Brown

Date: 12-7-71

Subject: UNSUB, AKA Dan Cooper,
NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT 305,
PORTLAND TO SEATTLE, 11-24-71;
CRA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION.

A man who identified himself as
vicinity where the search had been made for the hijacker
in Washington contacted the office on 12-7-71 and said
he knew of a man who fit the description and posture of
the hijacker

said that the individual he had in mind was

is about "$10\text{-}$11", 165-170, with a rather
swarthy complexion.

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan
DEC 71971

*DB Cooper-3520*
From a review of the Portland indices, it is believed that the above individual is identical with the subject of file number

This individual has a record of under FBI Number He was described as follows:

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DB Cooper-3521
A man who identified himself as [redacted] in Washington contacted the office on 12-7-71 and said he knew of a man who fit the description and pattern of the hijacker.

[Redacted]
said that the individual he had in mind was [redacted]. About 5'10"-11", 165-170, with a rather swarthy complexion.
From a review of the Portland indices, it is believed that the above individual is identical with the subject of file number.

This individual has a record of under FBI Number. He was described as follows:

Race - White
Date of Birth -
Place of Birth -
Height - 6'
Weight - 175
Hair - Dark Brown
Eyes - Brown
Education -
Residence -
Marital Status -
Parents -
Next of Kin -
Scars and Marks -
Military Service -

DB Cooper-3523
NR 012 BA PLAIN
0615 P M NITEL 12-7-71 VLH
TO: SEATTLE (164-81)
FROM: BALTIMORE (164-103)

UNSUB; AKA DAN COOPER; NORTHWEST AIRLINES, PORTLAND TO SEATTLE,
NOVEMBER TWENTYFOUR, SEVENTYONE; CAA - HIJACK; EXTORTION. 00: SEATEL

RE SEATTLE TELTYPE DECEMBER SEVEN, SEVENTYONE.
RE SUSPECT,

ADVISER TODAY THAT INSTANT SUSPECT

END PAGE ONE
HE STATED

FOLLOWING

INDICATED THAT

END

JFK FBI SEATTLE

CLR
NR-0127  BA PLAIN
0615 P M NITEL  12-7-71  VLH
TO: SEATTLE (164-81)
FROM: BALTIMORE (164-103)

UNSUB; AKA DAN COOPER; NORTHWEST AIRLINES, PORTLAND TO SEATTLE,
NOVEMBER TWENTYFOUR, SEVENTYONE; CAA - HIJACK; EXTORTION. OO: SEATL.

RE SEATTLE TELETYPE DECEMBER SEVEN, SEVENTYONE.

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JFK FBI SEATTLE

CLR
NR 003 LV CODE
1155 AM URGENT 12-7-71 EB
TO SEATTLE 164-31
PHOENIX
WASHINGTON FIELD
LOS ANGELES 164-497
FROM LAS VEGAS 164-60

UNSUB; NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE ZERO FIVE,
NOVEMBER TWENTY-FOUR, SEVENTY-ONE; CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION.
CC: SEATTLE.

RE SEATTLE NITEL DECEMBER SIX LAST CONCERNING INFORMATION

FROM

IT IS NOT FELT THAT INFORMATION FROM SOURCE THAT UNSUB

AS STATED IN LAS VEGAS IEL
NOVEMBER TWENTY-SIX LAST, FAA, RENO, MADE INITIAL CONTACT WITH
INSTANT FLIGHT AT FRENCHMAN'S RESERVOIR, CALIFORNIA, TEN THIRTY-TWO PM. AT THIS POINT FLIGHT TURNED DUE EAST TO THE NEVADA BORDER
AND PROCEEDED DUE EAST TO A POINT TWELVE MILES INSIDE BOUNDARY
OF NEVADA. IT THEN PROCEEDED DIRECTLY SOUTH TO RENO, A DISTANCE
OF APPROXIMATELY TWENTY-FIVE MILES. FLIGHT CIRCLED BRIEFLY IN THE
RENO - SPAKRS, NEVADA, AREA BEFORE LANDING.

END PAGE ONE

DB Cooper-3528
AT TIME OF INITIAL CONTACT INSTANT FLIGHT MAINTAINED
ALTITUDE OF ELEVEN THOUSAND FEET AND WAS NOT AT A LOW ALTITUDE
UNTIL THE TIME THAT IT CIRCLED OVER THE SPARKS - RENO AREA.
IT MADE TWO CIRCLES OVER THIS AREA AND THIS AREA IS A HEAVILY
POPULATED AREA WITH RESIDENTIAL AND BUSINESS TYPE STRUCTURES.
LAS VEGAS COMPLETED DETAILED SEARCH OF ENTIRE ROUTE OF
TRAVEL OF HIGHJACKED AIRCRAFT IN NEVADA FROM SMALL LOW FLYING
SLOW SPEED AIRCRAFT SUPPLEMENTED BY FOUR WHEEL DRIVE LAND VEHICLE
IN ANY AREA DEEMED NOT TO HAVE BEEN COVERED BY AIRCRAFT
OBSERVATION. SEARCH REVEALED NO INDICATION OF PARAPHERNALIA
WHICH OR INDIVIDUAL WHO MIGHT BE CONNECTED WITH CAPTIONED
HIJACKING.

AS STATED FLIGHT PROCEEDED DUE EAST AND THE ONLY TIME IT
COULD BE SAID THAT

WAS WHEN IT WAS OVER ABOVE - MENTIONED RENO - SPARKS AREA.

END

JFK FBI SEATTLE

CLR
NR 003 LV CODE
1155 AM URGENT 12-7-71 EB
TO SEATTLE 164-81
PHOENIX
WASHINGTON FIELD
LOS ANGELES 164-497
FROM LAS VEGAS 164-60

UNSUB; NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE ZERO FIVE,
NOVEMBER TWENTY-FOUR, SEVENTY-ONE; CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION.
CC: SEATTLE.

RE SEATTLE NITEL DECEMBER SIX LAST CONCERNING INFORMATION
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END.

JFK FBI SEATTLE

CLR
NR016 MM PLAIN
622 PM NITEL 12-7-71 JMS
TO MINNEAPOLIS 164-73
SEATTLE 164-81
FROM MIAMI 164-552 IP

UNSUB, AKA DAN COOPER, NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE ZERO FIVE, PORTLAND TO SEATTLE, NOVEMBER TWENTYFOUR, SEVENTYONE. CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION. OO: SEATTLE.

RE SEATTLE TELETYPE TO MINNEAPOLIS AND MIAMI, DEC. SIX LAST AND MIAMI TELCALL TO MINNEAPOLIS DEC. SEVEN LAST.

FOR INFO RECIPIENT OFFICES,

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IN VIEW OF ACTIVITIES MINNEAPOLIS SHOULD DISCONTINUE LEAD TO INTERVIEW

END VAB

FBI SEATTLE CLR

PLS AHER... MP PBE WILL KNOW

DB Cooper-3532 164-81-787
NOTIFIED NW Airlines, Seattle
NR010 MM PLAIN
622PM NITEL 12-7-71 JMS
TO MINNEAPOLIS 164-73
   SEATTLE 164-81
FROM MIAMI 164-552  IP

UNSUB, AKA DAN COOPER, NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE ZERO
FIVE, PORTLAND TO SEATTLE, NOVEMBER TWENTYFOUR, SEVENTYONE.
CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION. 00: SEATTLE.

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FBI SEATTLE CLR
TO: SAC, PORTLAND (164-41)
FROM: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

UNSUB; AKA DAN COOPER; NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE
ZERO FIVE, PORTLAND TO SEATTLE, NOVEMBER TWENTYFOUR LAST,
CAA DASH HIJACKING; EXTORTION. OFFICE OF ORIGIN: SEATTLE

RE: PORTLAND TELETEYPE TO SEATTLE, DECEMBER SIX LAST.

INASMUCH AS SOME WITNESSES ONLY SAW UNSUB SEATED ON
AIRCRAFT, IT IS NOT FELT THAT THE MERE FACT THAT A SUSPECT IS
ONLY FIVE FEET EIGHT INCHES TALL, IS SUFFICIENT BASIS TO
ELIMINATE HIM.

PORTLAND IS REQUESTED TO INTERVIEW CONCERNING
ARTICLE HE SUBMITTED TO NEW YORK. (P)
NR 01 SC CODE
11:00 AM URGENT 12/7/71 VLS
TO SEATTLE (164-81)
SAN FRANCISCO (164-2-0)

FROM SACRAMENTO (164-50) 2P

UNSUB, AKA DAN COOPER; NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE ZERO FIVE,
PORTLAND TO SEATTLE, NOV. TWENTYFOUR, LAST. CAA - HIJACKING;
EXORTION. 00: SEATTLE.

RE SAN FRANCISCO TEL, DEC. THREE, LAST.
RE SUSPECT AND NAMES IN RETEL AS RESEMBLING UNSUB:

AND WAS INTERVIEWED DEC. SIX, LAST, BY BUAGENTS. HE STATED

BASED ON ABOVE INTERVIEW AND OBSERVATION, NOT IDENTICAL

WITH UNSUB.

END PAGE ONE
SC 164-50

PAGE TWO

COMMENTED THAT

END

VAB

FBI SEATTLE CLR
NR 007 MP PLAIN
5:41 PM NITEL 12/7/71 CMH

TO DIRECTOR (164-2111)

KANSAS CITY
LAS VEGAS
NEWARK
NEW YORK (164-627)
NORFOLK
PORTLAND
RICHMOND
SEATTLE (164-81)
SPRINGFIELD (164-31)

WFO

HOUSTON

FROM MINNEAPOLIS (164-73)

UNSUB; NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE ZERO FIVE, PORTLAND TO

SEATTLE, NOVEMBER TWENTYFOUR SEVENTYONE. CAA DASH HIJACKING;

EXTORTION. 00: SEATTLE.

RE NEW YORK TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR DECEMBER THREE LAST,

NORFOLK TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR DECEMBER THREE LAST, SEATTLE

NITEL NOVEMBER THIRTY LAST AND SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO

DIRECTOR DECEMBER ONE LAST.

END PAGE ONE

DB Cooper-3537
PHOTOGRAPH OF SUSPECT

DISPLAYED TO STEWARDESS WITHOUT IDENTIFICATION. PHOTOGRAPHS OF DEVELOPED BY SPRINGFIELD DIVISION DISPLAYED TO STEWARDESS WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. BOTH STEWARDESSES ADVISED PHOTOS OF DEVELOPED BY KANSAS CITY AND NOT IDENTICAL WITH UNSUB.

WITH REGARD TO SUSPECT SUBMITTED BY NEW YORK, A SEARCH OF FLIGHT LEFT ENVELOPES FOR NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE ZERO FIVE FOR NOVEMBER TWENTY-TWO, TWENTY-THREE, AND TWENTYFOUR SEVENTY-ONE FAILED TO DISCLOSE ANYONE BY NAME OF COOPER USED THIS FLIGHT BETWEEN WASHINGTON, D.C. AND PORTLAND, OREGON.

STEWARDESSES ON FLIGHT THREE ZERO FIVE DURING HIJACK ADVISED THEY OBSERVED NO ENGLISH OR SCOTTISH ACCENT DURING CONVERSATION WITH HIJACKER.
NWA, MINNEAPOLIS, HAS LOCATED UNSUB'S TICKET LIFT COUPON FOR FLIGHT THREE ZERO FIVE AND COUPON IS BEING SUBMITTED TO IDENTIFICATION DIVISION BY MINNEAPOLIS.

THE FOLLOWING PHOTOGRAPHS WERE ALSO SHOWN TO STEWARDESS WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS: DEVELOPED BY PORTLAND OFFICE; DEVELOPED BY HOUSTON OFFICE; AND DEVELOPED BY SEATTLE OFFICE.

PENDING.

END

VAB

FBI SEATTLE CLR
3:55 PM URGENT 12-7-71 SGT
TO SACRAMENTO
SEATTLE
FROM LAS VEGAS (164-60) (P) 5P

UNSUB; NORTHWEST AIRLINE FLIGHT NUMBER THREE ZERO FIVE,
NOV. TWENTY FOUR, LAST. CAA - HIJACKING. 00: SEATTLE.

RE SACRAMENTO TELETYPEx, DEC. THREE, LAST.

TAXICAB, RENO, NEV., IS COLORED

WHO DROVE A FARE FROM RENO,
NEV., TO MODESTO, CALIF., NOV. TWENTY FIVE, LAST, WAS LOCATED
TODAY AND FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:
A FARE WHO GAVE HIS NAME AS

NOV. TWENTY FIVE,
LAST, AND DROVE THE FARE TO MODESTO, CALIF., ARRIVING ABOUT
NOV. TWENTYFIVE, LAST. DESCRIBED

END PAGE ONE
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END PAGE TWO
RESIDENCE WHERE HE LEFT CANNOT RECALL THE
ADDRESS IN MODESTO AND DOES NOT KNOW DIRECTIONS IN MODESTO BUT
GAVE THE FOLLOWING DIRECTIONS TO

AFTER VIEWING AN ARTIST SKETCH OF UNSUB, DOES NOT
BELIEVE IS UNSUB.

END PAGE THREE
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FROM DESCRIPTION FURNISHED, FURNISH STREET MAP OF MODESTO TO THE RENO RA SINCE BELIEVES HE RECOGNIZE THE STREET IF HE HAS A MAP TO STUDY.

SEATTLE AT AT

END

VAB

FBI SEATTLE CLR
NR004 LV PLAIN
3:55 PM URGENT 12-7-71 SGT
TO SACRAMENTO
SEATTLE
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SEATTLE AT AT

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END

VAB

FBI SEATTLE CLR
NR 006 PD PLAIN
4:54 PM URGENT 12-7-71 LJQ
TO: SEATTLE (164-81)
FROM: PORTLAND (164-41) (P) IP

UNSUB; NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE ZERO FIVE, NOVEMBER TWENTYFOUR SEVENTYONE, CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION, 00: SEATTLE.

RE PORTLAND TELETYPİE TO SEATTLE, DECEMBER SIX, SEVENTYONE.

RESIDED AT

AS OF OCTOBER SEVEN, SEVENTYONE. HE

HAS DRIVER'S LICENSE

END

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FB I SEATTLE

GA

DB Cooper-3550
NR 006 PD PLAIN
4:54 PM URGENT 12-7-71 LJQ
TO: SEATTLE (164-81)
FROM: PORTLAND (164-41) (P) IP

UNSUB; NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE ZERO FIVE, NOVEMBER
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END

TIM

FB I SEATTLE

GA

164-81-792

DB Cooper-3551
Memorandum

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) (P)  DATE: 12/7/71

FROM: SA

SUBJECT: UNSUB, aka Dan Cooper;
NORTHWEST AIRLINES
FLIGHT #305,
PORTLAND TO SEATTLE,
11/24/71
CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION
00: SEATTLE

SUSPECT: [ELIM]

Records of Washington State Department of Motor
Vehicles as checked on December 3, 1971, revealed that Washington
State License Plate [redacted] is registered to [redacted]. The automobile is a 1966
Buick, four-door sedan.

Washington State Driver's License records as checked
on 12/3/71, showed that [redacted] maintains a current
Washington State Driver's License which expires on [redacted].

male, [redacted], 176 lbs., DOB [redacted] eyes.

On 12/6/71, [redacted] was contacted at [redacted]. According

area on November 8, 1971, and is not expected to return until [redacted].

302 Seattle
RDM/rse (3)

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further advised that

Due to the above information concerning this suspect's residence dissimilarity in description from the UNSUB he can be eliminated as a suspect.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS
SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) (P) 12/7/71

SA

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3 - Seattle
RDM/rse (3)

164-81-793
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DB Cooper-3554
Due to the above information concerning this suspect's dissimilarity in description from the UNSUB he can be eliminated as a suspect.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (164-2111)  
(ATTN: FBI LABORATORY)
FROM: SAC, LAS VEGAS (164-60)  

UNSUB, aka  
Den Cooper  

HIJACKING NORTWEST FLIGHT &305  
11/24/71  
CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION  
00: Seattle  

Transmitted, under separate cover, is one towel  
containing hair or fiber obtained from seat 18-E where  
the hijacker was sitting, and contents of ashtray near  
seat occupied by hijacker and elimination fingerprints  
of employees of the Reno Evening Gazette known to have  
handled first letter received by that newspaper from  
D. R. COOPER, which was determined to contain no latent  
prints.  

The FBI Laboratory is requested to conduct  
appropriate examination of the towel and hair fiber  
and such evidence as available which could be utilized  
in possible future identification or elimination of  
potential suspect when and if same is taken into custody.  
The Laboratory is also requested to examine the ashtray  
contents and specifically process any Raleigh filter tip  
cigarette butts for possible fingerprint identification  
or comparison, it being noted that hostess [redacted]  
recalled that subject smoked same almost incessantly.  

3 - Bureau  
(Inc Package)  
1 - Seattle  
1 - Las Vegas  
HILL: JR  
(5)
The Laboratory is requested to make appropriate disposition of the elimination for prints, either filing same in civilian section of Bureau for future comparison or retaining in event of future receipt of anonymous letters by the Reno Evening Gazette.

The Bureau should furnish any pertinent information obtained as a result of above examinations to Seattle and Las Vegas Divisions.

All of the above enclosures may be destroyed at the Bureau upon completion of examination.
NR017  JK  PLAIN
3:50AM  SENT 12-8-71 NITEL 12-7-71 ALH
TO  DIRECTOR (164-2111)
     ATLANTA (164-254)
     SEATTLE
FROM  JACKSONVILLE (164-109)(P)

UNSUB, AKA DAN COOPER; NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT NUMBER THREE ZERO FIVE, PORTLAND TO SEATTLE, NOVEMBER TWENTYFOUR, LAST, CAA - HIJACKING;

EXTORTION, CO: SEATTLE.

RE BUREAU AIRTEL TO ALL OFFICES EXCEPT SEATTLE, PORTLAND, LAS VEGAS, NOVEMBER TWENTYNINE, LAST.

ADVISED INSTANT DATE THAT

ON NOVEMBER TWENTYEIGHT, LAST.  FURTHER
ADVISED THAT ON NOVEMBER THIRTY, LAST.

END PAGE ONE

DB Cooper-3558

DEC 8 1971
JK 164-109

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ADVISER INSTANT DATE

THAT NOVEMBER

TWENTYEIGHT, LAST, AND SHE BELIEVES THAT NOVEMBER

TWENTYNINE OR THIRTY, LAST AND THAT DECEMBER TWO,

LAST. FD THREE ZERO TWOS TO FOLLOW.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING PANAMA CITY.

END

SAD FBI SEATTLE CLR
Memorandum

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)(P)
FROM: SA

DATE: 11/30/71

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT; NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT #305, PORTLAND TO SEATTLE, 11/24/71 CAA-HIJACKING; EXTORTION CO: SEATTLE BUF file 164-2111

The following individuals and businesses were contacted on 11/29/71 for the purpose of identifying the unknown subject artist's rendering in this case. None of these contacts provided positive information:

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Bellevue Airfield,
Bellevue, Washington

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Bellevue, Washington

Bellevue Aviation, Inc.,
Bellevue Airfield,
Bellevue, Washington

RDM: md (3)

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

DB Cooper-3560
SA

UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
NORTHWEST AIRLINES
FLIGHT #305,
PORTLAND TO SEATTLE,
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RDM:md
(3)
Husky Skydivers Club,
4303 7th Avenue, N.E.,
Seattle, Washington
TO: SAC (164-81)                      DATE: 1/29/71
FROM: SA

SUBJECT: UNSUB; NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT #305, PORTLAND TO SEATTLE, 11/24/71
        CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION

On November 29, 1971, the following persons were contacted and shown an artist's conception of the UNKNOWN SUBJECT responsible for captioned hijacking:

Lake Union Air Service, 1100 Westlake North, Seattle, Washington.


Kenmore Air Harbor, 6321 NE 175th, Kenmore, Washington.

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None of the above named individuals could identify the artist's conception as anyone they knew or had come in contact with during the course of their business.

Because air operations at Sand Point NAS have been discontinued, no investigation was conducted there.
Memorandum

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

FROM: SA

DATE: 12/1/71

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
NORTHWEST AIRLINES
FLIGHT 305
PORTLAND TO SEATTLE
11/24/71
CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION
00: Seattle

RE: SKYDIVING CLUBS

Information from

International Skydiving meet will be held December 4, 1971, at Abbotsford, B.C., Canada Airport. Expected to be on hand at this meet will be a large number of parachutists from the western United States and Canada.

[Redacted text]

also stated that he has a copy of an up-to-date list of all skydiving clubs, their presidents, with telephone numbers and addresses, in the United States. He will provide a copy of this list to the FBI as quickly as it can be reproduced.

[Redacted text]

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PMB:bfr (3)
SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) 12/1/71

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164-81-198

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Memorandum

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) DATE: 12/3/71

FROM: SA JOHN A. DRAKE

SUBJECT: UNSUB;
NORTHWEST FLIGHT 305,
11/24/71
CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION

Kememo 11/29/71 by SA KENNETH C. HOWE, which is serial 217 and Portland teletype to Seattle 11/29/71, which is serial 280.

On 12/2/71 U.S. Forest Service, Washington exhibited the subs. photo (artist's conception). He advised that this individual did not at all resemble anyone he has ever known or seen. He said that he believes that the unsub. would have suffered at least bad sprains of his legs and feet and even possible fractures of these limbs in jumping at night and striking the ground, as he would not have been able to judge the distance from the ground at the time of landing. He added that

(This latter statement pertains to SA HOWE's lead memo.)

there are no sky diving schools or clubs in that area and there are no flying schools or rental plans there either.

MAD CC: 2 164-81
TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

FROM: SA JOHN A. DRAKE

DATE: 12/3/71

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JAD CC: 2 164-81

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DB Cooper-3568
NR 007 LV PLAIN
1150 PM NITEL 12-6-71 EB
TO PORTLAND 164-41
SEATTLE 164181
FROM LAS VEGAS 164-60 P

UNSUB; NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE ZERO FIVE;
PORTLAND TO SEATTLE, NOVEMBER TWENTYFOUR SEVENTYONE, CAA-HIJACKING;
CC: SEATTLE.

RE PORTLAND TEL, DEC. THREE LAST.

GREYHOUND
BUS LINES, RENO, NEVADA, ADVISED SATE ON DEC. THREE LAST, THAT HIS RECORDS REFLECT NO INFO CONCERNING BUS PASSENGER NAME STATED A GREYHOUND BUS OPERATING ON SCHEDULE NUMBER NINE TWO TWO, ARRIVED IN RENO, NEVADA, FROM PHOENIX, ARIZONA, FIVE TEN PM, NOV. TWENTYFIVE, LAST. THIS BUS DEPARTED RENO, SIX THIRTY PM, EN ROUTE TO PORTLAND. ARRIVAL TIME POARLAND EIGHT FORTYFIVE AM, NOV. TWENTY SIX LAST. STATEED FIFTEEN PASSENGERS BOARDED BUS IN RENO, AND NO PASSENGER
END PAGE ONE
PAGE TWO
LV 164-60
LIST AVAILABLE.

MAPES HOTEL, EAST FIRST STREET AND NORTH VIRGINIA, RENO, ADVISED SA[ ]ON DEC. FOUR LAST, THAT HE WAS UNABLE TO LOCATE REGISTRATION OR RESERVATION RECORD UNDER NAME[ ] DURING NOVEMBER, SEVENTYONE.

RECORDS RENO, PD, CHECKED DEC. THREE LAST, CONTAIN NO INFO IDENTIFIABLE WITH [ ]

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END
PNR 004 BT PLAIN
4:37 PM URGENT 12-6-71 LKS
TO SEATTLE (164-81)  
SAN FRANCISCO  
DENVER  
FROM BUTTE (164-26) (P) 6P.

UNSUB.; NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE ZERO FIVE, 
NOVEMBER TWENTY-FOUR, LAST. CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION.

CC: SEATTLE.  
RE PHOENIX NITEL DECEMBER FOUR LAST.  
RE SUSPECT FNU.  
REFERENCED TEL STATED  

WMA, AGE  
FIVE FEET TEN, ONE EIGHTFIVE LBS., BROWN CREW CUT  
HAIR, RUDDY COMPLEXION,

END PAGE ONE
PAGE TWO

BT (164-26)

ADVISED DECEMBER THREE INSTANT

THAT ON DECEMBER TWO LAST, AT ABOUT SEVEN A. M.,

END PAGE TWO
Described driver as groggy, appearing as if he had just awakened; appeared completely sane and sober, however. Further described him as being a big talker and as being a WMA, age fortyfive to fifty, one eighty to one ninety lbs.,

End page three
PAGE FOUR
BT (164-26)

FIVE FEET ELEVEN, BROWN GRAYING HAIR, HAIR WAS UNTIDY AS IF NOT COMBED SINCE SLEEPING.

UNABLE TO FURNISH ANY FURTHER INFORMATION. NO OTHER WITNESSES TO ABOVE INCIDENT PRESENT WHEREABOUTS OF TRUCK DRIVER UNKNOWN.

ON DECEMBER FOUR LAST PHOENIX INVESTIGATION REFLECTED ARIZONA LICENSE IS ASSIGNED A NINETEEN SEVENTY CHEVROLET P/U TRUCK BELONGING TO A

ON DECEMBER THREE LAST, TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED THE FLAGSTAFF RA AT WHICH TIME HE FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

ON NOVEMBER TWENTYFIVE LAST, BETWEEN TWO AND THREE PM, WERE DRIVING SOUTH ON HIGHWAY NINETYTHREE BETWEEN OBSERVED TWO PARACHUTISTS LANDING AMONG TREES AND BOULDERS

END PAGE FOUR
BETWEEN HIGHWAY NINETYTHREE AND FLATHEAD LAKE. FURTHER DESCRIBED THIS LOCATION AS BEING APPROXIMATELY IN THE NORTH ONE-THIRD OF FLATHEAD LAKE ON HIGHWAY NINETYTHREE. THERE WERE POWER LINES ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE HIGHWAY, TELEPHONE LINES ON THE LEFT SIDE OF THE HIGHWAY, WITH APPROXIMATELY A THIRTY PERCENT INCLINE FROM THE HIGHWAY TO THE LAKE.

INDICATED THE PARACHUTISTS LANDED IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO THREE OR FOUR LOG CABIN-TYPE HOUSES IN A COVE ON THE LAKE.

STATED BOTH PARACHUTISTS WERE USING SPORTING-TYPE PARACHUTES WHICH WERE RED, WHITE, AND POSSIBLY BLUE IN COLOR. ONLY ONE OF THE PARACHUTISTS WAS CLOSELY OBSERVED AND IT WAS DETERMINED HE WAS WEARING A COLORED CRASH HELMET, GOGGLES, AND A GREENISH-BLUE ALL WEATHER OUTFIT.

FELT THIS INCIDENT MIGHT POSSIBLY BE RELATED TO CAPTIONED MATTER IN VIEW OF THE FACT THE PARACHUTISTS HAD MADE THEIR JUMP IN EXTREMELY POOR WEATHER CONSISTING OF A LOW CLOUD COVER, HIGH WINDS, AND INTERMITTENT SNOW. IT WAS HIS BELIEF THAT EXPERIENCED SKY DIVERS WOULD NEVER MADE A JUMP IN SUCH BAD WEATHER.

END PAGE FIVE
INASMUCH AS THIS INCIDENT TOOK PLACE IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO SUPPOSEDLY THE PRESENT RESIDENCE OF, IT IS FELT FURTHER INVESTIGATION CONCERNING THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PARACHUTE JUMP SHOULD BE CONDUCTED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE INTERVIEW OF BUTTE, WILL INTERVIEW REGARDING ANY KNOWLEDGE OF CAPTIONED MATTER. WILL CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION IN AN EFFORT TO SECURE FURTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING THE PARACHUTE JUMP MADE BY THE ABOVE DESCRIBED TWO MEN ON THE AFTERNOON OF NOVEMBER TWENTYFIVE LAST.”

ADVISED DECEMBER SIX,

INSTANT,

END PAGE SIX
STATE HAS ONLY BEEN ONE OCCASION AND DOES RESEMBLE COMPOSITE OF UNSUB. DESCRIBED THIN AND IN THIRTIES. NO FURTHER DESCRIPTION.

NOVEMBER TWO ONE TO TWO EIGHT LAST AND LEFT

DENVER, LOCATE AT ABOVE ADDRESS AND INTERVIEW RE STATEMENTS MADE

SAN FRANCISCO, AT ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY AND CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END.

RECD TWO

VAB FBI SEATTLE CLR
TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)
FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (164-220) (P)
SUBJECT: UNSUB; aka
Dan Cooper;
Northwest Airlines Flight 305
Portland to Seattle, 11/24/71
CAA-HIJACKING; EXTORTION
OO: Seattle
Bufile 164-2111

Re Birmingham nite 12/1/71.

Enclosed for Seattle are two photos of obtained from Sonoma County Sheriff's Office,
Santa Rosa, California.

2 - Seattle (Enc. 2)
2 - San Francisco
BHC: mb
(4)
TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) (P)  
DATE: 12/4/71

FROM: SA THOMAS J. MANNING

SUBJECT: BNSUB, aka, D.E. Cooper, Northwest Airlines Flight 305 Portland to Seattle, 11/24/71 CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION 00: Seattle

RE Suspect _______)

advised that he has viewed the composite photograph of the unsub and that _______ greatly resembles the composite. He advised that

A lead is suggested in this matter in event Hq. City feels it is feasible. Contact personnel at _______ and secure descriptive information re _______ and determine if resembles UNSU.

(2) TJM?  

LA handwriting
TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) (F)  
FROM: SA THOMAS J. MANNING  
DATE: 12/4/71  

SUBJECT: UNSUB:  
NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT 305  
Portland to Seattle 11/24/71  
GAA - HIJACKING  
CO: Seattle  
Re: memo of SPC 11/27/71 SEARCH (SUB E)  

The information set forth in referenced memorandum to SAC re a sighting of activity on Burlington-Northern line near Ridgefield was checked by SA________ on 12/3/71. ______ contacted _______ at Ridgefield, Washington and he pointed out that area immediately in vicinity of suspected activity is main entrance point or in vicinity of the entrance point to the US Wildlife Game Refuge.  

Contact was made with _______ the Wildlife Refuge _______ noted nothing suspicious and while no hunting was taking place on the refuge on 11/26/71 he knows that a number of people do hunt the area outside the refuge and in view of the hour he would state that individuals along the Burlington-Northern track were hunters and he also pointed out that hunters do congregate at the main entrance if they do not have permits hoping for a cancellation at the last moment.  

In view of above information and with nothing of positive nature found concerning captioned matter no further investigation re this matter at Longview RA/
Memorandum

TO: SAC 164-81

FROM: SA

DATE: 12/5/71

SUBJECT: Unsub; NWA Flt. 305
CAA HIJACKING

NWA, Seatac, telephonically advised 1:15 a.m. this date that had received an anonymous phone call from some who said he knew where the $200,000 paid in captioned hijacking was located. I called immediately and she furnished the following information:

She had just received a phone call from an unk. male who asked her name and then said "Write this down." "Tom Manning - FBI .... 10,000 $20 bills .... MA 2 0460 .... put in paper, in personal column .... next week .... ex-aero space engineers .... next Monday or Tuesday." The man kept repeating that he knew exactly where the money was in Renton, but did not explain what would happen if the ad were placed in the Newspaper as directed.

(1)

VRM

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

DB Cooper-3581
TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-138)  
FROM: SA  

DATE: 12/5/71  

SUBJECT: UNSUB; NORTHWEST AIRLINES, FLIGHT #305, PORTLAND TO SEATTLE  
11/24/71  
CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION  
00: SEATTLE  

On 12/5/71, the Spokane Police Department, Spokane, Washington advised that Spokane, Wash., had advised the police department that a man, who is about 30 years old, 6 ft. 1 in., 180 lbs., black wavy hair, wrote a book which he says is the "exact story" of instant hijacking. Said the book was never published but he thought there might be a tie in with this case.
MV OLYMPIA

DRIVER CHECK WITH DESC

POSSIBLE ADDRESS

FBI SEATTLE J.E. MILNES SAC VAB

164-81-807

DB Cooper-3583
FBI SEATTLE J.E. MILNES

DRIVER CHECK

EXP BROWN EYES 165 LBS. 5' 11"

NO RESTRICTIONS, NO ENDORSEMENTS,

MV OLYMPIA BBS/LASM

DEC 7 1971

DB Cooper-3585
BI SEATTLE J.E. MILNES
RIVER CHECK

EXP BROWN EYES 165 LBS. 5' 11".

RESTRICTIONS, NO ENDORSEMENTS.

OLYMPIA BBS/LASM

DEC 71971
FBI SEATTLE

164-31-808

DB Cooper-3586
REQUEST CHECK ANY VEHICLES REGISTERED TO POSSIBLE ADDRESS

FBI SEATTLE JE MILNES SAC VAB

DDT INVALID SEQUENCE

164-81-809
M

FBI SEATTLE

REG BY NAME

VIN

71 REG 69 CHEV SW 4DR

LEGAL SAME

71 REG 69 EZLDR 2BOAT VIN

LEGAL SAME

71 REG 71 SUPL0 VIN

LEGAL SAME

71 REG 71 HONDA VIN

LEGAL SAME

MV OLYMPIA PM
FBI SEATTLE

REG BY NAME

71 REG 69 CHEV SW 4DR

VIN

LEGAL SAME

71 REG 69 FZLDR 2BOAT

VIN

LEGAL SAME

71 REG 71 SUP10

VIN

LEGAL SAME

71 REG 71 HONDA

VIN

LEGAL SAME

MV OLYMPIA PM

164-81-810

DEC 71971

DB Cooper-3590
TO: SACS, WFO (164-169), PORTLAND (164-41) & MINNEAPOLIS (164-73)
FROM: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)
UNSUB, AKA DAN COOPER; NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT #305, PORTLAND TO SEATTLE, 11/24/71. CAA – HIJACKING: EXTORTION
OO: SE.

RE: SEATTLE TELETYPED DECEMBER SIX LAST.

RE: IN VIEW OF THE QUALITY OF FACSIMILES RECEIVED, WFO IS REQUESTED TO FURNISH GLOSSY PHOTOS OF TO SEATTLE, MINNEAPOLIS AND PORTLAND, AMSD, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

JSD:kib (1)

Approved: Special Agent in Charge

Sent

Per 24hr

DB Cooper-3591
MR007 SE PLAIN
10:49AM URGENT 12/7/71 VAB
TO WFO (164-169)
PORTLAND (164-41)
MINNEAPOLIS (164-73)
FROM SEATTLE (164-81)

UNSUB, AKA DAN COOPER; NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE ZERO FIVE,
PORTLAND TO SEATTLE, NOVEMBER TWENTYFOUR, SEVENTYONE. CAA-HIJACKING;
EXTORTION 00: SE.

RE SEATTLE TELETYPE DECEMBER SIX LAST.

RE:

IN VIEW OF THE QUALITY OF FACSIMILES RECEIVED, WFO IS REQUESTED,
TO FURNISH GLOSSY PHOTOS OF [ ] TO SEATTLE, MINNEAPOLIS AND PORTLAND, AMSD, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

END

FMK FBI WFO
NR007 SE PLAIN
10:45AM URGENT 12/7/71 VAB
TO WFO (164-169)
PORTLAND (164-41)
MINNEAPOLIS (164-73)
FROM SEATTLE (164-81)

UNSUB, AKA DAN COOPER; NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE ZERO FIVE, PORTLAND TO SEATTLE, NOVEMBER TWENTYFOUR, SEVENTYONE. CAA-HIJACKING; EXTORTION 00: SE.

RE SEATTLE TELETYPE DECEMBER SIX LAST.

RE: [blank]

IN VIEW OF THE QUALITY OF FACSIMILES RECEIVED, WHO IS REQUESTED TO FURNISH GLOSSY PHOTOS OF [blank] TO SEATTLE, MINNEAPOLIS AND PORTLAND, AMSD, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

END

CORR: LINE THREE NINTH WORD SHD READ WFO

END

LJQ

REC OK FBI PORTLAND CLR TU
MEMORANDUM

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

FROM : SA

DATE: 12/7/71

SUBJECT: UNSUB: Northwest Airlines Flight 305; Portland to Seattle, November 24, 1971
CAA - HIJACKING
00 : SE

At 4:35 a.m. this date, an individual identifying himself as representing the Los Angeles Herald Examiner telephonically contacted the Seattle Office, requesting to know if the Seattle Office of the FBI has an APB out on an individual identified as D.B. COOPER, the individual who hijacked the above mentioned airliner on November 24, 1971. He stated that he had heard our office in West Virginia had allegedly arrested this individual for this hijacking.

He was informed that no such APB had been put out by the Seattle Office and that if he desired further information concerning the hijacking he would have to get in contact with the SAC today.
NR003 KC PLAIN
1150AM IMMEDIATE 12-7-71 PLG.
TO SEATTLE 164-81
FROM KANSAS CITY 164-80 1P

UNSUB; NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE ZERO FIVE, PORTLAND TO SEATTLE,
NOV. TWENTYFOUR, LAST, CAA- HIJACKING; EXTORTION, 00 SEATTLE.

RE KANSAS TEL TO SEATTLE, DEC. FIVE, LAST.
INVESTIGATION BY KANSAS CITY FAILED TO LOCATE ANY ADDRESS AS

FOR INFO OF SEATTLE

ABOVE SUMITTED TO PORTLAND FOR POSSIBLE LEAD VALUE AS

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

P
END
VAB
FBI SEATTLE CLR
N 010 LA PLAIN
623 PM NITEL 12-07-71 LRS
TO SEATTLE (164-81)
KNOXVILLE
FROM LOS ANGELES (164-497) 2P

UNSUB; ALSO KNOWN AS DAN COOPER, NORTHWEST AIRLINES
FLIGHT THREE ZERO FIVE, PORTLAND TO SEATTLE, NOVEMBER
TWENTY FOUR, SEVENTY ONE; CAA-HIJACKING; EXTORTION; OFFICE
OF ORIGIN: SEATTLE.

RE SUSPECT
THIS DATE

ADvised HE IS

HE DESCRIBED AS WHITE

MALE, THIRTY SEVEN TO FORTY YEARS, SIX FEET ONE INCH, ONE
EIGHT ZERO POUNDS, BROWN HAIR, RECEDING AT SIDES, BROWN EYES

END PAGE ONE
SAME DATE RECORDS OF
REVEALED

DESCRIPTION IN FILE AS FOLLOWS: WHITE MALE, BORN
HEIGHT SIX FEET TWO INCHES, TWO HUNDRED POUNDS, BROWN
HAIR, BROWN EYES, MILITARY SERIAL NUMBER
SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

KNOXVILLE AT TENNESSEE CONDUCT APPROPRIATE
INVESTIGATION AT LAST KNOWN
TO ESTABLISH WHEREABOUTS OF ON NOVEMBER TWENTY
FOUR LAST.

SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END
NO 14 DL PDKKBI SE GA
1000 PM NTEL 12-7-71 SEL
TO KNOXVILLE
SEATTLE (164-81)
FROM DALLAS (164-191)

UNSUB, AKA DAN COOPER, NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE ZERO FIVE,
PORTLAND TO SEATTLE, NOVEMBER TWENTYFOUR, LAST. CAA - HIJACKING;
EXTORTION. 00: SEATTLE.

FOR INFO KNOXVILLE, ON DEC. TWO LAST,
CURRENTLY CONFINED

ADvised THAT
DESCRIPTION OF UNSUB HIJACKER IS VERY SIMILAR TO

STATEd

END PAGE ONE
ON DEC. SEVEN, INSTANT, IT WAS DETERMINED THAT
KNOXVILLE. AT TENNESSEE. WILL DETERMINE CURRENT WHEREABOUTS AND ATTEMPT TO ESTABLISH HIS WHEREABOUTS ON NOV. TWENTYFOUR LAST.

P END
TIM
FBI SEATTLE
CLR
TO: SAC, PORTLAND (164-41)
FROM: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

UNSUB, AKA DAN COOPER; NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE ZERO FIVE, PORTLAND TO SEATTLE, NOVEMBER TWENTY-FOUR, NINETEEN SEVENTY-ONE. CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION. 00:

SEATTLE.

ON INSTANT DATE

11/26/71

164-81-817

Approved: \(\text{Special Agent in Charge}\)

Sent 11 M Per JH

DB Cooper-3603
SE 164-81

PAGE TWO

PORTLAND AT WILL INTERVIEW FOR ANY INFORMATION THEY MAY HAVE CONCERNING ABOVE MENTIONED INDIVIDUAL. IDENTIFY, IF POSSIBLE, AND ADVISE SEATTLE OF DETAILS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.  P
12/7/71

TELETYPE

NITEL

TO: SAC, PORTLAND (164-41)
FROM: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

UNSUSP, AKA DAN COOPER; NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE ZERO FIVE, PORTLAND TO SEATTLE, NOVEMBER TWENTY-FOUR, NINETEEN SEVENTY-ONE. CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION. 00: SEATTLE.

ON INSTANT DATE:

CC: kdl

(2) 164-81-817

DB Cooper-3605
PORTLAND AT WILL INTERVIEW FOR ANY INFORMATION THEY MAY HAVE CONCERNING ABOVE MENTIONED INDIVIDUAL. IDENTIFY, IF POSSIBLE, AND ADVISE SEATTLE OF DETAILS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P
TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES
SAC, SACRAMENTO
FROM: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

UNSUB, AKA DAN COOPER; NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT NUMBER THREE ZERO FIVE, PORTLAND TO SEATTLE, NOVEMBER TWENTY FOUR, SEVENTY ONE, CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION. 00: SEATTLE.

RE KANSAS CITY TELETYPE TO SEATTLE, DECEMBER SEVEN,
INSTANT, AND RE SOURCE.

LOS ANGELES, AT CALIFORNIA, WILL THROUGH

ATTEMPT TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW HIM CONCERNING

JSD: mlc

10 1/2 - LA 164-81-818

Approved: JEM/PBB/SM
Special Agent in Charge

Sent 9 1/2 SC

Per JMM

DB Cooper-3607
ABOVE INFORMATION AND IDENTITY OF UNSUB.

SACRAMENTO AT ________ WILL ATTEMPT TO LOCATE ________ AND INTERVIEW HIM. - P - ARMED AND DANGEROUS

Approved: ___________________  Sent ____________ M  Per ____________

Special Agent in Charge
9:45PM URGENT 12/7/71 TIM
TO LOS ANGELES
SACRAMENTO
FROM SEATTLE (164-81)

UNSUB, AKA DAN COOPER; NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT NUMBER THREE ZERO FIVE, PORTLAND TO SEATTLE, NOVEMBER TWENTYFOUR, SEVENTYONE, CAA HIJACKING; EXTORTION. 00: SEATTLE.

RE KANSAS CITY TELETYPE TO SEATTLE, DECEMBER SEVEN, INSTANT, AND RE SOURCE:

LOS ANGELES, AT CALIFORNIA, WILL THROUGH ATTEMPT TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW HIM CONCERNING ABOVE INFORMATION AND IDENTITY OF UNSUB.
SACRAMENTO AT WILL ATTEMPT TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW HIM. -P-
ARMED AND DANGEROUS
END

HOLD FOR ONE MORE PO

DB Cooper-3609
TO: SAC, LAS VEGAS
FROM: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)
UNSUB, AKA DAN COOPER; NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT NUMBER THREE ZERO FIVE, PORTLAND TO SEATTLE, NOVEMBER TWENTY FOUR, SEVENTY ONE, CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION. 00: SEATTLE.

RE PHOTOGRAPH OF SHOWN TO THREE WITNESSES AT WITHOUT MAKING IDENTIFICATION.

LAS VEGAS DISCONTINUE RE

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

Approved: Special Agent in Charge
Sent: M
Per:
TO: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO
FROM: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)(P)

UNSUB, AKA DAN COOPER, NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE ZERO FIVE, PORTLAND TO SEATTLE, NOVEMBER TWENTY-FOUR, NINETEEN SEVENTY-ONE, CAA DASH HIJACKING; EXTORTION, OO: SEATTLE.

RE: ADVISED COMPOSITE OF UNSUB RESEMBLES

SAN FRANCISCO AT CONTACT TO DEVELOP INFORMATION CONCERNING AND HIS WHEREABOUTS AT TIME OF CAPTIONED HIJACKING. - P -

JSD/djs (1)
E AT PLAIN
525 AM URGENT 12/06/71 MWS
TO DIRECTOR
SEATTLE
JACKSONVILLE
TAMPA
FROM ATLANTA 164-254

UNSUB, AKA DAN COOPER; NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT NO. THREE ZERE FIVE, PORTLAND TO SEATTLE, NOVEMBER TWENTYFOUR, SEVENTYONE, CAA-HIJACKING; EXTORTION, 00 SEATTLE.

RE SAVANNAH TELETYPETO ATLANTA DECEMBER SIX SEVENTYONE.

INTERVIEWED AT LENGTH CONCERNING ACTIVITIES

END PAGE ONE
FIVE FEET TEN AND ONE HALF INCHES TALL, ONE
HUNDRED AND SEVENTY POUNDS, HAIR, EYES, COMPLEXION. PHOTOGRAPHS MADE OF WILL BE FORWARDED TO
SEATTLE BY FACSIMILE DECEMBER SEVEN; ACTUAL PHOTOGRAPHS TO FOLLOW BY AIRTEL.

JACKSONVILLE DIVISION AT VERIFY
RESIDENCE AT VERIFY RESIDENCE AT NOVEMBER TWENTYSIX - NOVEMBER

TWENTYNINE LAST.

TAMPA AT FLORIDA VERIFY RESIDENCE AT NOVEMBER TWENTYFOUR - NOVEMBER

TWENTYFIVE LAST.

URGENT. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END
TIM
FBI SEATTLE
CLR
NR003 TP PLAIN
12-25 PM URGENT 12-7-71 BLW
TO SEATTLE
ATLANTA
FROM TAMPA (164-110)

UNSUB; AKA, DAN COOPER, NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT
NUMBER THREE ZERO FIVE, PORTLAND TO SEATTLE, NOVEMBER
TWENTY FOUR, LAST. CAA - HIJACKING. EXTORTION. 00 SE.

RE ATLANTA TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR, DECEMBER SEVEN, LAST.

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ADvised his records negative under name.

END

VAB

FBI SEATTLE CLR
Memorandum

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

DATE: 12/7/71

FROM: SA

SUBJECT: UNSUB; NORTHWEST AIRLINES
FLIGHT 305, 11/24/71
CAA-HIJACKING; EXTORTION

On 12/7/71 SA contacted telephone

telephone

SA exhibited to a group of photographs, including that of , a suspect in the instant matter.

eliminated this suspect, based upon his recollection of the hijacker in this case.

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CNG

(3)

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan
Memorandum

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)  
FROM: SA  

DATE: 12/7/71  

SUBJECT: UNSUB; NORTHWEST AIRLINES  
FLIGHT 305, 11/24/71  
CAA-HIJACKING; EXTORTION  

On ☒ 12/7/71 SA contacted by telephone  

SA exhibited to a group of photographs, including that of a suspect in the instant matter.  

eliminated this suspect, based upon his recollection of the hijacker in this case.

cc 1-164-81  
CNG (3)
NR007 BS PLAIN
4:45PM URGENT 12-7-71 DLN
TO: SEATTLE (164-81)

LOS ANGELES
FROM: BOSTON (164-153)

UNSUB; AKA, DAN COOPER; NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT
THREE ZERO FIVE, PORTLAND TO SEATTLE, NOVEMBER TWENTYFOUR
LAST; CAA-HIJACKING, EXTORTION, 00: SEATTLE, BUFILE
ONE SIX FOUR-TWO ONE ONE ONE

RE DALLAS TELETYPING DATED DECEMBER SIX LAST AND BOSTON
TELEPHONE CALL TO LOS ANGELES DECEMBER SEVEN INSTANT.
RE SUSPECT
PERSONNEL RECORDS,

REFLECT

ADDRESS IS

END PAGE ONE
BS 164-153

PAGE TWO

RETEL DESCRIBES [BLANK] WMA, BORN [BLANK]
SEVENTYTWO INCHES, ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY FIVE POUNDS, [BLANK] EYES, FBI NUMBER [BLANK]

LOS ANGELES LOCATE [BLANK] AND ESTABLISH HIS WHEREABOUTS AT TIME OF CAPTIONED VIOLATION.

INFORMATION COPIES SENT BY AIRMAIL TO DALLAS, ALBUQUERQUE, CHICAGO, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END VAB

FBI SEATTLE CLR

DB Cooper-3619
NR 019 SF PLAIN
12:19AM NITEL 12/7/71 FCO SENT 12-8-71 RAS

TO: SEATTLE (164-81)
SACRAMENTO (164-50)
FROM: SAN FRANCISCO (164-220) (P) 1P

UNKNOWN SUBJECT; AKA DAN COOPER; NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE ZERO FIVE, PORTLAND TO SEATTLE, NOVEMBER TWO FOUR, LAST, CAA-HIJACKING; EXTORTION.

RE SACRAMENTO TELETYPE TO SEATTLE, DENVER, AND SAN FRANCISCO, DECEMBER THREE, LAST.

RE WHITE MALE ADULT, DATE OF BIRTH

DETERMINED TO BE RESIDING CARE OF POST OFFICE BOX

CURRENTLY NOT AT RESIDENCE. EXACT WHEREABOUTS NOT KNOWN, BUT BELIEVED TO BE SHERIFF'S
OFFICE ACQUAINTED WITH SUBJECT AND WILL NOTIFY FBI WHEN RETURNS TO AREA.

SEATTLE ADVISE SAN FRANCISCO WHEN PHOTOGRAPH DISPLAYED TO WITNESSES IF ANY IDENTIFICATION IS MADE OF UNKNOWN SUBJECT.

SAN FRANCISCO WILL HOLD FURTHER INVESTIGATION IN ABEYANCE UNTIL PHOTOGRAPH IS EXHIBITED TO WITNESSES.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING.

END

TIM
FBI SEATTLE
LR

164.81-825

DB Cooper-3620
TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) (F)  
DATE: 12/4/71

FROM: SA THOMAS J. MANNING

SUBJ: UNSUB;
Northwest Airlines Flight 305
Portland to Seattle 11/24/71
CO: Seattle
CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION

A recent communication from Portland made reference to an

[redacted]

recently hearing a five minute transmission of emergency sending
equipment for distress purposes which all civilian and military aircraft carry. The Portland Division has been asked to continue contacts with National Guard
based at Portland International Airport where

[redacted]

for further transmissions of this device.

Investigation at various airports throughout SW Washington have revealed

from technical people familiar with this homing emergency device that frequently
this device can be triggered into emitting the emergency signal upon a plane
reaching a dive where 5 Gs is reached.

In view of no positive information of any type concerning the location
from which this signal was transmitted (note two locations widely separated
were mentioned by [redacted]) no further investigation being

[redacted]

conducted by Longview RA.

(2) TM/
MR014 LA PLAIN
618PM NITEL 12-7-71 DLK
TO SEATTLE (164-81)
FROM LOS ANGELES (164-497) 3P

UNSUB, AKA DAN COOPER; NORTHWEST AIRLINES, FLIGHT THREE ZERO FIVE, PORTLAND TO SEATTLE, NOVEMBER TWENTYFOUR LAST; CAA - HIGHJACKING; EXTORTION. 00: SEATTLE

RE LATIN SKY DIVING CLUB: ON DECEMBER TWO LAST

KNOWN AS LATIN SKY DIVING CLUB. MEMBERS

JUMPED AT PARRIS, AND ELISINORE, CALIFORNIA AND OTHER AIRPORTS IN WEST.

END PAGE ONE
LA 164-497

PAGE TWO

STATES ARTISTS CONCEPTION OF HIJACKER NOT IDENTIFIABLE WITH LATIN SKY DIVING GROUP COMPOSED OF EXPERT JUMPERS ARTISTS SKETCH WILL BE DISPLAYED

HE ADDS TO FURNISH INFORMATION REGARDING SUSPECTS.

HE ALSO IDENTIFIED

HE STATED

END PAGE TWO
LOS ANGELES WILL INTERVIEW

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND IDENTIFICATION OF POSSIBLE SUSPECTS.

SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END
a stewardess aboard Northwest Airlines Flight #305, provided the following information:

On November 24, 1971, stated that the individual who hijacked Northwest Airlines Flight #305, a Boeing 727, initially boarded the aircraft in Portland, Oregon, and at the time he boarded the aircraft he was carrying a briefcase which measured about 12 inches by 18 inches and was dark brown or black in color. She stated that the hijacker handed another stewardess on board the flight by the name of a ransom note demanding $200,000 in cash. believes that the note was handed to very shortly after takeoff from Portland. She advised that the hijacker's demands were communicated to the Captain of the aircraft via the aircraft's intercom system by another stewardess named

stated that the note which the hijacker handed to stated that the hijacker had a bomb in the briefcase that he was carrying and that he wanted $200,000 and absolutely no trickery or he would explode the bomb that he had in his briefcase. In addition, advised that the hijacker requested four parachutes. After these demands were stated, the stewardess named went to the cockpit of the aircraft to advise the captain of the situation and remained in the cockpit until just before landing in Seattle. Meanwhile the hijacker remained in his seat and had another stewardess by the name of next to him.

stated that the hijacker wanted the stewardess named to go to get off the plane in Seattle and to get the money that he demanded and then after she got the money, she was to go off the aircraft again to get the four parachutes that he demanded. In addition to the parachutes and the money the hijacker also requested four crew meals. advised that had told her that the hijacker wanted to go to Mexico and was very concerned throughout the flight about sky marshals being on board the

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aircraft. She stated that the hijacker made his demands known in this order:

1) He wanted the money first
2) He wanted the people off the aircraft after the money was on board
3) He wanted parachutes and four crew meals
4) He wanted the plane completely re-fueled
5) He wanted maps

_________ could not remember what kind of maps the hijacker had requested.

During the flight, __________ advised that the hijacker wanted continued re-assurance that nothing was going to go wrong. After the plane landed and the passengers dis-embarked, __________ was on the telephone relaying the hijacker's demands to the captain of the aircraft.

_________ stated that the hijacker was good-natured during the flight.

The hijacker then informed __________ to tell the other stewardesses and crew to remain on board. At this point, __________ stated that the pilots of the aircraft wanted the stewardesses to leave the plane. Once the stewardesses had successfully left the aircraft, __________ stated that the pilots had planned to get off the plane by jumping out through the cockpit. However, none of them did deplane because the hijacker could see them and they feared that he would set off the bomb that he had in his briefcase.

Then __________ went to the back of the plane and asked the hijacker if the stewardesses could go and he said "Whatever you girls would like." Then she and __________ another stewardess on board left the aircraft.

_________ described the hijacker as a male Caucasian, olive complexion, age 38 to 45, 6' 1", 170 to 175 pounds, slim build, black hair, wavy, short and trimmed in the back. He wore no hat, and wore dark sunglasses with plastic frames which looked like prescription sunglasses. He wore a black trench-coat, white shirt and tie, and dark slacks. He wore no gloves and was soft-spoken and had no accent. He had no visible scars or marks.

_________ advised that the briefcase which the hijacker carried on board with him was in the window seat next to him and that he was sitting in the middle seat with the stewardess, __________ on his left. She stated that he had his right hand inside the briefcase at all times. At one point
during the hijacking noticed that one of the parachutes that had been brought on board had been unpacked and she asked the hijacker if he had taken the parachute apart and he replied Yes.
TO : FILE (164-81)                  DATE: December 7, 1971
FROM : SAC J. E. MILNES

SUBJECT: UNSUB, aka
Dan Cooper;
Northwest Airlines Flight 305
Portland to Seattle
11/24/71
CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION

RE: [Suspect]

On December 6, 1971, SA [Redacted] Resident Agent, Stockton, California (Sacramento Division) called and advised that the suspect has been [Redacted] He is a WMA, born [Redacted] 5'8", 190 pounds, brown hair, [Redacted] eyes, FBI [Redacted]

He wanted to know if [Redacted] was a suspect in [Redacted]

After checking, I called SAC WILLIAMS back and told him that we did not have any [Redacted] would fit; however, the hijacker in this case took his money in a Seattle-First National Bank money bag and suggested that he be checked out as a suspect in this case at once.

2 – Seattle
JEM/cjw
(2)
TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

FROM: SAC, WFO (164-169) (P)

UNSUB; aka
Dan Cooper,
Northwest Airlines Flight 305,
Portland to Seattle,
11/24/71

CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION
(00:SE)

ReSeteletonp to WFO, MP, and PD, dated 12/7/71.

Enclosed for each receiving office is one photo
of suspect________________ along with one xerox copy
of his FBI record.

LEADS

MINNEAPOLIS AND PORTLAND: Immediately display photo to
witnesses and advise Seattle and WFO of results.

UNSUB DANGEROUS

1-Seattle (Enc. 2)
2-Minneapolis (164-73)(Enc. 2)
2-Portland (164-41)(Enc. 2)
1-WFO

CWH: blz
(7)
TO: FILE (164-81)  DATE: December 7, 1971

FROM: SAC J. E. MILNES

SUBJECT: UNSUB, aka Dan Cooper
Northwest Airlines Flight 305 Portland to Seattle 11/24/71 CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION

RE: INFORMANT

On December 6, 1971, called me. He advised that he had just received a telephone call from an unidentified woman who said that the hijacker

I immediately called ASAC MORELAND in San Francisco and requested that he have an Agent see at once and be there when the call was returned.

SA from San Francisco called later and said he had gone to the Northwest office and talked to the caller who obviously was interested in a reward but had little information beyond that originally provided. The caller declined to provide her identity.

2 - Seattle
JEM/cjw
(2)
TO: FILE (164-81)
FROM: SAC, SEATTLE
DATE: 12/6/71

SUBJECT: UNSUB, aka Dan Cooper;
NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT 305
PORTLAND TO SEATTLE, 11/24/71
CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION

RE: SUSPECT

Telephone called on 12/6/71 and advised that the captioned suspect is

He is unknown. He is 6' tall, weighs 188 lbs., medium build, has dark hair which is graying, ___ eyes. He always wears dark glasses. He resembles the sketch of the hijacker.

He has _ _ _ _ _ _

He was suggesting him as suspect since _ _ _ _ _ _

LEAD

Steps should be taken at once to obtain a photograph of ____ It should be displayed to the witnesses and appropriate investigation instituted.

JEM: eon
(3)
FILE (164-81)  

SAC, SEATTLE  

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PORTLAND TO SEATTLE, 11/24/71
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(3)
Memorandum

TO: FILE (164-81)  
FROM: SAC, SEATTLE  

DATE: 12/7/71  
SUBJ-:

SUBJECT: UNSUB, aka Dan Cooper  
NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT 305  
PORTLAND TO SEATTLE, 11/24/71  
CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION  

RE: GENE MORRIS DAVIS, suspect

On 12/7/71 SAC MATTSON called from Portland and advised that captioned individual, whose automobile license and driver's license would indicate he had an address of 10622 8th N.W., and was associated with the business office of the Seattle Times, was in Yamhill, Oregon, where he bought a cashier's check in the amount of $7,350, paying for it with $50 and $100 bills, payable to [redacted].

He was born 9/27/16, is 5'9" tall, weighs 180 lbs., has blue eyes and wore glasses. He had a substantial amount of more money sticking out of the pockets of a tweed suit.

He asked that we check to see whether or not DAVIS would have this much money and whether he has been with the Seattle Times.

AFTER talking to [redacted] the Seattle Times, I called and advised that DAVIS formerly worked for them as a mail clerk and a multilith machine operator, but when they found that he was using their mailing machine for his own use and thereby defrauding the company, he was fired. His current address is P.O. Box 653, McMinnville, Oregon.

[redacted] described DAVIS as some kind of a nut, who was selling some health-type apparatus, pretends to be a lecturer on hypnosis and allegedly had developed a cure for heart diseases. He is a former professional football player and at one time owned a small paper.

Neither [redacted] had any knowledge as to any source of funds in this amount for DAVIS. I furnished this information to SAC MATTSON in Portland on 12/6/71.

JEM:eon (3)  
[Signature]  

DB Cooper-3635  
DEC 7 1971  
FBI—SEATTLE

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan
FILE (164-81)  

12/7/71

SAC, SEATTLE

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NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT 305
PORTLAND TO SEATTLE, 11/24/71
CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (164-2111)
FROM: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

UNSUB, AKA DAN COOPER; NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT #305,
PORTLAND TO SEATTLE, 11/24/71. CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION

ARTIST'S SKETCH OF SUBJECT AND BACKGROUND DATA

CONCERNING HIJACKING WAS MADE AVAILABLE

DECEMBER FOUR LAST, BUT LATER CONTACT WITH

WAS NEGATIVE.

LOOK ALIKE LEADS BEING RECEIVED FROM THE
PUBLIC AND ARE BEING COVERED BUT WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS
THUS FAR BOTH BY SEATTLE AND OTHER OFFICES. SEATTLE HAS
DISTRIBUTED ALL AVAILABLE COPIES OF RANSOM LIST.
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (164-2111)
FROM: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) DAILY TELETYP-E

UNSUB, AKA DAN COOPER; NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT #305, PORTLAND TO SEATTLE, 11/24/71. CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION

CO: SE.

ARTIST'S SKETCH OF SUBJECT AND BACKGROUND DATA

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TO: SAC, Seattle (164-81)  
FROM: SA Edward J. Anderson  
DATE: 11/29/71  

SUBJECT: UNSUB; Northwest Airlines Flight # 305, Portland to Seattle, 11/24/71  
CAA - Hijacking; Extortion  
00: SE

On 11/29/71, SAs Edward J. Anderson and interviewed the following individuals at while displaying the artist's conception of the unsub in this matter:

- Seattle Flight Service  
- Boeing Employees Flying Ass.  
- Bavair Avionics  
- Boeing Field  
- Olympic Helicopters, Inc.  
- Skycraft, Inc.  
- Pleasure Fund Flying Club  
- Aerosport  
- Aero-Copters, Inc.  
- Bell Air Service, Inc.  
- Northwest Air-Motive  
- Northwest School of Aviation, Inc.  
- Washington Aircraft  
- Radair  
- Calvin Flying Service, Inc.  
- Pacific Aviation Inc.  
- Queen City Aviation, Inc.  
- Airline Ground School

No positive identification of the unsub could be provided by any of the above listed people. The Academy of Flying and Seattle Air Charter, both closed this day, must be contacted later. If negative information is obtained, no further letter will be initiated.

The following individuals bear a close resemblance to the unsub:

strong resemblance was verified by another

DB Cooper-3641

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings-Plan
TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)                      DATE: 11/30/71
FROM: SA                                            b6
b7C
SUBJECT: UNSUB;
NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT #305
PORTLAND TO SEATTLE,
11/24/71
CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION
OO: SEATTLE

The following individuals connected with the
following agencies were contacted and shown composite
photograph of suspected hijacker on November 29, 1971:

Aero-Dyne Flight Center,
300 Airport Way,
Renton, Washington

Fanchur Flyway Inc.
Renton Municipal Airport
Renton, Washington

Alpine Helicopter Inc.
17325 Cedar Grove Road SE
Maple Valley, Washington

Renton Aviation
Renton Municipal Airport
Renton, Washington

Ed's Airmotive Inc.
302 Airport Way South
Renton, Washington

On November 29, 1971, attempts to contact Manager
of Hitch School of Aviation, East Perimeter Road, Renton,
Washington, proved negative as a sign on the door advised
that the company had gone out of business.


DB Cooper-3642
On the same date Renton Aviation, advised that Hitch School of Aviation was no longer in business as of July, 1971.
NR 031 LA PLAIN
10:30 PM M/TEL 12-7-71 IDH
TO SEATTLE (164-81)
FROM LOS ANGELES (164-497) (P)

UNSUB; NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT
THREE ZERO FIVE, PORTLAND TO SEATTLE, NOVEMBER TWENTYFOUR,
SEVENTYONE. CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION. 00 SE.

RE: SKY DIVER
MAGAZINE, ONE FIVE TWO ZERO SIX RAYMOND, GARDENA, CALIFORNIA,
AGREED TO PRINT ARTIST'S CONCEPTION AND NARRATIVE CONCERNING
CAPTIONED. JANUARY ISSUE GOES TO PRESS DECEMBER TWELVE AND
MUST BE IN POSSESSION OF ___ BY THAT DATE.

IF SEATTLE SECURES BUREAU AUTHORITY FOR PHOTO AND
ARTICLE TO APPEAR IN THIS MAGAZINE, AS WELL AS UNITED STATES
PARACHUTE ASSOCIATION MAGAZINE QUOTE PARACHUTIST END QUOTE,
ARTICLE SHOULD BE FORWARDED TO LA OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END
NR 031 LA PLAIN
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SEVENTYONE. CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION. 00 SE.

RE: ____________________________ (SUB A).

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________________________

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END
NR 005 SF PLAINTEXT

7:15PM NITEL 12/7/71 JAK

TO   DIRECTOR (164-2111)

SEATTLE (164-81)

FROM   SAN FRANCISCO (164-220) 1P

UNSUB; AKA DAN COOPER; NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE ZERO

FIVE, PORTLAND TO SEATTLE, NOV. TWENTYFOUR LAST, FAA -

HIJACKING; EXTORTION. 00: SE

RE SE TEL TO DIRECTOR AND SF, DEC. SEVEN, INSTANT.

SF INDICES NEGATIVE RE [REDACTED] AND NO

REASON KNOWN FOR [REDACTED] OFFER TO PUBLISH ARTICLE

AND ARTIST CONCEPTION OF UNSUB IN THEIR MAGAZINE QUOTE THE

PARACHUTIST END QUOTE.

END...

HLD  HOLD
TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) (F)

FROM: SA THOMAS J. MANNING

DATE: 12/4/71

SUBJECT: UNSUB;
Northwest Airlines Flight 305
Portland to Seattle, 11/24/71
CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION
OO: Seattle

Contacts with a number of people in [ ] have resulted in the development of a suspect based upon [ ] and his fitting the physical description of the UNSUB.

This individual's name is [ ]

LEAD:

At [ ]

Attempt to locate [ ] through information set forth above and conduct credit/arrest to determine if photograph available indicates close to UNSUB. If close resemblance conduct appropriate investigation to determine where this individual was on 11/24/71.
SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) (P) 12/4/71

SA THOMAS J. MANNING

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(2) TJM/

1/64-81 842

DB Cooper-3648
Memorandum

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) (P)

FROM: SA THOMAS J. MANNING

DATE: 12/4/71

SUBJECT: UNSUB;
Northwest Airlines Flight 305
Portland to Seattle 11/24/71
CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION
00: Seattle

Re Portland teletype to Seattle, 11/30/71

Investigation by SA______ on 12/1/71 to identify the unsub mentioned by _______________ as look alike for composite photograph revealed the subject more than likely

______ Information from ______ was that he looked like composite photograph and was ______

generally matched description of unsub. except ______ He had ______

______ was described as: WMA 5'10" 170 lbs. Medium complexion
Dark brown hair ______ smoked but brand not known clean cut in appearance, quiet, polite ______

No information available at ______ on present location of ______ and it appears best chance of getting further information and exhibiting the composite for possible identification is to contact ______

LEAD:

At ______

Contact ______ and exhibit composite photograph to secure further information on ______

161-81 - 843

DB Cooper-3649
SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) (P)      12/4/71

SA THOMAS J. MANNING

UNSUB:
Northwest Airlines Flight 305
Portland to Seattle 11/24/71
CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION
CO: Seattle

Re Portland teletype to Seattle, 11/30/71

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generally matched description of unsub. except he [ ] He had [ ]

[ ] was described as: WMA 5'10" 170 lbs. Medium complexion

Dark brown hair [ ] smoked but brand not known clean cut in appearance, quiet, polite

possibly

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LEAD:

At [ ]

Contact [ ] and exhibit composite photograph to secure further information on [ ]

164-81-843

JM

(2) TM/ DB Cooper-3650
TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) (P)  
FROM: SA THOMAS J. MANNING  

DATE: 12/4/71  

SUBJECT: UNSUB;  
aka/ D. D. COOPER;  
Northwest Airlines Flight #305  
Portland to Seattle, 11/24/71  
CAA — HIJACKING; EXTORTION  
00: Seattle  

Re SUSPECT  
Re Memo of SPC. 11/27/71  

Investigation by SA PD and Clark County SO.  No identifying information on any to show a particular  In view of this inability to identify the following lead is being set for further action:  

LEAD:  

At SEATTLE, WASHINGTON  

Recontact  
Seattle, Wn. phone for further information to describe and if secured set appropriate lead to have further investigation conducted in Washington.
SA THOMAS J. MANNING

UNSUB:
aka/ D. B. COOPER,
Northwest Airlines Flight $305
Portland to Seattle, 11/24/71
CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION
00: Seattle

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Re Memo of SPC. 11/27/71

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(2) TJM/
TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) (P)  
FROM: SA THOMAS J. MANNING  
DATE: 12/4/71  
SUBJECT: UNSUB;  
Northwest Airlines Flight 305,  
Portland to Seattle, 11/24/71  
CAA - HIJACKING  
OO: Seattle  
Re: San Francisco teletype to Bureau and Seattle, 11/26/71  
Washington was contacted on 12/1/71 and he was not able to furnish any details on the helicopter sightings. He also mentioned but could provide no information other than that furnished in the teletype.

It was noted that the area number of airfields and these are regular sized to small private strips and there is a lot of air traffic by small planes. Further it is known by the writer that both the state patrol and the US Army have helicopters flying frequently due to its proximity to IS 5 which is a main guiding line for such craft.

No other information of value was obtained re the aircraft and in view of the traffic in the air it is not possible to identify the aircraft he mentions and further investigation is not warranted in the RA.
MR006 LA PLAIN
200PM URGENT 12-7-71 DCB
TO SEATTLE
PORTLAND
SAN FRANCISCO
KANSAS CITY
FROM LOS ANGELES (164-497) 3P

UNSUB; ALSO KNOWN AS DAN COOPER; NORTHWEST AIRLINES
FLIGHT THREE ZERO FIVE, PORTLAND TO SEATTLE, NOVEMBER TWENTY
FOUR SEVENTY ONE; CAA-HIJACKING; EXTORTION; OFFICE OF ORIGIN:
SEATTLE.

RE PORTLAND TELETYPED TO SEATTLE DECEMBER FIVE LAST, AND
LOS ANGELES TELETYPED TO SEATTLE DECEMBER SIX LAST.
RE SUSPECTS
ALSO KNOWN AS
INVESTIGATION ON DECEMBER SIX LAST AT
ESTABLISHED
INTERVIEWED

BY BUREAU AGENTS.
END PAGE ONE
AND DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, [_____] YEARS, SIX FEET TALL, ONE SEVEN ZERO POUNDS, DARK HAIR, AND [_____] SEVERAL POLICE AGENCIES, BUT THIS NOT VERIFIED. ARTIST SKETCH DISPLAYED AND DOES NOT RESEMBLE [_____]

END PAGE TWO
UNKNOWN.

NAME OF _____ UNKNOWN TO _____

LOS ANGELES WILL CONDUCT INVESTIGATION AT _____ IN EFFORT TO IDENTIFY _____ (LNU).

SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END

VAB

FBI SEATTLE CLR
TO: DIRECTOR

BALTIMORE
MINNEAPOLIS
SEATTLE (164-81)

FROM: PORTLAND (164-41) (P)

UNSUB; NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE ZERO FIVE, NOVEMBER TWENTYFOUR, SEVENTYONE, CAA-HIJACKING. 00: SEATTLE.

ON DECEMBER SEVEN SEVENTYONE, ADVISED ON

END OF PAGE ONE
DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, DOB

FIVE ELEVEN, TWO HUNDRED POUNDS, LIGHT HAIR DASH GREYING AND CUT SHORT; LOW VOICE, MEDIUM COMPLEXION; ADDRESS

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

ADVISED HE HAS SEEN COMPOSITE

OF HIJACKER, BUT IT WAS NOT VERY SIMILAR TO

BUREAU REQUESTED TO AUTHORIZE BALTIMORE DIVISION TO CHECK APPROPRIATE SOURCES CONCERNING SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER.

BALTIMORE WILL UPON RECEIPT OF BUREAU AUTHORITY CONDUCT APPROPRIATE CHECK REGARDING SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

MINNEAPOLIS WILL VERIFY ADDRESS AND EMPLOYMENT OF AND CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE IF POSSIBLE SUSPECT THIS MATTER.

SEATTLE CONSIDER IDENTIFYING IN EFFORT TO LOCATE HIM.

PORTLAND WILL REINTERVIEW FOR ANY ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND INFORMATION

END

CORREC

CORRECTION PAGE ONE PARAGRAPH ONE LINE ONE SHOULD READ

TIM

FBI SEATTLE

CLR

DB Cooper-3659
11:55 PM URGENT 12/7/71 TLA
TO: DIRECTOR
BALTIMORE
MINNEAPOLIS
SEATTLE (164-81)
FROM: PORTLAND (164-41) (P)

UNSUB; NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE ZERO FIVE, NOVEMBER TWENTYFOUR, SEVENTYONE, CAA-HIJACKING. 00: SEATTLE.

ON DECEMBER SEVEN SEVENTYONE, ADVISED ON

END OF PAGE ONE
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SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER ______________________
ADvised he has seen composite of hijacker, but it was not very similar to ______________________

BUREAU REQUESTED TO AUTHORIZE BALTIMORE DIVISION TO CHECK APPROPRIATE SOURCES CONCERNING __________ SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER.

BALTIMORE WILL UPON RECEIPT OF BUREAU AUTHORITY CONDUCT APPROPRIATE CHECK REGARDING SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER ______________________

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END

CORREC

Correction page one paragraph one line one should read ______________________

TIM

FBI SEATTLE

CLR
Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: FILE (164-81)  DATE: 12/7/71

FROM: SAC, SEATTLE

SUBJECT: UNSUB; aka Dan Cooper
NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT 305
PORTLAND TO SEATTLE, 11/24/71
CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION

RE: ____________________________

Re attached facsimile.

SAC LEO CONROY, from Atlanta called and advised that they were sending this facsimile today but would obtain a glossy photograph of _____ and forward it to us immediately.

JEM: eon
(3)

164-81-850
SEARCHED INDEXED
SERIALIZED FILED
DEC 7 1971
FBI—SEATTLE

DB Cooper-3664
SAC, SEATTLE

UNSUB, aka Dan Cooper
NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT 305
PORTLAND TO SEATTLE, 11/24/71
CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION

RE: ____________________________

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JEM: eon
(3)
NR 024 LA PLAIN
10:27 PM NITEL 12-7-71 TDH
TO SEATTLE (164-81)
FROM LOS ANGELES (164-497) 1P

UNSUB, AKA DAN COOPER, NORTHWESTERN AIRLINES, FLIGHT THREE ZERO FIVE, PORTLAND TO SEATTLE, NOVEMBER TWENTY-FOUR LAST, CAA DASH HIJACKING, EXTORTION, OO SEATTLE.

RE SEATTLE TELETYPETO LOS ANGELES DECEMBER SIX LAST.

OBSERVED CAPTIONED PERSON
REGISTER AT MOTEL AT FOUR FIFTY-THREE P. M. ON NOVEMBER TWENTY-FOUR, LAST.

END
824 LA PLAIN
10:27 PM NITEL 12-7-71 TDH
TO SEATTLE (164-81)
FROM LOS ANGELES (164-497) IP

UNSUB, AKA DAN COOPER, NORTHWESTERN AIRLINES, FLIGHT THREE ZERO FIVE, PORTLAND TO SEATTLE, NOVEMBER TWENTY-FOUR LAST, CAA DASH HIJACKING, EXTORTION, 00 SEATTLE.

RE: SEATTLE TELETYPE TO LOS ANGELES DECEMBER SIX LAST.

RE:

OBSERVED CAPTIONED PERSON
REGISTER AT MOTEL AT FOUR FIFTY-THREE P. M. ON NOVEMBER TWENTY-FOUR, LAST.

END
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Federal Court House
Seattle, Wash.

Subject: 164-81

Airlines hijack

Gentlemen:

This is to call your attention to

be

could be your man. Please note:

1. The composite drawing has a remarkable resemblance to the composite sketch in the San Diego papers about 5 days ago.

2.
The reason I am writing about something you are already involved in helping to solve crime is that I believe I may have some useful information.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

DB Cooper-3669

[Redacted address]
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Federal Court House

Seattle, Wash
SUB: REWARD LETTERS

UNSUB, AKA., DAN COOPER; NORTHWEST AIRLINES, FLIGHT NUMBER THREE ZERO FIVE, PORTLAND TO SEATTLE, NOV. TWENTY-FOUR, SEVENTY-ONE, CAA - HIGHJACKING; EXTORTION, 00: SEATTLE.

RE TELEPHONE CALLS FROM DETROIT TO SEATTLE AND MINNEAPOLIS, DEC. TWO, LAST; DETROIT TELCALLS TO PITTSBURGH AND PHILADELPHIA, DEC. THREE, LAST. DETROIT TELCALLS PHILADELPHIA AND CINCINNATI THIS DATE.

ON NOV. THIRTY, LAST, NORTHWEST ORIENT AIRLINES, MINNEAPOLIS, RECEIVED FOLLOWING TELEGRAM,
ON DEC. ONE, LAST, _____ SENT TELEGRAM, CARE OF _____

ON DEC. TWO, LAST,

LATER ON DEC. TWO, LAST, _____ TWO HEADQUARTERS, MINNEAPOLIS, AND ARRANGED _____

END PAGE TWO
MINNEAPOLIS, REMAIN IN CONTACT WITH NWO OFFICIALS
FOR ANY FURTHER INFO FROM

PHILADELPHIA AND CINCINNATI CONDUCT INDICES CHECK ON
FOR ANY INFO IN FILE RELATIVE TO IDENTITY OF

PITTSBURGH, CONDUCT INVESTIGATION AT

AND DETERMINE IF ANY HAVE

OBTAIN PICTURE OF ANY TO SUBMIT TO SEATTLE FOR POSSIBLE IDENT.

UNSUB ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END

JFK FBI SEATTLE
CLR
Dear [Name],

I have your letter of December 2, 1971, and I appreciate the thought which prompted you to write.

You may be sure that your comments will be made a matter of record in this case.

Very truly yours,

J.E. Milnes,
Special Agent in Charge

1 - Addressee
2 - Seattle (164-81)
PRB:klb
(3)
MR035 PH PLAIN
1:20-PM URGENT 12-8-71 BMF
TO DETROIT (164-115)
SEATTLE (164-81)
MINNEAPOLIS (164- )
PITTSBURGH
CINCINNATI (164-55)
FROM PHILADELPHIA (164-133)

UNSUB; AKA DAN COOPER, NORTHWEST AIRLINES, FLIGHT NUMBER THREE ZERO FIVE, PORTLAND TO SEATTLE, ELEVEN TWENTY-FOUR SEVENTY-ONE; CAA HIJACKING; EXTORTION; 00: SEATTLE.

RE DETROIT TELETYPE TO SEATTLE, TWELVE SEVEN; CINCINNATI TELETYPE TO DETROIT, TWELVE SEVEN; PHILADELPHIA TELETYPE TO SEATTLE, TWELVE SEVEN; AND PHILADELPHIA TELEPHONE CALL TO DETROIT, TWELVE EIGHT SEVENT ONE.

END PAGE ONE
PAGE TWO

PH (164-133)

FBI NUMBER

PH FILE REFLECTS THAT

ARRESTED, BY SA

AND TWO OTHER AGENTS. NO INDICATION IN FILE OF ANY INFORMATION PROVIDED.

ED AS FOLLOWS: NAME ALIAS

WHITE MALE, DOB

FBI NUMBER

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END

JRT

FBI SEATTLE LCRL

DB Cooper-3678
2:50 PM URGENT 12-8-71 LSW

TO CINCINNATI (164-55)
DETROIT (164-115)
MINNEAPOLIS
PHILADELPHIA
SEATTLE (164-81)

FROM PITTSBURGH (164-93) 4P

UNSUB, AKA., DAN COOPER; NORTHWEST AIRLINES, FLIGHT NUMBER THREE ZERO FIVE, PORTLAND TO SEATTLE, NOVEMBER TWENTYFOUR, LAST, CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION, 00; SEATTLE.

RE DETROIT TELETYPE TO CINCINNATI, ETAL, DATED DECEMBER SEVEN, LAST; CINCINNATI TELETYPE TO DETROIT, ETAL, DATED DECEMBER SEVEN, LAST; AND PITTSBURGH TELEPHONE CALL TO DETROIT THIS DATE.

ON DECEMBER THREE, LAST, PHILIP J. CARROLL, FORMER SA, DIRECTOR OF SAFETY AND SECURITY, DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY, PITTSBURGH, ADVISED THERE ARE

PIITTSBURGH FILE

END PAGE ONE

DB Cooper-3679
PAGE TWO

PG 164-93

FBI NUMBER

APPEARED AT PITTSBURGH OFFICE

STATING

WOULD NOT STATE.

RECONTACTED PITTSBURGH OFFICE

ON

END PAGE TWO
ON [ ] WAS MET BY SAS OF PITTSBURGH OFFICE [ ] AT WHICH TIME WENT

INFORMATION.

[ ] REINTERVIEWD, [ ] AT WHICH TIME STATED HIS MAIN OBJECTIVE FOR WANTING TO SEE AGENTS WAS [ ] IDENTICAL TO PITTSBURGH BUREAU OF POLICE FILE

END PAGE THREE
NUMBER THOSE FILES SHOW
FINGERPRINTED FOR
FILES CONTAIN PHOTO TAKEN THAT DATE.

PHOTOGRAPH OF WILL BE FORWARDED TO DETROIT FOR
ASSISTANCE IN LOCATING AND TO MINNEAPOLIS TO EXHIBIT
TO NORTH WEST AIRLINES OFFICIALS

INASMUCH AS DETROIT IS ATTEMPTING TO INTERVIEW
REGARDING VALIDITY OF INFORMATION FURNISHED NORTHWEST AIRLINES
OFFICIALS, PITTSBURGH WILL NOT AT THIS TIME CONDUCT FURTHER
INQUIRY REGARDING

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

P
END
JJT
FBI SATTEL CLR
NR 002 PX PLAIN
6:09AM NITEL 12-8-71 JDD
TITLE (164-81)
FROM PHOENIX (164-100)

UNSUB; NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE ZERO FIVE, PORTLAND TO SEATTLE,
NOVEMBER TWENTYFOUR LAST. CAA - HIJACKING. 00 SEATTLE.

RE PHOENIX TELETYPICAL S TO SEATTLE DECEMBER SIX LAST, AND SEATTLE
TEL CALL TO PHOENIX ON DECEMBER SEVEN INSTANT.
TWENTY DOLLAR BILLS MENTIONED IN REFERENCED COMMUNICATION AND
TELEPHONE CALL SEARCHED THROUGH NCIC WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.
NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED BY THE PHOENIX
DIVISION IN THIS REGARD.
PENDING.

END

S/WD FBI SE GO FOR ONE MORE GA

DB Cooper-3683
NR 014 SC PLAINTEXT

1:07 12-8-71 PM NITEL 12-7171 LCH

TO LAS VEGAS, SEATTLE (164-81)
FROM SACRAMENTO (164-50)

UNSUB; AKA DAN COOPER; NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT NUMBER THREE ZERO FIVE, PORTLAND TO SEATTLE, NOVEMBER TWENTYFOUR, SEVENTYONE, CAA-
HIJACKING; EXTORTION. 00: SEATTLE.

ON INSTANT DATE TELEPHONE

TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED

THAT HE HAD BEEN HE RECALLS A

BEING EMPLOYED

AT WHICH TIME LEFT FOR

END PAGE ONE
HE DESCRIBED AS WM, FORTY SIX OR FORTY SEVEN, ONE SIX FIVE POIN\S
GRAYING HAIR, DISTINGUISHED LOOKING.
LAS VEGAS CONTACT IDENTIFY AND SET
OUT APPROPRIATE LEAD.
ARMED AND DANGEROUS.
END
S&D FBI SEATTLE CLR
TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)
FROM: SAC, DETROIT (164-115)
RE: UNSUB, aka.,
      Dan Cooper
      Northwest Airlines
      Flight Number 305
      Portland to Seattle
      11/24/71
      CAA - HIJACKING; EX.
      (00: SEATTLE)


Enclosed for Seattle is membership list of "POPS", over-forty parachutist group. Also enclosed are copies of membership cards and where appropriate, the information appearing on the rear of these membership cards of the "POPS" organization.

Review of these cards left to discretion of 00 and may be of value in developing suspect or individuals who may be able to furnish information on UNSUB.

Interview with "POPS"

On 12/3/71, Parachutists Over Phorty Society (POPS), furnished the following information to SA DONALD A. THIEL:

② Seattle (Enc. 122)
   2 - Detroit
   DAT: rck
   (4)

Approved: [Signature]
Special Agent in Charge

Sent: [Signature]
Per: [Signature]

DB Cooper-3686

U.S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1969 O - 345-090 (11)
DE 164-115

He advised that "POPS" is a worldwide society whose membership numbers 576 members. To qualify for membership in this organization you must be an active parachutist and have reached the age of 40.

He advised that he believes the majority of parachutists over the age of 40 who are actively jumping are members of this society and it is well known in parachutist circles. The group does not have a magazine or paper and

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were filled out by each individual who had joined the society and which carries in some instances other background information on the individual members.

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Composite drawing of UNSUB was exhibited to however, he indicated he could not identify UNSUB or furnish any logical suspects concerning this matter. He indicated that "POPS" would be having a meet where numerous members would be getting together in the near future and if he develops any information, he would contact the FBI.
DE 164-115

On 12/3/71

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and that

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composite looked like _______ and he indicated that

had light colored hair and was of a heavy build, although he has not seen _______ for a number of years.

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On 12/3/71

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Investigation at Detroit continuing.

UNSUB SHOULD BE CONSIDERED DANGEROUS.
12/6/71

AIRTEL

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)
FROM: SAC, DETROIT (164-115) (P)
RE: UNSUB, aka.,
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   Northwest Airlines
   Flight Number 305
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   CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION
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   (4)

Legible handwriting in bottom drawer of 164-81 cab.

DB Cooper-3689
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UNSUB SHOULD BE CONSIDERED DANGEROUS.
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (164-220)
SUBJECT: UNSUB, aka Dan Cooper
Northwest Orient Airlines
11/24/71
CAA - AIR PIRACY

Re Seattle teletype, 11/29/71; San Francisco tel, 11/29/71; and San Francisco tel, 12/1/71.

In accordance with the request of the Seattle Office, one copy of the affiliated clubs of the U.S. Parachutists Association (USPA) is enclosed for the Bureau and Seattle Office. In addition, there is also enclosed for the Seattle Office an index of the members of the affiliated clubs of this association for the states of California, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Nevada, and Arizona. There is also enclosed for the Bureau and Seattle one copy of the transcription of communications dealing with the control of aircraft NW305 on 25 November, 1971. This transcription was furnished by Federal Aviation Administration, Fremont, California. One copy of this transcription was delivered to Agents in the Sacramento Office with a map of the route of this aircraft on 12/1/71. A copy of this map is also enclosed for the information of Seattle Office.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

Leslie Fiedel in Teller

Bureau (Encls. 2) (Am Req)

Seattle (164-81) (Encls. 4)

San Francisco

MMD/cad (6)
12/2/71

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ARMED AND DANGEROUS

2 - Bureau (Encls. 2)
2 - Seattle (164-81) (Encls. 4)
2 - San Francisco
MM/cad
(6)
TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)  
DATE: 12/8/71

FROM: SA

SUBJECT: UNSUB, aka Dan Cooper  
NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT  
305, 11/24/71  
CAA-HIJACKING, EXTORTION

Re Suspect:


SA [redacted] advised that [redacted] with a (ph).

Investigation revealed that [redacted].

Investigation has established that [redacted] during the pertinent period, but this actually has not been corroborated.

SA [redacted] wanted to know whether Butte should interview [redacted].

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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan  
DB Cooper-3697
TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)  

FROM: SA  

DATE: 12/8/71  

SUBJECT: UNSUB, aka Dan Cooper  
NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT  
305, 11/24/71  
CAA-HIJACKING, EXTORTION  

Re Suspect:  

On 12/8/71 at 7:30 am SA________________ took a telephone call  
from SA________________ Butte.  

SA________________ advised that________________ with a  

Investigation revealed that________________  

Investigation has established that________________ during the pertinent period, but this actually has not been  

cororated.  

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ultimate reason for the inquiry.  

2-164-81  
cc:  

CNG (3)  

DB Cooper-3698
12:12 PM URGENT 12-8-71 CRE

TO DIRECTOR (164-2111)
ATLANTA (165-254)
SEATTLE
TAMPA

FROM JACKSONVILLE (164-109) (RUC)

UNSUB, AKA. DAN COOPER; NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT NUMBER THREE ZERO FIVE; PORTLAND TO SEATTLE, NOVEMBER TWENTYFOUR, LAST, CAA-HIJACKING; EXTORTION, 00:SEATTLE.

RE ATLANTA TEL TO BUREAU DECEMBER SIX, LAST.
ON DECEMBER SEVEN, LAST,

ADvised

ARRIVED LAST, RESIDED

NOVEMBER TWENTYTWO, LAST.

HAVE NO TELEPHONES.

END

VAB

FBI SEATTLE CLR
MR 002 LV PLAIN
1135 AM URGENT 12-8-71 EB
TO SACRAMENTO 164-50
SEATTLE 164-81
FROM LAS VEGAS 164-60

UNSUB: AKA DAN COOPER; NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT NUMBER THREE
ZERO FIVE, PORTLAND TO SEATTLE, NOVEMBER TWENTY-FOUR, SEVENTY-
ONE, CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION. 00: SEATTLE.

RE SACRAMENTO TEL DECEMBER 'SEVEN LAST RE SUSPECT
IT IS NOTED INFORMATION FROM
SHOULD IMMEDIATELY BE INTERVIEWED AND IT IS DETERMINED

TOOK PLACE. DESCRIPTION OF
AR VARIANCE
WITH THAT AVAILABLE IN SACRAMENTO FILES IN THAT
FURTHER, IT IS NOT KNOWN WHETHER DESCRIPTION GIVEN BY
WAS THAT AT THE TIME
WHEN INTERVIEWING SACRAMENTO SHOULD INSURE COMPOSITE
OF UNSUB SHOWN TO HIM AND FULL DETAILS AS TO WHY HE BELIEVES UNSUB
MAY BE IDENTICAL WITH

END

CORRECTION PLS LINE 6 OF TEXT SEOXXSECOND TO LAST WORD SLD BE AT
END

VAB

FBI SEATTLE CLR
MR002 OC PLAIN

115PM URGENT 12-8-71 EPM

TO SEATTLE (164-81)

FROM OKLAHOMA CITY (164-56) -P-

UNSUB, AKA DAN COOPER, NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE ZERO FIVE, PORTLAND TO SEATTLE, NOV. TWENTYFOUR, LAST. CAA - HIJACKING AND EXTORTION. OO: SEATTLE. RE: 

RE OKLAHOMA CITY TEL, DECEMBER SEVEN, LAST.

DISCONTINUE RE POSSIBLE SUSPECT AS HIS ATTENDANCE AT ON NOVEMBER TWENTYFOUR, LAST, VERIFIED.

END

URB

FBI SEATTLE CLR
MR 001 PD PLAIN
11:06 AM URGENT 12-8-71 LJK
TO: LOS ANGELES
MINNEAPOLIS
SEATTLE
FROM: PORTLAND (164-41) (P) 2P

UNSUB, AKA D.B. COOPER, NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE ZERO FIVE, PORTLAND TO SEATTLE, NOVEMBER TWENTY FOUR, NINETEEN SEVENTY ONE; CAA-HIJACKING; EXTORTION; OO: SEATTLE.

ON DECEMBER THREE, SEVENTY ONE, PORTLAND INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (PDX) ADVISED AN UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL WHO CLOSELY RESEMBLED THE UNSUB IN THIS MATTER ARRIVED PDX, NINE O'CLOCK PM, DECEMBER THREE, SEVENTY ONE, ABOARD THIS FLIGHT ORIGINATED IN PRIOR TO ARRIVING IN PORTLAND. ON ARRIVAL AT PDX, UNSUB WAS MET BY AN UNKNOWN PERSON DRIVING A LATE MODEL SEDAN Bearing CALIFORNIA LICENSE CALIFORNIA STATE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES (DMV) ADVISES LISTED TO NINETEEN SIXTY FIVE OLDSMOBILE

END PAGE ONE

164-81-867

DB Cooper-3702
PD 164-41

PAGE TWO

REGISTERED OWNER, ________________________________________

DMV RECORDS ALSO SHOW

NINETEEN FIFTY EIGHT CHEVROLET FOUR DOOR, CALIFORNIA LICENSE

REGISTERED TO ____________________________________________

LOS ANGELES AT __________________________________________

AT ________________________

ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE IF ____________________________________

RESIDES AT THIS ADDRESS, DETERMINE TO WHOM HE HAS

SOLD VEHICLE BEARING CALIFORNIA LICENSE

MINNEAPOLIS AT ________________________ CONDUCT SAME INVESTIGATION SET

OUT FOR LOS ANGELES AT ________________________

END

VAB

FBI SEATTLE CLR

DB Cooper-3703
FROM: SAC, PORTLAND (164-41) (P)
SUBJECT: UNSUB, aka Dan Cooper

Hijacking of Northwest Airline Flight #305
11/24/71
CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION
QO: SEATTLE

Re Portland airtel to Bureau dated 12/2/71.

Enclosed for laboratory are original letter and envelope received 12/3/71, by Manager of Portland International Airport, Portland, Oregon. The letter is signed "D. B. COOPER" and is apparently a hoax.

One xerox copy of the letter and envelope is being furnished Seattle.

REQUEST OF THE LABORATORY

Process the enclosures for latent fingerprint impressions. Note that envelope has been handled by many persons but letter has been protected and not handled since time of opening of envelope.

Results of examination should be furnished Seattle and Portland and submitted items may be returned to Portland registered mail upon conclusion of examination.

Bureau (Enc. 1) (AM) (RM)
Seattle (Enc. 2) (164-81)
Portland

RPH: sao
(7)

DB Cooper-3704
TO: SAC's, ALBUQUERQUE
    DALLAS
    CHICAGO
    LOS ANGELES
    DENVER
FROM: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

UNSUB, AKA DAN COOPER; NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT
THREE ZERO FIVE, PORTLAND TO SEATTLE, NOVEMBER TWENTYFOUR,
SEVENTYONE. CAA DASH HIJACKING; EXTORTION. OO: SEATTLE.
RE SAN FRANCISCO TELEPHONE CALL TO SEATTLE
DECEMBER EIGHT, SEVENTYONE.
RE:
SAN FRANCISCO ADVISES HAS BEEN LOCATED,
INTERVIEWED, AND ELIMINATED. ALL OFFICES DISCONTINUE
RE

ARMED AND DANGEROUS. (P)

JSD/rse
(2)

Approved: 
Special Agent in Charge
MR09 SE PLAIN
1:24PM URGENT 12/8/71 VAB
TO ALBUQUERQUE
   DALLAS
   CHICAGO,
   LOS ANGELES
   DENVER
FROM SEATTLE (164-81)

UNSUB, AKA DAN COOPER; NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE ZERO FIVE,
PORTLAND TO SEATTLE, NOVEMBER TWENTYFOUR, SEVENTYONE. CAA DASH
HIJACKING; EXTORTION. 00: SEATTLE.

   RE SAN FRANCISCO TELETYPEPHONE CALL TO SEATTLE DECEMBER EIGHT,
SEVENTYONE.
   RE
   SAN FRANCISCO ADVISES [SPACE] HAS BEEN LOCATED, INTERVIEWED, AND
   ELIMINATED. ALL OFFICES DISCONTINUE RE [SPACE] ARMED AND DANGEROUS. (P)

END

KJIH FBI DALLAS CLR

DB Cooper-3706

164-81-869
MR09 SE PLAIN
1:07PM URGENT 12/8/71 VAB
TO ALBUQUERQUE
DALLAS
CHICAGO
LOS ANGELES
DENVER
FROM SEATTLE (64-81)

UNSUB, AKA DAN COOPER; NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE ZERO FIVE,
PORTLAND TO SEATTLE, NOVEMBER TWENTYFOUR, SEVENYONE. CAA DASH
HIJACKING; EXTORTION. OO: SEATTLE.

RE SAN FRANCISCO TELETYPEPHONE CALL TO SEATTLE DECEMBER EIGHT,
SEVENYONE.

RE

SAN FRANCISCO ADVISES HAS BEEN LOCATED, INTERVIEWED, AND
ELIMINATED. ALL OFFICES DISCONTINUE RE

ARMED AND DANGEROUS. (P)

END

FBI AQ MAN
AQ CLR

DB Cooper-3707

164-81-869
MR009 SE PLAIN
1:16PM URGENT 12/8/71 VAB
TO ALBUQUERQUE
   DALLAS
   CHICAGO
   LOS ANGELES
   DENVER
FROM SEATTLE (164-81)

UNSUB, AKA DAN COOPER; NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE ZERO FIVE, PORTLAND TO SEATTLE, NOVEMBER TWENTYFOUR, SEVENTYONE. CAA DASH HIJACKING; EXTORTION. OO: SEATTLE.

RE SAN FRANCISCO TELETYPEPHONE CALL TO SEATTLE DECEMBER EIGHT, SEVENTYONE. b6

RE b7C

SAN FRANCISCO ADVISES b6 HAS BEEN LOCATED, INTERVIEWED, AND b7C ELIMINATED. ALL OFFICES DISCONTINUE RE b6 ARMED AND DANGEROUS. (JP) b7C

END

RWR FBI CG CLR

DB Cooper-3708
009 SE PLAIN
11:11PM URGENT 12/8/71 VAB
TO ALBUQUERQUE
   DALLAS
   CHICAGO
   LOS ANGELES
   DENVER
FROM SEATTLE (164-81)

UNSUB, AKA DAN COOPER; NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE ZERO FIVE, PORTLAND TO SEATTLE, NOVEMBER TWENTYFOUR, SEVENTYONE. CAA DASH HIJACKING; EXTORTION. 00: SEATTLE.

RE SAN FRANCISCO TELETYPEPHONE CALL TO SEATTLE DECEMBER EIGHT, SEVENTYONE.

RE

SAN FRANCISCO ADVISES HAS BEEN LOCATED, INTERVIEWED, AND ELIMINATED. ALL OFFICES DISCONTINUE RE ARMED AND DANGEROUS. (P)

END

JLK FBI DN
aR

DB Cooper-3709
TO: SAC, DENVER
FROM: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

UNKNOWN SUBJECT, AKA DAN COOPER, NORTHWEST AIRLINES,
FLIGHT NO. THREE ZERO FIVE, PORTLAND TO SEATTLE, NOVEMBER
TWENTY FOUR, NINETEEN SEVENTY ONE, CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION,
OO: SE.

RE: HAS BEEN NAMED AS A SUSPECT IN THIS
MATTER. INFORMATION INDICATES THAT
RESIDES

HE IS

DESCRIBED AS FORTY THREE OR FORTY FOUR YEARS OF AGE, BORN
SIX FOOT TALL,
POUNDS, MEDIUM BUILD, DARK HAIR WHICH IS GRAYING,
EYES,
ALWAYS WEARS DARK GLASSES.

DENVER IS REQUESTED TO ASCERTAIN WHEREABOUTS OF
AT TIME OF CAPTIONED HIJACKING AND IF UNABLE TO ASCERTAIN
WHEREABOUTS, OBTAIN PHOTOGRAPH AND FORWARD TO SEATTLE,
PORTLAND AND MINNEAPOLIS FOR SHOWING TO WITNESSES.

JSD: set
(1)

164-81-870

Approved: ___________________  Sent 4:12 P.M  Per ___________
Special Agent in Charge

☆ U.S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1971–413–135
Memorandum

TO SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)(P)

DATE: 12/8/71

FROM SA

SUBJECT: UNSUB;
Northwest Airlines
Flight #305
Portland to Seattle
11/24/71
CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION
OO: SEATTLE

Re: Cessna Aircraft Sub. 35

Re: Portland tel to Seattle dated 11/29/71, (Ser. 237)
and Oklahoma tel to Seattle dated 11/30/71, (Ser. 250).

The information requested in both references is
contained in the FD 302s of [blank]. Both interviewed on November 28, 1971.

(3)
NDS/sl

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan
UNSUB;
Northwest Airlines
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(3)
MDS/ slb
TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)(P)  
FROM: SA  

DATE: 12/8/71  

SUBJECT: UNSUB;
Northwest Airlines Flight #305,
Portland to Seattle,
11/24/71
CAA - HIJACKING;
EXTORTION
OO: SEATTLE

Re: Suspect

Re: Seattle tel to Portland dated 11/30/71.

[Blank] dob[_________] was contacted by the
writer of this memo on November 27, 1971, at [______]

[Blank] was observed
by the writer to be approximately 5'7" tall and weigh well
over 200 pounds. A photograph of[_________] was obtained through
the Clark County Sheriff's Office, which bears a striking
resemblance to[_________] at the present time, even though the
photograph was taken on[_________]

[Blank] advised he can be contacted in [______]

at phone number [______]

Because of [______] physical description, it is
recommended that he be discontinued as a prime suspect in
this matter.

(3)
NDS/slb

[Stamp: 164-81-872]
SEIZED  

dec 3 1971
FBI-SEATTLE
UNSUB;
Northwest Airlines Flight #305,
Portland to Seattle, 11/24/71
CAA - HIJACKING;
EXTORTION
OO: SEATTLE

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(3)
NDS/s1b
12/6/71

AIRTEL

TO: SAC, ALEXANDRIA

FROM: SAC, WFO (164-169) (P)

UNSUB:
NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT 305,
PORTLAND TO SEATTLE, 11/24/71
CHA-HIJACKING; EXTORTION
(00:SE)

Re Phoenix airtel to Seattle, dated 12/1/71.

Enclosed for Alexandria are two (2) copies of re
airtel.

RE SUSPECT

Washington Metropolitan area telephone directory
reflects that the Center for Naval Analyses is located at
1401 Wilson Bouvelard, Arlington, Virginia.

Information copies of this communication are
designated for Baltimore and Phoenix Divisions in view of
their investigative interests in captioned matter.

2 - Alexandria (Enc. 2)
1 - Baltimore (Info)
1 - Phoenix (164-600)
2 - Seattle (164-81)

CWH:jab
(7)
WPO 164-169

LEAD

ALEXANDRIA

AT ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA. At the Center for Naval Analyses, will cover lead set forth in re airtel.

UNSUB DANGEROUS.
GO AHEAD

MR 004 PD PLAIN

4-52 PM URGENT 12-8-71 LJQ

TO: NEW YORK (164-627)

SEATTLE (164-81)

FROM: PORTLAND (164-41) 1P

UNSUB; NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE ZERO FIVE, PORTLAND TO SEATTLE, NOVEMBER TWO FOUR, SEVENTY ONE. CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION. OO: SEATTLE.

RE SEATTLE FACSIMILE TO PORTLAND DECEMBER SEVEN, SEVENTY ONE, AND NEW YORK TEL DECEMBER THREE, SEVENTY ONE.

SUBJECT

ON DECEMBER EIGHT, SEVENTY ONE, IN PERSONAL INTERVIEW WITH HE STATED HE WROTE THE ARTICLE FOR PUBLICATION IN "MEN ONLY", TO MAKE MONEY AND MOST OF THE FACTS IN THE ARTICLE ARE FROM THE "OREGONIAN", A PORTLAND NEWSPAPER, AND HE EXERCISED LITERARY LICENSE TO COMPLETE THE REST OF THE ARTICLE.

ON PERSONAL OBSERVATION IT WAS NOTED THAT ARTISTS DRAWING DOES NOT RESEMBLE THAT OF FD-THREE ZERO TWO OF INTERVIEW WITH BEING AIRMAILED TO NEW YORK AND SEATTLE.

END

JJT FBI SEATTLE CLR

16-71-874

DEC 8 1971
FBI SEATTLE

DB Cooper-371
NR 004 LA PLAIN
329PM URGENT 12-08-71 AXV

TO SEATTLE (164-81)
SACRAMENTO
LAS VEGAS

FROM LOS ANGELES (164-497) 2P

UNSUB, AKA, DAN COOPER; NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT NUMBER
THREE ZERO FIVE, PORTLAND TO SEATTLE, NOVEMBER TWENTY FOUR LAST,
CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION, OO: SEATTLE.

RE SEATTLE TELETYPE TO LOS ANGELES AND SACRAMENTO, DATED
DECEMBER SEVEN, LAST.

RE SOURCE.

FOR INFORMATION OF LAS VEGAS,
INVESTIGATION LOS ANGELES REVEALS POSSIBLY IDENTICAL TO

RECORDS INDICATE CAN BE CONTACTED AT POST OFFICE BOX AND HIS TELEPHONE NUMBER

LAS VEGAS AT NEVADA: WILL LOCATE AND INTERVIEW CONCERNING ABOVE AND ATTEMPT TO DEVELOP SUSPECT THIS MATTER.

SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END

JFT FBI SEATTLE CLR
TO: BUTTE (164-26)
FROM: SALTLAKE CITY (164-24)

UNSUB; NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE ZERO FIVE, NOVEMBER TWENTYFOUR, NINETEEN SEVENTYONE; CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION. 00 SE.

REURTLE DECEMBER TWO LAST, RE SUSPECT

ADVISSED THIS DATE NOT AWARE CURRENT LOCATION OF HE STATED

SPECIFIC ADDRESS UNKNOWN, RESIDES

EXACT LOCATIONS UNKNOWN.

STATED

RESIDE

MAILING ADDRESS HOWEVER,

HAVE LITTLE OR NO CONTACT

Seattle (164-81)(AM)
RWH:mhe
(2)

164- 81 - 876

DB Cooper-3720
SU 164-24

PAGE TWO.

BUTTE AT CONTACT IN EFFORT TO DETERMINE LOCATION OF AND ATTEMPT TO SECURE PHOTOGRAPH, IF AVAILABLE, AND FURNISH TO OFFICE OF ORIGIN TO BE DISPLAYED TO WITNESS IN CAPTIONED MATTER. IF POSSIBLE, INTERVIEW AS TO HIS LOCATION NOVEMBER TWENTYFOUR LAST.

UNSUB SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS DUE TO NATURE OF CRIME AND THREAT OF EXPLOSIVES.

AIR MAIL COPY TO SEATTLE.

P.
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (164-2111)
FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (164-88) (P)
SUBJECT: UNSUB;
NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT 305
11/24/71
CAA - HIJACKING
CO: SEATTLE

RE SUSPECT

Re Cleveland teletype to Bureau, 12/3/71.

Enclosed for each receiving office are two copies each of four photos of captioned suspect taken 6/69.

2 - Bureau (Enc. 8)
1 - Seattle (INFO) (164-81)
2 - Butte (Enc. 8)
2 - Portland (Enc. 8)
2 - Phoenix (Enc. 8)
2 - Cleveland

JLH:mab
(11)
Airtel

TO: SAC, Sacramento (164-50)  
FROM: Director, FBI

UNSUB:  
NORTHWEST AIRLINES
FLIGHT 305
11/24/71
CAA - HIJACKING
OO: SEATTLE

Reference is made to Butelcall to Sacramento 12/6/71 and Sacramento teletype 12/3/71 which states that Beale Air Force Base has offered free of charge the use of an SR-71 aircraft to photograph terrain over which captioned flight progressed from Seattle to Reno.

Bureau authority is granted for the Sacramento Office to immediately complete arrangements to accept the offer of the use of this aircraft as described in referenced teletype. Sacramento should afford this phase of this investigation immediate and continuous attention and keep the Bureau and Seattle Office fully advised.

Consider subject dangerous.

1) SAC, Seattle (164-81) (Information)  
1 - SAC, Portland (164-41) (Information)  
1 - SAC, Las Vegas (164-60) (Information)

DB Cooper-3723
REPORT of the

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: SAC, Las Vegas (164-60)
Re: UNSUB;
NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT 305,
PORTLAND TO SEATTLE,
11/24/71
CAA – HIJACKING; EXTORTION

Specimens received 12/4/71 from Las Vegas

Q1 Envelope postmarked "OAKDALE, CA NOV 27 PM 1971 95361," addressed "RENO NEWSPAPER RENO NEV."

Q2 Accompanying piece of paper with cutout words forming the message "ATTENTION Thanks for Hospitality was IN A RUT D. B. Cooper,"

Specimens received 12/1/71 from Philadelphia

Q3 Envelope postmarked "U. S. POSTAL SERVICE MN 553 26 NOV PM 1971" addressed [blank]

Q4 Accompanying one-page handwritten letter dated Nov. 25, 1971, beginning [blank]

Specimen received 12/2/71 from Sacramento

K1 One copy of the final edition of the 11/26/71 issue of the MODESTO BEE

Result of examination:

Q1 through Q4 were not identified in the Anonymous Letter File. Appropriate copies of these specimens have been added to this file for future reference.
No indented writing, watermarks or other features were found on Q1 through Q4 which would be of value in determining the source of these specimens. It is noted that indented impressions of the Q1 address appear on Q2.

The printed cutout words of Q2 were compared with the K1 newspaper. Printing characteristics indicate that the cutout words on Q2, with the exception of the "ity" portion of "Hospitality," came from K1, or an earlier edition of this paper with the same type setup for these words.

Q1 through Q4 were photographed and will be returned separately. K1 is being returned to Sacramento with copies of this report.
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On the MONTGO BEE

One copy of the Enlarged edition of the 11/26/71 issue

Specimen received 12/2/71 from Sacramento

IN A R.M. D. B. Cooper

Attention, thanks for hospitality was

Specimen received 12/4/71 from Philadelphia

Specimen received 12/7/71 from Las Vegas

CAN - HIVACING EXTRATION

11/30/71

PORTLAND TO SEATTLE,

WASHINGDON. D. C. 20525

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

LABORATORY

REPORT
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Date: December 7, 1971

Re: UNSUB;
NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT 305, PORTLAND TO SEATTLE, 11/24/71
CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION
OO: Seattle

Examination requested by: Las Vegas, Philadelphia, Sacramento
Reference: Airtels 11/30/71, 12/3/71, 11/30/71
Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

FBI File No. 164-2111
Lab. No. D-711206032 LL
D-711206033 LL
D-711203049 LL

DO NOT INCLUDE ADMINISTRATIVE PAGES INFORMATION IN INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

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Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)
2-Philadelphia (164-133) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)
2-Sacramento (164-50) Enclosures (5) (Photographs of Q1 and Q2; KL, 2 Lab report)
2-Seattle (164-81) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)
2-Portland Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)
2-Minneapolis (164-73) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)
To: SAC, Las Vegas (164-60)

Date: December 7, 1971

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11/24/71
CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION
OO: Seattle

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Sacramento
Airtelis 11/30/71, 12/3/71,
11/30/71

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TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

FROM: SAC, SACRAMENTO (164-50) (P)

UNSUB, aka Dan Cooper;
Northwest Airlines, Flight 305,
Portland to Seattle, 11/24/71
CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION

OO: Seattle

Remytel, 12/3/71.

Enclosed herewith for receiving offices is one copy
each of a photo of Sheriff's Office number Two copies of this photo
being furnished Seattle.

Photo should be displayed to appropriate witnesses.

2-Seattle (Enc. 2)
1-Las Vegas (Enc. 1)
1-Portland (Enc. 1)
1-San Francisco (Enc. 1)
2-Sacramento

RSE: kep
(7)
12/6/71

AIRTDL 				AIR MAIL

TO: 	SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

FROM: 	SAC, SACRAMENTO (164-50) (P)

UNSUB, aka Dan Cooper;
Northwest Airlines, Flight 305,
Portland to Seattle, 11/24/71
GAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION
OO: Seattle

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sheriff's office number [ ] Two copies of this photo

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2-Sacramento

RSR: kep
(7)

164-81-881

DB Cooper-3731
NR003 CE PLAIN
5:07 PM NITEL 12-8-71 DAM
TO: SEATTLE 164-81
FROM: CHARLOTTE 164-101 2P P

NORJAK

RE SEATTLE TELETYPE TO CHARLOTTE DATED TODAY.

COMPANY,

ADvised SSAN IN STATE OF WASHINGTON

LAST, PAYROLL RECORDS

REFLECT WORKED NOVEMBER TWENTY-TWO, TWENTY-THREE,

TWENTY-FOUR, TWENTY-SIX, TWENTY-SEVEN, LAST. NO EMPLOYMENT

NOVEMBER TWENTY-FIVE, LAST, BECAUSE OF THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY.

PRESENTLY EMPLOYED

END PAGE ONE
CE 164-101

PAGE TWO

CURRENT ADDRESS UNKNOWN. 

READILY LOCATED THROUGH 

TELEPHONE 

TELEPHONE NUMBER FOR 

NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION CONCERNING BEING 

CONDUCTED AND WILL NOT BE INTERVIEWED PENDING REQUEST 

FOR INTERVIEW FROM SEATTLE. 

END 

VAB 

FBI SEATTLE CLR
NR003 CE PLAIN
5:07 PM NITEL 12-8-71 DAM
TO: SEATTLE 164-81
FROM: CHARLOTTE 164-101 2P P

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ADVISER SSAN 

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FOR INTERVIEW FROM SEATTLE.

END

VAB

FBI SEATTLE CLR
NR02 NF PLAIN
530 PM IMMEDIATE 12/8/71 JMF
TO DIRECTOR (164-1111)
CLEVELAND
NEWARK
SEATTLE
FROM NORFOLK (164-41) 4P

UNSUB, AKA DAN COOPER; NORTHWEST AIRLINES, FLIGHT THREE ZERO FIVE, PORTLAND TO SEATTLE, NOVEMBER TWENTYFOUR LAST, CAA DASH HIJACKING; EXTORTION, 00: SEATTLE; DASH SUSPECT.

RE SEATTLE LETTER TO ALBANY NOVEMBER THIRTY LAST WITH COPIES TO ALL OFFICES, NORFOLK TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR DECEMBER THIRDLAST, AND NORFOLK TELEPHONE CALL TO BUREAU DECEMBER SEVEN LAST.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF CLEVELAND,

END PAGE ONE
PAGE TWO

EMPLOYMENT AT VERIFIED, AND RESIDENCE

HAS VERIFIED PRESENCE UNTIL SIX PM ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER TWENTYFOUR LAST.

STATED THAT THEY WERE IN THE COMPANY OF ON THE EVENING OF NOVEMBER TWENTYFOUR LAST ELEVEN PM.

INTERVIEWED DECEMBER THIRD LAST AS A SUSPECT AND DENIED

REINTERVIEWED ON DECEMBER SEVEN LAST AND FURNISHED THE NAME OF A MAN DESCRIBED

ONE WHITE MALE, APPROXIMATELY YEARS OF AGE, FIVE FEET NINE AND ONE HALF INCHES TALL, ONE HUNDRED SIXTY LBS, DARK BROWN HAIR RECEDING, OLIVE COMPLEXION,

END PAGE TWO
OBSERVATION OF THE PHOTOGRAPH OF

BEARS GENERAL RESEMBLANCE TO ARTIST'S CONCEPTION OF THE HIJACKER.

END PAGE THREE
UACB or by office of origin, Cleveland should conduct discreet investigation to determine if [ ] and by contact with appropriate officials [ ] determine if [ ] was at work during the critical hours of captioned hijacking.

Newark should recontact [ ] to determine if [ ]

Photograph of [ ] being sent to [ ] by air mail special delivery.

Unsub is being sought in connection with the extortion of two hundred thousand dollars from Northwest Airlines by threatening the crew of the airline with a package which he stated contained a bomb. Unsub should be considered dangerous. P.

End

AVAB

FBI Seattle CLR
NR 002 SF PLAIN

11:40 URGENT 12/8/71 MCC

TO SEATTLE (164-81)

PORTLAND (164-41)

KANSAS CITY

LOS ANGELES (164-497)

FROM SAN FRANCISCO (164-220) 2P

UNSUB; AKA DAN COOPER; NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE ZERO FIVE, PORTLAND TO SEATTLE, NOVEMBER TWENTYFOUR SEVENTYONE; CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION; 00 SEATTLE.

RE PORTLAND TELETYPE TO SEATTLE, DECEMBER FIVE LAST; AND SAN FRANCISCO TELETYPE TO SEATTLE, DECEMBER FIVE LAST

RE SUSPECTS

ADVISER

ON DECEMBER SEVEN LAST, THAT

END PAGE ONE
TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) DENVER
FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (164-297)

UNSUS, AKA DAN COOPER; NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE ZERO FIVE, PORTLAND TO SEATTLE, NOVEMBER TWENTYFOUR, SEVENTYONE; CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION; CO: SEATTLE;
BUFILS ONE SIXTYFOUR - TWO ONE ONE ONE.
RE DALLAS TELETYPE TO ALBUQUERQUE DATED DECEMBER SIX.
LAST.
RE SUSPECT ON DECEMBER SEVEN INSTANT,

ADVISER THAT

1 - Albuquerque (AM)
1 - Boston (AM)
1 - San Francisco (AM)

DB Cooper-3742

Approved: RKM
Special Agent in Charge
CG 164-297

PAGE TWO

RECORDS AT      FD NEGATIVE RE

RECORDS          ALSO NEGATIVE RE

FOR INFO OF DENVER, ONE

ADvised December One

LAST, THE COMPOSITE OF UNSUB APPEARING IN CINCINNATI PAPERS
APPEARS TO BE ONE    FORMERLY FROM

BORN                DESCRIBED AS WHA,

SEVENTY-TWO

INCHES, ONE EIGHT-FIVE POUNDS

DENVER CONDUCT

APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION IN EFFORT TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW

AND DETERMINE HIS WHEREABOUTS ON NOVEMBER TWENTYFOUR.

LAST, CG CONTINUING INVESTIGATION.
Memorandum

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)  

FROM: SA  

DATE: 12/8/71  

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
NORTHWEST AIRLINES
FLIGHT #305,
PORTLAND TO SEATTLE,
11/24/71
CAA-HIJACKING;
EXTORTION
00: SEATTLE
BUfile 164-2111

On 12/8/71 advised that address since
She advised that
She stated that he

Phone specifically recalls that early evening hours of the night
prior to Thanksgiving (11/24/71). She remembers that he was

She concluded

In view of the above information it is felt that IS NO LONGER A VALID subject for this case.

RBF/rbf
NR09 SD PLAIN
3:00AM (SENT 12-8-71) PM NITEL 12/7/71 DDC
TO SEATTLE (164-91)
FROM SAN DIEGO (164-81)

UNSUB; NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE ZERO FIVE, PORTLAND
TO SEATTLE, NOVEMBER TWENTYFOUR, LAST; CAA DASH HIJACKING; EXTORTION.
00: SE.

RE WFO TELETYPE TO BUREAU DATED DECEMBER FOUR, LAST.
RE: SUSPECT

SUSPECT

ADvised she last saw

UNDERSTOOD HE IS STILL EMPLOYED AS

WASHINGTON AREA. SHE STATED

WASHINGTON.

UNSUB CONSIDERED DANGEROUS.

END

SWO RECEIVED
NR09 SD PLAIN
3:00AM (SENT 12-8-71) PM NITEL 12/7/71 DDC
TO SEATTLE (164-91)
FROM SAN DIEGO (164-81)

UNSUB; NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE ZERO FIVE, PORTLAND
TO SEATTLE, NOVEMBER TWENTYFOUR, LAST; CAA DASH HIJACKING; EXTORTION.
00: SE.

RE WFO TELETYPE TO BUREAU DATED DECEMBER FOUR, LAST,
RE: SUSPECT
SUSPECT

ADvised she last saw

UNDERstood he is still employed as

WASHINGTON AREA. SHE STATED

WASHINGTON.

UNSUB CONSIDERED DANGEROUS.

END

SWO RECEIVED
NFA#4 MP PLAIN
5:24 PM NITEL 12-8-71 MLF

TO DIRECTOR

BALTIMORE

SEATTLE (164-81)
PORTLAND (164-41)

FROM MINNEAPOLIS (164-73) 2P

UNSUB, NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE ZERO FIVE, NOVEMBER TWENTYFOUR, SEVENTYONE; CAA - HIJACKING. 00: SEATTLE.

RE PORTLAND TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR, 35 - ), DECEMBER SEVEN, LAST.

ON DECEMBER EIGHT, INSTANT, ADVISED

END PAGE ONE
MP 164-73

PAGE TWO

DESCRIPTED AS WHITE MALE, BORN FIVE FEET ELEVEN, TWO HUNDRED NINE POUNDS, BROWN GRAYING CREW-CUT HAIR, SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

SPEND A FEW DAYS

NOW EN ROUTE

P

END

JJT

FBI SE CLR
NR004 MP PLAIN
5:24 PM NITEL 12-8-71 MLF

TO DIRECTOR

BALTIMORE

SEATTLE (164-81)

PORTLAND (164-41)

FROM MINNEAPOLIS (164-73) 2P

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END

JJT

FBI SE CLR
NR 04 SD PLAIN
2:51PM URGENT 12-8-71 JBE
TO: SEATTLE (164-81)
   SACRAMENTO
FROM: SAN DIEGO (164-91)
UNSUB: NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE ZERO FIVE, PORTLAND
TO SEATTLE, NOVEMBER TWENTYFOUR LAST; CAA - HIJACKING;
EXTROION, 00: SEATTLE.

RE PORTLAND TELETYPE TO SAN DIEGO, DECEMBER ONE LAST.
RE: SUSPECT

THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES CONTACTED RE SUSPECT AT EL CENTRO, CALIFORNIA, WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS:
EL CENTRO, PD, IMPERIAL COUNTY SO, IMPERIAL VALLEY CREDIT
BUREAU, IMPERIAL IRRIGATION DISTRICT, SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
GAS COMPANY, U.S. POST OFFICE, AND ROSS FLYING SERVICE.
CALIFORNIA, ADVISED IS UNKNOWN TO HER AND IS NOT CURRENTLY
EMPLOYED AND NEVER HAS BEEN WITH
END PAGE ONE

Copy

Lead

164-81-889

DB Cooper-3751

get photo of
COMPOSITE OF UNSUB UNFAMILIAR.

ADVISER

UNKNOWN TO HIM

ADVISER APPROXIMATELY TWENTY-ONE CROP DUSTER PILOTS OPERATING IN IMPERIAL VALLEY

ACQUAINTED WITH ALL OF THEM. NONE OF THE TWENTY-ONE FIT DESCRIPTION OF OR RESEMBLE COMPOSITE OF UNSUB.

STATED ALL CROP DUSTING PILOTS MUST BE LICENSED BY THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AT SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA.

FOR INFORMATION SACRAMENTO, PORTLAND DIVISION ADVISED MULTINONAH COUNTY SO, PORTALND,

ADVISER HE RECEIVED INFORMATION THAT RESEMBLED ARTIST SKETCH OF UNSUB. DESCRIBED WMA, BORN FIVE FEET ELEVEN, ONE HUNDRED FORTY POUNDS, BROWN HAIR, BROWN EYES. STATED

END PAGE TWO
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SACRAMENTO, WILL REVIEW RECORDS OF DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, TO DETERMINE IF SUSPECT IS CURRENTLY TO ASCERTAIN HIS CURRENT RESIDENCE.

UNSUB CONSIDERED DANGEROUS.

PENDING.

AIR MAIL COPY TO PORTLAND.

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FBI SETATILE CLR
NR 04 SD PLAIN
2:51PM URGENT 12-8-71 JBE
TO: SEATTLE (164-81)
        SACRAMENTO
FROM: SAN DIEGO (164-91)

UNSUB: NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE ZERO FIVE, PORTLAND
TO SEATTLE, NOVEMBER TWENTYFOUR LAST; CAA - HIJACKING;
EXTROSION, 00: SEATTLE.

RE PORTLAND TELETYPE TO SAN DIEGO, DECEMBER ONE LAST.
RE: SUSPECT  

THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES CONTACTED RE SUSPECT  
AT EL CENTRO, CALIFORNIA, WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS:
EL CENTRO, PD, IMPERIAL COUNTY SO, IMPERIAL VALLEY CREDIT
BUREAU, IMPERIAL IRRIGATION DISTRICT, SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
GAS COMPANY, U.S. POST OFFICE, AND ROSS FLYING SERVICE.

CALIFORNIA,
ADvised  IS UNKNOWN TO HER AND IS NOT CURRENTLY
EMPLOYED AND NEVER HAS BEEN WITH

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ADVISER

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AIR MAIL COPY TO PORTLAND.

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JJT

FBI SEATTLE CLR
Memorandum

TO: SAC (164-81)

FROM: SA

DATE: 12/7/71

SUBJECT: UNSUB; NW Airlines Flt #305, Portland to Seattle, 11/24/71 CAA-Hijacking; Extortion

On 12/7/71 phone called to relate:

On 12/1/71

[Handwritten text: at Portland a man got on the bus with recognized him as appearing similar to the sketch of the hijacker. In conversation this man said he was This man observed this individual at when they arrived in Reno. He also thinks he looks like subject. thought might know name and where subject stayed in Reno.

LEAD: At Everett

Contact

161-81-890

Lead

FBI - SEATTLE

DB Cooper-3757
TO: SAC (164-81)  
DATE: 12/7/71

FROM: SA

SUBJECT: UNSUB; NW Airlines Flt #305, Portland to Seattle, 11/24/71  
CAA-Hijacking; Extortion

On 12/7/71 phone called to relate:

On 12/1/71

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LEAD: At Everett

Contact
Washington, provided the following information:

Advised that on 11/24/71, at approximately 8:30 PM he heard a low flying jet plane traveling over his house. He stated he wouldn't have noticed this plane, however, it must have been flying extremely low because of the noise it made. This plane was flying directly over his house and in a direction north to south.

Stated that the weather at this time was extremely bad as there was a heavy overcast and it was raining.
provided the following information:

advised that on the evening of 11/24/71 at approximately 8:00 PM he noticed the sound of a low flying jet near his house. This plane was flying from north to south an unusually low. Advised he could see the lights of the plane and they appeared to be going on and off at a slow rate. These lights did not appear to be blinking normally but at unusually long intervals.

stated that at the time he saw this plane the wind was blowing and there was rain.
Washington, provided the following information:

advised that in the evening of November 24, 1971, somewhere between the hours of 8:00 PM and 9:00 PM both he and his wife heard a low flying jet plane go over his house. This plane was flying from north to south and created enough noise to shake [underline] house. [underline] advised that both he and his wife walked [underline] however, they could not see the plane as it was raining and the sky was covered with clouds.
On November 25, 1971, Seattle-First National Bank, the head office being in Seattle, Washington, provided the following information:

upon being advised of the identity of the writer, handed the writer a film canister containing a microfilm, upon which the serial numbers of $250,000 worth of notes were recorded. He advised that of the $250,000 worth of notes, the Federal Bureau of Investigation should only be concerned with the $20 bills, that is the serial numbers of the $20 bills, because the hijacker received only $20 bills. stated that there are $230,000 worth of $20 bills recorded on the microfilm. advised that in order for the Federal Bureau of Investigation to determine the serial numbers of the $20 bills which the hijacker actually received, we must subtract serial numbers which he provided me from the total list of serial numbers on the microfilm.

provided a list of serial numbers of $20 totaling $30,000 worth of notes, which, although they were on the microfilm itself, were not part of the $200,000 worth of $20 bills which the hijacker received. stated that the bank packs $20 bills in packages of 1000. Each packet therefore contains $2,000 worth of $20 bills. provided the first and last serial number in each of these $20 bill packets and advised that we should subtract both of these numbers, as well as the 98 serials numbers between each of these groups of numbers in order to determine the actual serial numbers of the bills which the hijacker received. These groups of numbers are as follows:

L41197159A thru E12561828B
L33639577A thru L20458572A
J02051511 thru I00466866
L33410247A thru L32378753A
C05722105A thru G16813690A
G98535159A thru L14348853A
L34429987A thru L19556442A

Interviewed on 11/25/71 at Seattle, Washington File # SE 164-81-894

[Signature] mlc Date dictated 12/1/71

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L33474929A thru L09819218A
L38139808A thru L00934693
L34346374A thru L33449321A
E50344994A thru E50344506A
B07656937B thru L05419634A
E22084591A thru L66634223B
L52807604A thru L01043096
L19538120A thru L72860402B
TO: SEATTLE (164-81)
FROM: PORTLAND (164-41) (P)

UNSUB, AKA DAN COOPER, NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE ZERO FIVE, PORTLAND TO SEATTLE, NOVEMBER TWENTY FOUR, SEVENTY ONE; CAU- HILJACKING; EXTORTION; OO: SEATTLE.

SUSPECT: THIS DATE, ADVISED APPROXIMATELY WHAT SIX FEET TALL, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY FIVE POUNDS, BLACK HAIR, DARK COMPLEXION, PRESENT AGE APPROXIMATELY

1-Portland
LIKE: ann (1)

Approved: Special Agent In Charge
Sent: Lead

DB: Cooper-3764
PD 164-41
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NO LOCAL POLICE RECORD FOR

WITNESS-

THIS DATE,

OREGON, ADVISED

ADVISER

MAY BE INVOLVED IN CAPTIONED MATTER.

UNABLE TO FURNISH ANY FURTHER

INFORMATION, HOWEVER, ADVISED WOULD BE ENTIRELY COOPERATIVE.

SEATTLE AT WASHINGTON. WILL CONDUCT APPROPRIATE

INVESTIGATION RE AND ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN CURRENT
PD 164-41

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SEATTLE AT [BLANK] WASHINGTON. INTERVIEW [BLANK]

FOR ALL INFORMATION RE POSSIBLE SUSPECT.
TO: SEATTLE (164-81)

FROM: PORTLAND (164-41) (P) _P

NSUB, AKA DAN COOPER, NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE ZERO FIVE, PORTLAND TO SEATTLE, NOVEMBER TWENTY FOUR, SEVENTY ONE; GAA-JACKING; EXTORTION; OO: SEATTLE.

SUSPECT THIS DATE,

ADVISED APPROXIMATELY WMN, SIX

FET TALL, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY FIVE POUNDS, BLACK HAIR, DARK COMPLEXION, PRESENT AGE APPROXIMATELY

-Portland 164-81-895
KEIMUM (1) 000
Approved: Special Agent in Charge
DB Cooper-3767
D 164-41

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NO LOCAL POLICE RECORD FOR

WITNESS-

THIS DATE, 

REGON, ADVISED

ADvised

MAY BE INVOLVED IN CAPTIONED MATTER.

UNABLE TO FURNISH ANY FURTHER

INFORMATION, HOWEVER, ADVISED WOULD BE ENTIRELY COOPERATIVE.

SEATTLE AT WASHINGTON. WILL CONDUCT APPROPRIATE

INVESTIGATION RE AND ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN CURRENT

Approved: SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

Sent M Per

DB Cooper-3768
D 164-41

AGE THREE

PHOTOGRAPH

SEATTLE AT __________________________ WASHINGTON. INTERVIEW __________________________

OR ALL INFORMATION RE POSSIBLE SUSPECT.

DB Cooper-3769
TO: SEATTLE (164-81)
FROM: PORTLAND (164-41) (P)  

INSUB, AKA DAN COOPER, NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE ZERO FIVE, FROM PORTLAND TO SEATTLE, NOVEMBER TWENTY FOUR, SEVENTY ONE; GJA-JACKING; EXTORTION; OO: SEATTLE.

SUSPECT:
THIS DATE, ADvised APPROXIMATELY

FEET TALL, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY FIVE POUNDS, BLACK HAIR, DARK COMPLEXION, PRESENT AGE APPROXIMATELY
D 164-41

AGE TWO

NO LOCAL POLICE RECORD FOR

WITNESS-

THIS DATE,

REGON, ADVISED

ADVISER

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SEATTLE AT WASHINGTON. WILL CONDUCT APPROPRIATE

INVESTIGATION RE AND ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN CURRENT

Approved: ___________ 

Special Agent in Charge

Sent ___________ 

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U.S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE, 1971-613-159

DB Cooper-3771
D 164-41

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SEATTLE AT WASHINGTON. INTERVIEW OR ALL INFORMATION RE POSSIBLE SUSPECT.
Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC (164-81)                   DATE: 12/6/71

FROM: SA

SUBJECT: UNSUB; NW Airlines Flt. 305,
Portland to Seattle 11/24/71;
CAA-Hijacking; Extortion

On 12/1/71 Tacoma P.D., pointed out
that [redacted] thinks that the artist sketch of subject
looks like [redacted] now looks. [redacted] stated he specifically
noted [redacted] because there did not seem to be
[redacted]

LEAD: At [redacted]

We need an up to date photo of subject. The photo
does not meet his present appearance. [redacted] photos of him were taken and it is believed
published in the [redacted] paper. Try them for a more recent
photo.

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DB Cooper-3773
Subject: UNSUB; NW Airlines Flt. 305, Portland to Seattle 11/24/71; CAA-Hijacking; Extortion

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LEAD: At

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2:25 PM URGENT 12-6-71 LSW

TO ST. LOUIS

SEATTLE (164-81)

FROM PITTSBURGH (164-93) 2P

UNSUB, AKA., DAN COOPER, NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT
THREE ZERO FIVE, PORTLAND TO SEATTLE, NOVEMBER TWENTY-FOUR,
LAST. CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION. 00: SEATTLE. BUFIL: ONE SIX FOUR - TWO ONE ONE ONE.

RE SUSPECT
PITTSBURGH RESIDENT WHO KNEW

ADvised RESEMBLANCE IN ARTIST CONCEPTION OF UNSUB.

RECORDS, STATE
BORN

ADDRESS THEN

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DEC 7 1971 FBI-SEATTLE

DB Cooper-3779
FILES SHOW

DETAILED AIRTTEL FOLLOWS.

ST. LOUIS, REVIEW ________ AND FORWARD RESULTS TO

SEATTLE.

PITTSBURGH AT ________ PA., WILL ATTEMPT TO LOCATE

AT ________ WILL ATTEMPT TO LOCATE

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

P

END

THIS TELETYPE SHOULD BE DATED THE SEVENTH OF DEC. WE PUT

WRONG DATE

VAB

FBI SEATTLE CLR

DB Cooper-3780
NR006 PG PLAIN
2:25 PM URGENT 12-6-71 LSW
TO ST. LOUIS
SEATTLE (164-81)
FROM PITTSBURGH (164-93) 2P

UNSUB, AKA., DAN COOPER, NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT
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ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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THIS TELETYPE SHOULD BE DATED THE SEVENTH OF DEC. WE PUT WRONG DATE

VAB

FBI SEATTLE CLR
NR 11 SC CODED
5:14PM URGENT 12-8-71 VLS
TO SEATTLE (164-81)
LAS VEGAS (164-60)
FROM SACRAMENTO (164-50) 3P

NORJACK

RE LAS VEGAS TEL, DEC. SEVEN, LAST.

LOCATED DEC. EIGHT, INSTANT, ADVISED SHE

IN RENO CAB ABOUT TWO PM, NOV. TWENTY-FIVE, LAST, AND STAYED UNTIL ABOUT ELEVEN PM, NOV. TWENTY-SIX, LAST, WHEN

END PAGE ONE
AIRCRAFT ON WHICH ANOTHER BOMB THREAT RECEIVED AND WAS DELAYED IN BOISE, IDAHO, BECAUSE OF THREAT. ARRIVING ON THIS AIRCRAFT AT RENO, ALL DEPARTING PASSENGERS WERE CHECKED BY RENO PD PRIOR TO DEPARTING RENO AIRPORT, AND Exhibited his identification to RENO PD.

AGE ABOUT _________ AND HAS MADE FREQUENT FLIGHTS TO _________

_______ STATES CAB DRIVER STAYED OVERNIGHT AT _______ HOTEL, TO AVOID _______ RETURN TRIP BUT WAS ADVISED _________

ON NOV. TWENTYSIX, LAST, TO RETURN TO RENO ALONE.

ADvised DEC. EIGHT, INSTANT, FREQUENT CUSTOMER, NAME UNKNOWN TO HIM, CAME INTO BAR ON UNRECALLED DATE AROUND THANKSGIVING WITH RENO CAB DRIVER IDENTIFIED AS DRIVER FOR _________ STATED _________ AFTER SIX PM. _________

END PAGE TWO
SC 164-50

PAGE THREE

ELEVEN PM WHEN CUSTOMER ASKED WANTED TO RIDE TO RENO WITH HIM IN CAB SINCE IT WAS PAID FOR.

HAS BEEN FREQUENT CUSTOMER

CUSTOMER GAVE NO INDICATION OF HAVING LARGE QUANTITY OF MONEY AND STATED HAD MADE NO MONEY GAMBLING IN RENO. DESCRIBED CUSTOMER AS AGE FORTY TO FORTY-FIVE, FIVE FEET TEN INCHES, ONE HUNDRED FIFTY LBS., DARK BROWN HAIR, BEARING NO RESEMBLANCE TO COMPOSITE PHOTO OF HIJACKER.

NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED RE

END

PLS HOLD FOR TWO NIGHTS
NR 11 SC CODED
5:14PM URGENT 12-8-71 VLS
TO SEATTLE (164-81)
LAS VEGAS (164-60)
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ADvised Dec. Eight, Instant, Frequent Customer, Name Unknown To Him, Came Into Bar On Unrecalled Date Around Thanksgiving With Reno Cab Driver Identified As Driver For Stated After Six PM.

END PAGE TWO
SC 164-50
PAGE THREE

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