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(Title) NORJAK

(File No.) 164-497

Item	Date Filed		Disposition
58	4/25/74	Advise of Rights form and interview log for [redacted] on 3/26/74 (cp)	b6 b7C
59	"	1 man's narrow black necktie found on the NORYAK aircraft presumed to be the unsubs (see ser 766) (cp)	
60	5/7/74	Handprint of [redacted] (cp)	
61	5/8/74	Xerox copies of charge slips billed to [redacted] during period from January 1971 to November 1973. (cp)	
62	5/8/74	15 xEroxed copies of charge slips billed to [redacted] (cp)	
63	5/8/74	4 pages of xerox copies checks in payment of [redacted] purchases by [redacted] customers with 4 checks shown drawn on account of [redacted] dated 10/15/72 (2), 8/27/73 (2) (cp)	

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FD-340 REV. (6-24-65)

File No. 164-497-1a 60

Date Received 5-6-74

From Bureau

(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(CITY AND STATE)

(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

Receipt Given ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

Description:

handprint of

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5-2-74

(see sw 768)

DB Cooper-26159

FD-340 (REV. 6-24-65)

File No. 164-497-1a 59

Date Received 4-24-74

From Seattle
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(CITY AND STATE)

By
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned ☐ Yes ☐ No

Receipt given ☐ Yes ☒ No

Description:

1 man's narrow black necktie found on the Norjak aircraft presumed to be the unsubs

cp
4-26-74

DB Cooper-26160

(owsow 766)

FD-340 REV. (6-24-65)

File No. 164-497 ~ 1a58

Date Received 3-26-74

From _____
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

_____
(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

_____

By [redacted] b6 b7C
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned ☐ Yes ☒ No

Receipt given ☐ Yes ☒ No

Description:
Advice of Rights form and interview log for [redacted] b6 b7C on 3-26-74.

CP
4.25.74

DB Cooper-26161

FD-395 (Rev. 10-10-67)

INTERROGATION; ADVICE OF RIGHTS

YOUR RIGHTS

164497-1a58

Place Glendale, Calif.
Date 3-26-74
Time 9:26 PM

Before we ask you any questions, you must understand your rights.

You have the right to remain silent.

Anything you say can be used against you in court.

You have the right to talk to a lawyer for advice before we ask you any questions and to have him with you during questioning.

If you cannot afford a lawyer, one will be appointed for you before any questioning if you wish.

If you decide to answer questions now without a lawyer present, you will still have the right to stop answering at any time. You also have the right to stop answering at any time until you talk to a lawyer.

WAIVER OF RIGHTS

I have read this statement of my rights and I understand what my rights are. I am willing to make a statement and answer questions. I do not want a lawyer at this time. I understand and know what I am doing. No promises or threats have been made to me and no pressure or coercion of any kind has been used against me.

Signed _____

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Witness:

Witness:

Time: 9:31 PM

I don't want to answer any questions until I talk to an attorney.

DB Cooper-26162

March 26, 1974
Glendale, Calif.

Interview by [redacted] who was interviewed at the Glendale Police Department, Glendale, California, on 3-26-74. b6 b7C

9:25 PM Interview started with introduction of SA [redacted]

9:26 PM SA [redacted] handed [redacted] advice of rights form and he began reading it.

9:27 PM [redacted] said he understood the form but he would not sign it because he wanted an attorney and he wanted to talk to an attorney.

9:31 PM [redacted] said he would not furnish b6 b7C his name or anything else. Said he would furnish no information concerning his identity until he talked to an attorney. Said he would not even acknowledge what is name is until he spoke to an attorney.

9:39 PM Interview concluded.

[redacted] b6 b7C
Special Agent FBI

[redacted]
Special Agent FBI

DB Cooper-26163

FD-340 REV. (6-24-65)

File No. 164-497 1A 61

Date Received 12-26-74

From [redacted]
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

ATLANTIC-RICHFIELD CO., 515 So FLOWER
(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

LOS ANGELES, CALIF. b6 b7C

By [redacted]

To Be Returned ☐ Yes ☒ No

Receipt given ☐ Yes ☒ No

Description:

Xerox copies of charge slips billed to [redacted] b6 b7C [redacted] during period from January 1971 to November 1973

CP
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DB Cooper-26164

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File - Serial Charge Out
FD-5 (Rev. 10-13-89)

Date 8/30/02
Serials 1A45-1A57
Vol. 6

File 164 LA 497
Class. Office of Origin Case No. Last Serial

☐ Pending ☐ Closed

Serial No.	Description of Serial	Date Charged
1A56	4/23/74 Hair fibers and in glass slides and envelope containing hair (see ser 764) (CP) - This serial transferred to 1B evidence	8/30/02

Employee

RECHARGE Date

To From

Initials of Clerk

Date

Date charged

Employee

Location

FPI-R8K

DB Cooper-26085

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(Title) NORJAK

(File No.) 164-497

Item	Date Filed		Disposition
45	5/9/72	21 phtos of white male possible [redacted] (cs)	
46	"	2 photos of unidentified male possibly [redacted] (cs)	
47	6/28/72	2 photos of [redacted] (cs)	
48	7/13/72	1 photo of [redacted] (cp)	
49	8/14/72	Photo of [redacted] (cp)	
50	10/11/72	One copy of original letter (see ser. 567) (cp)	
51	12/13/72	1 sheet paper with 1969 series mumbers (cp)	
52	1/9/73	5 copies and 1 photo of [redacted] taken 1963 (cp)	
53	3/6/73	2 colored artist's conceptions of UNSUB aka "DAN COOPER"	
54	6/28/73	1 photo of [redacted] (cp)	
55	8/20/73	Copy of driver's license and photos of OWEN MURRAY REYNOLDS (cp)	
56	4/23/74	Hair fibers and in glass slides and envelope containing hair (see ser 764) (cp)	
57	4/25/74	Rights form and interview log regarding interview of [redacted] (cp)	

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May 9, 1972
FBI - LOS ANGELES

FD-340 (REV. 6-24-65)

File No. 164-497-1A 45

Date Received 4-27-72

From FBI
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)
WASHINGTON D.C.

By [redacted] b6 b7C

To Be Returned ☐ Yes ☑ No

Receipt given ☐ Yes ☑ No

Description:

21 PHOTOGRAPHS OF BALD HEADED WHITE MALE WEARING WIRE RIM SUNGLASSES, STRIPED TIE AND SWEATER - POSSIBLY IDENTICAL [redacted] b6 b7C

AKA [redacted]

DB Cooper-26087 5-9-72 CW

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DB Cooper-26089

FD-340 (REV. 6-24-69)

File No. 164-497 -1046

Date Received 4-21-72

From FBI
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)
WASHINGTON D.C.,

By [redacted] b6 b7C

To Be Returned ☐ Yes ☒ No

Receipt given ☐ Yes ☒ No

Description:

2 PHOTOS OF UNIDENTIFIED MALE WEARING WOOLEN TYPE CAP WITH ALTERNATE BLACK AND WHITE STRIPES RADIATING FROM THE TOP CENTER OF CAP, PASSIGIT

[redacted] b6 b7C

DB Cooper-26108

5-9-72 CJ

DB Cooper-26110

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FD-340 (REV. 6-24-65)

164-497-1A47

File No. WAVJAK

Date Received 6-28-72

From _____
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

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(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

_____
(CITY AND STATE)

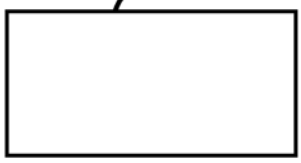
By _____
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned ☐ Yes ☐ No

Receipt given ☐ Yes ☐ No

Description:

2 photos of



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6/28/72

DB Cooper-26112

FD-340 (REV. 6-24-65)

File No. 164-497-1848

Date Received 6/30/72

From Records & Identification
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)
Santa Monica Police Dept.
(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)
Santa Monica, Calif

By [redacted] b6 b7C

To Be Returned ☐ Yes ☑ No

Receipt given ☐ Yes ☑ No

Description:

1 photo of [redacted] b6 b7C

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7-13-72

DB Cooper-26115

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DB Cooper-26117

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FD-340 (REV. 6-24-65)

File No. 164-497- 1A49

Date Received 8-10-72

From [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted] NORTH

HOLLYWOOD, CALIF.
(CITY AND STATE)

By [redacted]
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned ☐ Yes ☒ No

Receipt given ☐ Yes ☒ No

Description:

Photo of [redacted] b6 b7C

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8-14-72

DB Cooper-26118

FD-340 (REV. 6-24-65)

File No. 164-497 1A50

Date Received 10-11-72

From Bureau
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(CITY AND STATE)

By
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned ☐ Yes ☐ No

Receipt given ☐ Yes ☐ No

Description:

One copy of original letter

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10-11-72

per phone 567

DB Cooper-26120

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[redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted] b6 b7C

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LC # A-45410
FBI LL
LETTER LABOR[illegible] S N
"DEAR SIRS: [redacted] IS..."

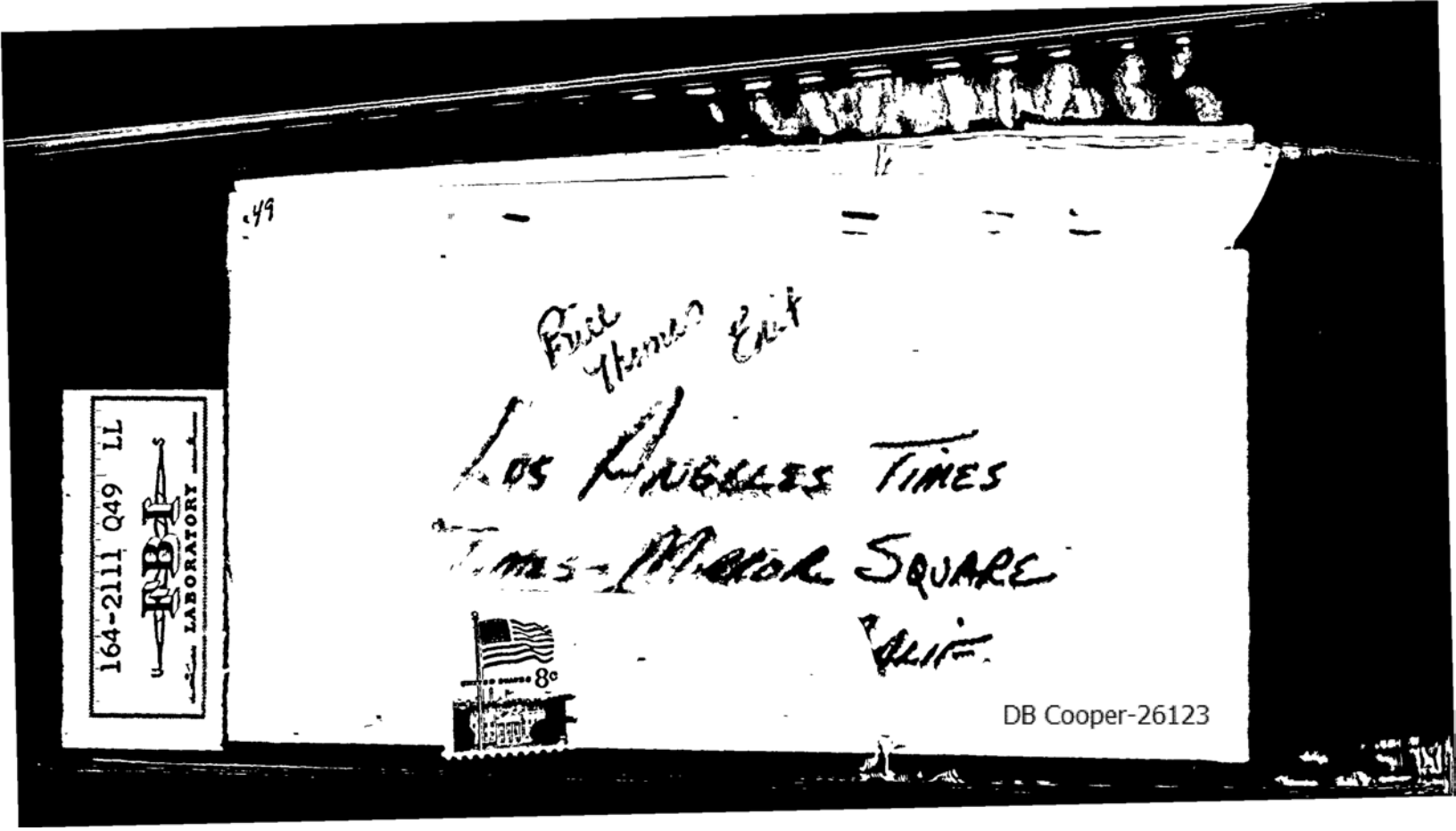
DEAR SIR

[redacted] IS DEAD. "D B COOPER" [illegible] [illegible] ON SEPT. 12th. TOGETHER WE [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] SOMETHING TO DIE. b6 b7C

[illegible] WHEN HE WAS [illegible] [redacted] [illegible] TO [illegible] ME FOR THE [illegible] THAT HE WASN'T [illegible] [illegible]. HE [illegible] WITH THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. THOUGH HE [illegible] [illegible] "[illegible] TERRORIST." BUT HE WASN'T. b6 b7C

TO ME, AND THOSE OF YOU WHO KNEW HIM, HE WAS NOT "A [illegible] CRIMINAL". HE WAS A [illegible] AND GENTLE HUMAN BEING. HE LOVED LIFE AND EVERYTHING ABOUT IT. WHEN HE [illegible] OUT THAT HE HAD [illegible] MONTHS TO LIVE, HE FACED THE [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] DO NO GOOD. WHAT COULD I SAY? JUST TWO [illegible] AFTER, HE LOST HIS WIFE AND DAUGHTER. I [illegible] YEARS A [illegible] CANCER [illegible]. HE WAS [illegible]. [illegible]. BUT SOMETHING ELSE WAS ON HIS MIND. WHEN HE FIRST TOLD ME ABOUT THE JOB, I THOUGHT HE WAS JOKING. HE WASN'T. AFTER ALL, HE HAD NOTHING TO LOSE AND [illegible] TO GAIN.

HOWEVER, [illegible] [illegible] THE [illegible]. [redacted] b6 b7C
[illegible] THAT HE COULD DEMAND ALMOST ANYTHING, AND HE'D PROBABLY GET IT. IN FACT, HE GAVE [illegible] $[illegible],000 OF THE RANSOM MONEY AWAY TO [illegible] AND FAMILIES IN NEED. HE PAID OFF ALL [redacted] HOSPITAL BILLS AND GAVE [redacted] [illegible] [illegible] [redacted] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] BUT I'M SURE [redacted] BLESSED HIS [illegible] [redacted] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] ONE WAY OR THE OTHER. [redacted] b6 b7C
THANKS THAT [redacted] [illegible] [illegible].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Date Received 12/13/72

From [redacted] b6 b7C

(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)
Beverly Hills, Calif

By [redacted]

To Be Returned ☑ Yes ☐ No

Receipt given ☐ Yes ☑ No

Description:

1 sheet of lined paper with 1969 Series serial numbers listed. (3 numbers handwritten in ink.

1 envelope marked "LA" which enclosed above paper

12-13-72

Facsimile sent Seattle 12/13/72 CRL

DB Cooper-26124

1969 SERIES L-A

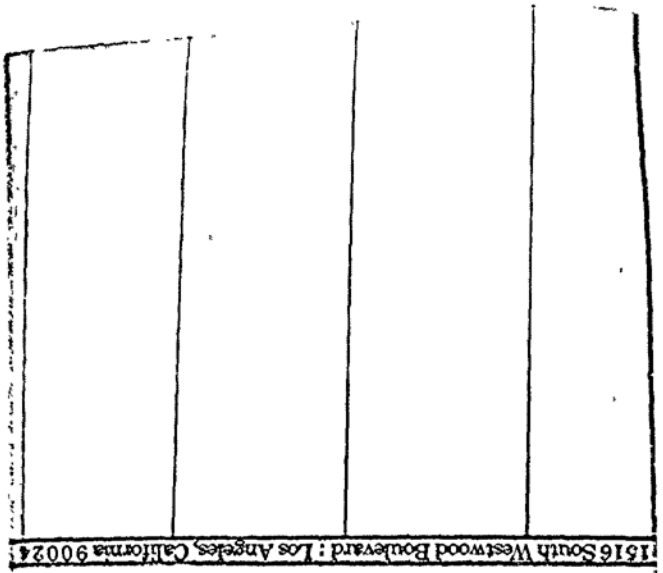
L-32510387-A
L-33312079-A
L-34579609-A

100-449D-1A5

DB Cooper-26125

12/12/72
CAS

Furnished to SA [redacted]
on 12/13/72 by
[redacted] "LA" b6 b7C
Newspaper
[redacted] Beverly Hills, Calif
CRS
12/13/72



DB Cooper-26126

To: SAC, SEATTLE
ATTENTION: SA CHARLES FARRELL

Date: 12/12/72

From: SAC, LOS ANGELES (164-497)

Time Transmitted:

Subject: NORJAK

Transmit attached by Facsimile - Plaintext

☐ Fingerprint Photo ☐ Fingerprint Record ☐ Map ☐ Newspaper clipping ☐ Photograph

☐ Other _____

☐ (6 min) ☐ (4 min)

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Date Received 1/2/73

From [redacted] b6 b7C

Strategic Support Detail
(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office
(CITY AND STATE)

By [redacted]

To Be Returned ☐ Yes ☒ No

Receipt given ☐ Yes ☒ No

Description:

1 photo of

[redacted] b6 b7C

taken 1963

And copies (5)

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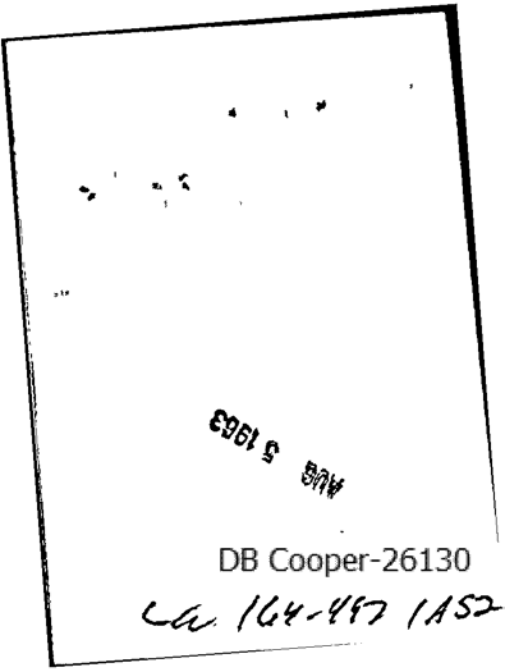
1-9-73

DB Cooper-26128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Date Received 3-6-73

From FBI
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)
SEATTLE, WASH.
(CITY AND STATE)

By [redacted] b6 b7C
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned ☐ Yes ☒ No

Receipt given ☐ Yes ☒ No

Description:

2 COLORED ARTIST'S CONCEPTIONS OF UNSUB AKA "DAN COOPER"

3.6.73

DB Cooper-26136

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FD-340 REV. (6-24-65)

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Date Received 5/31/73

From SEATTLE FBI OFFICE
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)
SEATTLE, WASH.

By [redacted] b6 b7C

To Be Returned ☐ Yes ☒ No

Receipt given ☐ Yes ☒ No

Description:

1 photo of [redacted] [redacted] b6 b7C

cp
6.28.73

DB Cooper-26138

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

NAME

FBI NO. DATE PHOTO TAKEN 1969-70

F. P. C.

CRIM b6 b7C

SEX M NATIONALITY AMER.

BIRTH DATE HEIGHT 5'9"

WEIGHT 165 BUILD

COMPL. RACE W

HAIR BRN. EYES BRN.

SCARS & MARKS UNK.

DB Cooper-26140

Enclosures to LA from SA

RE: NORJAK

LA 164-497
SA 164-111
SAlet to SE, 5/31/73.

Two photos of [redacted]

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DB Cooper-26141

FD-340 REV. (6-24-65)

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Date Received 7/19/73

From SACRAMENTO
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

FBI
(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

Sacramento, Cal.

By [redacted] b6 b7C

To Be Returned ☐ Yes ☒ No

Receipt given ☐ Yes ☒ No

Description:

Copy of Driver's license + photos of Owen Murray Reynolds

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8.20.73

DB Cooper-26142

RECORD CROSS REFERENCE COPY OF DRIVER LICENSE OR IDENTIFICATION CARD APPLICATION ON FILE WITH

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES

FOR DMV OR LAW ENFORCEMENT USE ONLY

- Y56661
- Owen Murray Reynolds
- 1650 Ricky Ave
- Anaheim Cal 92802

SEX	HAIR	EYES	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	MAR	PRE LIC EXP
M	Brn	Brn	5-10	160	Div	Cal

DATE OF BIRTH	AGE	DMV USE ONLY
10-14-20	50	

SPECIAL ADDRESS

CLASS B [illegible]

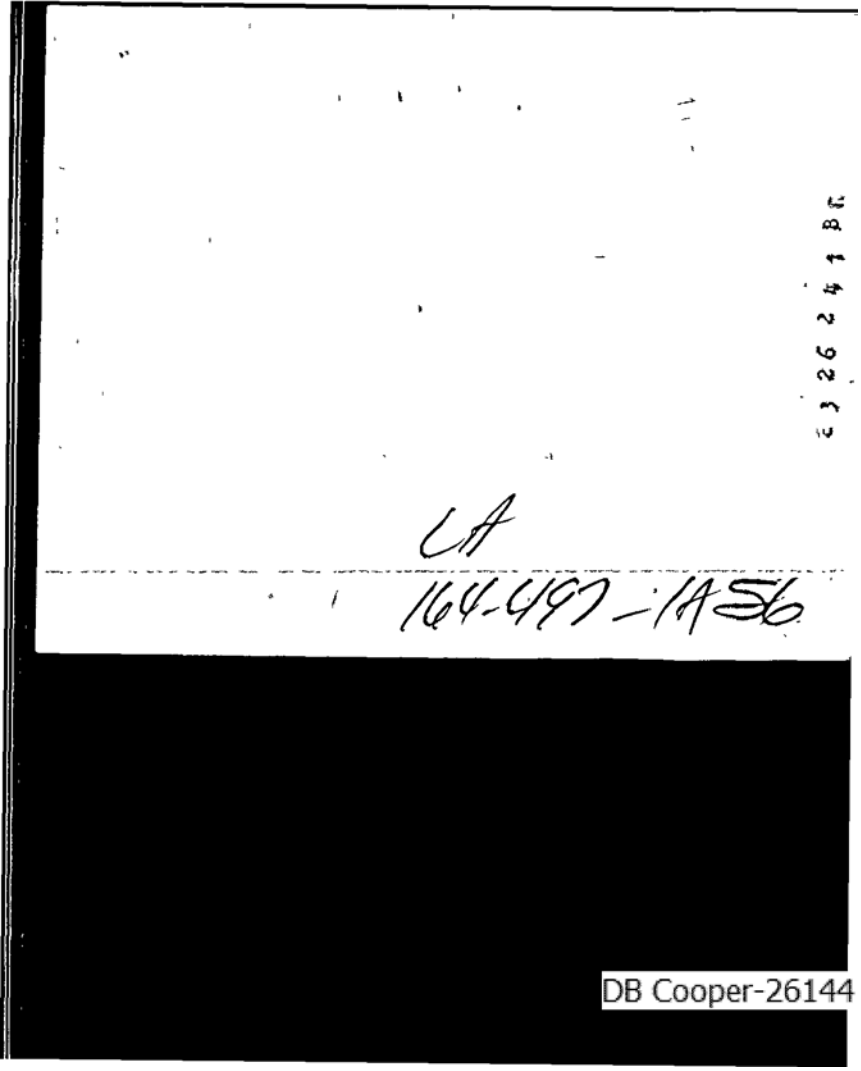
SEE OVER FOR ANY DRIVER CONDITIONS

MUST BE CORRECTIVE LENSES

Owen M. Reynolds

5-7-71 Anh ev

DB Cooper-26143



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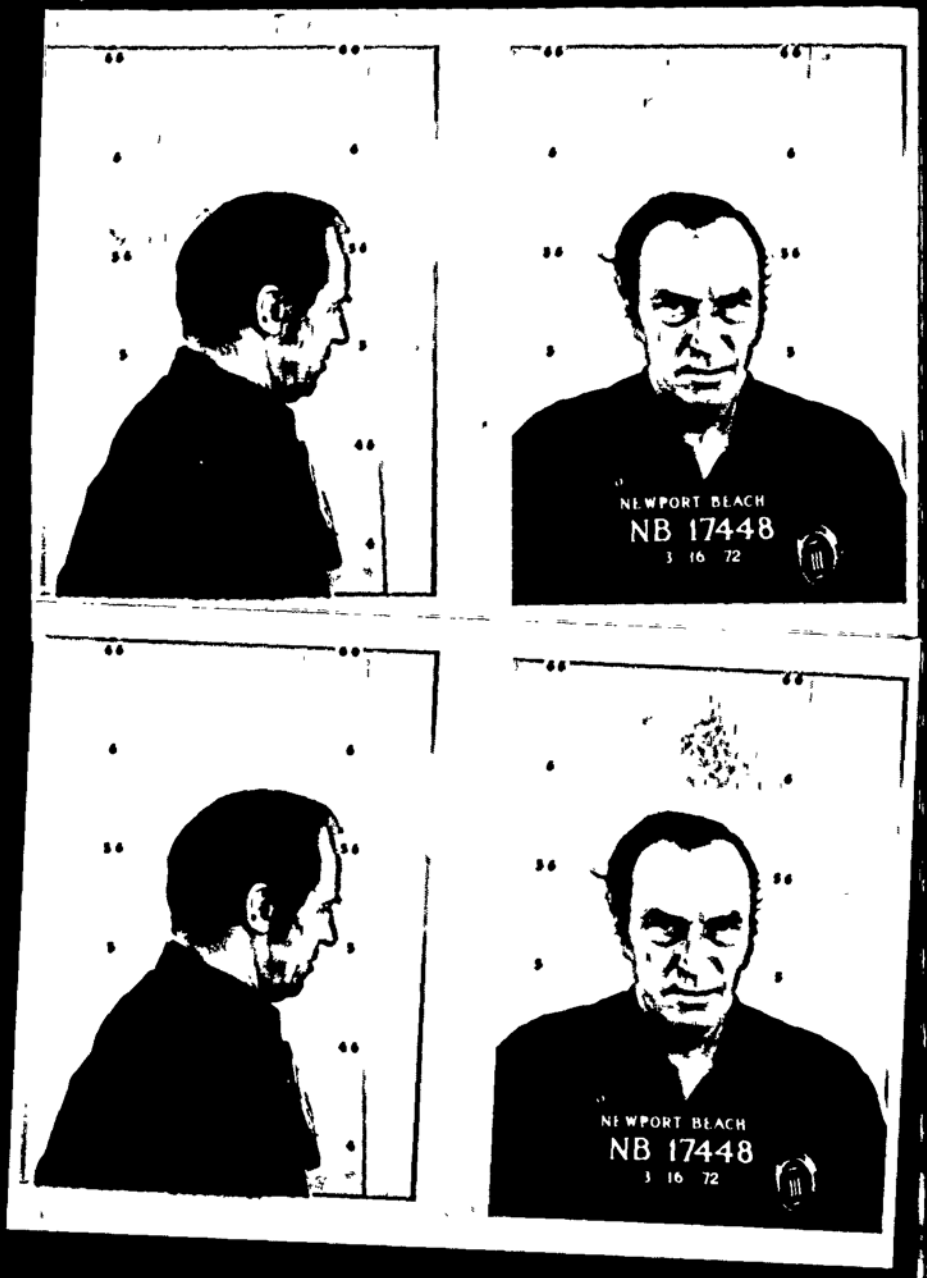

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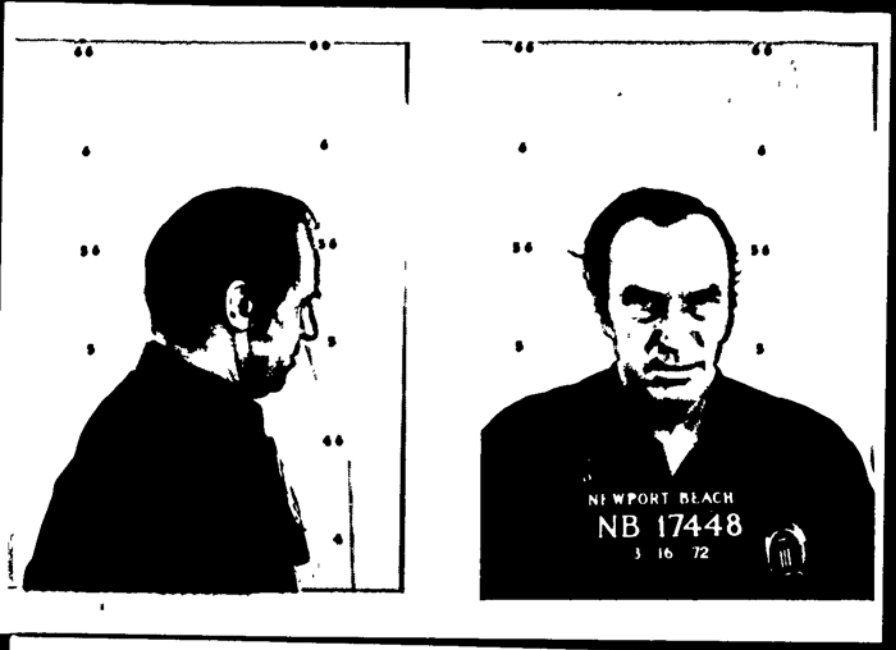

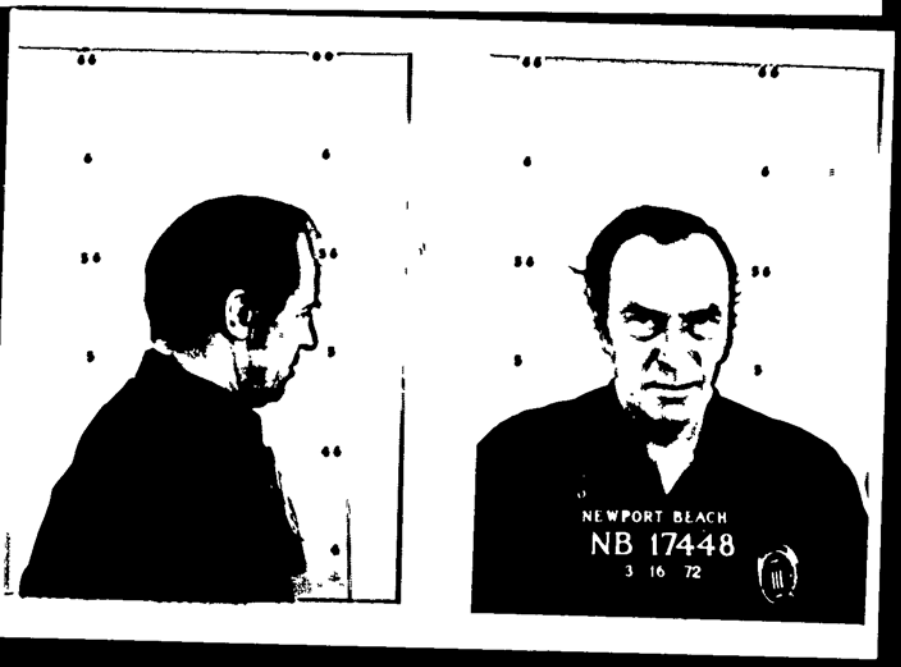

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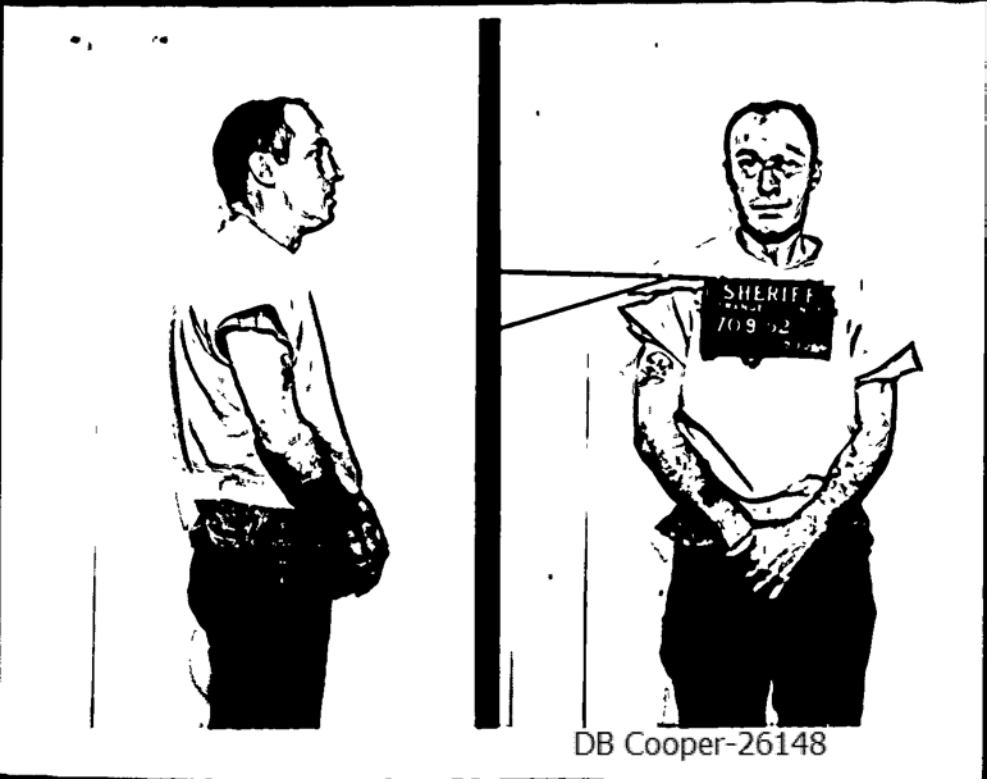

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REYNOLDS, Owen Murray OC 70952

MWA 5-10 150 Brn Bln DOB: 10-14-20, Texas
LKA 11611 Brookhurst, Garden Grove, Calif.
CII 927715 FBI 2543727

DB Cooper-26149

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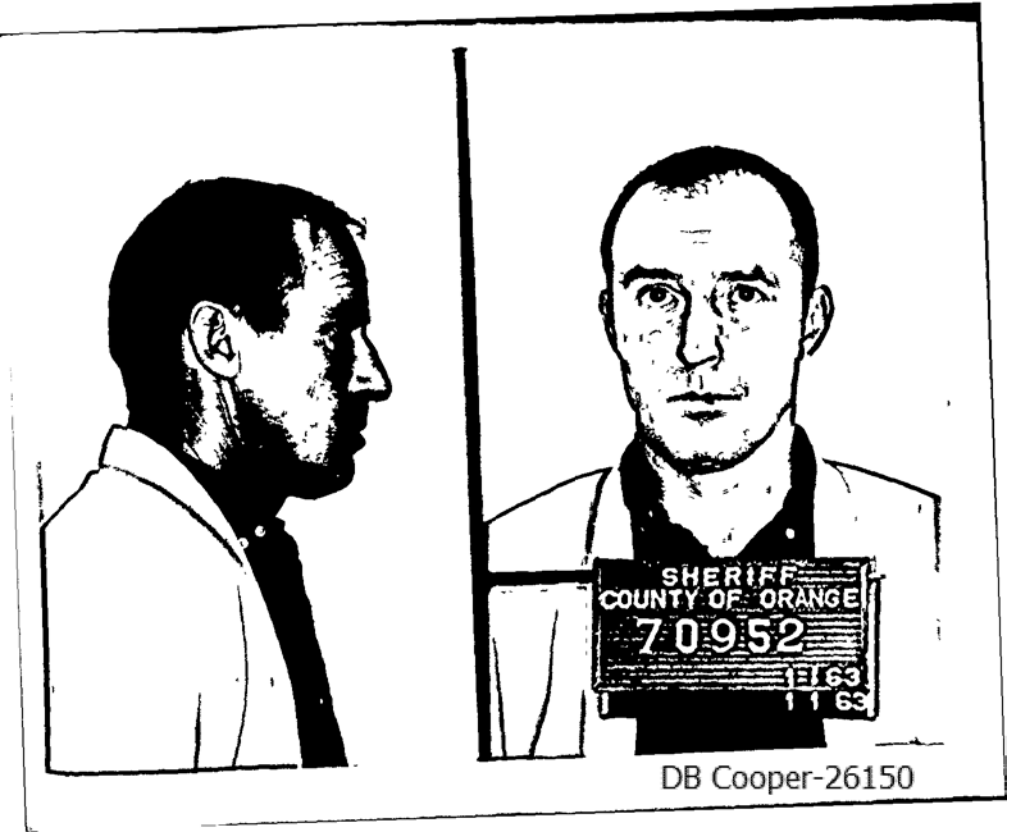

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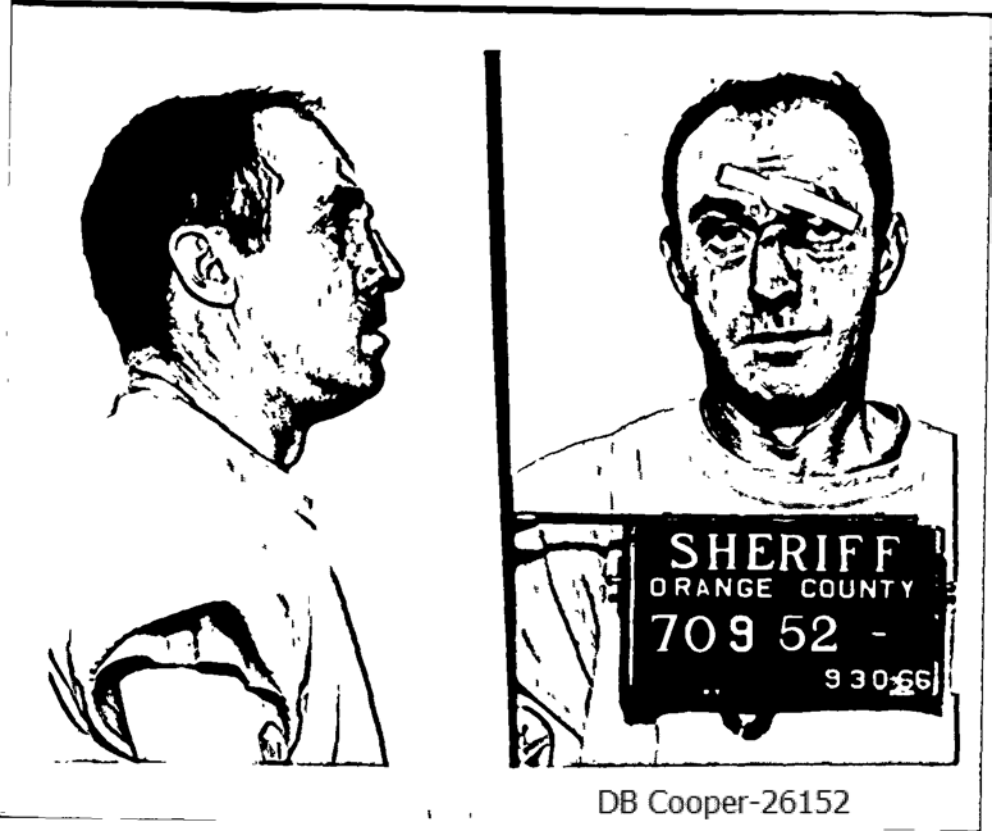

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FD-340 REV. (6-24-65)

File No. 164-497 1A 57

Date Received 4-10-74

From FBI
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)
Los Angeles Calif

By [redacted] b6 b7C

To Be Returned ☐ Yes ☑ No

Receipt given ☐ Yes ☑ No

Description:

Rights form and interview log re interview of [redacted] b6 b7C

CP
4-25-74

DB Cooper-26153

FD-395 (Rev. 10-10-67)

INTERROGATION; ADVICE OF RIGHTS

164497.1A59

YOUR RIGHTS

Place Los Angeles, Calif
Date 4/10/74
Time 10:30 AM

Before we ask you any questions, you must understand your rights.

You have the right to remain silent.

Anything you say can be used against you in court.

You have the right to talk to a lawyer for advice before we ask you any questions and to have him with you during questioning.

If you cannot afford a lawyer, one will be appointed for you before any questioning if you wish.

If you decide to answer questions now without a lawyer present, you will still have the right to stop answering at any time. You also have the right to stop answering at any time until you talk to a lawyer.

WAIVER OF RIGHTS

I have read this statement of my rights and I understand what my rights are. I am willing to make a statement and answer questions. I do not want a lawyer at this time. I understand and know what I am doing. No promises or threats have been made to me and no pressure or coercion of any kind has been used against me.

Signed _____

Witness: [redacted] SA, FBI, Los Angeles b6 b7C

Witness: [redacted] SA, FBI, Los Angeles

Time: 10:33 AM

[redacted] refused to sign this form upon advice of his attorney [redacted], who was present. [redacted] stated [redacted] should answer all questions pertaining to his activities and whereabouts during the period of November 21 to November 25, 1971. b6 b7C

DB Cooper-26154

Interview Log

Date: 4/10/74
Place: Los Angeles, California
Person Interviewed: [redacted] b6 b7C
aka
Interviewed by: [redacted]

Time: 10:26 AM [redacted] and [redacted] identified themselves as Special Agents of the FBI to Attorney [redacted] and his client, [redacted] also known as [redacted].

10:29 AM Advice of rights form furnished to [redacted] Attorney [redacted] advised [redacted] to decline to sign, stated his client fully understood his rights and would answer specific questions concerning his whereabouts at the time of a hijacking in November 1971. b6 b7C

10:34 Interview began.

11:08 Interview terminated. b6 b7C

Witnessed: [redacted] Special Agent, FBI, Los Angeles, Cal
[redacted] SA, FBI, Los Angeles, Calif

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(Title) NORJAK

(File No.) 164-497

Item	Date Filed		Disposition
36	4/7/72	5 photos & 2 negatives of [redacted] (cs)	
37	4/17/72	1 copy of driver license of [redacted] (cs) (see ser 375)	
38	4/28/72	1 copy each of driver's license of [redacted]	
		[redacted]	
		[redacted] (see ser. 427) (CS)	
39	5/2/72	2 sets of photos of [redacted] (cs) (see ser. 444)	
40	5/9/72	Two photos of unidentified male, white, with striped tie, wire rime sun glasses and sweater posing on street possibly [redacted] (cs)	
41	"	6 photos [redacted] and 4 photos of w/m wearin glasses dressed in white shirt and tie-named [redacted] (cs)	
42	"	Interview log of [redacted] (cs)	
43	"	Xerox copy of manifiest for Western Airlines Flight #622 on February 22,1972 containing names of [redacted] (cs)	
44	"	2 photos of [redacted] (cs)	

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April 7, 1972
FBI—LOS ANGELES

FD-340 (REV. 6-24-68)

File No. 164-497-1A36

Date Received 3/2/72

From [redacted] b6 b7C
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

TWA
(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

By [redacted]

To Be Returned ☐ Yes ☒ No

Receipt given ☐ Yes ☐ No

Description: 25 Photos + 2 negs of

[redacted] b6 b7C

DB Cooper-26023

4-7-72 CB

164-497-A36

DB Cooper-26025

[redacted] b6 b7C

14-497-1836

DB Cooper-26029

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FD-340 (REV. 6-24-65)

File No. 164-497-1A37

Date Received 4-17-72

From Sacramento
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(CITY AND STATE)

By
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned ☐ Yes ☒ No

Receipt given ☐ Yes ☒ No

Description:

1 copy of driver license

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See ser 375

DB Cooper-26032

4-17-72 [illegible]

DB Cooper-26034

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FD-340 (REV. 6-24-65)

File No. 164-497 1A38

Date Received 4-27-72

From FBI
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)
SACRAMENTO, CALIF

By [redacted] b6 b7C
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned ☐ Yes ☑ No

Receipt given ☐ Yes ☑ No

Description:

1 COPY SAC 14

OF DRIVER'S LICENSE

OF [redacted]

[redacted]

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DB Cooper-26035

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RECORD CROSS REFERENCE COPY OF
DRIVER LICENSE APPLICATION ON FILE WITH
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES
FOR DMV or LAW ENFORCEMENT USE ONLY

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T.L. #

(DATE)

other
name

☐ INTERIM LICENSE HAS BEEN
☒ VALID
ISSUED ON OR ABOUT

DB Cooper-26037

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FOR DMV or LAW ENFORCEMENT USE ONLY

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(DATE) _____

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FD-340 (REV. 6-24-65)

File No. 164-497-1A39

Date Received 4-30-72

From Salt Lake City
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(CITY AND STATE)

By
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned ☐ Yes ☒ No

Receipt given ☐ Yes ☒ No

Description:

2 sets of photos of [redacted]

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see ser 444

DB Cooper-26043

5-2-72 [illegible]

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SE 164-81
LA 164-497

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DB Cooper-26048

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SE 164-81
LA 164-497

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DB Cooper-26053

FD-340 (REV. 6-24-65)

File No. 64-4971A40

Date Received 4-22-72

From FBI
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

WASHINGTON D.C.

By [redacted]
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

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To Be Returned ☐ Yes ☒ No

Receipt given ☐ Yes ☒ No

Description: TWO PHOTOS OF: UNIDENTIFIED MALE, WHITE, WITH STRIPED TIE, WIRE RIM SUN GLASSES AND SWEATER POSING ON SWEEP. POSSIBLY [redacted]

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5-9-72 CB

NORNAK

164-497-1240

NORJAK

164-497-1440

File No. 164-497-1A-41

Date Received 4-23-72

From FBI
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

By [redacted]

To Be Returned ☐ Yes ☑ No

Receipt given ☐ Yes ☑ No

Description:

6 photos [redacted] ka [redacted] and

4 photos of w/m WEARING GLASSES dressed in white shirt and tie-named [redacted] ~~and~~

~~164~~ 5-9-72 [illegible]

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DB Cooper-26073

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FD-340 (REV. 6-24-68)

File No. 164-497-1A-42

Date Received 4/21/72

From [redacted] b6 b7C
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

Los Altos, Calif.
(CITY AND STATE)

By [redacted]
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned ☐ Yes ☒ No

Receipt given ☐ Yes ☒ No

Description:

Interview Log

of [redacted] b6 b7C

DB Cooper-26077

59-72CS

Interview Log

[redacted] b6 b7C

L.A., Calif.
4/21/72

8:56 AM [redacted] accompanied SA [redacted] to interview Rm, FBI Hqtrs, L.A. b6 b7C

8:58 AM [redacted] introduced to SA [redacted] who explained purpose of interview.

9:01 AM [redacted] explained details of contact with [redacted] and trip to Seattle.

10:03 AM DET SA [redacted] furnished orange aid drink to [redacted].

10:55 AM Interview terminated.

SA [redacted] FBI, L.A. b6 b7C
SA [redacted], FBI, LA

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FD-340 (REV. 6-24-65)

File No. 164-497 1A43

Date Received 3-23-72

From [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted] (CONTRIBUTOR) WESTERN AIRLINES

LOS ANGELES INT'L AIRPORT

(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

By [redacted]

To Be Returned ☐ Yes ☑ No

Receipt given ☐ Yes ☐ No

Description:

Xerox copy of manifest for Western Airlines Flgt #622 on February 22, 1972 containing names of [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted]

DB Cooper-26079

5-9-72 CS

Offloaded by SET
on 3/23/73
from Western AL
3/23/73

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ACR – Seattle 8:35pm
Dept. - LAX 6:10pm

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File No. 164-497 1A 44

Date Received 4/28/72

From FBI
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)
SEATTLE WASH.

By [redacted] b6 b7C

To Be Returned ☐ Yes ☑ No

Receipt given ☐ Yes ☑ No

Description:

2 photos of [redacted] b6 b7C

DB Cooper-26082

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UNSUB; NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT 305,

(Title) PORTLAND TO SEATTLE, NOVEMBER 24, 1971.

(File No.) 164-497

Item	Date Filed		Disposition
31	4/5/72	2 negatives & 1 photo of artist's conception of hijacker with glasses & 1 photo without glasses	(cs)
32	4/5/72	1 photo of [redacted]	(cs)
33	"	Tape cassette of conversation between [redacted] and [redacted] 11:30 am [redacted]	(cs)
34	"	Anonymous letter and envelope regarding D.B. COOPER	(cs)
35	4/7/72	4 photos, 1 negative, 1 applicant fingerprint card 1 employment application for [redacted]	(cs)

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FBI — LOS ANGELES

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Date Received 12/9/71

From FBI
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(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

SEATTLE, WASH
(CITY AND STATE)

By [redacted]
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

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To Be Returned ☐ Yes ☑ No

Receipt given ☐ Yes ☑ No

Description:

2 NEGATIVES
& ~~15~~ 1 PHOTOS OF
ARTIST'S CONCEPTION OF
HIJACKER WITH GLASSES
& ~~35~~ 1 PHOTOS WITHOUT
GLASSES

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DB Cooper-26005

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FD-340 (REV. 6-24-65)

File No. 164-497- 1A32

Date Received 3/10/72

From Los Angeles Police Dept
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

Records Bureau
(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

Los Angeles Calif
(CITY AND STATE)

By _____
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned ☐ Yes ☑ No

Receipt given ☐ Yes ☑ No

Description:

1 photo of [redacted]

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DB Cooper-26007

[redacted]

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DB Cooper-26009

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File No. 164-497-1A 35

Date Received 3/10/72

From [redacted]
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(CITY AND STATE)

By [redacted]
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

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To Be Returned ☐ Yes ☒ No

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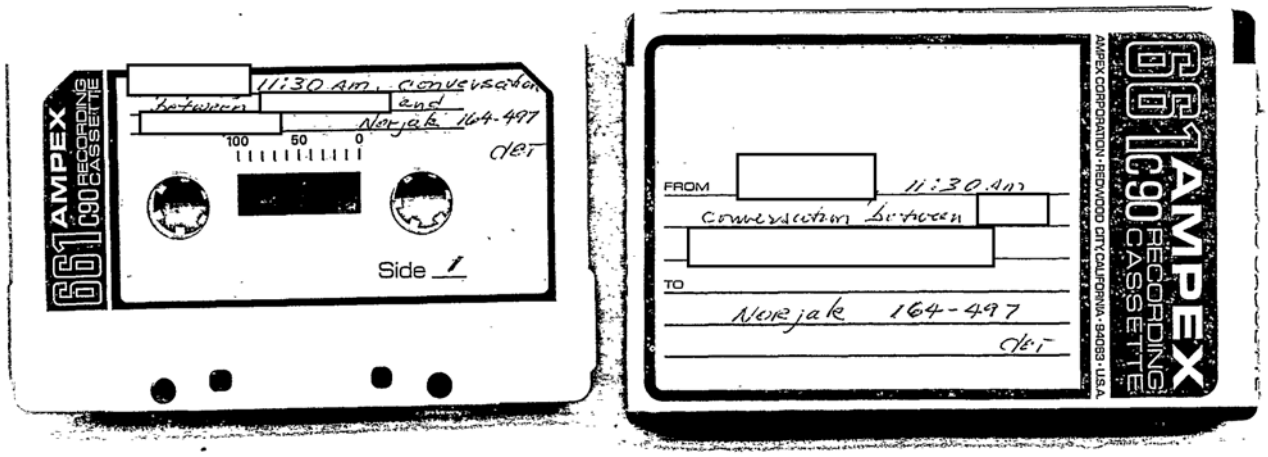
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Date Received 3/17/75

From FBI
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

11000 WILSHIRE BLVD.
(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.
(CITY AND STATE)

By C.
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned ☐ Yes ☑ No

Receipt given ☐ Yes ☐ No

Description:

ANONYMOUS LETTER AND ENVELOPE RE D. B. COOPER

U-572 CW

DB Cooper-26012

March 14, 1972

Dear Sir,

Reference: My letter of February 24, 1972, Subject: "D. B. Cooper."

Apparently Mr. "D. B. Cooper" is still at large. Perhaps my first letter was ignored as a "witchhunt." Granted, my interest is in a reward. My limited knowledge of this person all points to a perfect "D. B. Cooper."

I have retouched a "D. B. Cooper" composite picture to more closely resemble my suspect. A reproduction of this picture is shown below.

If you haven't made any headway in your investigation, may I suggest that you photograph various views of this man and record his voice at calm and angry moods. Then the plane passengers and crew who are available could either identify or exonerate him.

I remember the following additional information about him: He had been in the merchant marine. He was treated at the Public Health Hospital, located at 15th Avenue and Lake Street, San Francisco, California for liver or kidney operation. Perhaps they told him he has only a limited future. He has a yellowish complexion and usually a grim expression.

Yours truly,

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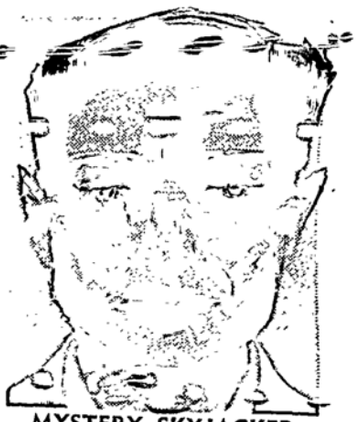

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Date Received 3/23/72

From [redacted]
Lockheed Aircraft
(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)
Burbank, Calif

By [redacted]

To Be Returned ☐ Yes ☒ No

Receipt given ☐ Yes ☒ No

Description:

4 photos + negative
1 Applicant fingerprint card
1 Employment application
for [redacted]

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NORJAK, (OO:SEATTLE)

RE WFO AIRTEL TO BUREAU DATED JUNE 21, 1977, AND SEATTLE TELETYPE TO BUREAU AND ABOVE OFFICES DATED JULY 22, 1977.

ON AUGUST 2, 1977, [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted] ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA, WAS INTERVIEWED BY

SPECIAL AGENTS [redacted]

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[redacted] ADVISED HE WAS AN ATTORNEY WITH OFFICES AT 325 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, S.E., WASHINGTON, D. C. (WDC). [redacted] MET JAMES BRYANT COFFELT IN 1970 WHEN BOTH WERE ATTENDING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS. [redacted] DESCRIBES COFFELT AS A COUNTRY BOY WHO WAS "A REAL CON MAN." b6 b7C

ACCORDING TO [redacted] COFFELT WAS A VERY LIKEABLE PERSON WHO WAS A GOOD STORY TELLER AND SALESMAN. COFFELT TOLD [redacted] HE, COFFELT, WAS FROM THE COLSON HILLS AREA, HAD DONE TIME FOR BANK ROBBERY, AND HAD BEEN PAROLED IN 1955. ACCORDING TO COFFELT, WHEN TRUMAN WAS UNDER SIEGE ATTHE BLAIR HOUSE, A GUARD-RELATIVE HAD SAVED TRUMAN'S LIFE AND THE FAMILY WAS REWARDED WITH COFFELT'S PAROLE. [redacted] LAST SAW COFFELT ON DECEMBER 27 OF 1974 OR 1975, WHEN COFFELT WAS MOVING TO LAS VEGAS. b6 b7C

ABOUT SIX MONTHS AGO A [redacted] CAME TO WASHINGTON AND [redacted] WENT TO BREAKFAST WITH HIM. [redacted] TALKED ABOUT A [redacted] COFFELT HAD WRITTEN [redacted] AND THAT UNIVERSAL STUDIOS WAS INTERESTED IN PUBLISHING THE BOOK. [redacted] WAS TRYING TO LOCATE COFFELT AND ASKED IF COFFELT HAD OWED [redacted] ANY MONEY. [redacted] ADVISED THAT HE HAD DONE SOME LEGAL WORK FOR COFFELT b6 b7C b7D

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IN A CLAIM COFFELT HAD AGAINST ROBERT TODD LINCOLN BECKWITH AND WAS STILL OWED MONEY FOR LEGAL FEES.

AFTER [redacted] VISIT, A PRODUCER FROM UNIVERSAL STUDIOS CALLED AND ADVISED THEY NEEDED PERMISSION TO MAKE PUBLIC SOME OF COFFELT'S WORK. [redacted] SAID HE WAS OFFERED $25,000 AND A PERCENTAGE OF THE PROFITS AND [redacted] WAS OFFERED THE SAME. [redacted] DECLINED AND ADVISED HE HAD BEEN TOLD BY [redacted] THAT SHE, [redacted], WAS VERY DISTRESSED OVER A TELEPHONE CALL FROM A MAN NAMED [redacted] WHO HAD GONE TO A RELATIVE OF [redacted] AND COFFELT WERE COUSINS. [redacted] ADVISED THE AGENTS THAT DURING THE TIME HE KNEW [redacted] AND JACK COFFELT, THEY HAD NOT [redacted]

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[redacted] ADVISED HE COULD NOT BELIEVE COFFELT COULD HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN A HIJACKING, "IT WAS NOT HIS STYLE," AND "I DON'T THINK HE'D KNOW HOW TO OPEN A PARACHUTE LET ALONE OPEN AN AIRPLANE'S DOOR FROM THE INSIDE." [redacted] STATED COFFELT HAD ENTRUSTED NOTHING TO [redacted] FOR SAFEKEEPING IN A VAULT OR ELSEWHERE.

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IN ADDITION, [redacted] b6 b7C

WDC, WAS RECONTACTED REGARDING A REVIEW OF COFFELT'S MEDICAL RECORDS IN AN EFFORT TO ASCERTAIN COFFELT'S WHEREABOUTS ON OR ABOUT NOVEMBER 24, 1971. [redacted] ADVISED HIS RECORDS ON COFFELT INDICATED HE LAST TREATED HIM DURING MARCH, 1971. HE BELIEVED HIS TREATMENT OF COFFELT SPANNED 7-9 YEARS.

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NORJAK; OO: SEATTLE

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO MINNEAPOLIS DATED JULY 23, 1977, ET AL.

[redacted] REINTERVIEWED AUGUST 1, 1977. UNABLE TO RECALL EXACTWORDS USED BY [redacted] RECALLS [redacted] TALKING ABOUT KNOWING WHO D.B. COOPER WAS AND THAT THIS INDIVIDUAL, NAME NOT STATED, HAD CRIMINAL HISTORY OR CRIMINAL

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FILE FOUR PAGES LONG WHICH WAS SINGLE SPACED.

[redacted] TOLD [redacted] THAT HE, [redacted] HAD PERMISSION OF THE WEST COAST FBI, FBI HEADQUARTERS IN WASHINGTON, AND GRIFFIN BELL TO MAKE A MOVIE ABOUT THE HIJACKING. [redacted] HAD INFORMATION ON THE HIJACKING, BUT EVERYTHING HE KNEW COULD HAVE COME FROM NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINES. [redacted] DID NOT HAVE ANY CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION. b6 b7C

[redacted] HEARD FROM UNRECALLED SOURCE THAT [redacted] HAD [redacted] b6 b7C

NEITHER [redacted] NOR ANYONE ELSE, HAS EVER TOLD OR IMPLIED TO [redacted] THAT [redacted] OR ANY FBI EMPLOYEE GAVE [redacted] ANY FILE, OR ANY INFORMATION WHATSOEVER ABOUT THE HIJACKING. [redacted] HAD NO FACTUAL BASIS WHATSOEVER FOR THE THOUGHT SOMETHING ALONG THESE LINES CONCEIVABLY COULD HAVE HAPPENED. HIS THOUGHT WAS THE RESULT OF PURE SPECULATION AND CONJECTURE ON [redacted] PART. b6 b7C

[redacted] STATED HE WORKED FOR UNIVERSAL STUDIOS, AND HAD ADDRESS, [redacted] CALIFORNIA [redacted] b6 b7C

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FBI

Date: 8/17/77

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Via AIRTEL _____ (Precedence)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (164-2111)

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

SUBJECT: NORJAK (A)
OO: SEATTLE

RE: JAMES BRYANT COFFELT, aka
Jack Bryant Coffelt,
Bryant Arthur James Coffelt, (TN)
[redacted]

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Re Seattle teletype to Bureau dated 7/22/77 and Bureau teletype to Minneapolis dated 7/23/77.

For the information of the Bureau and receiving offices, the Seattle Division has positively eliminated COFFELT as a suspect in this matter. However, the following leads are being set out in an attempt to determine the extent to which confidential information has been provided to [redacted] and others involved in the attempt to produce a movie concerning captioned crime.

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1 - Little Rock (164-22)(Info)
1 - Las Vegas (164-60)(Info)
1 - San Diego (164-91)(Info)
2 - Minneapolis (164-73)
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3 - Seattle (164-81)
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DB Cooper-25671

LEADS:

MINNEAPOLIS DIVISION

At Minneapolis, Minnesota

Will locate and interview Northwest Orient Airlines [redacted], and obtain from him any information he may have provided [redacted] or any other person involved with the production of the movie, that up unto this time had been considered confidential. It is noted that [redacted] on Northwest at the time of the hijacking and in addition he has had close contact with eye witnesses in this matter and finally [redacted] provided the information used by the FBI, for determining the drop zone and the crime search area conducted shortly after the hijacking. It should be pointed out to [redacted] during this interview that [redacted] is in no way connected with the FBI and that the FBI is not cooperating with his efforts to produce a movie concerning this matter. In addition, it should be pointed out that none of the other witnesses in this matter, have cooperated with [redacted] at the present time, and that the information that he possesses based on his position with Northwest Orient Airlines, is of critical importance to the possible solution of this crime. b6 b7C

[redacted] has in his personal possession, a copy of a voice recorder tape printout which contains all of the communications between the skyjacker, the cockpit and the Northwest Control Center, in timed sequence. This should be obtained from [redacted] if he will release it to be FBI and if not, a copy of it should be obtained. b6 b7C

Note for the information of the Minneapolis Division: Seattle is in possession of notes taken by [redacted] of the telephone conversations between [redacted] and between Northwest [redacted] In at least one conversation, it appears that [redacted] recorded both sides of the conversation. The interview with [redacted] indicates that he provided [redacted] with all of the information he has in this matter, contrary to what he indicated when interviewed by FBI Agents on 8/1/77. b6 b7C

DB Cooper-25672

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LOS ANGELES DIVISION

At Los Angeles, California

Will determine if [redacted] could have possibly received confidential FBI information from former retired FBI Agent [redacted] It is noted that [redacted] according to [redacted] is currently [redacted] working for [redacted] in this matter. b6 b7D

DENVER DIVISION

At Denver, Colorado

Will locate and interview [redacted] and determine from her if she provided any confidential information concerning this crime to [redacted] during her recent trip to Los Angeles. b6 b7C

Will also attempt to determine any other information [redacted] may have concerning her conversations with [redacted] b6 b7C

ATLANTA DIVISION

At Atlanta, Georgia

Will recontact Attorney [redacted] and determine if he has received any additional information from [redacted] Las Vegas, Nevada, concerning this matter. If so, will attempt to obtain copies of this communication and forward same to Seattle. b6 b7C b7D

ALL OFFICES COVERING LEADS ARE AGAIN REMINDED, THAT INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS HIJACKING IS NOT TO BE CONFIRMED OR DENIED DURING INTERVIEWS. INTERVIEWS SHOULD BE CONDUCTED TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ONLY.

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DB Cooper-25673

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FBI

Date: 8/23/77

Transmit the following in _____
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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority)

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

FROM: ADIC, LOS ANGELES (164-497)(P)

RE: NORJAK (A)
OO: Seattle

RE: JAMES BRYANT COFFELT, aka
Jack Bryant Coffelt,
Bryant Arthur James Coffelt (TN)
[redacted]

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Re Seattle airtel to Bureau dated 8/17/77.

As Seattle is well aware, Agents of the Los Angeles Division have interviewed [redacted] on several occasions. During the initial contact, he indicated that he had retained an ex-FBI Agent to assist him [redacted] of COFFELT, but refused to identify this individual. During a later contact on 5/6/77, he identified [redacted] a retired FBI Agent from Newport Beach, California. Subsequent efforts to identify [redacted] in Orange County and Los Angeles, California, met with negative results.

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[redacted] is a name-dropper, has a wild imagination, and is frequently loose with the truth. It is the opinion of the interviewing agents that the only official information [redacted] has concerning this matter is an FBI identification record relating to COFFELT, which he may have obtained from [redacted] if he does, in fact, have one.

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Unless advised to the contrary by Seattle, Los Angeles is conducting no additional investigation to identify [redacted] It is believed by Los Angeles that even if [redacted] is identified, chances of him cooperating would be unlikely and [redacted] would be immediately advised. Los Angeles further feels that [redacted] would then claim even more strongly that COFFELT is D. B. COOPER and that the FBI is attempting to stop his investigation because the Bureau would be embarrassed if the case was solved by him.

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DB Cooper-25675

8/23/77

AIRTEL AIR MAIL

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

FROM: ADIC, LOS ANGELES (164-497)(3)(P)

SUBJECT: NORJAK (A)
OO: Seattle

RE: [redacted] b6 b7C
[redacted] CALIFORNIA

Enclosed for Seattle are the original and one xerox copy of an anonymous letter received by the Los Angeles Office on 8/22/77. Enclosed for San Francisco are two xerox copies of the above letter.

The enclosed letter, which was mailed in San Francisco, California, on 8/16/77, indicates that [redacted] b6 b7C
[redacted] California, should be considered a suspect in captioned matter.

Los Angeles indices negative re CARROLL COOPER.

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SAN FRANCISCO

AT [redacted] CALIFORNIA. Will conduct appropriate investigation regarding [redacted] b6 b7C

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DB Cooper-25676

YOU MAY BE INTERESTED IN CHECKING THIS MAN AS THE POSSIBLE SUSPECT "D.B. COOPER" - THE HI-JACKER OF THE AIRPLANE A FEW YEARS AGO WHO PARACHUTED FROM THE PLANE IN FLIGHT:

[redacted]

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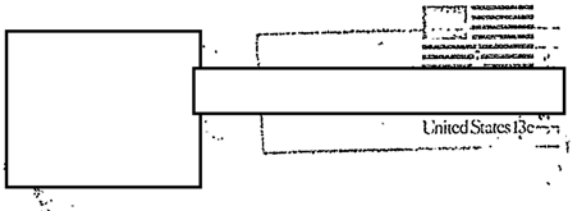

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Date 8/24/77

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (164-2111)

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (164-254)(RUC)

SUBJECT: NORJAK (A)
(OO: SEATTLE)

Re Atlanta airtel to the Director dated 5/13/77, Little Rock teletype to the Director dated 7/20/77, and Seattle airtel to the Director dated 8/17/77.

For information of the New York Division, enclosed references relate information developed concerning efforts made by [redacted] of Las Vegas, Nevada, [redacted] relating to instant matter in which one DAVID BRYANT COFFELT (allegedly deceased) is identified as D.B. COOPER, hijacker in instant matter. b6 b7C b7D

On 8/16/77, [redacted] Atlanta, Georgia, telephonically contacted the Atlanta Office and furnished the following information: b6 b7C

She is employed by HEW, Peachtree and 7th Street, Atlanta, and on [redacted] she was on a Delta Airlines flight from Atlanta to Washington, D.C., when she overheard the following story: b6 b7C

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1 - Los Angeles (164-497)(Info)
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2 - New York (Enc.3)
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[redacted] CASE AGENT
SEATTLE CONTACTED 11/1/77
Re [redacted]

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DB Cooper-25679

Sitting next to her on this flight was one [redacted] who identified himself [redacted] for Newsday, a prominent newspaper on Long Island, New York She stated that she had verified through library sources his identity and veracity and that he told her [redacted] the subject's escapade and had just met with the subject [redacted] under another name. She stated that [redacted] showed her a penciled drawing on a handkerchief that the subject had done portraying a "snoopy" parachute dropping from an aircraft holding a sack of money. She stated that [redacted] told her and two fellow passengers that the subject is a former Boeing employee and he removed a panel from the ceiling of the jet (in the lavatory) and hid there and later got off the aircraft after it had landed and things had cooled down. b6 b7C

LEADS:

NEW YORK DIVISION

Will locate [redacted] through Newsday newspaper on Long Island, New York and interview him concerning any information he would care to furnish regarding the identity of the individual identified as D. B. COOPER the suspect in this matter. b6 b7C

OFFICE OF ORIGIN HAS POINTED OUT THAT THE [redacted] AND POSSIBLY OTHERS ARE ANXIOUS TO OBTAIN INFORMATION WHICH WOULD UPDATE THE SCRIPT BEING PROPOSED AND WRITTEN AND MAKE IT MORE VALUABLE OR WOULD VERIFY THE INFORMATION AND, THEREFORE, MAKE IT MORE PLAUSIBLE. ALL OFFICES COVERING LEADS ARE REMINDED THAT INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS HIJACKING IS NOT TO BE CONFIRMED OR DENIED DURING INTERVIEWS. INTERVIEWS SHOULD BE CONDUCTED TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ONLY. b6 b7C b7D

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DB Cooper-25680

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SEATTLE (164-812) ROUTINE

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NORJAK (A). OO: SEATTLE.

ON MORNING, SEPTEMBER 1, 1977, [redacted] LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, APPEARED AT FAYETTEVILLE, ARK., RESIDENT AGENCY AND ADVISED AS FOLLOWS:

THEY HAD VISITED WITH [redacted] [redacted] ON FRIDAY N AUGUST 26, 1977. AT THAT TIME [redacted] GAVE THEM A HANDWRITTEN NOTE ADDRESSED TO [redacted] ATTORNEY, DURHAM, NORE CAROLINA, WHICH SET FORTH FINANCIAL AGREEMENTS FAVORABLE TO [redacted]

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COOPERATION. [redacted] WENT TO DURHAM AND SPOKE TO [redacted] b6 b7C b7D
[redacted] ATTORNEY, [redacted] OF AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION
AND FRIEND OF [redacted] ATTORNEY IN ATLANTA.
[redacted] DETERMINED THAT [redacted] HAD BEEN DISBARRED IN NORTH
CAROLINA. [redacted] RETURNED TO [redacted] AND VISITED WITH
[redacted] ON NIGHT, AUGUST 31, 1977. [redacted]
RELATED TO THEM [redacted] TO FBI ABOUT
A FEW SITUATIONS DURING THE HIJACKING. FIRST, PILOT SCOTT
[redacted] FLEW THE AIRCRAFT.
SECOND, [redacted] b6 b7C b7D
[redacted]
[redacted] HIRD, [redacted]
[redacted] BY D. B. COOPER BUT SHE REFUSED IT.

[redacted] CLAIMED COOPER (COFFELT) WENT INTO BATHROOM WHILE b6 b7C b7D
PLANE BEING REFUELED, [redacted] STOOD BY BATHROOM DOOR AND
WAS HIT BY DOOR WHEN COOPER EXITED BATHROOM. [redacted]
STATES HE INTERVIEWED [redacted]
[redacted]

[redacted] CLAIMED THAT [redacted] b6 b7C b7D
COULD BE MASTERMIND OF HIJACKING SINCE HE IS FORMER NORTHWEST

AIRLINES [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] CURRENTLY RESIDES IN [redacted] MONTANA.

[redacted] DISPLAYED SEVERAL CASSETTE TAPE CARTRIDGES AND ONE REEL-REEL TAPE. 2 OF CASSETTE CARTRIDGES WERE ALLEGED BY [redacted] TO BE ORIGINAL TAPES OF TELEPHONE CALLS BETWEEN [redacted] AND TAPED [redacted] REEL TAPE IS COPY OF CASSETTE OF TELEPHONE CALLS BETWEEN [redacted] AND PART OF A PERSONAL INTERVIEW BETWEEN [redacted] HAVE THESE AND SEVERAL TAPES WHICH THEY WILL GLADLY MAKE AVAILABLE TO FBI IF THEY ARE ASKED, BUT THEY PREFER TO RELEASE THEM TO SA [redacted] LAS VEGAS. ON TAPE INVOLVING [redacted] ALLEGES [redacted] [redacted] REPLIED OREGON AND THEN CHANGED TO WASHINGTON, BUT THE OREGON RESPONSE WAS SPONTANEOUS. b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] DISPLAYED WHAT APPEARED TO BE A PIECE OF NYLON CORD, APPROXIMATELY ONE-HALF INCH LONG, IN A PLASTIC BAG. [redacted] [redacted] CLAIMS TO HAVE DUG UP THE CORD NEAR THE "BIG ROCK." THIS WILL ALSO BE TURNED OVER TO FBI, UPON REQUEST, FOR LABORATORY ANALYSIS. b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] CLAIMS THAT [redacted] MALIBU, CALIFORNIA, b6 b7C b7D
WERE HIRED [redacted] MUSIC CORPORATION OF AMERICA (MCA),
UNIVERSAL CITY, CALIFORNIA, O CHECK OUT [redacted] STORY
REGARDING COFFELT AND [redacted] TAPED OVER RP HOURS OF
INTERVIEWS AND THESE TAPES ARE IN CUSTODY OF [redacted]

[redacted] STATED [redacted] HAS OTHER TAPE RECORDED CONVERSATIONS. b6 b7C b7D
[redacted] OF OPINION THAT [redacted] IS NOT BEING
TRUTHFUL [redacted] BY COOPER AND THAT FBI HAS BEEN
SYSTEMATICALLY MISLED AND LIED TO [redacted]
[redacted]

[redacted] DEPARTED ARKANSAS VIA AUTO SEPTEMBER 1, 1977, EN ROUTE b6 b7C b7D
LAS VEGAS.

LAS VEGAS: CONTACT [redacted] OBTAIN TAPE RECORDINGS, AND
NYLON CORD.

LEADS TO REINTERVIEW [redacted] O
CONTACT MCA, [redacted] AND OTHERS BEING LEFT TO SEATTLE.

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OCK DIVISION AT [redacted] ARKANSAS: WILL ATTEMPT b6 b7C b7D
TO INTERVIEW [redacted]
[redacted]

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FM LITTLE ROCK (164-22) (P)

TO SEATTLE (164-812) PRIORITY

LOS ANGELES (164-497) PRIORITY

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NORJAK (A). 00: SEATTLE.

ON OCTOBER 2, 1977, [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

[redacted], BOTH RESIDENTS OF FAYETTEVILLE, ARK., CONTACTED SRA, FAYETTEVILLE, ARK., AND STATED HE WAS CURRENTLY IN LOS ANGELES CONFERRING WITH THE PEOPLE WHO WANTED TO GAIN PRODUCTION RIGHTS TO STORY ABOUT JACK BRYANT COFFELT AND HIS ALLEGED INVOLVEMENT IN CAPTIONED HIJACKING. [redacted] ASKED [redacted] OF INDIVIDUAL ALLEGED TO BE COFFELT AND FURNISHED BY [redacted] WERE, IN FACT, COFFELT AND STATED THAT HE DID NOT DESIRE TO DO ANYTHING ILLEGAL. HE WAS ADVISED THAT SRA, FAYETTEVILLE, HAD NO KNOWLEDGE THAT [redacted] FURNISHED BY [redacted] WERE, IN FACT,

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DB Cooper-25685

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COFFELT, HOWEVER, [redacted] HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED DURING PAST CONVERSATIONS, COFFELT IS NOT SUBJECT D. B. COOPER. b6 b7C

[redacted] STATED HE WILL REMAIN IN LOS ANGELES UNTIL NIGHT, OCTOBER 3, 1977, WHEN HE WILL DEPART EN ROUTE [redacted] ARK. HE INTENDS TO MEET WITH [redacted] AND OTHERS DURING LATE AFTERNOON AND EVENING, OCTOBER 3, 1977, AND THEY ARE SERIOUSLY TALKING ABOUT [redacted] CURRENTLY STAYING AT MOTEL AT TELEPHONE [redacted] LITTLE ROCK WILL HANDLE SUBSEQUENT TELEPHONE CONTACT WITH [redacted]

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FM LITTLE ROCK (164-22)(P)

TO SEATTLE (164-812) ROUTINE

LOS ANGELES (164-497) ROUTINE

BT

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NORJAK (A). OO: SEATTLE.

RE JACK BRYANT COFFELT.

RE LITTLE ROCK TELETYPE TO SEATTLE AND LOS ANGELES, OCTOBER 3, 1977.

[redacted] WAS RECONTACTED EVENING, OCTOBER 3, 1977, AND ADVISED THAT THE ALLEGED [redacted] OF JACK BRYANT COFFELT MAY OR MAY NOT ACTUALLY [redacted] OF COFFELT BUT IN EITHER CASE COFFELT WAS NOT D. B. COOPER. [redacted] WAS ALSO ADVISED THAT THERE WAS APPARENTLY NOTHING ILLEGAL [redacted] ENTERING INTO [redacted] OR OTHERS, HOWEVER, IF THE REAL D. B. COOPER GAINED KNOWLEDGE OF THE INVESTIGATION IN THIS CASE AND FROM THAT WAS ABLE TO FURTHER

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J. C. Alston

DB Cooper-25687

ELUDE IDENTIFICATION AND APPREHENSION, THERE WAS A POSSIBILITY THAT CRIMINAL CHARGES COULD BE FILED AGAINST THE PERSONS ENGAGED IN THE PUBLICIZING OF THE CASE.

[redacted] STATED SHE RECALLS CLEARLY WHAT HAPPENED ON NIGHT OF HIJACKING, AND [redacted] FURNISHED BY [redacted] RESEMBLE COOPER IN SEVERAL RESPECTS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF WEIGHT. SHE DESIRES TO SEE MORE RECENT PHOTO OF COFFELT THAN ONE TAKEN AT ATLANTA IN 1948 IF SUCH IS AVAILABLE. b6 b7C b7D

ON OCTOBER 4, 1977, [redacted] RECONTACTED SRA, FAYETTEVILLE, ARK., AND ADVISED [redacted] AND WOULD SEEK FBI APPROVAL BEFORE DOING SO. b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] STATED THAT [redacted] STATED HE WAS CONTINUING WITH "PROJECT" AND WAS GOING TO SELL HIS STORY BASED ON AN AFFIDAVIT FROM [redacted] CLAIMING THAT WHEN [redacted] OF COFFELT IN DENVER, SHE IDENTIFIED [redacted] AS COOPER. [redacted] DENIES THIS, AND [redacted] CONTEMPLATES LEGAL ACTION AGAINST [redacted] IF THE ALLEGED AFFIDAVIT IS USED AS BASIS FOR STORY, PUBLICATION, AND FILM PRODUCTION.

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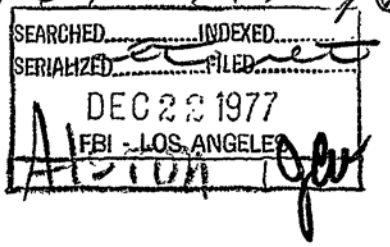
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Date of transcription 11/1/77

[redacted] home address [redacted] b6 b7C
[redacted], telephone [redacted] was interviewed at his place of employment, Century 21 Real Estate Office, 1906 F Oceanside Boulevard, telephone [redacted] He furnished the following information: [redacted]

After the initial hijacking of an airplane which was a Portland to Seattle flight in which the man bailed out of the airplane which occurred in about 1971, a man came to [redacted] attention who he felt could be of possible significance. b6 b7C

The man's name is [redacted] (phonetic) and his middle initial is possibly [redacted] It was in late 1972 or the first part of 1973, at which time [redacted] was working for the Essex International Automotive Parts Division, which is a division of United Technology, the headquarters address of which is 6233 Concord Avenue, Detroit, Michigan. As of about two years ago, [redacted] was [redacted] for the Washington and Oregon areas. He lives in Seattle and works out of his home. He travels for that firm inasmuch as he is [redacted] His address could be obtained through the office in Detroit or possibly through the warehouse in Los Angeles which is at 777 Mission Street, Los Angeles. b6 b7C

[redacted] was working for Essex when [redacted] joined the firm in late 1972 or the first part of 1973 and that is when [redacted] met [redacted] He worked with [redacted] on two occasions for a period of two or three days each and he met him a third time which was at an auto parts convention in Los Angeles. b6 b7C

When they first met, which was in the Seattle area, [redacted] had recently become [redacted] He previously had been working for Hastings Company, also an automotive parts firm in the Seattle area, but he had been laid off. If [redacted] mentioned why he had been laid off, [redacted] does not recall the reason but he does remember that [redacted] said it was a surprise to him. In conversation, [redacted] said that [redacted] b6 b7C

Interviewed on 10/31/77 at Oceanside, California File # SE 164-81 SD 164-91

by SA [redacted] M1r Date dictated 10/31/77 b6 b7C

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He described [redacted] as follows: b6 b7C

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Age:	[redacted] (in 1972 or 1973) He felt [redacted] looked more like 47 to 48 years of age.
Height:	5'10" to 5'11"
Weight:	175 to 180 pounds
Hair:	Black, straight, starting to thin a little, possibly parted on the left
Glasses:	Wore black or dark rim prescription glasses. Does not recall whether he had prescription sunglasses or not
Voice:	Normal but possibly slightly above average in loudness
Build:	Stocky; kept himself in excellen physical shape
Complexion:	Fair; did not appear Latin to [redacted] although he does have dark eyes

[redacted] did not smoke cigarettes but had mentioned that he had smoked at one time. He also mentioned that he once had [redacted] He had no vehicle except the Ford company car. He had mentioned that he once lived in California. b6 b7C

[redacted] was exhibited the artist conception of the man known as D. B. COOPER and he advised that the artist conception is a good likeness of [redacted] except that [redacted] has a rounder, fuller face than the artist conception. The glasses are similar and the hairline is similar except [redacted] forehead may not have been quite as high as the man in the artist conception. From the bottom of the nose to the top of the eyebrows of the artist conception is very similar to the appearance of [redacted] b6 b7C

After viewing the artist conception, he believed it was still possible that [redacted] could be the hijacker. b6 b7C

FD-36 (Rev. 2-14-74)

FBI

Date: 12/19/77

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Via AIRTEL _____ (Precedence)

TO : SAC, DETROIT (164-115)

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

SUBJECT: NORJAK (A)
OO: SEATTLE
BUFile 164-2111

RE [redacted] b6 b7C

Enclosed for Detroit and Los Angeles are one copy each of an FD-302 reflecting interview with [redacted]

[redacted]

LEADS:

DETROIT DIVISION

At Detroit, Michigan

Will contact appropriate officials at United Technology, 6233 Concord Avenue, and determine sufficient background information concerning [redacted] to process him as a suspect in this matter. It is suggested that prior to any leads, Seattle report of SA [redacted] dated 5/30/73 be reviewed. b6 b7C

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

2 - Detroit (164-115) (Encl 1)
1 - Los Angeles (164-497) (Info) (Encl 1)
3 - Seattle (164-81)
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DB Cooper-25694

1/19/78

AIRTEL AIR MAIL

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (164-497)(3)(RUC)

SUBJECT: NORJAK (A)
OO: Seattle

Inasmuch as all investigation at Los Angeles has been completed and reported, this matter is considered RUC.

2- Seattle
1- Los Angeles
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DB Cooper-25695

FD-38 (Rev. 5-22-64)

FBI

Date: 1/12/78

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL _____ AIRMAIL _____
(Priority)

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (164-220)

SUBJECT: NORJAK
CAA (A)
OO: Seattle

Re: [redacted]

On 1/4/78, [redacted], Northwest Orient [redacted] San Francisco International Airport (SFIA), advised that at about 5:10 PM on that date he had been approached by an individual requesting purchase of a ticket to Los Angeles. This individual discussed the price of such a ticket and compared it with prices of other airline tickets to Los Angeles commenting about the fact that Northwest Orient had not planned to raise their prices until the next week. This information was not known to [redacted] and he thought it odd that a passenger would have this information. The passenger finally bought a $17 standby ticket. He furnished his name as [redacted] and when asked for a first name replied, [redacted] He paid his fare with a $20 bill and began to give [redacted] further change from his pocket. [redacted] gave him his $3.00 change while [redacted] continued looking through his pockets. Conversation by [redacted] during the purchase of this ticket revealed that he had been out of the country a couple of years, possibly in Hawaii, and [redacted] received the impression that [redacted] might be a merchant marine.

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2 - Las Vegas
2 - San Francisco
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SF 164-220
FJC/cad

After telling [redacted] his flight, Northwest Orient Number 10, could be boarded at Gate 34 at 6:45 PM, [redacted] began wondering if passenger may be possibly identical to the Subject in captioned case. b6 b7C

Description of Unsub, aka Dan Cooper, was telephonically furnished to [redacted] through Sheriff's Officer [redacted] SFIA. He was of the opinion that the description was close to that of the above passenger, [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted] was thereafter exhibited a composite photograph of Unsub and became quite un-nerved at what he considered a close resemblance. He thereafter pointed out passenger [redacted] as seated within the Passenger Waiting area. b6 b7C

[redacted] was approached by SA [redacted] who identified himself as a Special Agent of the FBI with a show of credentials. [redacted] furnished a class 3 Nevada driver's license numbered [redacted] reflecting the name of [redacted] Reno, Nevada. His birthdate was shown as [redacted] his height 6', his weight 150 lbs., and his SSAN [redacted] This license bore no photograph of [redacted] He was questioned regarding the name he used to purchase his ticket and stated that he had used the name [redacted] He denied knowledge of any hijacking by anyone named [redacted] specifically [redacted] D. B. COOPER and emphatically denied participating in such activity himself. He was shown the composite photograph of Unsub and agreed that it could resemble him. He initially furnished as his last employer, the Dallas Smith Chrysler located on Slaussen Boulevard, (number unknown, but cross-street Norwalk), Los Angeles, California. Thereafter in conversation he gave the name of his last employer as International Harvester, A & H Division, Montebello, California. He stated that he had worked almost eight years for this company and then advised that these years had been [redacted] He stated that he had been "sick" since that time. He refused to supply the b6 b7C

DB Cooper-25697

name of his doctor, who had been treating him [redacted] b6 b7C because of his close relationship to the doctor and because of the fact he had used acupuncture to treat him and might get into trouble. He became very evasive about his activities since he became "sick" stating he was en route to Los Angeles to meet a doctor friend, one (FNU) [redacted] (phonetic) an Ear-Nose and Throat doctor residing [redacted] Hollywood, California. He eventually stated [redacted] the doctor would meet him. After much hesitation he finally advised that he resides at [redacted] San Francisco, California [redacted] and had telephone number [redacted] He stated, however, that he was moving soon and was cutting off the phone. He stated he intended to return to San Francisco on Friday to move. He volunteered that he did not know how to fly a plane and denied any knowledge of parachutes or military training. He is [redacted] at one [redacted] During interrogation he ~~on~~ point stated he was becoming irritated at the Agent's questioning but still remained evasive regarding specific questions as to his whereabouts after his Montebello employment.

He was questioned concerning his source of income since his illness and stated that he had inherited money from [redacted] b6 b7C in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He would not produce a blank check, stating he wrote very few checks but did indicate he still had an account at the Main Bank of America, Montebello, California, though he thought that this bank might have a Los Angeles address. He added that the account only had $12 in it.

After an approximately 20 minute interview, [redacted] b6 b7C asked if he was free to board Flight 10 with other passengers and was allowed to do so.

The interviewing Agent cannot through comparison of [redacted] with composite drawing, completely eliminate him b6 as a suspect, though he is [redacted] he looks older. b7C

DB Cooper-25698

His hair is brown, not dark brown or black, as described by witnesses. Sheriff's Deputies and [redacted] have similar views.

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The serial number on the $20 bill furnished [redacted] was checked through NCIC with negative results.

Records checks made by the San Francisco Office regarding [redacted] are negative save for a DMV record under index number [redacted] which reflects one [redacted] birthdate [redacted] with address as of 5/17/77, of [redacted] California, failed to appear on a [redacted] He failed to appear at Harbor Municipal Court, Newport Beach, California, 5/17/77. The automobile he was driving at the time of violation bore license [redacted] determined to be a 1950 Plymouth registered to [redacted] San Francisco. He has no permanent California driver's license issued to him according to this record.

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Copies of this communication are being furnished to the Los Angeles and Las Vegas Divisions for information purposes should Seattle deem it appropriate that further investigation be warranted concerning [redacted]

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DB Cooper-25699

FD 36 (Rev. 2-14-74)

FBI

Date: 1/20/78

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL _____ (Precedence)

TO : SAC, LAS VEGAS (164-60)

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

SUBJECT: NORJAK (A)
BUfile 164-2111
OO: SEATTLE

RE: [redacted] b6 b7C

Re San Francisco airtel to Seattle dated 1/12/78.

Although it appears [redacted] is too young to be identical with UNSUB in this matter, receiving offices are requested to attempt to verify background information concerning [redacted] contained in referenced communication. In particular, [redacted] source of income is of interest. b6 b7C

The above lead is set out in anticipation that a preliminary investigation will be conducted concerning [redacted] following the guidelines set out in Seattle report of SA [redacted] dated 5/30/73. Results should be immediately forwarded to Seattle for evaluation and at that time, a determination will be made whether further investigation concerning [redacted] is warranted. b6 b7C

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

2 - Las Vegas (164-60)
2 - Los Angeles (164-497)
2 - San Francisco (164-220)
3 - Seattle (164-81)
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Re 164-171-964

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[redacted] b6 b7C

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Approved: Agent in Charge

DB Cooper-25700

FD-302 (REV. 11-27-70)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 1/20/78

[redacted] Personnel Manager, United Technology, 6233 Concord Avenue, furnished the personnel record concerning one [redacted] This record reflected the following information: b6 b7C

Name	[redacted]
Address	Seattle, Washington
[redacted]	[redacted]
Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of birth	[redacted]
Height	5'10"
Weight	170 lbs.
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Address during 1972	5229 Erskine Way Seattle, Washington
[redacted]	Seattle, Washington
Mother [redacted]	[redacted] Seattle, Washington

b6 b7C

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ALSTON

DB Cooper-25701 [redacted] b6 b7C

Previous employment [redacted] b6 b7C
Marvel Oil Company
Port Chester, New York
[redacted]
Hastings Manufacturing
Company
Hastings, Michigan
[redacted]
Replacement Parts
Warehouse
Seattle, Washington
[redacted]
Evergreen Warehouse
Seattle, Washington
[redacted]
United Technology

[redacted] advised that [redacted] was let go b6 b7C
during June of 1977, pursuant to a reduction force
experience by United Technology. [redacted] also advised that
he had no photograph of [redacted]

SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) 1/20/78

SAC, DETROIT (164-115)(RUC)

NORJAK (A)
CO: SEATTLE
(Bufile 164-2111)

Re Seattle airtel to Detroit, 12/9/77.

Re [redacted] b6 b7C

Enclosed for Seattle is the original and one copy and for Los Angeles one copy of an FD-302 reflecting an interview with [redacted] United Technology, Detroit, Michigan.

Subsequent leads concerning the enclosure are not being set forth as these are being left to the discretion of the office of origin.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

2 - Seattle (Enc.-2)
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[redacted] b6 b7C

DB Cooper-25703

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] b6 b7C

AT SANTA FE SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA

[redacted] Nucarprep System, 12141 Slauson, advised that [redacted] sold this business to Chrysler Corporation in 1969. In January, 1973, the name was changed from [redacted] to Automotive Pre-Check, and in January, 1976, the name was changed to Nucarprep System. [redacted] stated his file contained no record of [redacted] as ever being employed by that firm. He stated, however, that [redacted] at the time he sold the company to Chrysler Corporation, took some of his former employee records with him at the time of the sale in 1969. He pointed out that [redacted] business in Phoenix, Arizona, and should be easily located there. b6 b7C

AT MONTEBELLO, CALIFORNIA

On January 27, 1978, [redacted] International Harvester Corporation, 812 West Washington Boulevard, advised that the old A & H Division of International Harvester (IH) which was formerly located in Pico Rivera, California, shut down approximately five years ago. All the records were sent to IH Corporation, 4501 South Alameda Street, Los Angeles, California. The records can be obtained from [redacted] b6 b7C

On January 30, 1978, [redacted] Bank of America, Wilcox - Via Campo Branch, 875 Wilcox Avenue, advised that he has no record of an account, either past or present, checking or savings, in the name of [redacted] or for any derivation of this name. He further advised after contacting the Montebello b6 b7C

Branch of Bank of America, located at 833 West Whittier Boulevard, that they had no record for [redacted] b6 b7C
[redacted] or any derivation of the name as a present or former savings or checking account customer.

AT WHITTIER, CALIFORNIA

On January 27, 1978, [redacted] b6 b7C was contacted at his residence, [redacted] advised that he has lived at this residence for the past 11 years and does not know [redacted] He stated that prior to his purchasing the house in 1967, [redacted] and it was his understanding [redacted] for the five or six years prior to his purchasing the house. [redacted] stated that he is not acquainted with [redacted] but that he did receive a Christmas card addressed to a [redacted] first name unknown, during 1977 Christmas season. He returned this card to the post office. [redacted] is described as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Birth Data	[redacted] b6 b7C
Height	5'7"
Weight	140 pounds
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Brown
Marital Status	Married

The following agencies were contacted by SC [redacted] on January 27, 1978, and no record located identifiable with [redacted] b6 b7C

Montebello Police Department
Whittier Police Department
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office
Ontario Credit Bureau (which covers the vicinity of Whittier, Santa Fe Springs, and Montebello, California)

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

memorandum

DATE: 1/31/78

REPLY TO ATTN OF: SAC, LOS ANGELES (164-497) (P) (3)

SUBJECT: NORJAK (A)
Bufile 164-2111
OO: Seattle

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TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

RE: [redacted] b6 b7C

Re Seattle airtel to Las Vegas, dated 1/20/78.

Enclosed for Seattle, Las Vegas, Phoenix, and San Francisco are appropriate copies of investigative insert reflecting investigation conducted by the Los Angeles Division to verify background information furnished by [redacted] b6 b7C

Also enclosed for Phoenix is one copy of referenced airtel and one copy of San Francisco airtel to Seattle, dated 1/12/78.

LEADS

PHOENIX

AT PHOENIX, ARIZONA: Will attempt to locate [redacted] and determine if [redacted] was ever an employee of [redacted] at 12141 Slauson, Santa Fe Springs, California, nothing that [redacted] sold this business to Chrysler Corporation in 1969. b6 b7C

LOS ANGELES

2 - Seattle (Enc. 2)
1 - Las Vegas (Enc. 1) (Info)
2 - Phoenix (Enc. 2)
1 - San Francisco (Enc. 1) (Info)
2 - Los Angeles

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LA 164-497

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA: Will, at International Harvester Offices, 4501 South Alameda Street, contact [redacted] telephone [redacted] and attempt to verify employment of [redacted] with International Harvester, A & H Division, Montebello, California, for the period 1963 - 1970. b6 b7C

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

DB Cooper-25707

3/2/78

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

FROM: SAC, PHOENIX (164-470) (RUC)

SUBJECT: NORJAK (A)
Bufile 164-2111
CO: Seattle

RE: [redacted] b6 b7C

Re Los Angeles letter to Seattle, 1/31/78.

On 2/22/78, contact was made at the [redacted] telephone [redacted] Phoenix, Arizona. b6 b7C Information received at that location was that the person to contact in regard to any past records would be a person by the name of [redacted] at Commercial Carriers, 8636 Sorensen, Santa Fe Springs, California, telephone 714-945-1231.

In view of the above information, it appears that no other investigation remains outstanding in the Phoenix Division, therefore, this case is being considered RUC.

LEADS:

LOS ANGELES

AT SANTA FE SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA

Will attempt to locate and interview [redacted] b6 b7C Commercial Carriers, 8636 Sorensen, Santa Fe Springs, California, telephone 714-945-1231, and determine if [redacted] was ever an employee of [redacted] Santa Fe Springs, California, noting that [redacted] sold this business to Chrysler Corporation in [redacted]

2 - Seattle
(2) - Los Angeles (164-497)
1 - Phoenix
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DATE: 3/7/78

REPLY TO ATTN OF: SAC, LOS ANGELES (164-497) (3) (P)

SUBJECT: NORJAK (A)
Bufile 164-2111
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TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

[redacted] Re [redacted] b6 b7C

Re Los Angeles letter to Seattle dated 1/31/78.

On 2/10/78, [redacted] International Harvester Corporation, 4501 South Alameda Street, Los Angeles, California, advised that the A and H Division, Montebello, California, closed down in 1972 and he only has files for the employees who transferred to the 4501 South Alameda Street address. [redacted] did not transfer to that location and his file would be located at International Harvester Regional Headquarters in Oakland, California. b6 b7C

LEAD

SAN FRANCISCO

AT OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA: Will at International Harvester Corporation, 7700 Edgewater Drive, Suite 150, telephone number 577-8667, attempt to verify employment of [redacted] with International Harvester for the period of 1963-1970. b6 b7C

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2 - Seattle
2 - San Francisco (164-220)
2 - Los Angeles

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Memorandum

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) DATE: 3/15/78

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (164-497) (P) (3)

SUBJECT: NORJAK (A)
OO: Seattle
Bufile 164-2111

RE: [redacted] b6 b7C

Re Los Angeles letter to Seattle, dated 3/7/78; Phoenix letter to Seattle, dated 3/2/78.

On 3/9/78, contact was made at Commercial Carriers, 8636 Sorensen, Santa Fe Springs, California, telephone (213) 693-0711. They advised that [redacted] is now connected with Overseas Transportation at Long Beach, California. b6 b7C

On 3/8/78, [redacted] Import Auto Transport, Division of Commercial Carriers, 22440 South Alameda, Long Beach, California, advised she was unable to locate any record for [redacted] She stated when [redacted] returned, she would see if he could locate any records. b6 b7C

On 3/10/78, [redacted] advised that [redacted] may have been an employee of the Chrysler Corporation and worked for him in 1969. He advised he has old payroll records in storage and would attempt to go through them during the next week or two. b6 b7C

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

AT RENO, NEVADA

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[redacted] (IC), Reno Police Department (RPD), on February 6, 1978, advised files of that department contained no reference identifiable with [redacted]

[redacted] Washoe County Sheriff's Department (WCSD), Reno, on February 14, 1978, advised the files of that department contained no information identifiable with [redacted]

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[redacted] Sparks, Nevada, Police Department, on February 16, 1978, advised files of that department contained no information identifiable with [redacted]

A spot check of [redacted] Reno, Nevada, on February 22, 1978, determined there is no such address as [redacted] Reno, Nevada. [redacted] with two single family dwellings numbered [redacted]

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[redacted] Washoe County, Reno, on March 20, 1978, advised she could locate no record of a [redacted] being born in Reno, Nevada.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] b6 b7C

AT RENO, NEVADA

A source at the Sierra Pacific Power Company, Reno, on February 22, 1978, advised records of that company do not list electrical, natural gas or water service for the address [redacted] Reno, nor do the records list a [redacted] as a subscriber to such service at any address. b6 b7C

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] b6 b7C

AT CARSON CITY, NEVADA

On February 13, 1978, records of the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), Driver License Division, were searched for information concerning [redacted] possible driver license number [redacted] Social Security Account Number [redacted] These records failed to reveal the name [redacted] and a hand-search of these records failed to locate a driver license for any [redacted] with a similar date of birth, SSAN, or address of [redacted] Reno, Nevada. Nevada driver license [redacted] was not issued to anyone with the last name of [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted] advised that Driver License Division records are currently four months behind and that if necessary, an inquiry with each Nevada County could be made to determine if such a license was recently issued. This inquiry would be time consuming, and would take possibly several days to complete.

Records of DMV, Registration Division, failed to reflect any vehicle registered to [redacted] b6 b7C

These records did reflect the name of [redacted] as having registered a 1969 Chevrolet pickup truck bearing Nevada license [redacted] furnished an address of [redacted] Nevada. b6 b7C

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) DATE: 3/22/78

FROM : SAC, LAS VEGAS (164-60) (P)

SUBJECT: NORJAK (A)
OO: Seattle
Bufile 164-2111

Re: [redacted] b6 b7C

Re LA let to SE, 1/31/78.

Enclosed for each receipient are two copies of two investigative inserts and one administrative insert setting forth investigation at Reno, Sparks and Carson City, Nevada.

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LAS VEGAS

AT [redacted], NEVADA. Will identify and interview [redacted] who has 1969 Chevrolet pickup bearing Nevada license [redacted] to determine if identical with [redacted] born [redacted] b6 b7C

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
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GSA FPMR (41 CFR) 101-11.6

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) DATE: 3/29/78

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (164-497) (RUC)

SUBJECT: NORJAK (A)
OO: Seattle
Bufile 164-2111

RE: [redacted] b6 b7C

Re Los Angeles letter to Seattle, dated 3/15/78.

On 3/27/78, [redacted] Overseas Transportation, Import Auto Transport, Division of Commercial Carriers, 22440 South Alameda, Long Beach, California, advised that he ran the computer tapes of former employees of both personnel and payroll records for the period 1968 through 1971, and was unable to locate any record for [redacted] as ever being employed by Commercial Carriers, Chrysler Corporation, or New Car Prep, all the same business under different business names at 12141 Slauson, Santa Fe Springs, California. b6 b7C

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FM DIRECTOR, FBI 164-977

TO ALL FBI FIELD OFFICES ROUTINE

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NORJAK (A), OO: SEATTLE.

THE FOLLOWING SUMMARY OF FACTS REPRESENTS WHAT SEATTLE CONSIDERS THE ONLY INFORMATION THAT SHOULD BE RELEASED TO THE PRESS:

"A LONE WHITE MALE BOARDED NORTHWEST ORIENT AIRLINES FLIGHT NUMBER 3Ø5 AT PORTLAND, OREGON, ON NOVEMBER 24, 1971. AT APPROXIMATELY 3:22 PM, WHILE THE FLIGHT WAS EN ROUTE TO SEATTLE, WASHINGTON, HE INDICATED TO A STEWARDESS THAT HIS BRIEFCASE CONTAINED A BOMB WHICH WOULD BLOW UP THE PLANE UNLESS HIS DEMANDS WERE MET.

"THE HIJACKER DEMANDED $2ØØ,ØØØ AND FOUR PARACHUTES IN

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EXCHANGE FOR THE SAFETY OF THE 36 PASSENGERS ABOARD THE PLANE. WHEN THE AIRCRAFT LANDED AT SEATTLE, NORTHWEST ORIENT AIRLINES COMPLIED WITH HIS INSTRUCTIONS. AFTER HE RECEIVED THE PARACHUTES AND MONEY, THE HIJACKER ALLOWED ALL PASSENGERS AND TWO OF THE AIRLINES STEWARDESSES TO DEPLANE.

"HE THEN ORDERED THE REMAINING CREW MEMBERS INTO THE FIRST CLASS SECTION OF THE AIRCRAFT AND INFORMED THEM HE DESIRED TO FLY TO MEXICO CITY. THE HIJACKER INSTRUCTED THAT THE PLANE PROCEED IN A SOUTHERLY DIRECTION AND FLY AT A LOW ALTITUDE AND SLOW SPEED WHICH ENABLE THE REAR DOOR OF THE PLANE TO BE OPEN DURING THE FLIGHT.

"THE HIJACKER APPARENTLY BAILED OUT SOMEWHERE BETWEEN SEATTLE AND RENO, NEVADA, WHERE, WHEN THE PLANE LANDED, IT WAS DETERMINED THE HIJACKER, AND THE RANSOM MONEY, HAD DISAPPEARED.

"ARTIST CONCEPTION DRAWINGS OF THE HIJACKER WERE PREPARED BY THE FBI EXHIBIT SECTION. HE IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

"WHITE MALE, AGE MIDDLE 40S, HEIGHT 5'10" TO 6'0", WEIGHT 170 TO 180 POUNDS, COMPLEXION OLIVE, LATIN APPEARANCE, MEDIUM SMOOTH, HAIR DARK BROWN OR BLACK, PARTED ON THE LEFT AND COMBED BACK, EYES POSSIBLY BROWN. DURING LATTER PART OF FLIGHT HE

PUT ON DARK WRAP AROUND SUNGLASSES WITH DARK RIMS, VOICE LOW, SPOKE INTELLIGENTLY, NO PARTICULAR ACCENT, POSSIBLY FROM THE MID-WESTERN PART OF THE UNITED STATES; CHARACTERISTICS SMOKE R OF RALEIGH FILTER TIP CIGARETTES, WEARING APPAREL: BLACK OR BROWN SUIT; NARROW BLACK TIE, BLACK DRESS SUIT; BLACK RAIN-TYPE OVERCOAT OR DARK TOP COAT; DARK BRIEFCASE OR ATTACHE CASE, CARRIED A PAPER BAG 4 X 12 X 14 INCHES; BROWN SHOES. REMARKS: VERY POLITE AT ALL TIMES.

"ANYONE HAVING ANY INFORMATION OR KNOWLEDGE BELIEVED TO PERTAIN TO THIS INDIVIDUAL, PLEASE NOTIFY THE SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE OF THE NEAREST FBI FIELD OFFICE, THE TELEPHONE NUMBER OF WHICH APPEARS ON THE FIRST PAGE OF MOST LOCAL TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES."

THE PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE AT FBIHQ ADVISED SEATTLE THAT THEY DESIRED TO BE PRECLUDED FROM RESPONDING TO PRESS INQUIRIES CONCERNING THIS MATTER.

ANY ADDITIONAL PRESS INQUIRIES CONCERNING THIS HIJACKING, SHOULD BE REFERRED TO THE SEATTLE DIVISION. SEATTLE IS ESPECIALLY DESIROUS TO LIMIT ALL SPONTANEOUS PRESS RELEASES BY OTHER FIELD DIVISIONS OTHER THAN SEATTLE BECAUSE IT IS DURING THESE PRESS RELEASES THAT CONTRADICTIONS OCCUR AND CONFIDENTIAL

INFORMATION IS MOST LIKELY TO BE RELEASED INADVERTENTLY.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

memorandum

DATE: 4/26/78

REPLY TO ATTN OF: SA JOSEPH C. ALSTON

SUBJECT: NORJAK (A)
OO: Seattle
Bufile 164-2111

TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (164-497)(RUC)

Re: JAMES BRYANT COFFELT, aka

On 4/24/78 [redacted] Malibu, California, telephone number [redacted] were recontacted by the writer. During this contact with the [redacted] they furnished the writer a copy of [redacted] dated 3/24/77 entitled [redacted]

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Both [redacted] requested that the above report not be made available to any unauthorized individuals.

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GSA FPMR (41 CFR) 101-11
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Suspect in Evers Murder Waives Extradition to La.

By Toni House
Washington Star Staff Writer

Byron de la Beckwith, the white supremacist twice tried but never convicted of the 1963 ambush killing of civil rights leader Medgar Evers, yesterday waived extradition to Louisiana on a fugitive-from-justice charge.

According to papers filed with D.C. Superior Court, Beckwith was arrested early yesterday in a Northwest Washington home by officers of the D.C. Police Fugitive Squad. They acted on a Feb. 28 bench warrant issued by a New Orleans judge after Beckwith failed to surrender to begin a five-year sentence for transporting explosives over a state highway.

He had been free on a $10,000 bond pending appeal in the case, and his Washington attorney said Beckwith came here because he believed he was permitted to travel.

BEFORE SUPERIOR Court Judge William E. Stewart Jr., Beckwith waived an extradition hearing and agreed to return to Louisiana.

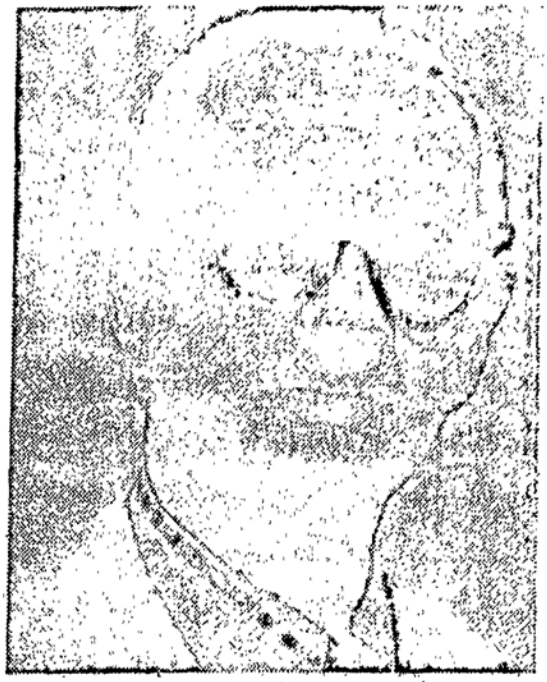
Beckwith was arrested about 2:30 a.m. yesterday at a private home in the 2200 block of Observatory Place NW, where he had been a houseguest for less than a week.

While police refused to reveal how they learned Beckwith was in Washington, sources close to the investigation said the first law enforcement agency to have contact with Beckwith was the U.S. Secret Service, the agency charged with protecting the President. The Secret Service in turn called D.C. police.

A woman who identified herself as his hostess, but refused to give her name, said Beckwith had come to Washington to try to convince government officials to purchase a perpetual oil filter he was selling.

According to court papers, Beckwith, a former fertilizer salesman, has been the Mississippi representative of the Southern Resources Co. of Little Rock, Ark., for the past seven months. The woman said Beckwith was inspired to come to Washington by President Carter's energy speech last week because he believed the oil filter would save fuel.

WHILE THE Secret Service had no comment on Beckwith or his arrest, sources suggested someone he contacted on business may have telephoned the Secret Service. Beckwith's hostess said Secret Service agents stopped Beckwith and talked with him in front of her home Wednesday afternoon. Lt. Raymond Comstock of the New Orleans Police Department, said that department's first notion Beckwith was in Washington came from a Secret Service inquiry.



BYRON de la BECKWITH
White Supremacist

In May 1975, a New Orleans jury convicted Beckwith of bringing a live bomb into Louisiana from his native Mississippi after he was found not guilty on similar federal charges.

The prosecution at the time alleged Beckwith planned to plant the bomb, composed of seven pounds of dynamite, at the home of a New Orleans Jewish community leader.

Beckwith was subsequently freed on bond while his case was appealed to the Louisiana Supreme Court and apparently returned to Mississippi. In February, the state supreme court upheld the conviction and, when Beckwith failed to surrender, a bench warrant was issued.

Beckwith's two trials for the Evers murder both ended in mistrials.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (164-497) (3) DATE: 5/25/78

FROM : SA [redacted] b6 b7C

SUBJECT: NORJAK

At 1:20 p.m. on 5/23/78, SAC JACK REID, Seattle Division, telephonically advised that MIKE WALLACE was contemplating presenting information on TV reflecting that the Bureau was covering up information regarding the identity of D. B. COOPER. The program would infer that the Bureau had eliminated BRYANT COFFELT because he was a close friend of HOOVER and was, in some way, involved in the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING. REID advised that, by Los Angeles airtel dated 1/24/77, Los Angeles had provided Seattle with two photographs of COFFELT, one in which he was wearing a white checkered shirt and glasses, and the second was a head on shot wherein COFFELT was wearing a sport shirt and smoking a cigarette.

REID continued that [redacted] b6 b7C of BRYANT COFFELT, had been located in Honolulu, Hawaii, and exhibited photographs furnished to Seattle by referenced Los Angeles airtel and that she had stated that the individual in the photographs was not identical to [redacted] BRYANT COFFELT.

SAC REID requested that the following leads be handled by Los Angeles expeditiously and results be provided to Seattle by telephone or teletype.

1. Locate [redacted] of BRYANT COFFELT, [redacted] Gardena, California, and exhibit photographs mentioned above and determine if identical to COFFELT. b6 b7C

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2. Interview to determine if he recalls where [redacted] and COFFELT were on Thanksgiving 1971, noting that [redacted] has stated that they were somewhere back East. b6 b7C

3. Make inquiry of [redacted] regarding any papers he might have in his possession showing possible location of BRYANT and [redacted] in November 1971.

4. Determine if [redacted] has any photographs of COFFELT. b6 b7C

5. Advise Seattle of identity of person who made above photographs available to the FBI.

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TRANSMIT VIA:
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- [ ] Immediate
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Date 5/25/78

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FM LOS ANGELES (164-497) (3) (RUC)

TO DIRECTOR (164-2111) ROUTINE 10 00

SEATTLE (164-81) ROUTINE 10 00

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NORJAK, OO: SEATTLE.

RE JAMES BRYANT COFFELT, AKA JACK BRYANT COFFELT, BRYANT ARTHUR JAMES COFFELT (TN), [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

RE SEATTLE TELEPHONE CALL TO LOS ANGELES MAY 23, 1978 AND LOS ANGELES TELEPHONE CALL TO SEATTLE MAY 25, 1978.

[redacted]

ALSO KNOWN AS [redacted] CALIFORNIA, TELEPHONE [redacted] INTERVIEWED AT HIS RESIDENCE DURING EVENING OF MAY 24, 1978, IN PRESENCE [redacted] AT WHICH TIME THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED: b6 b7C

[redacted] HAS NOT SEEN [redacted] SINCE APPROXIMATELY b6 b7C

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MARCH 1957, AND NEVER PERSONALLY MET JACK COFFELT, ALTHOUGH HE TALKED WITH HIM ON THE TELEPHONE ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS. HE WAS UNABLE TO FURNISH ANY INFORMATION REGARDING COFFELT'S WHEREABOUTS DURING THE PERTINENT PERIOD. HE RECALLED THAT IN 1969, HE PURCHASED SOME PROPERTY IN LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, FROM [redacted] AND AT THAT TIME, SHE WAS RESIDING AT [redacted] b6 b7C [redacted] ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA.

[redacted] RECALLED THAT COFFELT ALLEGEDLY WORKED AT ONE TIME AT A HOSPITAL IN THE ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA, AREA BUT COULD NOT REMEMBER THE NAME OR LOCATION. SHE ALSO RECALLED THAT, WHILE THE COFFELTS WERE LIVING IN THE VIRGINIA AREA, THEY WERE FRIENDLY WITH A "HEAVY SET ATTORNEY" WHO LIVED [redacted] PREVIOUSLY INTERVIEWED). SHE STATED ON AT LEAST ONE OCCASION, JACK COFFELT CALLED HER, ATTEMPTING TO BORROW MONEY. b6 b7C

[redacted] ALSO MENTIONED THAT [redacted] HAS NUMEROUS BOXES CONTAINING PERSONAL PROPERTY STORED IN HER GARAGE, BUT WAS RELUCTANT TO GO THROUGH THIS MATERIAL WITHOUT [redacted] PERMISSION. b6 b7C

DB Cooper-25861

SHE ALSO HAD IN HER POSSESSION THREE PHOTOGRAPHS OF COFFELT WHICH HAD BEEN SENT TO HER BY [redacted] HOWEVER, SHE WAS NOT AWARE DATE PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN. b6 b7C

WHILE AT [redacted] RESIDENCE, INTERVIEWING AGENT TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED [redacted] IN HONOLULU, HAWAII, AT TELEPHONE NUMBER [redacted] REGARDING HER PROPERTY STORED IN THE [redacted] GARAGE. [redacted] ADVISED THAT THE BOXES DO NOT CONTAIN ANY DOCUMENTS, CANCELLED CHECKS, ETCETERA, WHICH WOULD ESTABLISH COFFELT'S WHEREABOUTS DURING PERTINENT PERIOD. SHE STATED THE BOXES ONLY CONTAINED CLOTHING AND PERSONAL ITEMS. AFTER DESCRIBING PHOTOGRAPHS IN POSSESSION OF [redacted] [redacted] STATED SHE BELIEVED THEY WERE TAKEN IN ABOUT 1962. b6 b7C

DURING ABOVE CONVERSATION, [redacted] WAS UNABLE TO FURNISH ANY INFORMATION REGARDING COFFELT'S WHEREABOUTS DURING THANKSGIVING 1971 OTHER THAN THEY WERE LIVING IN THE ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA, AREA. b6 b7C

BOTH [redacted] STATED THAT DURING NUMEROUS TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS WITH COFFELT, HE NEVER INDICATED b6 b7C

DB Cooper-25862

THAT HE WAS INVOLVED IN ANY TYPE OF CRIMINAL ACTIVITY.

PHOTOGRAPHS FURNISHED BY [redacted] BEING FORWARDED TO SEATTLE BY AIRTEL. b6 b7C

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5/26/78

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (164-497) (3) (RUC)

SUBJECT: NORJAK

Re: JAMES BRYANT COFFELT, aka
Jack Bryant Coffelt
Bryant Arthur James Coffelt (TN)
[redacted]

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Re Los Angeles teletype to the Bureau dated 5/25/78.

Enclosed for Seattle are three photographs of JACK COFFELT believed taken in 1962 furnished by [redacted] California.

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DB Cooper-25864

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

memorandum

DATE: 6/7/78

REPLY TO ATTN OF: SAC, SAN DIEGO (164-91) (P)

SUBJECT: NORJAK

TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (164-497)

Re Las Vegas letter to San Diego dated 5/30/78; Seattle letter to Las Vegas dated 1/20/78, and San Francisco letter to Seattle dated 1/12/78.

For information of Los Angeles, investigation by the Las Vegas Division at Panaca, Nevada, determined that [redacted] is in California with [redacted] and can be located at telephone number [redacted] b6 b7C

Review of San Diego telephone directory determined above listed number in the Los Angeles, Riverside, California, area.

LEADS:

LOS ANGELES

AT RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA. Will locate, identify and interview [redacted] through [redacted] telephone number [redacted] to determine if identical with [redacted] date of birth [redacted] It should be noted that [redacted] owns a [redacted] bearing Nevada License Number [redacted] b6 b7C

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DB Cooper-25865

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

memorandum

DATE: 6/20/78

REPLY TO ATTN OF: SAC, LOS ANGELES (164-497) (RUC) (3)

SUBJECT: NORJAK
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OO: SEATTLE
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TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

Re San Diego letter to Los Angeles, dated 6/7/78.

The following investigation was conducted at [redacted] California, by SA MARK LAFE THOMPSON: b6 b7C

On 6/13/78, [redacted] was interviewed at his residence, [redacted] telephone [redacted] stated that he has never heard of a [redacted] He produced a California drivers license number [redacted] in the name of [redacted] showing he is a white male, born [redacted] 5'10", 170 pounds, white hair and blue eyes. b6 b7C

[redacted] stated that he owns an automobile registered in the State of Nevada and he also [redacted] located at [redacted] Nevada; however, his permanent residence is in [redacted] California. He stated he had no knowledge of any hijacking attempt by anyone by the name of [redacted] or participating in any such activity himself. b6 b7C

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1- San Diego (164-91) (Info)
1- San Francisco (164-220) (Info)
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Complaint Form
FD-71 (Rev. 7-21-67)

NOTE: Hand print names legibly; handwriting satisfactory for remainder.

Indices: ☐ Negative ☒ See below

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Subject's name and aliases

NORJAK

Character of case

CRIME ABOARD AIRCRAFT 164-497*

Complainant [redacted] b6 b7C

Complaint received

☐ Personal ☒ Telephonic Date 7/18/78 Time 2:20 PM

Address of subject

Complainant's address and telephone number [redacted] Corona, Cal.

Subject's Description

Race	Sex	Height	Hair	Build	Birth date and Birthplace
Age	☐ Male ☐ Female	Weight	Eyes	Complexion	

Scars, marks or other date

Facts of complaint

C telephonically advised this date he has reason to believe the hijacker in this case is [redacted], Howard Roger Masterson(present whereabouts unknown) C said [redacted] was familiar with the Woodland Hills, Wash. area where hijacker parachuted out of the plane. C would like to see drawing the FBI has of the hijacker to see if it is [redacted] C said [redacted] was supposed to have committed suicide in Beaverton, Oregon in May, 1974 but C said he knows this did not happen. C had occasion to talk to [redacted] a week ago and she said some things that led C to believe [redacted] is the hijacker. C said at the time of the above crime, [redacted] was about to go to jail. Visas were found he had obtained to go to [redacted] Checks were found written to his account three or four days after his death. C said [redacted] made a career of fraud. C said [redacted] was male, caucasian, age [redacted] in 1974, 5'7" to 5'8". A check of indices shows a file 164-497*.

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(Agent)

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- ☐ Facsimile
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- ☐ Priority
- ☐ Routine

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- ☐ CONFIDENTIAL
- ☐ E F T O
- ☐ CLEAR

Date 7/25/78

TO: SAC, PORTLAND

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (164-497) (RUC) (3)

SUBJECT: NORJAK (A)
OO: Seattle

On 7/20/78, [redacted] b6 b7C
[redacted] Corona, California, telephone number [redacted] advised she [redacted] to ROGER HOWARD MASTERSON, aka Howard Roger Masterson, Howard Roger Mastenson, Howard McGill, Howard Roger Kuskie. She described MASTERSON as a White male, born 10/6/43, in Oregon, 5'9"-5'10", 145 to 155 pounds, dark brown hair, hazel eyes, medium complexion.

She said [redacted] b6 b7C
[redacted] numerous states including Oregon where MASTERSON had many relatives. In 1970, MASTERSON was arrested in the Los Angeles, California, area on a Colorado warrant, charging him with writing bad checks.

She said MASTERSON was returned to Colorado, convicted and served about 1½ years at the State prison at Buena Vista, Colorado.

[redacted] said she [redacted] b6 b7C
[redacted] She believed MASTERSON was released from prison in October 1971, at which time he moved to Portland, Oregon. She never had any contact with MASTERSON after his imprisonment in 1970 except through [redacted]

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NORJAK (A)
(OO: Seattle)

Re suspect HOWARD ROGER MASTERSON.

Re Los Angeles airtel to Portland dated 7/25/78.

For information of Los Angeles and Seattle, on 7/25/78, [redacted] Washington County Sheriff's Office, Hillsboro, Oregon, furnished the following information: b6 b7C

HOWARD ROGER MASTERSON, white male, DOB 10/6/46, was found dead of a drug overdose in Washington County on 5/30/72. The Washington County Sheriff's Office conducted the necessary investigation which included the positive identification of MASTERSON by several immediate relatives. Investigation was conducted under their case number 72-3108. The investigation established, in addition to the positive identity of MASTERSON, the fact that the death was due to voluntary ingestion of drugs.

[redacted] continued that recently several relatives of MASTERSON, more distant than the ones who identified him at the time of his death, have raised the question as to whether MASTERSON may still be alive, and as a result it has been suggested that the buried body be exhumed for re-identification. [redacted] stated his office is completely satisfied with the validity of the identification and does not intend to go any further with the idea. He stated the people that raised the doubts alleged that they felt there was a possibility that MASTERSON was still alive and living in Mexico using the last name COOPER. He said that these individuals inferred that possibly MASTERSON might have been identical with UNSUB in captioned case. b6 b7C

[redacted] pointed out he is personally satisfied b6 b7C

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named Speaker of the South Dakota House nearly 40 years ago—but he had to wait until this week to get the job. The new Speaker is **George Speaker Mickelson.** His father was House Speaker 38 years ago when he was born and the legislators demanded by resolution that the boy be named for his father's job.

—A heavy plastic placard—an emergency warning notice of the type posted next to the rear exit of 727's—found by a hunter could be a link to the unsolved 1971 **"D.B. Cooper"** skyjacking, authorities said. The mysterious, never-identified Cooper is believed to have parachuted from the Northwest Airlines jet near Woodland, Wash., with $200,000 in $20 bills he had extorted from the airline. Cooper and the 21 pounds of money have never been found. Authorities first noticed two days after Cooper jumped that the placard was missing. It was found about "six flying minutes" from where Cooper probably left the plane in the night of Nov. 24, 1971.

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NORJAK (A), 00: SEATTLE, BUFILE 164-2111.

RE SUSPECT ROBERT WESLEY RACKSTRAW, SUB NO. 933.

FOR INFORMATION OF LOS ANGELES, ROBERT WESLEY RACKSTRAW HAS BEEN CONSIDERED AS A POSSIBLE SUSPECT IN THIS MATTER. RACKSTRAW IS CURRENTLY BELIEVED TO BE IN CUSTODY OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES AT FULLERTON, CALIFORNIA.

LOS ANGELES, AT FULLERTON, CALIFORNIA, WILL CONTACT LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN MAJOR CASE FINGERPRINTS OF RACKSTRAW, INCLUDING PALM PRINTS, AND FORWARD SAME IMMEDIATELY TO FBI IDENTIFICATION DIVISION FOR COMPARISON WITH UNIDENTIFIED LATENT FINGERPRINT IMPRESSIONS DEVELOPED IN THE HIJACKED AIR-CRAFT IN THIS MATTER.

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NORJAK (A), OO: SEATTLE, BUFILE 164-2111.

RE PORTLAND TELETYPE TO LOS ANGELES FEBRUARY 3, 1979.

FOR INFORMATION OF SACRAMENTO, PORTLAND ADVISED IN RE TELETYPE THAT ROBERT WESLEY RACKSTRAW HAS BEEN CONSIDERED AS A POSSIBLE SUSPECT IN THIS MATTER. RACKSTRAW IS CURRENTLY BELIEVED TO BE IN CUSTODY OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES AT FULLERTON, CALIFORNIA.

RACKSTRAW WAS RELEASED TO THE CUSTODY OF A [redacted] (PH), SAN JOAQUIN SHERIFF'S OFFICE, FOR RETURN TO STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA.

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SACRAMENTO AT STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA, WILL CONTACT LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN MAJOR CASE FINGERPRINTS OF

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ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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Dear Sir,

My name is [redacted] and my [redacted] grade class is doing a project on unsolved crimes. I have chosen the D. B. Cooper case. The man who jumped out of an airplane with thousands of dollars and was never heard of or seen again. I wondered if you could help me with the general information in the case. after starting on this project I think I would like to become an F. B. I. agent. Any help or ideas will be appreciated.

I am sending you a self addressed envelope so you can save time & help me. I know you are busy & I will understand if you can't

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P.S. Project is due 4-25-[redacted]

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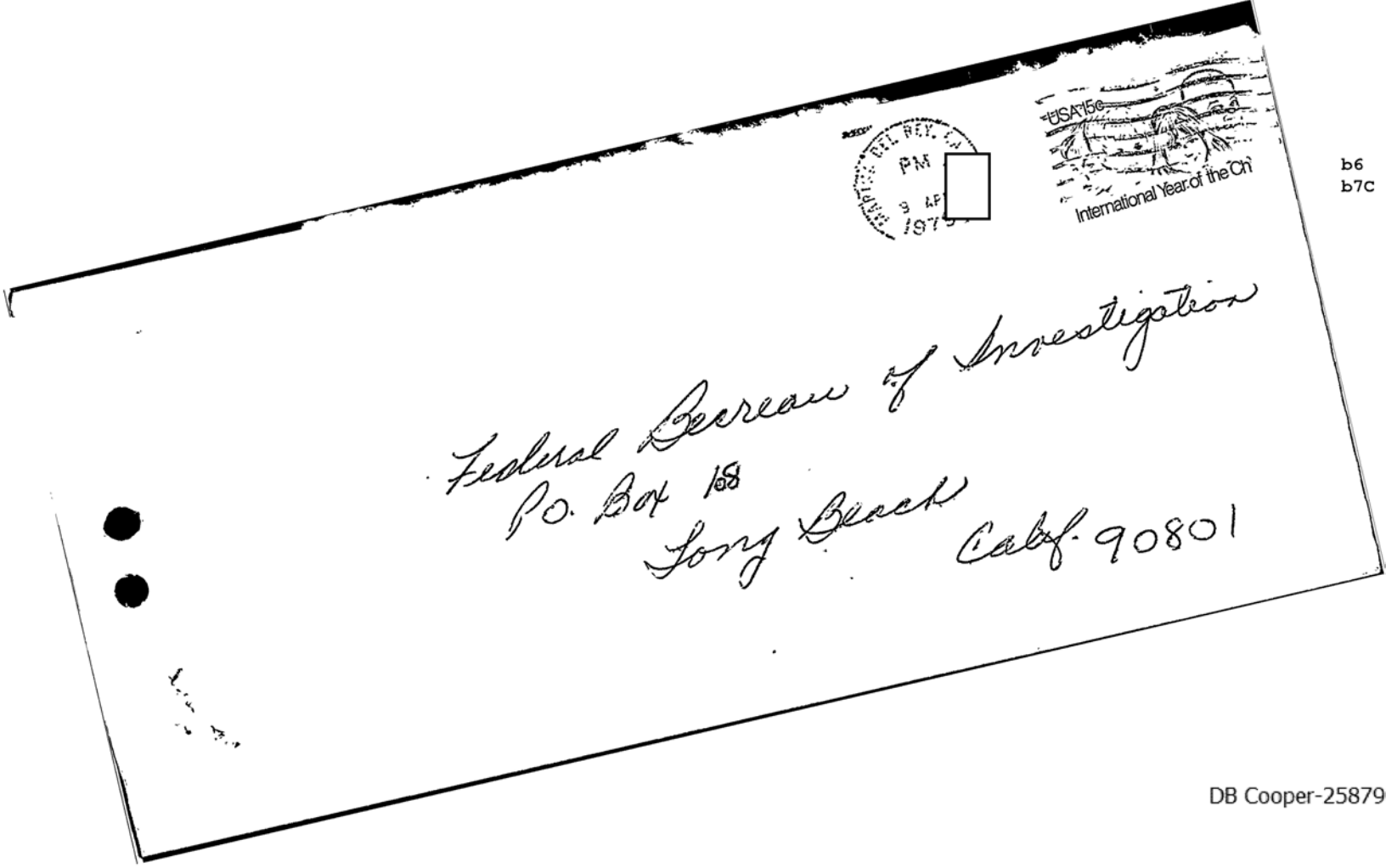

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11000 Wilshire Boulevard
Los Angeles, California 90024
April 16, 1979

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Torrance, California [redacted]

Dear [redacted]

Enclosed you will find some newspaper clippings setting forth information concerning the D. B. Cooper case. Also enclosed you will find a brochure regarding career opportunities and your unsealed envelope.

This matter is still under investigation and therefore, the FBI is not in a position to furnish any information. I hope the enclosed material will be of value for your report.

Very truly yours,

HERBERT D. CLOUGH, JR.
Special Agent in Charge

By: [redacted] b6 b7C
Special Agent

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (164-2111)

FROM: SAC, SAN DIEGO (164-91) (RUC)

NORJAK

Re phone call on 4/24/79 to Special Agent [redacted] Los Angeles Division, Santa Ana RA. Phone call was received from [redacted] indicating that he had possible lead information re captioned case.

[redacted] stated that he had a source who relayed to him [redacted] was a perpetrator of the hijacking and that he was about to [redacted] The below-listed subject is known to SA [redacted] and pursuant to our conversation, will interview him re NORJAK case.

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Subject described as:

Name	[redacted]
Sex	Male
Race	White
Height	5'11"
Weight	185 lbs.
Date of Birth	[redacted]
Place of birth	
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

TO :SAC, LOS ANGELES (164-497) DATE: 6/22/79

FROM :SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)
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SUBJECT:NORJAK

RE: [redacted] b6 b7C

ReSD Airtel to Bureau, 4/25/79.

ReAirtel set out lead for Los Angeles to interview [redacted] regarding captioned matter.

LOS ANGELES DIVISION
At Santa Ana, California

Will report results of interview of [redacted] b6 b7C

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REPLY TO ATTN OF: SA [redacted]

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SUBJECT: NORJAK
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The evidence listed on serial 1B1 of captioned file should be retained since the identity of subject has not been determined to date and matter continues to be persued by OO and Los Angeles.

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HB Man Names Bank In Slander Suit

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Subsequently, he said, that person made purchases with the cards in excess of $3,000.

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FBI Admits Investigation Of HB Man As Hijacker

SANTA ANA — The FBI confirmed Thursday it is looking into a bank investigator's allegation that Huntington Beach businessman Jack Cannon is airline hijacker D.B. Cooper.

Cannon filed a $500,000 slander suit Wednesday, claiming that a Bank of America investigator told FBI agents that he had reason to believe the businessman, using the name D.B. Cooper, hijacked a jetliner over Washington state in 1971 and parachuted into the wilds with $200,000 ransom money. Cooper never has been found.

In his Superior Court suit against the bank, Cannon said the statements and the resulting investigation have harmed his reputation and his business.

Cannon claimed in his suit that the bank investigator, Kay Reeves, based his statements to the FBI on information from Cannon's ex-girlfriend.

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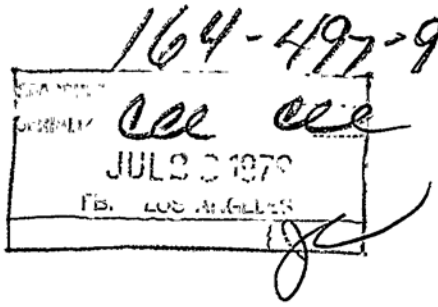

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[redacted] was interviewed in the presence of his attorney, [redacted] at Denny's Restaurant, Main Street and Ellis Avenue, Huntington Beach, California, on July 5, 1979. [redacted] furnished his occupation as that of [redacted] Huntington Beach, California, telephone number [redacted] He also furnished his home telephone numbers as [redacted] and [redacted]

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[redacted] were advised by SA [redacted] that the San Diego Office of the FBI had requested that [redacted] be interviewed concerning the skyjacking of a Northwest Orient Airliner in the State of Washington in 1971 by an individual using the name D. B. Cooper. He was advised that the reason for the request for interview was that the Bank of America had received information from a source that [redacted] had told the source that he was the perpetrator of this skyjacking and that he was about to retrieve the concealed money that he had gained from it.

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[redacted] immediately stated that he knew exactly who this source was and that this source was [redacted] who is also known as [redacted] and [redacted] He stated that [redacted] who presently resides at [redacted] in Sherman Oaks, California, [redacted] probably resides with them and the telephone number is [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that [redacted] characterized [redacted] as a [redacted]

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Investigation on 7/5/79 at Huntington Beach, Calif. File # Los Angeles 164-497

by SA's [redacted] and [redacted] cas/jr Date dictated 7/9/79

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DATE: 7/23/79

REPLY TO ATTN OF: SAC, LOS ANGELES (164-497)(3)(RUC)

SUBJECT: NORJAK

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

Re San Diego airtel to Los Angeles dated 4/25/79, and Seattle letter to Los Angeles dated 6/22/79.

Enclosed for Seattle are the original and one copy of an FD-302 reflecting interview with [redacted] and the Agent's notes reflecting this interview. b6 b7C

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UNCLAS 164-497 * (10/11)

NORJAK; 00:SEATTLE.

FOR INFO RECEIVING OFFICES, AT 3:00 PM, PST, TODAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1980, PRESS CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD IN PORTLAND OFFICE WHICH WILL ANNOUNCE THE FOLLOWING:

ARHTUR G. BARGER, SPCIAL AGENT IN CHARGE OF THE FBI FOR OREGON, HAS ANNOUNCED A DEVELOPMENT IN A CRIME WHICH BEGAN ON THE NIGHT OF NOVEMBER 24, 1971, AT PORTLAND INTER-NATIONAL AIRPORT, PORTLAND, OREGON, AND HAS BECOME WIDELY KNOWN SINCE THAT TIME AS THE D. B. COOPER HIJACKING CASE.

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THE NAME DAN COOPER BOUGHT A ONE-WAY TICKET ON NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT 305 FROM PORTLAND, OREGON, TO SEATTLE, WASHINGTON. UPON DEPARTING PORTLAND INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, COOPER NOTIFIED A STEWARDESS THAT HE WAS HIJACKING THE AIRCRAFT AND DISPLAYED TO HER WHAT HE SAID WAS A BOMB IN HIS BRIEFCASE. THE FLIGHT PROCEEDED TO SEATTLE, WHERE AFTER MAINTAINING A HOLDING PATTERN FOR SEVERAL HOURS, IT WAS PERMITTED TO LAND AND REFUEL. AFTER $200,000 AND FOUR PARACHUTES DEMANDED BY THE HIJACKER WERE BROUGHT ON BOARD, HE RELEASED ALL OF THE PASSENGERS AND ALL BUT FOUR MEMBERS OF THE CREW. THE FLIGHT THEN TOOK OFF AND PROCEEDED SOUTH THROUGH WASHINGTON TOWARD RENO, NEVADA. THE HIJACKER INSTRUCTED THAT THE FLAPS AND GEAR REMAIN LOWERED AND THE REAR STAIR DOOR OPEN. AS THE AIRCRAFT PASSED OVER LACENTER, WASHINGTON, CABIN PRESSURE FLUCTUATION WAS OBSERVED, WHICH WAS LATER DETERMINED TO INDICATE HIS DEPARTURE FROM THE AIRCRAFT THROUGH THE REAR STAIRWELL DOOR. SINCE THAT TIME NO TRACE OF THE HIJACKER, THE PARACHUTES, OR THE MONEY HAS BEEN FOUND UNTIL SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1980.

ON THAT DATE WHILE ON AN OUTING [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted] WASHINGTON, DISCOVERED b6 b7C A SUM OF MONEY PARTIALLY BURIED BY SAND IN THE NORTH RIVER BANK OF THE COLUMBIA RIVER, UPPROXIMATELY FIVE MILES DOWN RIVER FROM THE U.S. INTERSTAE 5 BRIDGE CROSSING BETWEEN PORTLAND AND VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON. [redacted] THE FBI AND AN EXAMINATION OF THE BADLY DECOMPOSED $20 BILLS REVEALS THAT THEY BEAR SERIAL NUMBERS IDENTICAL TO A PORTION OF THOSE GIVEN TO THE HIJACKER. BECAUSE OF THE DECOMPOSED NATURE OF THE BILLST AN EXACT ESTIMATE OF THE RECOVERED MONEY IS NOT POSSIBLE PENDING A LABORATORY EXAMINATION, HOWEVER, IT APPEARS TO BE SEVERAL THOUSAND DOLLARS. THE PACKAGING AND THE NUMBERED SEQUENCE INDICATE THAT THE BILLS HAVE NOT BEEN SEPARATED AND ARE IN MUCH THE SAME ORDER AS WHEN GIVEN TO THE HIJACKER. THE BILLS WILL BE SENT IMMEDIATELY TO THE FBI LABORATORY FOR ADDITIONAL EXAMINATION.

IT APPEARS LOGICAL THAT THE PACKAGE OF BILLS COULD HAVE BEEN CARRIED DOWNSTREAM ON ONE OF THE WASHINGTON TRIBUTARIES OF THE COLUMBIA RIVER TO THE SITE WHERE THEY WERE FOUND.

SPECIAL AGENTS OF THE FBI FROM OREGON AND WASHINGTON HAVE SECURED THE AREA AND COMMENCED AN INTENSIVE SEARCH.

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D.B. and the money

VANCOUVER, Wash. — Twelve packets of $20 bills, used eight years ago as part of the $200,000 paid to airline hijacker "D.B. Cooper," have been found on a Columbia River beach near here, the FBI announced yesterday.

Harold D. Ingram, 27, his wife, Patricia, 26, and their two sons, were picnicking on what is known as Tena's Bar last Sunday when their older son discovered the money.

Eight-year-old Brian Ingram was helping his father gather firewood and had scooped out sand for a fire. As his father was about to drop an armload of wood, young Ingram said, "Wait a minute, Daddy."

Recalling his find yesterday, Brian said, "I seen that money, I thought, wow."

But his parents remained calm, the son recalled. "They thought it was counterfeit."

The tattered and worn bills young Ingram found were the first to be recovered by law enforcement agencies since Nov. 24, 1971, when a passenger hijacked a Northwest Airlines Boeing 727.

The man, identified on the flight list as Dan Cooper, parachuted out of the airliner somewhere over southwestern Washington.

The serial numbers on the bills discovered by young Ingram matched those on the money given Cooper by the FBI in 1971.

William M. Baker, assistant agent in charge of the Portland FBI office, said discovery of the money lends credence to the FBI theory that Cooper died in the hijacking attempt.

Cooper's extortion effort was the first time a jet had been hijacked for ransom. A number of hijackings for cash have been carried out since the Cooper escapade.

Baker said the FBI could not be certain how much money was in the packets, but said it amounted to "several thousand dollars."

The money has been sent to the FBI laboratory in Washington, D.C., and Baker hopes the lab will be able to pick fingerprints off the bills, which could lead to the suspect.

"That would be a hell of a break," he said.

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The Ingrams had gone for an afternoon picnic on a 25-yard stretch of beach three miles west of Vancouver on the Columbia River, the state line between Washington and Oregon. The beach, which is popular with fishermen, is owned by a dairy and truck farming company.

Ingram, a painter, said in a news conference yesterday that the bills bound in three packets and wrapped in worn rubberbands were about six inches beneath the surface. Despite the find, the family continued with its picnic.

"It didn't look like I could spend it," the older Ingram said.

The family, which moved last year from Oklahoma to Vancouver, a town of about 40,000 across the Columbia from Portland, wasn't aware of the D.B. Cooper legend. Baker said the family contacted the FBI Monday afternoon only after learning about the hijacking from friends, who suggested the money might have been part of the missing loot.

After the Ingrams reported their discovery, the FBI immediately cordoned off a section of beach behind the truck and dairy farm operated by the New Columbia Gardens Co.

Fifteen to 20 FBI agents dressed in blue jeans and using shovels and rakes they had brought from their homes sifted through sand and driftwood along a 150-yard stretch around where the Ingrams found the cash.

Working from 10 a.m. until dusk yesterday, they found a few bits of bills buried from a half-foot to 3 feet beneath the surface near where the campfire had been. The FBI expected to use a backhoe today to dig even deeper.

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Baker said one of the first chores for the agency will be to attempt to find how the money got to the beach. He said the FBI believes the money was washed up on the shoreline at a time when the Columbia was running high.

He said experts in hydrology and topography would be consulted to determine how the money got to the beach. The FBI has meticulously reconstructed flight conditions that existed at the time Cooper is believed to have jumped.

The FBI believes Cooper jumped out over the small Washington town of La Center, about 20 miles north of Vancouver. In nearby Ariel, Wash., a tiny town that has adopted Cooper as a folk hero, city fathers hold "Cooper Caper Days" each year on the

anniversary of his jump.

Despite extensive searches employing the FBI, sheriff's departments from two counties in southwest Washington and the Washington National Guard, no trace of Cooper has been found.

"He's probably not alive today," said Dorwyn Schreuder, FBI agent supervising the continuing beach search. "If he were, I think he'd be with his money."

Ralph Himmelsbach, FBI agent leading the Cooper investigation for the past eight years, said the conditions under which Cooper parachuted underscored the fact that he died in the jump.

Himmelsbach said the FBI believes Cooper was wearing only a business suit and street shoes when he jumped at night into sub-freezing temperatures and winds of up to 200 miles an hour.

Even if Cooper should somehow have survived and is watching recent developments on television, he still isn't clear of the law. A federal grand jury in 1977 handed down an indictment against Cooper charging him with air piracy.

"Just in case ...," said Baker.

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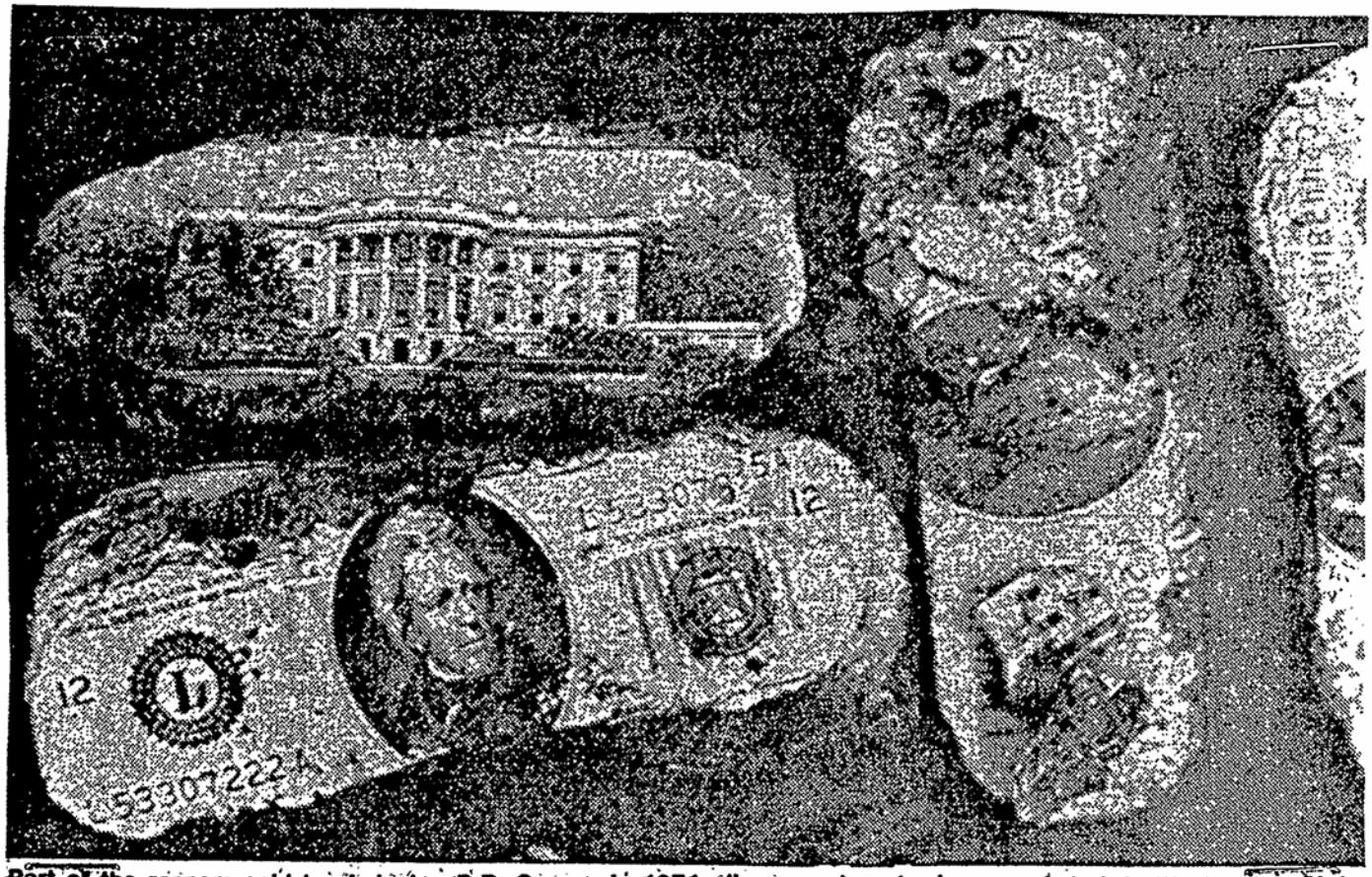
Brian Ingram, 8, and his parents, Harold and Patricia, talk about their discovery from their Vancouver home.



Part of the ransom paid to skyjacker D.B. Cooper in 1971, discovered yesterday on a beach in Washington State.

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Mystery remains in the saga of D.B. Cooper

PORTLAND, Ore. — The mystery surrounding D.B. Cooper's skyjacking and disappearance eight years ago has been rekindled by a Vancouver, Wash., family's inadvertent discovery of worn packets of $20 bills on the Columbia River shoreline — part of Cooper's $200,000 ransom.

The saga which changed the nature of airline piracy began on Thanksgiving Day, 1971, when Cooper boarded Northwest Airlines flight 305 for a flight from Portland to Seattle. Once aboard, he handed a crew member a note, saying he was carrying a bomb in a satchel and wanted $200,000 in unmarked $20 bills.

When the jetliner landed at the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport that evening, authorities had arranged the cash and had also obtained four parachutes, as instructed by Cooper.

Cooper then allowed the flight's 38 passengers and all crew members but two pilots and one stewardess to disembark. He then ordered the aircraft to take off for Reno, Nev.

At one point in that flight, the crew felt a fluctuation in cabin pressure, which suggested the jetliner's rear cabin door had opened.

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When the pilots attempted to talk to the hijacker by intercom, they got no response.

The FBI believes it is at that point — over La Center, Wash., about 25 miles north of Portland — that Cooper strapped on the bag of money and the satchel containing the supposed bomb, and leaped out.

He tumbled into the heart of a Pacific Northwest storm, with temperatures at the 10,000-foot altitude at the minus end of the thermometer. Authorities estimated Cooper experienced a headwind of up to 200 miles per hour.

He would have landed on the ground at a speed of 50-70 miles per hour, authorities calculated.

The FBI conducted numerous reconstruction flights over southwest Washington and employed complicated computer calculations to help determine where Cooper might have landed.

Ralph Himmelsbach, the FBI agent who has invested the past eight years on the case, concluded shortly after Cooper's jump that the daring man was killed in the attempt.

Exhaustive searches by the Washington National Guard and the FBI produced only one clue — a placard from the jetliner's rear door.

Hundreds of treasure hunters have prowled southwest Washington environs hoping to find the missing cash or Cooper.

Until the Harold Dwayne Ingram family made its discovery of a dozen packets of tattered $20 bills, those efforts had failed.

Cooper's daring and unorthodox air hijacking — which came to be known as a "skyjacking" — provoked other efforts to extort money from commercial airlines. That increase in airline piracy triggered the installation of beefed-up security systems at the nation's airports to spot potential hijackers.

Over the years, many people refused to believe that Cooper had died in his effort, and a few even claimed to be the mysterious skyjacker.

In one case, Byron "Jack" Coffelt, an ex-convict who claimed to be the mysterious hijacker, told a friend that he landed after parachuting from the airliner.

However, the site of the discovery of the D.B. Cooper ransom money is some 70 miles northwest of the area where Coffelt said he touched down.

The distance involved tends to belie Coffelt's story of the hijacking, which he told over a period of months in 1974 to an old friend who helped him search for the lost money. Coffelt died of apparent natural causes in Hawaii in 1975.

Further weakening Coffelt's claim of being Cooper is his assertion that he landed just east of Mt. Hood, which is about 25 miles south of the Columbia River.

Experts agree that even if the money entered the river at that point, it would be unlikely that it could wind its way down the wide waterway some 60 miles to where it was found on the north bank of the river.

"The money would have had to float through locks, reservoirs, spillways and power units on the Columbia," said a geologist with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Portland. "I don't think it could have done that and been intact."

Robert Wagman, a producer for "60 Minutes" who has spent more than a year investigating Coffelt's claim to the D.B. Cooper legend, said, "Based on conversations I've had with FBI agents and engineers who know the river, it doesn't seem possible that the money could have washed up (where it was found) from where Coffelt said he lost it. It actually defies belief."

And some people still refuse to believe that Cooper is dead.

Journalist J.D. Reed, the author of the recently released fictional book "Free Fall," dealing with the Cooper adventure, said he disagrees with the FBI that finding the money tends to support the probability that D.B. Cooper did not survive the jump.

"It doesn't rule out that Cooper got away," said Reed.

The cash discovery has brought a new twist to the D.B. Cooper saga Cooper was believed to have bailed out over La Center, Wash. But the money was found approximately 20 miles south of there.

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Found by Family on Outing Part of 'D. B. Cooper' Loot

WASHINGTON—A young Vancouver, Wash., family on an outing along the Columbia River last Sunday suddenly stumbled across 12 stacks of moldering money—part of the $200,000 that the notorious airline hijacker "D. B. Cooper" made off with more than eight years ago, the FBI said Tuesday.

With the bills now having been traced definitely to the Cooper loot, 30 agents from the Portland and Seattle FBI offices have begun an extensive search of the area for more of the money—and possibly for some sign of Cooper or, more likely, his remains.

The money—"several thousand dollars," according to one official—was found in Washington about five miles northwest of the Interstate 5 bridge that spans the Columbia and separates Washington from Oregon, FBI agent William M. Baker told a news conference in Portland.

Discovery of the money by Harold Dwayne Ingram, 27, his wife, Patricia, 26, and their sons, 8 and 3, marked the latest twist in the bizarre saga of the now-legendary Cooper, who parachuted from a Northwest Airlines jetliner on Thanksgiving Eve, 1971, never to be seen or heard from again.

When found by the Ingrams, the stacks of $20 bills were bound by decomposing rubber bands, the FBI said. But there was "no trace of D. B. Cooper," according to the agency.

Shortly after the hijacking, a cult sprang up around D. B. Cooper, a name that never has been traced to its origins.

A private club was named in his honor, D. B. Cooper T-shirts were manufactured, bumper stickers were run off and anniversary parties were held.

Baker said in Portland that whether Cooper got away with the rest of the money was an open question.

Law enforcement authorities long have believed that Cooper died in his plunge from the Boeing 727 because he was wearing only a business suit and street shoes when he jumped into a howling wind and freezing rain in an unreliable parachute. It has been estimated that he hit the ground at a speed of 50 to 70 m.p.h.

The saga began when "Cooper" boarded the jetliner in Portland for an evening flight to Seattle. Once airborne, he demanded that the airline have $200,000 in $20 bills and three parachutes on hand when the plane landed in Seattle. He threatened to blow up the plane if his demands were not met.

The airline complied, providing the parachutes and money. However, the FBI said Tuesday that the serial numbers of the bills had been recorded.

Cooper permitted the airliner's 36 passengers to leave the plane in Seattle. He then ordered the crew to take the plane to Reno and told the pilot to fly at a relatively low altitude and to open the plane's rear stairway.

Crew members last heard his voice on the plane's intercom when they were over the Washington-Oregon border. They said they believe he jumped, using the least reliable parachute.

The decomposed money was found 17 to 20 miles from the jump site by the Ingrams' older son, Brian. The bills were partly buried in sand that the Ingrams were scooping out to build a fire.

"Here's some more wood for the fire, Daddy," the father recalled his son as saying.

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"It wasn't wood," Ingram said. "He (Brian) thought he had struck it rich."

Ingram said he assumed the bills might be part of the Cooper money. He turned them over to the FBI, adding with a smile that they were so decomposed, "I couldn't have spent it."

In leafing through the rotting bills, Baker said, the FBI made about "nine or 10 immediate hits"—matches with the numbers of the missing money. The bills were flown to Washington for further analysis and tests by the FBI laboratory.

An FBI official said the packaging and number sequence of the recovered bills indicated they had not been separated and "are in much the same order as when they were given to the hijacker."

The initial search, confined to an area several hundred yards long and 40 yards wide, turned up "fragments of more money"—nothing more, Baker said. He said the money appeared to have washed up on the bank.

Once that search is completed, probably by this afternoon, a scaled-down number of agents will move upstream, continuing the hunt.

Law enforcement officials in the Pacific Northwest have theorized that Cooper's body is at the bottom of Lake Merwin, 30 miles north of Portland, or that his bones are so entangled in giant wild blackberry bushes that they will never be found.

Ralph Himmelsbach, the FBI agent who has worked on the hijacking since it took place, said the money probably had been washed downstream from a Columbia tributary in Washington. But he said he doubted that it came from the Lewis River, the tributary that flows out of Lake Merwin.

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WEATHERED CASH—Harold and Patricia Ingram in Portland with money their son found.

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Trying to withdraw cash from the Columbia's banks

VANCOUVER, Wash. — FBI agents continued to sift through silt and sand along the banks of the Columbia River yesterday in an attempt to piece together a solution to the 1971 D.B. Cooper skyjacking.

Additional fragments of $20 bills were discovered yesterday and an FBI spokesman said the portion of the ransom unearthed so far may have been buried in a Columbia River 1974 dredging operation.

The search followed a disclosure Tuesday that several thousand dollars from the $200,000 ransom paid to the legendary hijacker was found last weekend by a Vancouver, Wash., family during a weekend picnic.

The ransom was paid Nov. 24, 1971, to a man who identified himself as Dan Cooper when he hijacked a Northwest Orient Airlines flight en route from Portland to Seattle.

Cooper released the 36 passengers and all but three of the crew when the plane arrived in Seattle. There he demanded $200,000 in $20 bills and four parachutes.

The plane flew on to Reno, but Cooper apparently stuffed the 21 pounds of money into a parachute bag, tied it to his waist and jumped from the plane as it flew over southwestern Washington.

It is the only unsolved plane hijacking in U.S. history.

On Monday FBI agents identified serial numbers from the tattered bills, and began searching for additional clues along the river bank, at a site about five miles northwest of Vancouver and just north of Portland.

"Some of the bills were wads as big as a quarter or a 5-cent piece," Tom Nicodemus, FBI agent in charge of the search, said of the subsequent discoveries.

"Apparently they were the remains of other bills that had eroded away."

A gaping pit, about 20 yards from the water's edge, showed the spot where Brian Ingram found the three packages of bills on Sunday. On Tuesday, agents digging as deep as three feet came up with more bits and pieces of $20 bills. The site has been underwater at various times in the past as the river level fluctuated.

Any would-be treasure seekers were barred from the area by a sheriff's deputy and a locked gate. The only spectators were three local fishermen, a crowd of reporters and a herd of dairy cattle that munched away in a pen about a hundred yards from the digging.

Searchers used a backhoe to dig a three-foot trench at the site of Sunday's discovery, and a Portland State University geologist was called in to examine sand layers and determine how deep the excavation should be.

Leonard Palmer, an associate professor at PSU, said the trench showed coarse sand varying from about six inches deep at the water's edge to two feet and deeper farther toward shore.

Officials from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers told the FBI the coarse sand was deposited on the north bank in August 1974, when a 40-foot ship channel was dredged to provide greater access to the ports of Portland and Vancouver, FBI agent Bill Williams said yesterday in Portland.

"We are trying now to determine if the bills were sucked in by the dredge at that time," he added.

Williams said Cooper's body would have jammed the dredging equipment, and hence would have been discovered, had he died with the ransom still tied to his waist.

"However they (the bills) got there, they must have been deposited within a couple of years after the hijacking," said Ralph Himmelsbach, the FBI agent who has led the investigation since 1971.

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Himmelsbach said the money was found Sunday in one location, secured by rubber bands in the same way the original bills were given to Cooper.

"Rubber bands deteriorate rapidly and could not have held the money together long," he said.

A container or some other wrapper must have held the money together or the bills would not have been found side by side after eight years, he said. But agents have no trace of such a container, or even the parachute bag Cooper was believed to have used.

Williams said the FBI has not determined whether the money could have survived the force of the dredging equipment if it had been sucked from the bed of the river.

He also said hydrologists were being consulted about how the money might have reached the site, about 20 miles south of where Cooper was believed to have jumped. Williams said the FBI was considering the possibilty that the money may even have drifted upstream, guided by the force of ocean tides during periods of low water in the Columbia River.

"It does probably raise as many questions as answers — perhaps more," said agent Paul Hudson, coordinator of the digging efforts. "In my own mind, I can rule out the possibility that it was buried here."

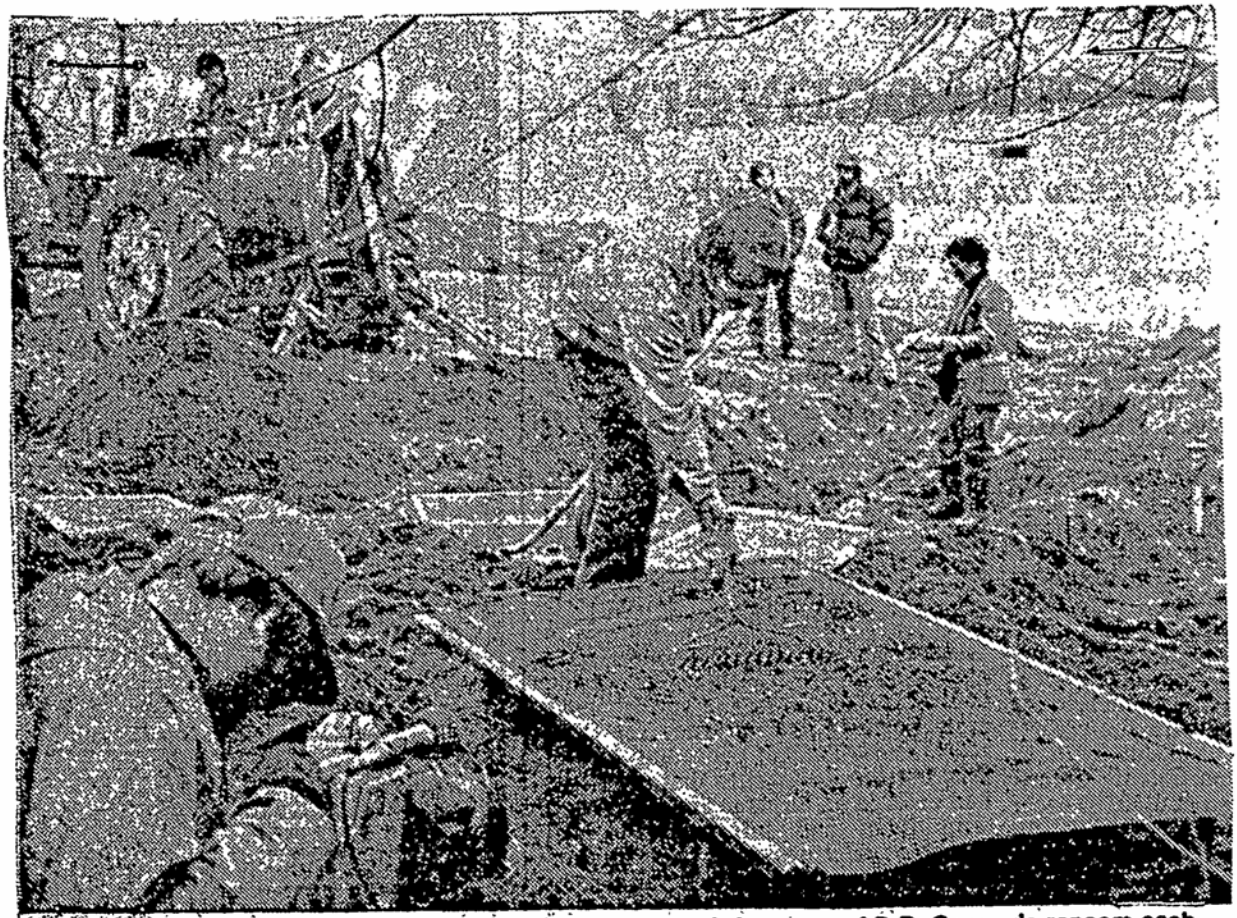
The site, about five miles northwest of Vancouver, Wash., is several miles downstream from the flight path of the airliner on its way to Reno from Seattle.

Using cabin-pressure data from the 727's flight recorder, the FBI plotted a trapezoid-shaped area in which Cooper was likely to have landed.

"This, of course, is outside of that trapezoid," agent Tom Nicodemus said.

Hudson said the money and the hijacker could have come down in a number of drainages, all of which end up in the half-mile-wide Columbia. He said the round shape of the crumbling wads of money indicated that the cash could have tumbled along a stream bed.

The search was broken off at nightfall yesterday, and the excavation site was kept under guard. The search is to continue today.



FBI agents armed with a back hoe, rake and screen search for more of D.B. Cooper's ransom cash.

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More Pieces of 'D. B. Cooper' Loot Found

PORTLAND, Ore.—FBI agents Wednesday found more fragments of money from the $200,000 airline hijacking loot of the legendary "D. B. Cooper," but the mystery of what happened to the man appeared no closer to solution.

To complicate matters, agents learned Wednesday that all the cash found so far on a sandy beach of the Columbia River may have come from material dredged from the center of the river in 1974.

"We don't know what that means," FBI agent Ralph Himmelsbach said. "We have the Army Corps of Engineers and geologists out there. An agent who was out there said it looks like they'll be able to help us out."

The first money from Cooper's haul in the 1971 hijacking was found Sunday on the north shore of the Columbia 5 miles northwest of Vancouver, Wash., by children on a family outing. It totaled about $3,000 and the serial numbers matched those on the bills given to Cooper.

Himmelsbach said a number of additional fragments were dug up by agents Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning, some of them from as deep as 3 feet. One agent at the site described a formless, fist-size clump as "a wadded-up bunch of $20 bills."

Himmelsbach said the geologists and corps scientists probably would be able to determine whether the material on the shore in which the money was found had come from the middle of the river and had been washed downstream from the Washougal River or carried upstream by dredges from the mouth of the Lewis River and dumped at the site.

Until such a determination is made, agents planned no widespread search of wooded areas connected to the river by streams.

A man who signed in as Dan Cooper left Portland, Ore., on Thanksgiving eve in 1971 aboard a Northwest Airlines jet. Once the flight was in the air, the hijacker displayed what appeared to be a bomb and demanded $200,000 and parachutes.

The passengers and two flight attendants were let off in Seattle and the remainder of the crew was locked in the cockpit. Somewhere over southwest Washington, the man who has come to be known as "D.B. Cooper" disappeared out the back entrance with the money and a parachute.

The incident is the only unsolved hijacking in the nation.

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FBI Expects to Suspend Search Along River for Hijacking Loot

VANCOUVER, Wash. (AP)—The search along a Columbia River beach for more money from the "D. B. Cooper" hijacking eight years ago probably will be suspended this morning, FBI officials said Thursday night.

Meanwhile, the FBI said a geologist had concluded that several thousand dollars found Sunday by an 8-year-old boy had been deposited on the beach after 1974.

FBI agents digging Thursday found no more of the $200,000 that Cooper took with him when he bailed out of the plane on Thanksgiving eve in 1971.

Jack Pringle, assistant agent in charge of the Seattle FBI office, said geologist Leonard Palmer had concluded that dredging in 1974 had not deposited the money on the beach because the bills were found above the clay placed on the banks by the dredge.

The FBI speculated that the bills could have washed into the Columbia from a tributary.

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D.B. Cooper money hunt ends

VANCOUVER, Wash. — D.B. Cooper remains at large — dead or alive.

FBI agents ended their search of sandy Tena Bar on the Columbia River yesterday and returned to their Seattle headquarters to regroup.

Aside from the fragmented $20 bills found Sunday by a picnicking Vancouver family and some additional fragments of bills unearthed Wednesday by agents, there were no more signs of the infamous skyjacker.

Cooper bailed out of the hijacked Northwest Airlines Boeing 727 jetliner over southwest Washington on Nov 24, 1971, with $200,000 in cash extorted from the airline. He has not been seen since.

"There was nothing more to find," said John Pringle, assistant special agent in charge of the Seattle FBI office. "We'll wait until all the people (agents) get back early next week and see what we have."

Further breaks in the 8½-year old case, agents said, depend on further clues that they — or tourists — happen to uncover. It's not likely there soon will be any tourists digging around the 300-yard stretch of river shoreline where the money was found.

"We're keepin' 'em out," said Richard Fazio, part owner of the Fazio Brothers Farm where the FBI agents were digging. "Maybe later, when things cool down, we'll start letting people in."

"I'm sure there will be plenty of people in here after we leave, regardless of the cold," said FBI agent Kenneth Moore, who supervised the dig.

Meanwhile, a Portland State University geologist who examined the moldy money found Sunday said the bills probably spent eight years in the river.

Leonard Palmer reached his conclusion after examining the river bank earlier in the week, throwing into question one FBI theory that the cash had been deposited on the shore during a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers channel dredging operation in 1974.

The money probably hit the water not long after the hijacking, Palmer speculated, then took nine years to move downstream. The oval shape of the bundled, rubber band-wrapped bills appeared to have been caused by a rolling motion, Palmer said, like the movement of a river.

Most of the three bundles of cash were shipped to an FBI laboratory in Washington, D.C., for analysis — including fingerprint tests that could lead to Cooper's identity. Preliminary results are expected next week.

The FBI will eventually give the money back after determining whether the proper owner is Northwest Airlines or the Royal Globe Insurance Company of New York, which covered the loss. Only about $3,000 of the $200,000 in ransom was found last Sunday by 8-year-old Brian Ingram.

Despite Palmer's theory, FBI agents on the scene leaned more to the idea that the money had been frozen — mostly because rubber bands are not likely to withstand the punishment of a rushing river for nine years.

"It obviously hadn't been in the water that long," said Moore.

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FBI agent to leave Cooper case behind

PORTLAND, Ore. — Ralph Himmelsbach probably knows D.B. Cooper better than anyone — but that says very little.

"We still don't know who Cooper was or is or where he came from or where he went," he said briskly.

And that's how the case will likely stand when Himmelsbach — the principal FBI agent on the Cooper case — retires Feb. 29 after 28 years with the bureau.

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Despite the chance discovery of ragged bundles of the skyjacker's loot by a picknicking Vancouver, Wash., family last week on the banks of the Columbia River, Cooper remains as much a mystery in the Pacific Northwest as Bigfoot.

"It's perplexing," Himmelsbach said, jamming an index finger into a leather couch at the Portland FBI headquarters. "It's really a perplexing question."

Yet the tightly built, 54-year-old special agent boasts an analytical detachment from the vexing Cooper case. He seems more bothered by his pending retirement.

"I'd rather not retire

because I'm very fit. I'm too young to retire in my estimation, but it's mandatory in the FBI when you reach 55," he said, smoothing the lapel on his gray, double-knit suit.

"I've never got so personally involved as to get either very elated or just crash — you don't survive in this business that way. ... People who have that idea either don't know enough about law enforcement or have seen too much TV."

These are the words of the man who, minutes earlier, had condemned the people of Ariel, Wash., for holding annual "D.B. Cooper Days," which feature Cooper look-alikes bailing out of airplanes with attache cases.

"They're making fun out of a humorless situation," Himmelsbach said flatly. "I regret seeing a man I consider to be a common criminal, who terrorized and threatened the lives of others, celebrated in this manner.

"And some people probably stand to profit from the attraction."

D.B. Cooper has haunted Himmelsbach for nine years — ever since the night of Nov. 24, 1971, when the agent listened to the skyjacking unfold via the traffic control tower at Portland International Airport.

Like it or not it has been his biggest case.

"I think that most likely the greater probability is that he is dead. I have a lot of reasons for that being the greatest likelihood. Would you like to hear them?"

"If Cooper wanted to survive, he should have had a lot of equipment needed to make the jump," Himmelsbach said. "He should have had a hard hat. He should have had goggles, a leather flight jacket, a flight suit, small hand tools or side cutters so as to extricate himself from whatever he might have gotten hung up in.

"He could have had no idea where he was. He couldn't possibly have estimated where he would have landed. Either he didn't know or he didn't care.

"He was going for broke. It was an enormous gamble. He was wearing a business suit, a stickpin, alligator shoes, a narrow black tie, a black raincoat, dark glasses and was carrying a black attache case. It was, 'If I make it, OK, if I don't, so what.'"

Then came a flood of long-memorized particulars:

"The aircraft was flying 10,000 feet at 170 knots, or 196 miles per hour. Outside, the air temperature was minus 7 degrees. When he jumped out, the airplane was on instrumental and was flying through clouds.

"Winds in Portland were gusting at ground level at 25 to 45 knots — 30 to 50 miles per hour. His vertical descent was estimated at 26 miles per hour. So he's descending straight down at 26 miles per hour. Add to that the 30 to 50 miles per hour, and you figure he struck the ground at least 56 miles per hour and possibly as high as 70 miles per hour.

"It is difficult to conceive of how he could have landed uninjured".

Cooper had requested four parachutes and got his wish. He left two on the plane. The one chute he strapped on was a non-functioning trainer sent by mistake, Himmelsbach said, and the other was a sky-diver's acrobatic parachute — which contained only a small drag canopy used in stunt work.

The day after Cooper jumped, Himmelsbach and his friend, Art Enderlin, Portland's chief of police, flew over the area in the agent's airplane. A week later, Himmelsbach retraced the entire route of the 727 from the air.

Six years passed before the first substantial clue appeared in the case. A skull was found in an area in the mountains of La Center, the Washington town Cooper said his prayers over and jumped into the swirling night.

In a tree over the skull were the remnants of a parachute.

"It turned out to be a chute meteorological balloon," Himmelsbach said plainly. "And the skull turned out to be a lost hunter who was 29 instead of the 48 that Cooper was estimated to be."

The next clue came last Sunday when 8-year-old Brian Ingram yelled to his father about finding some money on the shore of the Columbia River at Tena Bar. Harold Ingram, of Vancouver, Wash., had his family picnic turned into a national event by three decaying bundles of money — and he called the FBI.

"Marge Gillam, who works in the office, took the call and found that the serial numbers matched the Cooper bills," Himmelsbach recalled.

With quick, quiet hands, the agent reached inside his coat and produced a small white envelope. In it was the only real clue in the mystery of D.B. Cooper — four of the recovered bills. He fingered them gently.

"You see how they appear to have been rolled by a river, like they were moved underwater a long way," he explained.

He had a theory about the money.

"Well, I've been doing non-stop interviews the past few days, so I haven't done much research, and I frankly don't know how the money got there.

"My feeling is that it was probably lying there for quite some time, because the people said when they picked up the bundles, the rubber bands just crumbled away."

So how did the money travel 15 miles from the supposed jumpsite?

"That's a puzzling question. I would really be interested in explaining how this money found its way upstream on the Columbia — that's assuming it made its way down from the jump area by the Lewis River. Was it floating at the time, and did the wind blow it? Did the tide carry it? Was it just a freak eddy?"

Himmelsbach again looked out the window at the Willamett as bound-for-work Friday morning autos skidded across bridges left icy from a night of snow.

"I just don't know," he said. "I just don't know."

His sandy hair, mustache and sideburns now streaked with silver, Himmelsbach put a hand to the side of his angular face. It looked like the most infamous air piracy case in history was closed.

Surely, it was suggested, after 8¼ years of investigation, the "D.B." in D.B. Cooper must stand for "dead and buried."

"Oh no," said Himmelsbach. "I have not reached that conclusion. I do not state or claim that he didn't survive."

Ralph Himmelsbach

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Waiting for Chapter Two

What would otherwise have been just a routine book-signing party proved something more Friday night when Casablanca Record and FilmWorks and Delacorte Press held a reception at Brentano's in Beverly Hills honoring novelist **J. D. Reed** for the publication of his new book, "Free Fall." A fictionalization of the nine-year-old **D. B. Cooper** skyjacking, "Free Fall" was guaranteed a place on the best seller lists last week when a portion of the $200,000 in ransom money missing along with Cooper was discovered near the Columbia River in Washington, reviving public interest in the case. Of just as much interest to tinsel-town sleuths was Tuesday's announcement by **Neil Bogart**, president of Casablanca, that he is selling his interest in the company to its parent corporation, Polygram, for considerably more than $200,000. A further announcement detailing the future of Casablanca's film operations is also expected — but as of Friday, **Peter Guber**, Casablanca's chairman, was keeping mum.

So with two mysteries in the air, the reception's success was guaranteed — even though no answers proved forthcoming. Guber did make a quick appearance, but left before many of the guests had arrived. **John Frankenheimer**, who will direct the movie version of Reed's book, was stranded in Malibu and could not attend. Reed signed the necessary books and answered the inevitable questions, all the while maintaining that Cooper still lives. Everybody else did what people normally do at such affairs: For example, Herald Examiner astrologer **Joyce Jillson** told how the FBI told her she was too big a security risk to attend the Lake Placid Olympics, while publicist **Carol Green** introduced **Craig Wasson**, who stars in the new Paramount release "The Outsider," the story of an American who goes to Ireland to fight for the IRA.

Meanwhile, Casablanca executive **Chuck Ashman** kept telling one and all that a really big announcement concerning Casablanca's future could be expected Wednesday. Pressed to tell more, Ashman responded, "Neil Bogart is the real D.B. Cooper!" ■

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Search for 1971 hijacker leads to mysterious ex-con

The year was 1971. It was a dark, stormy Thanksgiving Eve in Portland, Ore., and at the busy Portland International Airport, everyone seemed to want to be somewhere else this night, preferably with family and loved ones preparing for the next day's feast.

A middle-age man, dressed in a black suit, white shirt and thin black tie and wearing a hat, walked up to the Northwest Airlines counter. The man, who was about 6 feet tall and of medium build and carried a briefcase, gave his name as Dan Cooper and paid cash for a one-way ticket on Flight 305 to Seattle. The ticket agent punched the wrong key and the name came out "D.B. Cooper."

A few minutes after takeoff, the misnamed passenger handed a stewardess a note threatening to blow up the plane with a hidden bomb if he didn't receive $200,000 cash and four parachutes. The plane went to Seattle, where an FBI agent brought the ransom to the cabin door and handed it to a stewardess. Then, as the plane continued on toward Reno, Nev., with its rear door open, as the hijacker had instructed, D.B. Cooper jumped into the night — and became a legend in American crime.

The massive manhunt that began the next day in the mountainous terrain that Cooper jumped into was only the beginning. In the eight years since the famous incident, the Federal Bureau of Investigation has expended thousands of man-hours tracking down leads on some 900 suspects. Yet, the official line is still that an unknown man hijacked Flight 305 that night and probably died in the parachute jump — though his body, the chutes and the money were never found in the wild, uninhabited Cascade Mountains.

But that may not be what happened. There is at least some evidence that D.B. Cooper was an ex-con named Byron "Jack" Coffelt who survived the jump and escaped. The FBI and various media outlets have spent considerable time investigating the Coffelt-Cooper connection, yet his story has never before been published.

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It is a mystery story — though an investigation has turned up some evidence suggesting that Coffelt was Cooper, including two passengers on the hijacked airplane who saw photos of Coffelt and identified him as the hijacker.

The story also has intriguing characters — including alleged bungling, FBI agents, a rich right-wing recluse who is the last living relative of Abraham Lincoln and the convicted assassin of Martin Luther King Jr., James Earl Ray.

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Much of Jack Coffelt's life is shrouded in mystery, and that's undoubtedly the way he wanted it. This picture of his life was pieced together from interviews with various knowledgeable sources, including journalists and lawmen.

Coffelt, who was born in 1916, spent the first 30 years of his life in and out of jails throughout the Midwest for a variety of minor crimes. In 1949, he hit the big time: He received a 10-year sentence for interstate transportation of a stolen automobile, and served time in Atlanta and Leavenworth federal prisons. Over the years, his cell mates reportedly included Col. Jack Durant, who was convicted of stealing the Hesse crown jewels during World War II; James Earl Ray, who is presently serving a life sentence for killing Martin Luther King Jr.; and James Brown, an Army officer convicted of serving time on an assault charge.

Sometime during those prison years, Coffelt and the FBI apparently made contact. A source, who requested anonymity, says there is a letter signed by J. Edgar Hoover asking the prison warden for information about Coffelt, as well as evidence that the agent in charge of the local FBI office in Atlanta was Coffelt's sole visitor for five years.

Some persons who have studied Coffelt's past suspect that he became an FBI informant in prison, perhaps secretly turning over information damaging to his cell mates. Certain sources add that Coffelt himself described his days in the pen as a "revolving door," claiming that he would be let out for a few days or weeks at a time to carry out "a job" for the government.

The FBI refused to comment on any of this or on any other aspect of Coffelt's life.

In 1955, after serving only six years of his 10-year sentence, Coffelt was paroled from Leavenworth.

In the mid-'60s, he began a mysterious association with Robert Todd Lincoln Beckwith, the last living relative of Abraham Lincoln.

Beckwith — Lincoln's great-grandson — is the scion of rich industrialist Warren Beckwith, and he lives on a sprawling 300-acre estate in Virginia. The land came from the Lincoln side of the family: Beckwith inherited it from his mother, who acquired the estate from her father, Lincoln's son.

Beckwith had not been idle with his wealth, a six-figure annual income from a lifetime trust left by his father. He has reportedly financed several right-wing causes.

Coffelt became Beckwith's aide-de-camp and got control of more than one Beckwith-financed bank account. But little else is known about this mysterious relationship, which Beckwith himself declines to clarify.

Other bits and pieces have emerged about this period of Coffelt's life:

□ In 1974, Coffelt boasted to an old friend, former Atlanta cell mate James Brown, that he had "helped kill a nigger" in Memphis, Tenn. Then, elaborating slightly, he said that he had been in "one of the white cars" that caused confusion around Memphis immediately after Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated in 1968.

In 1978, James Earl Ray was shown a picture of Coffelt by someone investigating the Coffelt-Cooper connection, and reportedly identified his old prison mate — but only after being shown Coffelt's death certificate. Ray gave no further information, according to a source close to the investigation.

□ Coffelt allegedly carried a number of official credentials: FBI, Department of Agriculture, passes for the White House and Pentagon. A college professor reported that he was riding in an automobile with Coffelt in Washington, D.C., when Coffelt picked up Gen. Creighton Abrams, U.S. Army chief of staff (now deceased) and took him to the Pentagon. This professor has claimed that he saw Coffelt flash FBI credentials.

Sometime around 1970, Beckwith fired Coffelt. It was a bitter parting. In 1973, Beckwith settled a suit filed by Coffelt reportedly by giving his former aide a sum equal to $750 per month, retroactive to 1963. (The settlement papers are sealed by court order.)

Beckwith is still alive at about 80 years of age. But he lives in seclusion, and has declined repeatedly to be interviewed on his relationship with Coffelt.

After the break with Beckwith, Coffelt spent the next couple of years in Washington, D.C., and, for brief periods of time, in Lawrence, Kan. He held a string of odd jobs during this time and was described as being ill and drinking heavily during 1971.

Some who have investigated Coffelt theorize that his deteriorated financial situation after his break with Beckwith may have driven him to try the desperate hijacking of Flight 305.

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Eleven days after the Cooper hijacking, Coffelt began a job as a surgical technician at a northern Virginia hospital. His superior there, a woman, told sources that Coffelt had difficulty walking and at one point showed her his "badly discolored legs" — injuries which some believe he sustained in the parachute jump. He worked at the hospital through most of 1972, then in June of 1973 he contacted his old cell mate, James Brown, for the first time in years.

A year later, in May 1974, Coffelt told Brown for the first time that he was D.B. Cooper and disclosed some details of the crime that, if true, presumably only the hijacker could have known. For example, according to Brown, Coffelt described changing into boots before jumping and boasted of flirting with one of the stewardesses. Coffelt also said that he dropped the $200,000 ransom during the parachute jump and had never recovered it.

Coffelt told Brown that he wanted to go back into the Cascades and look for the small fortune, but he needed help. Brown agreed to accompany him, and in July of that year, the two men and Brown's muscular, 6-foot-plus, 17-year-old son, Byron, made a weeklong trek into the mountains.

According to Brown, Coffelt was then so ill that at one point he nearly collapsed on a steep grade. However, after a week in which they made themselves as inconspicuous as possible, they found no money and quit.

Still, to this day, James Brown remains unshaken in his conviction that his old cell mate was D.B. Cooper.

After the Cascades trip, Coffelt moved to Hawaii and died there in June 1975. Brown, who did not learn about Coffelt's death for more than a year, had written down everything Coffelt told him, and began writing a book manuscript. But he knew he needed help, preferably from a promoter familiar with Hollywood wheeling and dealing.

Brown found free-lance producer Dirk Summers, who was in Las Vegas while producing a Ken Norton heavyweight title fight for CBS Sports.

Summers said in an interview that he subsequently had Brown and his son take lie-detector tests concerning the five weeks they spent with Coffelt. "They passed with flying colors," Summers said. "But all that meant was that Brown believed Coffelt's story. I kept thinking, if this story is true, it's the story of the century."

Summers began his own investigation, and he and Brown organized an expedition into the Cascades in 1977, back to where Coffelt had taken Brown three years earlier. This time, thanks to a metal detector and energetic digging, the search party unearthed a solid piece of physical evidence: a 1½-inch piece of cording that proved to be synthetic nylon of the type used in parachute shrouding — and it was 5 to 7 years old.

"It's a strong piece of circumstantial evidence," said Summers. "We had a lab report confirming that (the) cording ... was from a parachute and several years old. No one has ever asked me, but I'll be happy to take a lie-detector test about where we found it, and how we dug it up. We were very careful uncovering it. I took soil samples which I turned over to the lab so I would know something hadn't just been buried there."

"The area where we found this was very primitive, remote wilderness," Summers explained. "This was Big Foot country. We had to lower ourselves down a cliff to get to the site. There was a dead tree that Jack (told Brown) said he hit. And this enormous, two-story high rock with markings on it. "Xs" and "Os" that Coffelt said he had scratched into the rock the night he landed there. That was where we dug. You could even see the narrow trenches, where his feet had hit the ground."

Summers became a believer in the story, and he, too, is still convinced that Jack Coffelt was D.B. Cooper.

In addition, Summers believes that the FBI has gone to great lengths to cover up and otherwise derail the case.

Summers added he suspects that the FBI may have known all along that Coffelt was the hijacker, but didn't go after him because they knew he had stories to tell about his earlier cooperation with the agency.

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Hijacker 'Cooper's' $200,000 — is it still near Mount Hood?

Was Byron "Jack" Coffelt the mysterious hijacker D.B. Cooper?

Although the case is far from proven, there are two areas of evidence that suggest that Coffelt, an ex-convict with alleged ties to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, was indeed the man who parachuted from Northwest Flight 305 in 1971 with $200,000 ransom.

First, two people who were aboard Flight 305 were shown a photograph of Coffelt and identified him as the hijacker.

Second, Coffelt apparently told a former cell mate, Jim Brown, important details of the crime that have never been released by lawmen or published by newsmen.

□ Florence Schaffner Wheeler, a stewardess aboard Northwest Flight 305, told investigators that she saw the man who boarded as D.B. Cooper without his hat and dark glasses. Before the plane took off at Portland International Airport, she said she had to go down the ramp to get Cooper, who was standing with a drink in his hand watching the plane being loaded with provisions. He boarded the plane only after the storage doors were closed.

Shortly after takeoff, she saw him writing a note, which he soon passed to her. The note claimed that he had a bomb in his briefcase and that she should sit next to him. Then he opened his briefcase and showed her what looked like sticks of dynamite and a battery.

Cooper told her he wanted $200,000 in $20 bills and four parachutes when the plane landed in Seattle, its scheduled destination. She wrote down his demands and relayed them to the pilot, Captain William Scott, and co-pilot, William Rataczak. (Scott is still with Northwest Airlines and commands 747 jumbo jets. Rataczak is a captain, too, for another airline.)

In July 1977, Wheeler was shown photographs of Coffelt by Hollywood producer Dirk Summers, who was investigating the case. Summers said in an interview that she positively identified Coffelt as the man who hijacked the plane and signed a statement attesting to the fact. She has since repeated her positive indentification of Coffelt on a number of occasions to various people, including a producer for CBS-TV's "60 Minutes" program.

Wheeler now lives in Columbia, Mo., and is a stewardess for Frontier Airlines. Her husband, a college football coach, represents her in all negotiations, and she will reportedly share in any book or movie profits Summers makes on the Coffelt-Cooper story. Despite repeated requests, she refused to be interviewed for this story.

□ George LaBissoniere, a government maritime attorney who lives in Seattle, was a passenger on

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Flight 305. LaBissoniere, who also saw the hijacker without his hat, said in an interview that he identified an FBI photo of Coffelt a month after the hijacking. But he said nothing more ever happened as a result of the identification, as far as he knows. He added that he tried calling the FBI several times, but no one ever returned his calls.

The hijacking points

☐ According to Jim Brown, a former cell mate, Coffelt told him that, during the hijacking, when the $200,000 was delivered and the plane was still on the ground in Seattle, he ordered the pilots over the cabin intercom to "get this bleeping show on the road." The quotes used in news reports were "Let's get this show on the road" and "Let's get this damn show on the road."

Summers claims that co-pilot Rataczak confirmed to him that Cooper used such language.

Coffelt told Brown that when the plane left Seattle, he was alone for a time with stewardess Tine Macklow Larsen, and he flirted with her.

Nothing like this has ever been reported in the press. However, in an interview with Summers at the home of her brother-in-law (who is an FBI agent), Larsen admitted that D.B. Cooper had "made a pass" at her. Also, in an interview conducted by another source, stewardess Wheeler said that Larsen told her the same story about flirting shortly after the hijacking.

☐ In published accounts, the FBI said the hijacker was obviously an amateur and noted as proof that he had parachuted from the plane wearing street shoes, apparently unaware that the slipstream would pull them off. But Brown said Coffelt told him that he changed from street shoes into boots before the jump.

Wheeler, the stewardess, has reported to several sources that she saw D.B. Cooper change into boots before jumping.

☐ The FBI's official version is that Cooper told the pilot he wanted to go to Mexico and that the crew — not Cooper — selected Reno as a refueling stop. This version suggests the hijacker did not plan to jump over a specific area.

But Brown said Coffelt told another story: That he ordered the pilot to fly directly to Reno, at an altitude of 10,000 feet and at a speed of no more than 200 miles per hour, with the plane's flaps at 15 degrees. Coffelt said he knew when to jump because the spot had been staked out with beacons. He added that he had a Jeep hidden nearby.

Summers said co-pilot Rataczak confirmed that Cooper selected Reno as a refueling stop and directed him to fly at 10,000 feet at 200 mph and with 15-degree flaps.

☐ The hijacked airliner's route is the key to Jack Coffelt's story. The account released by the FBI has the plane taking off from Seattle and heading directly over Portland. Then the plane continued south to Medford, Ore., staying on the west side of Mount Hood and the Cascades range. Somewhere in northern California, the FBI says, the plane turned east toward Reno.

Coffelt's story is at odds with this. He told Brown that the plane flew to the east of Mount Hood and that he jumped in an area northeast of the mountain.

So, if it could be proved that the plane took the route released by the FBI, Jack Coffelt was not D.B. Cooper. But, on the other hand, if it can be shown that the airliner flew east of Mount Hood — in direct contradiction to all published accounts — then one might have to believe that Coffelt hijacked Flight 305.

FBI agent Ralph Himmelsbach, the agent in charge of the D.B. Cooper investigation since the beginning, stands firm on the published route.

"It's not possible that the hijacker jumped out anywhere near Mount Hood or the east side of it," he said in an interview. "Air traffic control tracked the route of the plane." But those radar records are not available to the public, nor is the black-box information from the plane's cockpit. "We're not going to release a detailed map of the thing," Himmelsbach said.

Dirk Summers said that, in an interview with Rataczak, the co-pilot referred to flying "to the left of ... easterly" of Mount Hood. (This could not be confirmed; the entire cockpit crew refused to grant interviews.) Summers speculated that the FBI might have given a misleading route so that the landing area wouldn't be swamped with treasure hunters while agents combed it.

Two F-106 jets from McCord Air Force Base followed Flight 305 after it took off from Seattle. Lt. Col. Harvey L. Wallace, now retired, piloted one of the jets and remembers that night. "We were in heavy weather. There were a few breaks in it but it was pretty dark and thick and I didn't see him jump. I stayed above the plane because I know what these mountains around there are like." To the crucial question of whether or not they flew to the west or east of Mt. Hood, Wallace says, "I really don't know. I was radar-controlled the whole way. I know I broke off somewhere south of Medford, probably into California, when my fuel got low after following him (the plane) for more than two hours."

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□ As recounted by Brown, Jack Coffelt's account of the hijacking is detailed and plausible:

Coffelt said he had planned to steal a few million dollars, which he thought would be aboard the flight, headed for the Federal Reserve Bank in Seattle.

But after watching the loading of the plane and seeing that the bank money was not there, he carried out his alternate plan to demand the $200,000 ransom.

Coffelt said his bail-out point was not around Lake Merwin in Washington, as stated by the FBI, but rather 70 miles farther southeast in the Cascades range in Oregon, on the east side of Mount Hood.

Coffelt said he had an accomplice with a Jeep waiting in the brush. He added that the four-wheel-drive vehicle was equipped with an electronic "beeper."

He also said he had stashed another vehicle, a white Cadillac, close to a paved road.

Standing at the open door, Coffelt said he soon saw the Bonneville Dam on the Columbia River and knew the plane was just east of Portland.

He said he put the bag containing the $200,000 and an electronic receiver he was carrying inside a green plastic bag he had in his briefcase. After throwing the briefcase overboard, he tied a line around the moneybag and made a loop for his arm.

Spotting a beacon on Mount Hood, he was able to see a triangle of three small runway lights located east of Mount Hood, apparently set in place by his accomplice. He put his arm through the moneybag loop and waited. Soon he received a signal from the Jeep beeper below. But as he waited to jump directly over the beacon lights, he was suddenly swept off balance by the swirling wind and sucked down into the darkness.

At that altitude, he said, he figured a count of 50 would be about right before opening the chute. But as he fell farther into the black hole, he made it only to about 30 before pulling on the chest-pack rip cord. Nothing happened.

He desperately pulled at the D-ring on the seat-pack chute — and it opened with a jolt. At that moment, relieved that he wouldn't die by hitting the earth at nearly 200 miles per hour, he relaxed his grip on the moneybag, and it slipped off his arm and into the night.

He would never see the moneybag again.

The combination of a strong wind and the early chute opening caused him to drift far from the meadow he had selected, he said. He hit the ground hard at more than 30 mph, was dragged along and smacked into a dead tree.

Despite pain from injuries to his rib cage, genitals, feet and legs, he managed to get the chutes off. Then he sprayed them with an aerosol can of solvent until they melted. He buried what was left of the chutes — mostly metal snaps and buckles — next to a large rock, on which he scratched large Xs and Os.

He now considered his dilemma. He could hear signals from the beepers in both the Jeep and the moneybag, but the latter was weak and beginning to fade. He thought about going after the money, but quickly dismissed the plan when he realized he would have a difficult enough time reaching the Jeep from this steep, inaccessible area. So he mustered his remaining strength and began his trek though the pitch-dark forest, homing in on the Jeep beeper.

When the sun came up, he was still miles away from the Jeep. At one point, he crossed a road and was stunned to see a bulldozer at work nearby. He turned his face so the driver couldn't identify him later. Around noontime, some 15 hours after his landing, he reached the Jeep.

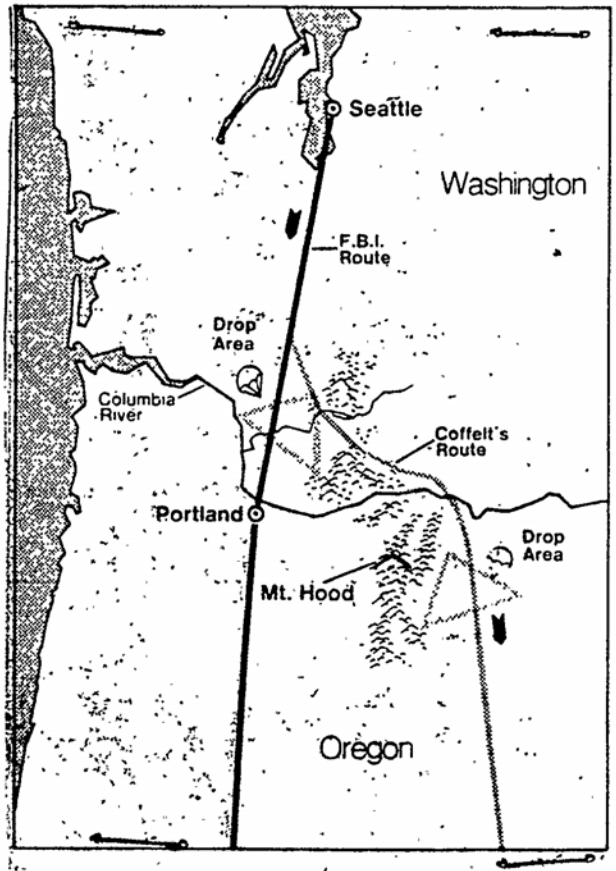
He loaded it with an explosive charge, rolled it into a lake and blew it up. He then got into the back seat of the Cadillac and his accomplice drove him to Kansas City, where he got medical attention.

The following spring, after the snow melted, he chartered a helicopter and pilot and returned to the area, but when the pilot became suspicious he gave up on his efforts to spot the moneybag.

He tried again on foot with his cellmate Brown and Brown's son a few years later, but that trip was a failure, too.

Coffelt died a year later, before he could try again. So, if believe Jack Coffelt was D.B. Cooper, you must also believe a bag of money is still in the Cascades, just waiting to be found by a lucky treasure-hunter.

That's part of the magic of the mysterious D.B. Cooper.



Coffelt and FBI disagreed on hijacked plane's route.

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C ADVISED THAT DURING THE SUMMER OF [redacted] he [redacted] (PHONETIC) IN [redacted] HAWAII, C ADVISED THAT DURING THIS TIME [redacted] + he BECAME [redacted] AND THAT ON ONE OCCASION he DISCLOSED THAT [redacted] (FNU) RALKSHAW WAS IN FACT D.B. COOPER. C ADVISED he IS CURRENTLY [redacted] YRS OLD + DID NOT RECALL THE HIJACKING INCIDENT BUT SAID [redacted] DISCLOSED THAT [redacted] DID IN FACT COMMIT THE CRIME + WAS ALSO ARRESTED OR DETAINED BY THE FBI IN CONNECTION WITH HIJACKING BUT WAS RELEASED. C ADVISED [redacted] BOASTED THAT [redacted] HAD SUCCESSFULLY PULLED IT OFF + DESCRIBED HOW he BAILED OUT OF THE SET ETC. C SAID [redacted] PLEDGED HIM TO SILENCE WITH THIS INFORMATION. C DESCRIBED [redacted] AS M/W, APPROX [redacted] + VERY INTELLIGENT. C SAID [redacted] IS AN [redacted] WHO [redacted] FOR SPENDING MONEY.

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C ADVISED [redacted] b6 b7C b7D
CURRENTLY DATING [redacted] IS [redacted] LAPD-DIV.

C REQUESTED THAT he REMAIN ANONYMOUS.

QUERY WITH PORTLAND DIVISION DISCLOSED ONE HUGH McDONALD RACKLEFF WAS A POSSIBLE SUSPECT (PT 164-4A-1337) IN 1972

CALLED SUP. [redacted] SU b6 b7C

SEATTLE - EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN CONDUCTED REGARDING RACKLEFF & HE IS NO LONGER A SUSPECT.

O.D. 4/25/80.

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Date 4/1/80

TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (164-497)

FROM: SAC, PORTLAND (164-41)(P)

CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE OF CRIMINOLOGY
6253 HOLLYWOOD BLVD., SUITE 519
HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA 90028

NORJAK
OO: SEATTLE

[redacted] California Institute of Criminology, North Hollywood, California, telephone [redacted] by letter dated 3/25/80 to the Portland Office advised his agency was proposing to do a scientific case study of the NORJAK case, which he described as one of the most renoun cases of the twentieth century, and was requesting permission from the Bureau. b6 b7C

Before a reply is sent to [redacted] Los Angeles is requested to expeditiously advise whether the California Institute of Criminology is a bonafide law enforcement agency and any other information of interest in possession of Los Angeles. b6 b7C

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TO: SAC, PORTLAND (164-41)

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (164-497) (RUC) (3)

SUBJECT: CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE OF CRIMINOLOGY
6253 Hollywood Boulevard, Suite 519
Hollywood, California 90028

NORJAK
OO: Seattle

Re Portland airtel to Los Angeles dated 4/1/80.

For information of Portland, Los Angeles indices contain no reference to the California Institute of Criminology or [redacted] It was determined through observation that the California Institute of Criminology is located at the above address, which is in a run down section of the Los Angeles area. From observation of Suite 519, it does not appear to be a bonafide law enforcement agency and it appears to be a private school. Inquiry at the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) failed to locate anyone who has ever heard of the institute. b6 b7C

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Date 5/27/80

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (164-2111)

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (164-497) (3) (RUC)

SUBJECT: NORJAK
OO: Seattle

Sub-Reference: JAMES BRYANT COFFELT, aka [redacted] b6 b7C

The following information is set forth for the information of the Bureau and receiving offices in the event [redacted] should contact Seattle or Portland in the future: b6 b7C

On 5/22/80, [redacted] Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, telephone number 974-3685, telephonically contacted SA [redacted] stated that during the evening hours of 2/11/80, the residence of [redacted] Encino, California, was set on fire. In connection with the fire on 2/11/80, arson investigators found gasoline cans in the residence and evidence that gasoline had been poured on the carpets throughout the residence. Because the house was tightly closed it only partially burned. A security guard was retained by [redacted] to protect the residence. The following night the residence burned again and the security guard, who was chosen at random, admitted to setting the fire. He denied being initially involved. b6 b7C

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[redacted] b6 b7C

FM LOS ANGELES (164-497) (7) (P)

TO DIRECTOR (164-2111) ROUTINE 530

MINNEAPOLIS (164-73) ROUTINE 425p

SEATTLE (164-81) ROUTINE 435p

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NORJAK

ON [redacted] FORMER [redacted] FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION RE CAPTIONED INVESTIGATION TO SA [redacted] LOS ANGELES DIVISION, DURING A TELEPHONE CALL FROM SOURCE'S PRESENT RESIDENCE IN [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

SOURCE ADVISED THAT ABOUT ONE YEAR AGO [redacted] [redacted] DATE OF BIRTH [redacted] AN AMERICAN INDIAN NOW LIVING IN SOUTH DAKOTA CONFIDED HE WAS PLANNING TO EVENTUALLY PUBLISH A BOOK REGARDING HIS PAST ACTIVITIES AND ADVENTURES AND [redacted] AN EXCERPT FROM WHAT WAS PURPORTED TO BE A [redacted] OF THE BOOK. THIS EXCERPT WAS AN ACCOUNT OF [redacted] HIJACKING OF A COMMERCIAL AIRLINER IN THE EARLY 1970S USING THE NAME "COOPER". ACCORDING TO SOURCE, [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

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WASHINGTON, IN THE EARLY 1970S.

SOURCE ALSO LEARNED THROUGH CASUAL CONVERSATION WITH UNIDENTIFIED AMERICAN INDIANS IN SOUTH DAKOTA THAT [redacted] REPORTEDLY GAVE SUMS OF MONEY TO THE AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT (AIM) IN SOUTH DAKOTA IN EARLY 1970S. SOURCE HAS HEARD DONATIONS [redacted]

b6 b7C b7D

SOURCE DESCRIBED [redacted] AS FOLLOWS: [redacted] AKA [redacted] DOB [redacted] 5 FOOT 10 INCHES, 170 POUNDS, DARK HAIR, GREEN EYES.

b6 b7C b7D

SOURCE BELIEVES [redacted] PRESENTLY RESIDING KYLE, SOUTH DAKOTA, AND EMPLOYED IN UNKNOWN CAPACITY AT LITTLE WOUND SCHOOL, KYLE.

b6 b7C b7D

SOURCE PLANS TO VISIT FRIENDS IN SOUTH DAKOTA, AUGUST 1980 AND IF SO DESIRED BY THE BUREAU CAN ARRANGE TO RECONTACT [redacted] FOR POSSIBLE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. SOURCE DID NOT DELVE INTO THIS INCIDENT IN GREAT DETAIL WITH [redacted] IN 1979 AS SOURCE WAS NOT THEN AWARE OF A SEATTLE HIJACKING INVOLVING

b6 b7C b7D

SUSPECT USING THE NAME COOPER.

FOR INFORMATION SEATTLE AND MINNEAPOLIS, SOURCE WAS ACTIVE FOR PHOENIX DIVISION [redacted] WHEN SOURCE FURNISHED EXTENSIVE AND RELIABLE INFORMATION REGARDING [redacted] IN PHOENIX AND ELSEWHERE. SOURCE WAS [redacted] AND THERE HAS BEEN NO SUBSEQUENT CONTACT WITH THIS INDIVIDUAL UNTIL CONTACT WITH SA [redacted], LA DIVISION, [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

SHOULD SEATTLE DESIRE TO UTILIZE SOURCE TO DEVELOP ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RE [redacted] IT IS SUGGESTED A FOLLOWUP CONTACT WITH SOURCE, WHICH CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED BY TELEPHONE, BE MADE BY SA [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

IT IS EMPHASIZED THAT DURING [redacted] INTERVIEW SOURCE SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED HIS IDENTIFICATION BE PROTECTED. IN THIS REGARD, EXTREME CARE MUST BE TAKEN DURING ANY INTERVIEW OF [redacted] AS SOURCE BELIEVES HE MAY BE THE ONLY INDIVIDUAL WHO KNOWS OF THE AFOREMENTIONED [redacted] OF CAPTIONED HIJACKING. b6 b7C b7D

LOS ANGELES INDICES NEGATIVE RE [redacted] AKA.

LOS ANGELES RECOMMENDS MINNEAPOLIS CONDUCT DISCRETE INTERVIEWS VIA ESTABLISHED SOURCES TO CONFIRM WHEREABOUTS OF [redacted] THAT b6 b7C b7D

ANY INTERVIEW OF [redacted] BE DELAYED PENDING COMPARISON OF [redacted] FINGERPRINTS WITH LATENTS FROM CRIME SCENE SEARCH AND FURTHER CONSIDERATION RE UTILIZATION OF SOURCE PRIOR TO HIS INTERVIEW. b6 b7C b7D

BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO COMPARE KNOWN FINGERPRINTS [redacted] [redacted] DOB [redacted] IF ON FILE, IDENTIFICATION DIVISION, WITH CRIME SCENE LATENTS. b6 b7C b7D

LOS ANGELES WILL AWAIT FURTHER INSTRUCTION RE POSSIBLE RECONTACT WITH SOURCE.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU, SOURCE IS SUBJECT OF BUREAU FILE [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

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June 18, 1980

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (164-2111)

FROM: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (164-73)(P)

SUBJECT: NORJAK
OO: SEATTLE

Re Los Angeles teletype dated 6/13/80.

For information, on 6/17/80, [redacted] Oglala Sioux Tribal (OST) Police Department, Pine Ridge, South Dakota, was contacted regarding [redacted] (described in referenced teletype), and furnished the following information: b6 b7C

[redacted] stated that currently he believes [redacted] to be employed by the Oglala Sioux Community College at Kyle, South Dakota. [redacted] stated [redacted] is currently [redacted] which are located in the Yellow Bear Camp area of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. [redacted] pointed out that these [redacted] are not in any way associated with the American Indian Movement (AIM) [redacted] located on the Pine Ridge Reservation. b6 b7C

[redacted] indicated he has known [redacted] for approximately five to six years, although he does not know him real well. [redacted] stated that he believes [redacted] to be married to a [redacted] who resides somewhere in the Rapid City, South Dakota, area. He stated he is aware of the fact that [redacted] was formerly in the Marine Corps and indicated that he had received numerous decorations during his service in the Marine Corps, including the receipt of [redacted] b6 b7C

He stated [redacted] has previously associated with the AIM but was unable to furnish any details regarding [redacted] current feelings toward this organization. b6 b7C

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[redacted] b6 b7C

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Receiving offices should note that to conduct discreet investigation in the Kyle and Yellow Bear Camp areas regarding [redacted] activities and whereabouts is extremely difficult due to the small size of the community and the remote location of [redacted] at this time. b6 b7C

Minneapolis Division is holding further investigation in this matter in abeyance pending receipt of further information from Seattle or Los Angeles regarding the fingerprint comparison requested in referenced teletype and further contact with Los Angeles source.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D. C. 20537

REPORT

of the

LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION
IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

YOUR FILE NO. 164-497 (7) (P)
FBI FILE NO. 164-2111
LATENT CASE NO. A-45410

July 3, 1980

TO: SAC, Los Angeles

RE: NORJAK;

REFERENCE: Teletype 6/12/80
EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: Los Angeles
SPECIMENS:

The previously reported unidentified latent fingerprints in this case are not the fingerprints of [redacted] b6 b7C FBI #[redacted]. No palm prints for [redacted] are contained in the Identification Division files.

2 - Seattle (164-81)
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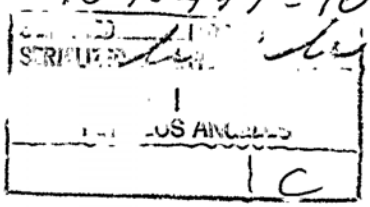

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Date of transcription 6/17/80

[redacted], Billings, Montana, furnished the following information during a telephone call from Billings to Los Angeles, California: b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] advised that approximately one year ago (1979), [redacted] also known as [redacted] an American Indian now residing in Kyle, South Dakota, confided he was planning to eventually publish a book regarding his past activities and adventures and [redacted] an excerpt from what was purported to be a [redacted] of his forthcoming book. The excerpt was an account of [redacted] hijacking of a commercial airliner in the early 1970's using the name "Cooper." According to [redacted] this document contained many details of the crime and were represented by [redacted] to be in account of his own accomplishment of the hijacking. [redacted] stated [redacted] is a heavy drinker and - [redacted] shortly thereafter, [redacted] made additional references to the hijacking and cautioned [redacted] that no one else was aware of his proposed book and his accomplishment of this crime. [redacted] was unable to recall all of the details of the [redacted] of the hijacking, but remembered there was an explanation of the planning of the crime, including use of the name "Cooper" and a reference to the perpetrator parachuting from the aircraft. b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] explained she did not question [redacted] in any detail concerning this matter in 1979 as she was unaware at that time of a hijacking of a commerical airliner in Seattle involving a suspect using the name "Cooper" who parachuted from the plane while in flight. b6 b7C b7D

According to [redacted] served in the United States Marine Corp from approximately [redacted] and was a combat veteran of two or more tours in Vietnam. He claims to have been parachute trained in the Marine Corp and is believed to have been active in "skydiving" subsequent to his discharge from the military service. b6 b7C b7D

Investigation on 6/9/80 at Los Angeles, California File # Los Angeles 164-49

by SA [redacted] BAR Date dictated 6/11/80 b6 b7C

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Complaint Form
FD-71 (Rev. 8-29-74)

NOTE: Hand print names legibly; handwriting satisfactory for remainder.
Indices: ☐ Negative ☐ See below

Subject's name and aliases

Character of case
NORJAC 164-497

Complainant

Complaint received
☐ Personal ☒ Telephonic Date 8/28 Time 8 00 P

Address of subject

Complainant's address and telephone number

Subject's Description

Race	Sex	Height	Hair	Build	Birth date and Birthplace
W	☒ Male ☐ Female	5-9	RED	SLIM	
Age		Weight	Eyes	Complexion	Social Security Number
		145			

Scars, marks or other data

Facts of complaint

C IS AN [redacted] WITH FEDERAL EXPRESS. HE LIVES IN MEMPHIS, TENN [redacted] BUT IS ATTENDING [redacted] IN CA UNTIL MID-SEPT.

C VIEWED AN NBC NEWS SPECIAL ON NORJAC AT 7 30 P 8/28/80. C FEELS THAT THE ARTIST'S CONCEPTION OF COOPER IS VERY CLOSE TO S.

S WAS A [redacted] WITH C FOR AMERICAN FLYERS CHARTER AIRLINE UNTIL MID-1970. THE AIRLINE WENT OUT OF BUSINESS IN 1972. WHILE WITH THE AIRLINE, S LIVED IN MANQUIN, VA AND UPON CLOSING THE AIRLINE HE MOVED TO RICHMOND, VA TO [redacted] S WAS AN AIR [redacted] 1020

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Action Recommended

[redacted]
(Agent)

[redacted]

DB Cooper-25943

VETERAN AND THEREFORE FAMILIAR WITH WEATHER, PARACHUTES AND SURVIVAL TECHNIQUES. S WAS A VERY GOOD [redacted] AND WAS THOROUGHLY FAMILIAR WITH ALL 727 AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS. b6 b7C

S COULD POSSIBLY BE LOCATED THROUGH [redacted] PLEASANTON, CAL. [redacted] WAS [redacted] WITH AMERICAN AIRLINES.

[redacted]

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Date 9/9/80

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (164-497) (X) (RUC)

SUBJECT: NORJAK
(A)
OO: Seattle

Re Los Angeles teletype to the Bureau, 6/11/80.

Enclosed for Seattle are agent interview notes and the original FD-302 setting forth information reported to Los Angeles by [redacted] on 6/9/80. Enclosed for Minneapolis is one copy of this FD-302 for assistance in conducting additional leads that might be requested by the office of origin. b6 b7C b7D

As set forth in referenced Los Angeles teletype, [redacted] is concerned that any interview of [redacted] aka, confronting [redacted] with allegations reported by [redacted] will immediately identify the source of this information. Accordingly, [redacted] has requested her identity be protected. b6 b7C b7D

Los Angeles again suggests that any follow-up interview of [redacted] be coordinated through the Los Angeles case agent in this matter who will be able to arrange for her interview in Montana via telephone from Los Angeles. b6 b7C b7D

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Date 9/3/81

TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (164-497) (C-1)

FROM: SAC, SACRAMENTO (164-50) (RUC)

SUBJECT: NORJACK
OO: Seattle

Re Los Angeles airtel to Sacramento dated 4/28/81.

On 5/26/81, [redacted] and [redacted] Lone Pine, California, telephone number [redacted] reiterated the information he had earlier provided U.S. Deputy Marshal [redacted] Los Angeles, during a conversation he had with [redacted] several months before. [redacted] stated he believes that [redacted] could be identical to D.B. Cooper due to a newspaper article he observed which detailed captioned incident. [redacted] stated that, to his knowledge, [redacted] has not been observed since approximately 1969, and he feels reasonably certain that [redacted] is responsible for the hijacking based upon the newspaper article. b6 b7C

Although he does not know [redacted] whereabouts, he noted that [redacted] was formerly employed by Ford Motor Corporation Rialto-San Bernardino, California area. b6 b7C

He also advised that [redacted] has been in the Inyo County Jail, Independence, California and the Veterans Administration Office, Indepdence, has a reference to him. b6 b7C

[redacted] requested [redacted] not be contacted regarding [redacted] this time. On 8/27/81, records at the Bishop, California Police Department and Inyo County Sheriff's Office, Independence, failed to disclose any information identifiable with [redacted] b6 b7C

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On 8/27/81, it was determined that [redacted] b6 b7C is a U.S. Marine Corps veteran and is assigned Veterans Administration (VA) number [redacted] He is receiving disability payments through the VA, apparently on a regular basis although his current whereabouts were not available.

LEADS

LOS ANGELES

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA: Will attempt to determine current information regarding [redacted] through the Veterans Administration Office, UAC by Seattle. b6 b7C

SEATTLE

AT SEATTLE, WASHINGTON: Based upon the status of current investigation, will consider feasibility of further investigation to develop [redacted] as suspect in captioned matter, including arrest checks in San Bernardino, California and the FBI Identification Division. b6 b7C

U.S. Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation
11000 Wilshire Boulevard
Los Angeles, California 90028

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

September 16, 1981

Privacy Act Desk
Veterans Administration
Regional Office
11000 Wilshire Boulevard
Los Angeles, California 90024

RE: [redacted] b6 b7C

Dear Sir:

You are hereby requested to allow Special Agent [redacted] Federal Bureau of Investigation, to review any files regarding [redacted] This review is desired as efforts are being exerted to locate [redacted] for interview in a pending hijacking investigation. b6 b7C

Very truly yours,

EDGAR N. BEST
Special Agent in Charge

By: [redacted]
Supervisory Special Agent b6 b7C

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Date 9/17/81

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (164-497[redacted]) (C-1) (RUC)

SUBJECT: NORJACK
OO: Seattle

Reference Sacramento airtel to Los Angeles dated 9/3/81.

Records, Veteran's Administration Reginal Center, 11000 Wishire Boulevard, Los Angeles, as reviewed on 9/16/81, disclosed that [redacted] date of birth [redacted] has a 20 percent Veteran's Administration (VA) disability. [redacted] receives his monthly disability check at [redacted] Port Lavaca, Texas.

No additional investigation remains at Los Angeles therefore this matter is considered RUC.

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NORJACK; CAA-HIJACKING; OO: SEATTLE (164-81)

ON NOVEMBER 13, 1981, UNIVERSAL PICTURES, 100 UNIVERSAL CITY PLAZA, UNIVERSAL CITY, CALIFORNIA, WILL RELEASE TO THEATERS NATIONWIDE A MOTION PICTURE TITLED "THE PURSUIT OF D. B. COOPER." THE MOTION PICTURE IS BASED ON THE CAPTIONED CASE.

IN ITS ADVERTISING PROMOTIONS, UNIVERSAL PICTURES IS OFFERING A ONE MILLION DOLLAR REWARD FOR INFORMATION RESULTING IN THE ARREST AND CONVICTION OF "D. B. COOPER" FOR AIRCRAFT PIRACY. THE ADVERTISING PROMOTIONS STATE IN PART "IF YOU HAVE SUCH INFORMATION AS TO THE REAL D. B. COOPER, CONTACT YOUR NEAREST LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY. THIS OFFER EXPIRES MIDNIGHT, DECEMBER 1, 1981."

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UNIVERSAL PICTURES INITIATED THE REWARD OFFER ON ITS OWN VOLITION TO PROMOTE THE MOTION PICTURE AND IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYMENT SHOULD "D. B. COOPER" BE IDENTIFIED.

EACH OFFICE IS INSTRUCTED TO FURNISH SEATTLE, THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN, ANY INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES OR CITIZENS. NO INVESTIGATION IS TO BE CONDUCTED BASED ON INFORMATION RECEIVED. SEATTLE WILL DETERMINE VALIDITY OF THE INFORMATION AND ADVISE OFFICES OF NECESSARY INVESTIGATION.

ALL OFFICES ARE TO BEAR IN MIND WHEN CAPTIONED CRIME WAS COMMITTED ON NOVEMBER 11, 1971, UNSUB AKA D. B. COOPER WAS DESCRIBED AS BEING A WHITE MALE, MID-FORTIES, 5' 1Ø" TO 6' Ø", 17Ø POUNDS; OLIVE COMPLEXION, AND LATIN APPEARANCE.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

BT

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Memorandum

To : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81) Date 12/14/81

From : SAC, LOS ANGELES (164A-497)(C-1)(C)

Subject : NORJACK;
CAA - HIJACKING
OO: Seattle

Re Bureau teletype to all field offices dated 11/10/81.

On 11/17/81, [redacted] b6 b7C
Covina, California, telephone [redacted] telephonically inquired regarding the possibility of a reward regarding the identity of D.B. COOPER. [redacted] then provided the following information:

[redacted] advised that she has observed an artist drawing published in the local newspaper of D.B. COOPER. She advised that the drawing strongly resembles an individual she knows as [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted] advised [redacted] is an [redacted] having previously worked for Aerojet in Azusa, California. [redacted] sold his former residence in Covina, California, at [redacted] approximately one year ago, and moved with his wife, [redacted] to Portland, Oregon. b6 b7C

[redacted] advised [redacted] told her before he moved that he had been involved in an accident several years ago receiving injuries to his legs, and teeth; however, he is able to walk without a noticeable limp. She thought possibly the injuries could have been received by parachuting. b6 b7C

She also stated that in conversation with [redacted] he has commented that he knows the area around the Columbia River like the back of his hand. She advised she got the impression that [redacted] was raised in the area. He also told her that after he had his accident, type of accident not mentioned, that he went to Vancouver, Canada, during his period of recouperation. b6 b7C

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[redacted] thought [redacted] to live beyond his means while living in the Covina, California, area, and mentioned that in addition to his house in Covina he also [redacted] in the area. He also bought a new [redacted] just before he and his wife moved away. His house in Covina sold for approximately [redacted] The [redacted] handling the sale of the residence was [redacted] a Coldwell Banker Realtor, business telephone [redacted] and residence telephone [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted] advised that [redacted] was a very meticulous individual and she described how he loaded empty boxes in his station wagon to see how they would stack and how much he could haul before he filled the boxes and moved to the Portland area. She described [redacted] as follows: b6 b7C

Sex	Male
Race	White
Height	5'8" - 5'9"
Hair	Brown, straight, short
Facial hair	None
Eyes	Brown
Age	[redacted]

b6 b7C

On November 19, 1981, a drivers license check was conducted with the California Department of Motor Vehicles which revealed that [redacted] white male, date of birth [redacted] resided at [redacted] Covina, California, on 6/6/79. He is described as follows:

Sex	Male
Height	5'8"
Weight	160 pounds
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
California Drivers License Number	[redacted]

b6 b7C

California driver's license photograph ~~has been requested, however, due to the apparent difference in height as reported by [redacted] and that listed on his California drivers license~~ attached. No further investigation is being conducted by the Los Angeles Division UAC by Seattle. ~~Drivers license photograph will be forwarded to Seattle by separate communication~~.

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Date 1/5/82

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

FROM: SAC, SACRAMENTO (164-50) (P)

SUBJECT: NORJACK
OO: SEATTLE

On 12/1/81, [redacted] South Lake Tahoe, California advised that after reading the newspaper article regarding Universal Studios offering $1 million for information leading to the arrest and conviction of D. B. Cooper, she decided to furnish the following information to the FBI. [redacted] advised that D. B. Cooper is in reality Melvin Cooper, an individual who is last known to be employed by the U. S. Forest Service in the Bakersfield, California area. She advised that [redacted] however, the location of [redacted] is unknown.

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[redacted] advised that approximately twelve years ago she met Melvin Cooper at a friends home in [redacted], California. [redacted] stated that she did not wish to furnish the names of friends and that in no way wanted her friends involved in any investigation regarding Melvin Cooper. [redacted] stated that Melvin Cooper served in the U. S. Marine Corps, was a helicopter pilot, a parachutist and a "daredevil." She stated that Cooper attended Oregon State University and had friends in the states of Oregon and Washington. She noted that Cooper at one time was employed by the Gallo Glass Factory in Modesto, California.

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[redacted] described Melvin Cooper as follows: b6 b7C

Sex	Male
Race	White
Height	5'8" to 5'9"
Build	Rather stocky
Eyes	Piercing dark brown eyes
Facial characteristics	Long slender nose

The above is being furnished for the review of the Seattle office.

Seattle is requested to advise whether or not additional investigation desired.

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Date 1/27/82

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81)

FROM: SAC, SACRAMENTO (164A-50) (P)

SUBJECT: NORJACK
OO: SEATTLE SUSPECT: MELVIN COOPER

Re Sacramento airtel to Seattle, dated 1/5/82 and Seattle airtel to Sacramento, dated 1/19/82.

Enclosed for Los Angeles is one copy of Sacramento airtel dated 1/5/82 which contains information necessary to cover leads that are being set forth.

For the information of Seattle, recontact with [redacted], South Lake Tahoe, California determined that the Melvin Cooper she referred to, in 1971 would be approximately 45 years of age. She advised that she is attempting to ascertain his exact birth date. b6 b7C

For the information of Los Angeles it is noted that [redacted] in late December 1981 advised the Sacramento Office that Melvin Cooper, [redacted] had bragged to friends of hers whom she would not identify as being identical with subject of captioned case. She advised that Melvin Cooper was killed in a helicopter crash in the Santa Barbara, Los Angeles area approximately five or six months ago. At that time he was employed in a helicopter rescue company working in the Los Angeles or Santa Barbara area. b6 b7C

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[redacted] - make copy of enc. for [redacted]

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Referenced airtel from Seattle requested Sacramento to conduct additional investigation to determine if Melvin Cooper could possibly be identical to captioned subject.

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AT LOS ANGELES AND SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA; Will identify the crash of a helicopter approximately five or six months ago, thereafter determine if Melvin Cooper was employed in the rescue business and was involved in that particular crash. If Melvin Cooper identified conduct logical investigation to determine if he could possibly be involved in captioned matter.

SACRAMENTO

AT BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA; Will contact the U. S. Forest Service, Bakersfield, California in an effort to identify employment record for Melvin Cooper.

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Date 2/11/82

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81)

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (164A-497) (P) (C-1)

SUBJECT: NORJACK
OO: SEATTLE

Re Sacramento airtels to Seattle dated 1/5-27/82.

Investigation regarding suspect Melvin Cooper.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] at Santa Barbara, California, on 2/10/82: b6 b7C

[redacted] Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Santa Barbara Flight Service Station, 1503 Cecil Cook Place, advised that he was not aware of any helicopter crashes within the past year or more in the Santa Barbara area. [redacted] suggested contact be made with the FAA, General Aviation District Office, at Van Nuys Municipal Airport, Van Nuys, California, telephone number (213) 997-3191. [redacted] continued that any incident including crashes of any aircraft under FAA supervision that happened within the California, Nevada, or Arizona district, would be known to personnel at the district office. b6 b7C

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Date 2/11/82

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81)

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (164A-497) (P) (C-1)

SUBJECT: NORJACK
OO: SEATTLE

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Reassign 2/25/82 [redacted] - Contact Valley R.A. - Handle V. Nuys Leads with them. C

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AT VAN NUYS, CALIFORNIA: Will contact personnel at the General Aviation District Office, Van Nuys Airport and conduct appropriate investigation as requested in reference communications.

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Date 3/8/82

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81)

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (164A-497)(C1)(RUC)

RE: NORJACK
OO: SEATTLE

Re Sacramento airtel to Seattle, 1/27/82; and Los Angeles airtel to Seattle, 2/11/82.

On 3/5/82, [redacted] b6 b7C Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), General Aviation District Office, Van Nuys, California, telephone 997-3191, was contacted. He advised that he reviewed his records, but could locate no record of a MELVIN COOPER being involved in any helicopter crash within the Santa Barbara - Los Angeles, California area during 1980 - 1981. He stated there were very few helicopter crashes during that period of time and he was familiar with them, and COOPER is unknown.

In view of the above, Los Angeles considering this matter RUC'd.

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To whom it may concern—

I wrote about this before but I'll try again. You have pictures of a man who jumped out of an airplane with money and has never been caught—

Its [redacted] b6 b7C
Costa Mesa. I'm a neighbor of his — he has the money, he looks like the man and has an airline background. Also, he changed his name. I'm not going to write again but you should heed this advice.

A neighbor

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b7C

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34 Civic Center Plaza

Santa Ana CA

DB Cooper-25969

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D. C. 20537

REPORT

of the

LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION
IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

October 25, 1983

YOUR FILE NO.
FBI FILE NO. 164-2111
LATENT CASE NO. A-45410

TO: SAC, Los Angeles

RE: UNSUB., AKA
D. B. COOPER;
NORJAK

REFERENCE: Telephone call 9/23/83
EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: Los Angeles
SPECIMENS:

This report supplements and confirms Bucal of 9/26/83.

The latent prints previously reported in this case are not fingerprints or palm prints of [redacted] FBI [redacted]

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DB Cooper-25970

THIS REPORT IS FURNISHED ~~FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY~~

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164-497-1033

Memorandum

To : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) Date 1/12/84

From : SAC, LOS ANGELES (164A-497)(C-1)(RUC)

Subject : NORJAK
CAA
OO: Seattle

Re [redacted] born [redacted] b6 b7C

Enclosed herewith for the Seattle Division is one driver's license photograph of [redacted]

For information of Seattle, on September 28, 1983, an anonymous letter was received at the Santa Ana, California, Resident Agency, Los Angeles Division, wherein the writer stated as follows:

"To Whom It May Concern-

I wrote about this before but I'll try again. You have pictures of a man who jumped out of an airplane with money and has never been caught. It's [redacted] Costa Mesa. I'm a neighbor of his-he has the money, he looks like the man and has an airline background. Also he changed his name. I'm not going to write again but you should heed this advice. b6 b7C

A neighbor."

Investigation reflected the following background information regarding the individual referred to in the above mentioned letter:

Name	[redacted] b6 b7C
Address	Costa Mesa, California
California driver's license number	[redacted]
Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	[redacted]
Height	5'10"
Weight	185 pounds

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Memorandum

To : SAC, LOS ANGELES (164A-497) (C-3) (C) Date 11/19/84

From : SA [redacted] b6 b7C

Subject : UNSUB, aka
"D. B. COOPER";
CAB-A
OO: Portland

On 11/16/84, [redacted] Los Angeles Police Department, [redacted] telephonically advised that he had recently received information from a confidential source pertaining to the possible whereabouts of captioned subject, and based upon the source information, had identified the individual in question as [redacted] California operators license number [redacted] requested that a copy of the artist conception of the unknown subject in captioned matter be forwarded to him for comparison to the California driver's license which had been requested from the Department of Motor Vehicles regarding [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] stated he would arrange for his informant to meet with appropriate FBI personnel should an identification of [redacted] be confirmed as positive with that of the unknown subject in captioned matter. b6 b7C b7D

The above is for the information of Los Angeles Division. It is noted that a copy of the artist conception as depicted in 1A-5 of caption file was obtained and forwarded by mail to the attention of [redacted] on 11/16/84. b6 b7C

In view of the tentative nature of the aforementioned information, it is recommended captioned matter be retained in a closed status until such time as more definitive information is received.

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DB Cooper-25973

Memorandum

To : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81) Date 3/4/87

From : SAC, LOS ANGELES (164A-497)(LBRA/C1) (RUC)

Subject : NORJAK
OO: Seattle

Re telcal Long Beach RA to Seattle, 1/15/87.

Enclosed for Seattle are three Driver's License photographs and thumbprint of [redacted] and excerpt from "People" magazine regarding D. B. COOPER. b6 b7C

On 1/15/87, [redacted] (protect per request) advised that he had recently seen an article in "People" magazine regarding D. B. COOPER. [redacted] advised that he had observed an individual who met the description and closely resembled D. B. COOPER working at [redacted] at the southwest corner of [redacted] and [redacted] in Long Beach. [redacted] described this individual as: b6 b7C b7D

Sex	Male
Race	White
Age	Mid-40's
Height	6'
Weight	180
Hair	Dark brown, speckled with gray
Eyes	Hazel

He further advised that this individual spoke with an accent and was heard to speak to his wife or girlfriend in [redacted] or a [redacted] dialect. He further advised that the individual wore glasses on occasion apparently for doing close work. b6 b7C b7D

Investigation disclosed that [redacted] is located at [redacted] Long Beach, California, telephone [redacted] Driver's License was located for [redacted] and Business License reflects that [redacted] has been at that location since January 1984. California Department of Motor Vehicles reflects a license and ID card issued on 3/28/85. b6 b7C

The following is a description of [redacted] b6 b7C

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DB Cooper-25974

Name	[redacted]
Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	[redacted]
Height	5'11"
Weight	175
Hair	Black
Eyes	Green

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The above is provided for the information of Seattle for whatever action is deemed appropriate. Los Angeles is considering this matter RUC.

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ATTENTION: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION, [redacted] b6 b7C

(NORJAK;) OO: SEATTLE.

FOR INFORMATION OF BUREAU AND RECEIVING OFFICES, SUSPECT HAS BEEN DEVELOPED IN CAPTIONED MATTER THROUGH INVESTIGATION AT PORTLAND DIVISION, WHO RESIDED IN PENDLETON, OREGON, IN 1970 THROUGH 1972, LEFT FOR TWO WEEKS DURING TIME OF HIJACKING, NOVEMBER 24, 1971, CAME BACK LIMPING AND INJURED, FIT THE DESCRIPTION OF HIJACKER KNOWN AS "D.B. COOPER," GAVE A PAINTING TO A PENDLETON RESIDENT IN 1972,

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SIGNING SAME "D.B. COOPER," AND DISPLAYED ALL THE CHARACTERISTICS OF A CON-MAN, INCLUDING MARRYING A WOMAN [redacted] OLDER AND SPENDING [redacted] OF HER MONEY. AT LEAST TWO INDIVIDUALS WHO KNEW HIM PERSONALLY THROUGH FAMILY ASSOCIATIONS THOUGHT HE WAS D.B. COOPER AT THE TIME THE COMPOSITE SKETCH CAME OUT IN THE NEWSPAPERS IN 1971, BUT WERE RELUCTANT TO CONTACT LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES. b6 b7C

THE SUSPECT RETURNED TO PENDLETON, OREGON, JUST BEFORE THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS IN 1971 LIMPING, INJURED, SOMEWHAT DEPRESSED BUT WITHOUT ANY OBVIOUS EXTRA MONEY; HOWEVER, IT IS FELT THAT THE HIJACKER MAY HAVE LOST THE MONEY UPON EXITING THE BOEING 727 AIRCRAFT IN VIEW OF THE FACT PART OF IT WAS RECOVERED BY BUREAU AGENTS IN THE PORTLAND DIVISION IN THE LATE 1970'S WHEN IT WASHED ASHORE FROM THE COLUMBIA RIVER. THE SUSPECT DEVELOPED WAS 37 YEARS OLD AT THE TIME OF THE HIJACKING AND COMMITTED SUICIDE AT THE AGE OF 39, ALLEGEDLY IN AN ATTEMPT TO GET ATTENTION FROM YOUNG WOMEN IN A DORMITORY NEARBY AND FROM HIS ESTRANGED WIFE. SUSPECT HAD BEEN ASSIGNED AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL DUTIES IN PAST MILITARY ASSIGNMENT AND HAD SEVERAL PRIOR ARRESTS FOR FRAUD IN OREGON, WISCONSIN AND CALIFORNIA. IN ADDITION, AUTOPSY AT TIME OF DEATH TWO YEARS AFTER HIJACKING SHOWED SUSPECT HAD A CONTUSION BELOW THE KNEE FROM A PRIOR

INJURY.

FOLLOWING INFORMATION PROVIDED REGARDING SUSPECT: NAME - MERLIN GENE COOPER, AKA JOHN T. TITAN, JOHN COOP TITAN; DOB JULY 8, 1934 (WITNESSES DESCRIBED HIM AS 40 TO 48); POB WISCONSIN; FBI NUMBER 115541D; OREGON SID NUMBER 291 33 33; HEIGHT 6'2"; WEIGHT 170 POUNDS; COMPLEXION - PHOTOGRAPHS RECENTLY OBTAINED FROM MUSKEGO, OKLAHOMA, DEPICTS SUBJECT WITH DARKER COMPLEXION; BROWN HAIR (HAD DYED HIS HAIR BLACK IN PAST); BLUE EYES; SCARS - RIGHT WRIST, RIGHT FOREARM, RIGHT LEG; TATTOOS - RIGHT FOREARM; SOC 397-28-6121; OTHER CHARACTERISTICS - CIGARETTE STAINS ON RIGHT HAND.

THE FOLLOWING DESCRIPTION IS TAKEN FROM FILE REGARDING WITNESSES' DESCRIPTIONS OF HIJACKER DAN COOPER: WHITE MALE AMERICAN, MID-FORTIES, 6', 170 TO 175 POUNDS, OLIVE COMPLEXION OR MEDIUM TO SWARTHY COMPLEXION, BLACK HAIR, BROWN EYES, AVERAGE TO WELL-BUILT, CIGARETTE STAINS ON RIGHT HAND.

LOS ANGELES AT SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA. WILL FURNISH ARREST REPORT FROM SANTA ANA SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN 1960 FOR "INSUFFICIENT FUNDS" CHECK AND A PHOTO IF AVAILABLE.

MILWAUKEE AT MADISON, WISCONSIN. 1. WILL FURNISH ARREST REPORT FROM 1959 ARREST BY MADISON POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR "FAMILY

OFFENSE - NON-SUPPORT". 2. WILL ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ON MERLIN COOPER'S FAMILY THROUGH INQUIRY WITH HIS BIRTH RECORD AT DEPARTMENT OF VITAL STATISTICS IN AN ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY COOPER'S PARENTS AND/OR OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS, NOTING COOPER WAS ALLEGEDLY VERY CLOSE TO MOTHER AND MAY HAVE CONFIDED INFORMATION IN HER RELATIVE TO HIJACKING IF SHE CAN BE LOCATED. 3. CONDUCT ANY OTHER PERTINENT INVESTIGATION IN AN EFFORT TO LOCATE ANY OF COOPER'S RELATIVES, NOTING HE WAS BORN IN WISCONSIN AND POSSIBLY RAISED THERE.

SEATTLE AT SEATTLE, WASHINGTON. WILL FURNISH PORTLAND AVAILABLE KNOWN ADDRESSES FOR WITNESSES IN THIS MATTER AS PREVIOUSLY REQUESTED.

REQUEST OF THE BUREAU:

THE IDENTIFICATION DIVISION IS REQUESTED TO COMPARE KNOWN FINGERPRINTS OF SUSPECT MERLIN GENE COOPER, DOB JULY 8, 1934, WITH ALL LATENTS TAKEN FROM BOEING 727 AIRCRAFT SUBSEQUENT TO HIJACKING IN 1971. THE BUREAU IS ALSO REQUESTED TO FURNISH ANY INFORMATION FROM MILITARY RECORDS AVAILABLE ON MERLIN COOPER, NOTING M.N. USER UMBRELLA NUMBER IN NCIC PRINT-OUT WAS OA-OSP-32061.

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Date 5/31/88

TO : SAC, PORTLAND (164A-41)

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (164A-497) (C-1/SARA) (RUC)

SUBJECT: NORJACK;
OO: Seattle

Re Portland teletype to the Bureau, dated 4/26/88.

Enclosed for Portland is one black and white photograph taken of MERLIN GENE COOPER, also known as John Coop Titan, Marlin Gene Cooper on 11/22/60, when he was received in the ORANGE COUNTY JAIL, Santa Ana, California, following his arrest on a RICHMOND POLICE DEPARTMENT, Richmond, California warrant for non-sufficient funds-checks. Enclosed also are copies of his ORANGE COUNTY JAIL booking sheet and a copy of his CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE identification record. The above was obtained from Central Jail records, ORANGE COUNTY SHERIFFS DEPARTMENT, Santa Ana, California on 5/19 & 5/23/88, respectively.

ORANGE COUNTY JAIL records reflect that MERLIN GENE COOPER was arrested, fingerprinted, and photographed on 11/22/60. He was released on 11/23/60 to Deputy [redacted] CONTRA COSTA SHERIFFS OFFICE, Contra Costa County, California. b6 b7C

The following information was obtained from the ORANGE COUNTY JAIL in processing sheet:

Name	MERLIN GENE COOPER
Sex	Male
Race	Caucasian
Height	6'2"

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2 - Seattle (INFORMATION ONLY) (Enc. 3)
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Weight	180 pounds
Date of Birth	July 8, 1934
Place of Birth	La Crosse, Wisconsin
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Hazel
Residence	1391 Graystone, Norwalk, California
Marital Status	Divorced
Citizenship	United States
Employment	Unemployed
Occupation	Salesman
Relatives	Mother: ORPHA O. COOPER, La Crosse, Wisconsin
Orange County Number	7720
CII Number	776-957
FBI Number	115-541D
Tattoos	Outer right forearm: two hands clasped with crown and initals "MGC"

As no further investigation remains in the Los Angeles Division, this matter is being considered RUC.

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Date 6/9/88

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (164-2111)

FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE (164A-36)(MRA)(P)

(NORJAK) 164-497-673 3/73
164-447X 12/71
CRIME ABOARD AIRCRAFT-HIJACKING;
OC: SEATTLE

Re Portland teletype, 4/26/88, captioned as above.

On 5/2/88, [redacted] Madison Police Department (MPD) [redacted] Madison, Wisconsin, reviewed MPD records for MERLIN GENE COOPER and advised that COOPER was arrested on 2/6/59 for probation violation and issuing worthless checks; 6/24/60 for issuing worthless checks; and again on 2/4/61 for two counts of issuing worthless checks. At the time of his 2/4/61 arrest, COOPER listed a permanent residence address of 13718 Graystone, Norwalk, California. b6 b7C

[redacted] advised that the arrest reports for the above offenses were microfilmed and the original reports destroyed. The microfilm printer for the format in which these records were copied was now broken and repair parts were no longer available. The film was therefore sent to the University of Wisconsin Media Laboratory for transfer to a more modern format. Copies of the actual reports were finally obtained on 5/19/88. A review of these reports indicates COOPER, in addition to writing worthless checks, was wanted for non-support in LaCrosse, Wisconsin. No information is contained in the records identifying any of COOPER'S relatives. COOPER did serve one year at the Wisconsin State Penitentiary at Waupun, Wisconsin. b6 b7C

On 5/19/88, a review of birth records at the Wisconsin Bureau of Vital Statistics, Madison, Wisconsin, determined that COOPER was born 7/8/34 to SILAS BYRON COOPER and ORPHA GRIFFIN COOPER. The COOPERS' residence was listed as Coon Valley,

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Wisconsin. MERLIN GENE COOPER was born in the Township of Campbell, located in LaCrosse County, Wisconsin.

LEADS

LOS ANGELES DIVISION

AT NORWALK, CALIFORNIA

If not already accomplished, conduct investigation to identify relatives or associates of COOPER at Norwalk, California.

MILWAUKEE DIVISION

AT COON VALLEY, WISCONSIN

Will attempt to obtain information on MERLIN COOPER'S family, noting that COOPER was allegedly very close to his mother, and may have confided information in her relative to hijacking if she can be located.

Attempt to identify other relatives or associates of COOPER, inasmuch as he may have been raised in that area.

Will review records at LaCrosse County Registér of Deeds Office regarding charges of non-support which were filed against MERLIN GENE COOPER in an attempt to identify ex-spouse or other relatives.

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Memorandum

To : SAC, LOS ANGELES (164A-497)(C-1)(RUC) Date 7/8/88

From : SA [redacted]

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Subject: NORJACK;
CAA - HIJACKING;
OO: Seattle

Re Los Angeles airtel to Portland, 5/31/88, and Milwaukee airtel to Bureau, 6/9/88.

For information, investigation requested in Milwaukee airtel to the Bureau dated 6/9/88 has been conducted and previously reported in Los Angeles airtel to Portland, 5/31/88.

No additional investigation had been requested and no pending leads are outstanding at Los Angeles Division. In view of this and the fact that office of origin (Seattle) has already been apprised of the results of that investigation, Los Angeles Division is placing this matter in an RUC'd status by memo.

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Date 7/28/88

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (164-2111)

FROM: SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81) (P)

NORJAK;
OO: SEATTLE

RE: MERLIN GENE COOPER, Subject Number 1002.

Re Portland teletype to FBIHQ, 4/26/88.

Referenced teletype advised MERLIN GENE COOPER has been developed as a suspect by the Portland Division. Suspect resided in Pendleton, Oregon, in 1970 through 1972. He left for two weeks during the time of the hijacking on 11/24/71. He returned injured; walking with a limp.

MERLIN GENE COOPER's description fits the general physical description of the unknown subject. In 1972, he gave a painting to a Pendleton resident signing the name "D.B. Cooper". At least two individuals who knew him personally through family associations thought he was D.B. COOPER at the time the composite sketch came out in the newspapers in 1971, but were reluctant to contact law enforcement authorities. The suspect has been assigned air traffic control duties in past military assignments. An autopsy at the time of death two years after the hijacking showed suspect had a contusion below the knee from a prior injury.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

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Date 3/27/89

TO: SAC, SEATTLE

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (164A-497) (C-1) (RUC)

SUBJECT: UNSUB, aka
D. B. COOPER;
CAA - HIJACKING
OO: SEATTLE

Re Los Angeles airtel dated 3/15/89.

Enclosed for Seattle are additional computer print-outs and "hot tip" sheets received from the "Unsolved Mysteries" program regarding D. B. COOPER.

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Date 8/10/89

TO : SAC, PHOENIX (164A-571)

FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81) (P)

SUBJECT: NORJAK
OO: SEATTLE

Reference SUB [redacted] Phoenix airtel to Los Angeles and Seattle dated 10/19/88. b6 b7C

Referenced airtel advised [redacted] telephone number [redacted], Phoenix, Arizona, had suggested [redacted] as possibly being identical with UNSUB in this matter. [redacted] advised he knew [redacted] was previously [redacted] the United States Army, and that [redacted] had moved to Montana at the approximate time of the hijacking. b6 b7C b7D

LEAD:

PHOENIX DIVISION

AT PHOENIX, ARIZONA

Will recontact [redacted] and obtain from him a description of [redacted] to include date of birth or present age, if possible. In addition, Phoenix is requested to obtain any other information [redacted] may have that might indicate [redacted] is identical with UNSUB in this matter. b6 b7C b7D

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To: Office Services Manager — Date 1/10/91

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Subject D. B. COOPER | Social Security Account #

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164-497-789	9/75 Re: HIJACKING OF NORTHEAST AIRLINES FLIGHT 305 11-24-71		
164-497-870	11/76 Re: ARTICLE	IN THE LA TIMES, SUNDAY, NOV. 14 1976	
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Date 11/13/90

TO : SAC, PORTLAND (164A-81)

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (164-497) (C-1) (C)

SUBJECT: NORJAK
OO:PORTLAND

For the information of the Portland Division, on 10/24/90, while receiving telephone calls at the telecommunication center for the NBC television series "Unsolved Mysteries", SA [redacted] of the Los Angeles Division was contacted by [redacted] of Norwalk, Ohio, telephone number [redacted]

[redacted] advised that on 10/21/90, while in a resturant, he met a man identified as (FNU) [redacted] who claimed to be the brother of D.B. COOPER. [redacted] described [redacted] as 5'8" to 5'9", 160-165 pounds, 65-69 years old with greying hair. [redacted] stated his brothers' initials are D.B. and he acquired the nickname [redacted] while, [redacted] could not recall) in either the 82nd or the 84th airborne. [redacted] advised that his brother is currently a skydiver and may have recently [redacted] stated his brother is familiar with airplanes with rear doors and he believes he is currently in the mid-west working in an [redacted] claimed he [redacted] JESSE JAMES.

[redacted] and [redacted] ended their brief conversation when [redacted] learned [redacted] acquired no further information about [redacted]

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] at Los Angeles, California:

After several cancellations, [redacted] appeared at the Los Angeles Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation accompanied by a women who wanted to remain anonymous. The woman stated that the reason she wanted to remain anonymous was that she was in the [redacted] She picked the name [redacted] to be called. It should be noted that [redacted] was not recognized as [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted] advised that she and her husband have been residing part time in south Kern County in the community, Pine Mountain Club, California. She stated that a resident, [redacted] has lived in the community for approximately [redacted] years. He is a very secretive individual, never really discussing his past. He mentioned that he had been in the military and seemed to have knowledge of parachuting, but [redacted] was unable to say if it was through experience or by some other means. b6 b7C b7D

She recalled that [redacted] years ago, [redacted] had approximately [redacted] in cash, which he deposited in the 1st International Bank, Frazier Park, California. [redacted] never mentioned where he got the money. She added that he has never worked as far as she knows and could provide no reason for him having that amount of cash. b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] sated that several months ago the D.B. COOPER incident was aired on Unsolved Mysterious. She stated that after seeing the television program, she feels that [redacted] resembles an aged D.B. COOPER. At this point, [redacted] indicated that her involvement in the [redacted] was in [redacted] She stated that from her experience and belief, [redacted] could be an aged D.B.COOPER. She described [redacted] as a white male, approximately 57 years of age, gray balding hair, 5'11", 235 pounds. When asked specifically about [redacted] making statements about being D.B. COOPER, hijacking airplanes or extortion, [redacted] could provide no information which could connect them as being the same person, other then resembling each other. b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] advised that [redacted] resides in a house beleived to be on [redacted] in the City of Pine Mountain Club. She stated the house does not have numbers but is bleived to be owned by [redacted] who has a [redacted] Commercial Center, Pine Mountain Club. b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] stated that [redacted] is a good friend of [redacted] and may not be totally cooperative, unless approached b6 b7C b7D

appropriately. She added that Pine Mountain Club is a small community which is patrolled by the Kern County Sheriff's Office, Frazier Park Substation.

She stated that [redacted] has recently been driving a [redacted] pickup with California license [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

A check through the California Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (CLETS) revealed that California vehicle license [redacted] was on a [redacted] registered to [redacted] Frazier Park, California. b6 b7C

CLETS further revealed that [redacted] has California driver's license number [redacted] He is described as follows: b6 b7C

Sex	Male
Date of Birth	[redacted]
Height	6'1"
Weight	190 pounds
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Address	[redacted] Frazier Park [redacted] (effective 10/3/91)
	[redacted] Frazier Park

CLETS revealed numerous California driver's license under the name [redacted] The check reveal several in the 57-60 age group, but none with a Frazier Park or Pine Mountain Club address. b6 b7C

On 4/27/92, [redacted] recontacted the FBI office, and advised that [redacted] had no further information to provide. He also stated that [redacted] is still residing in Pine Mountain Club, according to [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

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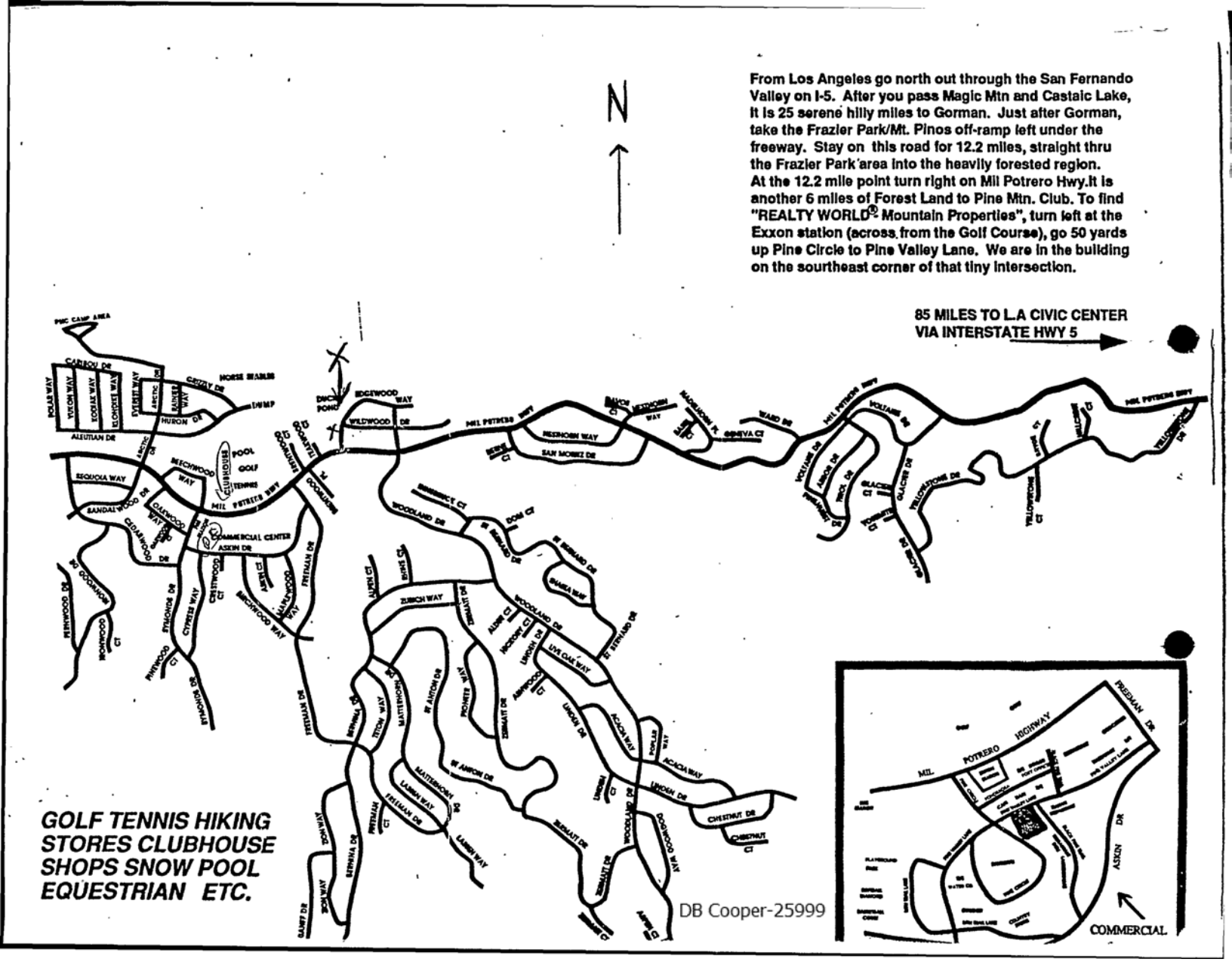
From Los Angeles go north out through the San Fernando Valley on I-5. After you pass Magic Mtn and Castaic Lake, it is 25 serene hilly miles to Gorman. Just after Gorman, take the Frazier Park/Mt. Pinos off-ramp left under the freeway. Stay on this road for 12.2 miles, straight thru the Frazier Park area into the heavily forested region. At the 12.2 mile point turn right on Mil Potrero Hwy.It is another 6 miles of Forest Land to Pine Mtn. Club. To find "REALTY WORLD® Mountain Properties", turn left at the Exxon station (across from the Golf Course), go 50 yards up Pine Circle to Pine Valley Lane. We are in the building on the sourtheast corner of that tiny intersection.



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Date 5/8/92

TO : SAC, SACRAMENTO

FROM : SAC, Los Angeles (164-497) (C-1) (P)

SUBJECT : NORJAK
CAA
OO: SEATTLE

Enclosed for Sacramento and Seattle are two copies of a map reflecting Pine Mountain Club, California, and two copies each of an investigative insert.

The Los Angeles Office of the FBI received information from [redacted] Sherman Oaks, California [redacted] that he is acting as an intermediary for a woman who wants to remain anonymous. He stated that the woman, who wanted to use the name [redacted] was connected to the [redacted] and has some information to provide the FBI regarding a person who resembled D.B. COOPER. b6 b7C

Arrangements were made to have [redacted] appear at the Los Angeles Office. b6 b7C

Los Angeles is aware of the non-specific information connecting the look-alike, [redacted] with subject D.B. COOPER, however, Los Angeles has not been able to identify [redacted] or eliminate him as being D.B. COOPER. b6 b7C

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SACRAMENTO DIVISION

AT PINE MOUNTAIN CLUB AND FRAZIER PARK, CALIFORNIA:

Conduct appropriate investigation through [redacted] to identify [redacted] and determine if identical to D.B. COOPER.

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Date 6/29/92

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-81)

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (164-497) (RIVRA/C-1) (RUC)

SUBJECT : NORJAK
OO: Seattle

On 6/29/92, [redacted] (PROTECT), telephone number [redacted] provided the following information: b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] advised he was watching the TV show "In Search Of" on Sunday, 6/28/92. This show featured a story regarding the D. B. COOPER hijacking. [redacted] strongly felt [redacted] who [redacted] Pocomoke, Maryland, was the [redacted] of the person portrayed in the sketch of D. B. COOPER. [redacted] is a Vietnam War veteran, parachutist, and a pilot of small engine planes. Around 1980 [redacted] As the town of Pocomoke is a small community, no one understood where [redacted] obtained the funds for these two endeavors. [redacted] believed [redacted] would now be approximately [redacted] years of age. b6 b7C b7D

The above information is being provided to the Seattle Division for whatever action Seattle feels is appropriate in this matter.

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