

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

Indices:  Negative  See below

Subject's name and aliases [Redacted] WILLIAM SAPHIRE - VICTIM; EXTORTION (A); OO:NY		Character of case EXTORTION	
Complainant <input type="checkbox"/> Protect Source WILLIAM SAPHIRE		Complaint received <input type="checkbox"/> Personal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Telephonic Date 3/1/74 Time 10:00 AM	

Address of subject [Redacted] CINCINNATI, OH	Complainant's address and telephone number NY TIMES (212) 279 W 43RD ST. 556-5812
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Subject's Description	Race	Sex <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Height	Hair	Build	Birth date and Birthplace
	Age		Weight	Eyes	Complexion	Social Security Number
	Scars, marks or other data					

Facts of complaint  
[Redacted] NEW YORK TIMES, ADVISED THAT COLUMNIST WILLIAM SAPHIRE RECEIVED, VIA U.S. MAIL, A LETTER THREATENING HIS LIFE. THE LETTER WAS SIGNED BY CAPTIONED SUBJECT LISTING ABOVE OHIO ADDRESS.

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ORIGIN (CHARGE) [Redacted]  
ORIGIN [Redacted]  
SUPV. JBL  
DATE 3/1/74  
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Universal File Case Number 9A-NY-245117-1A1

Field Office Acquiring Evidence New York

Serial # of Originating Document \_\_\_\_\_

Date Received 3/19/96

From EVIDENCE CONTROL UNIT  
(Name of Contributor)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Address of Contributor)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(City and State)

By \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Special Agent)

To Be Returned  Yes  No

Receipt Given  Yes  No

Grand Jury Material - Disseminate Only Pursuant to Rule 6 (e)  
Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure

Yes  No

Title:

Reference: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Communication Enclosing Material)

Description:  Original notes re interview of

EVIDENCE RETURN RECEIPT FOR 1B1  
EVIDENCE WAS RECEIVED BY THE LAB ON 3/21/94

FD-441a (Rev. 4-21-86)

FILL IN THIS CARD - RETURN TO

Attention: Evidence Control Custodian

NYO

Date

3/17/94

Mailed to

LAB/LFS

Registry No.

640378098

Method of Mailing

Registered

Special Delivery

Checked by

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Packaged by

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Received by

Date and Time Received

File Number of Mailing Office

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Field Office Acquiring Evidence NYO

Serial # of Originating Document \_\_\_\_\_

Date Received 10-6-04

From ECU  
(Name of Contributor/Interviewee)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Address)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(City and State)

By \_\_\_\_\_

To Be Returned  Yes  No

Receipt Given  Yes  No

Grand Jury Material - Disseminate Only Pursuant to Rule 6 (e)  
Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure

Yes  No

Federal Taxpayer Information (FTI)

Yes  No

Title:

Reference: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Communication Enclosing Material)

Description:  Original notes re interview of  
FD192 package copy for  
IBI



**CHAIN OF CUSTODY**

Item	Accepted Custody	Date	Time	Released Custody	Date	Time
	Signature <u>[Redacted]</u> Reason <u>EVID.</u>	<u>3/14/94</u>	<u>7:00 P</u>	Signature <u>[Redacted]</u> Reason <u>[Redacted]</u>	<u>3/14/94</u>	<u>7:50 P</u>
	Signature <u>[Redacted]</u> Reason <u>STORAGE</u>	<u>1/16/94</u>	<u>11:50 A</u>	Signature <u>[Redacted]</u> Reason <u>ULAB PER ATD 3/17/94</u> <u>PH 640-576 084</u>	<u>3/17/94</u>	<u>10:00 A</u>
	Signature <u>[Redacted]</u> Reason <u>STORAGE</u> <u>RETURN FROM LAB</u>	<u>5/2/94</u>	<u>11:55 A</u>	Signature <u>[Redacted]</u> Reason <u>[Redacted]</u>		
	Signature <u>[Redacted]</u> Reason <u>Destroyed</u> <u>"2004"</u>	<u>4/21/04</u>	<u>9:55 AM</u>	Signature _____ Reason _____		
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- Teletype
- Facsimile
- AIRTEL

PRECEDENCE:

- Immediate
- Priority
- Routine

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- TOP SECRET
- SECRET
- CONFIDENTIAL
- UNCLAS E F T O
- UNCLAS

Date 3/1/94

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : DADIC, NEW YORK (9A-NY-245117) (P) (C-30)

SUBJECT : UNSUB; aka,  
 [redacted]  
 WILLIAM SAFIRE - VICTIM;  
 EXTORTION (A);  
 OO: NY

Enclosed for CI are three (3) copies of a one-page, typewritten letter addressed to WILLIAM SAFIRE.

On or about 1/29/94, WILLIAM SAFIRE, a syndicated columnist for THE NEW YORK TIMES (TNYT), received at an office of TNYT, via the United States Postal Service (USPS), a one-page letter which is threatening to his life. The author appears to be upset over several of SAFIRE's recent columns in which he criticized members (or potential members) of President Clinton's staff and/or administration. SAFIRE reports that he has received no letters similar to this one in the past.

The transmittal envelope was discarded by a TNYT employee, however, at the end of the letter itself the author leaves the following information: [redacted]  
 [redacted] Cincinnati, OH 45202".

POSSIBLY ARMED AND DANGEROUS

- 2 - Director
- 2 - Cincinnati (Encl.)
- 1 - New York

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## LEADS:

Cincinnati Division at Cincinnati, Ohio

Perform logical background investigation on [redacted]  
[redacted] Cincinnati, Ohio, (no further description) in an attempt to determine if this is an actual person/address or a fictitious one. If this information is determined to be genuine, interview [redacted] and attempt to attain from him if he is the author of enclosed letter and if he sent it to SAFIRE through the USPS. Attempt, through consent, to learn the whereabouts of the typewriter that he used to type letter and, if possible, attain typewriter exemplars from it.

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Advise author of possible criminal statutes that he violated (USC 18, Section 876) and that matter will be presented to the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York for a prosecutive opinion.

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Date 3/2/94

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : DADIC, NEW YORK (9A-NY-245147) (P) (C-30)

SUBJECT : UNSUB; aka

[redacted]  
[redacted] - VICTIM;  
EXTORTION (A);  
OO: NY

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Enclosed for SD are the following items: three (3) copies of a handwritten threatening postcard sent to [redacted]

A postcard was received at the Metropolitan Opera, Lincoln Center, New York, New York, via the United States Postal Service, addressed to [redacted] which was threatening in nature. It is postmarked 2/22/94, San Diego, CA. It lists a return address as follows: [redacted] San Diego, CA, 92112".

The document's author writes on the back of the postcard that "killing people with a gun is very easy, and if you want me to stop doing that, you ... have to write me a long letter telling me everything you know about me as a person. Do not laugh this off!". It then lists the return address information.

POSSIBLY ARMED AND DANGEROUS

- 2 - Director (VCU)
- 2 - San Diego (Encl.)
- 1 - New York

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LEADS:

San Diego Division at San Diego, California

Perform logical background investigation on [redacted]  
[redacted], San Diego, CA, 92112, (no further  
description) and attempt to determine if this is an actual  
name and/or post office box. If it is genuine, attempt to  
ascertain, through postal authorities, the actual address of  
[redacted]

If [redacted] is located, attempt to interview him  
regarding the mailing of aforementioned postcard. Inquire of  
him as to his intent upon the mailing of this card and if he  
is, in fact, involved in any killings. Apprise him of the  
criminal violation which is applicable (USC 18, Section 876),  
and that this matter is going to be presented to the United  
States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York  
for a prosecutive opinion.

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- Teletype
- Facsimile
- AIRTEL

PRECEDENCE:

- Immediate
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CLASSIFICATION:

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Date 3/10/94

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, CINCINNATI (9A-NY-245117) (RUC)

SUBJECT : UNSUB, aka  
 [redacted]  
 WILLIAM SAFIRE - VICTIM;  
 EXTORTION (A)  
 OO: NY (C-30)

POSSIBLY ARMED AND DANGEROUS

Re NY airtel to the Director and Cincinnati dated 3/1/94.

For the information of New York, investigation in Cincinnati has determined that an unknown subject is mailing threatening letters, postmarked in Cincinnati, to various persons who write syndicated newspaper columns or letters to the editor of THE CINCINNATI ENQUIRER. The Cincinnati case, file number 9A-CI-63487, is titled "UNSUB; aka [redacted]

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[redacted] - VICTIM; EXTORTION."  
 All investigation concerning these threatening letters is being done under this file.

It appears that this UNSUB reads the editorial page and then writes letters to persons who are identified there. The UNSUB signs the letters using the names of real persons that he also obtains from the editorial page. He obtains the addresses of these persons from the telephone directory. The

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UNSUB has been writing numerous letters over a period of almost two years. This division is aware of at least 20 of these letters (all mailed in Cincinnati) and it is believed that there have been many more. Most of these letters have been sent to persons residing in the Cincinnati area. The letters are typed on what appears to be the same typewriter. The signatures are signed in a handwriting that is unique enough in nature that it can be attributed to the same person. Additionally, many of the same words and phrases are used in different letters. Although the FBI has only recently learned of this matter, postal inspectors and local law enforcement authorities have been aware of it but are not conducting any active investigation. There is no indication that the UNSUB has ever carried out any of his threats.

The captioned matter is another that can be attributed to this UNSUB. [redacted] is [redacted] of THE CINCINNATI ENQUIRER. [redacted] whose office is located at [redacted] Cincinnati, Ohio 45202, writes a weekly column that is published each Sunday on the editorial page of THE ENQUIRER. On 3/9/94, [redacted] confirmed that he had not written the letter to WILLIAM SAFIRE. [redacted] is very familiar with the UNSUB and his modus operandi. He has also received mail from him.

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In Cincinnati's above mentioned case, which originated in WMFO, columnist [redacted] received a letter which stated, "Within the next month I will be in Washington, D.C., and I will personally blow your fucking head off." In the Philadelphia Division, a professor at George Mason University who is also a syndicated columnist, [redacted] received a letter which stated, "Don't ever come back to Cincinnati, [redacted], or I'll blow your fucking head off." All threats are very similar in nature.

The facts concerning this matter have been presented to the U.S. Attorney in Cincinnati. This division is awaiting an opinion as to whether or not the U.S. Attorney's office would pursue prosecution of the UNSUB if he is identified. Should Cincinnati decide to continue with a full investigation of this matter, subsequent leads to New York may follow under the Cincinnati title. In view of the fact that Cincinnati's leads in the captioned matter are complete, this case is considered RUC.

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[redacted] for The New York Times (NYT), 229 W. 43rd Street, New York, New York, telephone number [redacted] was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and the purpose of the interview. He provided the following information.

[redacted] spoke with WILLIAM SAFIRE, a syndicated columnist for NYT, who advised him that he received at his office, on or about 1/30/94, via the United States Postal Service, a threatening letter from an individual who signed the letter as [redacted] Cincinnati, Ohio. SAFIRE does not know anyone by that name and does not know why he would receive such a letter. He has not received any similar such letters in the past.

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by SA [redacted] Date dictated \_\_\_\_\_

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provided the following item to this Agent.

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One (1) standard size sheet of white typewriter paper, with black typewriting which begins, "January 22, 1994".

(Envelope from mailing was discarded by victim.)

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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

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To: DADIC, New York

Date: April 8, 1994

FBI File No. 9A-NY-245117

Lab No. E-2431

Reference: Communication March 17, 1994

Your No. 9A-NY-245117 (C) (C-30)

Re: UNSUB, aka  
[Redacted]  
WILLIAM SAFIRE - VICTIM;  
EXTORTION (A)

Specimens received: March 25, 1994 in Latent Fingerprint Section

Specimens:

Typewritten letter, Q1

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*[Signature]*

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The listed Q specimen is further described in a separate report.

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

The specimen is enclosed.

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Date 3/17/94

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
 (ATTN: CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION/VCMOS)  
 (ATTN: LABORATORY DIVISION; DOCUMENT SECTION/  
 ANONYMOUS LETTER FILE/LFS)

FROM : DADIC, NEW YORK (9A-NY-245117) (C) (C-30)

SUBJECT : UNSUB, aka  
 [redacted]  
 WILLIAM SAFIRE - VICTIM;  
 EXTORTION (A);  
 OO: NY

*RH640378084*  
*SENT 3/17/94*  
*E.CIT* [redacted]

Re CI AT to HQ and NY, dated 3/10/94.

REQUEST OF THE BUREAU

Laboratory Division/Document Section

**DUPLICATE SERIALS  
 DESTROYED ON 3/31/94  
 BY [signature]**

1. The Document Section is requested to examine the enclosed one page letter for any/all evidence which may assist in identifying the author.

2. The letter is to be compared to other letters in the Anonymous Letter File, specifically, documents from ongoing CI case, file number 9A-CI-63487. Attempt to determine any similarities with enclosed letter and CI case documents.

POSSIBLY ARMED AND DANGEROUS

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    - 2 - Criminal Investigative Division/VCMOS
    - 2 - Laboratory Division; Document Section/Anonymous Letter File/LFS (Encl.)
  - 2 - Cincinnati (9A-CI-63487)
  - 1 - New York
- JRF/jrf

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*CLOSE ON THIS*  
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3. Forward original letter to LFS.
4. The LFS is requested to examine the enclosed letter for any latents of value. Compare any latents to any of those which may have been found on prior documents submitted in CI case, file number 9A-NY-63487.
5. Compare any latents of value obtained to the fingerprints in the national computerized fingerprint file.

Enclosed for the Laboratory Division is the following item: one (1) standard size sheet of white typewriting paper, with black typewriting which begins, "January 22, 1994".

(Note: Red handwriting in upper right hand corner of letter does not belong to the author. It was written there by the victim.)

As per referenced CI AT, this letter is the latest in an ongoing CI investigation, file number 9A-NY-63487. In view of that information, NY is closing captioned investigation. Laboratory should forward copies of all lab reports to CI, as well as NY.



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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

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To: DADIC, New York

Date: April 8, 1994

FBI File No. 9A-NY-245117

Lab No. E-2431

Reference: Communication March 17, 1994

Your No. 9A-NY-245117 (C) (C-30)

Re: UNSUB, aka  
[redacted]  
WILLIAM SAFIRE - VICTIM;  
EXTORTION (A)

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Specimens received: March 25, 1994 in Latent Fingerprint Section

Specimens:

Typewritten letter, Q1

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The listed Q specimen is further described in a separate report.

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

The specimen is enclosed.

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To: DADIC, NEW YORK

Date: March 25, 1994

FBI File No. 9A-NY-245117

Lab No. 40321016 D BT

Reference: Communication dated March 17, 1994

Your No. 9A-NY-245117 (C-30)

Re: UNSUB, aka  
[redacted]  
WILLIAM SAFIRE - VICTIM;  
EXTORTION (A)

OO: NEW YORK

Specimens received: March 21, 1994

Specimens:

Q1 Typewritten letter dated January 22, 1994, beginning  
"William: For years..."

Result of examination:

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The submitted specimen was searched through the Anonymous Letter File without an association. A copy has been added for future reference purposes.

No indented writing was found on specimen Q1.

Specimen Q1 contains the watermark "HAMMERMILL BOND MADE IN USA". This watermark is registered to International Paper Company, Operating Headquarters, 6400 Poplar Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee 38197, telephone number 901-763-6000.

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*[Handwritten signature]*

The questioned typewriting appearing on specimen Q1 most closely corresponds to Laboratory standards for a Prestige Elite style of type. This style of type is designed for a horizontal spacing of twelve characters to the inch; however, the Q1 document is spaced 10 characters to the inch, indicating a typewriter with two or more horizontal spacings was used to prepare this document or the document was prepared on a typewriter equipped with pica horizontal spacing.

The submitted specimens will be returned upon completion of the latent fingerprint examination. Photographs have been retained.

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 08/14/2002

To: New York

Attn: Evidence Control Unit

From: New York

Squad C-30

Contact: SA [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: 9A-NY-245117 (Closed)

Title: UNSUB;

[redacted]  
WILLIAM SAFIRE

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Synopsis: Request for evidence destruction.

Details: On 5/3/94, captioned matter was closed administratively. The statute of limitations has been exceeded. The following 1B exhibits collected during this investigation should be destroyed:

1B1 - Barcode E0822861

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