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Date 5/3/91

1 **SSP**
 2 **TO** : DIRECTOR, FBI
 3 **CLASS** (ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY,
 4 **SEC'D** IDENTIFICATION DIVISION,
 5 **SEC** LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION;
 6 **REC** VIOLENT CRIMES UNIT,
 7 CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION)
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 9 **FROM** : SAC, PITTSBURGH (89A-PG-53899) (P)
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 11 **SUBJECT** : UNSUB(S),
 12 U.S. CONGRESSMAN JOHN MURTHA, VIC
 13 12TH DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA-VICTIM
 14 EXTORTION VIO AFD-VIO
 15 (OO: PITTSBURGH) ①

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Being forwarded under separate cover for the FBI Laboratory, Identification Division, Latent Fingerprint Section, is the original threatening letter received by Congressman MURTHA's office.

Enclosed herewith for the Violent Crimes Unit, Criminal Investigative Division, is a copy of the threatening letter received by Congressman MURTHA's office on 4/22/91.

REQUEST OF THE BUREAU:

The Identification Division is requested to process original letter to determine if latent fingerprints can be developed. Thereafter photograph said prints and hold for future comparison purposes. Original document, and analysis should be returned to the Pittsburgh Division.

4-Bureau (Enclosure-1)

(1-Package Copy)

2-Pittsburgh

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On 4/22/91, above victim received at his office in Johnstown, Pennsylvania (PA), a threatening letter. In the letter, the writer thereof tells Congressman MURTHA that they have been following him for the past couple of weeks listening to his propaganda. Further the writer advises that they are experts in ambush areas, and they know where MURTHA travels, eats and lives. If one more of our comrades (being American soldiers in the Persian Gulf) comes home in a body bag, they will hold MURTHA responsible. Further, his penalty will be death.

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NOTICE -

Please note correct spelling
of JOHN MURTHA. PG T/T to Director
dated 4/24/91 carried spelling as
MERTHA. (typographical error)

TO :DIRECTOR, FBI (89A-PG-53899)
(ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY,
IDENTIFICATION DIVISION,
LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION;
VIOLENT CRIMES UNIT,
CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION)

FROM :SAC, PITTSBURGH (89A-PG-53899) (P)

SUBJECT :UNSUB(S),
U.S. CONGRESSMAN JOHN MURTHA,
12TH DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA-VICTIM
EXTORTION
(OO: PITTSBURGH)

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APR 22 1991

Hon. John P. Murtha
Johnstown, PA

My dear Mr. Murtha,

You hypocrite son of a bitch.

How can you support the sending of our
comrades to the Persian Gulf and then
pin on the Purple Heart to the survivors
and the rest come home in body bags.

We have been following you for the past
couple of weeks listening to your propaganda
bullshit. I hope you are cognizant to know
not everyone believes you.

We are experts in ambush areas as we
were well trained in country. We know
how you travel, what you eat and where
you live.

If one more of our comrades come
home in a body-bag we will hold you
responsible.

VIDE 4-22-91

You must also pay for your ASS-KISSING friends,
KISSING HUSSEIN ASS two weeks before the
WAR. THIS IS TREASON.

THE PENALTY FOR TREASON IS DEATH.

So, keep looking over your shoulder
THE AM.BUSH MAY BE JUST AROUND THE NEXT
CORNER.

REMEMBER FOR SURE, ONE MORE
BODY BAG AND YOUR FRIEND

Sincerely

The Vipers



Longfellow John P. MURTHA
Johnstown, PA



REPORT
of the



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

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CLASS To: SAC, Pittsburgh (89A-PG-53899)
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June 20, 1991

FBI FILE NO. 89-7778

LAB NO. 10513031 D UI

Re: UNSUB(S),
U.S. CONGRESSMAN JOHN MURTHA,
12TH DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA - VICTIM;
EXTORTION

Examination requested by: Addressee
Reference: Communication dated May 3, 1991
Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint
Specimens received: May 13, 1991

Specimens:

- Q1 Envelope bearing hand-printed address
- Q2 Page one of a two-page, hand-printed letter
- Q3 Page two of a two-page, hand-printed letter

Result of examination:

Specimens Q1 through Q3 have been searched through the appropriate sections of the Anonymous Letter File with negative results. Appropriate entries have been added thereto for future reference.

Specimens Q1 through Q3 contain no indented writing of value or other special feature through which their immediate source might be ascertained.

The Q1 U.S. postal stamp originated from a booklet of stamps.

You will be advised separately regarding the requested latent fingerprint examination and the disposition of the submitted evidence. Photographs are retained.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet

To: SAC, Pittsburgh (89A-PG-53899)

FBI FILE NO. 89- 7778-2

LAB NO. 10513031 D UI

Re: UNSUB(S),
U.S. CONGRESSMAN JOHN MURTHA,
12TH DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA - VICTIM;
EXTORTION

YOUR NO.

Examination by:

Examination requested by: Addressee
Reference: Communication dated May 3, 1991
Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint
Specimens received: May 13, 1991

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Q1 Envelope bearing hand-printed address
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DISPOSITION OF EVIDENCE

IDENTIFICATION DIVISION, LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

Evidence to LFPS Q1-23

Disposition of evidence--TREAT AND RETURN TO CONTRIBUTORDOCUMENT SECTION, LABORATORY DIVISION TO RETURNDua 6/20/91
Initials/Date

Violation(s): AFO EXT
Violation date:
Violation location:
Victim:
MURTHA, JOHN

Lab No: 10513031 D
City: PITTSBURGH, PA PG
Form: AT 05-03-91 7778-2
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Contributors No: 89A-PG-53899

Subject:

Remarks:

Status 1 Status 2 Status 3 Category: 1
Trial Importance Doc\Sp Complex Volume Await Evid Buded: 06-04-91
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Examiner(s)	Symbols	Evid./Exams	Date Delv	Date Ret	Dict Date	Partial/Final Date(s)
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Q 11.103 K Items Evidence ret:
Resub? NO Request? NO Return No:
Call when ready? EXT
Latent? YES NO Q tabs? YES NO Print Assignment Card(s)

Previous Submission(s):
10513009 D

PITTSBURGH PA PG

ITEMS
UNAVAILABLE - SEE PRIOR PE
AT 05-03-91

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searched, added by [unclear] in 11/11/95

neg - nothing noted
CT 135196
cc

Brk 5-15

Rec 5-15
Photo #73, 5-15

Indicating nothing of value noted 6-5
ESDA " " " " 6-5

Watermark " " " " 6-5 envelope markings inside - blue & white

Stamp - from book of stamps 6-5 "F"
AT taken 6-5, not 6-18



Parcel Method and No: RM-R445051177\HW-
Received In ECC: 05-13-91
01-Envelopes

SFO, RM 3206
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

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Recorded: 6/25/91

Received: 6/21/91

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To: SAC, Pittsburgh (89A-PG-53899) (P)

FBI FILE NO. 89- 7778- *4*

LAB NO. 10513031 D UI

Re: UNSUB(S),
U.S. CONGRESSMAN JOHN MURTHA,
12TH DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA - VICTIM;
EXTORTION

YOUR NO. LC#C-98064

Examination by:

Noted by: *X*b6
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Examination requested by: Addressee

Reference: Airtel dated May 3, 1991

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Specimens received: May 13, 1991

Specimens:

- Q1 Envelope bearing hand-printed address "CONGRESSMAN John P. MURTHA"
Q2 Page one of a two-page, hand-printed letter "My dear MR. MURTHA!"
Q3 Page two of a two-page, hand-printed letter "You MUST..."

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CC-Congressional Affairs Office, Room 7240, TL#245

CC-SA Division 6, Room 5438, TL#243

CC-Bufile 199-HQ-24472

Examination completed

Time

Date

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Date

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7/15/91
RSW*



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D. C. 20537

REPORT

of the

LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

YOUR FILE NO. 89A-PG-53899 (P)
 FBI FILE NO.
 LATENT CASE NO. 89-7778
 C-98064

7/15/91

TO: SAC, Pittsburgh

RE: UNSUB(S);
 U.S. CONGRESSMAN JOHN MURTHA
 12TH DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA - VICTIM;
 EXTORTION

REFERENCE: Airtel 5/3/91
 EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: Pittsburgh

SPECIMENS: Envelope and accompanying two-page letter,
 Q1 through Q3

FBI The listed Q specimens are further described in a
 separate Laboratory report.

The requested latent print examination was conducted,
 but no latent prints of value were detected.

The specimens are enclosed.

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- 1 - Office of Congressional Affairs, Room 7240, TL #245
- 1 - SA [redacted] Division 6, Room 5438, TL #243
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SUBJECT: UNSUB(S); UNITED STATES CONGRESSMAN JOHN MURTHA,
12TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA-VICTIM;
EXTORTION; OO:PITTSBURGH.

RE TELECALL BETWEEN MR. [REDACTED] WMFO, AND
PITTSBURGH DIVISION, MON VALLEY RESIDENT AGENCY, ON
AUGUST 8, 1991, AND PITTSBURGH AIRTEL TO THE BUREAU, DATED
MAY 3, 1991.

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REFERENCED TELEPHONE CALL ADVISED THAT THE

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UNITED STATES CAPITAL POLICE (USCP), REQUESTED AN UPDATE ON CAPTIONED MATTER.

THIS INVESTIGATION WAS INSTITUTED BASED ON INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM U.S. CONGRESSMAN MURTHA'S OFFICE, JOHNSTOWN, PA, ON APRIL 22, 1991. THE CONGRESSMAN RECEIVED A THREATENING LETTER AT HIS OFFICE IN JOHNSTOWN WHICH SEEMED TO RELATE TO THE PERSIAN WAR.

BY APPROPRIATE COMMUNICATION, THIS THREATENING LETTER AND ENVELOPE WAS FORWARDED TO THE FBI LABORATORY, WASHINGTON, D.C., FOR EXAMINATION. FBI LABORATORY CONDUCTED AN EXAMINATION OF THIS COMMUNICATION AND FOUND NO LATENT FINGERPRINTS OF VALUE. ADDITIONALLY, THE LETTER WAS SEARCHED THROUGH THE APPROPRIATE SECTIONS OF THE ANONYMOUS LETTER FILE WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. THERE WAS NO INDENTED WRITING OF VALUE OR OTHER SPECIAL FEATURES RELATING TO THIS LETTER WHICH WOULD INDICATE THE IMMEDIATE SOURCE. IT WAS NOTED HOWEVER THAT THE POSTAGE STAMP USED WAS FROM A BOOKLET OF STAMPS.

REGULAR CONTACT WITH APPROPRIATE STAFF MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESSMAN'S REVEALED THAT HE HAS RECEIVED NO ADDITIONAL LETTERS RELATING TO THIS INCIDENT.

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UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE OFFICE, PITTSBURGH, PA,
WAS NOTIFIED OF THIS INCIDENT ON APRIL 24, 1991, AND ON
AUGUST 20, 1991.

SINCE ALL LOGICAL INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN CONDUCTED,
PITTSBURGH CONSIDERS THIS CASE CLOSED. SHOULD THE IDENTITY
OF THE SUBJECT BE LEARNED BY THE PITTSBURGH DIVISION OR IF
OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION IS DEVELOPED CONCERNING THIS
MATTER THEN THIS INVESTIGATION WILL BE PROMPTLY REOPENED AND
APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION INSTITUTED.

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