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Subject: ZODIAC KILLER

File Number: 9-HQ-49911

SECTION 1

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TO: Director, FBI  
ATTENTION: FBI Laboratory

FROM: SAC, Sacramento (9-68)

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;  
Vallejo Times Herald, 
Vallejo, California 
EXTORTION

Remytel, 8/1/69.

Enclosed herewith are the following documents:

(1) Original undated three page letter, beginning "Dear Editor, This is the zodiac speaking," ending with "did not get front page coverage." This letter was sent anonymously to the San Francisco Examiner, received, and turned over to Vallejo Police Department, 8/4/69.

(2) Photocopy of envelope and two page letter addressed to San Francisco Examiner, enclosing cipher.

(3) Photocopy of envelope and two page letter addressed to San Francisco Chronicle, enclosing cipher.

(4) Photocopy of envelope and two page letter addressed to Vallejo Times Herald, enclosing cipher.
These items are submitted in cooperation with the Vallejo Police Department. The original of items 2, 3, and 4 were examined by local police for latent fingerprints. Item 1 has not been examined and it is requested that it be processed for latent prints.

The ciphers enclosed with Items 2 - 4 were submitted by the Vallejo Police Department to the Navy Department, but were not examined by cryptographer.

Request that ciphers enclosed with Items 2 - 4 be examined to determine significance, if any. In this regard, police officials are of opinion that the letters were written by person responsible for the murder of the three and the wounding of the fourth victim. They have no idea as to the significance of the ciphers. It is further requested that letters and ciphers be compared with other threatening letters submitted to the FBI Laboratory.

All items should be returned to Sacramento, for return to the Vallejo Police Department, upon completion of examination.

No active investigation is being conducted by Sacramento, and none is requested of San Francisco.
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FBI, Sacramento (9-68)  

Date: August 18, 1969

UNKNOWN SUBJECT:
Vallejo Times Herald,
Vallejo, California

Exortion

Examination requested by:
Airtel 8/6/69

Document - Fingerprint - Cryptanalysis

The results of the fingerprint and cryptographic examinations will be furnished under separate cover.

Enclosures (14) (Qc4 - Qc15, 2 Lab report)

2 - San Francisco Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

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To: FBI, Sacramento (9-68)  
Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;  
Vallejo Times Herold,  
Vallejo, California  
Extortion  

Specimens received 8/8/69  

Q1 Three-page hand printed letter, first page beginning "Dear Editor This is the Zodiac speaking..."  

Q2 Second page of letter beginning "knee. I did not leave the scene of the killing..."  

Q3 Third page of letter beginning "by high hill and trees...," signed "NO ADDRESS"  

Qc4 Photocopy of envelope postmarked "SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF PM 31 JUL 1969," bearing hand printed address "F. B. EXAMINES San Fran, Calif. PLEASE RUSH TO EDITOR"  

Qc5 Accompanying photocopy of two-page hand printed letter, first page beginning "Dear Editor This is the murderer of the 2 teenagers..."  

Qc6 Second page of letter beginning "Here is part of a cipher the other 2 parts of this cipher are being mailed..."  

Qc7 Photocopy of cipher accompanying the Qc5 and Qc6 letter  

Qc8 Photocopy of envelope postmarked "SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF PM 31 JUL 1969," bearing hand printed address "S. F. Chronicle San Fran, Calif. Please Rush to Editor!" and on flap "Please Rush to Editor."
Qc9 Accompanying photocopy of two-page hand printed letter, first page beginning "Dear Editor I am the killer of the 2 teenagers..."

Qc10 Second page of letter beginning "do not print this cipher, I will go on a Kill rampage..."

Qc11 Photocopy of cipher accompanying the Qc9 and Qc10 letter

Qc12 Photocopy of envelope postmarked "SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF IA PM 31 JUL 1969," bearing hand printed address "Vallejo Time Herald Vallejo Calif Please Rush To Editor"

Qc13 Accompanying photocopy of two-page hand printed letter, first page beginning "I am the killer of the 2 teenagers..."

Qc14 Second page of letter beginning "cipher in your front page..."

Qc15 Photocopy of cipher accompanying the Qc13 and Qc14 letter

Result of examination:

Q1 through Qc15 were searched through the Anonymous Letter File without effecting an identification. Copies of these specimens have been added to this file for future reference.

The watermark "FIFTH AVENUE" appears on Q1 through Q3. This is a watermark of the F. W. Woolworth Company, Woolworth Building, New York, New York. No indented writing was found on Q1 through Q3 which would be of value in determining the source of these specimens.

Q1 through Q3 were photographed and are being returned separately. Qc4 through Qc15 are returned herewith. Photocopies of Qc4 through Qc15 are retained.
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These are excerpts of some of the specimens in the case. Copies of all specimens being maintained in Lab File.

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67C
FBI

Date: 8/14/69

Transmit the following in

(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIRMMAIL - REGISTERED
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
     ATTN: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, SACRAMENTO (9-68) (P)

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
  "Vallejo Times-Herald"
  Vallejo, California - VICTIM
  EXTORTION

Re Sacramento airtel to Bureau dated 8/6/69.

Enclosed herewith is an envelope bearing post-
mark San Francisco, Calif., 8/10/69, addressed to Sgt.
Vallejo Police Department, Vallejo, Calif.,
enclosing a 3 x 5 card bearing a typewritten note
beginning "Dear Sgt. \\
and ending with "concerned
citizen". Also enclosed is a "key", which was furnished
to the Vallejo Police Department by the anonymous letter
writer who states, "I hope the enclosed key will prove
to be beneficial to you in connection with the cipher
letter writer".

It is requested that the enclosed items be
examined for latent fingerprints; or The "key" may or may
not have some bearing upon the solution of the cipher
enclosed with referenced airtel.

These items should be returned to San Francisco
for return to the Vallejo Police Department upon completion
of the examination.

[Handwritten text]

Approved: ___________________  Sent ____________
          Special Agent in Charge
UNKNOWN SUBJECT:
"Vallejo Times-Herald"
Vallejo, California -
VICTIM
EXTORTION

Examination requested by:
Sacramento

Reference:
Airtel 8/14/69

Examination requested:
Document-Fingerprint-Cryptanalysis

Specimens received 8/16/69

Q16 Envelope postmarked "San Francisco Calif. 2A FN
10 AUG 1969," bearing the typewritten address
"Sergeant [redacted] Vallejo Police Department
Vallejo, California"

Q17 Accompanying white 3" x 5" card bearing the
typewritten note beginning "Dear Sergeant,
I hope the enclosed key ..."

Q18 Sheet of white paper bearing hand printed letters
and symbols beginning "A - G - E - (backwards) L ..."

FBI, Sacramento (9-68)

Date: August 21, 1969

John Edgar Hoover, Director
EX. 113
REC. 128
Remarks:

The items submitted with realtetl have been received and designated Q16 through Q18 as indicated above.

You did not request any specific document examinations of these items; however, they were examined for watermarks and indented writing but none were found. It is noted that the typewriting on Q16 and Q17 contains numerous defects which would be of value in identifying a suspect machine; however, this typewriting is too limited to classify with any degree of accuracy. No further document examinations regarding these items are being conducted without a specific request.

Q18 through Q19 were photographed and are being forwarded to San Francisco per your request under separate cover.

The results of the cryptographic and fingerprint examinations are also being furnished separately.

No Laboratory report is attached.
UNKNOWN SUBJECT
"Vallejo Times-Herald"
Vallejo, California
EXTORTION

Examination requested by: Sacramento

Reference: Airtel 9/8/69 and 8/14/69

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint - Cryptanalysis

Remarks:
To: FBI, Sacramento (9-68)  
Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECT  
"Vallejo Times-Herald"  
Vallejo, California  
EXTORTION

Specimens received: 8/18/69

Q18 Sheet of white paper bearing hand printed letters and symbols beginning "A - G - S - (backwards)L . . . "

Result of examination:

Q18 is a substantially accurate key for decryption of previously submitted specimens Qc7, Qc11, and Qc15.

The specimens will be returned to you separately. The results of the document and fingerprint examinations will be furnished to you separately.
AIRTEL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTN: FBI LABORATORY
FROM : SAC, SACRAMENTO (9-68) (P)

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
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These items should be returned to San Francisco
for return to the Vallejo Police Department upon completion
of the examination.

(2) - Bureau (Enc. 3) (AM RM)
(2) - Sacramento
FBB: cde
Lab Report to SC
dated 8/6/69
17/8/69.
Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
"Vallejo Times-Herald"
Vallejo, California -
VICTIM
EXTORTION

Examination requested by:  Sacramento (9-69) Airtel 8/14/69
Examination requested:  Document-Fingerprint-Crypto.  Date received:  8/18/69
Result of Examination:  Examination by: AE

Specimens submitted for examination

Q16 Envelope postmarked "San Francisco Calif.  3A PM 10 AUG 1969," bearing the typewritten address "Sergeant, Vallejo Police Department Vallejo, California"

Q17 A Accompanying white 3" x 5" card bearing the typewritten note beginning "Dear Sergeant..."

Q18 Sheet of white paper bearing hand printed letters and symbols beginning "A - G - S - (backwards) L ...

Return evidence

2- S.F.
Transmit the following in
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL

(AIR MAIL)

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
(ATTN.: FBI LABORATORY)

FROM: SAC, SACRAMENTO (9-68)

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;

"Vallejo Times-Herald"
Vallejo, California -
VICTIM

REXTORTION

Re Sacramento airtel to the Bureau, dated 8/6/69.

Enclosed herewith is a newspaper article appearing
in the "Vallejo Times-Herald" 8/9/69, in which DONALD G.
HARDEN, Salinas, California, claims to have broken the cipher.
HARDEN's translation is set out in the newspaper article.

This clipping is submitted for whatever value it
might have in request of Sacramento that the ciphers be
examined to determine significance.

ENCLOSURE

1d.2. Bureau (Enc. 1) (RM)
2. Sacramento
FBB/11
(4)

Lab Rep to SC
8/19/69 RTB, the

Approved: __________________________ Sent ________ M ______ Per ______

Special Agent in Charge
Cryptogram Deciphered By Teacher

Vallejo Police Certain

Killer Wrote Messages

The cipher sent to the Times-Herald by a man who claims he murdered three people in Vallejo apparently has been broken. It spells out a chilling message of killing for thrills. Police are convinced the cipher translation is accurate and that the author is indeed the killer.

Donald J. Harden, a Suisun high school teacher of history and economics, and an amateur cryptographer said he and his wife broke the cipher after about 72 hours of work. "As you can see," Harden said of the cryptogram, "this spelling is rather poor and in some places he has made errors in the use of his own cipher.

These errors Harden said he saw in incomprehensible groupings of letters, but the writer's message was fairly clear. Harden's translation of the cryptogram, with possible meanings of unintelligible words added in parentheses, reads:

"I LIKE KILLING PEOPLE BECAUSE IT IS SO MUCH FUN. IT IS MORE Fun Than MURDER AND WILD GAME IN THE WOODS. BAND ITS MAN TO THE MOST HOMICIDAL MINDS. ANYONE OF ALL THE KILLING SOMETHING EMOTIONAL TRILLING EXPERIENCE. IT IS EVEN BETTER THAN GETTING YOUR台灣 WITH A GIRL. THE BEST PART OF IT I AM I WAS WHEN I DO I WILL BE REBORN IN PARADISE AND ALL THE I HAVE KILLED WILL BECOME MY SLANDER I WILL NOT GIVE MY NAME BECAUSE YOU WILL TRY TO MARRY ME DOWN ON TO STOP MY COLLECTING OF SLAVES MY AFTERLIFE END NOT EMETH HPPITI.

PUTZING WORDS

There is no ready explanation for the last four words although possibly they have something to do with a signature.

Det. Sgt. John Lynch, who with Det. Sgt. Ed Farkis is in charge of the missing persons case, said, "there is no doubt in my mind that this is a true translation of the cipher and that the murderer wrote it. You can almost check the cipher against itself. I think perhaps the man's name is in the cryptogram, possibly in the last four words."

Lynch talked to Harden and said, "I'm convinced he has it solved." He said he would talk to him again later. Meanwhile, Lynch has Harden's work sheets and is playing and comparing them with the three-part cryptogram and the translation.

In unwrapped letters delivered Aug. 2 to San Francisco, San Francisco Examiner and San Francisco Chronicle, the writer said he had killed two teenagers last December 7 on Lebe Hevens Road and a young woman July 4 at Blue Rock Easting Park.

THREE LETTERS

With each of the letters postmarked July 28 in San Francisco, the writer included a different cryptogram with its translation printed on the back of each sheet. They were published the next day in the Examiner and Chronicle.

"It is rather difficult for me to make the analysis that he stood for "a,"" then commonly used letter in the language.

He said that in an obvious attempt to throw cryptanalysts off the track, the writer used the letter "a" 10 times in an effort to make the analysis that it stood for "a."" Harden said that at first thought it did.

TELLS CLUBS

The Suisun school teacher said he broke the code by looking for four-letter patterns which would fit with the word "kill."" He said that at first it was used more than once, he said, "and the writer used "kill" once, "ain't" twice, "told" and "told" once, "ain't" once, and in each case.

Lynch said he would devote more time to the cipher and his comparison work and would confer with Harden again.

From PAGE ONE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Sacramento (9-68)  Date: August 19, 1969

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECT; Vallejo Times Herald Vallejo, California EXTORTION

Examination requested by: Sacramento

Reference: Airtales 8/5/69 and 8/12/69

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint - Cryptanalysis

Remarks:

MAILED 8 AUG 19 1969
COMM-FBI

1 - Mr. [Redacted] (sent direct)

KTB:trs (7)
REPORT of the
FBI LABORATORY
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Sacramento (9-68)
From: Unknown Subject;
Vallejo Times Herald
Vallejo, California
EXTORTION

Specimens received 8/8/69

Qc7 Photocopy of cipher accompanying the Qc8 and Qc9 letter.
Qc11 Photocopy of cipher accompanying the Qc9 and Qc10 letter.
Qc15 Photocopy of cipher accompanying the Qc13 and Qc14 letter.

Result of examination:

Qc15, Qc11, and Qc7, in that order, constitute a message encrypted with a unilateral, substitution cryptosystem with variants. The message reads:

"I like killing people because it is so much fun. It is more fun than killing wild game in the forest because man is the most dangerous animal of all. To kill something gives me the most thrilling experience. It is even better than getting your rocks off with a girl. The best part of it is that when I die I will be reborn in paradise and all the (word missing) I have killed will become my slaves. I will not give you my name because you will try to slow down or stop my collecting of slaves for my afterlife (remainder of message garbled).

The specimens and results of the document and fingerprint examinations are being furnished separately.

KTB:trs (7)
Specimens submitted for examination

Q1 Three page hand printed letter, first page beginning "Dear Editor. This is the Zodiac speaking..."

Q2 Second page beginning "knee. I did not leave the scene of the killing..."

Q3 Third page beginning "by high hill and trees..." and signed "NO ADDRESS"

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FBI/DOJ
IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

REFERENCE:

EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: Sacramento

SPECIMENS:

Q1 through Q3, three-page letter

Enclosed Q specimens are described in a separate Laboratory report, which will also furnish disposition of submitted copies of envelopes, letters, and ciphers.

Specimens examined and one latent fingerprint of value developed on second page of letter, Q2, and one latent fingerprint of value developed on third page of letter, Q3.

Latent fingerprint searched through existing section of single fingerprint file, but no identification effected.

Enc. (3) 1 AUG 26 1969

John Edgar Hoover, Director

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
8-12-69
Recorded: 8-19-69 7:35 a.m. Received: 8-19-69 sjh
Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
Vallejo Times-Herald,
Vallejo, California
EXTORTION

Examination requested by: Sacramento (9-69) A. 8-6-69
Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint
Result of Examination: Crypt.

File # 9-49115
Lab. # 6006059 LL
LC. # A-10042

Specimens submitted for examination
Q1 Three page hand printed letter, first page beginning "Dear Editor This is the Zodiac speaking..."
Q2 Second page beginning "knee, I did not leave the scene of the killing..."
Q3 Third page beginning "by high hill and trees..." and signed "NO ADDRESS"
Qc4 Photocopy of envelope postmarked "SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF PM 31 JUL 1969" bearing hand printed address "S.F. EXAMINER San Fran, Calif PLEASE RUSH TO EDITOR"
Qc5 Accompanying photocopy of two page hand printed letter first page beginning "Dear Editor This is the murderer of the 2 teenagers..."
Qc6 Second page beginning "Here is part of a cipher the other 2 parts of this cipher are being mailed..."
Qc7 Photocopy of cipher accompanying Qc5 and Qc6 letter

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Qc8 Photocopy of envelope postmarked "SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF PM 31 JUL 1969" bearing hand printed address "S. F. Chronicle San Fran, Calif. Please Rush to Editor!" and on flap "Please Rush to Editor"

Qc9 Accompanying photocopy of two page hand printed letter first page beginning "Dear Editor I am the killer of the 2 teenagers..."

Qc10 Second page beginning "do not print this cipher, I will go on a Kill rampage..." +h6

Qc11 Photocopy of cipher accompanying Qc9 and Qc10 letter

Qc12 Photocopy of envelope postmarked "SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF 1A PM 31 JUL 1969" bearing hand printed address "Vallejo Time Harold Vallejo Calif Please Rush To Editor"

Qc13 Accompanying photocopy of two page hand printed letter first page beginning "I am the killer of the 2 teenagers..."

Qc14 Second page beginning "cipher in your front page..." +he

Qc15 Photocopy of cipher accompanying Qc13 and Qc14 letter

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LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Washington, D.C. 20537

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TO: SAC, Sacramento

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECT:
"VALLEJO TIMES-HERALD"
VALLEJO, CALIFORNIA - VICTIM
EXTORTION

Airtel 8/14/69
Sacramento

REFERENCE: EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY
SPECIMENS:

Q16 through Q18, envelope, 3 x 5 card, and sheet
of white paper

The enclosed Q specimens are described in a
separate laboratory report.

One latent palm print of value developed on
envelope, Q16.

ST-110
REG 43 9-49911-6

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John Edgar Hoover, Director
Recorded 8/18/69

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

RECEIVED: 8-21-69 lrj

NO LAB FILE

Laboratory Work Sheet

RECORDED: 8-21-69 8:10 a.m. LATENT

File # D-49911 - L
Lab. # D-690818066 LL
LC# A-10042

Examined by: [Redacted]
Noted by: WCC

Examined requested by: Sacramento (9-C) Airtel 8/14/69

Examination requested: Document-Fingerprint-Crypt.

Date received: 8/18/69

Result of Examination:

Proved I by use of lab 8/21 mut

min - 916 as wo to photo

917 by 918 proved on - no lot of value

1 lot pp by value deed on front 916 8/26 wth

no more lots on 916 by her

Specimens submitted for examination.

Q16 Envelope postmarked "San Francisco Calif. 3A PM 10 AUG 1969" bearing the typewritten address "Sergeant [Redacted] Vallejo Police Department Vallejo, California"

Q17 a Accompanying white 3" x 5" card bearing the typewritten note beginning "Dear Sergeant [Redacted] I hope the enclosed "key"..."

Q18 Sheet of white paper bearing hand printed letters and symbols beginning "A - G - S - (backwards) L..."

Specimens detained & rett loc

Lab rep. rep.

Return evidence

Examination completed 10:35 a.m. 8/26/69

Time Date

Dictated 8/26/69 Date
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VALLEJO PD HAS PROCESSED THE LETTER AND ENVELOPE AND HAVE DEVELOPED LATENT FINGERPRINTS. THIS DEPARTMENT HAS VERIFIED THE SENDING OF THE LETTERS TO THE SAN FRANCISCO "EXAMINER" AND SAN FRANCISCO "CHRONICLE" AND IS PICKING UP THESE TWO LETTERS FOR RETURN TO VALLEJO PD. VALLEJO PD, ADVISES HE HAS NOT SEEN THESE LETTERS, BUT THEY HAVE BEEN READ TO HIM AND THE TEXT IS SIMILAR, IF NOT IDENTICAL, TO THE LETTER WRITTEN TO THE VALLEJO "TIMES-HERALD". HE STATES THE FACTS RELATED BY THE ANONYMOUS WRITER ARE FACTUAL. SOME OF THIS INFORMATION, BUT NOT END PAGE THREE.
PAGE FOUR.

ALL, WAS RELATED IN THE LOCAL NEWSPAPER. STATES

THE LETTERS RECEIVED BY THE SAN FRANCISCO "EXAMINER" AND THE

SAN FRANCISCO "CHRONICLE" HAVE BEEN PROCESSED FOR LATENT FINGER-
PRINTS BY THE SAN FRANCISCO PD.

VALLEJO PD HAS SUBMITTED THE WRITING ACCOMPANYING THE

LETTER TO THE VALLEJO "TIMES-HERALD" TO THE CRYPTOGRAPHIC UNIT;

U.S. NAVY RADIO STATION, SKAGGS ISLAND, NEAR VALLEJO, CALIFORNIA.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES HAVE SPECIAL PATROLS AND ALL LOVER'S LANE

AREAS ARE BEING COVERED FOR THE NEXT FEW NIGHTS.

NO ACTIVE INVESTIGATION IS BEING CONDUCTED BY SACRAMENTO

IN VIEW OF THE INVESTIGATION BY BOTH THE SOLANO COUNTY SD AND

THE VALLEJO PD IN CONNECTION WITH THE MURDERS COMMITTED WITHIN

THE JURISDICTION OF THESE DEPARTMENTS. THE FACILITIES OF THE

FBI LAB AND THE IDENTIFICATION DIVISION HAVE BEEN OFFERED. THE

BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED OF ANY PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS.

END.

RDR

FBI WASH DC

SC...

SF...
CITY OF VALLEJO
POLICE DEPARTMENT

October 2, 1969

J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Re: FBI File #A-10042
VPD Case #243146

Attention Laboratory:

Dear Sir:

With reference to the above case, enclosed please find:

a. Copies of two letters sent to the San Francisco Examiner.

b. Copy of letter sent to the Vallejo Times Herald.

c. Copies of application for employment and applications for leave with handwriting of suspect.

Will you please have handwriting comparison made of handwriting in letters with that of on application forms.

Thank you,

Jack E. Stiltz
Chief of Police

Enclosures

EXP. PROC.
WASHINGTON ____________________
8:55 PM URGENT 10/01/69 LCD
TO DIRECTOR (9-49911) PLAINTER
FROM SACRAMENTO (9-68) 2P

UNSUB; VALLEJO TIMES HERALD, VALLEJO, CALIFORNIA, EXTORTION;
00 SACRAMENTO

RE BUREAU LETTER AUGUST TWENTY FIVE LAST.

FOR INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU, DURING THE PAST WEEK-END IN
NAPA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, A YOUNG MALE AND FEMALE WERE STABBED
BY UNKNOWN ASSAILANT RESULTING IN DEATH OF FEMALE AND
HOSPITALIZATION IN CRITICAL CONDITION OF MALE. MESSAGE
LEFT BY ASSAILANT IS IDENTICAL TO INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBLE FOR
THE PREVIOUS MURDERS COMMITTED IN NEARBY VALLEJO, CALIFORNIA,
AS SET FORTH IN CAPTIONED CASE.

ON THIS DATE, DETECTIVE SGT. _______ VALLEJO POLICE
DEPARTMENT ADVISED HE HAS DEVELOPED EXCELLENT SUSPECT IN CAPTIONED
AND RELATED CASES. HE IDENTIFIED SUSPECT AS______ WMA, BORN______
AND PRESENTLY EMPLOYED______ VALLEJO, CALIFORNIA. DETECTIVE

END PAGE ONE.
Page Two.

This contacting FBI Identification Division this date and requesting comparison of suspect's fingerprints against latent fingerprints developed by Identification Division on questioned documents (latent case number A 10004). Detective also desires copy of suspect fingerprint card from Identification Division.

In view of wide spread publicity being afforded this case by news media in Northern California, it is requested FBI Identification Division expedite SGT... request.

Armed and dangerous.

End.

P.

RM FBI WASH DC
TO: Mr. Jack E. Stiltz
Chief of Police
Vallejo, California 94590

Attention: Detective Sergeant

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECT

REFERENCE: VALLEJO TIMES HERALD

VALLEJO, CALIFORNIA

EXTORTION

Radiogram from Chief of Police, Vallejo, California, on October 1, 1969, and teletype from FBI, Sacramento, on October 1, 1969

This report confirms and supplements our radiogram to you on October 2, 1969.

The previously reported latent fingerprints in this case are not identical with the fingerprints of [redacted] born in Texas. This individual may or may not be the same person named in your radiogram. No palm prints are contained in our files for this individual.

The requested copy of the fingerprints of [redacted] is enclosed.

Enclosure

2 - Sacramento (9-68)
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION WORK SHEET

Recorded: 10/2/69 8:00 a.m.  Reference No: Case # 243146
Received: 10/1/69 th

Answer to: Mr. Jack E. Stiltz, Chief of Police, Vallejo, California 94590
Attention: Detective Sergeant [Redacted] (Zip Code per National
Zip Code Directory)

Examination requested by: [Redacted]  Addressee

Copy to: [Redacted] (9-68)

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
VALLEJO TIMES HERALD,
VALLEJO, CALIFORNIA
EXTORTION

Date of reference communication: Radiotype 10/1/69, from op Vallejo cal
Specimens: [Redacted]

Named Suspect: [Redacted] w/m, DOB [Redacted]

NOTE: Teletype answer

Result of examination: called gate 1112. 60

Evidence noted by: [Redacted]

Doa [Redacted] in Texas may or may not be same
individual named in Radiogram.
No c.p.s. here this individual.

Radio from sent 10/2/69 6:00

Examination completed 5:00 Time 10/2/69 Date
Dictated 10/2/69 Date
To: Mr. Jack E. Stiltz  
Chief of Police  
Vallejo, California  94590

Attention:  

October 24, 1969

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.

Re: HANDWRITING EXAMINATION

Examination requested by:  
Addressee

Reference:  
Letter 10/2/69

Examination requested:  
Document

Specimens:

Originals of Q4 through Qe15, previously submitted by FBI, Sacramento, California, under date of 8/6/69, further described as follows:

Q4 Envelope postmarked "SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF PM 31 JUL 1969," bearing hand printed address "S. F. EXAMINER San Fran, Calif PLEASE RUSH TO EDITOR"

Q5 Front side of accompanying hand printed letter, beginning "Dear Editor This is the murderer of the 2 teenagers ..."
Q6 Back of letter beginning "Here is part of a cipher the other 2 parts of this cipher are being mailed . . . ."

Q7 Cipher accompanying the Q5 and Q6 letter

Q8 Envelope postmarked "SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF. PM 21 JUL 1969," bearing hand printed address "S. F. Chronicle - San Fran, Calif. Please Rush to Editor," and an flap "Please Rush to Editor"

Q9 Front side of accompanying hand printed letter, beginning "Dear Editor I am the killer of the 3 teenagers . . . ."

Q10 Back of letter beginning "do not print this cipher, I will go on a kill rampage . . . ."

Q11 Cipher accompanying the Q9 and Q10 letter

Q12 Envelope postmarked "SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF. PM 21 JUL 1969," bearing hand printed address "Vallejo Times Herold Vallejo Calif Please Rush To Editor"

Q13 Front side of accompanying hand printed letter, beginning "I am the killer of the 3 teenagers . . . ."

Q14 Back of letter beginning "cipher in your front page . . . ."

Q15 Cipher accompanying the Q13 and Q14 letter

Kcl Photocopies of Application for Federal Employment and two Applications for Leave, bearing known handwriting and hand printing of . . . .

Result of examination:

It was not determined whether the questioned hand printing on Q4 through Q15 was prepared by . . . . because of an insufficient amount of comparable known standards however, characteristics were observed which indicate that . . . . probably did not prepare the questioned hand printing on Q4 through Q15.

The submitted material was photographed and is returned herewith.
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (9-49911)
    ATTN: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION
    LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION
    LATENT CASE NUMBER A-10042

FROM: SAC, SACRAMENTO (9-68) (P)

SUBJECT: "UNSUB;
(Vallejo Times-Herald)
Vallejo, California -
VICTIM
EXTORTION

For the information of Boston, on Christmas, 1968, a young boy and girl parked in a lovers' lane area of Vallejo, California, were shot and killed.

On July 4, 1969, another young couple parked in a lovers' lane area near Vallejo were attacked. The girl was shot and killed and the boy shot but is still alive in critical condition.

During August, 1969, several anonymous letters were sent to newspapers in Vallejo and San Francisco, California, confessing the killings and relating surrounding events and enclosing cyphers, which the anonymous writer demanded be printed in the newspapers on threat of further killings.

Approved: __________________________ Sent M Per __________________________

Special Agent in Charge
SC 9-68

On the weekend of September 20 - 21, 1969, another young couple were attacked in the nearby Lake Berryessa area. The girl was stabbed to death and the boy stabbed but is still alive, although in critical condition.

In the Vallejo killings, as well as the Lake Berryessa killing, the unknown subject called local authorities to report the assaults. Investigating officers believe that the same person is responsible for all of these killings and assaults. A description, along with an artist's conception of unsub has been published in local newspapers and received wide publication in this area.

On October 6, 1969, Mr. [redacted] officer of the Bank of America, NT & SA, Springtown Branch, Vallejo, California, received Identification Order Number [redacted] on [redacted]. He noted similarity in physical description, as well as facial features.

Bureau is requested to compare the unidentified latent fingerprints, Lab Case Number A-10042, with the fingerprints of [redacted].

LEAD:

BOSTON

AT BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS: Advise Sacramento whether the murder for which [redacted] is charged was similar in MO to murders in instant case. There is no indication that [redacted] is in the Vallejo area or has ever been here.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS
DESPITE THE IMPERSONAL TONE

Projecta copy of a letter, signed "murders,

"Drake's murder", "Why not 

Christmas, 1968, and July 7, 1969." unsigned communication received San Francisco 7.1968

received for Vallejo Times-Herald from

individual describing himself as killer and furnishing information regarding murders not generally known, to clarify subject demands Times-Herald print a part of a letter

transmitted by valleig on "kill ram

projecta"

"sister" letter 7.19.68.

Projecta letter (unidentifiable

matter) letter addressed to San Francisco Times, by local

individuals in which projecta letter being

coherent. A. L. S. of letter reads

"The fact that there are

people who try to create division and chaos and force people to die for their own reasons is very frightening and I feel it is time that people stand up to these people and let them know that they will not succeed in this way."
IDENTIFICATION DIVISION
LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

TO: SAC, Sacramento

RE: UNSUB.: (VALLEJO TIMES-HERALD) VALLEJO, CALIFORNIA - VICTIM EXTORTION

REFERENCE: Airtel 10/6/69 Sacramento

Latent fingerprints previously reported in this case not identical fingerprints. 

Mail Room Eletype Unit
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION WORK SHEET

Recorded: 10/9/69  10:25 a.m.  Reference No: 9-68
Received: 10/9/69  bla  FBI File No: 9-49911-10

Answer to: SAC, Sacramento

Examination requested by: Addressee
Copy to: ...

RE: UNSUB;
   (VALLEJO TIMES-HERALD)
   VALLEJO, CALIFORNIA - VICTIM
   EXTORTION

Date of reference communication: Airtel, 10/6/69
Specimens: Named Suspect:

Result of examination: Examination by
Evidence noted by:

[Handwritten notes]

Examination completed 4:15 p.m.    10/10/69    Dictated 10/10/69
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (9-49911)
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (9-2296)

SUBJECT: UNSUB; The Zodiac
VALLEJO TIMES-HERALD
VALLEJO, CALIFORNIA.- VICTIM
EXTORTION
QQ: Sacramento

Re: Bureau letter to Sacramento, 8/21/69 and Sacramento airtel to San Francisco, 10/7/69.

Enclosed for the Bureau are two copies of undated and unsigned letter and envelope, which envelope is addressed to "S.F. Chronicle, San Fran., Calif. Please Rush To Editor", postmarked San Francisco, California, 10/13/69.

Enclosed for Sacramento is one copy each of above described letter and envelope and one copy of San Francisco Police Department wanted flyer #87-69.

For information of the Bureau and Sacramento, Inspector San Francisco Police Department, advised on 10/17/69 that above described letter and envelope were received by the "San Francisco Chronicle", a San Francisco daily newspaper and furnished to the San Francisco Police Department. Inspector stated that latent prints were obtained from the letter and as soon as photographic copies of same can be reproduced, they will be furnished to this office with a request that they be searched through the latent and single fingerprint files of the FBI.

ENVELOPE
2 - Bureau (Encls. 4)
2 - Sacramento (9-68) (Encls. 3)
2 - San Francisco

CASE No (4)

Approved: Special Agent in Charge

Sent 10-18-69 Per

[Signature]
Inspector [redacted] advised that investigation is currently being conducted by Napa, Vallejo and San Francisco Police Departments concerning captioned matter and that he believes UNSUB may have military background inasmuch as UNSUB used bayonet and two separate 9 mm weapons and one of surviving victims observed UNSUB to be wearing military-type boots. Further, Inspector [redacted] related that the enclosed letter from UNSUB, identifying himself as Zodiac and stating he was responsible for the killing of cab driver, enclosed a blood-stained piece of material alleged to have been taken from victim's shirt. [redacted] stated he had definitely established that material did in fact come from victim's shirt and laboratory examination indicated handwriting is same as that in prior letters written in Napa County on 9/27/69.

The enclosed letter and envelope are being furnished to the laboratory for examination and comparison with material previously submitted by Sacramento Division in this matter.

Copies of the letter and envelope and wanted flyer are being furnished to Sacramento Division for information and any action deemed advisable.

San Francisco Division will maintain close contact with Inspector [redacted], Homicide Division, San Francisco Police Department, to furnish laboratory and latent fingerprint examinations requested.
URGENT

RADIOGRAM

JACK E. STILTZ
CHIEF OF POLICE
ATT: DET. SGT.
VALLEJO, CALIFORNIA

REURADIOGRAM 10-1-69, YOUR CASE 243146. LATENT FINGERPRINTS.

THIS CASE NOT IDENTICAL FINGERPRINTS BORN WHO MAY BE IDENTICAL SUBJECT NAMED.

URRAD: NO PALM PRINTS HERE FOR CONFIRMING.

HOOVER

JW: cao
(5)

10-1-69

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

REC. 96
32-85715-4

19 OCT. 2, 1969

NOV. 4, 1969

MAY
TELETYPE UNIT

2145 AM
RADIO
The only original evidence received in this matter was Q1 through Q3. The other specimens have been photocopies, some of which were made after the evidence had been treated for latent fingerprints. Such photocopies do not show sufficient detail to permit an adequate handwriting examination.
Specimens received 10/20/69

Qc19 Photocopy of envelope postmarked "San Francisco Calif. PM 13 OCT. 1969" bearing hand printed address "S. F. Chronicle San Fran. Calif. Please Rush To Editor"

Qc20 Photocopy of accompanying hand printed letter beginning "This is the Zodiac speaking..." and ending "...kiddies as they come bouncing out."

Results of examination:

It could not be determined whether the questioned hand printing on Q1 through Qc6, Qc8 through Qc10, Qc12 through Qc14, Qc19 and Qc20, was prepared by one or more persons, because the photocopies of these specimens do not show sufficient detail for a satisfactory examination; however, characteristics were noted which indicate that these specimens were probably prepared by one person.

Qc7, Qc11, and Qc15 are photocopies of ciphers and are not comparable with the questioned hand printing in this matter. Qc16 and Qc17 are typewritten. Q18 is a key for the decryption of the ciphers in this matter and is not comparable with the questioned hand printing.

Qc19 and Qc20 are retained.
REQUEST FOR IDENTIFICATION

Dear Sirs:

Please be advised that we have received a request from the Vallejo Police Department regarding a case involving a suspect with a similar fingerprint to one found at a crime scene. The Vallejo Police Department is currently investigating a crime in their jurisdiction and has reason to believe that the suspect in your case may be linked to this incident.

We have compared the fingerprints of the suspect in your case with the ones in our files and have identified a match. The suspect in your case has been identified as John Doe, who was previously arrested for a similar offense in Napa County.

We request that you send us the enclosed photographs and fingerprint cards so that they can be compared with the suspect's fingerprints. If you have any additional information or evidence that may assist in the Vallejo investigation, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Respectfully,

[Signature]

Earl Randolph, Sheriff

[Office Address]

Enclosure: Photographs and fingerprint cards.

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TELETYPING

TO SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (9-2296)
FROM DIRECTOR, FBI (9-49911)

UNSUB. VALLEJO TIMES - HERALD, VALLEJO, CALIFORNIA - VICTIM.

EXTORTION.

REURTEL CALL OCTOBER TWENTYFOUR SIXTYNINE.

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED LATENT FINGERPRINTS AND LATENT FINGERPRINTS

IN PHOTOGRAPHS SUBMITTED WITH URALTTEL OCTOBER TWENTYONE SIXTYNINE

NOT IDENTICAL FINGERPRINTS [REDACTED] FBI NUMBER

[REDACTED]

NO PALM PRINTS HERE FOR [REDACTED]

(JCJ: cao (4)

LC #A-10042

VIA TELETYPING

OCT 2, 1969

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MAIL ROOM

TELETYPING UNIT
6:28 PM PDT URGENT 10/22/69 WASH
TO DIRECTOR (ATTENTION: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION) --- Plaintext ---
FROM SAN FRANCISCO (9-2296) /IP/

SUB: "VALLEJO TIMES-HERALD", VALLEJO, CALIFORNIA
VICΤIM, EXTORTION.

SAN FRANCISCO PD ADVISES POSSIBLE SUSPECT THIS CASE IS
A WHITE MALE, BORN

NO FURTHER DESCRIPTION. SUBMIT IF RECORD
IN IDENTIFICATION FILES AND IF FINGERPRINT CARD AND PHOTO
AVAILABLE. FORWARD SAN FRANCISCO /SP/ SPECIAL DELIVERY.

SUB ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END.

REW FBI WASH DC

M. DeLancey 950 pm

C(copy): - Mr. Rosen

WASHINGTON --- 7 ---
TO: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (9-2296)
FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI
UNSUB: "VALLEJO TIMES-HERALD", VALLEJO, CALIFORNIA - VICTIM, EXTORTION.
BASIS INFORMATION FURNISHED UNABLE LOCATE ANY RECORD
IDENT. DIV. FILES ON
WRF: (3)
Transmit the following in

(Type in plaintext or code)

Via

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  (S-49211)
   ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (S-501).

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECT:
   VALLEJO TIMES-HERALD
   Vallejo, California - VICTIM
   EXTORTION
   (OF: Sacramento)

69102717C

Remytel call San Francisco today.

Today, [redacted] and [redacted] (Houston [redacted] identity), appeared at the office and advised as follows:

San Carlos, California, telephone [redacted] appears to be the type of individual who could be the "Zodiac killer". [Redacted] arrived in Houston while [redacted] was in Aransas Pass. [Redacted] was furnished on a confidential basis by [redacted] and is enclosed.

The above stated that they have been following the activities of this killer through the newspapers and feel that he could be identical with him.

491-256

REC 9-49911-16

(1) Bureau (enc.1)
(2) Sacramento (5-62)(A)
(3) San Francisco (5-2220)(A)

[Redacted]

Approved: Special Agent in Charge

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The above stated that they were only furnishing this information on the outside possibility that he could be identical, but requested that their identity not become known under any circumstances.

The laboratory is requested to compare the writing in the attached with any of the notes that have been furnished in this matter.

Results should be furnished to Sacramento and San Francisco.
TRANSMIT THE FOLLOWING IN

(TYPE IN PLAINTEXT OR CODE)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (9-43311)
ATTENTION FBI LABORATORY

FIFO: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (9-8286)

RE: UNSUB;
Vallejo Times-Herald
Vallejo, California -
VICTIM
EXTORTION
OC: Sacramento

Re San Francisco airtel to bureau dated 10/17/69.

Enclosed for the FBI Laboratory are two (2) photographs of a letter received from Unknown Subject in this matter by San Francisco "Chronicle" and furnished this office by the San Francisco Police Department.

Xerox copies of this letter were furnished to the "FBI Laboratory in referenced airtel.

Enclosed photographs are being furnished to FBI Laboratory for inclusion in anonymous letter file and possible examinations with specimens obtained at a later date.

REC-9-49911 - 17

2 - Bureau (Encs. 2)
1 - Sacramento (9-89) (TUE)
2 - San Francisco
CDE/pad
(8)

15 of 22:32

9-49911

Approved: ________ Sent ________ M Per ________

Special Agent in Charge
TO SAC SAN FRANCISCO (9-2296)
FROM DIRECTOR FBI (9-49911)

UNSUB; VALLEJO TIMES DASH HERALD, VALLEJO, CALIFORNIA DASH

VICTIM, EXTORTION.

REURTEL OCTOBER TWENTYSEVEN SIXTYNINE.

LATENT FINGERPRINTS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED THIS CASE NOT

IDENTICAL FINGERPRINTS [REDACTED] FBI NUMBER [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] OR [REDACTED] FBI NUMBER [REDACTED]

NO PALM PRINTS HERE FOR THESE INDIVIDUALS.

CONFIRMING.

LNW:1ws (5)
To: FBI, San Francisco (9-2296)

Date: October 24, 1969

Re: Unsub;
Vallejo Times - Herald
Vallejo, Calif. - Victim;
Extortion
OO: Sacramento

Examination requested by: San Francisco
Airtel dated 10/21/69

Examination requested: Document

Specimens received 10/22/69

Photographs of Qc19 and Qc20, previously submitted by San Francisco under date of 10/17/69.

Remarks:

You were previously advised of the examination of Qc19 and Qc20 by Laboratory report dated 10/24/69. The photographs described above do not alter the conclusions set forth in that report.

A representative copy of the questioned letters received in this matter has previously been added to the Anonymous Letter File.

The submitted photographs are retained.

No Laboratory report is attached.
185PM 10-24-69 URGENT MCC

TO DIRECTOR (9-49911), ATT: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

SACRAMENTO (9-68) PLAINTEXT

FROM SAN FRANCISCO (9-2296) (P) IF

UNSUB: VALLEJO TIMES-HERALD, VALLEJO, CALIF. - VIKEX. 00,

SA RAMENTO.

(9-2296)

RE SAN FRANCISCO AIRTEL TO BUREAU. OCT. TWENTYONE LAST.

SAN FRANCISCO PD HAS DEVELOPED WHAT THEY CONSIDER

EXCELLENT SUSPECT IN THIS CASE AND HEVIS

FBI NO.

IDENTIFICATION DIVISION IS REQUESTED TO COMPARE HIS

FINGERPRINTS WITH PRINTS SUBMITTED THIS CASE BY SACRAMENTO, SAN

FRANCISCO, VALLEJO PD AND NAPA COUNTY SO.

SACRAMENTO INSURE THAT ALL LATENTS AVAILABLE THIS CASE,

YOUR DIVISION, HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED TO IDENTIFICATION DIVISION.

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ARmed AND DANGEROUS.

END

REW FBI WASH. DC

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9-49911
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION WORK SHEET

Recorded: 10-27-69, 8:10 a.m.  Reference No: 9-2296
Received: 10-27-69, jag  FBI File No: 9-49911
Answer to: SAC, San Francisco  Latent Case No: A-10042

Examination requested by: Addresssee
Copy to:

RE: UNSUB;
   VALLEJO TIMES - HERALD
   VALLEJO, CALIFORNIA - VICTIM:
   EXTORTION

Date of reference communication: Teletype, October 24, 1969
Specimens: Named Suspect: [redacted]

Note: Telephone answer if ident
      Teletype answer if nonident

Result of examination:
   Sent copy of jacket to FBI
   Pre. lighted led f/pts (9) + 30 led f/pts + 1 led
   Be wires of value in photos submitted. W/15k
   20 Apr. 12169. Met 6 f/pts
   No 1/2 due for

Examination completed 8:35 PM  10/24/69
Time    Date    Dictated Date

Teletype 10/24/69
RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
VALLEJO TIMES HERALD
VALLEJO, CALIFORNIA
EXTORTION

Telephone call from: SAN FRANCISCO
REFERENCE: Examination requested by: SAN FRANCISCO

This report supplements and confirms information telephonically furnished SAN FRANCISCO on 10-21-69.

Latent fingerprints previously reported in captioned case and case entitled "Unsub.; Cecelia Ann Shepard - Victims, Lake Berryessa Area, Napa County, California, September 27, 1969; Assault, Murder;" latent case #A-12397, not identical fingerprints of FBI. Latent impression in latent case #A-12397 compared available fingerprints of but no identification effected. Major case prints of which are needed for comparison with the latent impression and previously reported latent palm prints, are not contained Identification Division files.
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION WORK SHEET

Recorded: 10-22-69 8:00 a.m.
Received: 10-22-69 fcm
Answer to: SAC, San Francisco

Examination requested by: Addressee
Copy to:

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
VALLEJO TIMES HEARLD
VALLEJO, CALIFORNIA
EXTORTION

Date of reference communication: Telephone call from SAC, San Francisco on 10-21-69.

Specimens:

Results of examination:

Evidence noted by:

Examination completed 9:20 A.M. 10/24/69

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
VALLEJO TIMES HEARLD
VALLEJO, CALIFORNIA
EXTORTION

Date of reference communication: Telephone call from SAC, San Francisco on 10-21-69.

Specimens:

Results of examination:

Evidence noted by:

Examination completed 9:20 A.M. 10/24/69
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (9-49911)
ATTENTION IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (3-2295)

RE: UNSUB:
Vallejo Times-Herald
Vallejo, California -
VICTIM
EXTORTION
Date: Sacramento

Re San Francisco airtel dated 10/17/69.

Enclosed for the Identification Division are
three (3) cases containing photostats of latent fingerprints
and one (1) copy of San Francisco Police Department
(SFPD) intra-departmental memoranda dated 10/19/69, which
relates to the enclosed fingerprints and which is self-
 explanatory.

For the information of the bureau, the short
grabs of latent fingerprints were recovered from the murder victim,
S. Jackson, who was murdered on 10/11/69, by
Unknown Suspect.

The laboratory is requested to compare the
enclosed latents and latents previously developed from
submissions by the Sacramento Office with the fingerprints
of

The Identification Division is also requested to
search the enclosed fingerprints through the single
fingerprint file and conduct any other search or examination
deemed advisable.

Special Agent in Charge

Approved: 11/17/69
Sent: N Per
All of the latent prints in our case were obtained from a taxi cab. The latent prints that show traces of blood are believed to be prints of the suspect. The latent prints from right front door handle are also believed to be prints of the suspect. These prints are circled with a red pen.

The other latent prints many of which are very good prints, may or may not be prints of the suspect in this case;

Per. Insp. [Name redacted] Crime lab.

67c
TO DIRECTOR, SAN FRANCISCO, LOS ANGELES, AND JACKSONVILLE
FROM ATLANTA 62-0 __ T _ J __

ZODIAC KILLER, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA. MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING.

WHO REQUESTED HER IDENTITY BE PROTECTED, TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED THE ATLANTA OFFICE GOT. TWENTYTHIRD, INSTANT, THAT SHE SAW THE TELEVISION NEWS PROGRAM ON WHICH SAN FRANCISCO ATTY. HELM BELLI TALKED TO THE ALLEGED "ZODIAC" KILLER, AND SHE BELIEVES THE VOICE OF THIS KILLER TO BE THE VOICE OF THE PERSON SHE IS PRESENTLY MISTAKEN.

HE IS ALSO AND IS ALSO ACCORDING TO... HAS ACCESS TO... ADDITIONALLY, HAS ADVISED... IS PROFICIENT IN... AND HAS... HE WAS EMPLOYED BY...
IF CURRENTLY RESIDING AT [BLANK], AND WILL RETURN TO THIS LOCATION FROM OCT. 13, 1969, ON OCT. TWENTYFOURTH, NEXT. SHE DESCRIBED AS W/N, DOB [BLANK].

NO ARRESTS KNOWN; PARENTS RESIDE AT [BLANK]. FIRST NAMES UNKNOWN. [BLANK] IN POSSESSION OF [BLANK] IN JUNE, 'SIXTYNINE.


SAN FRANCISCO, IF [BLANK] CAN BE CONSIDERED SUSPECT IN ZODIAC KILLINGS, REQUEST LOS ANGELES TO DETERMINE [BLANK] ABSENCE FROM LOS ANGELES AT PERTINENT TIMES AND REQUEST JACKSON-VILLE TO OBTAIN PHOTOS OF [BLANK] IN [BLANK].

END

JSS

FBI WASH, D.C.
October 24, 1969

Airtel

TO SACs, San Francisco
Los Angeles
Jacksonville
Atlanta. (62-9) 9-4911-21 X

FROM: Director, FBI

ZODIAC KILLER, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

Re Atlanta tel dated 10/23/69.

This will confirm telephonic instructions
furnished San Francisco Division this date.

In the absence of any Bureau violation, no
investigation should be conducted in this matter.
San Francisco and Los Angeles insure information contained
in referenced teletype furnished to appropriate local
authorities.

RKB:sdx (10) SEE NOTE PAGE TWO
NOTE:

Our Atlanta Office was advised 10/23/69, by a woman who identified herself as [redacted] that the voice of [redacted] appeared to be identical to the voice of the Zodiac killer who is currently being sought by California authorities. [Redacted] indicated that [redacted] is currently located in the Los Angeles Division. She stated that she had heard the voice of the Zodiac killer on a television news program at which time the killer was talking to the shyster attorney Melvin Belli of San Francisco. We telephonically notified San Francisco to conduct no investigation in the absence of any Bureau violation. San Francisco stated they would also advise Los Angeles.
REPORT

IDENTIFICATION DIVISION
LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

YOUR FILE NO. 9-2296
FBI FILE NO. 9-49911
LATENT CASE NO. 1-10042

TO: SAC, San Francisco

RE: UNS3.
VALENC TIMES-HERALD
VALENC, CALIFORNIA - VICTIM
EXTORTION

REFERENCE: Mirtel 10/21/69
EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: San Francisco
SPECIMENS: Three photographs

Thirty latent fingerprints, three latent palm prints, and one latent impression (fingerprint from lower joint area of a finger or palm print) of value appear in submitted photographs.

One latent fingerprint identified as fingerprint of victim Paul Lee Stine, San Francisco, California, Coroner's #1976. Remaining latent fingerprints not identical fingerprints of Stine or FBI latent impression compared available fingerprints of these individuals, but no identification effected. Impressions of lower joint areas of the fingers and palm prints of these individuals not contained

(Continued on next page)

John Edgar Hoover, Director

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Identification Division files.

Latent fingerprints previously reported this case not identical fingerprints of [redacted].

Searches were conducted in single fingerprint file, but no identifications effected.

Submitted photographs and copy of San Francisco Police Department memorandum, which was also submitted, have been retained.
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION WORK SHEET

Recorded: 10/23/69 9:30 a.m.  
Received: 10/23/69  

Answer to:  
   SAC, San Francisco

Examination requested by: addressee

Copy to: SAC, Sacramento (9-68)

RE: UNSUB;
   VALLEJO TIMES-HERALD
   VALLEJO, CALIFORNIA - VICTIM
   EXTORTION

Date of reference communication: initial, 10/21/69
Specimens:  
   3 photographs bearing latent impressions

Named Suspect:  

Also Submitted: INTRA-DEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM

Result of examination:  

Examination by  
Evidence noted by:

Examination completed  

Dictated  

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: SAC, Boston (6.27-5738)

January 24, 1983

Re: UNSUB
JOAN WEBSTER - VICTIM
DPC

CC: Boston

Examination requested by:
Reference:
Examination requested
Specimens received

Specimen:

K1

Two sets of photocopies of one hundred and nineteen pages of material relating to the ZODIAC

Result of examination:

Specimen K1 has been analyzed to determine if the "solutions" offered by the disappearance of JOAN WEBSTER are valid. (Much of K1 concerns analysis of the ZODIAC communications.) Most of these theories are based on conjecture and numerous assumptions. Some assumptions are possibly correct. However, the selective analysis of the literature (often misquoting material) and results only if they corroborate the overall theme of his solution. Thus, on a cryptanalytic, mathematical, and technical basis, the Laboratory contends that the results are forced and inconsistent.

Unless investigative techniques validate the hypotheses proposed by no further communications will be analyzed or evaluated.

Specimen K1 is being retained by the Laboratory.

2 - Sacramento (9-68)
2 - San Francisco (9A-2296)

FED: yjm (II)
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√1 = Bureau (9-49911)