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**TELETYPE**

TO: ACTING DIRECTOR

FROM: NEW HAVEN (175-42) (4PAGES)

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[REDACTED], ASSAULTING THE VICE PRESIDENT OF  
THE UNITED STATES.

RE: NEW HAVEN <sup>sent 4:16</sup> TELETYPE JUNE SEVEN, LAST.

LIEUT. [REDACTED] CONNECTICUT STATE POLICE (CSP),  
COLCHESTER, CONN., INTERVIEWED BY BUREAU AGENTS INSTANT DATE  
AND FURNISHED FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

SGT. [REDACTED] CSP, AT FIVE FORTY-FIVE PM, JUNE SEVEN,  
SEVENTY TWO, ADVISED HIM THAT HE RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM A  
SOURCE THAT ONE [REDACTED], OF [REDACTED]  
WILLIMANTIC, CONN., WOULD PROCEED THE NEXT MORNING, JUNE SEVEN,  
TO THE COAST GUARD ACADEMY WHERE THE VICE PRESIDENT, SPIRO AGNEW,  
WAS TO BE SPEAKING. AT THAT TIME [REDACTED] WOULD HAVE A  
GRENADE LAUNCHER IN HIS POSSESSION. LIEUT. [REDACTED] DID NOT  
KNOW SOURCE OF SGT. [REDACTED] INFORMATION AT TIME, BUT LATER  
DETERMINED SOURCE WAS FBI.

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AT SIX FIFTY FIVE AM, JUNE SEVEN, SEVENTY TWO, SUBJECT'S  
VEHICLE LOCATED AT HOUSE ON [REDACTED] COVENTRY, CONN. 8/26/50  
AT NINE THIRTY AM, SUBJECT AND [REDACTED], DOB [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] COVENTRY, CONN., WERE OBSERVED  
LEAVING THIS HOUSE. THEY ENTERED SUBJECTS CAR, HEADED NORTH ON  
ROUTE THIRTY TWO INTO THE TOWN OF MANSFIELD, CONN., AND TOWARD  
UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT. CAR WAS STOPPED ABOUT NINE FORTY  
AM. [REDACTED] IDENTIFIED AS SPOKESMAN FOR VIETNAM  
VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR IN NINETEEN SEVENTYONE.

ON QUESTIONING, SUBJECT INFORMED LIEUT. [REDACTED] THAT HE  
WAS GOING TO UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT TO A DEMONSTRATION.  
SUBJECT STATED HE WAS GOING TO PICK UP PASSENGERS AT UNIVERSITY  
OF CONNECTICUT AND THEN PLANNED TO GO TO NEW LONDON TO A DEMONSTRATION  
WHERE AGNEW WAS SPEAKER. SUBJECT ORALLY CONSENTED TO SEARCH OF  
HIS PERSON AND HIS CAR WHICH HE WAS DRIVING AFTER BEING WARNED  
THAT HE DID NOT HAVE TO CONSENT. SUBJECT ALSO INFORMED THAT HE  
MIGHT BE ARRESTED IF ANYTHING WAS FOUND. SUBJECT AGAIN VOLUNTARILY  
CONSENTED TO SEARCH OF PERSON AND SEARCH OF CAR.

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FOUND IN SUBJECT'S LEFT JACKET POCKET WHICH HE WAS WEARING WAS ONE HAND GRENADE WHICH WAS MARKED SIMULATOR HAND GRENADE M ONE ONE SIX A ONE. FIRING INSTRUCTIONS. REMOVE SAFETY CLIP FROM FUSE LIGHTER CAREFULLY PULL OFF CAP UNTIL CORD IS FREE OF CONTAINER. GRASP THE CONTAINER IN THROWING HAND, WEARING A STANDARD ISSUE LEATHER GLOVE, JERK THE CORD AND IMMEDIATELY THROW. AFTER FIVE SECONDS DELAY, THE GRENADE WILL EXPLODE. HAZARD: DANGEROUS WITHIN FIFTEEN FEET. DRY LEAVES AND GRASS MAY BE IGNITED WITHIN RADIUS OF SEVERAL FEET. ZERO FOUR DASH SIX EIGHT.

SEARCH OF PASSENGER AND CAR REVEALED NOTHING ADDITIONAL AND PASSENGER [REDACTED] ALLOWED TO PROCEED.

SUBJECT ARRESTED ON SPOT BY LIEUT. [REDACTED] ON CHARGE VIOLATION CONN. STATE STATUE SECTION TWO NINE DASH THREE EIGHT, POSSESSION OF DANGEROUS WEAPON IN A MOTOR VEHICLE. SUBJECT PLACED IN CSP CRUISER AND WAS WARNED OF HIS RIGHTS, WHICH HE SAID HE FULLY UNDERSTOOD. WHEN ASKED WHAT HE PLANNED TO DO WITH GRENADE, SUBJECT SAID, I WAS NOT GOING TO THROW IT AT AGNEW WHEN HE WAS TALKING. SUBJECT WOULD NOT EXPAND ON THIS STATEMENT.

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SUBJECT PRESENTED BEFORE ELEVENTH CIRCUIT COURT, DANIELSON, CONN., WHERE THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLAR BOND SET BY JUDGE. WAS CONFINED CONN. CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION, BROOKLYN, CONN., IN LIEU OF BOND PENDING COURT APPEARANCE.

SUBJECT SCHEDULED TO APPEAR ELEVENTH CIRCUIT COURT, DANIELSON, CONN., ON JUNE NINE, NEXT, ON DEFENSE MOTION TO REDUCE BOND,

CAPT.  CSP, COLCHESTER, CONN.,

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ADVISED THAT ABOVE GRENADE SIMULATOR WILL BE RELEASED TO FBI UPON DISPOSING OF CSP CHARGE AGAINST SUBJECT. STATED THIS ITEM NECESSARY FOR STATE CASE IN COURT.

FOREGOING DISCUSSED WITH USA STEWART JONES, WHO ADVISED THAT HE WAS GOING TO DISCUSS THIS WITH DEPARTMENT AS HE HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE CONSENT AND LEGALITY OF SEARCH ON PART OF CSP, AND THE CAPABILITY OF GRENADE SIMULATOR AS A WEAPON. MR. JONES STATED FURTHER HE WISHED TO CONSIDER THE APPLICABILITY OF FEDERAL STATUTES INVOLVING POSSESSION OF AN UNREGISTERED FIREARM.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

- Felt \_\_\_\_\_
- Mohr \_\_\_\_\_
- Rosen \_\_\_\_\_
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TO : Mr. Bates *Woff*

DATE: June 7, 1972

FROM : R. J. Gallagher *RJG*

- 1 - Mr. Bates
- 1 - Mr. Gallagher
- 1 - Mr. Perrine
- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. Bishop
- 1 - Mr. E.S. Miller

SUBJECT:   
VICE PRESIDENT SPIRO T. AGNEW -  
VICTIM  
 PRESIDENTIAL ASSASSINATION  
 STATUTE

This is to advise of the arrest by local authorities on the afternoon of 6-7-72, of captioned individual who intended to participate in a demonstration against the Vice President at the Coast Guard Academy in Connecticut armed with a simulated grenade.

New Haven FBI telephonically advised FBI Headquarters that an informant of the New Haven Office had reported captioned individual, a member of the Vietnam Veterans Against the War, intended to participate in a demonstration armed with a simulated grenade. In view of the Vice President's appearance at the Coast Guard Academy, state and local law enforcement agencies, together with U.S. Secret Service locally, were advised. Midafternoon of 6-7-72, the Connecticut State Police intercepted  and determined he did have a practice hand grenade with him which contained powder and possibly was explosive.  admitted to state police authorities his intent to participate in the demonstration. The point of arrest was approximately 38 miles from the site of the Vice President's speech. Connecticut State Police have charged him with possession of a dangerous weapon and a motor vehicle violation. He is being held in lieu of \$30,000 bond.

In view of the source of this information, that is, an FBI informant, the FBI New Haven is discussing the prosecutive aspects of this matter under the Presidential Assassination Statute with the U.S. Attorney's Office. SAC, New Haven reports the press is already aware of this incident and releases have been made.

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**ACTION:** New Haven is submitting a teletype with full details and Bureau Indices and records of Identification Division being checked as to background of  who is white male, born  in Connecticut. This matter is being followed closely.

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[REDACTED] ASSAULTING THE VICE PRESIDENT OF  
THE UNITED STATES.

RE: NEW HAVEN TEL JUNE EIGHT, LAST.

[REDACTED] APPEARED ELEVENTH CIRCUIT COURT, DANIELSON, CONN.,  
JUNE NINE, INSTANT, FOR BOND HEARING BEFORE JUDGE FRANK MONCHUN.  
REPRESENTED BY ATTORNEY [REDACTED] SUBJECT'S ATTORNEY MADE  
MOTION TO SUPPRESS NEWS COVERAGE THIS CASE. JUDGE DENIED MOTION,  
STATING HIS COURT OPEN TO ALL THE MEDIA. BOND REDUCED TO ONE  
THOUSAND DOLLARS SURETY AND SUBJECT MADE BOND. CASE CONTINUED  
FOR ADDITIONAL MOTIONS UNTIL JUNE TWENTY SEVEN, NEXT. SUBJECT'S  
ATTORNEY ATTEMPTED TO MAKE REMARKS TO EFFECT THIS WAS ALL A PRANK  
AND JUDGE REFUSED TO HEAR ANY COMMENTS, INSTRUCTING THE ATTORNEY  
TO SAVE THEM FOR COURT ACTION.

FOREGOING FURNISHED TO USA STEWART B. JONES WHO ADVISED HE  
IS AWAITING DEPARTMENTAL INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING ANY FURTHER  
ACTION IN THIS CASE.

REPORT CONCERNING INVESTIGATION TO DATE IN PREPARATION.

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June 9, 1972  
GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

This concerns the possible attempt to assault the Vice President during his address before the commencement exercises at the Coast Guard Academy, New London, Connecticut, 6/7/72. Based upon informant data disseminated by the FBI, Connecticut State Police intercepted vehicle morning of 6/7/72, and arrested [redacted] after finding a practice grenade on his person. [redacted] admitted intending to participate in an anti-war demonstration near the academy; however, did not admit any intent to harm the Vice President.

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Attached relates to FBI interview of individual in vehicle with [redacted] at time of arrest wherein data developed grenade simulator was to separate leaflets from a balloon at the academy in order to distribute anti-war literature.

U. S. Attorney, New Haven, and Department Attorney's still considering prosecutive aspects of this matter. Local charges of possessing a dangerous weapon placed against [redacted] and matter being followed closely.

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7:15PM URGENT 06/07/72 LM

TO: ACTING DIRECTOR

FROM: NEW HAVEN (175-42)

[REDACTED] ASSAULTING THE VICE PRESIDENT

[REDACTED] OF THE UNITED STATES.

- Mr. Felt \_\_\_\_\_
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Reference Teletype *serv*  
RE-NEW HAVEN TEL JUNE EIGHT, INSTANT.  
Rural Free Delivery

[REDACTED] COVENTRY,  
Connecticut Bureau  
CONN., WAS INTERVIEWED THIS DATE BY AGENTS. SIGNED WAIVER OF  
RIGHTS  
RIGHTS FORM AND FURNISHED FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

HE WAS WITH SUBJECT WHEN STOPPED BY CONN. STATE POLICE  
(CSP) AT MANSFIELD, CONN., ON JUNE SEVEN LAST. RELATED HE  
AND SUBJECT VOLUNTARILY CONSENTED TO SEARCH OF THEIR PERSON  
AND THE CAR WHICH THEY WERE IN BY THE CSP. DID NOT FEEL HE  
HAD ANYTHING TO HIDE AND DID NOT FEEL THAT THEY WERE IN  
VIOLATION OF ANY LAW TO POSSESS A GRENADE SIMULATOR. ADVISED  
THEY INFORMED POLICE THEY WERE GOING TO DEMONSTRATION AT  
U.S. COAST GUARD ACADEMY, NEW LONDON. [REDACTED] STATED THAT  
SUBJECT HAD GRENADE SIMULATOR IN HIS POCKET AND WHEN FOUND  
BY POLICE SUBJECT WAS PLACED UNDER ARREST.

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[ ] ADVISED GRENADE SIMULATOR WAS TO BE ATTACHED TO ONE OF THE HELIUM BALLOONS IN ORDER TO BREAK BALLOON AND DISCHARGE LEAFLETS AT U.S. COAST GUARD ACADEMY. ~~SEPARATE~~ ~~SEPARATE~~ LINE TO GRENADE SIMULATOR FUSE WOULD ENABLE THEM TO DO THIS. ADVISED THAT THEY HAD NO INTENTION OF USING THIS AGAINST THE VICE PRESIDENT OR ANY PERSON. ~~MAINTAINS~~ THAT HE HAS BEEN ACTIVE Vietnam Veterans Against the War IN ~~VVAW~~ SINCE SPRING OF NINETEEN SEVENTY TAKING PART IN DEMONSTRATION AND NO VIOLENCE HAS BEEN USED AT ANY TIME BY MEMBERS OF THIS ORGANIZATION. STATED THERE ARE OTHERS ACTIVE Vietnam Veterans Against the War IN ~~VVAW~~ WHO CAN CONFIRM INTENDED USE OF GRENADE SIMULATOR. WOULD NOT DISCLOSE IDENTITY OF THESE INDIVIDUALS, STATING THAT THIS COULD EASILY BE DETERMINED THROUGH INTERVIEW OF KNOWN DEMONSTRATORS.

[ ] EXPLAINED THAT SOME INFORMANT MUST HAVE MISREPRESENTED THE FACTS WHEN THE INFORMATION WAS FURNISHED TO POLICE AND AS A RESULT THIS WHOLE THING HAS BEEN BLOWN OUT OF PROPORTION.

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*FBI [redacted] (New York Conn)*

*Also [redacted]*

Date of Birth x 26 46

DESCRIBED AS DOB [redacted]

MONCLAIR, NEW JERSEY, WHITE MALE, SIX FOOT, FOUR INCHES TALL,  
ONE HUNDRED NINETY FIVE POUNDS, BROWN HAIR, BROWN EYES,  
SOCIAL SECURITY NO. [redacted]

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[redacted] MARITAL STATUS SINGLE, STUDENT, UNIVERSITY  
OF CONNECTICUT, SOPH<sup>9</sup> MORE CLASS, MAJORING IN NURSING.

U.S. ARMY SERVICE NOVEMBER, NINETEEN SIXTYSIX DASH SEPTEMBER  
NINETEEN SIXTYNINE, RECEIVED HONORABLE ~~SEPARATION~~ <sup>SEPARATION</sup> AS E FIVE  
(TANK DASH ARMORER)

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[redacted] ORIGINAL SOURCE OF THIS

INFORMATION REPORTED ON JUNE SIX, LAST, REGARDING PLANS  
OF VVAW TO UTILIZE COMPRESSOR TO FILL HELIUM BALLOONS  
WHICH WOULD IN TURN <sup>CARRY</sup> ~~BE~~ LEAFLETS WHICH WERE TO BE RELEASED  
IN VICINITY OF COAST GUARD GRADUATION. INFORMANT NOT AWARE  
THAT GRENADE SIMULATOR TO BE UTILIZED IN RELEASING LEAFLETS  
BUT ONLY THAT SOME DEVICE WOULD BE UTILIZED TO MAKE RELEASE.

NEW HAVEN WILL REPORT RESULTS OF HEARING AFFORDED

[redacted] ON STATE ~~CAN~~ CHARGES SIX SEVEN SEVENTYTWO

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END cc: Mr. E. S. Miller

SVC FBI WASH DC CLR

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE <b>NEW HAVEN</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>NEW HAVEN</b>	DATE <b>6/15/72</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>6/7 - 6/13/72</b>
TITLE OF CASE <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>		REPORT MADE BY <b>SA THOMAS M. MURPHY</b>	TYPED BY <b>aly</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>ASSAULTING THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES</b>	

REFERENCES: New Haven teletypes to Bureau, 6/7/72.

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ADMINISTRATIVE: On 6/6/72, [redacted] advised that at approximately 2:15 pm he stopped at 53 Wall Street, headquarters in Connecticut for captioned organization (VVAW). In the office were [redacted] and [redacted]. After a period of approximately 15 minutes they were joined by [redacted] stated that they had made a court appearance in Groton regarding their arrest at the New London Submarine Base. [redacted] added that while there he had checked out the Coast Guard Academy in New London where Vice President AGNEW would speak on 6/7/72.

[redacted] stated it would appear that they could gain access through the main gate and that he had determined through the Coast Guard that 6/7/72 would be a clear day with no prevailing wind. [redacted] asked for assistance in bringing a helium tank from the first floor up into the office.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED					<input type="checkbox"/> NONE	ACQUIT-TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
CONVIC.	AUTO.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES		
							PENDING OVER ONE YEAR <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO

APPROVED: *W* SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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 1 - United States Attorney, New Haven (RM)  
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Dissemination Record of Attached Report

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He explained a plan to fill four balloons with helium and to each balloon he would attach a batch of leaflets with a shoe string tied in a bow knot. Two strings would be utilized on each balloon, one to hold the balloon and guide it, the other one would be tied to the shoe string so that by releasing the guiding string and yanking on the other, the leaflets could be dropped on the ceremony at the Coast Guard Academy. [ ] also stated that [ ] would be bringing a grenade simulator." [ ] stated they had tested the balloon theory in the office and it worked fine. There was no further mention of the grenade simulator and [ ] left 53 Wall Street at approximately 2:50 pm.

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The above information was furnished to SA [ ] Secret Service, at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, New London, Conn., by SA THOMAS M. MURPHY on 6/6/72.

LEADS:

NEW HAVEN

At New Haven, Connecticut

Will await prosecutive opinion of USA, New Haven.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

1 - UNITED STATES ATTORNEY, NEW HAVEN (RM)  
1 - SECRET SERVICE, NEW HAVEN (RM)

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Date:

SA THOMAS M. MURPHY  
JUNE 15, 1972

Office: NEW HAVEN

Field Office File #:

NH 175-42

Bureau File #:

Title:

Character:

ASSAULTING THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Synopsis:

[redacted] DOB [redacted]  
[redacted] Coventry, Conn., arrested by GSP, Colchester, Conn., at Mansfield, Conn., on 6/7/72, in possession of a grenade simulator and was charged with possession of a dangerous weapon in a motor vehicle, a felony charge. Arresting officer advised [redacted] enroute to demonstration at U.S. Coast Guard Academy, New London, Conn., and when questioned as to purpose of having grenade simulator, [redacted] said "I was not going to throw it at AGNEW when he was talking." Subject committed to Connecticut Correctional Center, Brooklyn, Conn., in lieu of \$30,000 bond. Subject interviewed at center and advised that he obtained grenade simulator from OCS, Fort Benning, Georgia, when in the Army. He described the grenade simulator as a practice grenade and not a lethal weapon. Subject would not say where he intended to go or what he intended to do with the grenade simulator, other than he planned to use it in a harmless prank. Associate who was with subject when arrested advised that subject planned to use grenade simulator to explode helium balloon aloft, which would release leaflets on commencement exercises at U.S. Coast Guard Academy, New London, Conn. Associate states subject did not plan to hurt anybody with the grenade. Subject presented 11th Circuit Court, Danielson, Conn., 6/9/72, at which time bond reduced to \$1,000, which subject made. 11th Circuit Court date not set.

DETAILS:

In the event additional information  
of value is developed, your agency will  
be advised.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date June 13, 1972

Lieutenant [redacted] Commanding Officer,  
Connecticut State Police Barracks, Colchester, Connecticut,  
telephonically furnished the following information:

Shortly after 9:30 am, June 7, 1972, he arrested [redacted]  
[redacted] Coventry, Connecticut,  
on a charge of possession of a dangerous weapon in a motor  
vehicle, a violation which is considered a State felony punishable  
by five years imprisonment and/or \$1,000.00 fine. [redacted]  
formerly resided at [redacted] Willimantic, Connecticut.  
[redacted] had in his possession a grenade simulator, which is  
described as approximately a four to five inch long plastic  
cylinder containing black powder and a fuse. [redacted] was  
stopped on the highway and voluntarily consented to a search  
of his person. [redacted] stated he was going to New London,  
Connecticut, to attend a demonstration where SPIRO T. AGNEW  
was speaking. When asked what he planned to do with the  
grenade simulator [redacted] stated "I was not going to throw  
it at AGNEW when he was talking." [redacted] did not give  
further details regarding this statement. He stated that  
[redacted] was presented to 11th Circuit Court, Danielson,  
Connecticut, and presently confined at the Connecticut  
Correctional Center, Brooklyn, Connecticut, in lieu of  
\$30,000.00 bond.

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On 6/7/72 at New Haven, Connecticut File # NH 175-42

by SA THOMAS M. MURPHY 2 /alv Date dictated 6/9/72

On the morning of June 7, 1972, Special Agents [redacted] and THOMAS M. MURPHY observed [redacted] Regional Coordinator for the Vietnam Veterans Against the War (VVAW) on the campus of Connecticut College, which is across from the United States Coast Guard Academy. [redacted] and four others released four black balloons, which measured five to six feet in diameter. These balloons were attached to a line and on each instance the balloons got away from those holding them and drifted into the sky. During this period Vice President of the United States SPIRO T. AGNEW was present at the Coast Guard Academy Commencement Exercises as the main speaker.

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The VVAW was founded in the Spring of 1967 by six young Vietnam veterans in New York City. At the beginning of 1968, with 600 members, VVAW opened a national office, founded the first GI newspaper "Vietnam GI", and sent close to 500 veterans into the MC CARTHY campaign to beat down the red baiters. After getting gassed at the Democratic Convention in Chicago and caught in the general "down" of the peace movement, VVAW was nearly inactive until the moratoriums in the Fall of 1969. Members of the VVAW led student strikes on major campuses across the country and battled Veterans Administration Hospital authorities over threats to throw amputee Vietnam veterans out for signing anti-war petitions. At present, membership of the VVAW nationally, consists of 8,500 members.



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[redacted], was interviewed at the Connecticut Correctional Center, Brooklyn, Connecticut. He was furnished a form captioned "Interrogation/Advice of Rights" by Special Agent THOMAS M. MURPHY, which he read and refused to sign. He agreed to discuss details regarding his arrest by the Connecticut State Police. He stated he had a grenade simulator when contacted by the Connecticut State Police at Coventry, Connecticut, which he obtained at Officer Candidate School (OCS) at Fort Benning, Georgia, when in the Army. He described the grenade simulator as a practice grenade with a charge equal to the contents of four shotgun shells strapped together. The grenade is made of cardboard, has no metal and is not a lethal weapon. He claimed the Army says the grenade simulator has a fifteen meter danger radius, but he believes this is questionable. He would not say where he intended to go or what he intended to do with the grenade simulator, other than he planned to use it in a harmless prank.

He stated that the television and radio newscasts reported that he intended to assassinate the Vice President. He stated he did not expect to see SPIRO T. AGNEW today. He related that he goes to court on Friday and might possibly give his reasons in detail for having the grenade simulator so that he might get out of jail. He described himself as a political prisoner arrested on trumped up charges by the Connecticut State Police. He said that at least a dozen people know the details regarding the harmless prank he intended, but would not disclose their identities.

The following description was obtained through interview and observation:

Name:	[redacted]
Sex:	Male
Race:	White
Date of birth:	[redacted]
Height:	New London, Connecticut
Weight:	5'10"
Hair:	155 pounds
	Brown

O. 6/7/72 at Brooklyn, Connecticut File # NH 175-42

SA EDGAR G. FOREST

SA THOMAS M. MURPHY/TMM

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by \_\_\_\_\_ Date dictated 6/9/72

NH 175-42

TMM:alv

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Eyes:

SSAN:

Occupation:

Military service:

Marital status:

Hazel -

[redacted]  
Student; Senior at University  
of Connecticut (UCONN),  
Storrs, Connecticut  
United States Army

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[redacted]  
Honorable discharge as Captain

Married - Wife [redacted]

*JAC 1/5/54*  
*REDEL*

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date June 13, 1972

Lieutenant [redacted], Connecticut State Police, Commanding Officer, Colchester Barracks, Colchester, Connecticut, furnished the attached investigative reports relating to the arrest of the subject by him at Mansfield, Connecticut, on June 7, 1972.

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[redacted] advised that the subject is scheduled to appear in 11th Circuit Court, Danielson, Connecticut, on June 9, 1972, on a defense motion to reduce bond.

On 6/8/72 at Coventry, Connecticut File # NH 175-42

by SA EDGAR C. FOREST  
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ous Weapon in a MV		29-38	F-U				
State of Connecticut							
25. TYPE OF PREMISES MOTOR VEHICLE			26. CODE 96	27. WEAPONS AND TOOLS OTHER DANGEROUS			28. CODE 20
STOLEN PROPERTY		30. JEWELRY		31. FURS		32. CLOTHING	
RECOVERED PROPERTY		30A		31A		32A	
VEHICLE INVOLVED		36. YEAR 1961	37. MAKE VW	38. BODY TYPE Sta Wag	39. COLOR Red	40. REG. NO.	41. STATE Ct.
43. STATUS OF CRIME		44. CD	48. UCR CODE	49. RES.	50. TIME	51.	52.
1. Active 2. Cleared arrest		2		Burg.		Larceny	Robbery
45. CASE STATUS		46. CODE	47. Age of oldest accused involved (closing only)	53.	54. STOL.	55. REC'D.	56.
1. Open 2. Closed		2	25	Assault Trooper	Motor Vehicle	Juvenile	Child abuse

Date and time of investigation:  
06/07/72 0630

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DATE OF CRIME: 06/07/72 0930 hrs

PLACE OF CRIME: Between Depot Rd., Coventry, Conn, and North Eagleville Rd., Mansfield, Conn (area on road across from Nobynwood Apts, N. Eagleville Rd.).

DESCRIPTION OF CRIME:

The accused was found in possession of a dangerous weapon, a "Simulator, Hand Grenade, M116A1". The accused was the operator of a 1961 VW Station Wagon, Red, Conn Pass Reg [redacted] and when stopped, was found carrying this device in his left pocket. When stopped, the operator identified himself, presenting his operators license and car registration, and in conversation with LT. [redacted] told him he was enroute to a demonstration in New London where AGNEW was speaking. The accused then consented to a search of his vehicle and his person, at which time the search was conducted, and the above noted device found.

ACCUSED:

[redacted] AKA [redacted]  
[redacted] Coventry, Conn.  
DOB: [redacted] New London, Conn.  
W--M--25--5'8" Dark blond hair, long, covering ears, neck. Hazel eyes, light complexion, medium build, bushy blond mustache, Appendix scar, DOB [redacted] New London, Conn.

Arrested 06/07/72, about 0943 hrs, N. Eagleville Rd., Mansfield, Conn., by LT. [redacted]

Possession of Dangerous Weapon in MV 29-38 F-U

Presented in 11th Circuit Court, Danielson 06/07/72

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ACCUSED:

CONT'D:

Accused was unable to meet \$1,000.00 Bond set by the court, and is being held at Brooklyn Correctional Ctr.

No statement was made by the accused. Comments made orally to Lt [Redacted] are noted in his report, part of this file. b6  
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Accused was advised of his constitutional rights at the time of his arrest 06/07/72, 0945hrs, by Lt [Redacted] immediately after being taken into custody, handcuffed, and placed in the cruiser. The subject said he fully understood his rights, and when Lt [Redacted] asked him if he was afraid of us he answered "No", and also said "No" when asked if he would let us search him because he was afraid or he knew we would search him anyhow.

Lt [Redacted] then asked him what he was going to do with the grenade and he stated "I was not going to throw it at AGNEW, when he was talking". The accused did not expand on that statement.

EXHIBIT:::

(1) Hand Grenade. The hand grenade was marked "Simulator Hand Grenade, M116A1". Firing Instructions. Remove safety clip from fuse lighter carefully pull off cap until cord is free of container. Grasp the container in throwing hand, wearing a standard issue leather glove, jerk the cord and immediately throw. After five seconds delay, the grenade will explode. Hazard: Dangerous within fifteen feet. Dry leaves and grass may be ignited within a radius of several feet. 04-68."

Item seized from left front pocket of jacket worn by the accused. Accused was advised he did not have to consent to search, but consented after the warning. Item found at about 0940 hrs 06/07/72.

Lt [Redacted] seized device from [Redacted]

Device is being held as evidence at Troop K, Colchester

ACTION TAKEN:

06/07/72. Based on information received by LT [Redacted] from SGT [Redacted] that [Redacted] Willimantic, Conn, would be enroute to the COAST GUARD ACADEMY, where Vice-President AGNEW was scheduled to speak, and that he would have a grenade launcher in his possession, and would be operating a 1961 red VW, this officer periodically checked the Turner St address during the midnight shift, but was unable to locate this vehicle.

At about 0630 hrs, I met with LT [Redacted] in Willimantic and upon calling the number listed to [Redacted] [Redacted] found the phone was disconnected, and from the information operator it was learned that a new listing

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