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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 11/30/71

[redacted], residence [redacted] b6
[redacted], was interviewed at the b7C
Reno Airport, Reno, Nevada, on the late evening of November 24, 1971, and early morning hours of November 25, 1971. She identified herself as a hostess on Northwest Airlines Flight 305.

Shortly after takeoff from Portland, Oregon, en route to Seattle, Washington, in the afternoon hours of November 24, 1971, a male passenger on the flight, who was seated [redacted] gave a note to Hostess [redacted] showed the note to Hostess [redacted], who was also in the rear passenger compartment. The note indicated that the male individual was b6
hijacking the plane and wanted the hostess to sit beside him. b7C
The note further indicated that he had a bomb and wanted $200,000.00. [redacted] stated she went back to the male passenger seated [redacted] with the note, at which time he indicated that he was hijacking the plane and was not kidding. He added that he wanted "no funny stuff". He had a black attache-type case in his lap, which case was partially open and he had his hand inside same. At this time [redacted] [redacted] sat down alongside the individual in seat [redacted] and after lighting a cigarette for the passenger, she told him that they would cooperate. Her best recollection is that it was while he told her he wanted no kidding and no funny stuff that he first partially opened the attache case and permitted her to see the contents. She recalls the contents as approximately eight cylindrical objects about six to eight inches long with four of the items being placed on top of the others and banded together with some kind of tape. She also recalled some covered and uncovered wiring running from the cylindrical objects to a dry cell type battery which had terminals on one end. She could not recall whether the wires were connected to the terminals. The battery was described as approximately eight inches long and about two and one-half inches in diameter. She stated that she had the impression upon observing the contents of the attache case that it was

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SA H. E. HINDERLITER, JR.
SAC HAROLD E. CAMPBELL, JR. (HEC:tlw) Date dictated 11/26/71

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 12/1/71

[redacted], residence [redacted], [redacted], telephone [redacted], was interviewed at the Reno Airport, Reno, Nevada, on the late evening of November 24, 1971 and early morning hours of November 25, 1971. He advised [redacted] Northwest Airlines Flight 305. b6 b7C

[redacted] noted that he was present during the interviews of hostess [redacted] and [redacted] and concurred with the information as supplied by them. b6 b7C

He recalled that the hijacker had indicated the bomb had an electrical fuse and instructed the hostess that radio transmissions be limited as much as possible so that they would not set it off.

He advised that the landing at Seattle was made at 5:45 P.M., Pacific Standard Time, and that the hijacker had indicated that once the money and parachutes were brought on board and that re-fueling was simultaneously taking place, the passengers would be permitted to depart.

[redacted] also stated that there was a delay on the ground in securing the chest-type parachutes and when they did not arrive as quickly as had been hoped for, the crew, through hostess [redacted], requested permission to land anyway without them and the hijacker refused permission for same. At some point in negotiations with the hijacker, he indicated an awareness that parachutes would be obtained from McChord Air Force Base and indicated that it was only 20 miles away from the Seattle Airport. b6 b7C

[redacted] added that after take-off at 7:36 P.M., they received a call from the hijacker around 7:42 P.M., at which time he indicated that he was unable to get the stairs lowered in flight. They then slowed down the aircraft air speed and subsequently observed the cockpit signal light that the rear stairs were down. At that time the Captain instructed the hijacker to sound the bell on the intercom in the event he wished to make any further contact with them, which he agreed to do. b6 b7C

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[redacted] added that at no time did he have any direct contact or observation of the hijacker and, therefore, could furnish no physical description. b6 b7c

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 12/1/71

WILLIAM A. SCOTT, residence 262 Peninsula Road, Minneapolis, Minnesota, telephone Liberty 5-5524, was interviewed at the Reno Airport, Reno, Nevada, on the late evening of November 24, 1971, and early morning hours of November 25, 1971. He advised that he was the captain on Northwest Airlines Flight 305.

Captain SCOTT advised that he was present during the interview of all of his crew members and that events, as supplied by them, were correct to the best of his recollection and he had no pertinent additional information to provide at this time. He added that he personally had no direct contact or observation of the hijacker and was, therefore, unable to provide a physical description.

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ADMINISTRATIVE DATA:

A well placed source advised [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted] The source stated [redacted]

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Date 12/2/71

[redacted], Sheriff's Office, [redacted] Nevada, advised that [redacted] He stated that the records of the Sheriff's Office indicate she is described as follows:

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|---|---|
| Race | White |
| Sex | Female |
| Date of Birth | [redacted] |
| Height | |
| Weight | |
| Eyes | |
| Hair | |
| Complexion | |
| Build | |
| Place of Birth | |
| Occupation | |
| Social Security Number | |

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[redacted] further related that their records indicate [redacted]

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He further related that she [redacted]

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[redacted] continued that [redacted] 164-81-1018 Sub E

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by SA [redacted] :mtc Date dictated 12/2/71

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[redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted] and no disposition is known.

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Date 12/2/71

Deputy [redacted], Sheriff's Office, [redacted] [redacted] Nevada, advised that on November 29, 1971, he was called to the residence of a person who identified himself to him as [redacted] This person, [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted] stated that this person is positively identical to [redacted] Sheriff's Office number [redacted] b6 b7C

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On 12/2/71 at [redacted] Nevada File # LV 164-60 b6 b7C

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Date 12/2/71

[redacted] Department of Motor Vehicles, [redacted] Nevada, advised that Nevada license [redacted] is listed to a 1968 Volkswagen, 2-door Stationwagon, Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) [redacted]. Registered and legal owner was shown as [redacted] b6 b7C

This vehicle was [redacted] b6 b7C

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Date 12/2/71

[redacted] Department of Motor Vehicles, [redacted] Nevada, advised that Nevada license [redacted] was listed to a 1971 Datsun, 2-door sedan, Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) [redacted] Registered owner is [redacted]

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On June 9, 1971, the title was issued to the [redacted]

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[redacted] b6 b7C

Division of Driver's License, Department of Motor Vehicles, [redacted] Nevada, furnished the attached copies of application for driver's license, road test score, record of examination, inquiry regarding renewal of driver's license, and record of [redacted]

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On 11/30/71 at [redacted] Nevada File # LV 164-60 b6 b7C

by SA THOMAS J. WILLIAMS:lmc Date dictated 11/30/71

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On November 30, 1971, observation of [redacted] reflected 1971 Datsun two-door sedan, color brown, Nevada license [redacted], parked in driveway.

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[redacted] Reno Evening Gazette, Reno, Nevada, advised that the head office of that newspaper had opened an envelope on November 27, 1971, between 8:00 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. and had found a note composed from words cut from a newspaper and pasted to a plain white sheet of paper. The note said, "Attention! Thanks for Hospitality_ was in a rut_ D. B. Cooper, ". The envelope in which the note was mailed was a white envelope postmarked, "Oakdale, Ca., 95361, November 27, 1971, PM". It was addressed to "Reno Newspaper", "Reno, Nevada." The address was printed in pencil. b6 b7C

[redacted] advised that at least eight employees of the newspaper had handled the note. b6 b7C

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advised her files reflect [redacted] Nevada, worked [redacted]

She stated he has Social Security Number [redacted] b6 b7C

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On 11/30/71 at [redacted] Nevada File # LV 164-60 b6 b7C

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Date 12/2/71

[redacted] Sheriff's Office, [redacted] Nevada, advised his department under file number [redacted] has records reflecting that [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted] stated that fingerprints of [redacted] were returned from the FBI Identification Division with a notation to the effect there was no criminal arrest records on file with the FBI. b6 b7C

Background data on [redacted] reflects that he is a white male, born [redacted] five feet [redacted] inches, 160 pounds, brown hair, brown eyes, [redacted]. b6 b7C

He listed the following residences:

[redacted] b6 b7C

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Fingerprints records returned by California State Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation, Sacramento, California under number [redacted] reflect [redacted] was fingerprinted by [redacted] Sheriff's b6 b7C

On 11/30/71 at [redacted] Nevada File # LV 164-60 b6 b7C

by SA [redacted] :mtc Date dictated 12/2/71

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Office on [redacted]

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Date 11/26/71

[redacted] Stewardess, indicated to Special Agents JOHN F. RICKS and ALF T. STOUSLAND the two seats which she had observed to be occupied by the unknown subject. Thereafter, those areas were processed for fingerprints. In addition the telephone, the area around the rear door, the rear door and four plastic drinking glasses found in the trash receptacle by the back door were also processed for fingerprints. Fingerprint impressions obtained were all initialed by SA STOUSLAND. In addition, a cloth towel affixed to the rear of one of the seats reportedly occupied by the unknown subject was removed and initialed by SA STOUSLAND. On that towel was noted what appeared to be a short human hair.

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On 11/25/71 at Reno, Nevada File # LV 164-60

by SA JOHN F. RICKS
SA ALF T. STOUSLAND ATS:js Date dictated 11/26/71

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Date 12/2/71

[redacted] Division of Drivers License, Department of Motor Vehicles, [redacted] Nevada, advised that Nevada drivers license [redacted] is a valid Nevada drivers license issued to [redacted] number unknown.

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[redacted] was described as:

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Race:
Sex:
Date of Birth:
Height:
Weight:
Hair:
Eyes:
Social Security Number:

[redacted]

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[redacted] advise [redacted] Nevada, formerly [redacted] Nevada, [redacted]

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[redacted] further advised [redacted] had telephone number [redacted] Nevada.

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Date: 12/8/71

Transmit the following in _____
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Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

FROM: SAC, PHILADELPHIA (164-133) (P)

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

SUB - D.
- E.
- G.
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Enclosed for Seattle are seven copies of an FD 302 reflecting interview of stewardess [redacted]. Enclosed for Minneapolis are two copies of same FD 302. b6 b7C

[redacted] advised on 12/2/71 that she would be [redacted] b6 b7C

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Special Agent in Charge

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date December 3, 1971

[redacted], residing at the home of [redacted] [redacted] provided the following information: b6 b7C

On November 24, 1971, while employed as a stewardess for Northwest Airlines, she flew on Flight 305 which originated in Washington, D. C., arrived at Minneapolis, Minn., about 10 a.m., and she boarded shortly thereafter. She said the crew for her flight were Pilot WILLIAM SCOTT, [redacted], Senior Stewardess [redacted], B Stewardess [redacted], and C Stewardess [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted] advised that her flight departed Minneapolis, Minn., at 10:35 Central Standard Time, with a light load, less than half, and flew to Great Falls, Montana, then to Missoula, Montana, then to Spokane, Washington, and Portland, Oregon. She said that the aircraft departed Portland, Oregon at 2:53 Pacific Time, and arrived two hours and fifty-three minutes later at Seattle which is normally a 36 minute flight. b6 b7C

Just before the [redacted] gave the word for take off from Portland, [redacted] took a beverage form to the aft jump seat. There was a man in seat 18 E, middle right aft passenger seat, and as she, [redacted], faced the barrier strip, she observed [redacted] dropping a note, stand up, and unfasten the barrier strip and sit down next to the man in seat 18 E. [redacted] appeared emotional in that she was trying to speak to her, was moving her lips, but other than [redacted] no other words came out. b6 b7C

[redacted] picked up the note lying at her feet and read it which, to the best of her recollection, is as follows: b6 b7C

"Miss, I am hijacking this plane. I have a bomb. Sit next to me."

The aircraft lifted off the runway at 2:58 and [redacted] used the interphone to advise the pilot the ship was being b6 b7C

On 12/1-2/71 at [redacted] File # Philadelphia 164-133

SA [redacted] 164-81-409

by SA [redacted] JWC/lss Date dictated 12/3/71 Seib. E

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Date: 12/6/71

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
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TO : SAC, SEATTLE

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

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

Under separate cover Las Vegas is forwarding directly from the Reno Resident Agency one Pioneer Parachute, 26 feet, Ripstop Conical, type 226 manufactured September, 1957.

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AIRTEL AIRMAIL - REGISTERED

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (164-2111)

Course - F.
- E.

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

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

Enclosed for the Bureau are two aeronautical charts on which the flight path of Northwest Airlines Flight #305 has been drawn with a green marker pen.

It is noted that tracking of the aircraft was handed over from FAA, Oakland, to Reno air control approach at a point just north of Portola, California.

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1 - Sacramento
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date December 9, 1971

[redacted] furnished the following information:

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[redacted] advised that on the night of November 24, 1971 he observed an airplane flying near [redacted] Airfield. He advised that the time of the sighting was between 7:30 and 8 p.m. because [redacted] and they had just finished watching "Truth or Consequences" on t.v. which is on from 7:00 until 7:30 p.m.

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He advised that the aircraft was flying at about treetop level and was flying from the northeast direction toward the southwest. He stated that the plane made a turn behind [redacted] Airfield and that upon completion of the turn departed the area flying back toward the northeast. He stated that upon making the turn the airplane turned on its landing lights but that it did not land. [redacted] stated that planes often fly low over that particular area due to the close proximity of the airfields located [redacted] but that he thought this was peculiar since the plane put on its landing lights but apparently did not land.

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[redacted] stated that he was unable to describe the airplane since it was dark but that [redacted] He also stated that he did not [redacted] number on the airplane and that he was unable to obtain any further descriptive data due to the fact that it was too dark to clearly observe that much detail of the airplane.

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On 11/29/71 at [redacted] Washington File # SE 164-81-1613 Sub E

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by SA [redacted] :kdl Date dictated 12/3/71

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SEATTLE (164-81)

FROM DIRECTOR (164-2111) 1P

NORJAK

RE LAS VEGAS AIRTEL DECEMBER THREE SEVENTYONE.

NO LATENT PRINTS CONTENTS OF ASH TRAY.

LATENT PRINT PREVIOUSLY REPORTED MESSAGE, Q TWO, NOT IDENTICAL ELIMINATION PRINTS.

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SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) 12/9/71

SA CHARLES E. FARRELL

NORJAK

On 12/8/71, [redacted] of the Bureau advised that the Director had given his approval for the publication of the artist's sketch in the publication "PARACHUTIST" as requested in Seattle teletype. b6 b7C

He advised that a sketch prepared by the artist of the UNSUB both with and without the glasses, would be furnished to the San Francisco Office for publication as above mentioned.

[redacted] also asked if the entire course of the flight had been searched. He was advised that the pertinent part of the State of Washington as well as all of Oregon, and Nevada, had been checked but apparently the area in California had not yet been searched due to the fact that the reconnaissance plane had been unable to fly the course due to bad weather. b6 b7C

[redacted] advised that Sacramento should be immediately contacted and requested to do a thorough search of the area, the same to be handled within the bounds of good judgment. b6 b7C

[redacted] also had other questions, one of the ones he asked was, - b6 b7C

Did the UNSUB use the lavatory he [redacted] wondered whether he might have taken the money in there to check it. b6 b7C

He was advised he used the lavatory before the passengers left the plane because one of the passengers saw him. He was further advised that apparently he did not check the money in the lavatory because the stewardess observed him examining the money.

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[redacted] also advised that the Bureau was preparing for field-wide distribution, a wanted flyer which would contain both sketches of this UNSUB, the one with glasses and one without. Exactly when this would be sent out, he did not say. b6 b7C

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4:20 PM URGENT 12-9-71 LXL

TO DIRECTOR (164-2111)

SEATTLE (164-81)

LOS ANGELES

SAN DIEGO (164-91)

FROM SACRAMENTO (164-50) 2P

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[redacted]

NORJAK. OO: SEATTLE.

RE SAN DIEGO AND SACRAMENTO TELS, DEC. EIGHT, LAST.

FOR INFO BUREAU AND SEATTLE, INCLEMENT WEATHER, SACRAMENTO DIV., THIS DATE CAUSED CANCELLATION OF USAF PHOTO RECONNAISSANCE FLIGHT AND RENTAL AIRCRAFT SEARCH OF PATH OF HIJACKED AIRCRAFT.

FOR INFO LOS ANGELES, RE SAN DIEGO TEL SET FORTH THE PORTLAND DIV. RECEIVED INFO FROM [redacted] SO, PORTLAND, THAT CERTAIN [redacted] [redacted] RESEMBLED ARTIST'S SKETCH OF UNSUB. [redacted] DESCRIBED AS WMA, BORN [redacted] FIVE FEET ELEVEN, ONE HUNDRED FORTY POUNDS, BROWN HAIR, BROWN EYES. [redacted]

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[redacted]

[redacted] CALIF. DEPT OF AGRICULTURE, ADVISED THIS DATE [redacted]

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DEC. THREE, LAST, AND LISTED RESIDENCE AS [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted]

[redacted] NO PHOTO AVAILABLE. [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted]

LOS ANGELES AT [redacted] RESOLVE WEATHER [redacted]

IDENTICAL WITH UNSUB THIS CASE.

UNSUB CONSIDERED DANGEROUS.

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FBI SEATTLE CLR

OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
MAY 1962 EDITION
GSA FPMR (41 CFR) 101-11.6

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# *Memorandum*

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

DATE: 12/8/71

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FROM : ASAC PAUL R. BIBLER

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

[redacted] called from the Bureau. He had the following to say: b6 b7C

1. The Director approved publicity of the article and artist's conception in the parachute magazine in response to our teletype 12/7/71.

2. He referred to a teletype of 12/ /71 from Portland in regard to a person who was [redacted] He said it seemed to him that Portland had set out a lot of unnecessary investigation since the purpose of the thing was simply to get a photo of the suspect and have it shown to witnesses rather than getting all the background. b6 b7C

3. He wanted to know if we had considered having a Northwest plane fly Agents over the exact course at night so that we could look down and see just what the situation was when the "bump" occurred at 8:10 or 8:12 PM. I told him we had considered this and also had considered hiring someone to parachute from the plane but the problem was that there was no way of duplicating the conditions which existed at the time. He requested we put some type of language in a teletype about this.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# *Memorandum*

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) DATE: 12/8/71

FROM : ASAC PAUL R. BIBLER

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

On 12/8/71, I called ASAC TED ROSACK at Sacramento, and told him that Bureau Supervisor [redacted] [redacted] had called Seattle today and that he pointed out all offices had conducted a search in this case of some type with the exception of Sacramento. b6 b7C

I told ROSACK that [redacted] wanted us to call Sacramento and tell them a search must be conducted. I told him to put something in their daily teletype and tell us about their progress in this regard. b6 b7C

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

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TO: SAC, Sacramento (164-50) 12/6/71

FROM: Director, FBI

Sub. SEARCH E.
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UNSUB;
NORTHWEST AIRLINES
FLIGHT 305
11/24/71
CAA - HIJACKING
OO: SEATTLE

Reference is made to Butelcall to Sacramento 12/6/71 and Sacramento teletype 12/3/71 which states that Beale Air Force Base has offered free of charge the use of an SR-71 aircraft to photograph terrain over which captioned flight progressed from Seattle to Reno.

Bureau authority is granted for the Sacramento Office to immediately complete arrangements to accept the offer of the use of this aircraft as described in referenced teletype. Sacramento should afford this phase of this investigation immediate and continuous attention and keep the Bureau and Seattle Office fully advised.

Consider subject dangerous.

1 - SAC, Seattle (164-81) (Information)
1 - SAC, Portland (164-41) (Information)
1 - SAC, Las Vegas (164-60) (Information)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

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

DATE: 12/4/71

FROM : SA THOMAS J. MANNING

Sub SEARCH

[redacted] b6 b7C

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

also assigned 164-81-109

Re San Francisco teletype to Bureau and Seattle, 11/26/71

[redacted] Washington was contacted on 12/1/71 and he was not able to furnish any details on the helicopter sightings. He also mentioned [redacted], and stated [redacted] but could provide no information other than that furnished in the teletype. b6 b7C b7D

It was noted that the area [redacted] number of airfields and these are regular sized to small private strips and there is a lot of air traffic [redacted] by small planes. Further it is known by the writer that both the state Patrol and the US Army have helicopters flying [redacted] frequently due to its proximity to IS 5 which is a main guiding line for such craft. b6 b7C b7D

No other information of value was obtained [redacted] re the aircraft and in view of the traffic in the air [redacted] it is not possible to identify the aircraft he mentions and further investigation is not warranted in the [redacted] RA. b6 b7C b7D

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FD-36 (Rev. 5-22-64)

FBI

Date: 12/3/71

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
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TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

FROM: SAC, LAS VEGAS (164-60)

UNSUB, aka
Dan Cooper
HIJACKING NORTHWEST FLIGHT #305,
11/24/71;
CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION
OO: Seattle

SUB. MAPS.

Re Sacramento teletype, 12/2/71, requesting routing of hijacked plane from California to Nevada.

Enclosed, herewith, for Sacramento and Seattle are two copies of insert of investigation concerning same by SA [redacted] and one copy for each office of a map of the radar tracking on Northwest Flight #305 from Frenchmen's Reservoit, California, to Municipal Airport, Reno, Nevada.

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2 - Sacramento (Enc.2)
1 - Las Vegas
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On November 25, 1971, [redacted]. FAA, Tower Supervisor, Municipal Airport, Reno, Nevada, furnished SA [redacted] a map of the Radar Tracking of Northwest Flight Number 305, November 24, 1971, from Frenchmen's Reservoir California, to Municipal Airport, Reno, Nevada. This plane entered the State of Nevada at a point approximately twenty-five miles north and fourteen miles west of Reno, Nevada, aiport.

b6 Per FAA
b7C Per FAA

On November 26, 1971, SAs THOMAS G. DEMPSEY and [redacted] with Washoe County [redacted] conducted an air search over the above flight pattern area of Nevada. Nothing pertient in this case was found.

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

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date of transcription 12/6/71

[redacted] Washington, provided the following information: b6 b7C

[redacted] advised that on 11/24/71, at approximately 8:30 PM he heard a low flying jet plane traveling over his house. He stated he would not have noticed this plane, however, it must have been flying extremely low because of the noise it made. This plane was flying directly over his house and in a direction north to south. b6 b7C

[redacted] stated that the weather at this time was extremely bad as there was a heavy overcast and it was raining. b6 b7C

Interviewed on 11/28/71 at [redacted] Washington File # SE 164-81-891 Sub. E b6 b7C

by SA [redacted] /rse Date dictated 12/1/71

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 12/6/71

[redacted] Washington, provided the following information: b6 b7C

[redacted] advised that in the evening of November 24, 1971, somewhere between the hours of 8:00 PM and 9:00 PM both he and his wife heard a low flying jet plane go over his house. This plane was flying from north to south and created enough noise to shake [redacted] house. [redacted] advised that both he and his wife walked [redacted] however, they could not see the plane as it was raining and the sky was covered with clouds. b6 b7C

Interviewed on 11/26/71 at [redacted] Washington File # SE 164-81-Sub. E 893 b6 b7C

by SA [redacted] rse Date dictated 12/1/71

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 12/6/71

[redacted], Washington, provided the following information: b6 b7C

[redacted] advised that on the evening of 11/24/71 at approximately 8:00 PM he noticed the sound of a low flying jet near his house. This plane was flying from north to south an unusually low. [redacted] advised he could see the lights of the plane and they appeared to be going on and off at a slow rate. These lights did not appear to be blinking normally but at unusually long intervals. b6 b7C

[redacted] stated that at the time he saw this plane the wind was blowing and there was rain. b6 b7C

Interviewed on 11/26/71 at [redacted] Washington File # SE 164-81-Sub. E 892 b6 b7C

by SA [redacted] rse Date dictated 12/1/71

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FBI

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Via AIRTEL _____ AIRMAIL
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SUB - D E F G H

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

FROM: SAC, LAS VEGAS (164-60)

UNSUB, aka
Dan Cooper
HIJACKING NORTHWEST FLIGHT #305
11/24/71
CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION
OO: Seattle

Enclosed, herewith, for Seattle are two copies each of FD-302s and inserts of all investigation conducted to date by the Las Vegas Division, copies of which have not previously been forwarded to Seattle:

INTERVIEW OF CREW:

11/24/71 SA H.E. HINDERLITER, JR.
SAC HAROLD E. CAMPBELL, JR.

[redacted] b6 b7C

11/24/71 SAC HAROLD E. CAMPBELL, JR.
SA H. E. HINDERLITER, JR.

[redacted] b6 b7C

11/24/71 SAC, HAROLD E. CAMPBELL, JR.
SA H. E. HINDERLITER, JR.

[redacted] b6 b7C

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11/30/71 [redacted] b6 b7C

SA THOMAS J. WILLIAMS

11/30/71 [redacted] SO b6 b7C

SA [redacted]

11/30/71 [redacted]

Dept. of Motor Vehicles, [redacted], Nevada b6 b7C

[redacted] records DDL, DMV

SA THOMAS J. WILLIAMS

11/30/71 [redacted] b6 b7C

Dept. Motor Vehicles

[redacted]

SA [redacted]

11/30/71 [redacted] b6 b7C

Dept. of Motor Vehicles

[redacted]

SA [redacted].

11/30/71 Observation of [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted], Nevada

SA THOMAS J. WILLIAMS

11/30/71 [redacted] b6 b7C

Dept. of Motor Vehicles

[redacted]

SA [redacted]

12/2/71 [redacted], b6 b7C

SO, [redacted] Nevada

SA [redacted]

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

SA THOMAS J. MANNING

UNSUB;
NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT 305
Portland to Seattle 1124/71
CAA - HIJACKING
CO: Seattle

Re memo of SPC [redacted] 11/27/71 SEARCH (SUB E) b6 b7C

The information set forth in referenced memorandum to SAC re a sighting of activity on Burlington-Northern line near Ridgefield was checked by SA [redacted] on 12/3/71. [redacted] contacted [redacted] at Ridgefield, Washington and he pointed out that area immediately in vicinity of suspected activity is main entrance point or in vicinity of the entrance point to the US Wildlife Game Reguge. b6 b7C

Contact was made with [redacted] the Wildlife Refuge [redacted] noted nothing suspicious and while no hunting was taking place on the refuge on 11/26/71 he knows that a number of people do hunt the area outside the refuge and in view of the hour he would state that the individuals along the Burlington-Northern track were hunters and he also pointed out that hunters do congregate at the main entrance if they do not have permits hoping for a cancellation at the last moment. b6 b7C

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

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AIRMAIL — E. and

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (164-2111)
(ATTN: FBI LABORATORY)

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

UNSUB, aka
Dan Cooper
HIJACKING NORTHWEST FLIGHT #305
11/24/71
CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION
OO: Seattle

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

The FBI Laboratory is requested to conduct appropriate examination of the towel and hair fiber and such evidence as available which could be utilized in possible future identification or elimination of potential suspect when and if same is taken into custody. The Laboratory is also requested to examine the ashtray contents and specifically process any Raleigh filter tip cigarette butts for possible fingerprint identification or comparison, it being noted that hostess [redacted] recalled that subject smoked same almost incessantly. b6 b7C

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1 - Las Vegas
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The Laboratory is requested to make appropriate disposition of the elimination fingerprints, either filing same in civilian section of Bureau for future comparison or retaining in event of future receipt of anonymous letters by the Reno Evening Gazette.

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

All of the above enclosures may be destroyed at the Bureau upon completion of examination.



DB Cooper-27260

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12/2/71

AIRTEL AIRMAIL

MEMBERSHIP LIST IN DRAWER

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (164-220)

MAP 1-A (62)

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SUBJECT: UNSUB, aka
Dan Cooper
Northwest Orient Airlines
11/24/71
CAA - AIR PIRACY

FAA-LOG 1-A

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

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

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Lists filed in bottom drawer of 164-81 cab.

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2 - Seattle (164-81) (Encls. 4)
2 - San Francisco
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NR004 SE PLAIN

4:18 PM URGENT 12/4/71 DCA

TO DIRECTOR, FBI (164-2111)

FROM SEATTLE (164-81) 2P

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

RE PHONE CALLS FROM BUREAU TO SEATTLE, DECEMBER FOUR, SEVENTY-ONE.

THE [redacted] MENTIONED IN REFERENCED PHONE CALLS, [redacted] HAVE ALL BEEN INTERVIEWED BY AGENTS. [redacted] HAS ALSO BEEN INTERVIEWED AND OTHER INDIVIDUALS IN THE VICINITY OF THE AIR STRIP. IT APPEARS THAT THE PLANE WHICH LANDED ON THE AIR STRIP, ACCORDING TO [redacted] HAS ALSO BEEN INTERVIEWED BY BUAGENTS. THE LANDING BY [redacted] WAS ON NOVEMBER TWENTYTHREE, SEVENTYONE, AFTER CIRCLING AROUND AIR FIELD [redacted]

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[redacted] FURTHER ADVISED [redacted] LANDED AT NEARBY AIRSTRIP ON NOVEMBER TWENTYTHREE, SEVENTYONE [redacted]. NO MARKINGS OR REGISTRATION ON THESE PLANES WERE OBTAINED BY INDIVIDUALS OBSERVING BUT [redacted] WHICH WAS THAT TYPE ON PLANE LANDING AT [redacted] WHICH WAS OBSERVED BY [redacted] MENTIONED ABOVE. [redacted] ADVISED NO PLANE LANDED [redacted] NOVEMBER TWENTYFOUR, SEVENTYONE. AT THIS POINT INVESTIGATION DOES NOT DISCLOSE THAT PLANE FIGURES IN CAPTIONED MATTER. b6 b7C

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

SA CHARLES E. FARRELL

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

RE: SEARCH AREA

A facsimile copy of a memo prepared by [redacted] b6
[redacted], which was b7C
accompanied by a map, which is also a facsimile, were received at 6:05 PM, 12/4/71, from Minneapolis.

The map shows the course of the aircraft from slightly north of the Kelso-Longview area to just south of Battle Ground and sets out the most likely area for the parachute drop according to [redacted] latest b6
calculations as an area described by paralel lines C, D E & F. b7C
Generally speaking this would be an area between Pidgeon Springs and an area just north and east of Woodland.

The above information was furnished on 12/6/71 by ASAC BIBLER to SA MANNING at which time SA MANNING advised that he is sure that the area now described has already been searched by helicopter and fixed wing aircraft and that much of it has been covered on the ground as well.

It is noted that on 12/2/71, [redacted] advised b6
that after re-examining the flight recorder, he would suggest b7C
that the search area could be extended to the north an additional three miles, and to as south as the Columbia River. That information was furnished to SA MANNING and possibly included the area now described in the map prepared by [redacted].

SA MANNING requested that to be sure that the area had been searched, that a copy of the map be forwarded to him for examination.

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FBI—SEATTLE

TO: SEATTLE (SEA)
FROM: Minneapolis ([redacted]-73)

NAVAL FAT #305
11/24/71
CAA - HIJACKING

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Line G-I-K-M represents the airplane's flight path as it approaches the Portland (PDX) VOR.

2. The cabin pressure "bump" occurred at 0410 GMT, the time being recorded by the NWA Flight Operations Office (NWAFO) in Minneapolis. It is a virtual certainty that the pressure "bump" marks the time that the high-jacker (HJ) left the airplane. The airplane was at Point A at that time, thus the HJ's body would land at Point A if his 'chutes did not open (unlikely).

3. If it is assumed that the HJ was a highly expert parachutist, and would thus free-fall as far as practicable to insure the best accuracy of his touchdown point, he would land slightly to the NE of Point A due to his drifting with the wind from the point of 'chute opening.

4. If the HJ opened his 'chute as soon as he left the airplane, he would drift along the line A-B and would touch down at B. All lines parallel to A-B are lines along which the HJ would drift if he opened his 'chute relatively early.

5. The parallelogram indicated by C-D-F-E represents the boundaries of the probable touchdown area adjusted for possible time errors and for the above described wind drift. It is probably the most fruitful search area.

6. The earliest the HJ could have jumped is 0406, and this point is represented by Point G.

7. The crew believes the pressure "bump" occurred at 0410, but in any even are certain it occurred before 0415. If the HJ jumped at 0406 (unlikely) he would land on or near line G-H. If he jumped at 0415 he would land on or near line MN.

8. Based on the above explanation of Figure 1, and on all the assumptions based in its preparation, the following are pertinent:

   a. The most likely landing point for the HJ is at, or slightly NE of Point A.

   b. His landing point is more likely to be in area C-D-F-E than any other.

   c. It is possible his landing point could be anywhere within the area shown (G-H-N-M), but the probability goes down as the ends of this area are approached.

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Figure 1, and this explanation, were prepared by [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted]

12/14/71 1971

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

SA CHARLES E. FARRELL

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

RE: SEARCH AREA

On 12/2/71, when talking to [redacted], Northwest Airlines at Minneapolis, he advised that they would be willing to fly the same airplane involved in the hijacking over the area flown during the course of the hijacking and with all conditions as prevailed during the incident itself. He advised that even two volunteers could be used who would make the parachute jump over any area we might request. b6 b7C

[redacted] was advised that his officer is appreciated and the matter will be referred to Mr. MILNES. b6 b7C

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Airtel

12/3/71

TO: SAC, WFO (164-169)

FROM: Director, FBI (164-2111) CC - Sub E.

UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
NORTHWEST AIRLINES
FLIGHT 305
11/24/71
CAA - HIJACKING
OO: SEATTLE

Reference is made to WFO teletype to Bureau 12/2/71 setting forth data concerning possible use of NASA aircraft in connection with captioned matter. It was requested that the Bureau advise of any further action to be taken.

Confirming Bureau telephone call to WFO 12/3/71 you are instructed that no further action at this time is necessary concerning the information set forth in referenced teletype.

1 - SAC, Seattle (Information)

1 - SAC, Sacramento (Information)

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

SA THOMAS J. MANNING

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

Investigation in Clark and Cowlitz Counties on 12/3/71, consisted of the following:

[redacted] mentioned in his interview at [redacted], Illinois, were contacted and alibi furnished [redacted] was verified. b6 b7C

Investigation vicinity [redacted] reflected one woman, [redacted], recalls a light plane landing with its landing lights on between 8:00 and 8:30 PM, on 11/24/71, remaining on the ground for approximately one half hour. However, she pointed out that she finds nothing suspicious in this since a number of planes land at both the Hauhn and McClellan small air strips frequently, both day and night, and it is possible she may be confused on the exact time of the landing of the light plane which she has referred to as being 11/24/71. b6 b7C

Information developed by SA [redacted] at Vancouver, Washington, reflects [redacted], possible suspect in hijacking and memo to file will be furnished by SA [redacted] on 12/6/71, with details. b6 b7C

Contact made with U.S. Weather Bureau, Portland, Oregon, to determine exact weather from 7,000 feet to ground level on 11/24/71, reflects generally conditions previously furnished to case agent, except that some of these winds both at 7,000 feet and on the surface could have been coming from 225 to 235 degrees, a general southeast wind. Further information concerning the wind and weather conditions being furnished in insert form concerning search in general.

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Information developed by SA [redacted] reflects that a market beacon receiver which could have allowed the skyjacker to zero in on a particular ground point from which a signal was eminating, is of cigarette package size. An advertisement of one particular type of marker beacon receiver is being submitted for information to the file.

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[redacted] Washington, advised that [redacted] during the evening hours of November 23, 1971, at approximately 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. She stated that he normally [redacted]

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She added that he stayed a couple of hours [redacted]. She stated that [redacted] as he normally does. She again stated that no [redacted] on November 24, 1971. She stated that [redacted] and [redacted] where they worked in a shop prior to [redacted] leaving.

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[redacted] Washington, advised that on the night of November 24, 1971, at about 8:00 PM he was in his barn doing chores and pointed out that the barn and his house are located [redacted]. He recalled that the weather at this time was foggy with some rain and recalls that the fog was blowing like low hanging clouds as he recalled being able to see lights at the [redacted] at times and then other times the fog would obscure these lights. b6 b7C

He went on to relate that he heard a light plane which was not too noisy come over his house about 8:00 PM going in a [redacted]. This plane made [redacted] and then on the [redacted] had its landing lights on and did land on the [redacted] It appeared that the pilot of the plane attempted to turn the plane around and [redacted]. He stated that his visual observation of the plane indicated that it was one with a medium to light blue color fuselage and possibly white wings. Further, it had a single engine and the single wing on the plane was on top and it also had a tricycle landing gear. b6 b7C

The plane lights were turned off just as a single male was observed stepping out of the plane but after the lights were turned off he did not see where this person went or what he did [redacted] further advised that not too many planes land [redacted] at night but some do come in during daylight hours and then take off after dark. He advised that possibly he has seen this plane at some other time [redacted] and has seen the pilot go from the plane to [redacted]. b6 b7C

He also recalled that he went into his house and from 30 minutes to an hour later he heard the plane taking off and that [redacted] which seemed to him b6 b7C

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to be peculiar for it had landed the other way. He advised he did not see the plane take off and could not be sure of the exact amount of time it was on the ground. However, he pointed out that the following night, November 25, 1971, he thinks the same plane [redacted] b6 b7C although he did not see it come down.

[redacted] also stated that [redacted] b6 have any information on this plane [redacted] b7C prior to the time it made the [redacted] also pointed out that while he cannot see the actual ground [redacted] he can observe individuals who walk [redacted] from his property. [redacted] then stated that while the weather was foggy and rainy about the time the plane landed, he thinks the weather cleared to a point about 9:00 PM where one was able to see the stars from time to time.

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[redacted], Washington, advised that on November 24, 1971, between 8:00 and 8:30 p.m. one small plane circled [redacted]. She stated that the weather was foggy with some rain at the time this plane came into land and recalled further that it was on the ground about 30 minutes and took off again. She advised [redacted] told her it was a single engine plane and that he had observed one man getting out of the plane. b6 b7C

She pointed out that she had no reason to be suspicious of this aircraft coming in to land and staying on the ground, as small planes land [redacted] frequently. b6 b7C

She stated that she feels sure the plane landed on November 24, 1971, as she was doing chores at the time and could relate the plane landing to the next day being Thanksgiving.

[redacted] continued that she did not see the landing lights turned on at any particular time and recalls further that there were no planes flying in that vicinity all afternoon. She pointed out that the plane came [redacted] and she observed the [redacted] but she did not see the plane land. She also stated that at times other planes land there at night and she thought nothing of this plane coming [redacted]. b6 b7C

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Interviewed on 12/3/71 at [redacted], Washington File # SE 164-81-1864 b6 b7C

by SA [redacted]:bfr Date dictated 12/3/71

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Transmit the following in _____
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Via TELETYPE URGENT
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TO : SAC, LAS VEGAS (164-60)

FROM: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

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

OO: SE. BUFILE 164-2111.

RE SEATTLE TELECALL DECEMBER TWO LAST, REQUESTING LAS VEGAS TO ADVISE WHETHER INSPECTION PANELS LOCATED NEAR THE REAR STAIRWAY IN INSTANT PLANE, WERE REMOVED AND THE AREAS BEHIND THEM INSPECTED ON THE NIGHT OF THE HIJACKING WHILE THE PLANE WAS AT RENO.

INSTANT PLANE IS GOING TO BE IN SEATTLE ON DECEMBER FOUR NEXT, AND WILL BE INSPECTED BY SEATTLE AGENTS UNLESS THIS WAS DONE AT RENO.

PLEASE SUTEL TODAY AND ADVISE.

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237PM URGENT 12-3-71 MAW

TO SEATTLE (164-81)

PORTLAND (164-41)

LAS VEGAS (164-60)

PHILADELPHIA

FROM MINNEAPOLIS (164-73) 2P

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

RE SEATTLE TELEPHONE CALL TO MINNEAPOLIS DECEMBER TWO LAST.

[redacted] b6 b7C

NORTHWEST AIRLINES, MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA, ADVISED THAT THE HIJACKED AIRCRAFT IS NOW BEING UTILIZED COMMERCIALLY BY THE AIRLINE AND ITS FIRST OVERNIGHT STOP WILL BE AT SEATTLE ON DECEMBER FOUR NEXT. THE AIRCRAFT IS ARRIVING AS FLIGHT SEVEN THREE FIVE AT FIVE DASH TWENTYSIX PM SEATTLE TIME AND WILL BE IN SEATTLE OVERNIGHT. [redacted] b6 b7C

FURTHER ADVISED [redacted] IT WOULD BE ALMOST

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IMPOSSIBLE FOR ANYONE TO ENTER THE PANELS WHILE THE AIRCRAFT IS IN FLIGHT INASMUCH AS THE STAIRS HAVE TO BE FULLY DESCENDED BEFORE THE PANELS CAN BE ENTERED. HE STATED IT WOULD BE REMOTELY POSSIBLE TO ENTER EITHER OF THE PANELS BUT IS NOT VERY FEASIBLE. AS YOU FACE TOWARDS THE COCKPIT THE PANEL ON THE RIGHT SIDE HAS AMPLE ROOM FOR TWO AVERAGE SIZE INDIVIDUALS. THE PANEL ON THE LEFT SIDE HAS LESS ROOM BUT COULD ACCOMMODATE ONE PERSON.

SEATTLE IS REQUESTED TO EXAMINE AIRCRAFT AFTER ARRIVAL AS FLIGHT SEVEN THREE FIVE.

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11:41 AM URGENT 12/3/71 VLS

TO SEATTLE (164-81)

FROM SACRAMENTO (164-50) 1P

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

RE SACRAMENTO TEL, DEC. TWO, LAST.

LIST OF SERIAL NUMBERS OF MONEY PAID TO HIJACKER DISSEMINATED DEC. TWO, LAST, TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES IN SACRAMENTO DIV.

SACRAMENTO MAKING ARRANGEMENTS WITH BEALE AFB FOR AREIAL PHOTOGRAPHY OF ROUTE TAKEN BY NORTHWEST FLIGHT. AIRCRAFT TO BE UTILIZED IS SR SEVEN ONE, HIGH ALTITUDE COMPUTERIZED RECONNAISSANCE PLANE WHICH PHOTOGRAPHS TWENTY MILE WIDE PATH. MAP OF NORTHWEST FLIGHT OVER WASHINGTON AND OREGON TERRITORY FORWARDED TO SACRAMENTO BY UNITED AIRLINES NIGHT DEC. TWO, LAST, HANDCARRIED TO BEALE AFB THIS AM.

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ASAC PAUL R. BIBLER

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

SA [redacted] called from Minneapolis. He just finished a conference with NW Airlines people in regard to the possibility of an individual hiding behind one of the inspection panels inside the fuselage of the airplane. He has been told by NW people that this is virtuously impossible and that access is possible only to a contortionist unless the stairway is all the way down as it would be in the flight position. b6 b7C

[redacted] says he cannot find out from NW if they have actually inspected these areas in the plane and said the plane would be coming into Seattle as Flight 735 at 5:26PM, 12/4/71. It will be in Seattle overnight and we can arrange with NW to have it inspected at that time. b6 b7C

[redacted] reiterated that NW people told him this was almost 100% impossible. b6 b7C

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UNSUB, aka Dan Cooper;
NW AIRLINES FLIGHT #305
PORTLAND TO SEATTLE,
11/24/71
CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION
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On 12/2/71 RON STAMP of Sacramento said that they had arranged to get an SR 71 from Beale AFB, California, to fly and photograph the entire flight path and then to interpret the photographs later in an attempt to locate any foreign objects, particularly the parachutes. He wanted us to send him a map showing the flight path and headings in Washington and Oregon.

I had one of the maps which we obtained from SAGE sent to him by courier on the night of 12/2/71. This was handled by SA [redacted]. b6 b7C

On the morning of 12/3/71, after receiving a WFO teletype indicating that they were still negotiating for the NASA plane, I called STAMP to be sure to keep the Bureau and WFO advised of his progress. Subsequently he did send a teletype to the Bureau.

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

On 12/2/71, SA [redacted] telephonically talked with SA CLOW of the San Francisco Division and advised that a package was being forwarded to San Francisco via Western Airlines Flight 641, departing Seattle at 7:30 PM, and arriving in San Francisco at 9:12 PM on 12/2/71. b6 b7C

SA CLOW was also advised this package contained photos of the flight path of captioned aircraft from Seattle to the California border. He was also advised that this package should be forwarded via United Airlines Flight 848 departing San Francisco at 9:45 PM, and arriving in Sacramento, California at 10:20 PM, the night of 12/2/71.

At 5:10 PM SA [redacted] telephonically contacted SA RON STAMP of the Sacramento Division and advised that a package would be forwarded via aforementioned routing, since there were no direct flights Seattle to Sacramento, during the PM of 12/2/71. b6 b7C

SA STAMP advised that an Agent would meet United Airline Flight 848 at Sacramento.

At 7:10 PM, SA [redacted] gave aforementioned package to [redacted] Western Airlines Flight 641, who agreed to carry the package to San Francisco and turn it over to an Agent of the FBI at that point. b6 b7C

At 7:45 PM, SA [redacted] telephonically contacted the Night Supervisor in San Francisco and furnished the name of [redacted] as the pilot who would carry the package to San Francisco and turn it over to the FBI there. Sub. C 164-81-575 b6 b7C

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

SA [redacted] called from Philadelphia 12/2/71. He is the Agent who has been interviewing [redacted] [redacted] has a theory based on the fact that [redacted] told him subject appeared to be quite intelligent and did not appear to be dressed for jumping. Theory is that subject did not leave the plane until after it landed in Reno. [redacted] got someone to take him through a 727 and there are two inspection panels in the extreme rear of the plane, which are not readily detectable. In fact, [redacted] did not even know about these areas. The one on the right of the stairway door in the rear of the plane, is untenable for very long because it is full of heat ducts and other materials. b6 b7C

The one on the left has room for a man to stand along with the gear which subject had with him the other night. He would not freeze at below level, nor would he need oxygen at that level.

[redacted] is putting this in a teletype, however, I telephoned ASAC DULINSKY in Las Vegas and asked him to determine if FBI personnel or airline personnel in their processing, inspected this compartment in Reno on 11/24/71. I also called Minneapolis where I talked to the duty agent [redacted] and asked him to have Minneapolis determine if airline personnel had been in this compartment in instant plane since it had been returned to duty and whether it showed any signs of occupancy. I told him that if they could not see if that panel had been opened, to determine where the plane is now so that it can be inspected. b6 b7C

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# *Memorandum*

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

FROM : SA CHARLES E. FARRELL

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

OO: Seattle

RE: SEARCH OF THE AIRCRAFT

On 12/2/71 SA [redacted], Philadelphia Division, advised that he had reinterviewed [redacted] earlier that day and in addition, [redacted] and SA [redacted] had gone to the airport at Philadelphia and looked over the after section of a Boeing 727 with the assistance of a mechanic. b6 b7C

[redacted] advised that he has theorized, based on the information given by [redacted] that the hijacker might never have jumped from the aircraft. He said the hijacker is apparently an intelligent individual and his jumping under such unfavorable conditions was extremely dangerous. b6 b7C

[redacted] advised that in inspecting the aircraft they found that, as you look toward the rear of the plane, the control handle which raises and lowers the air stairs is located on the left side of the aircraft. Right next to it, farther back, is a fairly large panel which hinges at the top with a locking latch at the bottom. The latch can be opened either from inside or outside. b6 b7C

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The purpose of the section is to permit inspection of the aircraft in the tail section. He said there is a similar inspection hatch on the right side of the aircraft. However, on the right side the compartment is small and contains

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# *Memorandum*

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) DATE: 12/1/71

FROM : ASAC PAUL R. BIBLER

CC- COURSE SEARCH WITNESSES

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

SA [redacted] called from Philadelphia today. He is the one doing the interviews with [redacted]. So far, all the pictures shown to her, including [redacted], have been non-idents. They are sending us a teletype but he wanted us to know that and he also wanted us to know that [redacted] wants to be thoroughly re-interviewed since she feels she can now recall things which she did not furnish previously. They are going to do this in the morning. b6 b7C

He said that she told him that the subject told her he wanted to take off with the ladder down, the gear down and "we'll be flying with 15 degrees." She said the pilot told her to tell him that they could not take off with the ladder down and he muttered, "Yes you can, but that's alright, we can lower it later."

[redacted] told us he thought this was significant since this would indicate the subject knew a lot about airplanes, perhaps that he might have worked on the 727 at one time. He also thought it was significant that "we'll be flying with 15 degrees" since this is pilot talk, meaning 15 degrees of flaps. I asked him if [redacted] mentioned whether or not the subject gave instructions as to the course to fly. He said that the subject did not, that he did not give any headings, he did not outline any course, but simply said to take him to Mexico. b6 b7C

They will be reinterviewing her tomorrow and furnish a teletype.

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610 PM URGENT 12-3-71 DCC

TO DIRECTOR (164-2111)

MINNEAPOLIS (164-73)

SEATTLE (164-81)

FROM PHILADELPHIA (164-133)

Search

UNSUB; NORTHWEST AIRLINES, FLIGHT THREE ZERO FIVE, NOVEMBER TWENTY-FOUR LAST, CAA - HIJACKING; OO: SEATTLE

RE PH TEL CALL TO SEATTLE DEC. TWO LAST, AND SEATTLE TELETYPE TO PH DATED DEC. ONE LAST.

ON DEC. TWO LAST, [redacted], STEWARDESS, NORTHWEST AIRLINES, RESIDING [redacted], PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFO:

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WHEN SHE DEPARTED PLANE IN SEATTLE TO PICK UP TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS, HIJACKER INDICATED HE WAS GOING TO USE THE LAVATORY AND STARTED TOWARD THE AFT LAVATORYM WHEN SHE RETURNED TO THE PLANE WITH THE MONEY, HE WAS IN HIS SEAT. SHE DOES NOT RECALL HIJACKER CHANGING CLOTHES OR HAVING ANY OTHER CLOTHES IN HIS POSESSION AND TO THE BEST OF HER KNOWLEDGE, HE WAS CARRYING

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THE ATTACHE CASE WHEN HE WAS MOVING TOWARDS THE AFT LAVATORY. HE WAS CARRYING THE CASE ON ITS SIDE IN HIS LEFT HAND WITH HIS RIGHT HAND IN THE CASE.

[redacted] OBSERVED AT ONE TIME OR ANOTHER A GREEN SHOPPING TYPE BAG ON TOP OF ATTACHE CASE, SIZE OF BAG APPROXIMATELY THAT OF A DRESS SHIRT SIZE BAG FROM A CLOTHING STORE. HIJACKER WORE NON-LACE TYPE SHOES OF ANKLE LENGTH. THE HIJACKER DID NOT BRING FOOD ONTO THE PLANE OR EAT ANY FOOD EXCEPT FOR HAVING A DRINK OF LIQUOR. b6 b7C

PRIOR TO TAKE OFF FROM SEATTLE AIRPORT, HIJACKER GAVE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS TO PILOT:

"WE ARE GOING TO MEXICO CITY. FLAPS DOWN, YOU CAN TRIM THEM TO FIFTEEN, YOU CAN STOP ANYWHERE IN MEXICO TO REFUEL, BUT NOWHERE IN THE UNITED STATES, AFT DOOR TO BE OPEN, STAIRS DOWN, CABIN LIGHTS OUT, EVERYONE TO BE FORWARD OF FIRST CLASS CURTAIN, AND ALTITUDE UNDER TEN THOUSAND FEET." THERE WAS NO MENTION BY HIJACKER OF A HEADING OR AIR SPEED FOR FLIGHT.

[redacted] ADVISED IT WAS HER RECOLLECTION THAT HIJACKER INITIALLY WANTED HER TO LOWER THE REAR STAIRS OR LADDER AND LATER CHANGED b6 b7C

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HIS MIND AFTER AIRCRAFT TOOK OFFM SHE WAS IN THE COCKPIT WITHIN FIVE MINUTES AFTER TAKE OFF AND RECALLS TEN MINUTES AFTER BEING IN COCKPIT THAT ONE OF THE COCKPIT CREW RECEIVED AN INTERPHONE CALL FROM HIJACKER ADVISING HE COULD NOT LOWER THE LADDER SO THE PILOT LEVELED THE AIRCRAFT OFF AND REDUCED SPEED. SHE RECALLS SEEING THE RED LIGHT GO ON THE SECOND OFFICER'S PANEL INDICATING THE REAR LADDER HAD DROPPED AND WITHIN FIVE MINUTES OF THE FIRST CALL A SECOND CALL WAS RECEIVED BY ONE OF THE OFFICERS FROM HIJACKER WHICH WAS THE LAST COMMUNICATION WITH THE HIJACKER.

ON DECEMBER TWO LAST, INVESTIGATION AT PHILADELPHIA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT REVEALED THAT THERE IS AN ACCESS PANEL IN THE REAR LADDER WELL ON EITHER SIDE OF THE WELL ENABLING MECHANICS TO REACH EQUIPMENT BETWEEN WELL AND OUTER FUSELAGE OF THE SHIP IN THE TAIL. THIS PANEL CAN BE OPENED FROM INSIDE THE WELL AND THE FUSELAGE WITHOUT TOOLS. FACING THE REAR OF THE AIRCRAFT IT IS NOTED THAT THE AREA BEHIND THE PANEL ON THE LEFT SIDE OF THE WELL CONTAINS SUFFICIENT ROOM FOR TWO OR THREE MEN TO BE INSIDE. THE

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SAME ROOM IS AVAILABLE BEHIND THE RIGHT PANEL, HOWEVER, A MECHANIC ADVISED THAT THE AIR DUCTS CONTAINED WITHIN THAT WALL WOULD CAUSE THE HEAT INSIDE THE PANEL TO BE TOO HOT FOR MAN TO SURVIVE.

SEATTLE CONSIDER CHECK OF LEFT REAR TAIL PANEL SECTION OF HIJACKED AIRCRAFT TO DETERMINE IF IT IS POSSIBLE THAT HIJACKER MAY HAVE UTILIZED THIS SPACE TO CONCEAL HIMSELF DURING FLIGHT. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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4:30 PM URGENT 12-3-71 SGT

TO SEATTLE (164-81)

FROM LAS VEGAS (164-60)

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

RE SEATTLE TEL INSTANT.

INSPECTION PANELS LOCATED NEAR REAR STAIRWAY IN INSTANT FLIGHT WERE REMOVED AND AREAS BEHIND THEM INSPECTED WHILE PLANE WAS AT RENO, NEVADA.

FOLLOWING THE SEARCH OF THE PLANE AND THE DUSTING OF IT FOR FINGERPRINTS THERE WAS A GUARD PLACED AT THE PLANE FOR SECURITY PURPOSES AND THE PLANE WAS "BUTTONED UP" UNTIL JUST BEFORE IT LEFT RENO AT ELEVEN TWO A.M., NOVEMBER TWENTY-FIVE, SEVENTY-ONE. IN ADDITION, THE RESTROOM FACILITIES WERE SEARCHED.

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[redacted] Vancouver, Washington, was interviewed at his place of employment, [redacted], Vancouver, Washington. He was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents and was asked for information on the skip name, [redacted]. He admitted that when he is [redacted] and transmitting he does use the name [redacted] for identification though it is not a name approved by the Federal Communications Commission. He pointed out that a number of people use the skip names for identification. b6 b7C

[redacted] recalled that about one month ago he contacted [redacted], Washington [redacted] and did ask her the location of [redacted] in that area since it was not on his map. This information was given to him and he probably used the name [redacted] at the time of contact. b6 b7C

He pointed out that he owns a [redacted] airplane which bears registration number [redacted] and is parked [redacted], Washington. This is a white plane with two colors of green strips running the length of the aircraft. b6 b7C

[redacted] was asked if he had been flying on November 24, 1971, particularly in [redacted], Washington area and stated that he had not been flying for the headline of his plane is down and to fly in that condition would be extremely dangerous. He pointed out that his plane does have a large red light on the top of his tail assembly and further that he normally monitors [redacted]. b6 b7C

[redacted] volunteered information that he knew of a person who transmitted as [redacted] and advised he would attempt to secure this individual's name and address. b6 b7C

[redacted] later that day telephonically advised that he had identified [redacted], Vancouver, Washington, who works a straight swing shift [redacted] and whose phone number is [redacted]. b6 b7C

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Interviewed on 12/2/71 at Vancouver, Washington File # SE 164-81-1872

SA [redacted] and b6
by SA THOMAS J. MANNING TJM:bfr Date dictated 12/2/71 b7C

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SA CHARLES E. FARRELL

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

Search

OO: Seattle

RE: SEARCH AREA

On 12/2/71, SA [redacted], Case Agent at Minneapolis, advised that [redacted] of Northwest Airlines had some additional information concerning a possible adjustment to the search area. b6 b7C

On 12/2/71, [redacted] advised that the hijacked airplane was being flown on automatic pilot during most of the time it was in flight over the State of Washington and on down south. b6 b7C

[redacted] advised that because it was automatic pilot the crew might not be able to detect a change in the attitude of the flight caused by a 180-pound man parachuting from the back stairway. However, he advised that he is examining the flight recorder with a microscope which he expects will reveal "little bobs" or anomalies where the automatic pilot has mechanically made an adjustment to maintain the level flight of the aircraft. b6 b7C

He noted that there was a "little bob" at approximately 8:09 p.m. and based on that finding and the fact that the air stairs had gone down sometime earlier, [redacted] suggested that the search area probably should be extended to the north an additional three miles and to the south as far as the Columbia River. These extensions of the search area would be b6 b7C

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NR 019 WF PLAIN

9:48 PM URGENT 12-2-71 ASW

TO DIRECTOR

SEATTLE

FROM WASHINGTON FIELD(164-169) FIVE PAGES

UNSUB; NORTHWEST FLIGHT THREE ZERO FIVE, PORTLAND TO SEATTLE, NOVEMBER TWENTY FOUR LAST, CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION, OO:SE.

RE SACRAMENTO NITEL TO BUREAU DATED DECEMBER ONE LAST.

TODAY, DISCUSSIONS WERE HELD WITH OFFICIALS OF THE NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION (NASA), WASHINGTON, D.C. (WDC) RELATIVE TO UTILIZATION OF EARTH RESOURCES AIRCRAFT (ERAC) IN CONFORMANCE WITH INFORMATION CONTAINED IN REFERENCED NITEL.

MR. BARNEY NOLAN, ERAC PROGRAM DIRECTOR, ADVISED THAT THE AFOREMENTIONED AIRCRAFT DOES NOT POSSESS ALL THE CAPABILITIES UTILIZED IN REFERENCED NITEL. MR. NOLAND AND MR. MYRON KRUEGER, TECHNICAL COORDINATOR OF DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, AND INTER-AGENCY AFFAIRS, NASA, SUGGESTED THE FOLLOWING ALTERNATIVES AFTER CONSIDERATION OF PROBLEMS INVOLVED AND OBJECTIVES OF INSTANT INVESTIGATION:

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5:29 PM URGENT 12-2-71 LJQ

TO: SEATTLE (164-81)

FROM: PORTLAND (164-41) 1P

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

SUMMARY TELETYPE.

"OREGONIAN," NEWSPAPER, PORTLAND, OREGON, RECEIVED LETTER SIGNED D.B. COOPER STATING, "AM ALIVE AND DOING WELL IN HOME TOWN PO. THE SYSTEM THAT BEATS THE SYSTEM." BODY OF LETTER IS LETTERING CUT FROM NEWSPAPER OR MAGAZINE. ENVELOPE IS HANDPRINTED. ENVELOPE AND LETTER FORWARDED TO FBI LABORATORY WITH COPIES TO SEATTLE.

PRIMARY INVESTIGATIVE ACTIVITY THIS DATE CONCENTRATED ON SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF LOOKALIKE LEADS.

RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION TO DATE NEGATIVE.

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TO : SEATTLE (164-81)

LAS VEGAS (164-6Ø)

FROM SACRAMENTO (164-5Ø) 2P

cc SEARCH
cc COURSE

UNSUB; NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT NO. THREE ZERO FIVE, PORTLAND TO SEATTLE, NOV. TWENTYFOUR, LAST. CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION.

OO: SEATTLE.

RE SACRAMENTO TEL, DEC. ONE, LAST.

MAP DESCRIBING ROUTE OF FLIGHT CAPTIONED AIRCRAFT OBTAINED FROM FAA, OAKLAND, CALIF., AND FURNISHED NORTHERN CALIF. RESIDENT AGENCIES FOR ASSISTANCE IN SEARCH AND DISSEMINATION TO LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMANT. NO INDICATION ANY INDIVIDUAL CONNECTED WITH HIJACKING HAS SOUGHT MEDICAL AID ALONG FLIGHT ROUTE.

SACRAMENTO PRESENTLY AWAITING BUREAU AUTHORITY TO EXPEND FUNDS FOR AIRCRAFT TO BE USED FOR SEARCH.

FOR INFO LAS VEGAS, RENO APPROACH CONTROL TOOK OVER DIRECTION OF AIRCRAFT AT PORTOLA, CALIF. FROM FAA, OAKLAND, AT APPROXIMATELY TEN THIRTYFIVE PM, NOV. TWENTYFOUR, LAST.

LAS VEGAS DETERMINE FROM FAA OR RENO AIRPORT OFFICIALS PRECISE

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SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) 12/2/71

SA THOMAS J. MANNING

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

Ground search conducted in vicinity of County Road 42 and Peart Road, Clark County, Washington by walking the area. This location is the mid-point of the circle based upon information furnished by Northwest Airlines. Terrain found to have extremely heavy brush in areas which were not open fields. Amount of coverage was 1/3 of a mile by a mile and a half long, with nine Agents utilized in search procedure. Negative Results. Each of the heavily brushed areas were impenatrable.

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SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) 12/1/71

SA THOMAS J.MANNING

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

A fixed wing aircraft was utilized today, to cover Woodland in a northerly direction to Silver Lake and east to west 20 miles, making a total area of 800 square miles covered with negative results. It was found that this was extremely rough terrain and no sightings were made of any suspicious objects. Further, the Confer Road in the Kalama, Washington area was covered by air with negative results.

MANNING advisedtthat last night (12/1/71) at 1:30 AM, the Sheriff's Office called and said a hitchhiker [redacted], who gave his address in [redacted], Washington, said he had been picked up [redacted] by a white, male, driving a red colored, late model foreign car, believed to be a Porshe. The address he gave them, [redacted], was non-existent. b6 b7C

The Sheriff's Office deputy in a high speed chase on I-5, caught the Porshe outside of Kalama. The car was [redacted] b6 b7C

The hitchhiker claimed there was a sack of $20 bills on the floor of the car.

SA [redacted] is going to see [redacted] today (12/1/71). At this time he is not available. b6 b7C

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1010PM URGENT 12-1-71 LCH

TO DIRECTOR (164-2111)

SEATTLE (164-81)

FROM SACRAMENTO (164-50) (1P)

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

RE SEATTLE TEL, NOV. THIRTY, LAST, INSTRUCTING SACRAMENTO INSTITUTE SEARCH OF ROUTE TAKEN BY INSTANT AIRCRAFT IN SACRAMENTO DIVISION.

IT IS NOTED ABOVE SEARCH INVOLVES DISTANCE OF APPROXIMATELY THREE HUNDRED MILES OVER TERRAIN INACCESSIBLE OTHER THAN BY AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE. ALL AVENUES THOROUGHLY EXHAUSTED IN ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN MILITARY AIRCRAFT FOR SEARCH. MILITARY ADVISES EITHER BECAUSE OF REGULATIONS OR REIMBURSEMENT CONSIDERATIONS AIRCRAFT UNAVAILABLE TO FBI. THEREFORE, NECESSARY FUNDS MUST BE AUTHORIZED IN ORDER UTILIZE MILITARY OR PRIVATE AIRCRAFT FOR REQUESTED SEARCH.

AUTHORITY REQUESTED TO EXPEND FUNDS FOR THIS SEARCH.

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

[redacted], case agent, Sacramento, called on 12/1/71. b6 b7C

He said they would have an Air Force plane in the air tomorrow, to search the entire route through California.

I requested that some time this afternoon they send us a teletype to report a summary of what they did today.

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TO SEATTLE (164-81)

FROM SACRAMENTO (164-50) 1P

UNSUB; NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE ZERO FIVE, PORTLAND TO SEATTLE,

NOV. TWENTYFOUR, LAST. CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION. OO: SEATTLE.

RE SEATTLE TEL, NOV. THIRTY, LAST.

STATE TEL ISSUED THIS DATE SETTING FORTH DETAILS OF CASE, DESCRIPTION OF UNSUB, AND REQUEST THAT ANY PERTINENT INFO DEVELOPED BE FURNISHED SACRAMENTO FBI. PERTINENT LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES COVERING AREA DESCRIBED BY ROUTE OF NORTHWEST FLIGHT THREE ZERO FIVE ALREADY COGNIZANT OF THIS MATTER. LIAISON WITH HOSPITALS AND MEDICAL FACILITIES ALONG ROUTE OF FLIGHT BEING ESTABLISHED SHOULD UNSUB SEEK ATTENTION FOR POSSIBLE INJURIES.

SACRAMENTO THIS DATE MAKING EFFORTS TO OBTAIN APPROPRIATE TYPE MILITARY AIRCRAFT FOR AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE ALONG FLIGHT PATH AND AERIAL SEARCH WILL BE CONDUCTED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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Date of transcription 12/6/71

[redacted], [redacted], Washington, advised that a white male who identified himself as [redacted], Nevada, rented a house [redacted] on September 27, 1971, which was located on [redacted], [redacted]. This house was unfurnished and [redacted] advised he is sure this man never lived in the house for at no time did he ever see him bring anything to the house except a few personal possessions in a late model white Datsun stationwagon. The rent of [redacted] a month in advance was paid by check, number [redacted], dated September 27, 1971, drawn on the [redacted], Nevada, with a transit number of [redacted]. This check had the name of [redacted] on its face but had no address. [redacted] advised another check in the amount of [redacted] was paid for the second month rent in advance on October 28, 1971.

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[redacted] recalled that this man and a white woman who was with him moved the few belongings they had in the house from the place on November 28, 1971. [redacted] also advised that this man told him that he had [redacted] but at no time did [redacted] in or about the property and further the man told him several untruths for some unexplained reason, one of which he recalled was that the [redacted] were returning to [redacted], Nevada, and the next day he observed that the woman was still there.

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He further recalled that this man told him he was unemployed and in reply to questions by [redacted] whether he could meet the rent of [redacted] per month, he stated he could. He further advised that no mention was made of any source of income of this individual but the two checks were processed for collection with no problem.

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[redacted] advised that he observed this man moving his possessions from the house on November 28, 1971, and is sure that there was no furniture in the boxes. Further, he stated that he is sure the man never lived in the house and has no reason to offer for his having rented it for two months.

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Interviewed on 11/30/71 at Longview, Washington File # SE 164-81

by SA THOMAS J. MANNING:bfr Date dictated 11/30/71

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[redacted] advised that he had observed a composite drawing of the individual involved in the hijacking of a Northwest Airlines flight on November 24, 1971, and can say that the man who rented the property has some resemblance to the composite except that this man had more hair than the hair shown on the composite picture. He also stated that he would say the man looked Latin to him and had what he, [redacted], thought could have been a midwest accent. He further pointed out that when this man moved out on November 28, 1971, he appeared to be in no great rush and was not unduly anxious to get away from the area. b6 b7C

[redacted] described the man as follows: b6 b7C

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| Sex: | Male |
| Race: | White |
| Age: | 45 |
| Height: | 6' |
| Weight: | 170 pounds |
| Complexion: | Dark |
| Hair: | Sandy dark hair |

[redacted] described the woman as follows: b6 b7C

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|---|---|
| Sex: | Female |
| Race: | White |
| Build: | Slight |
| Complexion: | Dark |
| Height: | 5' 5" |
| Weight: | 120 pounds |
| Characteristic: | Could be looked upon as of Latin extraction but had no accent of any type. |

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# *Memorandum*

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) (P) DATE: 11/30/71

FROM : SA THOMAS J. MANNING SUB — E. F. U.

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

Investigation at Longview RA territory, 11/30/71, consisted of contacts with all hospitals, doctor's clinics, in Clark, Cowlitz, Lewis, and Wahkiakum counties, all negative. Doctors and other medical locations being circularized with descriptive information and composite photograph by interested medical authorities.

A four seater helicopter of the Bonneville Power Administration conducting air search in an area 20 X 20 miles with negative results. The three-day use of helicopters and fixed wing aircraft in the prime search areain the opinion of the writer has been completed. No information of value has been uncovered in this aerial surveillance.

Information concerning [redacted], has been previously furnished in teletype sent to the Las Vegas Division this date. Close observation of terrain features in the search area composed of 500 square miles and has been flown for three days consists of the following: b6 b7C

Around Lake Merwin in the northern most part of the search area there is a ridge line which averages 1700 feet running in an east to westerly direction with dense timber, extremely heavy undergroth and few clearings. Proceeding north and east of this location into Cowlitz County the terrain becomes more timbered with heavy growth of underbrush along the flight path

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SA THOMAS J. MANNING SUB - E.

of the aircraft in Clark County there is some farm land and clearings which stands under dense timber in parts in which stands, the undergrowth is heavy. There is a ridge line running north and south on the east side of the search area. U.

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NORTHWEST AIRLINES
FLIGHT #305
OCTOBER 11, 1971
CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON
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Information secured concerning weather conditions on the night of the hijacking from the Portland International Airport Weather Service reflect that winds at 7,000 feet along the flight path of the aircraft were blowing from the west and were from 25 to 30 knots. Investigation on the ground in the search area reflects that weather conditions were a wind blowing from the west and a light misty rain falling with wind velocity 10 to 15 knots. Further information from this weather service reflects a ceiling of 5,000 feet. At 3,500 feet medium to heavy cloud cover and at 1,500 feet occasional sighting of the ground.

A four seater helicopter of the Bonneville Power Administration conducting air search in an area 20 X 20 miles with negative results. The three-day use of helicopters and fixed wing aircraft in the prime search area in the opinion of the writer has been completed. No information of value has been uncovered in this aerial surveillance.

Information concerning [redacted] b6 b7C has been previously furnished in teletype sent to the Las Vegas Division this date. Close observation of terrain features in the search area composed of 535 square miles and has been flown for three days consists of the following:

Around Lake Merwin in the northern most part of the search area there is a ridge line which averages 1700 feet running in an east to westerly direction with dense timber, extreme heavy undergroth and few clearings. Proceeding north and east of this location into Cowlitz County the terrain becomes more timbered with heavy growth of underbrush along the flight path

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NORTHWEST AIRLINES
FLIGHT #305,
PORTLAND TO SEATTLE,
11/24/71
CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION
OO: SEATTLE
BUfile 164-2111

On 11/30/71, the Bureau sent out a new artist's conception without glasses and requested we show it to witnesses. Subsequently I called [redacted] in Division 6, and told him witnesses [redacted] did not see subject's eyes; they saw him only with the dark glasses. I told him with regard to witness [redacted], that this witness thought the eyes were "good." This witness still maintains however, that the forehead should be slightly broader; the nose around the nostrils should be broadened and the cheeks were to flat and should be made rounder. b6 b7C

[redacted] requested that we send him a teletype on this and also forward the artist's conception in which our witness had drawn in his suggested changes. This was done. b6 b7C

[redacted] threw the following out for our guidance, instruction and consideration: b6 b7C

1. He said in our initial teletype, page 5, we have one witness saying that the subject carried a dark colored attache case and a paper bag 4"x12"x18". He wonders if this paper bag could have contained a jump suit and a pair of boots.

2. In the same teletype, there was mention that a witness scuffled with the subject. I told him that I had already discussed this with the Agents involved and this was a wrong choice of words and that the word should have been "hassel" and that there was actually no scuffle and the witness had not had to separate the two, but merely stepped in to end an argument.

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3. [redacted] wanted to know if we had enlisted hiking clubs and other outdoor groups to aid in the search. b6 b7C

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I told him that we had used only law enforcement personnel; that this was extremly rugged terrain and not the kind of territory you could lay off in a grid and search minutely at arm's length. He said to include in our next teletype something about the terrain.

4. He also said to include in our next teletype something about weather conditions in the drop area at the time the drop occurred.

5. He also wanted to know if we had given consideration to hiring a professional parachutist or make a simulated drop with a dummy and following it to the ground. He wondered if anything could be gained by such a maneuver.

I pointed out to him that anything we did by way of simulating the conditions would be a very broad approximation since we didn't know exactly where the plane was, assuming that the hijacker did go out at 8:12 PM, when they felt the "oscillation", Since this would vary with such factors as wind direction; which side of the flyway the plane happened to be on at the time, etc. He said he understands this but he would like us to think about it.

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6:35 PM URGENT 11-30-71 AJW

TO: DIRECTOR (164-2111)

SEATTLE (164-81)

FROM: PORTLAND (164-41) 2P

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

FOLLOWING IS STATUS OF AIR SEARCH IN OREGON WHICH HAS BEEN COMPLETED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

A SIX MILE CORRIDOR ALONG FLIGHT TRACK AS PLOTTED BY RADAR GENERALLY ALONG VICTOR TWENTYTHREE AIRWAY FOLLOWED BY NWAL FLIGHT THREE ZERO FIVE BETWEEN PORTLAND AND SALEM WAS ACCOMPLISHED BY USE OF TWO HELICOPTERS COMTAINING THREE ARMY PERSOMNEL AND TWO AGENTS EACH AND TWO FIXED WING AIRCRAFT MANNED BY TWO AGENTS EACH. THE SALEMHTO EUGENE LEG WAS COVERED BY SAME TWO HELICOPTERS AND ONE FIXED WING PLANE MANNED BY TWO AGENTS. IN ADDITION, PART OF THE ROUTE (SALEM TO EUGENE AREA) WAS SEARCHED BY BONNEVILLE POWER ADMINISTRATION HELICOPTER PERSONNEL WHO WERE IN VICINITY ON POWER LINE PATROL

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DUTIES. THE GRANTS PASS TO MEDFORD AREA WAS SEARCHED BY ONE AGENT AND A FAA PILOT IN A FIXED WING AIRCRAFT. FROM EUGENE SOUTH TO GRANTS PASS AREA WAS COVERED BY ONE AGENT AND CIVILIAN PILOT IN FIXED WING AIRCRAFT. THE AREA BETWEEN EUGENE AND MEDFORD IS FORESTED, MOUNTAIN WILDERNESS AND LARGELY COVERED BY SNOW MAKING ANY FURTHER SEARCH BY AIR IMPRACTICAL. AIR SERVICES IN THE EUGENE TO MEDFORD AREAS WHO REGULARLY FLY THIS ROUTE HAVE BEEN ALERTED AND REQUESTED TO REPORT ANY SIGHTINGS PERTINENT TO THIS CASE.

THE SEARCH NOW COMPLETED BY THIS OFFICE HAS BEEN SEVERELY DELAYED BY STORMY AND LOW CEILING WEATHER.

UNSUB ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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620 PM URGENT 11/30/71 VAB

TO PORTLAND (164-41)

FROM SEATTLE (164-81) (P)

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

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FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF PORTLAND IN CONDUCTING SEARCH IN THIS MATTER, [redacted] NW, MINNEAPOLIS, IN A CONVERSATION WITH THIS OFFICE ON NOVEMBER TWENTYNINE LAST, ADVISED THAT THEY HAVE BEEN PASSING INFORMATION ON TO US BASED ON THE QUOTE PRESSURE BUMP ENQUOTE INDICATING THAT THE MAN HAD JUMPED NORTH OF PORTLAND. HE SAID IT WAS ENTIRELY POSSIBLE THAT THE MAN DID NOT JUMP WHEN THIS PRESSURE BUMP TOOK PLACE. IT WAS ENTIRELY POSSIBLE THAT HE SAT ON THE END OF THE STAIRS TO CHECK OUT HIS REFERENCE POINTS BEFORE HE JUMPED. IF HE DID THIS FOR EVEN A SHORT TIME, HE COULD HAVE EASILY LANDED ACROSS THE RIVER IN OREGON. HE POINTED OUT THIS CONNECTION THAT THERE IS AN AURORA FIELD NEAR DONALD, OREGON.

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NR 003 PD PLAIN

2:55 PM URGENT 11-30-71 LJQ

TO: SEATTLE (164-81)

FROM: PORTLAND (164-41) 1P

UNSUB; NORTHWEST ORIENT AIRLINES, FLIGHT NO. THREE ZERO FIVE, PORTLAND TO SEATTLE, NOVEMBER TWENTYFOUR SEVENTYONE. CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION. OO: SEATTLE.

FOREST SERVICE MAKING AVAILABLE AIRCRAFT TODAY AND SEARCH WILL BE MADE ALONG LINE OF FLIGHT IN MEDFORD, OREGON AREA. SA THOMAS G. ACKERMAN WILL CONDUCT VISUAL INSPECTION FROM AIRCRAFT ON LINE OF FLIGHT IN EUGENE, OREGON AREA TODAY. SEATTLE WILL BE FURNISHED ANY POSITIVE INFORMATION. PENDING.

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FROM : SAC, SEATTLE

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

For record purposes, SA MANNING advised that the military helicopters used at Woodland on 11/26/71 left Gray Field (Fort Lewis) at 6:40 AM, arrived at Woodland at 8:15 AM, were airborne approximately 9:30 AM, came in and refueled once and were relieved and discontinued the air search about 11:30 AM. The airmen went to lunch and departed for Gray Field at 12:45 PM the same day.

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DATE: 11/30/71

FROM : SAC, SEATTLE

cc COURSE SEARCH

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

On 11/29/71 I talked to [redacted], Northwest Airlines, Minneapolis, Minnesota. b6 b7C

I pointed out to him that I had examined the log of this flight very carefully and it would appear that the area in which we are currently searching is the most logical one to search. However, I was curious to know if the pilot would be able to detect a difference in the trim of the plane, caused by the added weight brought about through the hijacker's descent on the stairway.

[redacted] said this would very likely be detected by the pilot were it not for the fact that the plane was on "automatic pilot" during the flight, which he described as being a normal procedure. He continued, however, and said he had examined minutely the flight recorder record and was unable to detect any similar occurrence in the airplane at the site we are presently searching. He advised that in view of this very likely there would be no other logical place to commence a search at this time. b6 b7C

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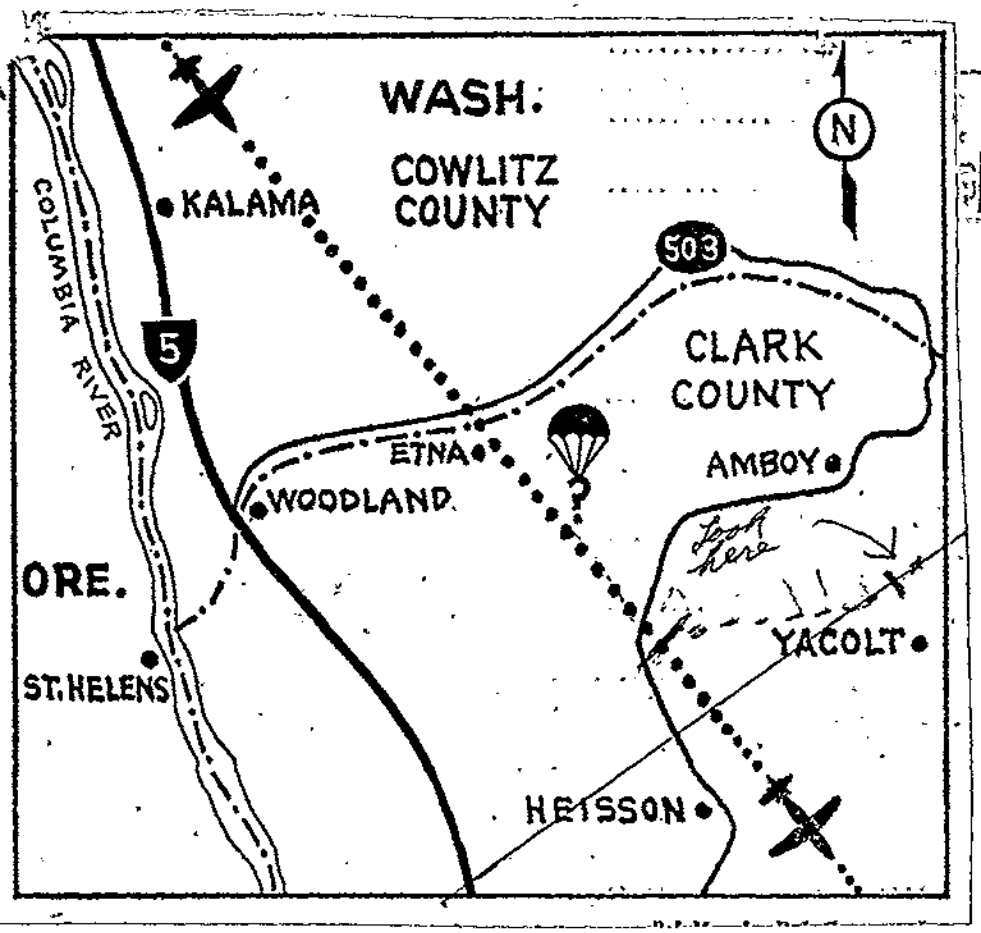


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FROM : SAC, SEATTLE cc SEARCH

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

SA HENRY SHUTZ called from the Bureau on 11/29/71.

He advised that it had been suggested that we place a stop with the doctors and hospitals in the pertinent area so that if anyone came in injured, we would know about it.

This should be done.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# *Memorandum*

TO : FILE (164-81)

DATE: November 29, 1971

FROM : SAC J. E. MILNES

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

CC - [redacted] b6 b7C
CC - PARACHUTE
CC - SEARCH

RE: Suspect [redacted] b6 b7C

On November 29, 1971, SA [redacted] at the Bureau called. SA [redacted] wanted to know the results of the display of the photograph to the witnesses. b6 b7C

I told him that the Minneapolis Office had been asked on November 27 to accomplish this immediately and had just finished talking to them and they were going to get it done.

SA [redacted] then wanted to know if the Bureau could say positively that one of the parachutes was inoperable. I told him there was no doubt about it, but if he wanted a piece of paper on it I would prepare one. b6 b7C

I told him we were contining ground search but the weather made it impossible to fly down there today.

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

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date of transcription 12/9/71

[redacted], Washington, advised he heard a large aircraft fly over his home about 8:10 PM on November 24, 1971, during a driving rainstorm. The plane was traveling toward Portland, Oregon.

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by SA [redacted] :bfr Date dictated 12/4/71

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[redacted], Washington, [redacted], advised that on November 24, 1971, at about 8:15 p.m. he heard a large plane fly over his [redacted]. He stated that the plane was extremely low and sounded as though it was stalling out and then started to operate correctly. He stated that the wind was coming from the west at about 15 miles per hour and it was raining hard. He added that the elevation where his [redacted] is located is about [redacted]. b6 b7C

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[redacted], Washington, advised that no one landed [redacted] on November 24, 197. She added that she did not see any airplanes circling in the general vicinity [redacted] on November 24, 1971. She added that the only person, outside of [redacted].

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[redacted] Washington, b6 b7C
stated that he and [redacted]
during the afternoon hours of November 24, 1971, and that he observed a small low wing airplane, white in color, with a brownish blue strip running from the front of the plane to the rear bearing the prefix letters [redacted] and some number on the bottom of one wing, circling low over the general area of [redacted], Washington. He stated that the plane continued to fly over the area all afternoon and into the evening and that he last saw it around 8:00 PM.

He stated that after dark the plane turned on a greenish colored light in front and a red light on the tail. He stated that he paid close attention to the plane as he was [redacted] b6 b7C He stated that he saw the same plane in the same general area about one month ago. He said it was a low wing model plane. He did not see the plane land.

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[redacted], Washington, stated [redacted] during the afternoon hours of November 24, 1971, but that he does not recall seeing an airplane and that he [redacted] not outside.

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[redacted], Washington, advised she saw a small airplane circling extremely low [redacted] November 24, 1971, between 8:00 PM and 8:30 PM. She advised that the airplane had a large red light on the tail and that she could provide no further information or description. She also advised she did not see the plane land and that [redacted].

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[redacted], Washington, advised that on November 24, 1971, shortly after 5:00 PM, he observed a small metallic colored airplane circling low over the general area of his home. He described the plane as powerful, noisy, tail dragger, two seater, and with a large red light on the tail. He added that the plane was low enough to the ground and close enough to him that he could see one person in the plane who he stated was a male. He stated that [redacted], told him the plane had been circling in this area for a short period of time prior to 5:00 PM. He added that he [redacted] left their house for a short period of time and returned shortly after 8:00 PM and that the small plane was again circling in the general area near his house. He stated that he could tell it was the same plane by the noise it made and the large red tail light. b6 b7C

He stated that the last time he saw the plane was a little after 8:00 PM when the pilot turned on the landing light and appeared to be making a landing. He did not see the plane land. [redacted] stated that he knows the time was a little after 8:00 PM because he had hurried home to see a television show which started at 8:00 PM and that the show had already started. He stated he could not recall the name of the show because he had directed his attention to the airplane which had been circling his house. He stated that he was aggravated by the plane circling low over his house and that is why he can recall the details so clearly. b6 b7C Bull

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[redacted], Washington, stated that she heard a small plane circling over her residence prior to 5:00 PM on November 24, 1971, and that when [redacted] arrived home shortly after 5:00 PM she told him that the plane had been circling low over the area for some time. She stated that [redacted] then paid close attention to the plane until they left their residence for a short time returning shortly after 8:00 PM at which time the plane was again observed circling in the general area behind their home [redacted]. She stated she did not see the plane land. She added that on November 24, 1971, from about 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM, a white car with a white male occupant was parked about [redacted] She stated that because she was alone in the house [redacted], she became nervous having someone park so close [redacted]. She stated that [redacted] she observed the occupant of the car through her field glasses. She stated that the occupant was a white male [redacted].

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She stated that the same car returned on November 25, 1971, and parked in the same place from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM.

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[redacted], Washington, advised that sometime around the first of October, she was contacted on [redacted] by a person who identified himself as [redacted] She stated that [redacted] is a skip name and that she does not know his true identity. She added that [redacted] made inquiries regarding the location of [redacted] in the general area of [redacted], Washington. She stated that she gave [redacted] specific information concerning the location of [redacted], Washington. She added that [redacted] saw a small airplane circling low over the general area of [redacted], Washington, on November 24, 1971, and that he could provide a partial registration number which was on the wing of the airplane.

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# *Memorandum*

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) DATE: 11/27/71

FROM : SPC [redacted] b6 b7C

SUBJECT: UNSUB;
N.W. Airlines Flight #305,
11/24/71
CAA - HIJACKING;
EXTORTION
OO: Seattle

At 6:10 PM, 11/27/71, [redacted], Seattle, phone [redacted], advised he was [redacted] when he noticed two cars, and two individuals transferring something from one of the cars to the other car. This was about 6:00 AM, 11/26/71, in an area [redacted], Washington, and occurring in a place where no vehicles usually go because of the swampy terrain and woody area. [redacted] believes this may have something to do with the recent hijack and provided the information to us for further reference. b6 b7C

[redacted] did not see what the two individuals looked like or the makes of the vehicles because of the darkness. He could not describe the matter being transferred for the same reason. b6 b7C

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Date: 11/26/71

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Via TELETYPE URGENT
(Priority)

CC - CROSS
- SEARCH
- PARACHUTE

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

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

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

AIR SEARCH CONDUCTED IN AREA WHERE HIJACKER BELIEVED TO HAVE LEFT PLANE, UTILIZING TWO ARMY HELICOPTERS FROM GRAY FIELD; ONE WEYERHAUSER COMPANY HELICOPTER AND ONE BONNEVILLE POWER ADM., HELICOPTER. FOR PURPOSE OF SEARCH, AREA WAS DIVIDED INTO SIX SECTIONS AND DUE TO WEATHER CONDITIONS, ONLY THREE WERE COVERED TODAY. SEARCH WAS NEGATIVE. A LIMITED GROUND SEARCH ALSO CONDUCTED WHICH WAS NEGATIVE, EXCEPT FOR ~~TWO INDIVIDUALS IN THE~~ NORTHEAST QUADRANT OF THE SEARCH AREA, WHERE TWO INDIVIDUALS MADE COMMENTS CONCERNING A LOW FLYING AIRPLANE AT THE PERTINENT TIME, BUT SAW NOTHING DROPPING FROM PLANE.

RELATIVE TO SUSPECT [redacted], PHOTO DISPLAYED WITH OTHERS, TO WITNESS [redacted] AND [redacted] WN., SEATTLE, WHO ADVISED PHOTO OF [redacted] DEFINITELY NOT IDENTICAL. HE STATED HIJACKER HAD A MUCH BROADER FACE AND NOSE. PHOTO OF [redacted] BEING DISPLAYED TO OTHER WITNESSES.

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Approved: [signature] Sent 9:45 P M Per DVA

Special Agent in Charge

DB Cooper-27341

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 11/29/71

[redacted], Washington, furnished the following information: b6 b7C

[redacted] was home during the evening of November 24, 1971 and heard a jet plane going over his house sometime during the evening at approximately 9:00 p.m., although the exact time was not known. This aircraft was extremely loud and sounded as if it were flying very low. [redacted] did not bother to get up and make an attempt to see the aircraft as he felt he would not be able to see anything due to the darkness. b6 b7C

[redacted] thought that this was someone flying in to land at Portland. Aircraft landing at Portland frequently are placed in a holding pattern in this neighborhood. [redacted] stated that [redacted]. This jet was headed south and slightly east at an altitude that was unknown although it was low enough and loud enough to shake the house. b6 b7C

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by SA [redacted]:md Date dictated 11/29/71

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3:47 PM URGENT 11-28-71 BLB

TO: SEATTLE (164-81)

FROM: MINNEAPOLIS (164-73) P

Search

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

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[redacted], b6 b7C

NORTHWEST AIRLINES, MINNEAPOLIS TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED THIS DATE THAT INFLIGHT RECORDER READINGS FROM SUBJECT AIRCRAFT INDICATE THE POSSIBILITY THAT UNSUB TOUCHED GROUND THREE (3) STATUTE MILES EAST NORTHEAST OF LA CENTER, WASHINGTON ON A BEARING ZERO EIGHT ZERO DEGREES TRUE.

[redacted] STATED THAT HE WAS IMMEDIATELY FURNISHING THIS INFORMATION TELEPHONICALLY TO FBI SEATTLE. b6 b7C

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ASAC PAUL R. BIBLER

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

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[redacted], Northwest Flight Dispatch Center, called twice on the afternoon of November 28, 1971. The first time he advised that he had checked on possible information and believed that a more accurate pin-pointing of the possible place of descent of the hijacker would be three statute miles east northeast of LaCenter, Washington, on a bearing of 080 degrees, true. He said the center of the circle would depend on the clock being a few seconds off one way or the other or the Unsub falling free before he opened the chute. However, he would estimate that a circle with a three-mile radius from the point described above should come close to the place of descent. b6 b7C

He called back subsequently and said that he had talked to the man who was working the radar at Portland which was very accurate since it was very close to the plane at the time and determined that the plane was actually one to two miles east of the center of this particular fly-way. He said for this reason, we might consider moving the center of the circle described above one or two miles due east.

This information was furnished to SA MANNING on November 28, 1971. He was instructed to make certain that this area was thoroughly searched and to consider air coverage on November 29, 1971.

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314 PM URGENT 11-27-71 TJT

TO SEATTLE (164-81)

FROM MINNEAPOLIS (164-73) P

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

RE URTEL NOVEMBER TWENTYSIX LAST.

[redacted] ON CAPTIONED FLIGHT ADVISED THAT ALL LIGHTS EXCEPT NAVIGATIONAL LIGHTS WERE OFF SHORTLY AFTER TAKE OFF OUT OF SEATTLE. AT NO TIME DID THEY FLASH THEIR LIGHTS ON AND OFF DURING THE HIJACKING. [redacted] ADVISED THAT THEIR FLIGHT PATH WOULD HAVE BEEN APPROXIMATELY SEVEN NAUTICAL MILES FROM AMBOY, WASHINGTON AND THE PLANE WAS AT TEN THOUSAND FEET INDICATED EIGHT THOUSAND ABOVE GROUND, FLYING IN CLOUDS. THE FLASHING RADIO BEACON AT KALAMA, WASHINGTON WAS NOT OBSERVED SINCE THEY WERE IN THE SOUP, ON INSTRUMENTS.

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[redacted] ADVISED CONTACTING THE PILOTS OF THE CHASE AIRCRAFT TO DETERMINE THEIR ALTITUDES AND LOCATION AT THIS TIME. [redacted] ADVISED THAT THE REASON THEY NEVER FLASHED THEIR LIGHTS ON AND OFF WAS THEY NEVER WERE SURE HE WASN'T STILL ON BOARD UNTIL TOUCHDOWN AT RENO.

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MR013 SF PLAIN

11:40 PM URGENT 11/26/71 DCA

TO MINNEAPOLIS

FROM SEATTLE (164-81) 1P

UNSUB; NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT NO. THREE ZERO FIVE, PORTLAND TO SEATTLE, NOVEMBER TWENTYFOUR, SEVENTYONE. CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION. OO: SEATTLE.

DURING SEARCH TODAY WITNESS NEAR AMBOY, WASHINGTON, RECALLS THAT AT APPROXIMATELY EIGHT PM, TWENTYFOURTH INSTANT, HE RECALLS A LOW FLYING JET PLANE FLYING SOUTH AT AN UNUSUALLY LOW ALTITUDE AND THAT ALL LIGHTS, INCLUDING NAVIGATION AND CABIN LIGHTS WERE GOING ON AND OFF.

INTERVIEW MEMBERS OF CREW TO DETERMINE IF THIS AIRCRAFT WAS THE HIJACKED AIRCRAFT. INTERVIEW CREW FURTHER TO DETERMING WHETHER THEY HAD ANY VISUAL SITINGS OR LANDMARKS AT THE TIME SUBJECT IS BELIEVED TO HAVE EXITED AIRPLANE, NOTING THAT A FLASHING RADIO BEACON AT KALAMA, WASHINGTON, COULD WELL HAVE BEEN VIEWED BY THEM AT ABOUT THIS TIME.

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Sub. C.
164-81-190

SAC, PORTLAND November 26, 1971

SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) (P)

UNSUB;
NORTHWEST AIRLINES
FLIGHT 0305
PORTLAND TO SEATTLE
11/24/71
CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION

OO: Seattle

There is attached a map which has been prepared by the Air Force showing the route taken by the airplane from Seattle to the California - Oregon line.

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2 - Las Vegas (Enc.1)
2 - Seattle
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# *Memorandum*

TO : FILE (164-81) DATE: 11/26/71

FROM : SAC, SEATTLE

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

On 11/26/71 at 8:30 AM I called ASAC RUEHL in Portland, told him about the matter of the military helicopters and asked him to have someone contact the Bonneville Power Administration at once, see if they would let us use 2 or 3 of their helicopters in this search.

In addition, I told him to arrange to have 500 gallons of jet fuel (JP-4) delivered to the Pearson Air Park in Vancouver, Washington, so it could be used as fuel for the helicopters.

I furnished to him SA MANNING's telephone number at Woodland (225-2741 or 225-2731.

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FILE (164-81) November 26, 1971

SAC J. E. MILNES

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

OO: Seattle

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A [redacted] of Fort Lewis, telephone [redacted] called and advised that the Sixth Army Headquarters in San Francisco wanted to know why the helicopters were being relieved. Itold him that the Army in Washington had informed us the cost would be approximately $250 per hour per unit, and that I thought the charge was excessive and that we could get the same service for either nothing or substantially less, and we were relieving them for that purpose. He wanted to know when they departed Woodland and when they expected to arrive at Fort Lewis. I told him I would let him know.

(2) - Seattle
JEM/cjw
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At 12:05 p.m., I called [redacted] in [redacted] office. I advised him that the helicopters had been relieved between 10:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. The pilots were eating lunch. They were weathered in and weather permitting they will return to Fort Lewis after lunch.

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SAC J. E. MILNES

UNSUB;
NORTHWEST FLIGHT 305
11/24/71
CAA - HIJACKING;
EXTORTION
(OO:SE)

On November 26, 1971, at 2:15 p.m., I talked to SAC MATSON regarding the air search of the area from Portland to Eugene, Oregon, and pointed out to him that we were through with the air search in the area in Washington, and I had suggested to SA MANNING that he have the Bonneville Power Administration and the Weyerhauser Helicopter Pilots contacted to see if they would be willing to assist in the air search in Oregon. If so, then I told him to contact SAC MATSON. SAC MATSON advised that the weather south of Portland now is closing in very rapidly and it did not appear feasible to conduct an air search now, but that they would do it at the first opportunity.

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SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) (P) 11/27/71

SAC J. E. MILNES

UNSUB;
NORTHWEST AIRLINES
FLIGHT 305
11/24/71
CAA - HIJACKING
EXTORTION
(OO:SE)

SA C. MATSON advised me at 4:05 p.m. on November 26, 1971, that they had made arrangements for two helicopters from the Army Reserve and two light planes to fly the search pattern tomorrow from Portland to Eugene, weather permitting.

2-Seattle

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FILE (164-81) November 26, 1971

SAC J. E. MILNES

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

OO: Seattle

At 10:30 AM I advised SA MANNING that one helicopter from the BPA, two from the Air National Guard in Portland were on their way to Woodland now; that those three, together with the one supplied by Weyerhaueser seemed to me to be enough and in view of this he should advise Army pilots that they were being relieved. I furnished this information to SA [redacted] at the Bureau and told him that since we would very likely have to pay for them anyway pending the decision as to whether we would continue their use, we utilize them but were in the process of relieving them at once. I furnished him the details of the replacement helicopters. b6 b7C

[redacted] from Fort Lewis called and I advised him that since we had found other helicopters we were relieving his men and thanked them very much. b6 b7C

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SAC J. E. MILNES

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

On November 25, 1971, at 3:55 PM, I called SA ROBERT PETERSON at the Bureau. I told him that since the Army would not furnish any helicopters, the Navy at Whidbey Island NAS, Oak Harbor, had agreed to furnish two which could be used if permission was obtained from National Military Command Center in Washington, D. C. I asked him to make this request.

At 6:20 PM, SA PETERSON called and advised that an [redacted] had called and advised that the Army at Fort Lewis would furnish two helicopters; however, they would need "J.P. 4" fuel. I told him this could be arranged.

b6 Per ARMY
b7C Per ARMY

A [redacted] from Fort Lewis then called at 8:15 and advised two helicopters would be at the Woodland air strip approximately one hour after dawn, weather permitting.

I told him that they should meet SA MANNING at that point who would brief them on the search to be conducted.

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1159 AM URGENT 11-26-71 JMJ

TO DIRECTOR

PORTLAND SEATTLE

FROM MINNEAPOLIS (164-NEW) 3P

UNSUB; NORTHWEST FLIGHT THREE ZERO FIVE, NOVEMBER TWO FIVE, NINETEEN SEVEN ONE, CAA DASH HIJACKING; EXTORTION.

RE MINNEAPOLIS TELETYPES TO DIRECTOR AND SACS NOVEMBER TWO FIVE, LAST, AND MINNEAPOLIS TELEPHONE CALLS TO SEATTLE AND PORTLAND, NOVEMBER TWO FIVE, LAST.

[redacted], NORTHWEST AIRLINES, BASED ON REVIEW OF NOTES MAINTAINED WHILE IN COMMUNICATION WITH HIJACKED AIRCRAFT FLIGHT THREE ZERO FIVE, PLUS MATHEMATICAL COMPUTATION, ADVISES POSSIBLE AREA OF LANDING OF HIJACKER COULD BE EITHER SIDE OF A LINE BETWEEN TWO POINTS: THE FIRST POINT BEING APPROXIMATELY TWO MILES SOUTH SOUTHWEST OF THE FACE OF THE DAM ON LAKE MERWIN, WASHINGTON; WITH THE SECOND POINT BEING A POINT ONE MILE

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NORTH NORTHWEST OF HEISSON, WASHINGTON. THESE COMPUTATIONS WERE ARRIVED AT BASED ON THE ALTITUDE, DIRECTION AND SPEED OF THE AIRCRAFT WHICH WAS THEN FLYING VECTOR BETWEEN SEATTLE AND PORTLAND WHEN A PRESSURE BUMP AND OSCELATION OF THE AIRCRAFT WAS NOTED BY THE CREW. TO THOSE FAMILIAR WITH THE AIRCRAFT, IT WOULD INDICATE THE REAR DOOR WAS OPENED, CAUSING THE PRESSURE TO DROP AND WOULD BE A VERY LIKELY TIME FOR UNSUB'S DEPARTURE FROM THE AIRCRAFT.

HIS NOTES INDICATE THAT AT MINNEAPOLIS TIME TWENTY ONE FORTY ONE A STEWARDESS WAS ORDERED TO THE COCKPIT BY THE HIJACKER. AT TWENTY ONE FORTY TWO THE HIJACKER ADVISED BY INTER-PHONE THAT HE WAS HAVING DIFFICULTY GETTING STEPS DOWN. AT TWENTY TWO ZERO FIVE THE COCKPIT WAS IN COMMUNICATION WITH THE HIJACKER, AND AT TWENTY TWO TEN THE PRESSURE BUMP AND OSCELATION OCCURRED. NO FURTHER COMMUNICATION WAS HAD WITH THE UNSUB SUBSEQUENT TO THIS TIME.

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[redacted] WAS INFORMED BY [redacted], PORTLAND AIRPORT, THAT TWO CHASE PLANES WHICH WERE FOLLOWING FIVE MILES BEHIND HIJACKED AIRCRAFT SUDDENLY VEERED TO THE EAST AND THEREAFTER MADE A RIGHT TURN. THE POINT OF THEIR CHANGE OF COURSE WOULD HAVE BEEN IN CLOSE PROXIMITY IN TIME AND LOCATION TO THAT BELIEVED WHERE UNSUB DEPARTED THE AIRCRAFT. b6 b7C

[redacted] ALSO POINTED OUT THERE IS A SMALL AIR FIELD SUITABLE FOR PARACHUTE JUMPING AND SO MARKED ON A SECTIONAL MAP IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO AREA WHERE UNSUB IS BELIEVED TO HAVE DEPARTED THE AIRCRAFT. b6 b7C

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SA MAX L. WILSON

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

SRA THOMAS MANNING later advised that Weyhouser would have two "choppers" coming from Tacoma to the Woodland, Wn., airport at dawn tomorrow. Also the US Forest Service would have a small chopper there. He asked that the US Navy choppers meet them at the same airport. To reach him through the Woodland PD ask the operator for the Woodland City Hall number.

According to him a high wind was blowing at Merwin Dam last night. At about 11:30Pm there was a burglary of a grocery store located roughly 10 miles South of the dam. Survival rations were taken including beef jerky, cigarettes, gloves, etc. The person who broke in was wearing military type boots with a corregated sole.

Local lawenforcement in the area has been alerted and neighborhoods are being conducted starting the vicinity of this burglarized grocery.

MANNING will coordinate with Portland.

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# *Memorandum*

TO : SAC, SEATTLE 164 New

DATE: 11/25/71

FROM : SA REESE H. CHIPMAN

SUBJECT: Unsubx: NORTHWEST FLIGHT 305, November 24, 1971.

MEMORANDUM number 3

CAA - HIJACKING ; KXXX EXTORTION

Re: Memorandum No 2, this date of SA CHIPMAN setting forth instructions received from [redacted], Div 6, Bureau. b6 b7C

SAC was advised of above instructions and instructed following be done

RE No 1 Telephone [redacted], NorthWest Airlines Flight Operations Office CH-2-2140, or at home Tel [redacted]. b6 b7C

A - Ascertain from him who can furnish the flight route of Flight 305

B - Then contact SA [redacted], Tacoma RA and have him arrange if possible for helicopter to survey the above mentioned route with an Agent [redacted] aboard . b6 b7C

RE No 2. Bureau request re preparation of FD 388 forms with respect to each witness. Contact Mr. BIBLER who is to handle .

Re No 3. Re Submission of data concerning recorded Money.

Read Section 66, Volume 3, M of I, Pages Re Kidnapping - "Ransom Money, See pages 10,11 and 11A.

Advise Mr. MILNES what instructions are.

See note on Original copy -

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# Memorandum

To : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) (P) Date 12/5/88

From : SA [redacted] b6 b7C

Subject : NORJAK
OO: SEATTLE

On December 1, 1988, the Vancouver office of the FBI was telephonically contacted by [redacted] of Camas, Washington who has a home phone of [redacted] stated that on the night of the hijacking he had been listening to his television and had followed their account of the incident as it unfolded. He stated that shortly after the takeoff from Seattle Airport he went outside his residence and watched for low flying aircraft. He stated that sometime after the takeoff he heard a aircraft flying very low over his residence and then cross the Columbia River and continue heading in a southerly direction. [redacted] went on to explain that the aircraft flying south from the Seattle Airport routinely flew directly over his property in the Camas/Washougal area of Washington. He feels that because of the flight path of the airplane it may be possible that Mr. D.B. COOPER had parachuted from the aircraft and landed in the Columbia River adjacent to his residence. He felt that this would explain the money being discovered sometime later down river. [redacted] concern was that the search for subject's body in the Columbia River has been taking place too far west, he feels that it should be conducted in an area which would be in direct line, if you were to draw a line on the map from Renton, Washington through Ariel, Washington down to [redacted] a location in Camas, Washington. [redacted] described the area as [redacted] which is located [redacted] explained that [redacted] is approximately [redacted] of the Columbia River, near the area known as [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that he has provided this information to the FBI and other local law enforcement agencies in the past but has not seen any action being initiated in response to his information.

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ATTN.: PERSONAL CRIMES UNIT

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RE TELEPHONE CALLS FROM SUPERVISOR [redacted], PERSONAL CRIMES UNIT, TO PORTLAND, FEBRUARY 19 AND 25, 1980.

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IN RESPONSE TO BUREAU REQUEST FOR SUMMARY OF INFORMATION ON RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS MATTER, THE FOLLOWING IS SET FORTH:

AT APPROXIMATELY 5:25 P.M., FEBRUARY 11, 1980, [redacted], VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON, TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED THE PORTLAND OFFICE TO ADVISE HE HAD FOUND SOME OLD DECOMPOSED $20 BILLS, AND HE WANTED TO KNOW WHETHER THE BILLS WERE BEING SOUGHT BY LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES. NCIC CHECKS OF THREE SERIAL NUMBERS FURNISHED BY [redacted] DISCLOSED TWO WERE ON NORJAK RANSOM LIST. THIRD SERIAL NUMBER FURNISHED CONTAINED TOO MANY

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DIGITS AND WAS NOT A HIT. [redacted], WHO HAD BEEN CALLING FROM SOME TELEPHONE FROM VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON, CALLED BACK AT APPROXIMATELY 5:30 P.M. TO DETERMINE RESULTS OF NCIC CHECK AND WAS TOLD FBI WAS INTERESTED IN THE MONEY. APPOINTMENT WAS MADE FOR HIM TO BRING MONEY TO PORTLAND OFFICE, 9:00 A.M., FEBRUARY 12, 1980. AT APPROXIMATELY 9:45 A.M., FEBRUARY 12, 1980, [redacted], APPEARED AT PORTLAND OFFICE AND FURNISHED PORTLAND CASE AGENT, SA [redacted], WITH PLASTIC BAGGIE CONTAINING SEVERAL CLUMPS OF $20 BILLS, INCLUDING THOSE WITH SERIAL NUMBERS PREVIOUSLY CHECKED, AND ADDITIONAL NUMBERS CONTAINED ON RANSOM LIST AND IDENTIFIABLE AS RANSOM. [redacted] STATED THEY HAD BEEN ON FAMILY OUTING ON BEACH OF COLUMBIA RIVER NEAR LAKE VANCOUVER, VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON, SUNDAY AFTERNOON, FEBRUARY 10, 1980, WHEN [redacted] DECIDED TO BUILD A BONFIRE. HE ASSEMBLED SOME DRIFTWOOD, AND AS HE STARTED TO PLACE IT ON THE BEACH SAND TO BUILD A FIRE, [redacted] BENT DOWN AND, WITH HIS HANDS, SMOOTHED THE SAND TO CLEAR A PLACE TO BUILD THE FIRE. AT THAT MOMENT, [redacted], WITH HIS HANDS, A BUNDLE THAT TURNED OUT TO BE THE MONEY IN THIS MATTER. THE MONEY, AT THAT

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TIME, WAS IN A PARCEL BARELY HELD TOGETHER BY DECOMPOSED RUBBER-BANDS WHICH CRUMBLED AND FELL AWAY UPON BEING HANDLED. VARIOUS MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY EXAMINED AND HANDLED THE MONEY WHICH THEY THEN TOOK HOME WITH THEM THAT EVENING. THE FOLLOWING DAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1982, [redacted] RELATED THE STORY OF THE FINDING OF THE MONEY TO FELLOW EMPLOYEES AT U-CART MANUFACTURING COMPANY, VANCOUVER, WHERE [redacted] AND THEY TOLD HIM ABOUT THE COOPER SKYJACKING CASE AND POSSIBILITY THAT THE MONEY MAY HAVE COME FROM THIS RANSOM. HE THEN CONTACTED THE PORTLAND FBI OFFICE UPON GETTING OFF OF WORK THAT DAY. b6 b7C

AT APPROXIMATELY 3:00 P.M., FEBRUARY 12, 1982, [redacted] APPEARED AT A PRESS CONFERENCE AT THE PORTLAND FBI OFFICE AT WHICH TIME [redacted] RELATED TO THE PRESS THE ABOVE STORY RELATING TO THE FINDING OF THE MONEY. ON FEBRUARY 13, 1982, [redacted], [redacted], VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON, TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED SA [redacted] AT THE PORTLAND FBI OFFICE TO ADVISE THAT THE STORY OF THE FINDING OF THE MONEY BY [redacted] WAS NOT ENTIRELY ACCURATE. SHE STATED THAT THE MONEY HAD ACTUALLY BEEN FOUND BY [redacted] b6 b7C b6 b7C

WHO WERE PLAYING TOGETHER IN THE SAND BY THE FIRE WHILE, AT THE TIME THE MONEY WAS FOUND, [redacted] WAS MANY FEET AWAY FROM THE FIRE AND THE PLACE WHERE THE MONEY WAS FOUND AND WAS ACTUALLY NEAR THE WATER'S EDGE. UNDER CLOSE QUESTIONING ABOUT THE ENTIRE INCIDENT, [redacted] INDICATED THAT PERHAPS NOT ALL OF THE MONEY HAD BEEN TURNED IN BY [redacted]. SHE AGREED TO DO WHAT SHE COULD TO SEE THAT THE REMAINDER OF THE RANSOM THAT HAD BEEN FOUND WAS TURNED IN TO THE FBI. ON FEBRUARY 14, 1980, [redacted], AFTER MAKING AN APPOINTMENT, APPEARED AT THE PORTLAND FBI OFFICE AND TURNED IN FOUR MORE $20 BILLS FROM THE RANSOM. AT THAT TIME, SHE REITERATED HER PREVIOUS ACCOUNT OF THE MONEY BEING ACTUALLY FOUND BY [redacted]. TELEPHONICALLY AGAIN ON FEBRUARY 19, 1980, [redacted] REITERATED HER EARLIER STORY THAT THE MONEY HAD ACTUALLY BEEN FOUND BY [redacted] WHILE [redacted] WAS QUITE A DISTANCE AWAY FROM THE [redacted] BY THE WATER'S EDGE.

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ON FEBRUARY 24, 1974, [redacted] TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED SA [redacted], ADVISING THAT SHE HAD HEARD ON THE RADIO THAT THE FBI WAS MAKING AN AWARD TO [redacted] FOR HAVING FOUND THE MONEY. SHE WANTED TO CONFIRM THIS. SHE WAS TOLD THAT THE PORTLAND DIVISION HAD NO SUCH INFORMATION. SHE THEN ASKED IF [redacted] HAD VISITED THE PORTLAND OFFICE, WHICH WAS ACKNOWLEDGED, AND SHE ASKED IF [redacted] BROUGHT ANYTHING WITH HER, AND THIS WAS ACKNOWLEDGED, AND SHE THEN ASKED HOW MANY, AND WAS TOLD FOUR. SHE THEN SAID THAT SHE AND [redacted] HAD KEPT TWO BILLS EACH FROM THE RANSOM MONEY FOUND FOR SOUVENIRS NOT REALIZING WHAT IT WAS, AND THAT WHEN THE CIRCUMSTANCES WERE EXPLAINED TO THEM, THEY, [redacted], RETURNED THE MONEY TO THE PORTLAND FBI OFFICE. [redacted] THEN REITERATED THE ACCOUNT PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED BY [redacted] AS TO THE FINDING OF THE MONEY BY [redacted], AND STATED THAT [redacted] WAS NOT AT THE POINT PLAYING WITH [redacted] WHEN THE MONEY WAS FOUND. SHE STATED THAT THERE HAS BEEN SOME ANIMOSITY IN THE FAMILY INASMUCH AS [redacted] [redacted].

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IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE DISPARITY OF STATES RELATED BY VARIOUS MEMBERS OF THE [redacted], THE PORTLAND OFFICE FEELS THAT THE INTRAFAMILY RELATIONSHIP OF THE [redacted] WILL NOT BE ENHANCED BY THE RECOGNITION OF THE BUREAU OF THE FINDING OF THE MONEY BY ANY WRITTEN COMMUNICATION.

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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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# D.B. and the money

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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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February 12, 1980

PRESS RELEASE SUBS: G [redacted] E; G; M;

PAUL L. MACK, SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (FBI) FOR WASHINGTON, HAS ANNOUNCED A DEVELOPMENT IN A CRIME WHICH BEGAN ON THE NIGHT OF NOVEMBER 24, 1971, AT PORTLAND INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, PORTLAND, OREGON, AND HAS BECOME WIDELY KNOWN SINCE THAT TIME AS THE D. B. COOPER HIJACKING CASE.

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ON THE NIGHT BEFORE THANKSGIVING, 1971, A MAN WHO GAVE 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 LA CENTER, WASHINGTON, CABIN PRESSURE FLUCTUATION WAS OBSERVED, WHICH WAS LATER DETERMINED TO INDICATE HIS DEPARTURE FROM THE AIRCRAFT

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Portland, Oregon
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PRESS RELEASE

Arthur G. Barger, Special Agent in Charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) for Oregon, has announced a development in a crime which began on the night of November 24, 1971, at Portland International Airport, Portland, Oregon, and has become widely known since that time as the D. B. Cooper Hijacking Case.

On the night before Thanksgiving, 1971, a man who gave 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



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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 with their children, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Dwayne Ingram of Vancouver, Washington, discovered a sum of money partially buried by sand in the north river bank of the Columbia River, approximately five miles down river from the U.S. Interstate 5 bridge crossing between Portland and Vancouver, Washington. The Ingrams contacted 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 bills 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.



DB Cooper-27388

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SA [redacted] b6 b7C

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NORJAK
OO: Seattle

For information, on 3/5/80, [redacted], Vancouver, Washington, phone number [redacted], telephonically contacted the Vancouver RA and advised as follows: b6 b7C

Approximately 6½ years ago he discovered two parachutes approximately 50 to 100 feet apart "near the area" previously searched by the FBI". [redacted] declined to furnish the location of the parachutes as he wants to negotiate and receive a reward before identifying the area. [redacted] further stated that one parachute is white and the other is orange, and when he first observed them he thought they were "weather balloon shutes". b6 b7C

[redacted] advised that this area can be reached by four-wheel drive vehicle to within a quarter mile of the location of the parachutes. From there, individuals with machetes could proceed though the forest to the exact location within two or three hours. b6 b7C

[redacted] stated that he has not since returned to the area, and is not aware if the parachutes would still be there. b6 b7C

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)(P) DATE: 4/23/80

FROM : SA [redacted] b6 b7C

SUBJECT: NORJAK
OO: Seattle

SUBS: E, G, J, M

For information, on 2/20/80, [redacted], Vancouver, Washington, phone number [redacted], was contacted and she advised that [redacted] visited the Tena Bar area in Vancouver, near the location searched by the FBI for ransom money. [redacted] happened to find a corner of a $20.00 bill, and she would allow agents of the FBI to examine same. b6 b7C

On 2/20/80, [redacted], supra, and [redacted], [redacted], were contacted at their residence, and [redacted] displayed a corner of a $20.00 bill which he found on the Tena Bar. He stated that he found this item sticking out of the sand near the area searched by the FBI. He provided the corner of the $20.00 bill to the writer to determine if in fact it is a portion of the ransom money. b6 b7C

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The corner of the $20.00 bill provided by [redacted] in no way resembles the sections of money found during the search on Tena Bar. It is the opinion of the writer that this item was placed there as a practical joke. The section of the $20.00 bill provided by [redacted] has been placed in a 1A envelope for the file. b6 b7C

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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

DATE: 4/7/80

FROM : SA [redacted]

SUBS: E, G, J, M

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SUBJECT: NORJAK (A)

On 2/14/80, [redacted], Washougal, Washington, telephone [redacted], advised on 3/22/77, he found seven $20 bills in the Washougal River below the bowling alley in Washougal, Washington. He stated these bills were in the water and he gave them no thought until the $20 bills were found recently in Vancouver which apparently came from the D. B. Cooper skyjacking. He stated he still had the bills and would provide the serial numbers to the FBI when he returned home.

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Later that same day, [redacted], supra, provided the serial numbers and series/year of the seven $20 bills mentioned above. The serial numbers and series/years are as follows:

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| Serial Number | Series/Year |
|---|---|
| L91936905B | 1950B |
| G94889488C | 1950D |
| A63443468A | 1950D |
| L90073045B | 1950B |
| L97893172B | 1950B |
| L9744---8B | 1950B |
| L0446945* | 1950B |

A check with the list of known serial numbers and series/year of the D. B. Cooper $20 bills revealed the above serial numbers and series/years did not match those in the list.

The above is for information.

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# Curse of D.B. Cooper

SUBS. B, C, [redacted] E, G, M

## Misfortune Dogs the Family That Found Part of Skyjacker's Money

By Michael Sweeney

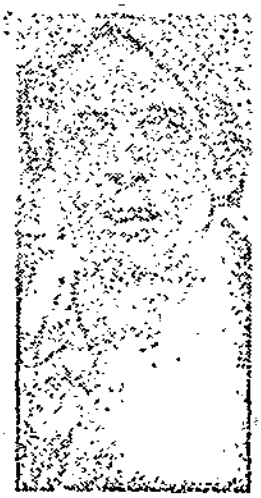
Harold Dwayne Ingram, 28, father of the 8-year-old boy who found part of skyjacker D.B. Cooper's ransom money last month, has been arrested in Vancouver, Wash., on a fugitive warrant from Oklahoma.

The warrant charges Ingram with unlawfully removing mortgaged property from the state of Oklahoma — a felony charge that carries a maximum penalty of three years in prison.

Clark County sheriff's deputies arrested Ingram at his rented home in Vancouver Monday afternoon. He was released Tuesday night after a local bail bondsman posted Ingram's $500 bail, sheriff's deputies said.

Kathy Kelly, a legal assistant in the Clark County Prosecuting Attorney's office, said Ingram is scheduled to appear in county district court April 17 for an identification hearing to determine if he is, in fact, the same Harold Ingram sought in Oklahoma.

If he is, Kelly said, Oklahoma authorities will have 60 days to file extradition papers to force Ingram's return to Oklahoma for trial.



HAROLD INGRAM: "This is no big thing. At least I hope it's not."

Kelly said court documents filed by authorities in Pittsburg County, Okla., last April charge that Ingram owed $618 then on a used car purchased a month earlier in McAlester, Okla.

The warrant for Ingram's arrest was filed last month, after Pittsburg County District Attorney Don Roberts recognized newspaper photos of Ingram that circulated nationwide in the wake of his family's discovery of a portion of D.B. Cooper's loot.

Cooper parachuted into a freezing rainstorm over Southwest Washington with $200,000 after hijacking a Seattle-bound Northwest Airlines plane Nov. 24, 1971.

Ingram's son, Brian, unearthed several thousand dollars of the ransom money Feb. 10, as he dug a fire pit in the sand along the banks of the Columbia River downstream from Vancouver.

The next day, Ingram turned the money over to the FBI, which announced the find with great fanfare at a press conference featuring the Ingram family.

"Several of us read the paper and recognized him," Roberts told The Associated Press. "We had a warrant sworn out to have him brought back."

Ingram's arrest is the latest in a string of reversals that have followed his family's brief glow in the limelight.

Two weeks after the money was discovered, Ingram's wife, Patricia, reported that her husband was forced to give up 1½ days of pay — about $100 — in order to return the money and attend the FBI's press conference.

"We live from paycheck to paycheck, and we could sure use that $100," she told The Post-Intelligencer at the time.

Mrs. Ingram told The P-I that recovery of the skyjack loot also resulted in family strife that arose when a relative tried to take credit for finding the money.

Late Saturday night, about 35 hours before Ingram was arrested, a fire broke out in an upstairs bedroom of the Ingram home and caused $1,000 damage before Vancouver firefighters could put it out.

Vancouver Fire Marshal Gordon Gage said the blaze was caused by a short in an extension cord.

And as of yesterday, Ingram had missed three days of work this week at the U-Cart Concrete Manufacturing Co. in Vancouver.

"We're trying to reach him, because we really want to help him," U-Cart owner Joe Tanner said yesterday.

Tanner said his firm intends to advance Ingram the money "to get this thing in Oklahoma squared away.

"We think he's getting a bum rap," Tanner said.

"I'm from Texas, and I've got a little knowlege about these Southern redneck laws that let a D.A. help businessmen collect their debts," he said.

"I've been told he (Ingram) has been making payments on this car loan, and he's only a couple of payments behind," Tanner said.

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# Worst may be over

By CYNTHIA TANK
Columbian Staff Writer

"I hate to think the thoughts people will be thinking about me all over the United States," said Harold Dwayne Ingram as he sat in his boss's office Thursday afternoon.

The 28-year-old Vancouver resident said he now regrets his 8-year-old son Brian's finding of D.B. Cooper's hijack ransom money last month.

"I regret it for myself, but not for Brian," who, he said, has enjoyed all the attention.

Brian and his family made national headlines after a family outing on a Columbia River beach near Vancouver Feb. 10 turned into a major media and FBI event. Brian was preparing a campfire when he scooped out about $5,000 of the $200,000 Cooper had demanded and received before jumping out of an airliner in 1971.

Since last month Ingram has:

- Lost 1½ days pay — about $100 — in order to return the money and attend an FBI press conference.
- Watched as a fire caused about $1,000 damage to the upper floor of his home at 1500 Markle St. Saturday.
- Been arrested Monday on an Oklahoma warrant alleging he left that state unlawfully with mortgaged property — a car.

Officials in Oklahoma said they recognized Ingram from newspaper photographs that appeared after the famous find. Ingram had been wanted for about six months before the story first appeared in the paper, they said.

The warrant was issued because Ingram allegedly is behind in payments for his car.

"I have every receipt," Ingram said Thursday. "I don't have a payment due on that car until the 20th of next month."

"I feel confused, really confused," Ingram said Thursday. "And I feel pretty unlucky. I'm not angry; I'm kind of hurt. I really care what people think about me."

Ingram said he bought his car from a new car salesman, paid $200 or $300 down, and arranged for financing. He said he notified the finance company when he and his family moved here from Oklahoma last winter.

His arrest Monday was an unhappy surprise, he said.

"I had no idea I had a warrant on me," he said. "That's obvious, or I wouldn't be flashing my face all over the world."

He might have been late with a payment or two, he said, "but rich people do that, too, don't they?"

But things were looking up for Ingram today. His boss and attorney, Joe Tanner, said this morning he has been told by the Pittsburg County, Okla., district attorney that that office now has verification of Ingram's car payments. Ingram, in fact, is paid ahead to July on the car, Tanner said.

Tanner said a few details need to be worked out, but when they are the district attorney has told him the charges will be dropped. That will not occur until Monday, Tanner said he was told. The district attorney was unavailable for comment this morning.

As for Ingram's other bad fortune, just before midnight Saturday, two bedrooms on the upper floor burned, and his landlord — who bailed him out of jail Tuesday — started remodeling the next day.

Tanner, vice president of U-Cart Concrete Systems Inc. of Vancouver, where Ingram is employed, said the company is behind him. Tanner, a lawyer, said he will represent Ingram without charge.

Until the charges against him are dropped, Ingram faces an April 17 identification hearing in Clark County District Court.

"These people are great here," Ingram said of his fellow employees. "They want to back me 100 percent."

"He's been treated unfairly," Tanner said.

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# FBI geologist favors Washougal River landing for D.B.

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By MYRON STRUCK
States News Service

WASHINGTON — Did D.B. Cooper land in, or near, the Washougal River rather than the Lewis River?

In the personal opinion of the chief FBI geologist who worked on the case, D.B. Cooper may have landed in the Washougal River, not near the Lewis River where it had been presumed that he came to earth — before about $5,800 in compressed, wet and eroded money was found along the banks of the Columbia River in February upstream from the Lewis.

The Washougal River scenario is the private view of geologist Chris Fiedler, who handled the soil analysis on the money, and not part of the agency's official report to the Seattle field office coordinating the investigation.

Still, it seems to be the only clue — that might help the investigation the FBI was able to glean from a recent analysis of the bills in its Washington, D.C., research area known as The Laboratory.

The official report says little was found on the wad of money. The basis for the new information is Fielder's research of the sand particles found among the bills and his discussions with federal geologists in the field.

He has concluded that the range of sand particles found among the bills is similar to sediment along the Columbia River and a number of its tributaries.

Fiedler's opinion has been disavowed firmly by his mineralogy division section chief.

"He could have landed in the Columbia River," Fiedler said. "Or he could have come down in the Washougal. The latter is where my training, and instincts, tell me is more likely, based on the data I have available."

The sand tests involve little in the way of complicated equipment — only a simple microscope and some geological reference material that discuses the characteristics of sand

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

AT PORTLAND, OREGON

On February 20, 1980, [redacted], U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Portland District, telephone [redacted], was contacted regarding the possibility that bait money found near the [redacted] on February 10, 1980, could have been brought to that area by a river feeding the Columbia River from the north. b6 b7C

The area believed to be the drop zone of the subject in 1971, is described as that area in the State of Washington bounded on the north by the Lewis River, the east by the Clark County-Skamania County line, and the Columbia River. [redacted] advised the only likely river feeding the Columbia River within the above described drop zone that would be capable of moving several bundles of money or a package about 16x16x4 inches to the Columbia River would be the Washougal River. A logical time, if the money came down the Washougal, would have been during the December 2, 1977 Washougal flood when parts of the river were approximately ten feet over the normal winter flood stage. b6 b7C

There are several other streams that feed the Columbia River upstream from the [redacted]; however, due to size, or the degree of slope of the streams, it is unlikely that a small package would have made it to the Columbia. It is also unlikely that a small package would have passed through Lacamas Lake downstream to the Columbia. b6 b7C

[redacted] stated that based on the three feet per second speed of the Columbia River, if a small package entered the Columbia River at Washougal, Washington, and floated in the main stream of the river to the [redacted], a distance approximately thirty miles, it would take 14.7 hours. This is assuming that the package did not tumble along the bottom of the river or get caught on any snags. b6 b7C

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The following investigation was conducted by SAs [redacted] on February 13, 1980: b6 b7C

AT PORTLAND, OREGON

[redacted], Waterways Maintenance Branch, Navigation Division, U.S. Army Engineer District, 319 S.W. Pine, telephone [redacted], was contacted regarding dredging operations on the Columbia River since November 24, 1971. The purpose of obtaining this information was to determine if it was possible that the bait money located on the beach property on the [redacted] Vancouver, Washington, on February 10, 1980, could have been placed there through dredging operations on the Columbia River. b6 b7C

[redacted], after a review of his records, advised that the only dredging operation between November 24, 1971, and the present in the vicinity of the [redacted] was during August 6 through September 18, 1974.

Material dredged from the river channel in the Columbia River was placed in several locations on or near the [redacted] as well as one location across the river on the Oregon side. b6 b7C

The dredge material deposited at the site where the money was located came from the north half of the ship channel, which is 300 feet wide, between river mile 96 plus 38 feet and river mile 97 plus 17 feet. This material was deposited on the beach area of the [redacted] between August 19 through the 25th, 1974, and consisted of 91,100 cubic yards of fill. b6 b7C

The channel is maintained at 40 feet in depth and all the material above 40 feet is dredged out. The dredge "Washington" of the General Construction Company did the dredging on this project. It had a 24 inch pipe with wiper bar inside the pipe. The wiper bar keeps large objects such as rocks from passing through the pipe. [redacted] stated it would be possible for a 16x16x4 inch package to get through the pipe; however, it is likely that a package that size or a human body or parts thereof would b6 b7C

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[redacted], Portland State University, home address [redacted], home telephone number [redacted], work telephone number [redacted], was interviewed following [redacted] Tena Bar in Vancouver, Washington, where portions of $20 bills had been found. These $20 bills were among the money furnished a person identifying himself as D. B. COOPER during a 1971 airplane hijacking attempt. [redacted] was interviewed by SA [redacted] of the Portland, Oregon, FBI Office. b6 b7C

[redacted] advised that he found the beach area in the vicinity where the money was found to be in approximately four different layers. These layers consisted of an upper sand layer, a post dredging sand layer, a clay lump (dredge) sand layer, and below that an older sand layer. The upper layer consisted of six inches to eight inches of reworked beach sand and is the sand which contained the fragments and bundles of the recovered money. This sand also contained soda pop cans and other debris, which were not severely damaged or rusted. The post dredging sand contained older soda pop cans, rusted nails and spikes, and other rusted artifacts, which were in a much more deteriorated condition. The clay lump (dredge) sand was a mixture of course sand and fragments of organic clay material, ranging from one inch to five inches in size. Based on U.S. Corps of Engineering records which reflect that they dredged the Columbia River at this site in 1974, [redacted] stated this clay layer in all probability, was deposited during that 1974 dredging. The older sands, which were light in color and uniform in texture and which were found below the clay lump sand, were deposited prior to the 1974 dredging. b6 b7C

[redacted] advised that in the post dredging layer, he found cross bedded course and medium sand, which indicated the river and river waves had worked repeatedly on this layer since 1974. The upper six inches to eight inches of reworked beach sand is the active layer which is currently being worked by the water of the Columbia River. b6 b7C

Based on the condition of the money through observation, [redacted] advised that the money was probably washed into the location where it was found by natural river flow and was probably placed at the location of Tena Bar during the last rise in the Columbia River in the past two or three months. b6 b7C

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by SA [redacted]:ckw Date dictated 2/14/80 b6 b7C

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FROM : SA [redacted]

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SUBJECT: NORJAK
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Following the finding of a pprtion of the Norjak money along the Columbia River, approximately 5 miles downstream from the I-5 bridge, Vancouver, Washington, on the weekend of February 9-10, 1980, the following Special Agents from the Seattle Division proceeded to the money site: [redacted]; [redacted] Also at the site were SA's [redacted] and [redacted] (Vancouver RA).

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Agents from the Portland Division provided the origin manpower to search the beach area for any other traces of NORJAK evidence.

On 2/14/80 and 2/15/80 the Seattle Division finished searching the crime scene area with the assistance of [redacted] provided a [redacted] which were used for hire in [redacted]. The scene was secured on the afternoon of 2/15/80. No further funds were found or other evidence.

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[redacted], Portland State University was on the scene to advise the FBI on soil samples on 2/14/80. The Portland Division is preparing an FD-302 in this regard. The Portland Division also forwarded the found money to the FBI Laboratory. There was approximately $5800 found according th the lab. A separate lab report is being prepared.

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The [redacted] has been paid by separate communication and through SA [redacted].

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# Discovered 'Cooper' bills only $5,800, says F.B.I.

VANCOUVER, Wash. — (AP) — The crumbling remains of $20 bills unearthed by a Vancouver family more than two weeks ago represents about $5,800 of the $200,000 taken in the 1971 D.B. Cooper skyjacking, the Federal Bureau of Investigation says.

Ray Mathis, senior agent, said officials counted the decaying greenbacks during F.B.I. laboratory tests in Washington, D.C.

Otis Cox of the bureau's Washington, D.C., office said little else has been revealed about the money. Lab technicians continue to study the loot, particularly for evidence of where it might have been before it washed up on the banks of the Columbia River, Otis said.

The lumpy wads of money were found buried in shallow sand west of here.

The fate of Cooper, America's first skyjacker-for-money, has never been learned, although the F.B.I. maintains he is probably long dead.

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# Agent in D.B. Cooper case retires

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PORTLAND — For more than eight years, Ralph Himmelsbach, an agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, followed a narrow trail of clues and tips in his quest of a legendary hijacker called D.B. Cooper. But the first real break in the case didn't come until Himmelsbach's F.B.I. career was drawing to a close.

After 29 years with the bureau, Himmelsbach retired as of Friday, a few months before he reaches the mandatory-retirement age of 55.

Himmelsbach was the agent regarded as the bureau's expert on the puzzling case that started when the still-unknown sky pirate leaped from a Northwest Airlines 727 with 10,000 $20 bills and two parachutes on Thanksgiving Eve, 1971.

Nothing has been heard of Cooper; and nothing was seen of the money until an 8-year-old boy found about $5,800 of it mixed in the sand along the Columbia River near Vancouver, Wash., February 10.

"It's been an interesting case and I have enjoyed the investigation because of the things that have happened," Himmelsbach said. "It altered my life because of all the attention I have received."

But, he added, "I think I'll walk away from it and it will never bother me."

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# F.B.I. says remains aren't D.B. Cooper's

VANCOUVER, Wash. — Human skeletal remains found in a rough section of Southwest Washington are those of a teen-age girl and not the bones of D.B. Cooper, the airline hijacker, said Federal Bureau of Investigation officials yesterday.

Special Agent John Pringle said Dr. Arch Hamilton, Clark County coroner, determined the skull found near the western boundary of the Gifford Pinchot National Forest belonged to a young girl.

Pringle said the girl's age or identity has not been determined.

The skull and other bones were found Sunday by Jack Bannister, of Yacolt, Clark County, and his son, Jack, as they were panning for gold about five miles from Yacolt, according to the Clark County sheriff's office.

While the sheriff's office said it didn't think the bones belonged to the famed hijacker, speculation had run high that the skull was Cooper's because it was found in the general area where Cooper bailed out of a plane with $200,000.

Cooper hijacked the plane in Seattle in November, 1971, after picking up $200,000 and bailed out somewhere over Southwestern Washington.

No trace of Cooper had been found until a 8-year-old boy found some of the $20 bills along the Columbia River two weeks ago.

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# No money, no fish

## Treasure hunters fail to find more Cooper loot

VANCOUVER, Wash. (AP) — When the fellas gather at Tena Bar, fish stories abound. Hardly anyone wants to talk about the D.B. Cooper money that got away.

Tena Bar isn't a local watering hole. It's a local fishing hole — and the sand bar on the Columbia River on which the D.B. Cooper loot was found recently.

For awhile, all sorts of people gathered at the bar to search for some of the $200,000 ransom money taken by Cooper in the nation's first hijacking-for-profit nine years ago, after a boy found weathered packets of $20 bills in the sand.

On Wednesday, however, the only evidence of last week's frantic search of the beach by FBI agents were mounds of sand turned up by the searchers.

"We haven't seen anybody," said Bill Holcomb, a Vancouver resident and frequenter of Tena Bar.

Holcomb was fishing there with Virgil Nichols and Ken Troupe, both of Vancouver. The trio made up the entire fishing population of Tena Bar on Wednesday.

"We drag junk out of this river every day. Plastic, old shoes, things like that," said Nichols. "But never any money."

"There may be money here, but there's no fish," Holcomb said.

A long trench on the beach dug for use by river experts studying the layers of sand has been refilled, as has the large hole around the spot where 8-year-old Brian Ingram found the Cooper money. Cooper hijacked a Northwest Airlines plane in 1971 and jumped from the back of the jet with $200,000.

The Fazio Brothers, who own the beach next to their farming operation, seem glad it's over.

"As soon as the FBI left Friday," said Richard Fazio, "Two people came, got stuck in the sand, and wanted me to pull them out. I did, and then I went up to close the gate."

Meanwhile, local FBI agents assigned to the case are awaiting the results of tests of the money by the bureau's crime lab in Washington, D.C., and checking all the leads that invariably crop up when anything to do with the Cooper case is publicized.

"Every time you have anything on the Cooper case that gets any publicity, the fallout is a great number of leads — look-a-like leads.

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# FBI agents wield rakes, shovels in 'treasure hunt'

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By LESLIE L. ZAITZ
of The Oregonian staff

VANCOUVER, Wash. — Guernsey cattle and puzzled fishermen watched with curiosity Tuesday as 20 casually attired FBI agents combed the Columbia River shoreline near here, looking for more of a hijacker's treasure.

The agents, working with garden rakes and shovels, carefully sifted through the sand on what is known locally as Tena's Bar, a sloping beach about nine miles northwest of Vancouver. The beach is owned by New Columbia Gardens Co., which operates a truck and dairy farm behind the beach.

What attracted the searchers was the find Sunday afternoon of a dozen bundles of worn $20 bills, part of the ransom paid more than eight years ago to the legendary "Dan Cooper." A man using that name hijacked a Northwest Airlines jetliner in November 1971 and parachuted out of the aircraft with 21 pounds of cash totaling $200,000.

The bundles on the beach were found by 8-year-old Brian Ingram, who was helping his parents, Harold Dwayne and Patricia Ingram, build a fire for a picnic. The family, which moved to Vancouver recently from Oklahoma, had never heard of the man who was widely known at the time of his crime as D.B. Cooper.

Dorwyn Schreuder, the FBI agent supervising the beach search, said the Ingrams put the money aside after discovering it and continued with their picnic. They reported their discovery to the FBI on Monday.

The site, a popular fishing spot for Vancouver residents, was guarded by agents Monday night and the search started about noon Tuesday.

Agents roped off a section of beach measuring roughly 150 yards long and 30 yards wide. All driftwood was removed, and then began the laborious task of raking through sand at least 6 inches deep.

The Ingrams' find had been about 6 inches beneath the surface, Schreuder said. FBI agents Tuesday afternoon found fragments of at least two other $20 bills. By late Tuesday, several more fragments had been found as deep as 3 feet below the surface.

"We'll be taking some heavy equipment, probably backhoes, in there Wednesday to dig deeper," said Bill Baker, assistant special agent in charge of the Portland FBI office.

Schreuder and other agents at the site said they still supported the long-held FBI theory that Cooper died in his parachuting attempt.

"He's probably not alive today," Schreuder said. "If he were, I think he'd be with his money."

The FBI initially was cautious about disclosing the precise location of the discovery. Operators of the farm said they knew something was unusual when several cars streamed along a road leading through the farmyard to the beach.

"We didn't know what it was about until we heard it on the radio," said one farm employee.

And three fishermen who routinely spend every day but Sundays fishing on the beach initially were confused and then angry.

"These guys wouldn't tell us what was going on," said Ken Davenport of Vancouver. "They asked us to move, but wouldn't tell us who they were or why."

Another fisherman, Mike Haddican of Vancouver, said they knew something was up "because everybody was getting out of cars with shovels instead of fishing poles."

The Guernsey cows watched the beach show from their pens on a small bluff, scattering occasionally when helicopters chartered by news organizations flew overhead.

Within an hour after the FBI announced where the money had been found, private automobiles streamed down Northwest Lower River Road, a narrow two-lane road leading to the farm. A Clark County sheriff's deputy guarded the entrance, preventing the public from getting to the beach.

FBI agents were to remain on the scene overnight to keep out would-be treasure hunters.

The FBI said how much of the beach would be searched would be determined after the agency consulted with hydrologists and others who could provide expert advice about from where the money may have come.

Only half-joking, Schreuder said the agents "could search all the beach from here to Astoria."

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# FBI calls off search for more hijack money

The FBI has, at least temporarily, called off its search along the Columbia River for more of the money obtained eight years ago by the airplane hijacker who used the name Dan Cooper.

Jack Pringle, assistant special agent in charge of the FBI's Seattle office, said, the search was called off late Thursday night after several days of sand-sifting produced no new evidence. The Seattle office has coordinated search efforts in the Cooper caper, the only unresolved hijacking on record since it occurred in 1971.

Pringle said search efforts might be renewed next week, after the results of laboratory tests are received on the several thousand dollars in badly decayed $20 bill fragments found by a picnicking family Sunday about nine miles downstream from Vancouver.

He said there was a chance the tests "could find additional debris that might give us an idea where (the money) may have been" before it washed onto the river bank.

A geologist serving as consultant to the FBI has said he believes the money had spent most of the past eight years underwater and was deposited on the sandy beach only within the past year.

The Northwest Airlines plane was hijacked between Portland and Seattle by a man who said he had a bomb. The hijacker obtained $200,000 in $20 bills when the plane landed in Seattle and then parachuted with the money over Southwest Washington.

The bills found ~~Sunday~~ represented the first trace of the hijacker or money since the Thanksgiving Eve hijack occurred.

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# Geologist's finding contradicts theory

By Bud May
The Daily News

A thorough search of a Columbia River beach where part of D.B. Cooper's ransom money was found Sunday has turned up no new clues as to the fate of the legendary skyjacker.

The FBI said today that the search will continue today and Friday, then probably be suspended temporarily.

Brought to the beach to aid in Wednesday's search were a backhoe and a geologist.

The FBI said the backhoe was used to dig a trench near the discovery site, making possible a study of the layers to sand.

An associate professor of geology at Portland State University, Leonard Palmer, was retained to inspect the sand and to assist investigators in determining when the bundled money may have been deposited there.

Palmer, to the surprise of some authorities, concluded that the money was deposited on the beach in the past year or two because it was above clay deposits put on the beach in a 1974 channel dredging operation.

According to the FBI, a coarse layer of sand sloped from a height of about six inches at the river's edge to two feet or more some distance up the river bank.

Earlier, Ralph Himmelsbach, a Portland FBI agent who has had charge of following new leads in the Cooper case for a number of years, said he believed the money must have been deposited within a couple of years after the skyjacking.

He says discovery of the money provided a major break in the case, but puts authorities no closer to locating Cooper, whom Himmelsbach believes is dead.

Agents say the money was tied to Cooper when he bailed out of the plane, but was no longer with him when it was deposited on the beach.

If it had still been attached to his body at the bottom of the river when the channel was dredged in 1974, the body would have clogged up the dredge and have been found, agents believe.

Jack Pringle, assistant agent in charge of the Seattle FBI Office, told *The Daily News* this morning that small bits and pieces of $20 bills were located Wednesday when agents continued digging in sand surrounding the spot where a Vancouver family discovered money Sunday.

The Harold Dwayne Ingram family was on an outing north and west of Vancouver when their 8-year-old son, Brian, uncovered several thousand dollars in decomposed bills.

Ingram contacted the Portland FBI Office, and a check of serial numbers conclusively established that the money was part of $200,000 in $20 bills Cooper had when he bailed out of a Northwest Orient Airlines jet over the Lewis River area on Nov. 24, 1971.

Pringle said the area was still being searched today, but no new evidence had been located as of this forenoon.

"Some of the area is inaccessible, and there's no way we can search the whole area," Pringle said in Seattle this morning.

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## This catch wasn't the big one

# Fishing for D.B. Cooper's loot

By PAT MOSER
Columbian Staff Writer

WASHOUGAL — Bob Devaney watched the ducks peck away at something floating in the Washougal River near the Riverside Bowl.

It was March 22, 1977, and Devaney of 4221 F Circle, Washougal, was fishing for steelhead. The muddy runoff waters had cleared, and the river was in shape for catching the ocean-going trout.

"I watched the ducks nibbling away," Devaney said. "I waded out to see. That's when I saw the money. At first, I thought it was play money."

But Devaney picked up a bill and examined it. It was a real $20 bill, and there were six others to be grabbed from atop the water.

Devaney's story became more significant last week when part of the D.B. Cooper hijacking money was found washed up on a Columbia River beach nine miles downstream from Vancouver. One theory contends the money could have washed out of the Washougal River watershed during the nearly 8½ years since Cooper parachuted from an airliner over Southwest Washington.

A check with the Federal Bureau of Investigation list of serial numbers on the $200,000 given Cooper didn't match those found by Devaney. Davaney still has his $140 tucked away in cellophane bags.

The D.B. Cooper money find also brought significance to a green bank bag found by Jack Smith who lives up the Washougal River in Skamania County.

Smith was driving down the river

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# 'Cooper expert' to close out career

The finding of some of the "Dan Cooper" hijacking money Sunday came as a dramatic climax to the career of Jean Ralph Himmelsbach, the FBI's Cooper expert.

Himmelsbach, himself a veteran pilot, has lived, breathed and slept the Dan Cooper case ever since a man using that name hijacked a Northwest Airlines jet from Portland on Thanksgiving Eve, 1971.

Himmelsbach, who has logged thousands of hours of flying time in his own 1952 model single-engine Beechcraft Bonanza, was aloft in an Oregon Air National Guard helicopter ready to intercept the hijacked plane within a few minutes after the airliner took off from Seattle, where Cooper obtained $200,000 and four parachutes. But the air turbulence that night was so severe that the helicopter was ordered back to Portland Airbase.

Next morning Himmelsbach started the first of a series of flights which took him the length of the hijack route many times, between investigating other clues, all of which proved to be false.

"I was over the target area near Lake Merwin Sunday again," he said Tuesday. "I saw they had logged a lot of prime search area, and thought something would turn up now."

But he never guessed the news that would confront him when he reported for work Monday.

"I'll admit to a certain sense of satisfaction," Himmelsbach said Tuesday, flashing a broad smile. "The case isn't solved, but this is certainly a major milestone."

Himmelsbach will retire March 1, after 27 years with the FBI — climaxed by his work on the Cooper case, one that will go down in FBI history.

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# Bills 1st solid clue in hijack mystery

By LEVERETT RICHARDS
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The weathered bundles of $20 bills found on the Washington bank of the Columbia River nine miles northwest of Vancouver on Sunday were the first solid clues to the mystery of the "Dan Cooper" aircraft hijacking, FBI agents said Tuesday.

One of the more intensive searches in the FBI's history had failed to turn up any clue to the fate of the mysterious hijacker or his loot during the eight years since he bailed out of a Northwest Orient Airlines Boeing 727 flying at 7,000 feet over La Center, Wash., on Nov. 24, 1971, FBI spokesmen said.

Cooper's was the first hijacking of a commercial airliner for money, and started a chain of similar attempts, which was responsible in part for the rigid security system now enforced at all United States airports and most major airports abroad.

Because of an erroneous report of the name used by the hijacker, he became known nationally as D.B. Cooper, although the airline manifest showed he had used the name "Dan."

The man who called himself Cooper paid cash for a ticket and boarded Northwest's Flight 305 at Portland International Airport just before it departed. He sat in a rear seat in the cabin and waited until the plane was airborne. Then he handed stewardess Florence Schaffner a note saying he had a bomb in the satchel he was carrying and demanding $200,000 in unmarked $20 bills.

By the time the plane landed at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport at 5:45 p.m., airline officials were gathering the money and the four parachutes he had demanded. The hijacker released the 36 passengers on board, along with all crew members except one stewardess and two pilots. The plane then took off and headed south at 7,000 feet in stormy weather.

At 8:10 p.m. the pilots felt a fluctuation in cabin pressure which indicated the rear door had been opened. Later tests showed this was when the hijacker had bailed out, taking with him the money and the device that he claimed was a bomb.

Computer calculations and a later reconstruction of the flight persuaded the FBI that Cooper had bailed out near Woodland, Wash., and would have landed somewhere west of Lake Merwin.

William Rataczak, first officer (co-pilot) on the hijacked plane who flew the later reconstructions of the hijack flight, said the pilots received no answer when they called on the interphone to their passenger and were not certain he was gone until they landed in Reno, Nev., at 11 p.m.

The "target area" was searched repeatedly by the FBI, other law enforcement officers and soldiers from Fort Lewis, Wash., but no trace of man or money was found. Northwest Airlines offered a reward, since expired, and hunters and woodsmen continued the search for years without success.

Before Sunday, the only item that had been found from the hijacking was a placard believed to have blown off the bulkhead of the 727 when the door was opened in flight.

It was found 13 miles east of Castle Rock, Wash., in January 1979. The placard, if indeed it came from the hijacked plane, "helped to confirm that the plane was on course all the way, but didn't shed any light on what happened to Cooper," said FBI agent Ralph Himmelsbach, who headed the investigation.

After eight years of investigation Himmelsbach has said he still believes Cooper could not have survived the parachute jump at 7 degrees below zero, dressed as he was in a light business suit and street shoes.

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# Part of Cooper cash uncovered

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"Several thousand dollars" of the $200,000 obtained eight years ago by the celebrated airline hijacker who used the name Dan Cooper was found Sunday along the Columbia River downstream from Vancouver, Wash., the FBI reported Tuesday.

Three bundles containing 12 packets of weatherbeaten $20 bills were found in river sand by a picnicking Vancouver family, about nine miles northwest of the city.

FBI agents searching the beach Tuesday afternoon found several more fragments of $20 bills, some of them under three feet of sand.

Harold Dwayne Ingram, his wife, Patricia, and their son, Brian, 8, were preparing to build a fire on the beach when Brian brushed the sand aside and turned up some of the bills, Ingram said.

"We dug around and found three bundles of bills tied with rubber bands," Ingram said.

The bills were wet and badly worn, but the serial numbers were legible. The FBI identified the serial numbers and confirmed that they were part of the loot given Cooper when he hijacked a Northwest Orient Airlines Boeing 727 jetliner between Portland and Seattle on Nov. 24, 1971.

William M. Baker, assistant special agent in charge of the Portland FBI office, said the Ingrams were relatively new to the Vancouver area, moving there recently from Oklahoma. They had never heard of Cooper, Baker said.

"They took it (the money) home and were talking to some friends about it," Baker said. "The friends pointed out that it might be the money from the Cooper thing. That's when they called the FBI."

Ralph Himmelsbach, the FBI agent in charge of the case since the hijacking, said it was the first solid clue to the Cooper mystery since the hijacker bailed out near La Center, Wash., into a winter storm at 8:10 p.m. that Thanksgiving Eve. The first hijacking for money, the Cooper case became a national sensation.

Baker said it was possible the FBI laboratory in Washington, D.C., could discern fingerprints on the money.

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

Baker said the money the Ingrams found had not been counted. At first the amount recovered was estimated at about $4,000, but "we have revised our estimate to several thousand dollars," he said.

Baker said the money was bundled into packages of several sizes at the time of the hijacking, "to make it appear that it was randomly done, as if it was done in a hurry." Because of that, the actual amount could not be estimated, he said.

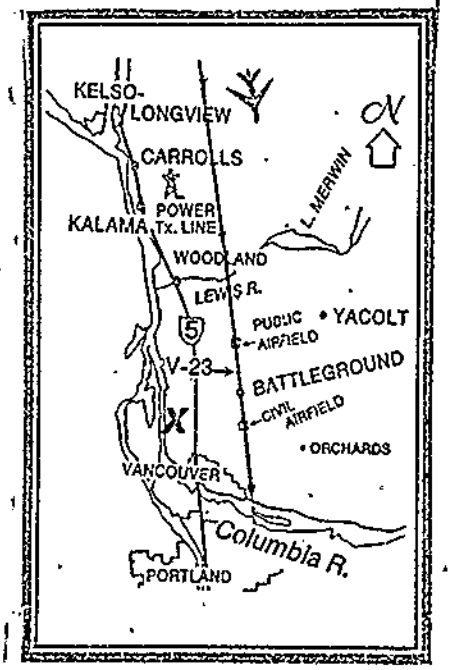
FBI agents Tuesday were carefully combing the site of the Sunday discovery for further clues. The beach, open to the public, is owned by the New Columbia Gardens Co., a truck and dairy farm.

Cooper was seen on the plane tying a nylon cord around his waist, presumably to tie the money into a parachute bag. The Ingrams said they did not see any sign of a cloth bag, but Himmelsbach said it would be hard to understand how the bundles of bills could have stayed together all these years if they were not in some kind of container.

Baker said the search for Cooper's remains or other clues would be resumed in a new area.

FBI spokesmen concluded that the bills could have been washed down some tributary of the Columbia.

George Holmes, a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers hydrologist, said he would review information about where Coop-

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# The Loot Reveals New Clues to the Fate of D.B.

By John O'Ryan

VANCOUVER, Wash. — Eight FBI agents digging on a Columbia River beach in a snowstorm found no more of D.B. Cooper's hijack ransom yesterday, but they revealed new clues to the fate of the legendary parachutist.

Special agent Ken Moore of Seattle, in charge of the digging, said a geologist's report indicates that the money which has been found drifted up on this beach within the past two years.

Furthermore, Moore said as he warmed himself by a campfire during a respite from the frigid digging, the money came downstream, and probably reached the Columbia from the Washougal River, or one of several smaller streams which enter the big river above here.

It isn't likely, he said, that the money came upstream, with tidal currents, from the Lewis River — which drains Lake Merwin, where Cooper has long been thought to have perished.

Moore thought for a few moments, then said:

"Tourists who want to look for more Cooper money probably should look on the Washougal River."

All of which indicates that Cooper, with $200,000 in a canvas suitcase strapped to his body, jumped from a Northwest Airlines Boeing 727 a little southeast of the point originally estimated by the FBI.

He apparently landed southeast of Lake Merwin which is just off I-5 near Woodland, in the drainage of the Washougal River, or nearby streams, in hilly, wooded country.

"There is nothing infallible about our original estimate of where he landed," said John Pringle, assistant special agent in charge of the Seattle office.

"Because of strong wind currents, and other variables, we could have been a little off in our original estimates."

According to Pringle, only one money bundle from the $200,000 hijack ransom was found on this beach nine miles downstream from the bridge over the Columbia River at Vancouver.

But since Cooper had all of his money in one canvas container, according to Moore, if any of the money is scattered — all of it is likely to be scattered.

Cooper, whose real identity has never been learned, literally dropped out of sight the night he plunged from the airliner. He had collected his hijack e loot in Seattle — bundles of money wrapped in a package six inches high, one foot across, and about 18 inches long — later stuffed into a bag tied to his waist.

No trace was found of Cooper or his money until a family picnicking on this north bank of the Columbia, on property owned by the Fazio Brothers Sand Co. and dairy cow farm, found tattered bills three to six inches deep in the sand.

It was "Seattle day" at the FBI diggings on the Columbia River yesterday. The previous day, 10 FBI agents from the Portland bureau carried out the digging.

Yesterday, eight agents from the Seattle bureau were hard at work. The beach is roped off, and a Clark County sheriff's car was parked at the entrance to the Fazio property to keep the public out.

Sand was piled around the original money discovery area, because the FBI had been using a backhoe to excavate there. Agents were working yesterday with shovels and rakes.

Moore said a Portland State University Geologist is the one who determined that the money had floated onto the beach within the last two years.

This, Moore said, was based on a determination that there is only about six to eight inches of sand on this beach, and beneath it is a clay that was placed here by a channel dredging project carried out in 1974.

The clay, he said, appears "undisturbed," but the sand contains soft-drink containers and other debris from picnickers. It appears to be of recent origin, and the money was found only about three to six inches deep in it.

Moore said the Army Corps of Engineers had scuttled the theory that the money had drifted upstream with tidal currents from the mouth of the Lewis River, which enters the Columbia downstream from here.

"I talked to the engineers, and they said that it is most unlikely that anything drifted upstream against the current," Moore said.

If no more money is found, the FBI's digging on the beach will end today, Moore said.

But he expressed the belief that "the departure of the FBI will not end the sifting through this strip of sand.

"After we leave, probably 2,500 people will digging here the next day," he said.

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# Boy beats FBI to Cooper loot

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## FBI agents digging in search of more clues

By Bud May
The Daily News

PORTLAND — An 8-year-old boy accomplished with a sweep of his hand Sunday something the FBI has been trying to do for more than eight years.

Brian Ingram, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Dwayne Ingram of Vancouver, provided the first major breakthrough in the D.B. Cooper skyjacking case when he accidentally uncovered part of the $200,000 ransom Cooper had when he bailed out of a Northwest Airlines jet in the Lewis River area on Thanksgiving Eve, Nov. 24, 1971.

The FBI said Tuesday the discovery of more than $3,000 in badly deteriorated $20 bills was made Sunday while the Ingram family was on an outing on a Columbia River beach about five miles northwest of Vancouver on the Washington side.

Meantime, the FBI is conducting an intensive grid search of the beach area where the money was found. Agents reported finding bits and pieces of money Tuesday afternoon, some of it as deep as three feet in sand.

However, the pieces were so small it was not possible to determine the amount of money.

A U.S. Army Corps of Engineers hydrologist, George Holmes, said he would review information about where the hijacker jumped in relation to where the money was found.

He said the Washougal River was the only Columbia tributary that might have carried the cash, and even that is a remote possibility.

Not everyone shares that opinion.

Some experts feel that because of the Columbia's currents, the money could have come from the Lewis River and washed upstream.

The FBI has also contacted the Army Engineers, which continuously dredges sand in that area, on the chance that dredging brought the money up from the bottom of the river. A spokesman for the Army Engineers said today that it is a definite possibility. While they constantly dredge in that area, the last time they deposited the dredged sand on that beach was in October 1974.

Agents said the money, in bundles, without question is part of that given the man known as Cooper.

"The packaging and numbered sequence indicate the bills have not been separated and are in much the same order as when given to the hijacker," explained Bill Baker, assistant agent in charge at the Portland office.

Baker could not say whether the Ingram family will get a reward, since the FBI can not offer one, but he indicated there is a good possibility that the airline or another source would provide one.

The elder Ingram and his wife, Patricia, told dozens of news media people at a press conference in the Portland FBI Office Tuesday how the money was found.

"I was about to build a fire on the beach," said Ingram, "and had my arms full, but before I could set it down, my son said, 'Wait a minute daddy.' He scooped off some sand, and this money rolled to the top."

A UPI reporter who talked with the family Tuesday said Brian and his 5-year-old cousin, Denise Ingram, shouted, "Look! It's money that we found!"

The Ingrams said they didn't connect the money to the Cooper case at the time, but realized it must be important to someone, so they notified the Portland FBI Office of the find.

Asked by a reporter why he contacted the FBI instead of local authorities, Ingram responded, "Because I figured if I turned it over to police, I would never see it again."

He didn't elaborate on that remark, but continued to answer questions from newspaper, television and radio reporters.

Asked if he considered keeping the money, Ingram laughingly replied, "No, it looked in such bad shape I didn't think I could spend it."

Ingram said the money, which was displayed for reporters on a table at the press conference, was about 20 yards from the edge of the river, but was very wet.

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Because of the poor condition of the bills, the exact amount of recovered money is unknown pending laboratory examination, the FBI said.

While FBI agents seem ecstatic about the discovery, they are quick to point out that approximately $197,000 is still missing, and what happened to Cooper himself is just as much a mystery as before the find.

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# Cooper in lake, ex-agent says

By Bud May
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The body of skyjacker D.B. Cooper lies on the bottom of Lake Merwin, most likely hung up on a snag.

Retired FBI Agent Tom Manning of Longview has held that theory for several years, and still does.

The fact that some of the ransom money Cooper got from Northwest Airlines was found Sunday on a Columbia River beach north and west of Vancouver has not changed his conviction in the least.

Manning, now manager of the Longview Chamber of Commerce, had charge of the massive searches conducted in the Lewis River area after the infamous skyjacking of a Northwest Airlines jet on Thanksgiving Eve in 1971.

Because he worked so long on a case that has never been solved, the former resident agent has taken a lot of ribbing from friends and acquaintances.

"Some still call me D.B. Cooper," he said with a chuckle Tuesday night.

Manning never believed the skyjacker survived the jump with $200,000 in ransom money, and was among the first to say so.

"I said several years ago that I think he may be hung up on a snag at the bottom of Lake Merwin, and I still think so," Manning said after learning Tuesday that some of the ransom money had been found.

Manning said the fact that the money was found upstream, rather than downstream from the mouth of the Lewis River, doesn't disprove his theory.

He said it could have been moved upstream by tides and currents.

George Holmes, a hydrologist for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, says that would not have been impossible, but he considers it unlikely that currents would have moved the cash that far upstream.

"However," Holmes, emphasized, "I'm not taking issue in any way with the theory of where the hijacker may have come down after leaving the plane, or where the rest of the money might be."

Manning recalls vividly the intensive search conducted east of Woodland in the Lewis River area.

He says Charles Farrell of Seattle was the FBI agent in charge of the case, while Manning coordinated the searches. Other agents from the Seattle and Portland FBI offices were also involved. In addition, about 200 soldiers from Fort Lewis were used in an inch by inch grid search conducted in March of 1972 after the winter snows melted.

Despite the fact that no trace of Cooper was found, Manning and other agents remained convinced he had jumped somewhere in the Lewis River-Lake Merwin area, where crewmen of the Boeing 727 noted a fluctuation in the cabin rate of pressure indicator about 8:10 p.m.

Minutes earlier lights came on in the cockpit indicating the rear airstair of the aircraft had been lowered.

"Using the same aircraft, we made some tests three days after the hijacking, and the results gave credence to the theory that he jumped in the area the crew told us about," Manning said.

Manning was aboard the plane, flown by the chief pilot of the airline, when it was taken over the Pacific Ocean off the Hoquiam bombing range for the tests. Also present was the same flight engineer who was on duty the night of the incident.

"We took along some wooden sleds with sandbags to approximate the weight of Cooper, the parachutes given him and the ransom money, and dropped them from the plane when the flying conditions were the same as they were at the time he bailed out," Manning recalled.

The airstair was lowered, and the sleds dropped.

"The engineer said the plane reacted the same as it had before when the weight was released," Manning said Tuesday.

According to Manning, the FBI and the airline were convinced then that the man calling himself D.B. Cooper bailed out of the jet in the Lewis River area, and nothing has happened to shake that belief.

Where he landed has never been determined, but Manning still thinks Lake Merwin is a good bet.

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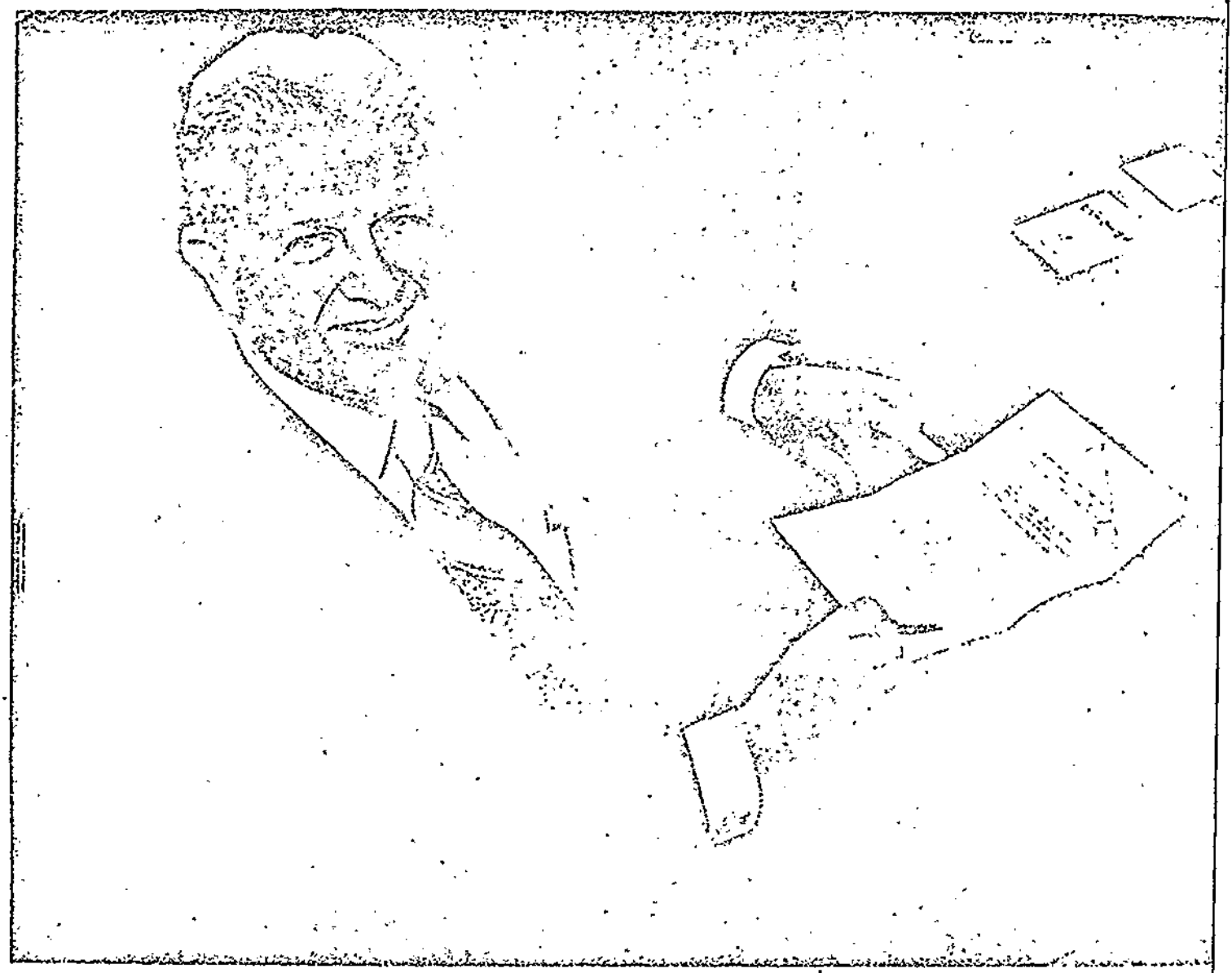

Tom Manning, ex-FBI agent involved in the D.B. Cooper case, believes Cooper fell into Lake Merwin and the money

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# Beach residents groan

By Donna duBeth
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The handful of residents who live along the beach where part of D.B. Cooper's loot was found Sunday are kicking themselves for not building more sand castles.

They also wonder whether they should have paid more attention to the sand dredging operations along the beach.

Tina Bar is a stretch of sandy beach on the Washington side of the Columbia River northwest of Vancouver. The lonely country road that winds along the beach, Lower River Road, dead-ends about three miles from where a Vancouver family found about $3,000 beneath the sand Sunday while on a picnic. Rabbits bounce on the side of the road at night, startled by occasional passing cars.

Less than 10 houses are along the 12-mile stretch of beach road. Most of the land belongs to large dairy farms. The Fazio Bros. Sand Co. also fronts the river. A road leading through the Fazio gate is a popular path to the beach. It is the same path used by the family the day they found the money. On the east side of Fazio Bros. is Leeward Isle Marina, with a public fishing boat launch and one or two house boats.

During fishing season, the beach is packed from end to end, say local residents Clarence and Barbara Ellis. They have lived in their mobile home just down the road from Fazio Bros. for the past 30 years.

Every day Clarence takes his outboard skiff along Tina Bar patrolling the river and the beach for renegade logs that could damage other boats.

Ellis says that the Army Corps of Engineers continuously dredges sand directly off the shore from where the money was found.

"I betcha that dredging brought that money up and most of it's been destroyed by the dredging," he said. "Even the FBI is going to be able to figure that one out."

Today a spokesman for the Army Engineers said they were working closely with the FBI, checking out that lead. The sand sucked up from the bottom of the river and spewed onto the beach could have contained some or all of the long-sought money. While the dredging is continuous, the last time sand was deposited in that spot was in October 1974.

Another resident of the area said that the money was found too far from the water to have washed up. "It had to be the dredging. Maybe I'll go get me a shovel," said Mrs. J.W. Freeman.

The FBI dug all day Tuesday, finding bits and pieces of $20 bills. An agent guarding the site Tuesday evening said the amount they found during the day was less than the $3,000 orginally dug up.

Tuesday night the Ellis family sat in their home decorated with fishing gear and large plants, amazed that some the D.B. Cooper money was showing up on the same beach their children grew up on.

"To think I worked like a slave all my life and here this money was right in my front yard," said Ellis. "When I think of the times my kids took the four-wheel drive right over that spot. I mean that's our beach. It belongs to the people we lease from and that's the beach we use."

His wife, Barbara, said she felt "kinda sick" not finding it. But she added that she would have turned it in. "Somebody could have lost it," she said.

The beach property actually belongs to the Hans Egger family of Vancouver. A baby sitter at the home said the Eggers were on vacation in California. They learned the money had been found on their property when they listened to a television newscast Tuesday night.

"They were shocked," said the baby sitter.

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# How it all started

On Nov. 24, 1971, a calm, middle-age man calling himself Dan Cooper bought a ticket for a Northwest Airlines flight to Seattle.

Shortly after takeoff, he handed a note to stewardess Florence Schaffner.

Thinking the man was trying to "hustle" her, she stuffed the note in her purse, but he motioned for her to read it.

The note said he had a bomb, and wanted to go to Mexico.

While the jet circled Seattle before landing, the skyjacker also ordered that $200,000 cash and four parachutes be brought to the plane.

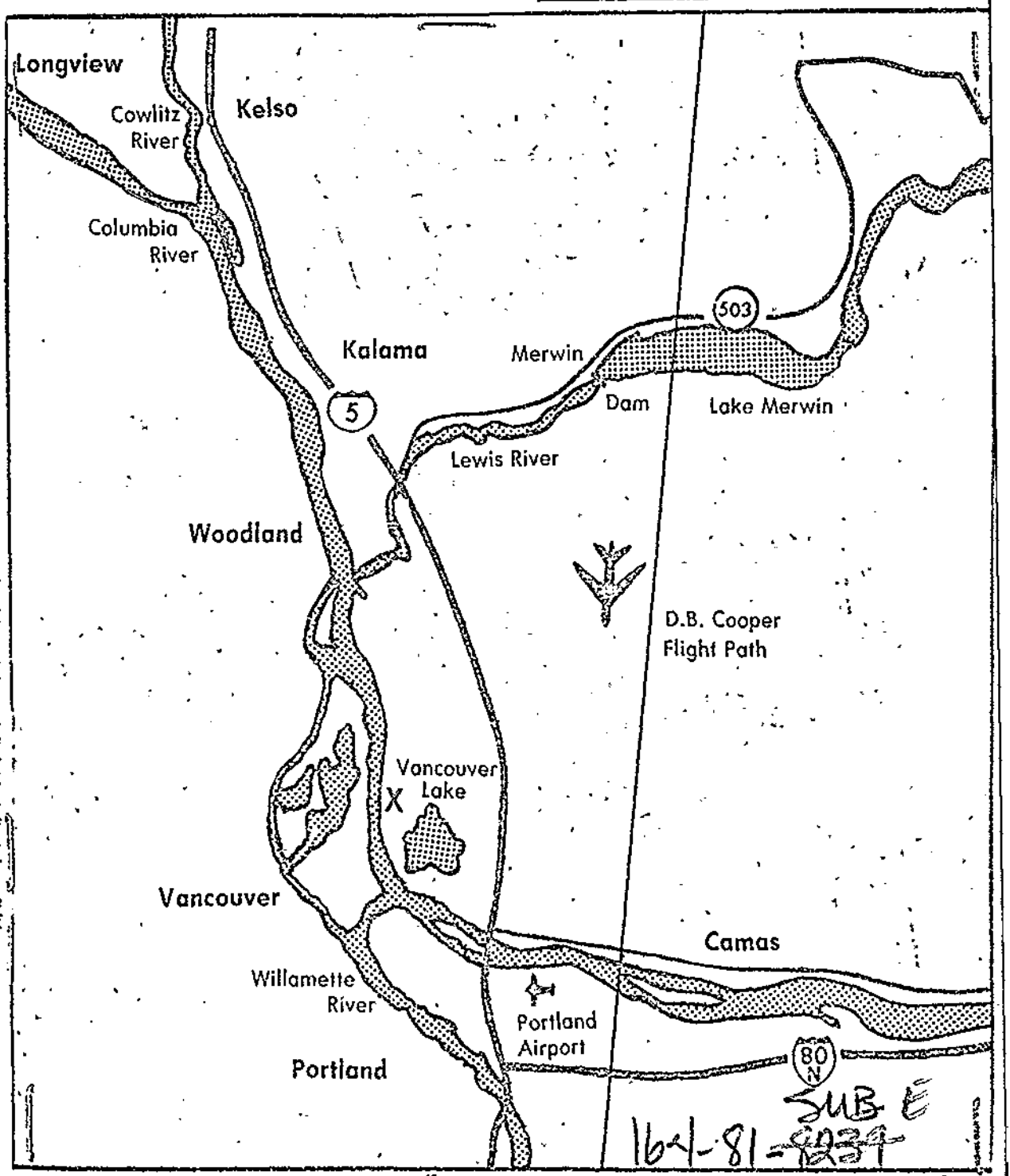
The airline agreed, 36 passengers and part of the crew were allowed to leave, and the plane took off with the man and his ransom.

As it flew south, the rear airstair was lowered, and minutes later the plane reacted in a manner that convinced the crew that the skyjacker had bailed out somewhere in the Lewis River-Lake Merwin area east of Woodland.

Thus began the legend of D.B. Cooper (the name Dan Cooper somehow got lost in news media accounts of the incident.)

Cooper has never been found, but interest in the case is still strong, and flared Tuesday when the FBI announced a Vancouver family had found several thousand dollars of the ransom money on a Columbia River beach northwest of Vancouver.

Several stories about the case appear in today's issue of *The Daily News*.




The 'X' marks the area where D.B.Cooper loot was found Sunday

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# FBI Halts Search For Cooper Clues & Loot

FBI agents yesterday called off their search on a sandy beach of the Columbia River west of Vancouver for more evidence of D.B. Cooper and the $200,000 he carried when he parachuted from a skyjacked airliner in November 1971.

"When the agents get back here next week, we'll discuss what direction to take next," said Jack Pringle, an FBI agent in Seattle.

One partly decomposed bundle of marked $20 bills from the Cooper loot was found Sunday by a family picnicking beside the river nine miles below Vancouver.

It probably will be at least a week before the FBI laboratory in Washington, D.C., will report on how much money was found, said Bill Williams, of the FBI office in Portland, Ore., whose agents dug and sifted the sand earlier this week.

Cooper is believed to have parachuted over Lake Merwin in Cowlitz County. No trace of him or the money is known to have been found until the discovery Sunday.

Williams said yesterday that Leonard Palmer, a geologist at Portland State University, concluded that the money drifted onto the river bank sometime after August 1974. The money lay in sand on top of spoil from a dredging operation that was conducted that month, Palmer told the FBI.

Pringle said that sooner or later the recovered money will be returned to its owner.

"We don't know who that is and it's not up to us to determine," he said. "It might be that a court will have to decide."

The $200,000 was delivered to Cooper aboard a Northwest Airline plane in Seattle after he skyjacked it.

Brent Baskfield, a Northwest public relations officer in St. Paul, Minn., said Northwest paid the money but has been reimbursed for most of it by The Globe Insurance Co. in New York City.

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# Pickings are slim in Cooper treasure hunt

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by Richard Zahler
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Times staff reporters

Federal Bureau of Investigation treasure hunters returned to a cold and sandy Columbia River beach downstream from Vancouver, Wash., today seeking more clues to the eight-year-old D.B. Cooper skyjacking mystery.

The F.B.I. mixed a little science and technology with a lot of old-fashioned elbow grease yesterday in continued digging at the beach. Agents continued to find scraps of $20 bills in the area where a picnicking Vancouver family found three bundles of money Sunday.

Through serial numbers, those decomposed bundles of bills have been identified as "several thousand dollars" of the $200,000 given to the man who hijacked a Northwest Orient Airlines 727 in November, 1971, then parachuted from the jet with his loot. The F.B.I. believes he jumped somewhere in the vicinity of LaCenter, about 25 miles northeast of the beach where the money was found.

Yesterday's search, aided by a backhoe and advice from a Portland State University geologist, provided no clues how the money got to the beach or where it has been since the hijacking.

F.B.I. agents said the money still was packaged in the same order as it was given to the hijacker: The geologist said the money probably had been there for less than two years.

Kenneth Moore, a Seattle F.B.I. agent assigned to the case, said, "One reason for conducting an exhaustive search of this area would be to find other indications of what happened — pieces of clothing, pieces of bag, pieces of parachute or human remains, which in this case would be only bones."

The beach area is 7½ miles northwest of Vancouver on a stretch of shoreline used heavily by fishermen and lined with industrial plants and farms.

Moore and other agents said it would be just speculation to suggest that Cooper might have come down near the Columbia River beach, or that the search site might give any clue besides additional pieces of money. The round shape of the wads of money suggested that the cash could have tumbled along the river bed, agents said.

The farmers who own the shoreland, Al and Richard Fazio, said the place where the money was found is periodically underwater during high river runoff, like last week.

Moore said the currency might have been pumped on the beach during the dredging, but that was doubted by Dr. Leonard Palmer, Portland State geologist.

Palmer said the scraps of money had been found in looser sand, not in dredging spoils. The river last was dredged there in 1974.

Moore said the meager evidence suggests the hijacker "may have landed in the water, although not necessarily the Columbia."

Speculation that Cooper could have dropped into Lake Merwin, a reservoir on the Lewis River, was replaced this week by speculation he could have landed in the Washougal River watershed. The Lewis River enters downstream from the search area, the Washougal upstream from Vancouver.

But Moore said there were no plans to search upriver "unless evidence leads us to a more specific area."

Small pieces of currency were found yesterday in scattered places as they combed through sand several hundred feet downstream from Sunday's discovery site.

Other fragments showed up as agents shoveled sand through wire screens around the main site. The largest piece discovered yesterday was about the size of a stick of chewing gum. It was several layers thick.

Moore said the new fragments may once have been part of the destroyed bundles discovered Sunday.

Although there were several rewards offered for the discovery of the money or the arrest of D.B. Cooper, federal agents said it looked as if the Harold Ingram family is out of luck. Ingram's son, Brian, 8, uncovered the money.

"As far as I know, all reward offers have been canceled," a Portland F.B.I. agent, Bill Williams, said.

Roy Erickson, a spokesman for Northwest Orient in St. Louis, said the airline had settled with its insurance company, Globe of New York, several years ago and received $180,000.

"Our loss was covered by our insurance and so we are out of the situation now," he said.

Ralph Himmelsbach, a Portland F.B.I. agent who has worked on the D.B. Cooper case since 1971, said the finding of the money gave him "a certain sense of satisfaction," the Associated Press reported.

"The case isn't solved," Himmelsbach said, "but this is certainly a major milestone.

"So we know at least that he (Cooper) never spent this money, and we know that none of the money he was given has ever turned up in circulation."

Himmelsbach said Cooper's skeleton probably never will be found if it is in the forested mountain area where he is supposed to have landed.

"Unlike the money, Cooper is biodegradable," Himmelsbach said.

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# FBI: Cooper likely dead man

By KERRY WEBSTER
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It's more likely than ever that the legendary D. B. Cooper is just a grinning skeleton in a nylon shroud, say FBI agents raking the sand for the last of his mouldering stash.

"The discovery of the money adds credence to the theory that he probably did not survive the jump," said Bill Williams, a special agent in Portland.

On the north bank of the Columbia River today, more than 30 FBI agents worked behind a cordon of armed sheriff's deputies, spading over every square foot of sand along 150 feet of shoreline.

The site is where eight-year-old Brian Ingram of Vancouver, digging idly in the sand with a stick on Sunday, turned up a sodden wad of $20 bills.

Serial numbers on the money — 12 stacks of twenties, still in their bank wrappings — matched some of those given to "Dan Cooper" when he hijacked Northwest Airlines Flight 305 on Thanksgiving Eve, 1971.

Flourishing what looked like a stick of dynamite, "Cooper" ordered the plane to fly from Seattle-Tacoma International Airport to Reno, Nev., after first demaninding $200,000 and four parachutes.

The Boeing 727's flight recorder indicated that he jumped from the plane's lowered rear stairwell somewhere near Ariel, a tiny logging town in Southwest Washington.

No trace of Cooper or the hijacking loot had shown up in the past nine years. The mysterious air pirate in that time has become a cult figure, with sweatshirts, bumper-stickers and endless pulp-magazine stories dedicated to the exploit.

FBI agents, who have been the butt of D. B. Cooper jokes for nine years, did not conceal a certain grim satisfaction when they announced the finding of the money in Seattle and Portland press conferences yesterday.

The fact that the money appears to have washed up on the riverbank, rather than having been purposely buried there, increases the chances that Cooper is dead.

"There is no way we can tell if he is dead or alive," said John Pringle, assistant agent in charge of the Seattle office. "We only know that if he is alive, he doesn't have this money."

The site of the find is about nine miles downriver from the Interstate 5 bridge over the Columbia between Portland and Vancouver. Young Ingram made the discovery while picnicking with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Dwayne Ingram.

The elder Ingram told reporters yesterday he was preparing to build a fire when his son "ran up and said, 'Wait a minute, Daddy.' He raked a place out in the sand, and there it was."

Ingram told The Associated Press he didn't even consider spending the money, because it looked so badly deteriorated.

The decomposed money was being sent today to the FBI crime lab in Washington, D.C., for examination. Pringle said there is a possibility that mud and soil deposited in the bundles may give a clue as to where they were washed from.

"We're going to be doing some study of tide tables and flood records, also," added Portland agent Williams today. "That'll tell us whether examining any of the Columbia's tributaries would be useful."

The Washougal River flows into the Columbia below the money site, and its origins are deep in the woods over which Cooper is believed to have jumped.

However, Williams noted, the Columbia is frequently dredged and often floods where the money was found, so the situation could be very confused.

Pringle said Cooper jumped with the money tied around his waist, and he said he believed "it was in a bag which would have deteriorated over this length of time."

He said a major objective of the search going on now is to find some other object that is connected to Cooper.

"We could find bones, or a piece of parachute," he said. "Nylon does not deteriorate rapidly."

Agents using spades and rakes have discovered a few more pieces of $20 bills, about the size of nickels and dimes, according to the FBI. The new discoveries were made within a three-foot radius of the original finding.

"We are planning to bring in some heavy equipment tomorrow to speed things up," Williams said. "The problem when you dig up a spadeful of sand is, what do you do with the sand?"

In Ariel, meanwhile, tavern owner Dave Fisher said the little town will go on with plans for its annual "D. B. Cooper party" at his Ariel Store & Tavern this Nov. 24.

"You know, if they had found the body," he said, "we were planning some sort of a memorial party."

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# More D.B. Cooper cash sought

by Richard Zahler
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Times staff reporters

VANCOUVER, Wash. — The Federal Bureau of Investigation brought a backhoe and experts in soil, archeology and river currents to a sandy Columbia River beach west of here today to seek more clues into the 8-year-old D.B. Cooper hijacking mystery.

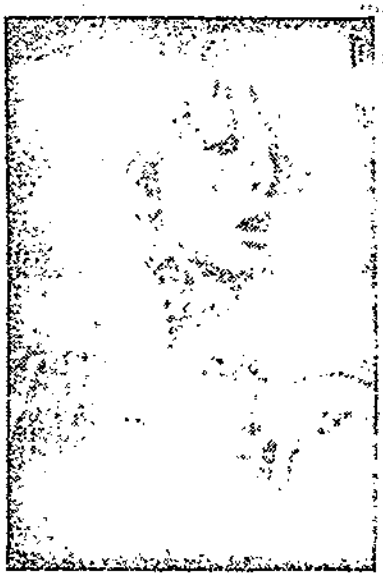
An 8-year-old boy Sunday uncovered on the beach a small part of the $200,000 the legendary hijacker had strapped to his body when he parachuted from a Northwest Orient Airlines 727 over Southwestern Washington November 24, 1971.

F.B.I. agents yesterday found more fragments of $20 bills while digging at the beach. Paul Hudson, the F.B.I.'s on-site coordinator, said the fragments — the size of nickels and quarters — were found as much as 5 feet away from where the money was found Sunday. Some fragments were 3 feet under the surface.

Hudson said the bureau is trying to determine possible ways the money reached the beach. The river recently covered the beach, he said.

Hudson also noted that the Columbia River channel is dredged periodically and sand from the river bottom is pumped on the shore.

"It's possible that it washed up here a period of time ago . . . not 9 years ago but not necessarily recently," Hudson said.



Brian Ingram
Got scoop on skyjacker

Discovery of the money "probably raises as many questions as it does answers," Hudson said. "In my own mind I can rule out the possibility that (the money) was buried here."

Hudson said whether searchers might find Cooper's remains in the area is "one of the questions we hope to answer today."

The beach is about nine miles west of Vancouver, adjacent to a dairy farm and a popular spot for steelhead fishing. Today a Clark County deputy sheriff was at the farm gate, turning away fishermen and the curious.

One longtime fisherman, Sidney Tipper, 80, of Vancouver, was admitted to fish. Tipper said, "I've been going up and down this river for 10 years. The money wasn't very deep. If it had been here (a long time) I think we'd have seen it."

The F.B.I. said yesterday it presumes the money had been washed downstream, possibly from a tributary to the Columbia. An Army Engineers hydrologist said that the Washougal River was the only tributary that might have carried the money. The Washougal is the first Washington tributary upstream from Vancouver.

William M. Baker, assistant special agent for the Portland F.B.I. office, said he expected searches would be carried out along the Columbia to the mouth of the Washougal and possibly up the Washougal.

The money recovered Sunday, in three bundles of decomposing $20 bills, was discovered by Brian Ingram, 8, of Vancouver. The boy

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# Phones 'ringing off the hook' at Ariel

by Richard Zahler
Times staff reporter

ARIEL, Cowlitz County — Not much happens in Ariel, a small logging community 11 miles east of Woodland.

Until a hijacker vanished mysteriously over Southwest Washington more than eight years ago, probably nothing happened in Ariel.

But D.B. Cooper put the town on the map, and yesterday and last night the telephones at the Ariel Store & Tavern were "ringing off the hook" said Dave Fisher, the owner.

Ariel happens to be near Lake Merwin, and a number of theorists suggested that Cooper might have gone into the reservoir behind the Ariel dam.

Since 1976 the Ariel Tavern has hosted an annual D.B. Cooper party on November 24, the anniversary of the hijacking in 1971. Every year 200 to 300 people have shown up to eat buffalo stew and see whether Cooper would answer the standing invitation to join the party.

He never has, of course.

Fisher bought the tavern and the tradition 15 months ago, and until 3:30 yesterday afternoon, "I wasn't expecting a thing tonight. It's pretty dead in winter."

But then the Federal Bureau of Investigation announced in Seattle and Portland that part of $200,000 given to the hijacker had been found along the banks of the Columbia River near Vancouver.

The moldering money, about $4,000, was found by a family picnicking along the river north of Portland. A young boy digging in the sandy riverbanks with a stick uncovered the loot.

After that, Fisher said, "It was just like the D.B. Cooper party."

Fisher said he had been on the run answering telephone calls from television-network reporters in New York and newspapers and radio stations all over the West Coast.

Only about 20 or 30 patrons were in the Ariel Tavern last night, and most were paying as much attention to playing pool as to the Cooper talk. A weekly Tuesday-night pool match with the Riverside Tavern in Woodland had been moved to Ariel last night at the request of a Portland television station interested in filming reaction to the discovery of the money.

Fisher and others said they were mystified as to how the money arrived on the banks of the Columbia River, but they still would have to be persuaded that the hijacker didn't survive after he bailed out of the Boeing 727.

"I still think he's alive, until they find some bones," Fisher said.

He said the finding could lead to other developments, pointing out that the discovery by the boy was a strange first trace of Cooper after so many years.

Then the telephone rang in the next room, Fisher raced to answer it, laughed and announced, "San Jose calling."

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# Finally, a fact is added to Cooper saga

by Steve Johnston
Times staff reporter

Passengers on Flight 305 remembered the man as a quiet-spoken sort wearing a dark brown suit. He took the last seat on the right-hand side of the Northwest Orient Airline's flight out of Portland heading for Seattle.

The only thing unusual about the man was that he wore sun glasses, unusual because it was a rainy day on November 24, 1971, a day before Thanksgiving.

The man checked aboard the Boeing 727 under the name of "Dan Cooper" in Portland, the last leg of the flight that had started in Washington, D.C.

By the time the plane finally set down in Reno several hours later, the man who became known as "D.B. Cooper" was gone, along with $200,000 in $20 bills, two parachutes and a briefcase which Cooper told the stewardess contained a bomb.

Somewhere in Southwest Washington, D.B. Cooper had bailed out at 10,000 feet into dark storm clouds and into history. He would remain to this day the only hijacker in the United States ever to escape arrest.

Over the last seven years, the F.B.I. has questioned more than 1,000 possible suspects, chased down thousands of leads and heard from hundreds of people who claim either to be Cooper or to know his whereabouts.

But it took an 8-year-old Vancouver, Wash., boy to uncover the only piece of concrete evidence that Cooper really did bail out into the dense forest of Southwest Washington.

Until Brian Ingram dug up 12 packets of $20 bills while on a picnic with his family along the Columbia River, law-enforcement officers only assumed D.B. Cooper jumped over Southwest Washington. The plane's recorder showed a "low pressure bump" at 8:11 p.m. near Woodland, and when the plane landed in Reno, the hijacker couldn't be found.

Hundreds of searchers spread out over the area around Woodland, hoping either to find the body or the money or just a piece of the parachute dangling from a tree. Most parachute experts consulted at the time agreed it would be almost impossible for Cooper to survive the plunge.

But within days of the hijacking, the legend of D.B. Cooper started to build. People started to talk about him as a modern-day Robin Hood. They admired the daring, the planning and the execution of the jump.

Slowly but surely, the reports of encounters with Cooper started to come out. A man in Woodland said someone knocked at his back door on November 24 about the time Cooper would have landed, but he didn't answer. Other people started turning in friends who looked like Cooper, in hopes of collecting the $25,000 reward.

Then the stories started to appear. The now defunct Seattle Flag ran several pages of purported interview with Cooper, and two Kitsap County men were arrested for selling a fake interview with Cooper to a former contributing editor of Newsweek for $30,000.

Five months ago, two Tacoma men said they had talked with D.B. Cooper, who, they said, was living in Puyallup. The man told them that the money was buried under a pile of garbage at the Puyallup dump.

Mostly, however, people just have had fun with the D.B. Cooper story. T-shirts with the picture of D.B. Cooper in his sunglasses and bearing the legend, "D.B. Cooper, Where Are You?" became popular, and there even was a song written about him.

The residents of Ariel, Cowlitz County, near where Cooper supposedly bailed out, started holding an annual "D.B. Cooper Day" to commemorate the event. The festival, called the "Cooper Caper," featured buffalo stew and sky divers and attracted more than 800 people. But not, apparently, D.B. Cooper.

As for the two Federal Bureau of Investigation agents who have been on the case since it began, they say they believe D.B. Cooper probably died the night he went out the plane.

"It is my personal opinion that he is dead," said Joseph O'Connell, who has retired. "He jumped out of a plane at 10,000 feet on a cold, raw night and he jumped in an area densely populated with Douglas fir and ponderosa pine."

Ralph Himmelsbach, Portland F.B.I. agent who is to retire February 29, said he was "delighted" about the money being found. He said the find reduced the chances of Cooper ever being found alive to "less than 50-50."

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# More Of D.B.'s Ransom Found

By Neil Modie

FBI agents yesterday found bits of more $20 bills buried in the sand beside the Columbia River near Vancouver, Wash., and said it was more of the $200,000 ransom collected in 1971 by airline hijacker D.B. Cooper.

Agents speculated earlier in the day that the muck and sand the money was buried in may have been dredge material. But they discounted that theory after a geologist examined the site, about 10 miles northwest of Vancouver.

"His (the geologist's) feeling is that the probabilities are that the material was washed ashore rather than (being in) dredged sand," FBI - Agent Ralph Himmelsbach of Portland told The Post - Intelligencer last night.

Children on a family outing on Sunday found the first half - decomposed packets of $20 bills with which Cooper had parachuted from a Northwest Orient jetliner on Thanksgiving Eve, Nov. 24, 1971.

The total was between $1,000 and $4,000, Himmelsbach said, and serial numbers checked matched numbers on the marked bills given Cooper.

The money was found farther downriver from Vancouver than FBI agents had estimated Tuesday, when they announced the discovery, and it caused Himmelsbach to return to the theory he has had since 1971 that Cooper landed — dead or alive — in the vicinity of Lake Merwin on the Lewis River about 25 miles north of Vancouver.

Himmelsbach, the agent in charge of the investigation since the hijacking took place, said he believes the dozen packets of greenbacks were gradually washed down the Lewis River and into the Columbia River. Then, he said, ocean tides could have pushed them several miles up the Columbia to where they were found.

There was speculation Tuesday that the site was too far up the Columbia for the money to have come from the Lewis River.

However, Himmelsbach said yesterday, "My understanding is that this is tidal water, and if so, there are times that this (river) runs backward. So it could have run upstream that far."

Did Cooper, lightly dressed and buffeted by wind and freezing rain when he parachuted from the airliner, drop the money on the way down?

"That's a good possibility," Himmelsbach said. "There's also the possibility that he just took the money, and neither he nor the money left there (where he landed).

"I feel this is an indication that probably he didn't make it (alive), and it has been my feeling that probably he didn't make it because of the circumstances of the jump and the fact that he didn't have the proper equipment for parachuting," Himmelsbach continued.

"He didn't have a hardhat, goggles, leather gloves, jump suit or jump boots. He didn't have any of those things and he sure needed them all.

"I don't think the fall killed him," Himmelsbach theorized, "but there was that sudden stop. I think probably there was good likelihood he was injured during the fall and didn't have any help . . . and was unable to extricate himself (from wherever he fell). And probably is still there."

Agents continued digging yesterday, and Himmelsbach said he didn't know how long they would continue.

There was no trace at the site of the legendary extortionist nor of his parachute, and Himmelsbach indicated he didn't expect to find such evidence there.

The ransom money was given to Cooper at Seattle - Tacoma International Airport after he threatened to blow up the 727 trijet while on a flight from Portland. At Sea - Tac, he allowed all the passengers and all but four members of the crew to leave, demanded and received the $200,000 and four parachutes, and had the plane depart for Reno, Nev.

The skyjacker bailed out over Southwest Washington.

Sunday's find was particularly satisfying for Himmelsbach, who on Feb. 29 is scheduled to retire from the FBI after a career of nearly 29 years — more than eight of which were spent trying to solve the Cooper caper. The discovery of the money was the first solid break in the case.

"It doesn't increase my (retirement) annuity any, but it does make me happy," Himmelsbach said.

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# Found — D.B.'s Loot!

## Kids Dig Up Hijack Cash

By Neil Modie

More than eight years after D.B. Cooper parachuted into rainy darkness from a hijacked airliner, part of his $200,000 loot was found buried in a river bank near Vancouver, Wash., the FBI announced yesterday.

Badly weathered and apparently washed ashore from the Columbia River, the stacks of $20 bills say nothing encouraging about the fate of the legendary hijacker.

"It can tell you a number of things — either he dropped the money or he's dead," commented John D. Pringle, assistant special agent in charge of the FBI office in Seattle. "We can't tell at this point."

For Ralph Himmelsbach of Portland, the FBI agent in charge of the investigation since it began, the discovery reinforces his opinion that Cooper died after he parachuted from a Northwest Orient 727 trijet on Thanksgiving Eve, 1971.

BRIAN INGRAM
The money in the sand

Himmelsbach said the find reduced to "less than 50 - 50" the odds that Cooper is still alive.

The money was found Sunday by an 8-year-old Vancouver boy, Brian Ingram, and his 5-year-old cousin, Denise, as they were digging in the sand with sticks along the river bank during a family outing.

"This clue is the first we've had since the night of the occurrence," said Bill Baker, assistant special agent in charge of the Portland office, which the Ingram family contacted on Monday.

The money was found about 25 miles southwest of the area where the FBI had thought it most likely Cooper landed after he parachuted from the jetliner into a freezing rainstorm on Nov. 24, 1971.

The hijacker, who had used the name "Dan Cooper" to buy his airline ticket, boarded the jet in Portland, threatened to blow it up with what he claimed was a bomb in his briefcase, then forced it to land in Seattle to collect the ransom.

Cooper allowed 36 passengers aboard the flight to leave, then ordered the crew of four to fly it to Reno after $200,000 in marked bills and four parachutes demanded by the hijacker were brought on board.

As the southbound airliner passed over Southwest Washington, the hijacker — wearing only a business suit and street shoes — parachuted through a rear stairwell door.

As "Dan Cooper" became a legend, the name "D.B. Cooper" — as an FBI agent had initially identified him — became the name that stuck.

The FBI said his chances of survival were slim because he was lightly dressed for jumping into a howling wind and a freezing rain in a parachute not likely to work.

Agents have theorized that his remains are at the bottom of Lake Merwin, its forest of underwater snags entangling his parachute, or his

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[redacted], Vancouver, Washington, telephone [redacted], was contacted on the beach area known as Tena Bar which is located in the vicinity of 11600 NW Lower River Road, Vancouver, Washington. [redacted] was informed of the identity of the interviewing agent as well as the fact that the Federal Bureau of Investigation wished to conduct a search of an area of beach on the Tena Bar. The purpose for the search was discussed with [redacted] and the area of the search was explained to him. [redacted] advised that the beach area which the FBI desires to search [redacted]. He also, [redacted] for the Federal Bureau of Investigation to conduct a search [redacted].

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Frank Kanekoa, who is the sheriff for Clark County, Washington, was present during this interview.

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# Boy who found hijack loot gets bill as souvenir

VANCOUVER, Wash. — (AP) — Brian Ingram, the 8-year-old who uncovered some of D.B. Cooper's hijack loot, will get to keep one of the frayed $20 bills as a souvenir.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation also gave the Vancouver boy a certificate praising him for his discovery.

Brian was helping his father, Harold, build a fire on a Columbia River beach February 10 when he uncovered three bundles of weathered $20 bills. The bills were the first evidence uncovered in the case since Cooper hijacked the jetliner in 1971.

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RE TELEPHONE CALLS FROM SUPERVISOR [redacted], PERSONAL CRIMES UNIT, TO PORTLAND, FEBRUARY 19 AND 20, 1980. b6 b7C

IN RESPONSE TO BUREAU REQUEST FOR SUMMARY OF INFORMATION ON RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS MATTER, THE FOLLOWING IS SET FORTH:

AT APPROXIMATELY 5:00 P.M., FEBRUARY 11, 1980, [redacted], VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON, TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED THE PORTLAND OFFICE TO ADVISE HE HAD FOUND SOME OLD DECOMPOSED $20 BILLS, AND HE WANTED TO KNOW WHETHER THE BILLS WERE BEING SOUGHT BY LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES. NCIC CHECKS OF THREE SERIAL NUMBERS FURNISHED BY [redacted] DISCLOSED TWO WERE ON FORJAK RANSOM LIST. THIRD SERIAL NUMBER FURNISHED CONTAINED TOO MANY b6 b7C

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Gentlemen:

I wish to express to you my sincere gratitude for your assistance to the FBI in the case commonly known as the "D.B. Cooper Skyjacking". With your cooperation and use of [redacted], our investigation on your land at Tena Bar, progressed very smoothly and efficiently. It is citizens such as yourselves who have so greatly aided the FBI in carrying out its functions over the years.

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Sincerely,

Paul L. Mack
Special Agent in Charge

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Mr. Frank Kanekoa
Sheriff
Clark County Sheriff's Offiee
Vancouver, Washington 98660

Dear Frank,

I wish to express to you my sincere gratitude for your assistance in the case commonly known as the "D.B. Cooper Skyjacking". The security provided by your deputies at the Tena Bar area in Vancouver greatly assisted us by allowing our Agents to fully concentrate on the search of the beach area. I have been informed that your deputies handled their positions in a very professional manner and I hope you will express my thanks to them.

Sincerely,

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Paul L. Mack
Special Agent in Charge

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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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# D.B. and the money

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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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# 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 36 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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ARTHUR G. BARGER, SPECIAL 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 INTERNATIONAL 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.

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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 BILLS 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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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Vancouver, Washington [redacted]

Dear [redacted]:

Reference is made to your letter concerning D. B. Cooper addressed to [redacted] Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation, 915 Second Avenue, Seattle, Washington, and dated January 12, 1979. b6 b7C

Your letter concerning the possible whereabouts of D. B. Cooper is appreciated. In the event you have any specific information concerning the actual whereabouts of Cooper and/or the money, you are requested to contact the Vancouver Resident Agency office of the FBI at telephone number 695-5661. The information you have provided in the above referenced letter, while interesting, does not indicate why you believe Cooper to be in the area you indicate he is in or why you believe the money to be there also. As you are well aware, the FBI cannot deal in supposition, but must have specific facts prior to conducting any investigation. As such, it is necessary that you be specific in your information.

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Very truly yours,

Paul L. Mack
Special Agent in Charge

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Supervisory Special Agent

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SUB E

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January 12,1979

[redacted], Agent
Federal Bureau of Investigation
915 Second Avenue
Seattle,Washington,98104

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SUB E

Please open the enclosed map of the state of Washington and start at The Seal of the State of Washington.

Follow this pencil line to the place where it crosses another pencil line (in the lower part of the circle I have drawn).

I believe this to be the approximate location of the remains of Cooper,the man who jumped from the plane with $200.000.00 in his possession.

The money is also in this area.

I also beleive I can be of help in actually finding both the remains of Cooper,and the money,if I am on the site with you.

Please beleive I am not looking for personal glory for myself. What I am interested in is being of help ,and the satisfaction of of knowing I helped in a good cause.

Should you decide my help would be worthwhile,as far as I am concerned, no one else beside you and I need know about the matter. You can be the judge of the matter.

I am [redacted],and I will say that if some one,[redacted],had offered to help me in a matter such as this,I would probably have laughed in his face. (Before I knew of [redacted],that is.)

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However,I have learned that [redacted] have been successfully finding all sorts of things for the last five hundred years,including people.

[redacted]
Vancouver,Wa.[redacted]
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

TO : ACTING SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) (P) DATE: 9/7/78

FROM : SA [redacted] b6 b7C

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

Sub J
SUB E

Re memo of SA JOHN M. REED, dated August 24, 1978.

On August 24, 1978, [redacted], Kirkland, Washington, was telephonically contacted and advised that the FBI did not have any information which would help him in his search and salvage operations in the Lake Merwin area. b6 b7C

[redacted] was further advised that no portion of the lake could be ruled out as far as a possible area into which UNSUB may have landed after parachuting from the NORJAK aircraft. b6 b7C

It was reiterated to [redacted] that should he find anything during his search, he should immediately contact the Vancouver Office of the FBI and failing to contact them, he should call collect to the Seattle Office of the FBI and ask for Special Agent [redacted]. b6 b7C

[redacted] stated he is currently in the process of purchasing a [redacted] which would allow him to widen his search of the Lake Merwin area, and he anticipated continuing the search of the Lake Merwin area, on August 25, 1978. b6 b7C

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# Memorandum

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

TO :FILE (164-81)

DATE: 8/24/78

FROM :SAC JOHN M. REED

SUBJECT:NORJAK

164-81-7136

[redacted], Kirkland, Wa. (telephone [redacted]), telephonically contacted me and advised that he [redacted] Globe Insurance Company, which has the insurance policy for Northwest Airlines in this matter. He said he has been working on the possibility that UNSUB may have landed in Lake Merwin as he has, through use of [redacted], located what he thinks is a body in 100-150 feet of water. He says he has been working on this theory and has searched a number of areas of Lake Merwin, and wanted specific information as to the possible landing area.

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I informed him that insofar as I could recall, the entire matter of exactly where he landed is conjecture due to a number of variables, i.e., wind on the night in question; size of chute; weight of the individual; period of time before UNSUB released parachute, etc.

This matter was referred to SA [redacted] in an attempt to resolve any of the questions which [redacted] may have.

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# memorandum

DATE: 7/19/78

REPLY TO ATTN OF: SA [redacted] b6 b7C

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

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

RE: SEARCH AREA - SUB E

On March 22, 1978, [redacted], Kirkland, Washington, advised telephonically, that he was currently on Lake Merwin using his equipment and that he would call the Seattle Office of the FBI in a few days with results. [redacted] further advised that he was on Channel 16 and his vessel number was [redacted]. His call number was [redacted]. b6 b7C

On 4/26/78, [redacted] again telephonically advised the Seattle Office that he had found in Lake Merwin what he thought was a body. [redacted] stated he was [redacted] to reach this unknown object and had to call off his search temporarily. [redacted] advised that he would recontact the Seattle Office to bring them up to date [redacted]. b6 b7C

On 5/8/78, [redacted] again telephonically attempted to contact the Seattle Office. b6 b7C

On 5/10/78, [redacted] appeared at the Seattle Office and advised that he had found an object in Lake Merwin that he thought might be a body and in attempting to reach it had had [redacted]. [redacted] advised that his [redacted] advised that he intended to return to Lake Merwin and continue his search and would immediately advise the Longview RA or the Seattle Office of the FBI if any items of evidentuary nature were found. [redacted] was provided the following information at his request: The color of the parachute canopy used by D. B. COOPER; the description of his clothes and the approximate heading of the Norjak aircraft. [redacted] stated he was being aided in his underwater b6 b7C

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# *Memorandum*

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) (P) DATE: 4/8/77

FROM : SA [redacted] b6 b7C

SUBJECT: NORJAK
OO: SEATTLE
BUFILE 164-2111

RE: SEARCH AREA
SUB E
WIND AND WEATHER
SUB U

Re memo of SA [redacted] dated 3/14/77. b6 b7C

On March 29, 1977, [redacted], Washington, home telephone [redacted], was contacted at his home and he provided the following information:

[redacted] stated he was flying on Continental Flight 306 which originated in Burbank, California, with a stop over in San Jose, California, and another stop in Portland, Oregon, and then the final destination was Seattle, Washington. [redacted] stated he landed in Seattle at approximately 5:30 P.M. on November 24, 1971. [redacted] advised that it was his recollection that Northwest Orient Airlines Flight 305 landed at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport at approximately 5:32 P.M. on that same night. [redacted] advises estimated time of departure was 6:10 P.M., but he actually left Seattle at about 7:09 P.M. to fly back to Portland, Oregon. b6 b7C

[redacted] advised that when he landed at Portland the wind was from 160 degrees at 35 knots and this was approximately 7:49 P.M. During the flight down to Portland, [redacted] noticed that his cruising altitude of about 13,000 feet that he was flying into a headwind of about 60 knots. [redacted] explained that on the way to Seattle from Portland his ground speed was 480 knots, but on the way back down to Portland his ground speed was only 420 knots. According to [redacted] the wind apparently was shifting from approximately 160 to approximately 200 degrees. b6 b7C

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# *Memorandum*

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) (P) DATE: 3/14/77

FROM : SA [redacted] b6 b7C

SUBJECT: NORJAK
OO: SEATTLE
BUFILE 164-2111

RE: SEARCH AREA SUB E
SUB U
WIND AND WEATHER

Re Portland airtel to Seattle dated 3/1/77.

On March 10, 1977, [redacted], Continental Airlines [redacted], telephonically contacted the writer from the Los Angeles International Airport. [redacted] explained that he was just beginning a 6 day flight schedule and would return to Seattle on March 17, 1977. b6 b7C

[redacted] stated he would contact the writer at that time and set up an appointment for interview. b6 b7C

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Date: 3/1/77

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

Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL -
(Precedence)

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

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

Sub E U

SUBJECT: NORJAK
(OO: Seattle)

Re information from [redacted], Continental Airlines

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On 2/22/77, [redacted], Continental Airlines, Seattle, Washington, was interviewed at Portland International Airport by SA [redacted] furnished the following information:

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On the night of 11/24/71, during the hijacking in this matter, he, [redacted] a Continental Airlines flight between Seattle, Washington, and Portland, Oregon. He became aware of the hijacking by radio and followed the progress of the hijacking by monitoring the discrete radio frequencies in his own aircraft.

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[redacted] advised that he departed Seattle-Tacoma Airport enroute for Portland shortly after Northwest Flight 305, which was being hijacked, and that he followed the same course flown by Northwest Flight 305 but was approximately four minutes behind the Northwest flight when it arrived at Portland.

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[redacted] advised that in his twenty-four years flying airliners, he recalls that night of 11/24/71, as being the most rapid and severe weather change in his experience. He said that when he was approaching Portland, along Victor 23 airways flying a course of approximately 166 degrees, he was experiencing a wind directly from 166 degrees at 80 knots of speed at his altitude which was 14,000 feet. He said that the wind

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) (P) DATE: 12/29/76

FROM : ASAC [redacted] b6 b7C

Sub C

Sub E [redacted]

SUBJECT: NORJAK

On 12/28/76, ASAC [redacted], Portland Division, telephonically advised that the Bureau had authorized cooperation with the Allen Lansburg Productions in order that the firm could produce a 30 minute film based on captioned matter. [redacted] stated that the authorization included an interview of SA [redacted] who is the case agent in Portland, by the research crew as well as photograph him during the interview. [redacted] stated that they desired to get photographs of [redacted] at the Lake Merwin site and were proceeding to that area for these photographs and [redacted] was advising this office since the area is in the Seattle Division territory. b6 b7C b6 b7C

[redacted] advised that they would next be coming to Seattle to obtain additional information and one of the items they desired to see was the transcript made of the tapes between the control tower and the pilot at the time of the hijacking. [redacted] stated that the AUSA in Portland had refused to grant them permission to hear the actual tapes, but felt that they could be shown the transcripts of these tapes. b6 b7C

On 12/29/76, I was contacted by [redacted], Allen Lansburg Productions regarding this matter at which time he was advised that I had not received any approval from FBIHQ to furnish him with any information and [redacted] stated he would call back. b6 b7C

I then telephonically contacted [redacted], External Affairs Division who advised that cooperation had been authorized to the extent that it would not interfere with the investigation or jeopardize any prosecution.

On 12/29/76, [redacted] appeared in the office at which time he advised he desired to review the transcripts of the tape of the conversation between the control tower and the pilot and that he intended to use portions of these tapes in the Sub E b6 b7C

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SAC, SACRAMENTO (164-50) 1/3/77

SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) (P)

NORJAK
OO: SEATTLE
Bufile 164-2111

Re: Sub E
SEARCH AREA

Re letter from [redacted], to the Seattle Division of the FBI dated 12/10/76. b6 b7C

Enclosed for the Sacramento Division is one copy of re letter.

LEADS:

SACRAMENTO DIVISION

Will contact [redacted], and determine if he has any firsthand information or knowledge concerning this matter. If it is determined that [redacted] does not have any information of value concerning this matter, he should be advised that the military has provided expert personnel who have calculated the drop zone for unsub in this matter and therefore [redacted] services, although appreciated, are not desired at this time. b6 b7C

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164-81-

December 10, 19[illegible]

Mr. Farrell
Federal Bureau of Investigation
915 2nd Avenue
Seattle, Wash 98174

Sub F

Dear Mr. Farrell:

RE: Telephone conversation 9:20 a.m. this date

The following is information I need to solve the skyjacking involving North West Air Lines in 1971, by Cooper:

1. Date of skyjacking.

2. Time 727 jet was airborn (air strip).

3. Compass heading after level flight.

4. Compass heading when skyjacker finished adjustment of personal effects.

5. Time skyjacker disappeared from sight on plane.

6. Time skyjacker was definitely not on plane.

7. When act occurred, elevation of plane starting at zero level; ground level temperature; and barometric reading.

8. Wind knots, and direction.

9. Whether he had 1 or 2 parachutes; weight of chute(s); weight of money; approximate weight of clothing and boots.

10. Estimate of height and weight of skyjacker.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

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FOOTNOTE: Did anyone happen to notice if he had a freefall deverter, which is a webbing that goes between the legs, or anything that looked like a triangle with material the edges.

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DB Cooper-27490

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150 WILLIAM STREET NEW YORK, N.Y. 10038
TEL: (212) 732-8400

September 9, 1976

[redacted]

Federal Bureau of Investigation
915 Second Ave.
Seattle, Washington 98174

Dear Sir:

Re: Hijacking Northwest Airlines
Date of Loss: 11/24/71
Claim#: [redacted]

Following our September 1, 1976 telephone conversation re above I would like to bring you up-to-date on all the recent tips we received due to the courtesy and cooperation of the Northwest Orient Airlines:

1. As you have been previously informed we have been negotiating with [redacted] of Kirkland, Washington [redacted] on Lake Merwin, State of Washington. - We are preparing a contract with this independent entrepreneur. We will advise you when [redacted] will be ready to start and keep you posted on the developments.

2. We called attorney [redacted] of Naples, Florida on 8/23/76 in connection with his letter of 8/11/76 addressed to [redacted] of the Northwest Orient Airlines, copy attached. This is what attorney [redacted] told me: He knows a waitress, presently employed in Naples, formerly living in Miami, Florida. The woman alleges that she knew Cooper under his real name, not disclosed during our telephone conversation with attorney [redacted]. Cooper had a detective agency in Miami and was using an alias Cooper on occasion. He was a paratrooper(?) and bragged that he would undertake some sort of a stunt or hijacking to get hold of

[redacted]

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[redacted]
Federal Bureau of Investigation

September 9, 1976

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Re: Hijacking Northwest Airlines
11/24/71

money. The woman allegedly knows Cooper's friends and could help to trace him.

Attorney [redacted] told me that the Federal Bureau of Investigation was informed of those details about 2½ years ago, but apparently the information did not warrant the Bureau's attention. The attorney suggested a meeting in his office between the woman and a representative of our company.

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For the time being this tip was laid to rest.

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3. Following [redacted] of Oakland, California, dated 8/10/76, copy attached, I called [redacted] on September 1, 1976. He told me that he knows somebody who knows Cooper. Cooper is allegedly in the sheet metal business operations. [redacted] was told to get in touch with us if he has anything concrete to report. He wanted to know how much we were willing to pay for this information. I indicated to him that we would consider sharing the redeemable money on a reasonable basis. We were not told who [redacted] informer was. [redacted] was referring to this individual as his [redacted]. We are not attaching too much hope to [redacted] submitted "clue".

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4. As I told you I had called [redacted] Napa, California. Please refer to the attached copy of his 8/15/76 letter to Northwest Airlines, Inc. Please confirm your statement that the parts of a parachute allegedly found by [redacted] did not match the material of the parachute used by D. B. Cooper. We will obviously abandon this lead based on the information supplied by you.

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Hopefully somethingmore concrete will eventually develop, which

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[redacted]

August 11, 1976

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[redacted]

Northwest Orient Airlines
Minnesota St. Paul National Airport
St. Paul, Minnesota 55111

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Dear [redacted]:

My office represents a young lady, formerly of Miami, Florida. that believed she has information concerning the whereabouts of a man using the alias of D. B. Cooper, being the same man that hijacked a Northwest Orient airplane on or about the latter part of November in 1970.

If the man has not been apprehended and you are interested in the information that she has, please drop us a line.

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[redacted]

[redacted]

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AUG 23 1976

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August 10, 1976

[redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted]

Dear [redacted]:

In answer to your telephone call of yesterday, your contact in reference to D.B. Cooper (Northwest Airlines hijack) is as follows: [redacted], Royal Globe Insurance, New York, New York; telephone: (212) 732-8400, extension [redacted]. b6 b7C

If this office can be of any further assistance to you, please feel free to drop us a line at your convenience.

Very truly yours,

[redacted] b6 b7C

cc: [redacted] b6 b7C

RECEIVED AUG 11 1976 INSURANCE DIV.

August 15, 1976

[redacted]

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Napa, Calif.

To:
Northwest Airlines Inc:
Sub:
D.B. Cooper

AUG 19 1976
OFFICE OF
& SAFETY DIV.

Gentlemen;

Last fall while hunting in the Siera Mountains, I found a piece of parachute hidden under a log. I thought the chute may have been Coopers, so I gave it to the F.B.I. and they brought it back to me this spring, and said that it could be his chute, they couldn't tell. Since then, my wife and I have made several trips back up there, but it wasn't untill July, that conditions were right that we could track him. We followed his trail for 2 1/2 miles and found enough evidence to prove to us that it was Cooper, that he was badly injured and that he could not possibly have made it out to the nearest habitation but I had to come home to work so

[redacted]

Napa, Calif. [redacted]

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Northwest Airlines Inc.
Minneapolis St Paul Int.
Airport
St Paul, Minn. 55111

Attn.
Airline Security

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# *Memorandum*

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) (P) DATE: 8/16/76

FROM : SA [redacted] b6 b7C

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

Sub J

RE: SUB FF - REWARD
SUB E - SEARCH AREA

On 7/28/76, [redacted], Agent for the Royal Globe Insurance Company, Dexter Horton Building, Seattle, Washington, was contacted by the writer. [redacted] stated he had been dealing with [redacted] concerning [redacted] and that company's ability to locate any evidence concerning captioned matter in Lake Merwin. b6 b7C

[redacted] stated he had reached an agreement with [redacted] as to a reward for [redacted] should he discover any information. [redacted] was advised that in no way would the FBI endorse [redacted], nor would they guarantee [redacted] integrity. [redacted] stated he understood the FBI's position and intended to investigate [redacted] as thoroughly as possible. b6 b7C

[redacted] was asked to furnish the FBI with the names of any individuals or groups who contact Royal Globe concerning the possibility of obtaining a reward for evidence in captioned matter. [redacted] stated he would make the requests known to his superiors in New York and would be back in touch with the writer when the results of that inquiry are known. [redacted] further advised that he did not see any problems with providing the requested information. b6 b7C

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# *Memorandum*

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)(P) DATE: 7/13/76

FROM : SA [redacted] b6 b7C

SUBJECT: NORJAK
OO: SEATTLE
BUfile 164-2111

RE: SUB E - SEARCH AREA,
SUB FF - REWARD

Re memo of SA THOMAS J. MANNING dated 6/29/76.

On 7/9/76, attempt was made to contact [redacted] b6 b7C at [redacted], Seattle, Washington. [redacted] advised that he was on vacation until 7/19/76 and she advised she would have [redacted] call SA [redacted] at that time.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# *Memorandum*

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) (P) DATE: 6/29/76

FROM : SA THOMAS J. MANNING

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Sub FF

SUBJECT: NORJAK

Attached to this memo is a letter received at Longview RA on 6/28/76.

This letter was previously mentioned in a memo of the writer concerning a telephone call from [redacted] of ROYAL-GLOBE INSURANCE. b6 b7C

Contact with [redacted] in Seattle, mentioned in letter, being left to discretion of case agent.

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Claim & Loss Ppty W. Comp.
150 WILLIAM STREET NEW YORK, N.Y. 10038
TEL: (212) 732-8400

June 22, 1976

Mr. Thomas J. Manning
Federal Bureau of Investigation
P. O. Box 429
Longview, Washington 98632

Dear Sir:

Insured: Northwest Airlines
Hijacking 11/24/71

This furthers your June 15, 1976 telephone conversation with our [redacted] concerning the potential recovery of the funds, which we paid to the captioned insured as a result of the hijacking of one of its planes by an individual identified as D. B. Cooper. b6 b7C

The Northwestern Airlines were apparently approached by [redacted], of Kirkland, Washington, who offered his services as [redacted] with the indication that, according to his information, the hijacker landed with the money in a lake, and that he, [redacted], would be able to locate the bag and possibly the body of the late D. B. Cooper and bring it to the surface. b6 b7C

The Northwestern Airlines contacted our attorney, who in turn advised us of the situation.

We then contacted [redacted] by phone and this is briefly what [redacted] told us: b6 b7C

He [redacted] in Kirkland. He has [redacted] and since he believes, on the basis of the information, which he was able to gather, that D. B. Cooper with the money landed in a lake in the Louis River Canyon, he would undertake the search for the money for a certain percentage of the redeemable bills. b6 b7C

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FBI — SEATTLE

DB Cooper-27502

[redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted] directed us to your [redacted] with the Seattle, Washington F. B. I., who in turn informed us that the Lake (Merwin) is in your operational territory and that it may be wise to contact you. b6 b7C

We are seriously considering [redacted] services. If you can throw some light on the background of the story and assist us in our endeavors, would you please get in touch with [redacted] in our Seattle, Washington Claim Office, 490 Dexter Horton Building, telephone number is [redacted]. b6 b7C

[redacted] will convey to us any information obtained from you and we will then eventually decide upon our further course. b6 b7C

Thanking you in advance for your cooperation, we remain,

Very truly yours,

[redacted] b6 b7C

JMB:mer

cc: [redacted]
Seattle, Washington Claim Office

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# *Memorandum*

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) (P) DATE: 6/15/76

FROM : SA THOMAS J. MANNING

SW: R
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SUBJECT: NORJAK
OO: Seattle

This date [redacted], Royal Insurance Company, 150 Williams Street, New York, New York 10038 telephonically contacted the writer at Longview RA. She advised name of writer was given to her by the company's [redacted] in Seattle, Washington, [redacted], telephone [redacted], as a person familiar with captioned matter. b6 b7C

[redacted] stated she has been contacted by [redacted] Kirjkland, Washington telephone [redacted] (home and business) who stated he [redacted] advised that he has a [redacted] and stated he knows where money from this case is located, and would try to get it for the company. He gave no specific details of positively knowing where the money was located except to say it was in water near a dam where COOPER jumped from the plane. Undoubtedly hewas referring to Lake Merwin and dam at that location. b6 b7C

She pointed out that he originally approached Northwest Airlines re this matter and was referred to an attorney who represented Northwest Airlines in litigation concerning payment by Royal Insurance to Northwest which was the insurance carrier for the airline. She stated that the company fought payment of the sum of $210,000 in court but after litigation were told to pay the amount and this has been paid. Under rights of subrogation Royal now has right, title and interest to the money COOPER received.

[redacted] told her he would be willing to undertake a search of the lake with [redacted] in hopes of recovery of same. She stated she knew that the FBI had serial numbers of all the bills and had in fact pictures of each bill. He stated that if the money was found it would be surrendered to Royal and his payment would be one half of all recovered monies. He did not want a down payment and had no minimum charge but would do everything at his own risk with his final objective being the 50-50 split. He stated he wanted a contract to specifically set out this 50-50 split with Royal and [redacted] advised that based on this proposition she had their Seattle representative conduct a background check to determine whether [redacted] was legitimate. b6 b7C

Sub E
164-81-6980

(2) TJM/

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[redacted] b6 b7C

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This check revealed very little except that his company was new and was not known to places like Better Business Bureau, was not listed in phone book etc. She stated she did not doubt the legitimacy of [redacted] however. She continued that she was going to bring to Royal's management attention the desire for a contract with [redacted], and would advise Seattle Division by letter if they are going under contract. b6 b7C

She asked that [redacted] not be contacted until contractual matter is resolved. No statement was made by writer that we would or would not contact [redacted]. Further she was not advised that [redacted] has contacted SA [redacted] explaining his [redacted]. b6 b7C

From everything she said it would appear that [redacted] is another in a long line of individuals who have searched, on their own, for the money in the general search area FBI and army personnel operated. However it is felt that an interview with [redacted] would be in order in the event he has not been completely candid with SA [redacted] and does have some definite information as to location of money. It is requested that no information re contact with [redacted] be revealed at time of contact. b6 b7C

[redacted] b6 b7C

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) (P) DATE: 5/20/76

FROM : SA [redacted] b6 b7C

SUBJECT: NORJAK
OO: SEATTLE
BUfile 164-2111

RE: SUB E - SEARCH AREA
SUB CC - SEARCH PERSONNEL
SUB DD - COMPLAINTS RESULTING FROM SEARCH

On 4/29/76, [redacted], Kirkland, Washington, [redacted], telephone [redacted], appeared at Seattle Office and advised he is going to undertake a search of Lake Merwin. b6 b7C

[redacted] advised he has developed a closed circuit TV system whereby he tows a TV camera in a waterproof container from the back of his boat and it is possible, according to [redacted], to control the depth of this towed TV camera. b6 b7C

[redacted] stated the average depth of Lake Merwin is approximately 140 ft. and that at that depth, a man can only dive for about one hour a day. [redacted] stated the visibility should be about 100 ft. but for his computations he will use 30 ft. as a minimum visibility. [redacted] estimates he will be able to search a 64 ft. wide search area traveling at 5 miles per hour. [redacted] co-partner [redacted], and according to [redacted], he has started a company with [redacted]. b6 b7C

[redacted] stated that to this point, he has invested about $5,000 in the project and [redacted] was interested in learning about all rewards offered concerning captioned matter. The writer provided such information to [redacted]. b6 b7C

Sub E
164-81-6949

RNN:ecf
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SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) 11/30/73

SAC, PORTLAND (164-41) (P)

NORJAK

As a matter of information for Seattle, a woman who identified herself as [redacted], Portland, telephone [redacted], contacted the Portland Division by telephone 11/23/73 and advised that she recalled at the time of the hijacking incident involved in this matter she had read in a newspaper that an elderly man had been found in critical condition at the edge of Lake Merwin in southern Washington. He apparently had nearly drowned in the lake. He was taken to the hospital and [redacted] did not know the outcome. b6 b7C

[redacted] said she just thought that this man might be D.B. COOPER or at least there might be some connection. She did not know the man's identity and could provide no further details.

(2) Seattle (AM)
2-Portland

WSB:njm
(4)

[redacted] b6 b7C

SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)(P) 10/4/73

SA [redacted] b6 b7C

NORJAK
OO: SEATTLE

SEARCH INFORMATION
SUB E

Prior to the hunting season which begins mid-October 1973, and ends mid-November 1973, information should be provided to Washington State Game Wardens that handle the area into which the hijacker parachuted. As was done last year, a memorandum has been prepared explaining what hunters and campers in the area of interest should be alert for.

On 9/27/72, [redacted], Vancouver, Washington, phone [redacted], advised that his department would disseminate literature about UNSUB to game wardens for further dissemination to local hunters in the Lake Merwin Dam area. He advised that he could probably disseminate 1500 copies of the literature. b6 b7C

LEADS

SEATTLE DIVISION

At Vancouver, Washington

Will recontact [redacted], to determine if he is willing to disseminate literature again this year. (If he is willing, will ascertain from him THE number of copies of memo desired). b6 b7C

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

2-Seattle (164-81)
RNN:dlm
(2)

SA [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted]

SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) 7/30/73

SAC, ATLANTA (164-254) (RUC)

Sub E
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NORJAK
OO: SEATTLE

Re Seattle letter to Atlanta, 5/11/73.

Continuous efforts were made by SA [redacted] to contact [redacted], Lilburn, Ga., with negative results. It was ascertained that [redacted] who was employed by Travelers Insurance Co., Atlanta, Ga., was on leave and would return to work on 7/30/73. b6 b7C

On 7/30/73, the U. S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service Map was returned to [redacted] at the Travelers Insurance Company, [redacted], 230 Peachtree Street, Atlanta, Ga. b6 b7C

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

Sub E
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2 - Seattle
1 - Atlanta
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SAC, ATLANTA (164-254) May 11, 1973

SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) (P)

NORJAK
OO: SEATTLE

Sub E

RE: SUB E AND SUB R

Re Atlanta letter to Seattle, 4/30/73.

Enclosed for the Atlanta Office is a U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service map of the Joseph Ranger District, Wallowa Whitman National Forest, dated in 1965.

Enclosed map, made available by [redacted], Lilburn, Georgia, has served its purpose and is to be returned to him pursuant to request made in referenced communication. b6 b7C

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

2 - Atlanta (Enc. 1)
3 - Seattle
RNN:jgm
(5)

Sub E
164-81-~~4707~~

SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) 4/30/73

SAC, ATLANTA (164-254) (RUC)

Sub E
Sub R

NORJAK
OO: SEATTLE

RE: SUB E
SUB R

Re Seattle letter to Atlanta, 11/10/72. 164-81-1a (42)

Enclosed for the Seattle Office is a U. S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service map of the Joseph Ranger District, Wallowa Whitman National Forest, dated in 1965.

Enclosed map was made available by [redacted] residing [redacted], Lilburn, Ga. b6 b7C

This map is being made available for the assistance of the Seattle Division. [redacted] has requested that when the map has served its purpose that it be returned to him. b6 b7C

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

(2) - Seattle (Enc. 1)
1 - Atlanta
JRMW:jh
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164-81-4695

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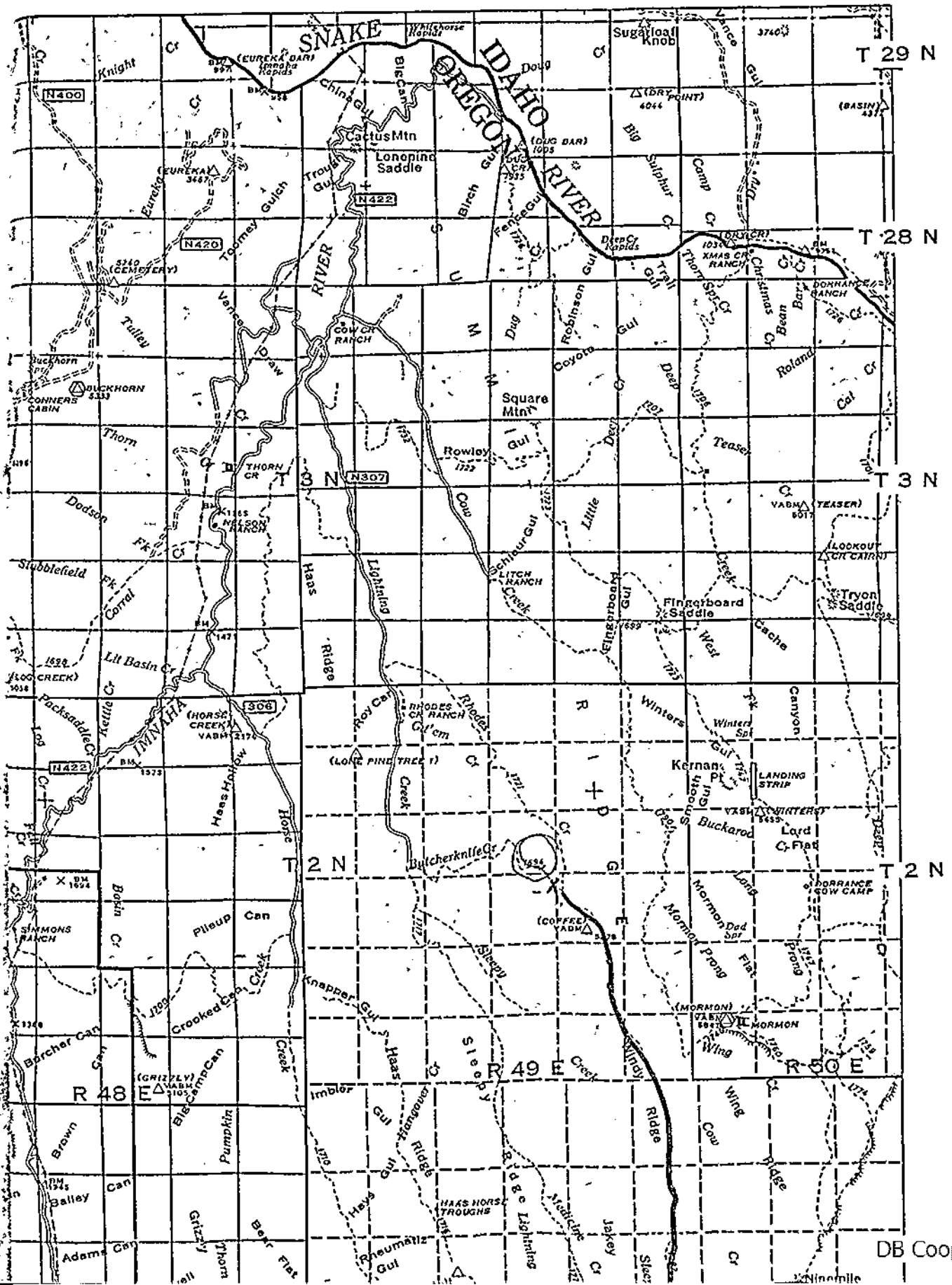
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Haas Hollow
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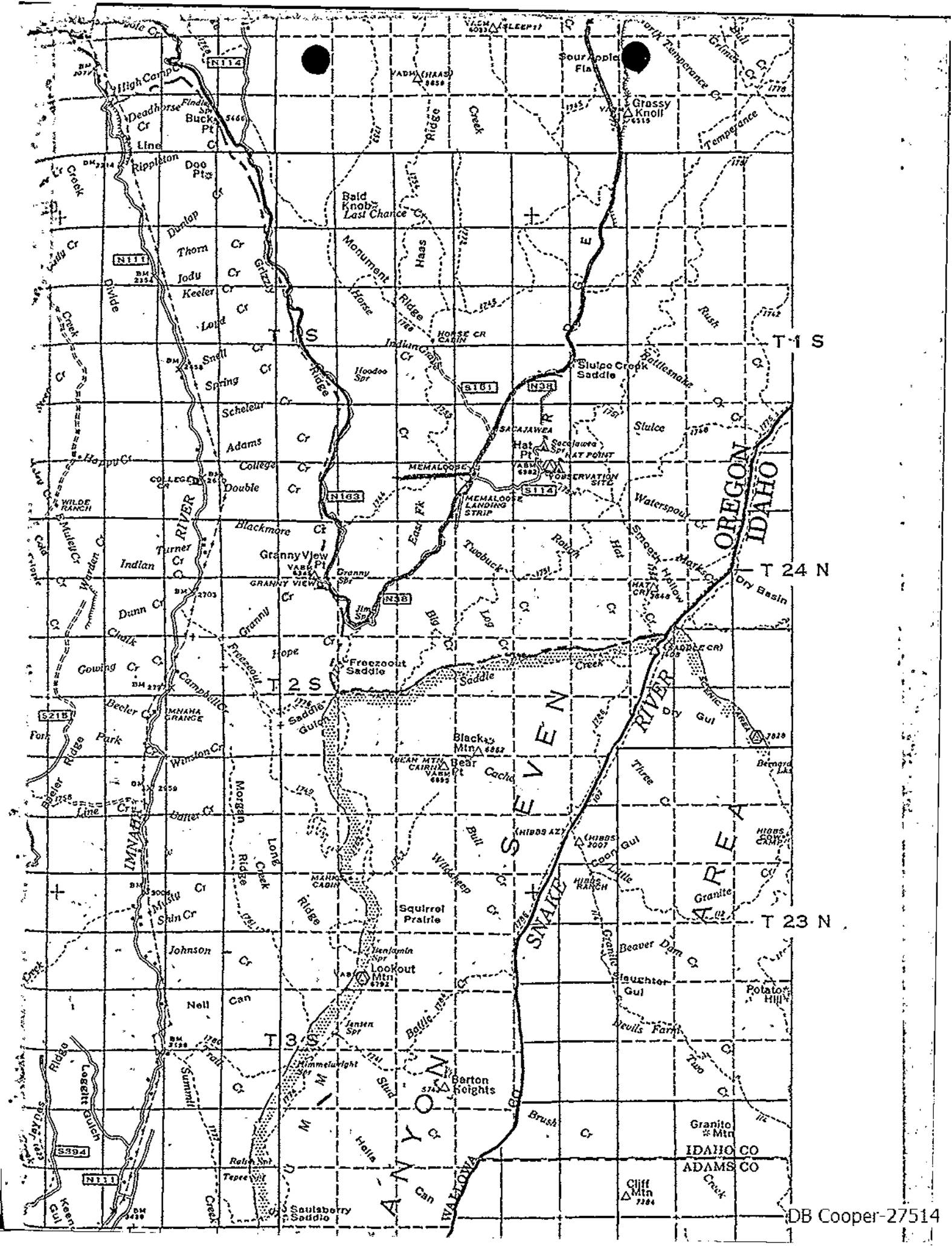


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SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) 3/30/73

SA THOMAS J. MANNING

Sub E

NORJAK

Upon cessation of the most recent terrain search in Clark County, Washington it is felt that the following comments are pertinent since they come from one individual who has participated in every search operation which have a total time expenditure of approximately 9 weeks.

The search conducted by the United States Army was the best effort which could be expended considering the number of personnel involved, logistic and support problems, weather and terrain factors. This is pointed out by one speaking from actual experience, intimately acquainted with details of the various searches, since there appears to have arisen some question on the adequacy of the military search.

The searches conducted by Agent personnel were also the best effort which could be put forth considering the same problems mentioned above.

The most recent search appears to have been based upon the securing of new data which corrected the most logical spot at which the hijacker exited from the aircraft, which resulted in the moving of what has been referred to in past communications as point A. However no concrete information has been developed that the parachute of the hijacker did not open and the renewing of the search of the terrain at new point A appears to have been based on mere conjecture that the chute did not in fact deploy.

In view of the above it is respectfully and earnestly recommended that absent concrete information concerning the hijacker or evidence in this matter being in the searched or unseacrhed terrain that no further terrain searches be undertaken. It is felt that to do so would result in an unwarranted expenditure of agent time and effort and an expenditure of Bureau funds which is not economically feasible or justified.

Sub E

164-81-4605

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(1) TJM/

DB Cooper-27515

3/8/73

AIRTEL AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

FROM: SAC, HONOLULU (164-85) (R o.c.)

SUBJECT: NORJAK

Re Seattle nitel, 3/7/73.

On 3/8/73, SA's [redacted] Honolulu, obtained signed FD-26 from [redacted] which is being enclosed.

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b7C

164-81-1a (398)

2 - Seattle (Enc. 1) (RM - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED)
1 - Honolulu

JFW:bad
(3)

Sub E
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DB Cooper-27516

FD-36 (Rev. 5-22-64)

FBI

Date: 3/20/73

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

Via TELETYPE NITEL (Priority)

TO: ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI (164-2111)

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

Sub E
Sub F

NORJAK. OO: SEATTLE.

RE: SEATTLE AIRTEL TO THE BUREAU 3/2/73.

AN ONE-MILE AREA SURROUNDING THE POINT WHERE IT IS CALCULATED UNSUB WOULD HAVE LANDED IF ~~ITS~~ HIS PARACHUTE DID NOT OPEN, WAS THOROUGHLY AND COMPLETELY SEARCHED DURING THE WEEK OF 3/12-16/73 WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

THE SEARCH WILL RESUME DURING THE WEEK OF MARCH 26, 1973, AND WILL CONSTITUTE A ONE-MILE SQUARE TO THE NORTH AND SOUTH OF THE FIRST MILE. ANY FURTHER SEARCH WILL BE CONTINGENT UPON THE RESULTS OF CURRENT SEARCH.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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RNN/slb

RNN slb

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164-81-~~4507~~

Approved: _____ Special Agent in Charge

Sent 7:30 P M Per _____

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DB Cooper-27517

NR 004 SF PLAIN

11:40 AM NITEL 3/10/73 MCC

TO SEATTLE (164-81)

FROM SAN FRANCISCO (164-220) (RUC) 1P

Sub E

NORJAK.

RE YOUR TELETYPE DATED 3/7/73.

ON 3/10/73, [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted], SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA, ADVISED THEY ARE [redacted]

[redacted] IN LA CENTER, WASHINGTON, DESCRIBED [redacted]

[redacted] ADVISED THIS

PROPERTY PRESENTLY BEING RENTED IN ITS ENTIRETY BY [redacted]

[redacted], LA CENTER. [redacted]

ADVISED ANY CONSENT TO SEARCH AFORE-MENTIONED PROPERTY MUST BE

GIVEN BY [redacted].

SEATTLE - WILL CONTACT [redacted] AND CONDUCT b6 b7C

INVESTIGATION AS STIPULATED IN REFERENCED COMMUNICATION.

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DB Cooper-27518

NR 010 PD PLAIN

8:12 PM NITEL 3/9/73 TLA

TO: SEATTLE (164-81)

FROM: PORTLAND (164-41)(P) 1P

Sub E

NORJAK

REMYNITEL, 3/8/73.

FD-26 CONSENT FORM EXECUTED BY [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted], SALEM, OREGON, 3/8/73, BEING MAINTAINED IN PORTLAND FILE.

END

DCA FBI SEATTLE CLR TU

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)(P) DATE: 3/9/73

FROM : SPC [redacted] b6 b7C

Sub E
Sub R

SUBJECT: NORJAK

At 9:52 PM, 3/9/73, [redacted] b6 b7C [redacted], Orchards, Wash. (N.E. of Vancouver, Wash.), telephone [redacted], telephonically advised that he has [redacted], Wash., for a number of years. He said that he was out there this afternoon and found that someone has built an elaborate tree-house in a large wooded area located just off [redacted] [redacted]. Apparently this person has also posted "no trespassing" signs around the tree-house.

[redacted] stated he did not see anybody around the area when he was out there, but explained he did not stay around very long to investigate. He sounded as if he was afraid he may get shot. He has no idea when the tree-house was built, since he has not been out there for about two to three years. b6 b7C

[redacted] believes that his property lies within the area where D.B. COOPER reportedly parachuted. He said that he would like to have an agent contact him at the above telephone number or address and he would show the agent where the tree-house could be found. In addition, he said he would like this matter settled as soon as possible for he will be selling the land in the near future. b6 b7C

[redacted] was advised that his information would be given to the case agent the first thing Monday next. b6 b7C

Sub E

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164-81-4504

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MAR 9 1973
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FBI

Date: 2/28/73

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Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

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TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

FROM: SAC, ALEXANDRIA (164-72)(P)

NORJAK
(OO: SEATTLE)

ReSEairtel to Alexandria, 2/15/73.

Transmitted under separate cover for Seattle are the following fourteen items:

1) One copy of Seattle Sectional Aeronautical Chart on scale 1:500,000.

2) One copy of U. S. Department of Interior Geological Survey Index of Topographic Maps of Washington.

3) Two copies each of fifteen-minute quadrangle maps (scale 1:62,500 or one inch equals approximately one mile) of the Pigeon Springs, La Center, Yacolt, and Cougar areas of Washington.

4) Two copies each of maps (scale of 1:250,000) of the Vancouver and Hoquiam area of Washington.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on 2/27/73.

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[redacted]

Aeronautical Information Division (FDAS-AI), U. S. Army Sub E
Aeronautical Services Office, Building #2, Cameron Station,

164-81-4503

4-Seattle (Enc. 14)
(1-Package Copy)
2-Alexandria
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MAR 5 1973
FBI—SEATTLE

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

U.S. Government Printing Office: 1972 — 455-574

Alexandria, Virginia, advised flight crews normally carry sectional aeronautical charts on the scale of 1:500,000 and that larger charts on the scale of 1:250,000 are used only by training crews. [redacted] stated his office only maintains the 1:500,000 scale charts and furnished one of the Seattle area which includes the area in question which is encircled in black magic marker pencil located by the coordinates of 122 degrees and 30 minutes longitude and 46 degrees and zero minutes latitude. [redacted] stated additional charts of Seattle area on the scale of 1:500,000 as well as charts on the scale of 1:250,000 can be obtained at Post Headquarters, G-2, Fort Lewis Army Base, Tacoma, Washington. b6 b7C

[redacted], Map Distribution District - Washington, Department of Interior, 1200 South Eads Street, Arlington, Virginia, furnished a copy of the U. S. Department of Interior Geological Survey Index of Topographic Maps of Washington. She advised the area in question is located in their Vancouver and Hoquiam, Washington, maps in the scale of 1:250,000. In addition, a larger scale of the area is contained in the fifteen-minute (scale 1:62,500 or one-inch equals approximately one mile) quadrangle maps of the Pigeon Springs, La Center, Yacolt, and Cougar, Washington, areas. These latter maps are the largest scale available except that the southern half of the La Center map can be obtained on a larger scale (seven and a half-minute maps of the Ridgefield and Battleground, Washington, areas on scale of 1:24,000 or one-inch equals 2,000 feet). [redacted] furnished copies of the maps for the above-mentioned Pigeon Springs, La Center, Yacolt, Cougar, Vancouver, and Hoquiam, Washington, areas. b6 b7C

[redacted] was very cooperative and apologized several times because some of the fifteen-minute quadrangle maps were dirty and soiled around the borders. This condition exists she stated because her office basically handles only the maps for the Eastern States (east of the Mississippi) and thus the few Western State maps on her shelves linger on the shelf and become dirty. She stated copies of the maps of the Western States are basically furnished by the Distribution Section, U. S. Geological Survey, Federal Center, Denver, Colorado.



DB Cooper-27522

SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) (P) 3/9/73

Sub E
Sub F

SA THOMAS J. MANNING

NORJAK

Re search of new area at drop zone a conference was held 3/9/73 with agents to be involved in search.

Decision was made to commence search as early as practicable on 3/12/73 with prime drop zone at new Point A to be first area searched. Case agent has requested that shovels (entrenching tools) and machetes be secured to assist in search. SAs [redacted] will take SE 99 to Vancouver, Washington and will pick up below listed equipment at whatever location it can be secured: b6 b7C

8 entrenching tools
11 ponchos
11 pair of rain pants (suspender type)
10 machetesor some type of brush cutting device

Headquarters for search will be SE 99 (mobile) and Quay Motel (fixed). Search in initial phase to commence 3/12/73 and end 3/16/73 at 4:00 PM. Agents from Seattle Hq will return to Seattle afternoon of 3/16/73.

SA [redacted] has telephonically advised that he has secured waiver of search forms from all individuals in prime 1 square mile area and for distance of ½ mile north and south of prime area. b6 b7C

SA [redacted] will bring photographic equipment, evidence kit and other material which will be necessary in event remains or evidence are located. 4 portable radios will be secured from [redacted] with charger and will be transported by agents in SE 99. b6 b7C

SA [redacted] will drive SE 90 with SAs [redacted], SA [redacted] will have vehicle (number unknown) which he will drive accompanied by SA [redacted]. b6 b7C Sub E 16 4- 8/- 4502

Agents from Seattle Division will leave at 7:30 AM, 3/12/73 and will meet with writer at Quay Motel, Vancouver for briefing and it is anticipated thatsearch will commence afternoon of 3/12/73

(2) TJM/

WXA

NR003 SE PLAIN

7:15 PM NITEL 3-7-73 DCB

TO HONOLULU (164-85)

VIA WASHINGTON

PORTLAND (164-41)

SAN FRANCISCO (164-220)

FROM SEATTLE (164-81) (P) 1P

Sub E

Sub F

NORJAK.

FOR INFORMATION OF RECEIVING OFFICES, SEATTLE DIVISION WILL CONDUCT EXTENSIVE GROUND SEARCH IN WOODED AREA NEAR LA CENTER, WASHINGTON, BEGINNING 3-12-73, TO LOOK FOR REMAINS OF UNSUB, AKA D.B. COOPER.

ALL RECEIVING OFFICES CONTACT PERSONS LISTED BELOW AND HAVE AN FD-26 EXECUTED.

[redacted], b6 b7C

PORTLAND, OREGON, [redacted].

[redacted], KANEOHE,

HAWAII, [redacted].

[redacted], SAN JOSE,

CALIFORNIA, [redacted].

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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MBT FBIHQ ACK FOR TWO

HOLD FOR ONE

DB Cooper-27524

Sub E

164-81-~~4493~~

FD-36 (Rev. 5-22-64)

FBI

Date: 2/15/73

Transmit the following in _____
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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)

TO: SAC, ALEXANDRIA (164-72)

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

SUBJECT: NORJAK
OO: SEATTLE

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Sub-Z

An attempt is being made to obtain larger scale maps of the area it is thought UNSUB parachuted into. This area is in the southeast portion of the State of Washington and is located approximately halfway between Woodland, Washington, and Lake Merwin.

On February 13, 1973, [redacted] Mc Chord Air Force Base, made available an address for the U. S. Army Aeronautical Service. [redacted] advised maps could be obtained from this office of the area desired. b6 b7C

The full address is United States Army Aeronautical Service Office, HQDA (FDAS-A1), Cameron Station, Alexandria, Virginia, 22314, telephone Area Code 202/274-7773, Autovon phone 284-7773.

LEADS

ALEXANDRIA DIVISION
At Alexandria, Virginia

Will contact appropriate personnel of the U. S. Army Aeronautical Service Office and attempt to obtain blown up maps of the area located between Woodland, Washington, and Lake Merwin. Note: This area is described in the United States Department of Interior Geological Survey under the following four names: Pidegon Springs, Cougar La Center, and Yacolt.

2 - Alexandria
3 - Seattle
RNN:bgw
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Sub E
164-81 ~~4427~~

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 2/8/73

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TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

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FROM: SAC, ALEXANDRIA (164-72) (P)

NORJAK
(OO:SE)

Re WFO letter to Alexandria, 11/20/72; and Seattle airtel to Alexandria, 2/5/73.

Continuous investigation has been conducted at the Pentagon, Arlington, Virginia, during the months of December, 1972, and January, 1973, in an attempt to determine who would have authority to re-route military training missions in visual aerial phtography flown within the continental United States. To date no one has been located who could positively state that this could be done, however, [redacted] was contacted and he advised that he had made inquiry into this matter and stated that in the event Seattle wished to have military assistance in this matter than Seattle should request the Director to submit a letter of request to the Special Assistant to the Secretary of Defense, Office of the Secretary of Defense, Pentagon, Washington, D. C. 20301. In this letter the full particulars of the matter should be set forth as well as whether or not the Bureau or Department of Justice is willing to observe the additional cost if any to the Air Force. [redacted] advised that he

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Special Agent in Charge

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AIRTEL AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, ALEXANDRIA (164-72)

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

SUBJECT: NORJAK
OO: SEATTLE

Re WFO letter to Alexandria dated 11/20/72.

Alexandria is requested to expedite investigation requested in referenced communication and report results to Seattle Division.

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7:45 PM NITEL 2-1-73 HWW

TO SEATTLE (164-81)

FROM ALEXANDRIA (164-72) P

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NORJAK, OO : SEATTLE

RE SEATTLE AIRTEL TO ALEXANDRIA, 1-28-73.

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NATIONAL MILITARY COMMAND CENTER, PENTAGON CONTACTED 1-29-73, BY SA [redacted] REGARDING RELEASE TO BUREAU OF RADAR DATA AND CALCULATIONS IN POSSESSION OF [redacted], MC CHORD AIR FORCE BASE, WASHINGTON. MATTER REFERRED TO JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF (JCS) PERSONNEL. b6 b7C

ON 1-30-73, [redacted] OFFICE CONTACTED BY [redacted] [redacted], U.S. AIR FORCE, JCS STAFF, AND DETERMINED [redacted] AUTHORITY NOT TO RELEASE INSTANT DATA BASED ON AIR FORCE ALL MAJOR COMMAND MESSAGE DATED JULY 1972. [redacted], U.S. ARMY, JCS, ADVISED TELEPHONICALLY CONFERENCE HELD 1-31-73, BETWEEN HIMSELF, [redacted], AIR FORCE STAFF, JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERALS OFFICE, WASHINGTON, D.C., AND OTHER PERTINENT AIR FORCE OFFICERS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY REGARDING INSTANT MATTER. RESULTS ARE BUREAU WILL BE FURNISHED THE DESIRED INFORMATION. b6 b7C

SEATTLE CONTACT [redacted] FOR FURTHER DETAILS REGARDING RELEASE OF INSTANT RADAR DATA AND CALCULATIONS. b6 b7C

DONE 2/2/73

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# *Memorandum*

TO : SAC, ALEXANDRIA

DATE: 11/20/72

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FROM : SAC, WFO

SUBJECT: NORJAK
(OO:SE)

REFERENCE: Seattle airtel to Bureau, 11/15/72.

WFO copies of referenced communication are forwarded as lead is within investigative jurisdiction of addressee office.

( ) BALTIMORE (Enc.)
( 1 ) ALEXANDRIA (Enc.) 2
( ) ST. LOUIS (Enc.)
( ) INDIANAPOLIS (Enc.)
( ) SAN ANTONIO (Enc.)
( ) DENVER (Enc.)
( ) KANSAS CITY (Enc.)
( ) CLEVELAND (Enc.)
( 1 ) SEATTLE (OO) (INFO)
( 1 ) WFO (INFO)

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Date: 11/15/72

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

TO: ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI (164-2111)

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

SUBJECT: NORJAK
OO: Seattle

Re Seattle airtel to Bureau, 11/1/72, Norfolk airtel to Bureau, 11/9/72.

Enclosed for WFO is one-copy each of re communications.

WFO is to contact the National Military Command Center, Washington, D.C., and request a training mission in visual aerial photography be flown along the 87 miles of the NORJAK aircraft flight path that is under consideration.

The exact coordinates of the area to be covered will be provided by Seattle Division, if the training mission is approved.

This lead is being set out on a UACB basis.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

2 - Bureau
2 - WFO (Encl. 2) (164-169)
2 - Seattle
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TO: ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI (164-2111)

FROM: SAC, NORFOLK (164-41) (RUC)

NORJAK

(OO: Seattle)

Re Seattle airtel to Bureau 11/1/72.

On 11/7/72, interviews were conducted with the following individuals assigned to the [redacted], Langley Air Force Base, Virginia: b6 b7C

[redacted]

It was the consensus of opinion among the three individuals above, each of whom had had considerable experience with infrared imagery, that efforts to locate the attache case by this means would probably prove futile. The terrain, as described, would neutralize any effort, particularly if tall trees and mountains are part of its makeup. Further explained was the necessity for the presence of heat which would need to be generated by the object (attache case) in contrast to the surrounding terrain for successful infrared high resolution photography. The size of the attache case provides a poor target for any type of aerial photography, including visual photography.

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2 - Seattle (164-81)
1 - Norfolk

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SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) (P) November 13, 1972

SA [redacted] b6 b7C

Sub F
Sub E

NORJAK
OO: SEATTLE

RE SUB F COURSE AND SUB E SEARCH AREA

On October 30, 1972, [redacted], Northwest Orient Airlines, Seattle, Washington, telephone [redacted], advised that [redacted], Northwest Orient Airlines, would call SA [redacted] concerning his calculations of the flight path of Northwest Orient Airlines Flight 305, Portland to Seattle, November 24, 1971. [redacted] further advised that [redacted] McChord Air Force Base, also calculated the area into which Unsub parachuted and would have in his possession radar data concerning the above-mentioned flight. b6 b7C

LEADS

SEATTLE

AT McCHORD AIR FORCE BASE, WASHINGTON

Will contact [redacted] and review with him his calculations of the flight path and course of the Norjak airplane in order to determine if there is a possibility of an error in the computation of the search area. b6 b7C

AT SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

Will arrange to obtain from [redacted] a copy of his calculations of the course, flight path, and jump area for Unsub, aka Cooper. b6 b7C

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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RNN:jgm
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SAC, ATLANTA (164-254) 11/10/72

SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)(P)

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NORJAK
OO: SEATTLE

RE: SUB E
SUB R

Re: Atlanta let to SE, 10/31/72.

Atlanta is requested to recontact [redacted], Lilburn, Georgia, and obtain from him the map mentioned in referenced communication and forward same to Seattle. b6 b7C

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

2 - Atlanta
2 - Seattle
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DB Cooper-27535

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SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) 10/31/72

SAC, ATLANTA (164-254) (RUC)

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BUFILE: 164-2111

Re Atlanta letter to Seattle, 8/31/72.

On 10/16/72, [redacted], Lilburn, Ga., who previously furnished information concerning material found by him on a hunting trip in Northeast Oregon 11/71, advised that he has located a map of the area referred to in referenced letter and has this map available of the area referred to with its approximate location marked off. If needed, this map will be made available. b6 b7C

A review of the file of the Atlanta Office discloses that all investigation has been completed and furnished office of origin. Accordingly, this case is being placed in an RUC status.

(2) - Seattle
1 - Atlanta
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SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) 10/27/72

SAC, DETROIT (164-115) (RUC)

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(OO: SEATTLE)
Bufile 164-2111

Re Atlanta letter to Seattle, 8/31/72. Ser. 3865

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted], at Grayling, Michigan, on 10/16/72. b6 b7C

[redacted], Grayling, Michigan, advised that their records show the guarantee card for bow number [redacted] was never returned and subsequently there is no record of its owner on file. [redacted] indicated that since the serial number began with [redacted], the bow had been shipped by their company in 1969, [redacted] added that the only record of the serial number that their company might have would be on the reverse side of the shipper's copy of shipments going out to any of their 4,500 dealers. [redacted] stated as a shipment goes out, the shipping clerk usually writes serial numbers down on the reverse side of the shipper's copy of all bows. [redacted] stated the shipper's copies are kept on file at the Grayling office and if it was suspected that the bow was purchased in a particular region of the country, the files for the dealers in that region could be reviewed and possibly the particular dealer which received that bow could be identified. b6 b7C

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

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1 - Detroit
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AIRTEL AIRMAIL

TO: ACTING, DIRECTOR, FBI (164-2111) AND
SAC, NORFOLK (164-41)

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

SUBJECT: NORJAK
(OO:SE)

The following background information is being provided to the Norfolk Division: Unsub had with him prior to the time he jumped the following:

A. Parachute Back Pack
B. Parachute Chest Pack
C. Briefcase or attache case
D. Dark overcoat
E. A 4x12x14 paper bag
F. A pair of dark slip-on shoes.
G. Wrap around sunglasses with dark rims.
H. 10,000 $20 bills.

Since none of the above was found when the plane was searched at Reno, Unsub must have taken them with him, or discarded some of them prior to jumping.

The above-described attache case supposedly contained a bomb. It is believed Unsub threw this attache case from the plane prior to his jumping, because of the numerous other items he had to carry. If he did throw it prior to jumping, it would fall almost directly in the path of the aircraft. The 727 air stairs were lowered sometime after 7:42 p.m. and Unsub jumped prior to 8:15 p.m. on November 24, 1971. The plane covered a distance of approximately 87 miles during this time.

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2-Norfolk
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[redacted], b6
Fort Lewis, Washington, advised on August 22, 1972, that b7C
[redacted], Langley Air Force Base, Virginia, telephone [redacted], would be able to provide expert information concerning the feasibility of using high resolution infrared or regular photographic equipment in a low flying aircraft to locate the attache case or any other of the above-described items Unsub may have discarded prior to jumping.

The items could possibly be lodged in thickly wooded, mountainous terrain. The search area would cover a strip of land approximately 87 miles long by one-half mile wide. It has been suggested that infrared photography might possibly indicate non-living material, such as an attache case, in a darker shade than living material, thereby enabling the case to be found using infrared high resolution photography.

Since Unsub possibly discarded the attache case prior to jumping, he could not have buried or hidden it. The case would have dropped directly in the flight path of the plane and could possibly be visible from the air. The length of time Unsub would have to throw the case or any other item is limited to 33 minutes, and therefore the area covered is relatively small when compared to the entire flight path.

Since NORJAK is the only aircraft hijacking in which the subject has not been identified and apprehended nor the ransom money recovered, the following lead is being set forth as a method of possibly obtaining new evidence that might identify Unsub or indicate his whereabouts:

LEAD

NORFOLK

AT LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, VIRGINIA. Will expeditiously contact [redacted] and determine from him b6
the feasibility and cost of conducting the above-described b7C
photographic air search.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.



DB Cooper-27539

SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) (P) October 31, 1972

Sub E
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SA [redacted] b6 b7C

NORJAK
OO: SEATTLE

Re memo of SA THOMAS J. MANNING, dated 10/24/72.

Referenced communication advised that [redacted], [redacted], Washington, had furnished the following information: b6 b7C

On the night of NORJAK, a jet airliner flew over his home at about 5,000 feet from the ground. [redacted] home is considerably east of the search area, and if the jet airliner that flew over his home was the hijacked Boeing 727, this would indicate an error was made in the calculations of the search area. b6 b7C

LEADS

SEATTLE

AT SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

1. Will through Northwest Orient Airlines [redacted] contact [redacted] and with [redacted] recalculate the flight path and a drop point pertinent to the NORJAK matter. b6 b7C

2. Will review radar information concerning the flight of Northwest Orient Airlines 727 in an attempt to determine the accuracy of the previous flight path calculations.

3. Wil review logs currently contained in Seattle File 164-81 to determine if UNSUB could have jumped after the time previously calculated.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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Sub E
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DB Cooper-27540

SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) (P) 10/24/72

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SA THOMAS J. MANNING

NORJAK

Re memo of SA THOMAS J. MANNING to SAC, 10/19/72

On 10/20/72 SA [redacted] contacted [redacted], [redacted], Washington and he furnished the following information: b6 b7C

He lives directly under the fly way between Portland and Seattle. He recalls that the night of the hijacking a plan was flying very low and slowly over his house in the early evening and about 5 minutes after the plane flew over he heard on television that the hijacking was in progress. He stated the plane was a jet airliner but he did not see the plane. It was about 4 to 5,000 feet from the ground and he recalled that the weather was overcast, very low clouds and it was raining. The flight of the plane was about 20 miles from Mt. St. Helens

He pointed out that planes on the fly way always fly about 10 to 12,000 feet and in the four years he has lived at his present location he has never heard one so low as on the night of the hijacking. He advised that he knows the plane was over 3,000 feet for he lives near Mount Tum Tum and that is 3,000 feet and the plane was above that mountain. He also pointed out that the east end of Lake Merwin is approximately [redacted]. He pointed out that the plane flew directly over [redacted] area and the area over which it flew is extremely rugged terrain. He pointed out that recently there have been a number of hunters in that area, from Lake Merwin to [redacted] area. b6 b7C

[redacted] stated he feels that if it was the hijacked plane then the area which has been searched would have been too far west. He pointed out that the plane was heard before 10:00 PM and after dark but he could not fix the exact time he heard the plane fly over. b6 b7C

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[redacted] furnished a copy of a map on which he drew what he felt was theflight of the plane and this map is attached. b6 b7C

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The area over which the plane flew has a number of private owners but the majority of the area is owned by Gifford Pinchot National Forest and the Weyerhaeuser company.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# *Memorandum*

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) (P) DATE 10/19/72

Sub Z
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FROM : SA THOMAS J. MANNING b6 b7C

SUBJECT: NORJAK

On 10/19/72 [redacted], Washington, telephone [redacted], telephonically contacted the Longview RA and advised that he lives just north of the [redacted]. He advised that to get to his residence [redacted].

He pointed out that the night of the hijacking he was watching television and heard an announcement concerning the hijacking. Almost as soon as he heard the announcement a large plane flew low overhead and flew slightly to the east of his house over [redacted] area. He pointed out the area into which the plane flew was one which is extremely heavily wooded andan area into which one would have difficulty going on foot. b6 b7C

He advised that he has been thinking of calling the FBI on this matter but has kept putting it off and feels that the flight of the plane that night would indicate that the area searched to date has not included [redacted] area and the route over which the plane flew. He pointed out that he lives directly under the north-south flyway for the airlines and this is the only time that he and [redacted] have ever heard a plane flying over that low. He requested an agent contacting him personally in order that the flight of the plane could be accurately described. b6 b7C

Contact with [redacted] will be made 10/20/72. b6 b7C

One copy of this memorandum furnished to SA [redacted] at Longview RA for handling on 10/20/72.

Sub E

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(2) TJM/

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(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

to D. B. Cooper disappearance

# FBI hopes hunters may find clues

The FBI is hopeful that one of several thousand deer hunters beating the brush in Cowlitz and Clark counties this fall may run across evidence of D.B. Cooper (or whatever his name is) who parachuted out of a jetliner nearly a year ago with about 40 pounds of $20 bills.

The State Game Department is cooperating with the FBI and will distribute thousands of form letters asking hunters for their help and outlining what to look for.

J. E. Milnes, special agent in charge at Seattle, asks hunters or campers to contact the FBI if any of the following is noticed:

(1) The remains of a man, possibly dead for one year.

(2) The remnants of a parachute, harness or parachute shroud lines.

(3) Ten thousand $20 bills wrapped in a parachute canopy. The serial numbers are known and can be identified.

(4) Deteriorated raincoat or overcoat.

(5) Small briefcase or attache case.

Tom Manning, special FBI agent in Longview, urged anyone having any information concerning this matter to report to the nearest FBI office or call the Seattle office collect, MA2-0460.

The area where the search is being concentrated is bound on the west by Interstate Highway 5, on the south by the Columbia River, on the north by the Kalama River, and on the east by the Skamania-Clark county line.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

P.5
The Daily News
Longview, Washington

Date: 10/3/72
Edition: Afternoon
Author: Dick Pollock
Editor: John McClelland
Title:
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Classification: 164-81
Submitting Office: Seattle

[X] Being Investigated

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SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) (P) October 4, 1972

SA [redacted] b6 b7C

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NORJAK
OO: SEATTLE

SUB E, SUB C, SUB X

Re memo from SA [redacted] at Seattle, dated 8/24/72. b6 b7C

On September 27, 1972, [redacted], Vancouver, Washington, phone [redacted], advised that his department would disseminate literature about unsub to game wardens for further dissemination to local hunters in the Lake Merwin Dam area. He advised that he could probably disseminate 1,500 copies of the literature. b6 b7C

On September 28, 1972, SA [redacted] was advised of the above information at which time he stated that he would forward 1,500 copies of the literature regarding the unsub to the Longview, Washington RA for further dissemination to [redacted] (supra). b6 b7C

LEADS

SEATTLE

AT VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON

Will provide [redacted], with literature regarding unsub for further dissemination to game wardens and subsequent dissemination to local hunters in the Lake Merwin Dam area. b6 b7C

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

NDS:jgm
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Sub E
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Seattle, Washington
October 2, 1972

*In Reply, Please Refer to File No.*

Sub C
Sub E
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Dear Sir:

On November 24, 1971, a man parachuted into the below described area with $200,000 in $20 bills. If, while camping or hunting, you should discover any evidence concerning this skyjacking please contact the nearest FBI Office.

AREA INVOLVED:

Bound on the West by US 5, bound on the South by the Columbia River, bound on the North by the Kalama River, and bound on the East by the Skamania - Clark County line.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR:

(1.) The remains of a man, possibly dead for one year.

(2.) The remnants of a parachute, harness or parachute shroud lines.

(3.) 10,000 $20 bills wrapped in a parachute canopy, all serial numbers are known and can be identified.

(4.) Deteriorated raincoat or overcoat.

(5.) Small briefcase or attache case.

If any information concerning this matter is discovered, it should be reported to the FBI Office at Seattle, Washington, Area Code 206, telephone MA 2-0460 collect, or to the nearest FBI Office, which can be found by checking the front of your telephone directory.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Milnes

J. E. MILNES,
Special Agent in Charge

DB Cooper-27546

Sub E

164-81-3946

SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) (P) September 18, 1972

SA [redacted] b6 b7C

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Sub R
Sub E

NORJAK
OO: SEATTLE

RE: PARACHUTE FOUND NEAR THE KALAMA RIVER ROAD

On September 7, 1972, SA [redacted] advised telephonically that he had discovered a parachute hanging from the top of a tall pine tree, approximately 15 miles from the end of the Kalama River Road. Thirty yards from the tree in which the parachute was found was a piece of white plastic on which was inscribed the following: "United States Department of Commerce, NOAA - National Weather Service, Radio Sonde." b6 b7C

[redacted] stated the parachute was a reddish color with white shroud lines. The parachute appeared to be slightly smaller than a normal-sized parachute and appeared to have something hanging from the end of it that looked like part of a box. b6 b7C

On September 7, 1972, [redacted], United States Department of Commerce, National Weather Service, 909 First Street, Seattle, Washington, advised his department uses parachutes to recover radio sonde equipment attached to weather balloons. [redacted] explained that a balloon is released with the radio equipment attached to it. The balloon rises to a preset height, at which time the balloon explodes. The radio equipment then falls a short distance and a small parachute opens and carries the radio equipment safely to the ground. This parachute is slightly smaller than a regular-sized parachute and it is pink in color with white shroud lines. [redacted] further stated that housing the radio sonde equipment is a white plastic box with the following inscription: "United States Department of Commerce, NOAA - National Weather Service, Radio Sonde." b6 b7C

RNN:jgm
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DB Cooper-27547

SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) 8/31/72

SAC, ATLANTA (164-254) (P)

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Sub R

NORJAK
OO: SEATTLE
BUFILE 164-2111

On 8/17/72, [redacted], residing at [redacted] b6
[redacted], Georgia, furnished the following information. b7C

During the first week of November 1971, he was on an elk hunting trip in the northeastern portion of the state of Oregon. During this hunt he ran across a log shelter cabin and a cache of survival gear located in a remote place in this area. He is unware of the signifcance of this cache but furnished this information after hearing about captioned case. He advised that a short time after the hijacking he was transferred by his company from Portland, Oregon, to Atlanta, Georgia, and only recently received his furniture and personal effects. Since some of the data contained herein was with his personal effects he was unable to furnish this information prior to this time.

He produced a United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service map of the Joseph Ranger District, Wallowa Whitman National Forest, dated in 1965. He stated that this map is available through the headquarters of the forest service in Portland, Oregon. He stated that the area that he is relating to is located within sections 1, 12, or 13 of Range 49 east in Township 1 north as set out on the above described map.

He states that he was off hunting by himself on this one particular occasion, when he stumbled into an area of heavy brush, he discovered a log shelter constructed entirely of logs five to six inches in diameter. The building being approximately four feet long by five feet wide and four feet high, the opening to the shelter was covered by logs propped in place and staked in position in the ground. At the time he was there there was approximately 12 to 18 inches of snow on the ground and this amount of snow had been in the area for four to six weeks prior

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to this time. He noticed no fresh tracks near the shelter or cache at the time.

He was unable to look into the shelter to see what was contained therein and he didnot remove any of the logs to examine it. He did notice a duffel bag hanging from a tree near by. This duffel bag had the name [redacted] or the last name could be [redacted] with Air Force number [redacted] imprinted on the duffel bag. The bag appeared to be old and contained numerous tears and wear holes. He examined the contents of the duffel bag and discovered that it contained rifle bullets, long-handled men's underwear, shoe grease, candles, a jacket, vitamin pills, and some hippie-type smoking pipes, which appeared to handmade. He noticed no food, no socks, or shoes in the bag. He noted that several of these items still had price tags on them reflecting that they were purchased either at GI Joe's or Andy and Bex both of which are Army surplus stores located in Portland, Oregon. He did not recall any dates of purchase. b6 b7C

He also noted that there was a left-handed bow, as used by archers, hanging from a tree nearby. He removed this bow and took it with him, the bow bears the name Baer Archery Company, Grayling, Michigan, registration number [redacted]. b6 b7C

He stated that the area of the cache is located in what is known as Hell's Canyon, near the boundary between eastern Oregon and Idaho. It is located generally in a gully between Windy Ridge and the next ridge located to the southwest. He states that the nearest community is in Imnaha, Oregon, located on the Imnaha River. To get to the area you take the Hat Point Road out of Imnaha and follow it to the end of the pavement, at this point you follow the wide trail that goes out on Windy Ridge and finally comes to a dead end. The road ends at a small draw and the area of the cache is located about 200 or so yards from the end of the road.

He stated that this general area has the appearance of being used during the summer months by packtrain trips coming from various dude ranches in the area and located nearby is a camping area which might be an overnight stopping point on these packtrain trips. He stated that from this camping area the site of the cache is perhaps 100 to 150 yards away up the side of a hill in heavy brush. The cache could not be seen from the camping area but the area could probably be pointed out by one of the rangers from the nearby ranger station at Hat Point.



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[redacted] stated that with him on this trip was an individual named [redacted] who goes by the name [redacted], who is a builder in Portland, Oregon, but who resides in Aurora, Oregon, having home telephone number [redacted] thinks that probably [redacted] could point out the area where the party camped during this elk hunt and might possibly be able to assist in locating the area of the cache. Other members of the hunting party were a young relative of [redacted] last name unrecalled, who is possibly a student at one of the community colleges in the Portland, Oregon, area. The third member of the trip is [redacted] who is employed as [redacted] in the Portland area. [redacted] states that no one was with him when he found the cache and the others would know of his find based only on the information he furnished them. b6 b7C b6 b7C

Due to the fact that the Hell's Canyon area is located a considerable distance from the possible flight path of the aircraft in captioned case, flying from Seattle to Reno, the significance of this information is not known to the Atlanta office, accordingly, no leads are being set out in the Portland area at this time. Leads are being designated for the Detroit office to determine if the bow found by [redacted] is registered. b6 b7C

DETROIT DIVISION

AT GRAYLING, MICHIGAN

Will contact Baer Archery Company to determine if left handed bow number [redacted] has been registered by its owner with that company. If information is found will furnish the same to office of origin for appropriate additional investigation. b6 b7C



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# *Memorandum*

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

DATE: 9/1/72

FROM : SA THOMAS J. MANNING

SUBJECT: NORJAK

On 9/1/72 [redacted] of the Weyerhaeuser Company at Camp Kalama, Washington, telephone [redacted] advised that he, in the course of his timber land employment, has found a 200' tree which has some weathered pink looking material at the top hanging from what appears to be a string. He stated the material is pink or red colored. He stated that the tree is located on one of the forks of Elk Creek straight north of Cougar, Washington. b6 b7C

He advised that he would be available on 9/5/72 to conduct an agent of the FBI to the location of this tree for further investigation of the object in the tree.

This lead will be covered by SA [redacted], Longview RA on 9/5/72 and he will bring with him binoculars which will enable him to view the item mentioned above. b6 b7C

[redacted] CALLED 9/7/72 IT IS A WEATHER RADIO SONDE PARACHUTE. RNN

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# Memorandum

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

DATE: 8/24/72

FROM : SA [redacted]

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SUBJECT: NORJAK
OO: SEATTLE

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

Prior to the hunting season which begins October 14, 1972, and ends November 13, 1972, information and the artist's composit of unsub, should be provided to Washington State Game Wardens that handle the area into which the hijacker parachuted.

In conjunction with this, [redacted], Game Warden was contacted August 22, 1972, and he advised the hunting season for the state of Washington will begin and end as follows:

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| Regular deer season: | October 14-28, 1972<br>November 10-12, 1972 |
| Elk season: | October 30 -<br>November 13, 1972 |

[redacted] further advised that those game wardens which handle the areas around Lake Merwin Dam are as follows:

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COWLITZ COUNTY

1. [redacted], Castlerock, Washington, phone [redacted].

2. (FNU) [redacted], Longview, Wash., phone [redacted].

3. [redacted], Longview, Wash., phone [redacted].

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SKAMANIA COUNTY

1. [redacted], Carson, Washington, phone [redacted].

CLARK COUNTY

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# Memorandum

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

DATE: 8/24/72

FROM SA [redacted]

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SUBJECT: NORJAK
OO: SEATTLE

Enclosed is a copy of the May 1972 Pacific Power & Light bulletin's story concerning the FBI search for parachuting skyjacker. This story is being enclosed for information purposes only; however, the following quote from the story is noteworthy:

"The man who boarded the plane in Portland as 'D. B. COOPER' literally vanished into the air that November night and as this issue went to press nothing new had been unearthed in the recent search.

"This fact, coupled with a popular theory that the skyjacker ended up entangled in a tree in below-freezing weather and never made it any father, may make looking for 'D. B. COOPER' and the $200,000 ransom a recreational fad on the Lewis River this summer."

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FBI

Date: August 22, 1972

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

Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL (Priority)

TO ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI (164-2111)

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

SUBJECT NORJAK
OO: Seattle

Reference Seattle airtel to the Bureau dated 8/7/72.

In order that this case be given more publicity, the following leads are being set forth for Bureau consideration and approval:

1. Mats should be made of the artist's conception of Unsub so that small publications with limited funds can feature articles concerning this matter and include with the story a picture of Unsub without incurring the additonal expense of having new mats made (Note: An editor of the Veterans' of Foreign Wars publication for the State of Oregon has requested such a mat to print a picture of Unsub in his next issue).

2. If the artist's conception of Unsub is changed as suggested in referenced airtel, mats of the new picture should also be made.

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Special Agent in Charge

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Sub E - Maps
Sub X

SA THOMAS J. MANNING

NORJAK

Re memo of SA [redacted] to SAC, 8/4/72 b6 b7C

On 8/7/72 the agents attached to Longview RA conducted a check of the area mentioned in referenced memorandum which also had a map attached. SA [redacted] conducted a complete through search of the area starting at County Road 20 and progressing through the area to county road 32. It is felt a thorough walk through search was conducted of the suspect area and it was noted that the area is extremely heavy brush, fallen timber and almost impenetrable and is an area in which there are no residences or farm buildings. b6 b7C

On the County Road 32 side of the suspect area the terrain drops very sharply about 50 feet from the road to the creek bed. Further on the county road 20 side of the suspect area the terrain also drops very sharply to the creek.

It is felt that if a decision should be made to conduct further searching of the suspect area it would be necessary to have 10 agents for a period of two days. The property in question is privately owned with three parcels owned by three individuals.

On 8/7/72 [redacted] who has been involved in this inquiry from its inception furnished aerial photograph copies of the terrain in question which are attached. b6 b7C

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SA [redacted]

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Sub X (without map)

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On July 31, 1972, [redacted], [redacted] Vancouver, Washington, advised he was recently contacted by [redacted], Washougal, Washington, who is [redacted] advised [redacted] has developed a method, known only to [redacted], using his time honored technique.

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[redacted] advised that sometime prior to July 30, 1972, he advised [redacted] that the captioned UNSUB exited the instant aircraft somewhere in northern Clark County or southern Cowlitz County, Washington, and on July 30, 1972, [redacted] took [redacted] to a location approximately two miles northwest of Point A of the original search area, and exhibited his technique, convincing [redacted] that [redacted] had found the approximate location [redacted] advised no attempt was made to actually locate [redacted], pending notification of the Bureau.

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On July 31, 1972, [redacted] revealed this location to SA [redacted] at which time the location was pinpointed on an aerial photograph of Section 10, Township 5, North Range 1 East, SW-67 FLT27-38 6-18-68 Scale 1 inch equals 400 feet. The point was located by triangulation from County Road 16, producing a prime search area (double hatch marks) and a secondary search area (single hatch marks) on the photograph.

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[redacted] added that neither he nor [redacted] want their identity revealed regarding this matter, in that if the instant money is actually located using [redacted] procedure, undue suspicions might be raised regarding their ability to perform uncommon feats bordering on witchcraft. Sub E

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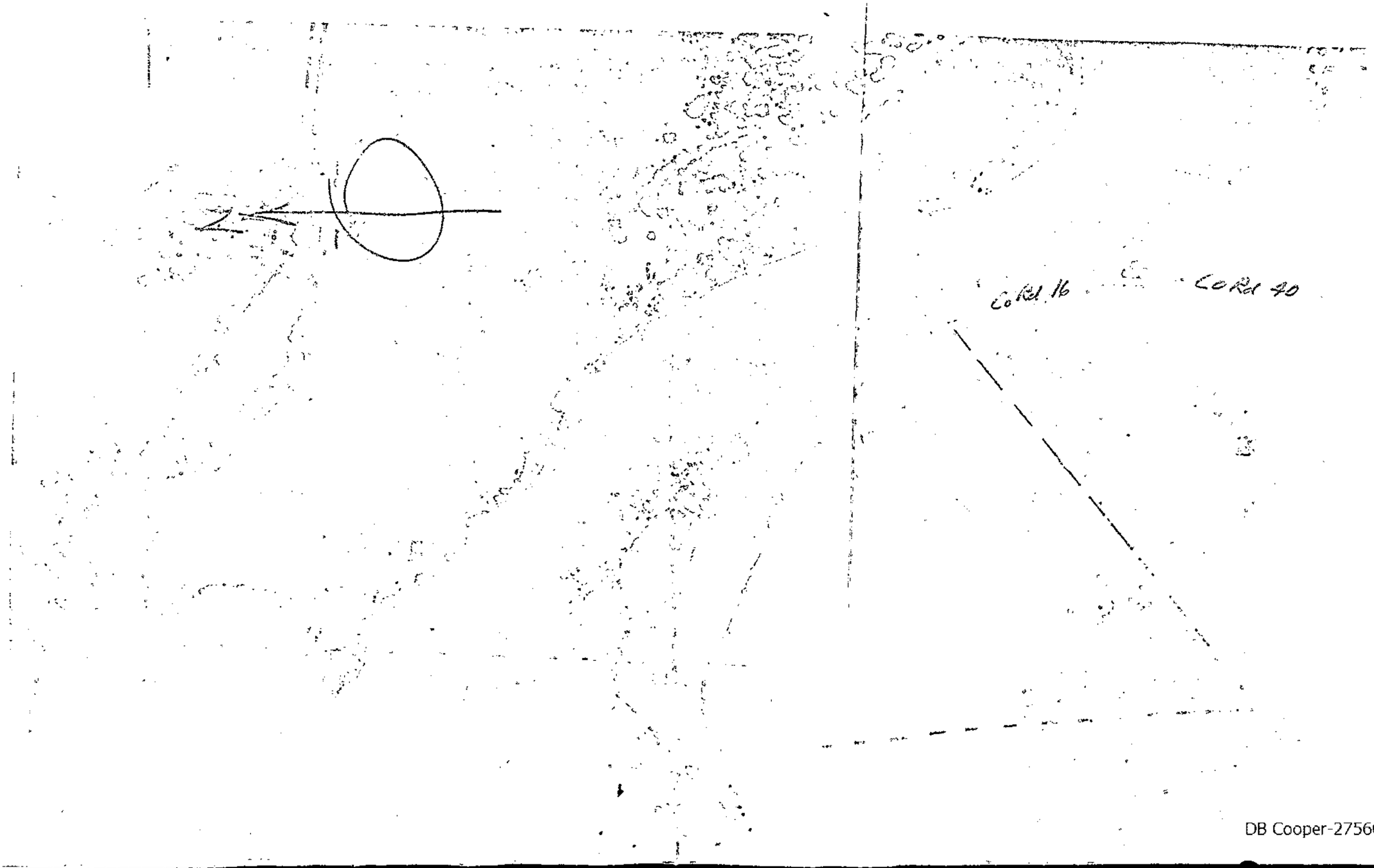
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[redacted] b6 b7C

SA [redacted] b7E

Sub E
Sub X

NORJAK

Re Memo of SA [redacted] to SAC, 8/1/72 b6 b7C

Referenced memorandum contained information regarding [redacted] b7D [redacted] alleging that he is able to locate currency by means of [redacted].

On 8/2/72 [redacted] telephonically advised b6 that [redacted] had changed his original location of a currency b7C cache to a spot approximately 2½ miles east of the original location. b7D It should be noted that the new location is approximately on line of flight of the hijacked aircraft as set forth on original maps and in other data, and also approximately 1½ miles from Point A, of a triangulated search area, in a northerly direction.

On 8/3/72 the writer, [redacted] went to the b6 intersection of County Roads 16 and 32 in Clark County where [redacted] b7C [redacted] exhibited time honored techniques of [redacted] b7D [redacted]. This resulted in producing what they concluded to be the direction and approximate location of a large sum of currency. Three other reference points were located on County Road 20 and using the same method angles were determined setting up a triangle in which this large amount of currency is believed to be located by [redacted].

Oneother reference point, being Point A (Supra), was located, after which both [redacted] using their technique produced b6 an angle which when extended appearedto contact the previously b7C established location within the triangle. b7D

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Maps explaing the above information are attached to this communication. 1a (300)

1 map attached
5 maps

The writer to test the veracity of the tehhnique used hid small sums of currency in various locations and observed both [redacted] locate the hidden currency [redacted] b6 b7C b7D.

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It is felt consideration should be given to exploring the possibility that a large sum of currency is located at the area outlined in red on one of the attached maps.

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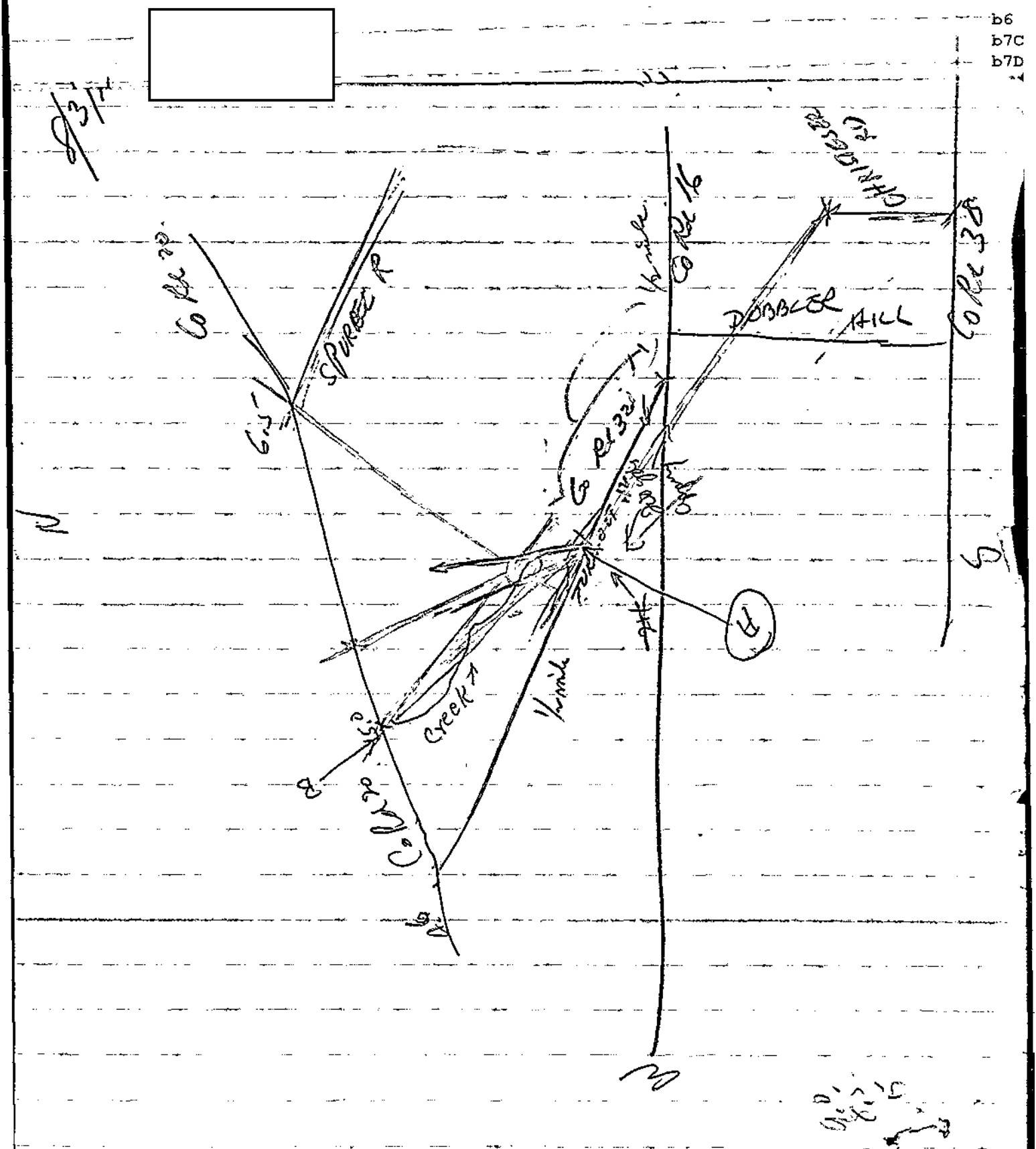
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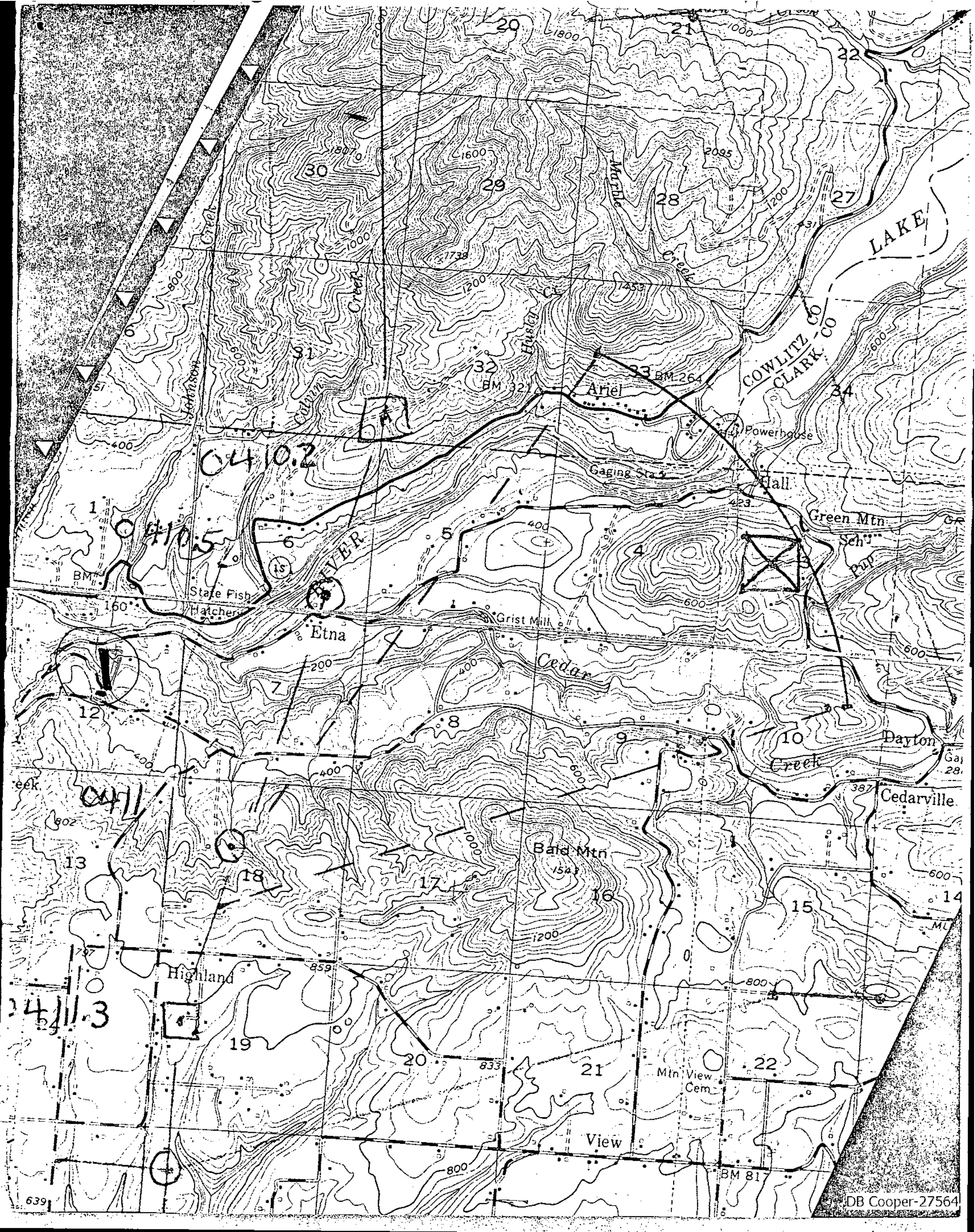
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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) (P) [redacted]

DATE: 8/4/72

FROM : SA [redacted]

Sub E [redacted]

SUBJECT: NORJAK

Re Memo of SA [redacted] to SAC, 8/1/72 SUB M SUB X

Referenced memorandum contained information regarding [redacted] [redacted] alleging that he is able to locate currency by means of [redacted].

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Maps explaing the above information are attached to this communication.

The writer to test the veracity of the tehhnique used hid small sums of currency in various locations and observed both [redacted] locate the hidden currency using the [redacted]. Sub E

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It is felt consideration should be given to exploring the possibility that a large sum of currency is located at ~~the area~~ outlined in red on one of the attached maps.

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SA CHARLES E. FARRELL

NORJAK

SEARCH NEAR MERWIN DAM

HANDLING OF PROPERTY DAMAGE
BY MILITARY (SUB DD)

On July 20, 1972, [redacted] b6
[redacted], U. S. Army, Fort Lewis, Washington, telephonically b7C
contacted this office with respect to claims being processed through his office for claims by certain individuals including [redacted] for compensation growing out of damage to their property incurred during the search conducted by elements of the 3rd Armored Calvary Division.

[redacted] specifically asked if per chance the money b6
paid as the ransom in the Northwest hijacking case was b7C
furnished by the Government. He was informed the money was paid by Northwest Airlines. [redacted] was endeavoring to find some basis on which a payment for the claim could be authorized but since it was not Government money he advised the claim probably will not be authorized over his signature but will be passed up to a higher authority with the expectation that the claim will be paid.

[redacted] explained that he had just returned from b6
a tour in Vietnam and had been assigned to the [redacted] b7C
and after making inquiry concerning the search learned it was authorized by someone at the Pentagon and since he cannot pass on the claim it will be approved at a higher level.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS, 9TH INFANTRY DIVISION AND FORT LEWIS
Communication Systems Division
Fort Lewis, Washington 98433

21 June 1972

General Telephone Company of the Northwest
ATTN: [redacted]
1800 - 41st Street
Everett, WA 98201

Sub E
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Dear [redacted],

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Attached telephone billing is returned without action.

Since the telephone service was not ordered in or authorized by this Division, we have no authority to pay any part of the billing.

Yours very truly,

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[redacted]
[redacted], Comm Sys Div

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SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) 6/8/72

SA CHARLES E. FARRELL

NORJAK

RE: SEARCH

During the search of the Merwin Dam area in March and April, 1972, several memoranda were prepared concerning incidents which occurred. Copies of these items are being attached to this memorandum and will be filed in the main file with no copy to Sub E.

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SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) 6/8/72

SA CHARLES E. FARRELL

NORJAK

RE: SEARCH AREA

On 11/30/71, [redacted], The Boeing Company, provided the color negatives as well as 5 prints made by The Boeing Company of an Air Force map showing the radar tracing of the course of the aircraft. The negative of this film is being placed in the 1-A section of this file. b6 b7C

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SA CHARLES E. FARRELL

NORJAK

RE: SEARCH

On 3/30/72, at the completion of the first session of the search by the U.S. Army in the area of Merwin Dam, SA CHARLES E. FARRELL paid in cash $331.60 to [redacted], U.S. Army, to defray the cost of meals served to Agents of the Bureau during that search. No receipt was obtained. b6 b7C

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SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) 6/8/72

SA CHARLES E. FARRELL

NORJAK

RE: EXPERIMENTAL FLIGHT

On 1/6/72, an experimental flight was conducted by NWA using the actual plane hijacked in this case and on that flight Captain [redacted], U.S. Air Force observed the experiment. b6 b7C

After completion of the experiment [redacted] prepared a handwritten map of his calculations concerning the drop and the probable drift of the parachute if it opened. These notes and the map are being placed in the 1-A section of this file.

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1015 Second Avenue
Seattle, Washington 98104

May 1, 1972

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[redacted]

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3d Armored Cavalry Regiment
Office of the Regimental Commander
Fort Lewis, Washington 98433

Dear [redacted]:

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I am delighted to receive your letter of April 27, 1972, concerning the performance of our Special Agents in the search for the unknown hijacker of Northwest Airlines Flight 305 in the vicinity of La Center, Washington.

I had written to General Bolling earlier and am attaching a copy of my letter to him for your information. In addition, however, I would like to tell you officially, as I have told you informally before, that we are deeply appreciative of the assistance received from the Army and are most favorably impressed by the performance of [redacted] and his splendid staff.

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It is a source of pride and assurance to see the Army perform in the magnificent manner in which they did on this extremely difficult task. It is a tribute to you and to the officers under your direction, and I hope that you will see fit to insure that appropriate records are made of my observations concerning their performance.

Sincerely yours,

J. E. MILNES
Special Agent in Charge

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Fort Lewis, Washington 98433

AETDR-CO 27 April 1972

Mr. J. Earl Milnes
Federal Bureau of Investigation, SAC
1015 2d Avenue
Seattle, Washington 98104

Dear Mr. Milnes,

Now that the Army's participation in the search for D. B. Cooper has been completed, I would like to express to you my appreciation for the outstanding assistance and cooperation which you and your agents gave to [redacted] and his squadron. It would have been understandable had the Bureau confined its participation only to those aspects of the search which required the presence of its agents. To the contrary, your agents participated to the fullest extent, and the manner in which they did so was most impressive. Their willingness to share the hardships of field duty and their cheerful cooperation in the search efforts reflects most favorably on their professionalism and on your leadership. b6 b7C

On behalf of all Army members of the search force, I express my sincere appreciation to you and all agents who took part in the operation.

Sincerely,

[redacted] b6 b7C

Sub. E

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# *Memorandum*

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) DATE: April 13, 1972.

FROM : SA CHARLES E. FARRELL (P) Sub - E DD

SUBJECT: NORJAK

Re: [redacted] b6 b7C
[redacted], Wash.
April 13, 1972.

At approximately 10:30 A.M. April 13, 1972 SA [redacted], FBI advised CP by radio that [redacted] b6 b7C [redacted], Washington, telephone [redacted] has complained that the landing helicopters, about an hour earlier, [redacted].

[redacted] advised that [redacted] b6 b7C [redacted] and she asked for assistance in finding them, as her [redacted]. Assistance by military and Bureau given.

[redacted], as follows b6 b7C

[redacted]

[redacted] assigned to "B" Company under [redacted] b6 b7C reports that he observed the [redacted] as the choppers landed in the field [redacted]. [redacted] and another of his men were at the scene and spoke to [redacted].

Sub. E

By about 2:00 P.M. [redacted] b6 b7C [redacted] to come and would be there possibly 3:00 P.M.

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At 3:50 P.M. [redacted] advised that [redacted]. The Vet apparently feels the calf will be okay and has left instructions with SA [redacted]. b6 b7C

Under the experienced direction of [redacted] [redacted] 10 to 12 army troops and SA [redacted]; all accomplished by approximately 5:45 P.M. b6 b7C

The above matter has been referred by [redacted] to Ft. Lewis and a claims officer has been assigned to come to this area on Friday, April 13, 1972 and contact [redacted]. b6 b7C

No further action by FBI.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) DATE: 5/17/72

FROM : SA CHARLES E. FARRELL SUB E. CC

SUBJECT: NORJAK

RE: SEARCH OF DROP AREA

In connection with the search conducted during the period 3/21/72 through 4/18/72, the Agent personnel listed on the attached sheet, participated in that assignment:

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Dear Mr. Milnes:

Many thanks for your kind letter pertaining to the effectiveness of the Fort Lewis troopers who assisted you in your recent effort. I shall transmit your remarks to those individuals who participated and add my personal thanks for their efforts. Sorry our search did not produce the results we were both seeking. So it goes.

Sincerely,

ALEXANDER R. BOLLING, JR.
Major General, USA

Mr. J. E. Milnes
Special Agent in Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
1015 Second Avenue
Seattle, Washington 98104

Sub E
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date of transcription 4/21/72

[redacted], Vancouver, Washington, phone - [redacted], furnished the following information: b6 b7C

At approximately 11:30 p.m., November 24, 1971, [redacted] was travelling east on [redacted] when she noted a man walking beside the road. The man was just west of [redacted] and on the north side of [redacted], walking west. [redacted] recalled that at the time she thought the man appeared strange; because, although the weather conditions were poor, the individual was wearing only a dress-type, white shirt and dark slacks. [redacted] described the individual as follows: b6 b7C

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|---|---|
| Height | Approximately 6' |
| Build | Medium |
| Hair | Dark, fairly short |
| Age | Approximately 30 - 40 |

[redacted] could not recall whether the man was carrying anything, and could not identify him as the hijacker when shown a composite picture of him. b6 b7C

In addition to the above, [redacted] advised that for a number of years she has lived in the Woodland area and that this was the first time she had seen anyone on [redacted] after dark. b6 b7C

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by SA [redacted]/sem Date dictated 4/17/72 b6 b7C

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Date of transcription 4/21/72

[redacted], Ariel, Washington, furnished the following information: b6 b7C

On November 24, 1971, [redacted], was on [redacted] bound for his residence at approximately 9 or 10 p.m. About two or three miles west [redacted] saw a man walking along the road. [redacted] stated that evidently [redacted] was frightened by this individual because [redacted] had told [redacted] that she had immediately locked her car doors after seeing the man. b6 b7C

[redacted] further advised that he considered this incident extremely peculiar and stated that he works a night shift and has driven this same stretch of road for three and one half years; and, during this time has only seen two persons on the road after dark. b6 b7C

[redacted] could not furnish the current address [redacted], however, believed she was employed as a [redacted], Washington. b6 b7C

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Interviewed on 4/10/72 at Ariel, Washington File # SE 164-81

by SA [redacted]/sem Date dictated 4/17/72 b6 b7C

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1015 Second Avenue
Seattle, Washington 98104

April 21, 1972

[redacted] — Letter of Thanks
File E.

Woodland, Washington 98674

b6
b7C

Dear [redacted]:

I just wanted to drop you a note and tell you how much we appreciate your making your property available to units of the United States Army which were involved in the search of the terrain around Ariel, Washington.

We are not only appreciative of your generosity, but are particularly grateful for the assistance rendered [redacted], and the facilities he made available to us. It certainly made the task much easier.

b6
b7C

Sincerely yours,

J. E. MILNES
Special Agent in Charge

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1015 Second Avenue
Seattle, Washington 98104

April 21, 1972

[redacted] X letter of Thanks
Subs E

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b7C

Pacific Power and Light Co.
Portland, Oregon

Dear [redacted]:

As you know, we completed the search of the area around Ariel, and the Army units were removed early this week.

I would be most remiss if I didn't tell you how much we appreciate the use of your facilities during this extensive search. Your providing the park facilities, the houses, the power and the congeniality of your company, specifically that of [redacted], made the task infinitely easier.

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b7C

It not only made it easier, but it enabled us to operate much more efficiently. We are most grateful for your assistance.

Sincerely yours,

J. E. MILNES
Special Agent in Charge

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164-81-~~2880~~

[illegible] Second Avenue
Seattle, Washington 98104

April 21, 1972

X letter of Thks. Sub E.

Major General Alexander R. Bolling
Commanding General
Fort Lewis, Washington 98433

Dear General Bolling :

With the completion of the search of the area near Ariel, Washngton, by units of the 3rd Air Cavalry, I wanted to write to you personally and tell you first how much we appreciate the services rendered. However, in doing this I would be most remiss if we did not also tell you that the services of your officers and men were magnificent. The organizational structure, the equipment provided, and most important of all the direction given to the operation under [redacted], was most impressive. b6 b7C

The assistance rendered by [redacted] and [redacted] was in keeping with the highest traditions of the U. S. Army. b6 b7C

I could go on at greater length and identify specifically the individual officers, as well as the non-commissioned officers and men, but time and space do not permit.

I do hope, however, that through your channels you will see fit to insure that this letter of appreciation and commendation is recorded in appropriate files to provide credit to the splendid men who have served so well.

Sincerely yours,

J. E. MILNES
Special Agent in Charge

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Sub. E
164-81-2879

DB Cooper-27584

SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) 4/19/72

SA CHARLES E. FARRELL

NORJAK

RE: TELEPHONE SERVICE AT
COMMAND POST, MERWIN DAM,
(TELEPHONE NO. 225-7151)

On April 17, 1972, the writer contacted [redacted] of the General Telephone Company, Gresham, Oregon, which handles the telephone service at Merwin Dam to discuss the billing of the telephone installed on 3/20/72 at the Command Post at Merwin Dam. It was explained to [redacted] that, in view of the heavy use of the phone to make calls to Fort Lewis, this office was interested in exploring the possibility of having the entire billing made as a Watts installation, retroactive to the date of installation, if such a billing would be cheaper than having the calls treated as long distance calls. To make such a determination, however, the telephone company would have to determine what the bill is at this time. [redacted] said he would request a special run of the billing for the above number which would take some three days as these runs are made every three days and would telephonically contact the writer or ASAC BIBLER. b6 b7C

[redacted] advised, however, even if the Watts line would be cheaper he doubted if it would be made retroactive at this date. b6 b7C

It also was explained to [redacted] that we might consider furnishing his company with a list of calls made from the Command Post to various numbers at Fort Lewis and have separate billings made up. b6 b7C

On April 18, 1972, SA MANNING advised that the Command Post at Merwin Dam would be totally deactivated by early noon of April 18, 1972, and he was then calling the local operator to have the telephone at the Command Post discontinued as of close of business April 18, 1972.

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ATTN: ADM. DIVISION

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (164-2111)/& SACS, LOS ANGELES (164-497)
SAN FRANCISCO (164-220) & PORTLAND (164-41)

FROM: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

NORJAK.

THE TEN AGENTS ON SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT FROM SF, LA AND PD, ASSISTING IN SEARCH IN THIS CASE, WILL HAVE COMPLETED THEIR ASSIGNMENT AND WILL BE DEPARTING THIS DIVISION ON APRIL EIGHTEEN NEXT.

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164-81-~~2257~~

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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Via TELETYPE NITEL
(Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (164-2111) & SACS, MINNEAPOLIS (164-73) AND PORTLAND (164-41)

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

NORJAK.

SEARCH OF ENTIRE AREA IN THE VICINITY OF MERWIN DAM WAS COMPLETED AS OF ONE PM, APRIL SEVENTEEN, SEVENTYTWO, WITH NOTHING FOUND.

ARMY UNITS WILL BE DEPARTING FROM THE AREA FOR RETURN TO FT. LEWIS, BY ELEVEN AM, APRIL EIGHTEEN NEXT. THE CP AT THE SITE WILL BE VACATED BY LATE AFTERNOON ON APRIL EIGHTEEN NEXT, BOTH BY FBI AND ARMY PERSONNEL WITH PHONE TO BE DISCONNECTED BY APRIL NINETEEN.

CEF:klb

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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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7:19 PM NITEL 4/16/72 DCA

TO DIRECTOR, FBI (164-2111)

MINNEAPOLIS (164-73)

PORTLAND (164-41)

FROM SEATTLE (164-81) 1P

NORJAK

SEARCH COMMENCED APPROXIMATELY NINE AM, APRIL SIXTEEN, SEVENTYTWO. SEARCH PERSONNEL INCLUDED TWO HUNDRED FIFTYNINE MILITARY PERSONNEL AND AGENTS. SEARCH TERMINATED APPROXIMATELY FOUR FIFTEEN PM. ARMY ANTICIPATES COMPLETION OF SEARCH ON APRIL SEVENTEEN NEXT, WEATHER PERMITTING.

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RMB

FBI PD CLR

Sub. E

164-81-~~2755~~

NRØØ1 SE PLAIN

8:51 PM NITEL 4/15/72 DCA

TO DIRECTOR, FBI (164-2111)

MINNEAPOLIS (164-73)

PORTLAND (164-41)

FROM SEATTLE (164-81) 1P

NORJAK

SEARCH INITIATED SEVEN THIRTY AM WITH TWO HUNDRED SIXTYSEVEN ARMY PERSONNEL AND AGENTS. SEARCH TERMINATED FIVE PM, AND APPROXIMATELY NINETYFIVE PERCENT OF SEARCH NOW COMPLETED. ARMY ANTICIPATED SEARCH OF REMAINING AREA WILL TAKE ONE TO ONE AND ONE HALF DAYS IF WEATHER CONDITIONS FAVORABLE.

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WA HOLD

DB Cooper-27589

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164-81-~~2954~~

4/14/72

TELETYPE NITEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (164-2111)
SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (164-73)
SAC,PORTLAND (164-41)

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

NORJAK.

DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER SEARCH BY TWO HUNDRED AND SIXTYNINE ARMY PERSONNEL COMMENCED ELEVEN FORTY A.M. AND STOPPED AT THREE P.M. TODAY. NO DEVELOPMENTS.

[redacted], U. S. ARMY, ADVISES THAT NINETY PERCENT OF AREA TO BE SEARCHED HAS BEEN COMPLETED. AT PRESENT TIME THERE ARE SIX TO EIGHTEEN INCHES OF SNOW IN HIGHER ELEVATIONS SURROUNDING SEARCH AREA. IN VIEW OF EXTREMELY LOW LEVEL CLOUDS, IMPOSSIBLE TO DISPATCH TROOPS IN LANDING ZONES TO COMMENCE SEARCH OF HIGHER ELEVATIONS. CONTINGENT ON CLEARING WEATHER, SEARCH WILL CONTINUE SEVEN THIRTY A.M., APRIL FIFTEEN NEXT. b6 b7C

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Date: 4/13/72

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Via ~~TELETYPE~~ ~~NITEL~~
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (164-2111),
SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (164-73), and
SAC, PORTLAND (164-41)

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

NORJAK.

SEARCH COMMENCED THIS DATE AFTER A HOLD BECAUSE OF BAD WEATHER WHICH DELAYED SOME UNITS UNTIL NINE THIRTY A. M. SEARCH PERSONNEL CONSISTING OF TWO HUNDRED SIXTYTHREE TROOPS PLUS AGENT PERSONNEL SEARCHING IN THE SOUTHERN SECTION WHICH IS PRIMARILY A RE-SEARCH IN THE VICINITY OF POINT A. SNOW IN NORTH SECTION OF THE SEARCH AREA IS FROM SIX TO EIGHT INCHES DEEP AND LANDING ZONES BEING FURTHER PREPARED FOR USE. IF WEATHER PERMITS ON APRIL FOURTEEN NEXT, SEARCH IN THE HIGHER ELEVATIONS OF THE NORTH SECTION WILL BE STARTED. SEARCH DISCONTINUED THIS DATE APPROXIMATELY FOUR P. M.

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Sub. E
164-81-~~2990~~

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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GSA FPMR (41 CFR) 101-11.6

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

DATE: 4/13/72

FROM : [redacted]

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b7C

Sub. DD
E.

SUBJECT: NORJAK
(Complaint Concerning Search)

At 9:30PM, this date, [redacted], [redacted], Washington, telephone [redacted], telephonically contacted this office regarding helicopters flying over [redacted], [redacted] stated that he owns [redacted] and that helicopters have been continously flying over his property at what seems to be lower and lower altitudes.

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b7C

[redacted] stated that today one of his handlers was bringing [redacted] when a helicopter flew over [redacted] at tree-top level causing [redacted].

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b7C

[redacted] further advised that last week [redacted], and he was ~~a~~ told by [redacted], that the [redacted], caused by [redacted] in the field. [redacted] feels that they [redacted] from the low-flying helicopters.

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b7C

[redacted] was not at all belligerent, but explained that he can~~n~~t afford to have these problems continuing. He wishes to be contacted by SA MANNING as soon as possible.

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[redacted] WAS ADVISED 4/14/72 morning ... ON 4-14-72 ARMY CLAIMS OFFICER CONTACTED [redacted]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# *Memorandum*

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) (P) DATE: 4/8/72

FROM : SA THOMAS J. MANNING

SUB- E
DD

SUBJECT: NORJAK

On 4/7/72 [redacted], Commanding officer, of US Army personnel involved in search in vicinity of Lake Merwin requested information on complaints made re property damage by US Army troops during search. b6 b7C

Attached to this memo is one (1) copy of a sheet listing 4 separate complaints made. Also attached is the letter of [redacted] [redacted], two (2) copies of a memo re a complaint made by [redacted] and a memo dated 4/4/72 (two ) 2 copies concerning the complaint made by [redacted] [redacted]. b6 b7C

[redacted] has been apprised of the details of the four complaints made to date. b6 b7C

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# *Memorandum*

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

DATE: 4/4/72

FROM : SA THOMAS J. MANNING

Sub - E
DD

SUBJECT: NORJAK

[redacted], Washington telephone [redacted], employed at [redacted], Washington, telephone [redacted] is [redacted] on which US Army [redacted] during the serach operation conducted in the vicinity [redacted], Washington. [redacted] executed a wconsent form to make use of his property and set certain conditions such as [redacted] b6 b7C

During the telephone conversation on this date [redacted] advised that army trucks ran over [redacted] on the property, practically destroyed a gravel road , [redacted]. b6 b7C

He requested that his complaint be called to the attention of the United States Army and also pointed out [redacted] in the vicinity of the property have been cleaning up all kinds of debris since the departure of the army and are perturbed by the failure to police the arwa upon departure. b6 b7C

He was advised that his complaint would be called to the attention of the United States Army.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# *Memorandum*

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) DATE: 3/26/72

FROM : SC [redacted] b6 b7C

Sub. E

SUBJECT: NORJACK

87-6043-12-DD

On instant date, [redacted] b6 b7C
[redacted], Washington, telephonically contacted this office. [redacted] stated that last week when she was contacted by an Agent of the FBI, asking permission to search her property, the agent stated that if anything was damaged or she had any problems to contact the FBI in Longview or Seattle. [redacted] stated that her driveway is being used and that the four wheele drive rigs that go in and out have torn up her driveway and [redacted] made it into a mud hole. [redacted] would like to have an agent come by and look at it so it will be fixed.

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164-81-2762 b6 b7C

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D-Thinks we told [redacted] about [redacted] Yes, but be sure!

Manning

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Damage complaints to date

1. [redacted], Washington - complaint re road to his unoccupied property having deep ruts due to military vehicle use. b6 b7C
The letter describing his property was furnished to you by SAC Milnes.

2. On 4/4/72 [redacted] Washington telephone [redacted], employed at [redacted] Washington telephone [redacted] is the [redacted] executed a consent form to make use of his property as [redacted] and set certain conditions such as [redacted]. b6 b7C
On 4/4/72 he stated [redacted]. He further alleged debris was left at [redacted] have also complained that debris was strewn about their property.

3. [redacted], Washington on 3/26/72 advised FBI Seattle that her driveway was used by Army trucks and has been torn up. [redacted] is in vicinity of [redacted]. b6 b7C

4. [redacted] whose property is next to that of [redacted], mentioned above, sent a letter to the FBI Seattle alleging that debris wasleft at her location [redacted] and about her property after troops moved out. She also alleged [redacted]. b6 b7C

SA THOMAS J. MANNING
Special Agent, FBI

APR 20 1972

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Sub E

# Troops Search For Skyjacker

WOODLAND, Cowlitz County — (AP) — Army troops were back on the job yesterday helping the FBI search the area around Lake Merwin for a skyjacker who commandeered a jetliner last Thanksgiving Eve.

An Army spokesman said about 200 troops of the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment were helping search for a hijacker who gave his name as D. B. Cooper.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

p. 38 Seattle Post-Intelligencer Seattle, Wash.

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SUB E,

# Army rejoins hunt for air hijacker

WOODLAND, Cowlitz County — (AP) — Army troops were back on the job today, helping the Federal Bureau of Investigation search the area around Lake Merwin for a skyjacker who commandeered a jetliner last Thanksgiving Eve.

An Army spokesman said about 200 troops of the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment were helping search for a hijacker who gave his name as D. B. Cooper.

The skyjacker took over an airliner on a flight from Portland to Seattle. He is believed to have parachuted over Southwest Washington.

The troops on hand today made up "Essentially the same task force that was down there" when the search was resumed recently, an Army spokesman at Fort Lewis, where the troops are stationed, said.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

p.A2 Seattle Times
Seattle, Wash.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (164-2111) & SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (164-73)
SAC, PORTLAND (164-41)
FROM: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)(-P-)

NORJAK.

SEARCH THIS DATE WITH TWO SEVEN ONE ARMY PERSONNEL, PLUS AGENTS, COMMENCED AT SEVEN THIRTY AM IN ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS. SNOW, SLEET AND FREEZING RAIN HAMPERED SEARCH. REMAINING AREAS TO BE SEARCHED CAN BE REACHED ONLY BY HELICOPTER INSERTION OF SEARCH PERSONNEL AND LANDING ZONES IN MOST CASES UNDER SIX TO TWELVE INCHES OF SNOW. SEARCH THIS DATE DISCONTINUED AT FOUR FIFTEEN PM.

ACTIVITY ON APRIL THIRTEEN NEXT DEPENDS ON WEATHER CONDITIONS WITH NO TIME OF START SET.

TJM:klb
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DB Cooper-27599

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1Ø13 PM NITEL 4/11/72 FEE

TO DIRECTOR (164-2111)

MINNEAPOLIS (164-73)

PORTLAND (164-41)

FROM SEATTLE (164-81) 1P

NORJAK.

THIS DATE TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY-THREE ARMY PERSONNEL WITH AGENTS SEARCHED FROM SEVEN A.M. TO FIVE P.M. WITH NEGATIVE FINDINGS. SEARCH COMMENCES SEVEN THIRTY A.M. APRIL TWELVE, NEXT.

END

DB Cooper-27600

Sub. E

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FILE (164-81) 4/11/72

SAC, SEATTLE

NORJAK

On 4/11/72 I called [redacted] at the Northwest Airlines in Minneapolis and told him that [redacted], who was commanding the Army troops searching the area, requested that [redacted] call him and discuss with him the basis for his conclusion that there is a greater likelihood of the hijacker falling south of the AB line, rather than north of that line. b6 b7C

I furnished to him the phone number of the Woodland site and requested him to call.

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FILE (164-81) 4/5/72

SAC, SEATTLE

NORJAK

On 4/4/72 I called SA HENRY SHUTZ at the Bureau. I advised him I had talked to [redacted], who told me that the problem was when they got the authority originally it was for only 7 days, but I told him we imposed no such limitation and the letter we wrote to the Army made no mention of a time limit. b6 b7C

I advised Mr. SHUTZ that [redacted] said in view of the 7-day limit, the 6th Army at San Francisco had to go to CONARC, which is the Continental Army at Fort Monroe, Va. to get this limitation removed. b6 b7C

I suggested to Mr. SHUTZ that he have his people contact the Chief of Staff's office in the Pentagon and advise them that they should contact the CONARC people and tell them to get on the job.

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FILE (164-81) 4/5/72

SAC, SEATTLE

NORJAK

On 4/5/72 [redacted] called from Fort Lewis. He advised that all the channels had been cleared for them to return to this operation, awaiting a request from our headquarters in Washington to trigger the response. b6 b7C

He asked that we formally request someone in operations in the Army Headquarters in Washington to assist us in completing the job, with an estimated completion date of 4/21/72.

I immediately called SA HENRY SCHUTZ at the Bureau, advised him of this, and he advised that they were taking these steps already.

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4/10/72

TELETYPE NITEL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (164-2111) & SACS, MINNEAPOLIS (164-73) AND PORTLAND (164-41)

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

SUBJECT: NORJAK

TODAY 267 ARMY PERSONNEL SEARCHED FROM SEVEN THIRTY AM UNTIL FOUR TWENTY PM, WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

SEARCH COMMENCES SEVEN AM, APRIL ELEVEN NEXT.

TJM:klb
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DB Cooper-27604

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NRØØ2 SE PLAIN

5:43 PM NITEL 4/9/72 DCA

TO DIRECTOR, FBI (164-2111)

PORTLAND (164-41)

MINNEAPOLIS (164-73)

FROM SEATTLE (164-81) 1P

NORJAK

SEARCH RESUMED NINE THIRTY A.M., APRIL NINE, SEVENTYTWO, AND DISCONTINUED AT THREE THIRTY P.M. WITH TWO HUNDRED SIXTYNINE ARMY PERSONNEL. NO POSITIVE FINDINGS.

SEARCH RESUMES AT NINE A.M., APRIL TEN NEXT.

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BJM FBI WASHDC

CLR

DB Cooper-27605

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164-81-~~2634~~

NRØØ1 SE PLAIN

8:35 PM NITEL 4/8/72 DCA

TO DIRECTOR, FBI (164-2111)

PORTLAND (164-41)

MINNEAPOLIS (164-73)

FROM SEATTLE (164-81) 1P

NORJAK

SEARCH RESUMED SEVEN FIFTEEN A.M. INSTANT DATE AND DISCONTINUED AT FOUR FIFTEEN P.M. WITH TWO HUNDRED SIXTYNINE ARMY PERSONNEL.

NO POSITIVE FINDINGS. SEARCH RESUMES AT NINE A.M., ~~MARCH~~ APRIL (CORRECTED DCA) NINE, NEXT.

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BJM FBI WASHDC

CLR

DB Cooper-27606

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164-81-~~2633~~

NRØØ5 SE PLAIN

6:Ø6 PM NITEL 4/7/72 VAB

TO DIRECTOR (164-2111)

MINNEAPOLIS (164-73)

PORTLAND (164-41)

FROM SEATTLE (164-81) (P)

NORJAK

ARMY TROOPS ARRIVED IN BIVOUAC AREA, LAKE MERWIN, THIS DATE AT APPROXIMATELY TWO P.M. DUE TO CONTAMINATION OF JET FUEL SEARCH NOT COMMENCED. CAMP BEING ESTABLISHED AND SEARCH WILL COMMENCE SEVEN A.M. EIGHTH INSTANT.

END

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SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) 4/7/72

SA CHARLES E. FARRELL

NORJAK

RE: SEARCH & PUBLICITY

At 12:15 PM, on 4/6/72, [redacted] b6
[redacted], Ft. Lewis, Washington, telephone b7C
[redacted], advised that it was his intention if FBI approval is given, to make a "low keyed response" to the press to the effect that "we are resuming the search in the south."

[redacted] advised that, since the movement of b6
troops and helicopters from Ft. Lewis to the Vancouver area, b7C
would generate press inquiries" he planned to contact the press on his own iniative, possibly on 4/7/72, to advise them of the above.

[redacted] advised that the Department of the Army had b6
given its approval and felt that the previous search had b7C
been an excellent training vehicle.

[redacted] was advised that any clearance would b6
have to come from SAC MILNES who was unavailable at the time b7C
and he requested that when Mr. MILNES was available that [redacted] be contacted at the above telephone numbers.

After discussing this with Mr. MILNES I called [redacted] back and said that this was satisfactory. b6 b7C

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SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) 4/6/72

ASAC PAUL R. BIBLER

NORJAK

At 9:30 AM, [redacted] called from Ft. Lewis. He advised that they had received approval to go ahead with the search and to "clean it up" by the 21st. He advised that details should be worked out directly with [redacted]. b6 b7C

I called [redacted]. He said that they were using the same troops they had previously used and they would move the advance group this afternoon with the rest of the troops following tomorrow morning. He expected that they would be in a position to start searching at 1:00 PM tomorrow afternoon.

I specifically asked him if they had authority to go north and south of the river and he said they were going "to try to clean it up" but they had to have the troops out of there by 4/21/72.

I called ASAC [redacted] of Los Angeles, ASAC [redacted] at San Francisco and SAC JULIUS LEE MATTSON at Portland, and told them to have their Agents at the Inn of the Quay in time for your briefing at 8:00 PM tonight. b6 b7C

I called SA THOMAS J. MANNING and advised him.

I also advised SA [redacted] and alerted SA FARRELL of this office to get Agents ready to go and to take two cars. b6 b7C

I called Supervisor HENRY SHUTZ at the Bureau and told him the situation. He said he would advise [redacted] of the Administrative Division and for us to send a nitel this evening simply saying what I had told him orally. b6 b7C

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AIRTEL AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI ATTN.: ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION (MOVEMENT UNIT)

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (66-5063)

RE: NORJAK

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Re Los Angeles airtel to Bureau 3/31/72 and Seattle telcall to Los Angeles 4/3/72 instructing that four Los Angeles Agents not proceed to Seattle Division until further instructions.

SAs [redacted] will not depart Los Angeles until further instructions from the Bureau and/or Seattle.

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2 - Bureau (AM)
1 - Seattle
2 - Los Angeles (66-5063)
(1 - 64-497

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# REPORT of the FBI LABORATORY

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
## WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: Mr. Eugene A. Cotton
Sheriff of Clark County
Vancouver, Washington 98660

April 4, 1972

AIRMAIL

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This examination has been made with the understanding that the evidence is connected with an official investigation of a criminal matter and that the Laboratory report will be used for official purposes only, related to the investigation or a subsequent criminal prosecution. Authorization cannot be granted for the use of the Laboratory report in connection with a civil proceeding.

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

Re: UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE DECEASED
FOUND NEAR WOODLAND, WASHINGTON
MARCH 29, 1972

YOUR NO.
FBI FILE NO.
LAB. NO. FC-H5876 KS JM NU

Examination requested by: Addressee

Reference: Letter 3/30/72

Examination requested: Microscopic Analyses - Chemical Analyses - Fingerprint

Specimens:

Q1-Q2 Two hands

Result of examination:

No soil of value for significant comparisons was found in the fingernail scrapings from Q1 or Q2.

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No hairs or fibers were found in the fingernail scrapings from Q1 and Q2 or on specimens Q1 and Q2.

The fingernails on specimens Q1 and Q2 were examined for any materials of value for serological examination but none were located.

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You are being advised by separate report of the results of the fingerprint examination and the disposition



1-Norjak (164-2111)
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1-SAC, Seattle (164-81)

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REPORT
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of specimens Q1 and Q2. The debris from specimens Q1 and Q2 is being returned under separate cover by registered mail.

Mr. Robert A. Collier,
Sheriff of Clark County
Vancouver, Washington 98660

April 6, 1972

Sub E

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John Edgar Hoover, Director

Re: [illegible] INCIDENT
[illegible], PORTLAND, WASHINGTON
[illegible] 17, 1972

YOUR NO.
FBI FILE NO.
LAB. NO. [illegible]

Examination requested by: [illegible]

Reference: Letter 3/23/72

Examination requested: Examination of Clothing - Physical Evidence

Evidence:

Q1-Q2 Two bags

Results of examination:

No trace of value for significant comparison was found in the [illegible] bags from Q1 or Q2.

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

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1-SAC, Minneapolis
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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D. C. 20537

# REPORT

of the

# IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

YOUR FILE NO.
FBI FILE NO.
LATENT CASE NO. A-51514

April 4, 1972

AIRMAIL

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Body

TO:
Mr. Eugene A. Cotton
Sheriff of Clark County
Vancouver, Washington 98660

RE: UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE DECEASED
FOUND NEAR WOODLAND, WASHINGTON
MARCH 29, 1972

REFERENCE: Letter March 30, 1972, and teletype March 29, 1972, from FBI, Seattle Division
EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: Addressee and FBI, Seattle Division
SPECIMENS: Two hands, Q1 and Q2

Classifiable fingerprints were obtained from the specimens and were searched in our main fingerprint files, but no identification was effected.

These fingerprints are being retained in our files and will be available for comparison with any fingerprints you may submit for this purpose.

This report supplements and confirms the

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John Edgar Hoover, Director

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D. C. 20537

## REPORT

of the

## IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

Mr. Eugene A. Cotton April 4, 1972

YOUR FILE NO.

FBI FILE NO. April 4, 1972

LATI information previously furnished to you by our Seattle Division.

AIRMAIL

TO: Mr. Eugene A. Cotton
Sheriff of

The results of the laboratory examinations are the subjects of a separate report.

The specimens are being returned under separate cover.

RE: UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE DECEASED
FOUND NEAR WOODLAND, WASHINGTON
MARCH 29, 1972

REFERENCE: Letter March 30, 1972, and teletype March 29, 1972, from FBI, Seattle Division

EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: Addressee and FBI, Seattle Division

SPECIMENS: Two bands, Q1 and Q2

Classifiable fingerprints were obtained from the specimens and were searched in our main fingerprint files, but no identification was effected.

These fingerprints are being retained in our files and will be available for comparison with any fingerprints you may submit for this purpose.

This report supplements and confirms the

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Date: 4/6/72

Transmit the following in _____
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Via TELETYPE NITEL
(Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (164-2111) & SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (164-73)

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

NORJAK.

[redacted], U.S. ARMY, FT. LEWIS, WN., ADVISED TODAY AUTHORITY HAD BEEN RECEIVED FOR THE ARMY TO RESUME SEARCHING. HE SAID HIS INSTRUCTIONS WERE TO QUOTE CLEAN IT UP ENQUOTE BUT TO HAVE ALL THE TROOPS OUT OF THE AREA BY APRIL TWENTYONE NEXT. HE IS MOVING ADVANCE GUARD OF TROOPS INTO AREA TODAY, AND WILL MOVE THE REST OF THEM TOMORROW A.M. ARMY WILL USE SAME TROOPS AS UTILIZED PREVIOUSLY.

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SAN FRANCISCO, LOS ANGELES AND PORTLAND WERE TELEPHONICALLY INSTRUCTED TO HAVE THEIR AGENTS MEET WITH ME AND PERSONNEL FROM THIS OFFICE AT VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON, AT EIGHT PM, THIS DATE, FOR BRIEFING.

IT IS CONTEMPLATED THAT ALL PRELIMINARY ARRANGEMENTS WILL HAVE BEEN COMPLETED AND SEARCH WILL BE UNDER WAY NOT LATER THAN ONE PM, APRIL SEVEN NEXT.

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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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FILE (164-81) April 5, 1972

SAC J. E. MILNES

NORJAK

On April 4, 1972, SA HENRY SCHUTZ at the Bureau requested that a facsimile copy of San Francisco letter, 3/10/72, to Lieutenant General A. D. Surles, Jr., Commanding General, Sixth U. S. Army, San Francisco, be furnished to the Bureau. This was done.

I also told Mr. SCHUTZ that I understood from [redacted], Fort Lewis, that the Sixth Army had told the people at Fort Lewis to hold in abeyance and return the aerial until it had been cleared with the Continental Army at Fort Monroe, Virginia. He wanted to know what day the additional request was made and it was made of [redacted] on March 27, 1972 by me personally. b6 b7C

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ASAC PAUL R. BIBLER

NORJAK

Re: SEARCH

At 12:10 PM, I called [redacted] in San Francisco and [redacted] in Los Angeles and SAC MATTSON in Portland and told them not to dispatch Agents to Vancouver on the special until further notice. b6 b7C

At 12:30 PM, I had a call from HANK SHUTZ at the Bureau. He said that they had been unable to determine where the hold-up was in this matter; that their liaison man in talking to people at the Pentagon, was told that there was no request pending there. He wants to talk to you to see what the best way would be to find out just where the hold-up was and to get some action. He would like you to call him as soon as possible.

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FILE (164-81) 4/3/72

SAC, SEATTLE

NORJAK

On 4/3/72 I told SACS MATTSON AND GEBHART, and ASAC [redacted] in Los Angeles, to have the agents at the Inn of the Quay in Vancouver at 6:00 P.M. on 4/4/72. b6 b7C

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FILE (164-81) 4/3/72

SAC, SEATTLE

NORJAK

On 4/3/72 SAC GEBHART called from San Francisco and advised that [redacted], from the 6th Army, had called and wanted to know what was taking place. b6 b7C

I told him that the Army at Fort Lewis planned to move to commence the search on 4/4/72, at 1:00 PM, and they were now in the process of firming this up through 6th Army Headquarters.

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FILE (164-81) 4/3/72

SAC, SEATTLE

NORJAK

On 4/3/72 [redacted] from Fort Lewis called and advised that he had just received a call from 6th Army Headquarters in San Francisco. They were told to hold their movement of troops back to Merwin in abeyance until clearance had been obtained from the Continental Army in Fort Monroe, Virginia. They anticipate this some time early tomorrow. He asked that we make our contacts in Washington to insure the permission be granted. b6 b7C

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SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) 3/31/72

ASAC PAUL R. BIBLER

NORJAK

Pursuant to your instructions, I called SA HENRY SCHUTZ at the Bureau at 7:30 A.M. on 3/31/72 and told him the agents required for the search should arrive in Vancouver, Washington, at 6:00 P.M., Monday, April 3, 1972, not Sunday, as previously indicated, since the Army troops would not arrive until Tuesday morning.

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1148PM NITEL 3/31/72 JAK

TO DIRECTOR

SEATTLE

FROM SAN FRANCISCO (164-220) 1P

NORJAK.

RE SE NITEL MARCH TWENTYNINE LAST.

FOLLOWING SAN FRANCISCO AGENTS HAVE BEEN DESIGNATED TO PARTICIPATE IN SEARCHING PROJECT IN SEATTEL AREA AND WILL ARRIVE AT VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON, PROIR TO SIX P.M., APRIL THREE NEXT:

[redacted] b6 b7C

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ASAC PAUL R. BIBLER

NORJAK

ASAC [redacted] of Los Angeles, and ASAC [redacted] of San Francisco both called on this case. Each has been instructed by the Bureau to furnish 4 men. b6 b7C

I told them to have the men young and enthusiastic, volunteer-type, have them provide themselves with warm clothing, stout, warm, dry shoes, and gloves, and to be at the Quay Inn in Vancouver not later than Monday, evening, 4/3/72. I said if there was any change, we would let them know.

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SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) March 31, 1972

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NORJAK
(Unknown Female)

[redacted], Bureau Ident Division, advised at approximately 8:45PM, this date, that the Ident Dviision had completed the Unknown Female Subject's fingerprints through criminal recrods with no results. They have partially completed civil records and will advise when finished. b6 b7C

[redacted] advised that as of yet, no identification has been made. He stated that the Bureau wanted the Vancouver SO advised of this. b6 b7C

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FILE (164-81) April 3, 1972

SAC J. E. MILNES

NORJAK

For record purposes, on March 30, 1972, I called [redacted], Pacific Power and Light Company, Portland, Oregon. I told him that we' anticipated the search in the Lake Merwin area would take approximately three weeks longer and advised him if possible we would appreciate being able to continue using the camp at Lake Merwin. He advised he saw no objection to it and unless I heard from him in the contrary, it would be satisfactory to continue its use. b6 b7C

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SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) 3/30/72

SA THOMAS J. MANNING

NORJAK

HENRY SCHUTZ called from the Bureau at 9:50 A.M. today and advised that in reply to our UACB teletype, agents from neighboring offices can be released at noon today to return. These agents will not be recalled when the search is renewed. The agent personnel who will be reassigned to this search will be from San Francisco and Los Angeles, instead of Butte, Portland, etc.

I told him we had no information on when the search is going to start again. In other words, the date has not been set. There is a staff meeting at Fort Lewis this morning and it is possible they will have an answer before the Army leaves at noon. However, [redacted] had no answer at 10:00 this morning. He indicated that if they return Monday, this will probably mean they will search the southern half only but if they return on Tuesday, it will mean they will search the entire area, with a possible commitment on the troops until 4/21/72. This is conjecture on his part. b6 b7C

[redacted], of the Pacific Power and Light, Portland should be called concerning extended stay at Lake Merwin Park. b6 b7C

[redacted] cannot make any statement on splitting telephone costs and this will have to be cleared through the Communications Officer at Fort Lewis. If this clearance is obtained, we will have to go through the Portland Office to contact the General Telephone Co. in Gresham, Oregon, about the installation of the WATS line. The [redacted] will call me this weekend if he doesn't know when we leave as to the date the search will start again. b6 b7C

The girl who was found yesterday died of a single stab wound in the heart. She is in her mid-20's and by the coroner's estimate was in the cistern between one month and six weeks. The hands have been packed in formaldehyde and Portland is handling pilot courier delivery to the Bureau.

I told SCHUTZ we would advise the Bureau as soon as we got a new starting date for the search.

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BURLINGTON NORTHERN

RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT

650 Central Building
Seattle, Washington 98104
Telephone (206) 623-5560

Federal Bureau of Investigation
1015 Second Avenue
Seattle, Washington 98104

March 29, 1972

SUB - E.

Attn: Mr. J. E. Milnes

Gentlemen:

This letter will be your authority to enter upon Burlington Northern land in Sections 20, 21 and 29, Township 6 North, Range 2 East, Cowlitz County, Washington, for the period from March 29, 1972, to May 1, 1972, for the purpose of establishing temporary helispots and control centers for conducting search operations in the area.

You will cut only such timber as is necessary to clear a suitable working area.

The Government shall, at its sole expense, repair and/or restore any roads or other facilities on said described lands which are in any manner damaged or disturbed by its exercise of the rights granted by this letter.

Burlington Northern shall not be liable for damages to property or injuries to persons arising from the operations of the Government hereunder, and the Government shall indemnify and save harmless Burlington Northern from all loss, costs and expense resulting from any such damage to property or injuries to persons, including damages to property of Burlington Northern, insofar as the Government may legally do so, and subject to the availability of appropriated funds, but excluding damage to property and injuries to persons caused by negligence in the operations of Burlington Northern, its successors and assigns, or its contractors, lessees, licensees or permittees.

Very truly yours,

BURLINGTON NORTHERN INC.

By [redacted]

JMS/mb

Accepted:

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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11:45 PM NITEL 3/29/72 DCA

TO DIRECTOR, FBI

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SAN FRANCISCO

FROM SEATTLE (164-81)

NORJAK

SEARCH BY BUREAU AGENTS AND APPROXIMATELY TWO HUNDRED FOUR ARMY TROOPS CONTINUED TODAY WITHOUT DEVELOPING INFORMATION RE HIJACKER. [redacted], U.S. ARMY, ADVISED THAT DUE TO NEAR EXHAUSTION OF ARMY TROOPS, WHO HAVE ENDURED RAIN, SNOW, AND OTHER INCLIMATE WEATHER WHILE TRAVERSING TREACHEROUS, STEEP, HILLY, VINE, TREE, AND BRUSH COVERED AREAS, HE FEELS FOR TROOPS WELFARE AND SAFETY THEY SHOULD BE GIVEN REST, SO WILL TEMPORARILY DISCONTINUE SEARCH TWELVE NOON, THIRTIETH INSTANT, RETURNING SEARCHING TROOPS TO FORT LEWIS FOR REST AND EASTER HOLIDAY. ARMY EQUIPMENT WILL BE RETAINED AT MERWIN PARK WITH STANDBY CREW FOR SCHEDULE RETURN A.M.

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APRIL THIRD OR FOURTH TO CONTINUE SEARCH. BUREAU AGENTS ASSIGNED SAME TASKS HAVE SERVED ADMIRABLY BUT ARE LIKEWISE PHYSICALLY TIRED. UACB, TEN AGENTS ON SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT FROM OTHER DIVISIONS WILL RETURN TO OFFICES OF ASSIGNMENT PM OF THIRTIETH INSTANT AND SEATTLE AGENTS WILL RETURN TO HEADQUARTER CITY EXCEPT FOR STANDBY CREW AT MERWIN PARK. SEARCH WILL BE RESUMED APRIL THIRD AND AGENTS FROM NEARBY OFFICES WILL RETURN TO ASSIST.

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SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) 3/29/72

SA J. ROBERT SUTTHOFF

NORJAK

At approximately 2:30 PM our time I talked to SA HENRY SCHUTZ from the Bureau.

SCHUTZ requested that I be sure to get word to you that he expects to hear from you tonight to talk over the search situation.

He also advised it will be necessary to get a "good" teletype off to the Bureau tonight relative to the discontinuance of the search for the time being. This teletype should generally point out that the Army has withdrawn its troops, that the search has been arduous and physically exhausting and that the troops are being withdrawn primarily to give them some rest; also in view of the approaching holiday weekend. It should point out that agents have been with the troops throughout the search and that the agents involved also have undergone an arduous and tiring experience and can use rest too. It should point out that UACB agents from the nearby offices at least will be released to return to their offices, and that either the same agents or replacements for them will rejoin the search with the Army troops at whatever time this resumption of the search is established.

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11:42 PM NITEL 3/29/72 DCA

TO DIRECTOR, FBI

PORTLAND

MINNEAPOLIS

FROM SEATTLE (164-81) 2P

NORJAK

PM THIS DATE, [redacted], CLARK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON, ADVISED THAT [redacted], WASHINGTON, AND [redacted], WASHINGTON, HAD REPORTED THE FINDING OF WHAT APPEARED TO BE A BODY AT THE BOTTOM OF A SILO IN AN ABANDONED GRIST MILL ON CEDAR CREEK NEAR HIGHLAND, WASHINGTON, WHICH IS IN SEARCH AREA. IMMEDIATE INVESTIGATION BY BUREAU AGENTS, CLARK COUNTY DEPUTIES, AND ARMY PERSONNEL DEVELOPED THE BODY WAS AN UNIDENTIFIED WHITE FEMALE. BODY APPEARED TO BE WELL-PRESERVED, CLOTHED IN GRAY SWEAT SHIRT, BLUE DENHEM TROUSERS, AND BLACK TENNIS SHOES. BUREAU AND ARMY PARTICIPATION ON ANY FURTHER INQUIRIES IMMEDIATELY DISCONTINUED. FACILITIES OF IDENTIFICATION DIVISION AND LAB

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IMMEDIATELY OFFERED TO SHERIFF EUGENE COTTON (FBINA) WHO IS CONTINUING INVESTIGATION. FINGERPRINTS OF DECEASED BEING FORWARDED IMMEDIATELY FOR IDENTIFICATION DIVISION AND BUREAU REQUESTED TO TELEPHONICALLY ADVISE SEATTLE OF RESULTS OF IDENTIFICATION CHECK.

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WDC HOLD (RDR)

NRØØ7 SE PLAIN

7:12 PM URGENT 3/29/72 DCA

TO DIRECTOR, FBI (164-2111)

FROM SEATTLE (164-81) 1P

NORJAK

RESETEL CALL TO BU INSTANT DATE.

AT THREE FIFTYFOUR PM, MARCH TWENTYNINE INSTANT, [redacted] b6 b7C [redacted], CLARK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON, CONTACTED [redacted] WASHINGTON AND [redacted], WASH., AFTER [redacted] PHONE CALL TO THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE REPORTING THE FINDING OF A BODY AT THE GRIST MILL LOCATED AT GRIST MILL ROAD AND SPURREL ROAD, HIGHLAND, WASH., (MILITARY COORDINATES ES THREE TWO FOUR - EIGHT SEVEN THREE) WHILE THEY WERE COLLECTING BOTTLES. INVESTIGATION DISCLOSED A HAND AND PART OF A TORSO OF A BODY UNDER DEBRIS AT THE BOTTOM OF A SILO WHICH WAS USED TO STORE WATER AT THE GRIST MILL. THE BODY WAS NOT IN THE SILO ACCIDENTALLY, BUT APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN PUT THERE.

CLARK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, U.S. ARMY AND BUREAU PRESENTLY AT THE SCENE CONDUCTING ACTIVE INVESTIGATION TO EXHUME BODY AND IDENTIFY.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (164-2111) 3/29/72
ATTN: MECHANICAL SECTION

SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)(P)

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NORJAK

Seattle is sending by separate cover seven 100-foot rolls of Ektachrome 16 mm motion-picture film.

The movies were taken with a Bolex model H16 camera during the March 20-28, 1972 search operation at Woodland, Washington.

The Bureau is requested to process the film reels individually and not to splice the film onto one reel.

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TO DIRECTOR (164-2111)

MINNEAPOLIS

PORTLAND (164-41)

FROM SEATTLE (164-81) 1P

NORJAK.

TERRAIN SEARCH BY TWO HUNDRED TWO ARMY TROOPS CONTINUED TODAY, NO DEVELOPMENTS. [redacted] HAS NOT RECEIVED WORD RE ARMY'S DECISION REFERRED TO IN SEATTLE TEL TWENTY-SEVENTH INST. RE EXTENT OF SEARCH TO BE CONDUCTED AFTER THIRTIETH INST. THIS MATTER BEING FOLLOWED CLOSELY BY ME WITH [redacted]. BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED.

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END

REC 3 FBI WA RDR

DB Cooper-27635

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SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) 3/27/72

ASAC PAUL R. BIBLER

NORJAK

[redacted] called from the Bureau. He requested that more detail be put in the daily summary with regard to the search. He would like to know how many troops are still participating; how much area has been searched and just what progress is being made in each teletype.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164-BR) (P) DATE: 3/27/72

FROM : SA THOMAS J. MANNING

Sub E
New Sub DD - COMPLAINTS
~~RESULTING~~ FROM SEARCH

SUBJECT: NORJAK

On 3/27/72 [redacted], Washington [redacted], alleged that helicopters sometime last week deliberately flew over property which he is [redacted] and deliberately [redacted]. b6 b7C

[redacted] complaint was the deliberate, according to him, buzzing of the area in which [redacted]. He was advised there was no deliberate buzzing at which time he stated he had no objection to a search of his property but did resent deliberate "funning" and buzzing [redacted]. b6 b7C

He furnished his phone number as [redacted] and advised that he would be home on night of March 37, 1972 between 7 and 9 PM. He was advised when details were developed he would be advised by phone. b6 b7C

[redacted] has a home address [redacted], Vancouver, Washington. b6 b7C

Called 3/27/72

Sub. E

I called [redacted] on 3/27/72. I advised him that I was aware of the incident he described and there was absolutly no deliberate buzzing of [redacted] by the helicopters and there was no "funning". I told him I was in one of the helicopters myself, saw the whole thing take place and when it became apparent that [redacted] were disturbed by the presence of the helicopters, the Army Commanders moved the troops down the road a substantial distance, [redacted] and b6 b7C

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and then made the pickup of the troops by the helicopters at a distant point.

He said that [redacted]. I told him I questioned whether they had run off that much or how he could even tell if they did. b6 b7C

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TELETYPE NITEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (164-2111)
SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (164-73)
SAC, PORTLAND (164-41)

FROM: SAC, SEATTLE (164=81)

NORJAK ~~WEEKLY SUMMARY~~

THE TERRAIN SEARCH COMMENCED SEVEN TWENTY A.M. WITH APPROXIMATELY TWO HUNDRED EIGHTEEN GROUND TROOPS. NO DEVELOPMENTS.

AT COB TODAY APPROXIMATELY THIRTY PERCENT OF ENTIRE AREA, CONSISTING PRINCIPALLY OF SECOND GROWTH TIMBER AND BRUSH COMPLETED.

[redacted], ADVISED HE b6 b7C
INTENDS TO TERMINATE SEARCH WITH GROUND TROOPS AT NOON THIRTIETH INST., RETURNING TROOPS TO FORT LEWIS, LEAVING TOKEN FORCE IN CAMP TO PRESERVE OPERATION INTACT. HE WILL RETURN TO CAMP TO COMMENCE SEARCH A.M. OF APRIL FOUR NEXT. HE EXPECTS THAT IN APPROXIMATELY TWO DAYS AFTER APRIL FOUR ENTIRE AREA SOUTH OF LEWIS RIVER IN SEARCH AREA WILL BE COMPLETED.

TO COMPLETE ENTIRE SEARCH AREA, INCLUDING THAT NORTH OF LEWIS RIVER, WHICH IS EXTREMELY MOUNTAINOUS AND RUGGED WILL TAKE AN ESTIMATE OF A MINIMUM OF TWO WEEKS WITH A MAXIMUM OF THREE WEEKS, AFTER RETURN ON APRIL FOUR. AREA INVOLVED COMPRISES APPROIXMATELY TWENTYFIVE PERCENT OF ENTIRE SEARCH AREA.

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DB Cooper-27639

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164-81-~~2542~~

I HAVE ADVISED [redacted] THAT SEARCH AREA OUTLINED IN MAP ON PAGE TWN HUNDRED SEVENTYFOUR OF REPORT OF SA CHARLES E. FARRELL, SEATTLE, DATED FEBRUARY SIXTEEN LAST, IS AREA THAT BUREAU FEELS MUST BE SEARCHED AND IN MAKING REQUEST OF ARMY INTENDED THAT ENTIRE AREA BE TRAVERSED IN SEARCH. b6 b7C

I REQUESTED [redacted] TO PROVIDE ARMY ASSISTANCE UNTIL SEARCH IS COMPLETE. [redacted] REFERRING REQUEST TO HIS SUPERIORS FOR DIRECTION. b6 b7C

MATTER WILL BE FOLLOWED AND BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED.

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Date: 3/28/72

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Via TELETYPE NITEL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (164-2111)
SAC, PORTLAND (164-41)
SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (164-73)

FROM: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

NORJAK

TERRAIN SEARCH WITH U. S. ARMY TROOPS COMMENCED TWELVE NOON INSTANT DATE. NEGATIVE RESULTS RE SUBJECT OR FINDINGS. SEARCH COMMENCES SEVEN THIRTY A.M., MARCH TWENTYSEVEN NEXT.

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TO DIRECTOR

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FROM SEATTLE (164-81)

NORJACK

DUE TO SNOW FALL IN SEARCH AREA, SEARCH BEING TEMPORAILY HELD UP. ARMY TROOPS REMAINING ON LOCATION.

WEATHER FORECAST PREDICTS RAIN, WHICH WILL ELIMINATE SNOW. SEARCH WILL BE RESUMED, POSSIBLY SUNDAY PM OR MONDAY AM.

BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED.

END

TIME 10:53 AM

DB Cooper-27642

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TELETYPE NITEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (164-2111)
SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (164-73)
SAC, PORTLAND (164-41)

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

NORJAK. WEEKLY SUMMARY

TERRAIN SEARCH WITH U. S. ARMY TROOPS AND AGENTS CONTINUED TODAY. NO DEVELOPMENTS.

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8:13 PM NITEL 3/23/72 DCA

TO DIRECTOR, FBI (164-2111)

PORTLAND (164-41)

MINNEAPOLIS (164-73)

FROM SEATTLE (164-81) 1P

NORJAK

TERRAIN SEARCH WITH ARMY TROOPS AND FBI AGENTS CONTINUED TODAY. NO DEVELOPMENTS.

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KAC FBI WASH DC ACK FOR TWO TELS

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# *Memorandum*

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

DATE: 3/17/72

FROM : ASAC PAUL R. BIBLER

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SUBJECT: NORJAK

Assistant Director BATES called from Division6. He said that they had a call from the Public Affairs Officer of the Army.

The Army is sending out to their Public Affairs officers in the field certain questions and answers which they anticipate using in connection with publicity in regard to the search.

Question 1: Is the Army assisting the FBI in its search for a sky jacker? Answer: Yes. At the request of the FBI approximately 200 U. S. Army troops from Ft.Lewis are assisting in the search for a sky jacker, believed to have parachuted in the vicinity of Portland, Oregon, on the 24th of November 1971. There is a possibility this sky jacker could have died in his jump. (The Bureau suggested to the Army that they change Portland to LaCenter, Washington)

Question No. 2 relates purely to the justification for the U. S. Army, which is supposed to be defending this country, being used in a situation like this and in answer to it the Army said they feel it is justified since it came at the request of a responsible government agency and is related to their training program.

BATES did not give me this verbatim since we would not be concerned with it.

Question No. 3 is another Army question which raises is such support legal and the Army answer is Yes.

BATES suggests that we make no comment other than to say, Yes, the Army is assisting us in the search and we have no further comment.

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SA THOMAS J. MANNING

NORJAK

A conference was held with the below listed Pacific Power and Light personnel at their corporate headquarters, 920 SW 6th. Street, Portland, Oregon on 3/13/72:

[redacted] b6 b7C

LEONDAR E. FRANK (former SA) Security Consultants Vice President

After discussion [redacted] advised that Lake Merwin Park at Ariel Dam could be used as a command post and bivouac area for Army personnel in the planned ground search. The company will power all cooking units and will further supply power to the octagonal shaped guard house which is to be used for briefing purposes. Further rest rooms will be opened for use and hot showers will be available. b6 b7C

While an extension phone is available at the guard house it was requested that if a phone is necessary that a separate installation be made to free the Ariel Dam switchboard of excess traffic.

Further it was requested that some type of pass be provided for authorized PP & L personnel at the dam site and from other locations having business at the site to allow free access through gate to Merwin park.

Also it was requested that a liaison officer from thesearch party handle any contacts with the public or press since PP & L personnel do not desire to become involved in answering inquiries and providing information.

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The PP & L group also requested that a letter be directed to [redacted] enclosed in an inner envelope marked Official and Personal setting forth a statement insuring PP & L that no personal liability will attach to PP & L for injuries incurred by Army personnel and Agent personnel. [redacted] assured complete cooperation by PP & L in the search matter and requested that any unusual requests be cleared through him personally. All PP & L personnel were advised that SAC, Seattle would send letter outlining items requested within the next two days. b6 b7C

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GENERAL INFORMATION

TELEPHONE - company providing service at Ariel Dam is General Telephone of the Northwest, Inc., 265 N. E. 2nd., Gresham, Oregon. Installation of phone at command post at Lake Merwin Park will be $20 for installation and minimum charge of $11.00 per month. TO EXPEDITE HANDLING OF REQUEST FOR INSTALLATION the request would have to be handled through thePortland Division with the installation to be made in the guard house at the Park.

done

Person to be contacted at the phone company is [redacted]. b6 b7C

ACCOMODATIONS - [redacted], Holiday Inn, Kelso, Washington advised for 8 rooms (double with two beds) for 10 to 14 days the rate will be $16.50 per room plus tax. [redacted] requested that as much advance notice as possible be given to the motel for reserving rooms. Laundromat within three blocks open 24 hours. Number of restaurants (one all night) nearby for quick breakfasts & supper. b6 b7C

CORONER - Clark County - [redacted], Vancouver. b6 b7C

[redacted]

Cowlitz County - [redacted], Washington

[redacted] - Longview PD

Cowlitz County coroner and deputy have been advised of possibility for their services on short notice.

Clark County will be advised on 3/14/72

SUGGESTIONS FROM SEARCH AND RESCUE DOG PERSONNEL FOR EQUIPMENT AND SEARCH TECHNIQUES -

Every searcher to have leather gloves and waterproof shoes

Use toilet paper for marking extremities of each grid and use skirmish line with no more than 5' foot intervals between searchers in heavily wooded areas. Then at extremity of search grid entire line can be swung around using one grid extremity marked by paper as guide for next grid. Paper will disintegrate after short time in elements.

Terrain is very difficult with windfall and alders in profusion in area near point A. Very slow movement of the line is advised with all personnel instructed to look up as they search as well as on ground.

Sub. E

Recommend no more than six hours of search per day. 10 minute breaks every hour and no more than 30 minute break for lunch with field rations.

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Recommend supplying each searcher with candy bars on daily basis to give quick pickup and replenish calorie use which is approximately 600 calories per hour in heavy wooded area. It is recommended that FBI supply these items which can be secured wholesale through contact at Longview.

Recommend straight line at all times with the entire line to stop if a suspect area needs intensive search.

Recommend an agent at the extremity of the lines on each side to control speed and line movement. One agent every 10 men for control purposes with no more than 5 foot intervals in heavy wooded area.

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Recommend one man on the line have a compass to shoot bearings to keep grid intact.
Recommend several agents behind the skirmish line to insure that line maintains itself straight with no straggling.
It was pointed out that there is heavy concentration of coyotes which gives distinct possibility that if hijacker did hit the ground his body could be completely stripped of flesh and clothing.
In event a man with a dog is required charge is $175 per day if to be used exclusively on the search.
Suggest if Army is approved that a basic training company in last stages of training be employed due to good physical condition.
Suggest skirmish line have smoke grenades in event one of searchers is injured and evacuation is necessary by helicopter. Will guide evacuation helicopter to scene with no delay.
On steep places encountered these could be skirted and searched with field glasses since in most steep places there is little growth of foliage and trees.

GENERAL INFORMATION RE PROPOSED COMMAND POST & BIVOUAC AREA

From Lake Merwin Park to Point A through Woodland is 20 miles on good roads.

In event it is necessary to cross Lewis River above Lake Merwin a county road crosses at Amboy.

In emergency the road acorss Yale Dam could be used according to PP & L Company personnel but this is discouraged.

Lake Merwin Park has a double sized vehicle gate which is the only means of entering the Park and Ariel Dam location. This gate could be kept closed with sentry posted to keep out curious and newspaper and other news media.

A comfort station with hot showers is available and will be made available by PP & L and is located directly above the picnic table area.

Two large cooking shelters - eachwith 12 hot plates and sink with running water. Will be made available for use by PP & L.

A small store which can supply immediate needs for small items of military personnel is located immediately outside the entrance gate to Ariel Dam site.

Large octagonal shaped guard house about 100 yards from gate can be used as command post. Has light, heat and phone can be installed with all maps necessary for search use mounted over windows.

Sufficient gravel roads and black topped area for vehicles to eliminate parking on grass areas and disturbing recreational facilities.

Garbage dump nearby for debris removal.

GENERAL ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR USE

50 WATT RADIO at Command Post for communication with Bureau cars on roads in search area.

At least 5 walkie talkies on Bureau channel to be used in conjunction with military radios.

One bull horn for briefing purposes.

Rain gear for all agent personnel involved in search

It is suggested that in view of Army troops being used that if occasion presents itself a suggestion should be made that a military helicopter should be standing by at search area to assist in fly over to determine that skirmish line is kept straight and within the specified grid area and to immediately check out suspicious items which cannot be reached from ground.

Weyerhaeuser Company, Longview has advised a helicopter will be available on short notice. Clark County SO has one helciopter pilot on department with almost immediate access to helicopter.

Vancouver PD officer also helciopter pilot with helicopter available on short notice.

SAC at Army briefing at 10:00 AM done

SUB - E.

Information on JP-4 supply location done

Explore charges for agents eating breakfast at Lake Merwin - charges done and also any charge for C ration for noon meal for agents in field with troops.

Mosaic will not be ready until 9:00 AM, 3/20/72 and will not be available for Army briefing but will be at command post on 3/21/72 set up for inspection and coordinating of search. done

Copies of blown up map to be given to unit commanders. done

Advise Army personnel of following:
agent at gate will handle security of Lake Merwin park yes - done
DO WE NEED 24 hour gate guard?

White tape will be placed on electrical wires per request of helicopter pilot. done per army

Army personnel will have no contact with civilians - ann inquires of army personnel will be referred to Squadron Commander, [redacted] who will refer to agent without identifying the agent as FBI personnel. OK b6 b7C

Permission for fires in field being secured from Dept. of Natural Resources.

SA [redacted] will work with [redacted] as operations officer. b6 b7C

We understand that the operation is an Army adventure training mission to familiarize Army personnel with training in ground reconnaisance.

All buildings, inhabited or not, army will completely skirt and only agent personnel will search buildings. No army personnel will search any buildings. OK

Telephone being installed today done

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Making use of house as command post rather than guard shack done

Army starts from Ft. Lewis 0800 3/21/72 and expect in field with some searching completed in afternoon

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EXPLORE POSSIBILITY OF SOME AGENTS REMAINING WITH TROOPS IN EVENT NECESSARY TO MAKE CONTACT WITH FBI AND POSSIBILITY TROOPS MAY FIND SOME EVIDENCE.

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Search will be made with 3 priorities - Cone area #1 main body of troops
South of cone #2 and north of Lewis River #3
Air Rifle platoon will be inserted in vicinity of point A for specific area searches and wherever else needed - insertion by helicopter.
5 to 10 foot intervals between men absolute maximum.
keep skirmish search line straight & all stop when one finds something

In event body is found agents will immediately take over the area and cordon of Army troops will be set up - procedure will be to immediately air lift coroner of the county to site to pronounce dead and id body and then evidence will be gathered and body removed to county morgue. Point out that positive ID of hijacker will be made before Army is released.

In event after four or five days it is felt by FBI that further time other than allotted seven days for Army troop use is necessary this request is to be immediately communicated to [redacted] who will then secure permission from 6th. Army.

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# Memorandum

To : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) (P) Date 12/5/88

From : SA [redacted] b6 b7C

Subject : NORJAK
OO: SEATTLE

On December 1, 1988, the Vancouver office of the FBI was telephonically contacted by [redacted] of Camas, Washington who has a home phone of [redacted] stated that on the night of the hijacking he had been listening to his television and had followed their account of the incident as it unfolded. He stated that shortly after the takeoff from Seattle Airport he went outside his residence and watched for low flying aircraft. He stated that sometime after the takeoff he heard a aircraft flying very low over his residence and then cross the Columbia River and continue heading in a southerly direction. [redacted] went on to explain that the aircraft flying south from the Seattle Airport routinely flew directly over his property in the Camas/Washougal area of Washington. He feels that because of the flight path of the airplane it may be possible that Mr. D.B. COOPER had parachuted from the aircraft and landed in the Columbia River adjacent to his residence. He felt that this would explain the money being discovered sometime later down river. [redacted] concern was that the search for subject's body in the Columbia River has been taking place too far west, he feels that it should be conducted in an area which would be in direct line, if you were to draw a line on the map from Renton, Washington through Ariel, Washington down to [redacted] a location in Camas, Washington. [redacted] described the area as [redacted], which is located [redacted] explained that [redacted] is approximately [redacted] of the Columbia River, near the area known as [redacted]. b6 b7C

[redacted] stated that he has provided this information to the FBI and other local law enforcement agencies in the past but has not seen any action being initiated in response to his information.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) (P) DATE: 6/16/76

FROM : SA [redacted] b6 b7C

SUBJECT: NORJAK
OO: SEATTLE
BUFILE 164-2111

Re memo of SA [redacted] dated 5/14/76. b6 b7C

On June 9, 1976, [redacted], Bellingham Harold, Box 1277, Bellingham, Washington, 98225, telephone (206) 734-3900, after consulting with the newspaper's publisher, [redacted], advised this newspaper will participate in a publicity venture as set forth in referenced memo. He advised he would print the article and ransom bills serial numbers on a one time basis in a Sunday edition, which has the largest distribution. b6 b7C

[redacted] advised the paper along with many others utilized an electronic scanner system which can set the type automatically and in order to do this the text must be typed with a Selectric typewriter with a Courier 12 ball. He advised the letter could be double spaced, but this is not necessary for the scanner. b6 b7C

A newspaper, which is familiar to the writer, and which is not a major newspaper, but is certainly one which should be contacted regarding the publicity venture is the Western Flyer. It is published by [redacted], Tacoma, Washington, [redacted], telephone [redacted], Tacoma, Washington. Leads to contact this publication being left to the discretion of case Agent as may have already been contacted. b6 b7C

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TO ACTING DIRECTOR (164-2111)

FROM SEATTLE (164-81(P) 1P

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NORJAK. OO: SEATTLE.

RE SEATTLE AIRTEL TO THE BUREAU 3/2/73.

A ONE MILE AREA SURROUNDING THE POINT WHERE IT IS CALCULATED UNSUB WOULD HAVE LANDED IF HIS PARACHUTE DID NOT OPEN, WAS THOROUGHLY AND COMPLETELY SEARCHED DURING THE WEEK OF 3/12-16/73 WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

THE SEARCH WILL RESUME DURING THE WEEK OF MARCH 26, 1973, AND WILL CONSTITUTE A ONE-MILE SQUARE TO THE NORTH AND SOUTH OF THE FIRST MILE. ANY FURTHER SEARCH WILL BE CONTINGENT UPON THE RESULTS OF CURRENT SEARCH.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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ReSEairtel to Alexandria, 2/15/73.

Transmitted under separate cover for Seattle are the following fourteen items:

1) One copy of Seattle Sectional Aeronautical Chart on scale 1:500,000.

2) One copy of U. S. Department of Interior Geological Survey Index of Topographic Maps of Washington.

3) Two copies each of fifteen-minute quadrangle maps (scale 1:62,500 or one inch equals approximately one mile) of the Pigeon Springs, La Center, Yacolt, and Cougar areas of Washington.

4) Two copies each of maps (scale of 1:250,000) of the Vancouver and Hoquiam area of Washington.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on 2/27/73. b6 b7C

[redacted]

Aeronautical Information Division (FDAS-AI), U. S. Army Aeronautical Services Office, Building #2, Cameron Station,

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# *Memorandum*

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) (P) DATE: 3/9/73

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FROM : SA THOMAS J. MANNING

SUBJECT: NORJAK

Re search of new area at drop zone a conference was held 3/9/73 with agents to be involved in search.

Decision was made to commence search as early as practicable on 3/12/73 with prime drop zone at new Point A to be first area searched. Case agent has requested that shovels (entrenching tools) and machetes be secured to assist in search. SAs [redacted] will take SE 99 to Vancouver, Washington and will pick up below listed equipment at whatever location it can be secured: b6 b7C

8 entrenching tools
11 ponchos
11 pair of rain pants (suspender type)
10 machetesor some type of brush cutting device

Headquarters for search will be SE 99 (mobile) and Quay Motel (fixed). Search in initial phase to commence 3/12/73 and end 3/16/73 at 4:00 PM. Agents from Seattle Hq will return to Seattle afternoon of 3/16/73.

SA [redacted] has telephonically advised that he has secured waiver of search forms from all individuals in prime 1 square mile area and for distance of ½ mile north and south of prime area. b6 b7C

SA [redacted] will bring photographic equipment, evidence kit and other material which will be necessary in event remains or evidence are located. 4 portable radios will be secured from [redacted] with charger and will be transported by agents in SE 99. b6 b7C

SA [redacted] will drive SE 90 with SAs [redacted]. SA [redacted] will have vehicle (number unknown) which he will drive accompanied by SA [redacted].

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Agents from Seattle Division will leave at 7:30 AM, 3/12/73 and will meet with writer at Quay Motel, Vancouver for briefing and it is anticipated thatsearch will commence afternoon of 3/12/73 b6 b7C

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(2) TJM/

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Date: 3/7/73

Transmit the following in _____
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Via TELETYPE NITEL
(Priority)

TO : SACS, HONOLULU (164-85), PORTLAND (164-41) & SAN FRANCISCO (164-220)

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

Sub E
Sub F

NORJAK.

FOR INFORMATION OF RECEIVING OFFICES, SEATTLE DIVISION WILL CONDUCT EXTENSIVE GROUND SEARCH IN WOODED AREA NEAR LA CENTER, WASHINGTON, BEGINNING 3/12/73, TO LOOK FOR REMAINS OF UNSUB, AKA D.B. COOPER.

ALL RECEIVING OFFICES CONTACT PERSONS LISTED BELOW AND HAVE AN FD-26 EXECUTED.

[redacted], b6 b7C

PORTLAND, OREGON, [redacted].

[redacted], KANEOHE,

HAWAII, [redacted].

[redacted], SAN JOSE,

CALIFORNIA, [redacted].

ARMED & DANGEROUS.

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164-81-4493

HN-7:15 (MBT)
PD-8:33 (AJW)
SF-10:05 (CRH)

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per OA
Special Agent in Charge

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FBI

Date: 2/15/73

Transmit the following in _____
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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)

TO: SAC, ALEXANDRIA (164-72)

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

SUBJECT: NORJAK
OO: SEATTLE

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Sub G
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Sub Z

An attempt is being made to obtain larger scale maps of the area it is thought UNSUB parachuted into. This area is in the southeast portion of the State of Washington and is located approximately halfway between Woodland, Washington, and Lake Merwin.

On February 13, 1973, [redacted] b6 b7C
Mc Chord Air Force Base, made available an address for the U. S. Army Aeronautical Service. [redacted] advised maps could be obtained from this office of the area desired.

The full address is United States Army Aeronautical Service Office, HQDA (FDAS-A1), Cameron Station, Alexandria, Virginia, 22314, telephone Area Code 202/274-7773, Autovon phone 284-7773.

LEADS

ALEXANDRIA DIVISION
At Alexandria, Virginia

Will contact appropriate personnel of the U. S. Army Aeronautical Service Office and attempt to obtain blown up maps of the area located between Woodland, Washington, and Lake Merwin. Note: This area is described in the United States Department of Interior Geological Survey under the following four names: Pidegon Springs, Cougar La Center, and Yacolt.

2 - Alexandria
3 - Seattle
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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 2/8/73

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Via AIRTEL _____
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TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

FROM: SAC, ALEXANDRIA (164-72) (P)

NORJAK
(OO:SE)

Re WFO letter to Alexandria, 11/20/72; and Seattle airtel to Alexandria, 2/5/73.

Continuous investigation has been conducted at the Pentagon, Arlington, Virginia, during the months of December, 1972, and January, 1973, in an attempt to determine who would have authority to re-route military training missions in visual aerial phtography flown within the continental United States. To date no one has been located who could positively state that this could be done, however, [redacted] was contacted and he advised that he had made inquiry into this matter and stated that in the event Seattle wished to have military assistance in this matter than Seattle should request the Director to submit a letter of request to the Special Assistant to the Secretary of Defense, Office of the Secretary of Defense, Pentagon, Washington, D. C. 20301. In this letter the full particulars of the matter should be set forth as well as whether or not the Bureau or Department of Justice is willing to observe the additional cost if any to the Air Force. [redacted] advised that he

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164-81-4726

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2-Seattle
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Special Agent in Charge

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2/5/73

AIRTEL AIRMAIL

Sub E
Sub F

TO: SAC, ALEXANDRIA (164-72)

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

SUBJECT: NORJAK
OO: SEATTLE

Re WFO letter to Alexandria dated 11/20/72.

Alexandria is requested to expedite investigation requested in referenced communication and report results to Seattle Division.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

2 - Alexandria
3 - Seattle
RNN:bgw
(5)

DB Cooper-27662

Sub F
164-81-~~4401~~

NR009 AX PLAIN

7:45 PM NITEL 2-1-73 HWW

TO SEATTLE (164-81)

FROM ALEXANDRIA (164-72) P

Sub F
Sub E

NORJAK, OO : SEATTLE

RE SEATTLE AIRTEL TO ALEXANDRIA, 1-28-73.

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NATIONAL MILITARY COMMAND CENTER, PENTAGON CONTACTED 1-29-73, BY SA [redacted] REGARDING RELEASE TO BUREAU OF RADAR DATA AND CALCULATIONS IN POSSESSION OF [redacted], MC CHORD AIR FORCE BASE, WASHINGTON. MATTER REFERRED TO JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF (JCS) PERSONNEL. b6 b7C

ON 1-30-73, [redacted] OFFICE CONTACTED BY [redacted] [redacted], U.S. AIR FORCE, JCS STAFF, AND DETERMINED [redacted] AUTHORITY NOT TO RELEASE INSTANT DATA BASED ON AIR FORCE ALL MAJOR COMMAND MESSAGE DATED JULY 1972. [redacted], U.S. ARMY, JCS, ADVISED TELEPHONICALLY CONFERENCE HELD 1-31-73, BETWEEN HIMSELF, [redacted], AIR FORCE STAFF, JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERALS OFFICE, WASHINGTON, D.C., AND OTHER PERTINENT AIR FORCE OFFICERS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY REGARDING INSTANT MATTER. RESULTS ARE BUREAU WILL BE FURNISHED THE DESIRED INFORMATION. b6 b7C

SEATTLE CONTACT [redacted] FOR FURTHER DETAILS REGARDING RELEASE OF INSTANT RADAR DATA AND CALCULATIONS. b6 b7C

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# *Memorandum*

TO : SAC, ALEXANDRIA

DATE: 11/20/72

Sub E
Sub F
Sub X

FROM : SAC, WFO

SUBJECT: NORJAK
(OO:SE)

REFERENCE: Seattle airtel to Bureau, 11/15/72.

WFO copies of referenced communication are forwarded as lead is within investigative jurisdiction of addressee office.

( ) BALTIMORE (Enc.)
( 1 ) ALEXANDRIA (Enc.) 2
( ) ST. LOUIS (Enc.)
( ) INDIANAPOLIS (Enc.)
( ) SAN ANTONIO (Enc.)
( ) DENVER (Enc.)
( ) KANSAS CITY (Enc.)
( ) CLEVELAND (Enc.)
( 1 ) SEATTLE (OO) (INFO)
( 1 ) WFO (INFO)

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Date: 11/15/72

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority)

TO: ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI (164-2111)

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

SUBJECT: NORJAK
OO: Seattle

Re Seattle airtel to Bureau, 11/1/72, Norfolk airtel to Bureau, 11/9/72.

Enclosed for WFO is one-copy each of re communications.

WFO is to contact the National Military Command Center, Washington, D.C., and request a training mission in visual aerial photography be flown along the 87 miles of the NORJAK aircraft flight path that is under consideration.

The exact coordinates of the area to be covered will be provided by Seattle Division, if the training mission is approved.

This lead is being set out on a UACB basis.

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2 - Bureau
2 - WFO (Encl. 2) (164-169)
2 - Seattle
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SA [redacted] b6 b7C

Sub F
Sub E

NORJAK
OO: SEATTLE

RE SUB F COURSE AND SUB E SEARCH AREA

On October 30, 1972, [redacted], Northwest Orient Airlines, Seattle, Washington, telephone [redacted], advised that [redacted], Northwest Orient Airlines, would call SA [redacted] concerning his calculations of the flight path of Northwest Orient Airlines Flight 305, Portland to Seattle, November 24, 1971. [redacted] further advised that [redacted] McChord Air Force Base, also calculated the area into which Unsub parachuted and would have in his possession radar data concerning the above-mentioned flight. b6 b7C

LEADS

SEATTLE

AT McCHORD AIR FORCE BASE, WASHINGTON

Will contact [redacted] and review with him his calculations of the flight path and course of the Norjak airplane in order to determine if there is a possibility of an error in the computation of the search area. b6 b7C

AT SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

Will arrange to obtain from [redacted] a copy of his calculations of the course, flight path, and jump area for Unsub, aka Cooper. b6 b7C

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

RNN:jgm
(3)

Sub F
164-81-4095

DB Cooper-27666

11/1/72

AIRTEL AIRMAIL

TO: ACTING, DIRECTOR, FBI (164-2111) AND
SAC, NORFOLK (164-41)

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

SUBJECT: NORJAK
(OO:SE)

Sub E Sub X
Sub F
Sub G

The following background information is being provided to the Norfolk Division: Unsub had with him prior to the time he jumped the following:

A. Parachute Back Pack
B. Parachute Chest Pack
C. Briefcase or attache case
D. Dark overcoat
E. A 4x12x14 paper bag
F. A pair of dark slip-on shoes.
G. Wrap around sunglasses with dark rims.
H. 10,000 $20 bills.

Since none of the above was found when the plane was searched at Reno, Unsub must have taken them with him, or discarded some of them prior to jumping.

The above-described attache case supposedly contained a bomb. It is believed Unsub threw this attache case from the plane prior to his jumping, because of the numerous other items he had to carry. If he did throw it prior to jumping, it would fall almost directly in the path of the aircraft. The 727 air stairs were lowered sometime after 7:42 p.m. and Unsub jumped prior to 8:15 p.m. on November 24, 1971. The plane covered a distance of approximately 87 miles during this time.

2-Bureau
2-Norfolk
2-Seattle
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DB Cooper-27667

Sub F

164-81-4053

[redacted] b6
Fort Lewis, Washington, advised on August 22, 1972, that b7C
[redacted], Langley Air Force Base, Virginia, telephone [redacted], would be able to provide expert information concerning the feasibility of using high resolution infrared or regular photographic equipment in a low flying aircraft to locate the attache case or any other of the above-described items Unsub may have discarded prior to jumping.

The items could possibly be lodged in thickly wooded, mountainous terrain. The search area would cover a strip of land approximately 87 miles long by one-half mile wide. It has been suggested that infrared photography might possibly indicate non-living material, such as an attache case, in a darker shade than living material, thereby enabling the case to be found using infrared high resolution photography.

Since Unsub possibly discarded the attache case prior to jumping, he could not have buried or hidden it. The case would have dropped directly in the flight path of the plane and could possibly be visible from the air. The length of time Unsub would have to throw the case or any other item is limited to 33 minutes, and therefore the area covered is relatively small when compared to the entire flight path.

Since NORJAK is the only aircraft hijacking in which the subject has not been identified and apprehended nor the ransom money recovered, the following lead is being set forth as a method of possibly obtaining new evidence that might identify Unsub or indicate his whereabouts:

LEAD

NORFOLK

AT LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, VIRGINIA. Will expeditiously contact [redacted] and determine from him b6
the feasibility and cost of conducting the above-described b7C
photographic air search.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.



DB Cooper-27668

SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) (P)

October 31, 1972

Sub E

Sub F

SA RONALD N. NICHOLS

NORJAK
OO: SEATTLE

Re memo of SA THOMAS J. MANNING, dated 10/24/72.

Referenced communication advised that [redacted], [redacted], Washington, had furnished the following information: b6 b7C

On the night of NORJAK, a jet airliner flew over his home at about 5,000 feet from the ground. [redacted] home is considerably east of the search area, and if the jet airliner that flew over his home was the hijacked Boeing 727, this would indicate an error was made in the calculations of the search area. b6 b7C

LEADS

SEATTLE

AT SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

1. Will through Northwest Orient Airlines [redacted] contact [redacted] and with [redacted] recalculate the flight path and a drop point pertinent to the NORJAK matter. b6 b7C

2. Will review radar information concerning the flight of Northwest Orient Airlines 727 in an attempt to determine the accuracy of the previous flight path calculations.

3. Will review logs currently contained in Seattle File 164-81 to determine if UNSUB could have jumped after the time previously calculated.

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Sub F

164-81-4046

RNN:jgm
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DB Cooper-27669

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# Memorandum

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

DATE: 10/24/72

Sub E
Sub F (with map)

FROM : SA THOMAS J. MANNING

SUBJECT: NORJAK

Re memo of SA THOMAS J. MANNING to SAC, 10/19/72

On 10/20/72 SA [redacted] contacted [redacted], [redacted], Washington and he furnished the following information: b6 b7C

He lives directly under the fly way between Portland and Seattle. He recalls that the night of the hijacking a plane was flying very low and slowly over his house in the early evening and about 5 minutes after the plane flew over he heard on television that the hijacking was in progress. He stated the plane was a jet airliner but he did not see the plane. It was about 4 to 5,000 feet from the ground and he recalled that the weather was overcast, very low clouds and it was raining. The flight of the plane was about 20 miles from Mt. St. Helens

He pointed out that planes on the fly way always fly about 10 to 12,000 feet and in the four years he has lived at his present location he has never heard one so low as on the night of the hijacking. He advised that he knows the plane was over 3,000 feet for he lives near Mount Tum Tum and that is 3,000 feet and the plane was above that mountain. He also pointed out that the east end of Lake Merwin is approximately [redacted]. He pointed out that the plane flew directly over the [redacted] area and the area over which it flew is extremely rugged terrain. He pointed out that recently there have been a number of hunters in that area, from Lake Merwin to the [redacted] area. b6 b7C

[redacted] stated he feels that if it was the hijacked plane then the area which has been searched would have been too far west. He pointed out that the plane was heard before 10:00 PM and after dark but he could not fix the exact time he heard the plane fly over. b6 b7C

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[redacted] furnished a copy of a map on which he drew what he felt was theflight of the plane and this map is attached. b6 b7C

Sub F

The area over which the plane flew has a number of private owners but the majority of the area is owned by Gifford Pinchot National Forest and the Weyerhaeuser company.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) (P) DATE 10/19/72

FROM : SA THOMAS J. MANNING

Sub E
Sub F
Sub X

SUBJECT: NORJAK

On 10/19/72 [redacted], Washington, telephone [redacted], telephonically contacted the Longview RA and advised that he lives just north of the [redacted]. He advised that to get to his residence [redacted]. b6 b7C

He pointed out that the night of the hijacking he was watching television and heard an announcement concerning the hijacking. Almost as soon as he heard the announcement a large plane flew low overhead and flew slightly to the east of his house over [redacted] area. He pointed out the area into which the plane flew was one which is extremely heavily wooded andan area into which one would have difficulty going on foot. b6 b7C

He advised that he has been thinking of calling the FBI on this matter but has kept putting it off and feels that the flight of the plane that night would indicate that the area searched to date has not included [redacted] area and the route over which the plane flew. He pointed out that he lives directly under the north-south flyway for the airlines and this is the only time that he and [redacted] have ever heard a plane flying over that low. He requested an agent contacting him personally in order that the flight of the plane could be accurately described. b6 b7C

Contact with [redacted] will be made 10/20/72. b6 b7C

One copy of this memorandum furnished to SA [redacted] at Longview RA for handling on 10/20/72.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

SEATTLE AIR ROUTE TRAFFIC CONTROL CENTER
3101 Auburn Way South
Auburn, Washington 98002

30 December 1971

Sub: I
F} Cover letter only

Mr. Charles Farrell
Special Agent
Federal Bureau of Investigation
115 Second Avenue
Seattle, Washington 98104

Dear Mr. Farrell:

As you requested, we have enclosed a transcription of our recorded air-ground communications with Northwest Airlines Flight 305 of 24 November 1971.

b6 Per FAA
b7C

Chief, Seattle Center

Enclosure

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Date: 1/27/72

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority)

*SUB - F. I.

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

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

SUBJECT: NORJAK

Re Seattle to Las Vegas airtel 1/20/72.

Enclosed for Seattle is one copy of FAA report requested by the Seattle Office.

Ser-2112

2 - Seattle (Encl. 1) Rec'd mg
1 - Las Vegas
JAN:kmc
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* NOT necessary to copy the log for these sub files, just the airtel.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 1/5/72

[redacted], Area Officer B, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Seattle Air Route Traffic Control Cente Auburn, Washington, provided a transcription prepared by his office of tape recordings of transmissions between the Auburn center and Northwest Airlines Flight #305, which was under hijack on November 24, 1971. b6 Per FAA b7C

[redacted] advised that the original tapes are maintained in his custody. b6 Per FAA b7C

[redacted] advised that the Seattle Center worked flight #305 on the way in to Seattle from Portland, but had no indication that a hijack had occurred and the aircraft did not squawk any signal as to a hijack situation. They were not aware of the hijack until they handed off the plane to the Seattle-Tacoma Tower.

[redacted] advised that after the plane took off from Sea-Tac on its way south toward Sacramento, California, the Auburn Center worked the flight from shortly after take-off until they handed the flight off to the Oakland Center, which occurred at the Oregon-California border. b6 Per FAA b7C

In view of the fact that the times listed in the log provided by [redacted] are in Greenwich Mean Time (GMT), an insertion has been made at least once in each page to convert the GMT to Pacific Standard Time. b6 Per FAA b7C

Interviewed on 12/30/71 at Seattle, Washington File # SE 164-81 Sub. F

by SA CHARLES E. FARRELL/klb Date dictated 12/30/71

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:47 PM URGENT 1/17/72 VLS

O DIRECTOR (164-2111)

SEATTLE (164-81)

ROM SACRAMENTO (164-5Ø) 1P

ORJAK.

[redacted] BEALE AFB, CALIF., ADVISED TODAY REQUEST b6 b7C

OR APPROVAL TO FLY SPECIFIED CORRIDOR NORTH OF PORTLAND, OREGON,

N SR-SEVENTYONE HAS BEEN FILED WITH FAA. UPON RECEIPT OF REPLY

ROM FAA AND CONSISTANT WITH MILITARY NEEDS FOR SR-SEVENTYONE AND

EATHER CONTINGENCIES, AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY WILL BE PERFORMED OVER

ROBABLE BAIL-OUT AREA OF HIJACKER AS DESCRIBED BY NORTHWEST AIRLINES

ERSONNEL.

SACRAMENTO WILL FOLLOW AND ADVISE.

CONSIDER UNSUB ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END

WB SEATTLE CLR

Sub F E O

DB Cooper-27675

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1/13/72

AIRTEL AIRMAIL

TO : SAC, PORTLAND (164-41)

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

SUBJECT: NORJAK

Re Seattle facsimile 1/13/72 transmitting memo from [redacted] and map. b6 b7C

Enclosed are a memo and a revised map of the probable drop area as prepared [redacted], Northwest Airlines. These were prepared after an experimental flight conducted by Northwest Airlines on 1/6/72 and the calculations are based on a refined radar map provided by the Air Force. b6 b7C

2 - Portland (Encl 2)
2 - Seattle
CEF:klb
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Sub. F
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SAC, SACRAMENTO (164-50) 1/14/72

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

Sub E. F.

NORJAK

For the assistance of Sacramento in conducting investigation of NORJAK, there are enclosed FD-302s reflecting interviews with [redacted], the stewardess [redacted] [redacted] with the hijacker; stewardess [redacted] by the hijacker and interview with two crew members. b6 b7C

Also enclosed are two FD-302s reflecting information furnished by [redacted], Northwest Airlines. b6 b7C

Same as Ser 164-81-1879

2 - Sacramento (Encl 7)
1 - Seattle
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164-81-1928

SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) 1/12/72

ASAC PAUL R. BIBLER

NORJAK

On 1/12/72 I called ASAC ROSACK at Sacramento. I told him we were temporarily stimied in our search of the area as to where the hijacker could have possibly jumped pending decisions from them as to whether the photo reconnaissance plane was going to photograph the area and read the photos for us before we tried to do a foot search.

After checking he said they were going to do it; they had the map of the area and the first good day when the light was right, they would do it. It would not take long after that that the photos could be studied and analysed, (he thought it would be only a few days that we would have the results.) We will be advised.

I called the Bureau and talked to HENRY SHUTZ. I told him that the SAC had wanted him to know the reason we had not come in with a request in connection with a terrain search of the suspect drop area, was that we felt it would be well to have an aerial reconnaissance. I furnished him the information set out above. He said that he understood and that it was no problem insofar as he was concerned.

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DB Cooper-27685

SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) 1/11/72

SA CHARLES E. FARRELL

NORJAK

Re: SEARCH AREA

On 1/10/72 after having received the new plotting of the search area, prepared by [redacted], the writer telephonically contacted [redacted] at Northwest Airlines, Minneapolis. b6 b7C

[redacted] advised that his computations based on the results of the experimental flight on 1/6/72, coupled with updated information furnished by [redacted] of the U.S. Air Force at McChord AFB, he had prepared a revised plotting of the course of the aircraft as well as a probable jump area. b6 b7C

A memo prepared by [redacted] as well as a map which he also had prepared, had been received and during the telephone conversation [redacted] advised that in his judgment, the best possible spot to search for the subject would be at Point A and proceeding from there to Point B on the map. [redacted] memo adequately explains the lines drawn on the map and are therefore not further being explained. b6 b7C

[redacted] said he feels that the hijacker is more apt to be found south of line A & B than north of the line and more apt to be in the western part of the possible area than in the eastern part. b6 b7C

As a result of talking with [redacted], the writer drew arc's emanating from Point A down to a point on line G thru K. The arc's were extended along the lines A-B and down to the same aforementioned line G-K. It was his feeling that this would be the most fruitful area. b6 b7C

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The next choice would be a continuation of the arc's to the north of line A-B also to line G thru K.

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The arc's drawn on the southern portion from lines A-B are in solid felt marker pen and the ones above are in a dotted arc.

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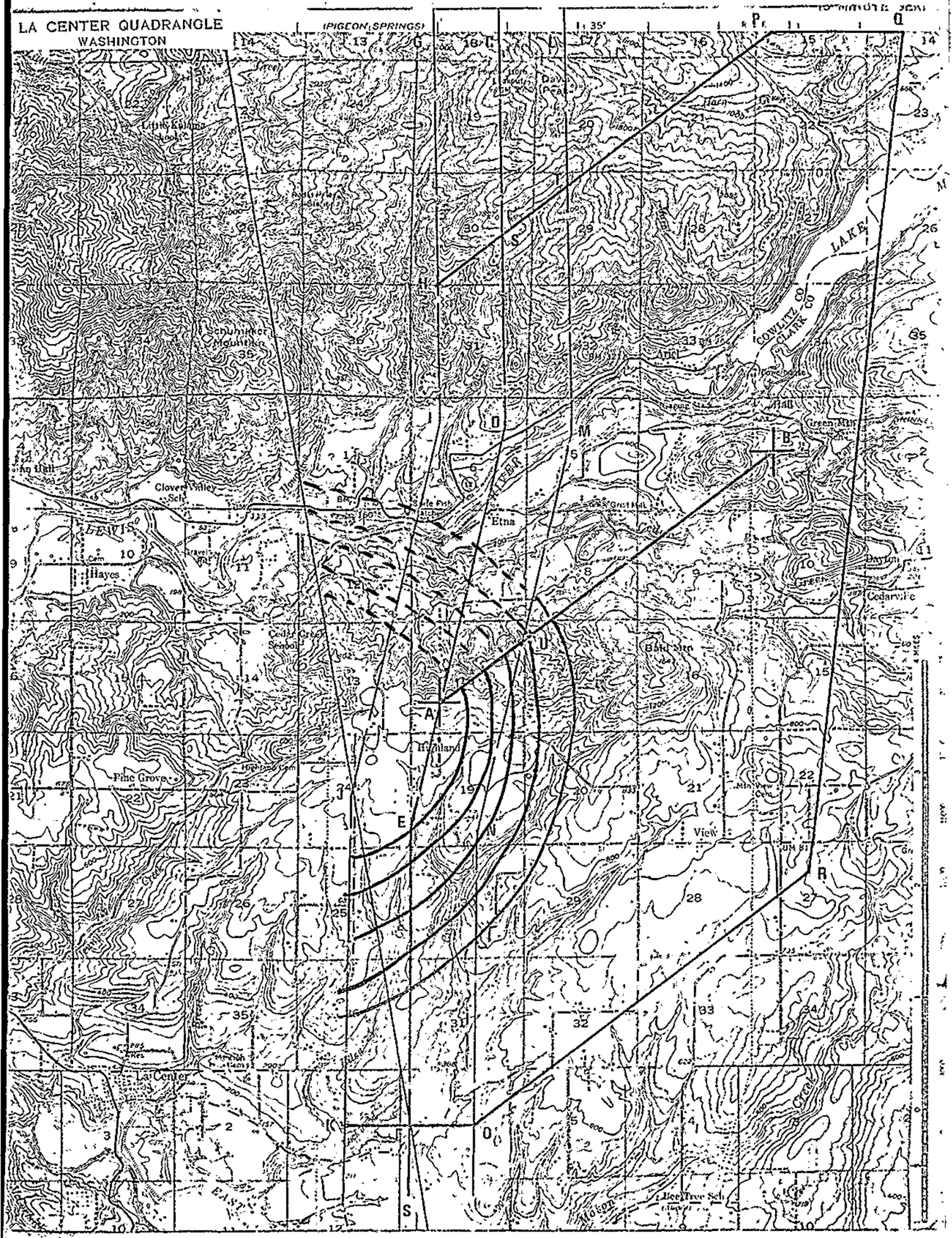


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