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Date: 12/1/71

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Via TELETYPE IMMEDIATE
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SAC LITTLE ROCK, MINNEAPOLIS (164-73), PHILADELPHIA
PORTLAND (164-41)
SAC SEATTLE (164-81)
UNSUB, AKA DAN COOPER
NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT 305
PORTLAND TO SEATTLE
NOVEMBER TWO FOUR SEVENTY ONE
CAA* HIJACKING; EXTORTION
OO: SEATTLE
BUFILE 164-2111

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= RE: [Redacted]

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HAS RECEIVED INFORMATION THAT [Redacted] IS UNSUB IN
THIS MATTER. [Redacted] IS KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN A

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[Redacted] IN THE PAST.

[Redacted] IS DESCRIBED AS W M A, SIX FEET TWO INCHES,
ONE EIGHT FIVE POUNDS, BROWN HAIR, [Redacted] EYES, BORN [Redacted]

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LR-11:00
MP-11:05
PH-11:17
164-81-516

Approved: [Signature]
Special Agent in Charge

Sent PD-11:33 PM Per DUA

DB Cooper-2787

PHOTO OF [REDACTED] BEING FORWARDED TO MINNEAPOLIS,
PORTLAND, LITTLE ROCK, AND PHILADELPHIA BY FACSIMILE TO BE
SHOWN TO WITNESSES LOCATED WITHIN THOSE DIVISIONS. GLOSSY
PHOTOGRAPHS BEING FORWARDED TO MINNEAPOLIS AND PHILADELPHIA
VIA PILOT COURIER.

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IN VIEW OF URGENCY EXISTING IN PRESENT SITUATION RECEIVING
OFFICES SHOULD DISPLAY PHOTOGRAPHS TO APPROPRIATE WITNESSES AND
TELEPHONE RESULTS TO SEATTLE BY NINE AM PACIFIC STANDARD TIME
TWELVE TWO SEVENTYONE WITHOUT FAIL.

DB Cooper-2788

NR023 SE PLAIN

11:33 PM IMMEDIATE 12/1/71 DCA

TO LITTLE ROCK MINNEAPOLIS (164-73)
PHILADELPHIA PORTLAND (164-41)
FROM SEATTLE (164-81) 2P

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

RE: [REDACTED]

INFORMATION RECEIVED THAT SEATTLE POLICE DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED INFORMATION THAT [REDACTED] IS UNSUB IN THIS MATTER.

[REDACTED] IS KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] IN THE PAST.

[REDACTED] IS DESCRIBED AS WMA, SIX FEET TWO INCHES, ONE EIGHT FIVE POUNDS, BROWN HAIR, [REDACTED] EYES, BORN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
PHOTO OF [REDACTED] BEING FORWARDED TO MINNEAPOLIS, PORT-

LAND, LITTLE ROCK, AND PHILADELPHIA BY FACSIMILE TO BE SHOWN TO

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DB Cooper-2789

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WITNESSES LOCATED WITHING THOSE DIVISIONS. GLOSSY PHOTOGRAPHS
BEING FORWARDED TO MINNEAPOLIS AND PHILADELPHIA VIA PILOT
COURIER.

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DECEMBER TWO, SEVENTYONE, WITHOUT FAIL.

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NR023 SE PLAIN

11:05 PM IMMEDIATE 12/1/71 DCA

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PHILADELPHIA PORTLAND (164-41)
FROM SEATTLE (164-81)

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DB Cooper-2791

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WITNESSES LOCATED WITHING THOSE DIVISIONS. GLOSSY PHOTOGRAPHS BEING FORWARDED TO MINNEAPOLIS AND PHILADELPHIA VIA PILOT COURIER.

IN VIEW OF URGENCY EXISTING IN PRESENT SITUATION RECEIVING OFFICES SHOULD DISPLAY PHOTOGRAPHS TO APPROPRIATE WITNESSES AND TELEPHONE RESULTS TO SEATTLE BY NINE AM PACIFIC STANDARD TIME DECEMBER TWO, SEVENTYONE, WITHOUT FAIL.

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NR023 SE PLAIN

11:00 PM IMMEDIATE 12/1/71 DCA

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PHILADELPHIA PORTLAND (164-41)
FROM SEATTLE (164-81)

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

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Date: 12/1/71

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Via TELETYPE NITEL
(Priority)

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SEATTLE (164-81) (P)

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UNSUB; NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE ZERO FIVE, PORTLAND, OREGON
TO SEATTLE, WASHINGTON, NOVEMBER TWENTYFOUR, ONE NINE SEVEN ONE,
CAA - ~~AIR PIRACY~~ ^{HJACKING}, OO: SEATTLE.

CHIEF OF POLICE, SEATTLE, ADVISED THIS DATE THAT A SEATTLE
DETECTIVE HAD INFO THIS CASE. [Redacted] ON INTERVIEW
STATED AN INFORMANT TOLD HIM [Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted] BELIEVES THIS TO BE

[Redacted] FBI NUMBER [Redacted]

[Redacted] BUFILE [Redacted]

BUFILE WILL SHOW THAT IN THIS CASE [Redacted]

[Redacted]

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~~PHOTO~~ MADE AVAILABLE FEBRUARY THREE, NINETEEN SEVENTYONE

PHOTO OF [Redacted] WHICH WAS SHOWN THIS DATE TO WITNESSES

[Redacted] ALL OF WHOM SAID NOT IDENT.

FACSIMILE SENT TO MINNEAPOLIS, PHILADELPHIA, LITTLE ROCK AND PORTLAND
TO SHOW ADDITIONAL WITNESSES.

164-81-517

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Approved: PB/TIM
Special Agent in Charge

Sent 11:58 PM Per QA

DB Cooper-2795

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Sub ^E - SEARCH

NR004 LV PLAIN

4:30 PM URGENT 12-3-71 SGT

TO SEATTLE (164-81)

FROM LAS VEGAS (164-60)

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

// RE SEATTLE TEL INSTANT.

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

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

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FBI SEATTLE CLR

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

DATE: 11/30/71

FROM : ASAC PAUL R. BIBLER

*cc ART'S SKETCH
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cc - SEARCH Sub. E*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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DB Cooper-2797

*Answered
in Daily TT
11-30-71*

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

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

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

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

SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

11/30/71

ASAC PAUL R. BIBLER

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NR012 MM PLAIN

754PM NITEL 12-2-71 JMS

TO DIRECTOR 164-2111

NEW YORK

SAN FRANCISCO

SEATTLE

FROM MIAMI 164-552 2P

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

RE SAN FRANCISCO TELETYPE TO SEATTLE, DECEMBER ONE,
SEVENTY ONE, AND MIAMI TELEPHONE CALLS TO SAN FRANCISCO AND
NEW YORK, DECEMBER TWO, SEVENTY ONE.

INVESTIGATION MIAMI HAS DISCLOSED

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

RETURNING TO MIAMI THIS

PM AT UNSPECIFIED TIME

[REDACTED]

FLIGHT FROM

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

CHECKED

[REDACTED]

MIAMI INTERNATIONAL

AIRPORT NOVEMBER TWENTY-NINE, SEVENTY ONE, AND NOW

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

MIAMI, SEES

SLIGHT RESEMBLANCE OF

[REDACTED]

TO ARTIST CONCEPTION. ANOTHER

SEES NO RESEMBLANCE. SAN FRANCISCO OBTAIN DETAILS OF DATES

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AND PLACES OF [REDACTED] FOR AT LEAST ALL
OF OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER, NINETEEN SEVENTY ONE. FOR BUREAU'S
INFORMATION, SAN FRANCISCO TODAY DETERMINED FROM [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] FOR PERIOD NOVEMBER TWENTY-
ONE, TO NOVEMBER TWENTY-SIX, SEVENTY ONE. NEW YORK OBTAIN
PHOTOGRAPH OF [REDACTED] AND BACKGROUND AT [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] AND EXPEDITE TO SEATTLE FOR
VIEWING BY PERTINENT WITNESSES. SEATTLE PROMPTLY SHOW PHOTO-
GRAPH OF [REDACTED] TO APPROPRIATE WITNESSES AFTER RECEIPT OF
SAME AND ADVISE MIAMI OF RESULTS. MIAMI WILL DELAY INTERVIEW
OF [REDACTED] UNTIL RESULTS RECEIVED.

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NR 012 PD PLAIN

6:13 PM NITEL 12-2-71 AJM

TO: DIRECTOR (164-2111) & SEATTLE (164-31)

FROM: PORTLAND (164-41)

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

PORTLAND SUGGESTS ~~CODE NAME~~ BE AUTHORIZED FOR USE IN
TITLE OF COMMUNICATIONS THIS CASE. PORTLAND RECOMMENDS
"NORJACK." IF THIS IS NOT ACCEPTABLE, BUREAU REQUESTED TO
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NR 012 PD PLAIN

6:13 PM NITEL 12-2-71 AJW

TO: DIRECTOR (164-2111) & SEATTLE (164-81)

FROM: PORTLAND (164-41)

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

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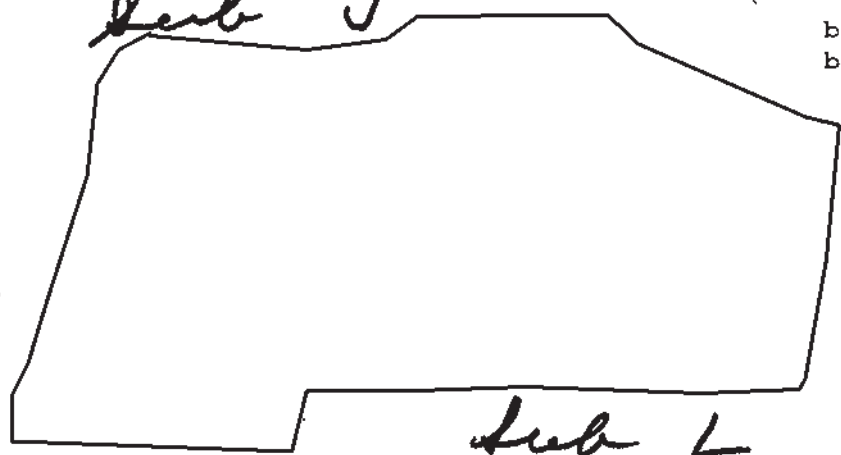
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NR 035 LA PLAIN
1041 PM NITEL 12-2-71 NEE
TO NEW HAVEN (164-77)
SEATTLE (164-71)
FROM LOS ANGELES (164-497)



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

RE LOS ANGELES TELS TO SEATTLE NOVEMBER TWENTYSIX,
DECEMBER ONE AND DECEMBER TWO INSTANT. NEW HAVEN TEL TO
BUREAU, SEATTLE AND LOS ANGELES DECEMBER ONE LAST.

RE: [redacted] SET

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FORTH LOS ANGELES TEL NOVEMBER TWENTYSIX LAST.

ON DECEMBER ONE LAST, [redacted]

[redacted] ADVISED HE IS [redacted]

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[redacted] ADVISED [redacted] DOES NOT MATCH PHYSICAL
DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT AND HE WOULD DEFINITELY DISCOUNT

[redacted] AS POSSIBLE SUSPECT THIS MATTER.

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ON DECEMBER ONE LAST, [REDACTED] VIEWED THE ARTIST'S CONCEPTION OF UNSUB AND STATED [REDACTED] DOES NOT LOOK LIKE SKETCH.

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ON NOVEMBER THIRTY LAST, [REDACTED] WHO PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED THE NAME OF [REDACTED] AS A POSSIBLE SUSPECT THIS MATTER, WAS INTERVIEWED AND ADVISED ARTIST'S CONCEPTION DOES NOT RESEMBLE [REDACTED] IN ANYWAY, STATING HE RECALLS [REDACTED] FACE MORE POUNDER. IT IS NOTED [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
NONE OF ABOVE BEING CONSIDERED SUSPECT BY LOS ANGELES.

RE SUSPECT [REDACTED]

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ON NOVEMBER THIRTY LAST, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], ADVISED [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
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READ OF HIJACKING AND BELIEVED COOPER'S DESCRIPTION FAMILIAR TO UNSUB.

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COMPOSITE DRAWING OF UNSUB WAS DISPLAYED TO [REDACTED] WHO ADVISED [REDACTED] HAIR LINE AND HAIR STYLE COMPLETELY DIFFERENT FROM UNSUB. ADDITIONAL QUESTIONING REVEALED [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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AS [REDACTED] UNABLE TO IDENTIFY ARTIST'S CONCEPTION AS GOOD LIKENESS OF [REDACTED] HE IS NOT BEING CONSIDERED SUSPECT THIS MATTER. [REDACTED] RE [REDACTED]

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ON DECEMBER TWO INSTANT, A REVIEW OF SANTA BARBARA CITY DIRECTORY FOR SEVENTY, REVEALED [REDACTED] [REDACTED] NO LISTING IDENTIFIABLE WITH [REDACTED] COULD BE FOUND IN SEVENTYONE DIRECTORY.

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INSTANT DATE FILES OF CREDIT BUREAU OF SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA, REVEALED [REDACTED] RESIDING [REDACTED] HIS AGE SHOWN AS [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] KNOWN TO AGENCY SINCE FORTYFIVE. NO INDICATION [REDACTED] IN SANTA BARBARA SINCE SEVENTY AND LAST ADDRESS SHOWN

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IN JULY SEVENTY ONE WAS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WITH EMPLOYMENT SHOWN AS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (NO ADDRESS SHOWN). PRIOR

EMPLOYMENT SHOWN AS [REDACTED]

RECORDS SANTA BARBARA POLICE DEPARTMENT REVEALED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DOB [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ARRESTED [REDACTED]

NO RECORD IDENTIFIABLE WITH [REDACTED] LOCATED FILES SANTA

BARBARA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE. [REDACTED]

PE SUSPECT [REDACTED]

ON DECEMBER ONE LAST RECORD COMPUTER CREDIT BUREAU OF
LOS ANGELES, LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT, LOS ANGELES
SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND REGISTRAR OF VOTERS WERE REVIEWED AND
NO RECORD IDENTIFIABLE WITH [REDACTED] LOCATED.

ON SAME DATE, RECORDS UCLA, CALIFORNIA STATE LOS ANGELES,
SAN FERNANDO VALLEY STATE COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
EXTENSION SERVICES, LOS ANGELES VALLEY COLLEGE, LOS ANGELES
CITY COLLEGE AND LOS ANGELES TRADE AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE WERE
CAUSED TO BE CHECKED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. LOS ANGELES INDICES
NEGATIVE.

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RE INFO FURNISHED BY [REDACTED] TO NEW HAVEN
DECEMBER ONE LAST.

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ON DECEMBER TWO INSTANT, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
ADVISED MATTER REPORTED TO FBI IN EVENT REWARD OFFERED.

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[REDACTED] STATED HAD NO PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE AND INFORMATION
CAME FROM [REDACTED]

INSTANT DATE, [REDACTED]

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ADVISED AS FOLLOWS:

ON NOVEMBER TWENTYEIGHT LAST, HE [REDACTED]
SAW ARTIST'S SKETCH OF HIJACKER ON TV. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] LOOKED LIKE
SKETCH ON TV. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] STATED HAS NO REASON TO BELIEVE [REDACTED] WAS
HIJACKER AND DESCRIBED HIM AS WMA, BORN [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] AT [REDACTED] SIX FOOT ONE, ONE HUNDRED
FIFTYFIVE POUNDS, HAIR [REDACTED] EYES UNKNOWN, SLIGHT
BUILD, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] EARS NOTICEABLY PROTRUDING FROM HEAD.

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[REDACTED] DESCRIBED AS [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] TATTOOS UNKNOWN.

AFTER ABOVE INTERVIEW, ARTIST'S CONCEPTION OBSERVED BY [REDACTED] WHO ADVISED [REDACTED] DOES NOT APPEAR IDENTICAL TO SKETCH OF HIJACKER.

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ARREST RECORD LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT NEGATIVE. LOS ANGELES INDICES AND NCIC NEGATIVE RE [REDACTED]

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IN VIEW OF ABOVE, [REDACTED] NOT BEING CONSIDERED LOGICAL SUSPECT THIS MATTER.

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RE LATIN SKY DIVING CLUB

ON DECEMBER ONE LAST, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] ADVISED HE IS [REDACTED]

AND [REDACTED]

HE ADVISED LATIN SKY DIVING CLUB IS A GROUP THAT JUMPS FROM PEDDIS AIRPORT AND ALSO AIRPOST AT ELSINORE, CALIFORNIA.

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] AND THEIR TELEPHONE NUMBERS, WHO WERE MEMBERS OF CLUB. HE DESCRIBED CLUB MEMBERSHIP AS BETWEEN TEN AND TWENTY MOST FROM EAST LOS ANGELES AREA. [REDACTED] SAID DISCUSSION AMONG GROUP APPEARED TO BE NOTHING MORE THAN NORMAL INTEREST OF SKY DIVERS ABOUT CRIME WHERE HIJACKERS JUMP FROM AIRPLANE AND NONE OF CLUB MEMBERS HAD ACTED SUSPICIOUS SINCE HIJACKING. THIS CLUB DESCRIBED AS LOCAL IN NATURE AND NOT NATIONAL ORGANIZATION.

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SEATTLE, AT [REDACTED] WASHINGTON, CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION THROUGH LAST ADDRESS OF [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
TO LOCATE AND ESTABLISH WHEREABOUTS OF [REDACTED] DURING PERTINENT PERIOD.

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LOS ANGELES AT [REDACTED] CALIFORNIA, WILL ASCERTAIN IF [REDACTED] KNOWN TO [REDACTED] OR IF NAME MAINTAINED IN RECORDS PARACHUTE CLUB LOS ANGELES AREA.

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AT EAST LOS ANGELES, WILL INTERVIEW [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] FOR ALL INFORMATION CONCERNING MEMBERSHIP OF CLUB AND DISPLAY ARTIST CONCEPTION TO [REDACTED]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

DATE: 12/1/71

FROM : SA ROBERT H. WICK

SUBJECT: NORTHWEST FLIGHT 305
11/24/71
CAA - HIJACKING
EXTORTION

Re: serial #84.

AT TUMWATER, WASHINGTON

On November 27, 1971, [redacted] advised that he recalled hearing on the radio that the above plane was being refueled at Sea Tac airport and somewhat later he decided to go jogging. He was running on a road near the airport, when he noticed a plane flying at about 1,500' circling the airport. This plane had two strobe lights blinking simultaenously. [redacted] said this is very unusal that a plane would be flying that high when the weather was bad and the lights were highly uncommon. He [redacted]

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On November 27, 1971, [redacted] Olympia airport, advised that twin strobe lights on planes are quite common and there would be nothing unusual in a plane flying 1,500' on any pattern around the airport during the time mentioned. He said this is a common sight around the airport.

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SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

12/1/71

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11/24/71
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Date: 11/30/71

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Via AIRTEL _____
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TO: SACs, SEATTLE, MINNEAPOLIS AND OKLAHOMA CITY

FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (154-NEW)



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UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT 305,
NOVEMBER 24, 1971
CAA - HIJACKING, EXTORTION
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Enclosed to Seattle two color snapshots and one ident
photo of [redacted]

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Enclosed to Minneapolis three color snapshots and one
ident photograph of [redacted]

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Re telephone call to Seattle by ASAC GASKILL, Kansas
City, 6:30 p.m., 11/29/71, regarding suspect [redacted] and
facsimile sent via telecopier to Seattle and Minneapolis 10:30 p.m.
and ident photograph of [redacted] sent by routing slip air mail
to Minneapolis and Seattle evening of 11/29/71.

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RE SUSPECT [redacted]

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On 11/29/71 [redacted]
[redacted] furnished the following information to SAS
[redacted]:

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- 2 - Seattle (Enc. 3) *see list*
- 2 - Minneapolis (Enc. 4)
- 1 - Oklahoma City (Info)
- 2 - Kansas City

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[Signature]

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Special Agent in Charge

UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT 305,
NOVEMBER 24, 1971

When she saw artist's conception of unknown subject
in the Kansas City Star, 11/29/71, she recognized it as
possibly identical with [redacted]

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[redacted]
She has no information as to his present whereabouts. She
describes him as probably [redacted]
[redacted] possible suspect in this case. She described
him as follows:

[redacted]
White male

DOB: [redacted]

Hair: Dark brown, parted on left side, combed
slightly backwards

Eyes: [redacted]

Height: 5 feet 11 inches to 6 feet

Weight: 170

Complexion: Olive

Characteristics: Very clean, neat dresser

Wears olderstyle conservative clothes

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[redacted]
Has been known to wear sunglasses
with heavy plastic frames

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[redacted]
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UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT 305,
NOVEMBER 24, 1971

LEADS:

OKLAHOMA CITY DIVISION - Information

Copy designated for Oklahoma City for background information in the event photograph of [redacted] is identified by witnesses as possibly unknown subject.

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MINNEAPOLIS DIVISION

At Minneapolis, Minnesota

Exhibit enclosed photographs of [redacted] to crew of captioned airliner to determine if he could be identical with unknown subject.

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If not considered logical suspect, return photographs immediately to Kansas City for return to [redacted]

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SEATTLE DIVISION

At Seattle, Washington

Exhibit enclosed photographs of [redacted] to witnesses who saw unknown subject to determine if he could be identical with unknown subject.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1.

Date 11/30/71

[redacted] made available
a Xerox copy of application for employment [redacted]
[redacted]

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On 11/30/71 at Jamaica, New York File # NY 164

by SA [redacted] *mmz* Date dictated 11/30/71

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Date: 11/30/71

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Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO: SAC, SEATTLE
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (164-NEW) (RUC)
SUBJECT: UNSUB;
Northwest Airlines 727
Portland, Oregon
11/24/71
CAA - HIJACKING
(OO: SE)



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ReHNnitel to NY, 11/29/71.

Enclosed for Seattle is a Xerox copy of an application for employment with _____

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_____ Background information, _____ is set forth in the application and a facsimile photo appears on the upper right hand corner thereon.

Also enclosed for Seattle are nine copies of an FD 302 showing an application for employment being made available by _____

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_____ advised on 11/30/71 that _____

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2 - Seattle (Encls. 10)
1 - New York
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*Put 302 & APPLICATION
IN MAIN FILE ONLY
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+302 in SW
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Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

Per _____

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[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] could recall no [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] advised [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] could furnish no further pertinent information
[redacted]

Leads regarding interview of [redacted] are being left to the discretion of the office of origin.

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Date: 11/30/71

Transmit the following in _____
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Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO: SAC, SAN ANTONIO
FROM: SAC, DETROIT (164-115)(P)

[Redacted]

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UNSUB;
NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT 305
PORTLAND TO SEATTLE
11/24/71
CRIME ABOARD AIRCRAFT - HIJACKING
(EXTORTION)
(OO:SEATTLE)

Unsub at
[Redacted] *Per*
[Redacted]

On 11/30/71, [Redacted]

[Redacted] advised she viewed the sketch relative to captioned unsub in the "Detroit News" Newspaper of 11/29/71, and indicated that this sketch appears similar to [Redacted]

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[Redacted]

[Redacted]

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- 2 - San Antonio
 - 1 - Seattle (Info)
 - 1 - Detroit
- RR/bar
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DE 164-115

[REDACTED]

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She advised [REDACTED] is a W/M, about 40 who looks older with thin light brown hair, 5'10" - 6', 140-150 pounds and had a swarthy [REDACTED] face. She stated that she cannot describe him any further but after a first glance, the sketch of the unsub looked like [REDACTED]

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LEADS

SAN ANTONIO

[REDACTED] TEXAS

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Contact [REDACTED] ascertain if he recalls [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ago. Thereafter conduct lead at [REDACTED] Texas, to ascertain if this person's name is known to anyone [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] is located- attempt to locate and interview as possible suspect or look-a-like.

UNSUB CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

DB Cooper-2838

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

DATE: 12/2/71

FROM : SA CHARLES N. GIESE

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

Re Suspects:

[Redacted]

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On 12/1/71 SA CHARLES N. GIESE contacted

[Redacted] at [Redacted]
[Redacted] in which [Redacted] has an interest.

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[Redacted] was exhibited two pictures of [Redacted] and one each
of [Redacted] with seven throw down photographs.

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[Redacted] viewed these pictures from 9:11 pm to 10:12 pm
and eliminated them all.

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After the initial viewing, [Redacted] went back and studied
the pictures of [Redacted] King County Sheriff's Office
photograph No. [Redacted] and the Washington State Driver's License
picture (expires [Redacted] times; the picture of [Redacted] times
and that of [Redacted] times.

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He commented that [Redacted] face from the upper lip upwards bore
some resemblance to the unsub: [Redacted] jaw line, cheeks and nose
bore some resemblance, and [Redacted] hairline bore a close
resemblance. He commented the picture of [Redacted] was "too
severe." He eliminated all three suspects.

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11:34PM NITEL 12/3/71 CRH

TO: SEATTLE (164-81)

FROM: SAN FRANCISCO (164-220)

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, AKA DAN COOPER, NORTHWEST AIRLINES,
FLIGHT THREE ZERO FIVE, PORTLAND TO SEATTLE,
NOVEMBER TWENTY-FOUR, LAST, CAA DASH HIJACKING;
EXTORTION, OO: SEATTLE

RE SEATTLE TELETYPE TO SAN FRANCISCO, DECEMBER ONE,
LAST.

RE [Redacted]

ON DECEMBER TWO DASH THREE LAST, [Redacted]

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[Redacted]

[Redacted], WAS INTERVIEWED BY BUAGENTS AT HIS PLACE OF
EMPLOYMENT, [Redacted]

[Redacted] HAD BEEN EMPLOYED [Redacted]

[Redacted], FROM

[Redacted] AND

[Redacted]

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NOVEMBER TWENTYFOUR, LAST, AND COULD FURNISH NO WITNESSES TO
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SUBSTANTIATE TRIP. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

SUBSTANTIATE FACT THAT [REDACTED] WAS PRESENT [REDACTED] UNTIL
APPROXIMATELY TWELVE THIRTY PM NOVEMBER TWENTYFOUR. UNITED
AIRLINES, SAN FRANCISCO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, ADVISED THAT
NO AIRLINES IN THE BAY AREA COULD MAKE CONNECTIONS WITH NORTH-
WEST AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE ZERO FIVE, PORTLAND TO SEATTLE,
AFTER TWELVE NOON. IT IS TO BE NOTED THAT [REDACTED] DOES NOT
SMOKE TOBACCO AND IS [REDACTED] YEARS OF AGE.

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[REDACTED] IS DESCRIBED FROM INTERVIEW AND EMPLOYMENT
RECORDS AS A WHITE MALE, BORN [REDACTED]
SIX FEET ONE INCH, ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY POUNDS, BLACK HAIR, OLIVE
COMPLEXION.

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NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION RE [REDACTED] BEING CONDUCTED
AT SAN FRANCISCO.

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NR 008 SF PLAIN

4:44 PM URGENT 12/3/71 MCC

TO LOS ANGELES

SEATTLE (164-81)

FROM SAN FRANCISCO (164-220) 1P

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UNSUB; AKA, DAN COOPER, NORTHWEST ORIENT AIRLINES, FLIGHT THREE ZERO FIVE, NOV. TWENTYFOUR LAST, CAA - AIR PIRACY. RE: SUSPECT

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RE SF TEL CALL TO LOS ANGELES THIS DATE.

SA [redacted] CII, STATE BUILDING, SAN FRANCISCO THIS DATE, ADVISED THAT HE WAS CONTACTED BY AN OLD INFORMANT WHO HAS PROVIDED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, WHO STATED THAT THE COMPOSITE PHOTOGRAPH APPEARING IN THE PAPER APPEARS IDENTICAL IN EVERY RESPECT TO ONE [redacted]

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[redacted] CHECKED DDL RECORDS WHICH SET FORTH THAT [redacted] HAS DRIVER'S LICENSE [redacted] AND WAS LAST KNOWN TO BE AT [redacted] DESCRIBED ON DRIVER'S LICENSE AS WMA, BROWN HAIR, GRAYING, [redacted] EYES, SIX FOOT ONE INCH, ONE SEVEN FOUR POUNDS, DOB [redacted]

LOS ANGELES: ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE IF [redacted] IDENTICAL WITH UNSUB.

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SAN FRANCISCO WILL HOLD IN ABEYANCE FORWARDING PHOTOGRAPH UNTIL INVESTIGATION AT LOS ANGELES RESOLVES WHEREABOUTS OF 164-81-534

[redacted] ON PERTINENT DATE. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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8:24 NITEL 12-3-71 BIH
TO DIRECTOR (164-2111)
SEATTLE (164-81)
FROM JACKSON (164-32) (P)

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

RE BIRMINGHAM TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR, SEATTLE AND JACKSON,
DATED DECEMBER TWO, SEVENTY ONE.

ELIM

JACKSON DIVISION HAS ELIMINATED [REDACTED] AS A
POSSIBLE SUBJECT IN THIS MATTER IN THAT HE IS NOT A LOOK
ALIKE AND WAS DEFINITELY IN JACKSON, MISS., ON NOVEMBER TWENTY
FOUR - TWENTY FIVE, SEVENTY ONE, PER WITNESSES.

AIRMAIL COPY TO BIRMINGHAM.

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7:33 PM NITEL 12/3/71 MCC

TO SEATTLE (164-81)

CINCINNATI (164-55)

FROM SAN FRANCISCO (164-220) (P) 1P



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SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT, AKA DAN COOPER, NORTHWEST ORIENT AIRLINES, FLIGHT THREE ZERO FIVE, PORTLAND TO SEATTLE, NOVEMBER TWENTYFOUR LAST, CRIME ABOARD AIRCRAFT - HIJACKING, OO SEATTLE.

RE CINCINNATI TELETYPE DECEMBER TWO LAST.

THE PHOTO DESCRIBED IN RE AIRTEL IS OF



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WHO IS YEARS OLD, SIX FEET TALL, TWO HUNDRED COMPLEXION, HAIR, WEARS GLASSES AND MOUSTACHE.

THE OTHER MAN IN THE PHOTO IS IN VIEW OF THE

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DISCREPANCIES IN DESCRIPTION OF UNKNOWN SUBJECT AND NO FURTHER

INVESTIGATION CONCERNING THIS PHOTO BEING CONDUCTED AT SAN FRANCISCO.

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02110 NITEL 12-3-71 WMC

TO SAC, PHOENIX (164-100)

SAC, SEATTLE

FROM ST. LOUIS (164-63) 2P

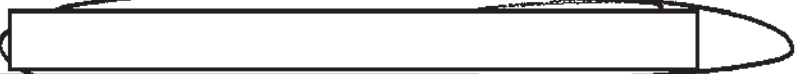


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UNSUB, AKA, DAN COOPER, NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE ZERO FIVE;
PORTLAND TO SEATTLE, NOV. TWENTYFOUR LAST, CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION
, OO: SEATTLE

RE PHOENIX TEL TO BUREAU DEC. TWO LAST, SEATTLE NITEL TO SL
DEC. TWO LAST, SL TEL CALL TO PHOENIX DEC. THREE INSTANT.

RE:



A WHITE, MALE BORN [REDACTED], AS
INTERVIEWED TODAY. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] WAS GOING, SHE HAS NOT HEARD
FROM HIM AND DOESN'T KNOW HIS PRESENT WHEREABOUTS. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] DID NOT KNOW

[REDACTED] WHO DIED

[REDACTED] SHE DESCRIBED [REDACTED] AS BEING SIX FEET ONE INCH

LI~~N~~ AND WEIGHING OVER
TWO HUNDRED POUNDS.

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] HE WAS LAST KNOWN [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] HAS NOT SEEN [REDACTED]

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MANY YEARS.

SHE IDENTIFIED [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] NOW DECEASED. [REDACTED] AND SHE
IS POSITIVE [REDACTED] FOR MANY YEARS AND
WOULD ACTUALLY BE [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] DID NOT KNOW ANYONE NAMED [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] WAS
INTERVIEWED. SHE STATED, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

HE LEFT. [REDACTED] POSTMARKED AT [REDACTED] ARIZONA ON NOV.
TWENTYSEVEN LAST. THE POSTMARKS ON [REDACTED] ILLEGIBLE
AND NO DATES CAN BE ASCERTAINED, HOWEVER, ONE OF THEM WAS POSTMARKED
IN TEXAS AND ANOTHER [REDACTED] WERE RECEIVED B

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[REDACTED] TO THE ONE POSTMARKED AT [REDACTED]
INQUIRY AT [REDACTED] IDENTIFIED [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] WHO COULD NOT BE LOCATED.
PHOENIX AT [REDACTED] ARIZONA, ASCERTAIN FROM [REDACTED]

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WHERE [REDACTED] WAS ON NOV. TWENTYFOUR LAST.
ST. LOUIS WILL RECONTACT [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] IN EFFORT TO DETERMINE HIS WHEREABOUTS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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DB Cooper-2848

END

NR021 LA PLAIN

8:26PM NITEL 12-3-71 DLK

TO SEATTLE (164-81)

SAN DIEGO (164-91)

SAN FRANCISCO (164-220)

FROM LOS ANGELES (164-497) 3P

Susp- [redacted]

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

RE SAN DIEGO TELETYPE TO SEATTLE, NOVEMBER TWENTY SEVEN LAST, AND SAN FRANCISCO TELETYPE TO SEATTLE, NOVEMBER TWENTY SEVEN LAST.

REFERENCED TELETYPES SET FORTH INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM INTERVIEWS OF [redacted]

[redacted] REGARDING CONVERSATION WITH UNIDENTIFIED MALE ON FLIGHT TWO ZERO ONE FROM SAN DIEGO TO BURBANK ON NOVEMBER EIGHT LAST. IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT LOS ANGELES ASSEMBLE LIST OF MOVIE COMPANIES AND DISPLAY TO [redacted] IN EFFORT TO FURTHER IDENTIFY UNIDENTIFIED MAN.

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FOLLOWING IS LIST OF MOTION PICTURE DASH TELEVISION STUDIOS IN LOS ANGELES DASH HOLLYWOOD AREA: ACADEMY FILMS, THE ALDRICH STUDIOS, ANIMATION CENTER, CASCADE STUDIO, CINEMA GENERAL STUDIOS, COLUMBIA PICTURES CORPORATION, CULVER CITY STUDIOS, INC., WALT DISNEY PRODUCTIONS, JERRY FAIRBANKS, INC., FAMILY FILMS, GENERAL SERVICE STUDIOS, GOLDEN WEST PRODUCTION CENTER, SAMUEL GOLDWYN STUDIO, KTTV STUDIOS, MGM STUDIOS, PARAMOUNT PICTURES, INC., PARAMOUNT STUDIOS, PRODUCERS STUDIO, INC., RAMPART STUDIO, SCREEN GEMS, STUDIO CENTER (CBS), STUDIO ONE, TV AND FILM PRODUCTION CENTER, TWENTIETH CENTURY FOX FILM CORPORATION, UNITED SERVICE STUDIO, UNIVERSAL CITY STUDIOS, U. P. A. PICTURES, INC., WARNER BROTHERS, INC., AND WOLPER VIDEO CENTER.

ABOVE LIST CONSTITUTES MAJOR MOTION PICTURE AND TELEVISION STUDIOS IN LOS ANGELES DASH HOLLYWOOD AREA. THERE ARE NUMEROUS OTHER SMALL SUCH STUDIOS IN THE AREA AND, THEREFORE, THIS LIST IS NOT ALL INCLUSIVE.

FOR INFORMATION OF SAN DIEGO, THERE ARE VERY FEW WRITERS EMPLOYED ON A FULL TIME BASIS BY MOTION PICTURE COMPANIES AND TELEVISION STUDIOS. MOST WRITERS WORK ON A FREE LANCE BASIS
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ON SPECIFIC WRITING ASSIGNMENTS. IN ORDER FOR ACCURATE DASH INTELLIGENT SEARCH TO BE MADE WITH CONTACT OF HOLLYWOOD SOURCES FOR SPECIFIC WRITER, IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO HAVE HIS FULL NAME, THEREFORE, LOS ANGELES WILL CONDUCT NO FURTHER ACTIVITY REGARDING THIS PHASE UNLESS A NAME IS OBTAINED.

SAN DIEGO WILL FURNISH LIST TO [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] PENDING.

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NR 006 BT PLAIN

6:28 PM 12-3-71 NITEL DD

TO: SAC, SOMAHA

SAC, SEATTLE

FROM: SAC, BUTTE (164-26) 2P

UNSUB; NORTHWEST AIRLINES, FLIGHT THREE ZERO FIVE,
NOVEMBER TWO FOUR, ONE NINE SEVEN ONE, CAA - HIJACKING,
EXTORTION. OO: SEATTLE.

REBUAIRTEL, NOVEMBER TWENTYNINE, LAST.

RE PORTLAND TWL TO BUTTE , DECEMBER ONE, LAST, NO COPY
OMAHA.

RE: SUSPECT [REDACTED]

RETEL ADVISED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] LOOKS LIKE UNSUB.

[REDACTED] ALLEGED TO HAVE EXPERIENCE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] RESIDE [REDACTED]

EFFORT TO CONTACT [REDACTED]

DECEMBER THREE,

NEGATIVE. DETERMINED [REDACTED]

TRAVEL

[REDACTED] UNITED STATES, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] REFLECTS WILL BE CARE OF
GENERAL DELIVERY, [REDACTED] DECEMBER EIGHT, NEXT.
OMAHA LOCATE [REDACTED] IDENTIFY OR ELIMINATE AS UNSUB.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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

DATE: 12/3/71

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FROM : SA [redacted]

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

RE: SUSPECT [redacted]

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On 12/3/71

[redacted]

[redacted] telephone [redacted] telephonically advised that she believes [redacted] might be the hijacker. Her belief is based on a similarity in description, including facial lookalike. His name is [redacted] who resides [redacted]

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She further described him as approximately [redacted] years of age butk stated he looks much [redacted]. He also was [redacted]. She does not know whether he has [redacted]

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NR 010 SF PLAIN

7:29PM URGENT 12/3/71 CRH

TO: SEATTLE (164-81)

SAN DIEGO

SACRAMENTO

FROM: SAN FRANCISCO (164-220)

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UNSUB, AKA [REDACTED] NORTHWEST AIRLINES, FLIGHT THREE ZERO, PORTLAND TO SEATTLE, NOVEMBER TWENTY-FOUR, LAST, CAA-HIJACKING; EXTORTION. OO: SEATTLE. BUFILE ONE SIX FOUR-TWO ONE ONE ONE.

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RE SAN DIEGO NITEL DECEMBER ONE, LAST, AND SF TELEPHONE CALL TO SACRAMENTO TWELVE DASH THREE DASH SEVENTYONE.

RE SUBJECT [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CALIFORNIA, DATE

OF BIRTH [REDACTED] WHITE, ONE HUNDRED

FIFTY-FIVE POUNDS, FIVE FEET TEN INCHES, OCCUPATION [REDACTED]

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HOME TELEPHONE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BUSINESS TELEPHONE [REDACTED]

FOR INFORMATION SACRAMENTO REFERENCED TELETYPE INDICATES

THAT ONE [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT

ARTIST'S CONCEPTION OF UNKNOWN SUBJECT RESEMBLES [REDACTED]

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SACRAMENTO LOCATE AT ABOVE ADDRESS AND CONDUCT
APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION AS TO HIS WHEREABOUTS NOVEMBER
TWENTY-FOUR, LAST.

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617 PM URGENT 12-3-71 DCC
TO DIRECTOR (164-2111)
MINNEAPOLIS (164-73)
SEATTLE (164-81)
FROM PHILADELPHIA (164-133)

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

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

ON DEC. TWO LAST, [REDACTED] STEWARDESS, NORTHWEST AIRLINES, RESIDING [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFO:

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

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

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

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

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

[] ADVISED IT WAS HER RECOLLECTION THAT HIJACKER INITIALLY WANTED HER TO LOWER THE REAR STAIRS OR LADDER AND LATER CHANGED
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HIS MIND AFTER AIRCRAFT TOOK OFF SHE WAS IN THE COCKPIT WITHIN FIVE MINUTES AFTER TAKE OFF AND RECALLS TEN MINUTES AFTER BEING IN COCKPIT THAT ONE OF THE COCKPIT CREW RECEIVED AN INTERPHONE CALL FROM HIJACKER ADVISING HE COULD NOT LOWER THE LADDER SO THE PILOT LEVELLED THE AIRCRAFT OFF AND REDUCED SPEED. SHE RECALLS SEEING THE RED LIGHT GO ON THE SECOND OFFICER'S PANEL INDICATING THE REAR LADDER HAD DROPPED AND WITHIN FIVE MINUTES OF THE FIRST CALL A SECOND CALL WAS RECEIVED BY ONE OF THE OFFICERS FROM HIJACKER WHICH WAS THE LAST COMMUNICATION WITH THE HIJACKER.

ON DECEMBER TWO LAST, INVESTIGATION AT PHILADELPHIA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT REVEALED THAT THERE IS AN ACCESS PANEL IN THE REAR LADDER WELL ON EITHER SIDE OF THE WELL ENABLING MECHANICS TO REACH EQUIPMENT BETWEEN WELL AND OUTER FUSELAGE OF THE SHIP IN THE TAIL. THIS PANEL CAN BE OPENED FROM INSIDE THE WELL AND THE FUSELAGE WITHOUT TOOLS. FACING THE REAR OF THE AIRCRAFT IT IS NOTED THAT THE AREA BEHIND THE PANEL ON THE LEFT SIDE OF THE WELL CONTAINS SUFFICIENT ROOM FOR TWO OR THREE MEN TO BE INSIDE. THE
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SAME ROOM IS AVAILABLE BEHIND THE RIGHT PANEL, HOWEVER, A MECHANIC ADVISED THAT THE AIR DUCTS CONTAINED WITHIN THAT WALL WOULD CAUSE THE HEAT INSIDE THE PANEL TO BE TOO HOT FOR MAN TO SURVIVE.

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

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TO DIRECTOR (164-2111)

MINNEAPOLIS

NEWARK

SEATTLE (164-81)

WASHINGTON FIELD

NEW YORK (164-627)

FROM NORFOLK (164-41)

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UNKNOWN SUBJECT, AKA DAN COOPER; NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT NUMBER THREE ZERO FIVE, PORTLAND TO SEATTLE, ELEVEN TWENTY-FOUR SEVENTY-ONE CAA-HIJACKING; EXTORTION OO: SEATTLE

RE NY TEL DIRECTOR TWELVE THREE SEVENTY-ONE AND RH TEL DIRECTOR TWELVE THREE SEVENTY-ONE.

INVESTIGATION AT NEWPORT NEWS, VA., DETERMINED

WHITE MALE, DOB

POB

HEIGHT FIVE FEET TEN INCHES, WEIGHT ONE HUNDRED AND POUNDS, BROWN HAIR, BROWN EYES, PRESENTLY EMPLOYED

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[REDACTED] ATTENDANCE AT WORK ON ELEVEN TWENTY-FOUR SEVENTY-ONE UNTIL SIX PM EST AND ALL DAY ON ELEVEN TWENTY-SIX SEVENTY-ONE.

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[REDACTED] INTERVIEWED THIS DATE AT HIS RESIDENCE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HE ADVISED

THAT ON NOVEMBER TWENTY-FOUR LAST HE WORKED FROM TEN AM UNTIL SIX PM. HE STATED HE COULD NOT RECALL SPECIFICALLY HIS WHEREABOUTS AFTER SIX PM NOVEMBER TWENTY-FOUR LAST BUT BELIEVES HE EITHER WENT

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[REDACTED] WHERE HE WOULD HAVE SPENT REMAINDER OF

EVENING THROUGH MID MORNING OF NOVEMBER TWENTY-FIVE LAST [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] STATED THAT UPON AWAKENING MORNING NOVEMBER TWENTY-FIVE LAST [REDACTED] THANKSGIVING DINNER WHICH THEY SHARED AT [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] STATED HE REPORTED FOR WORK [REDACTED] NOVEMBER TWENTY-SIX LAST AT TEN AM.

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[REDACTED] STATED THAT APPROXIMATELY [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

CONVERSATION WITH ONE [REDACTED] DURING CHANCE MEETING AT UNRECALLED NEW YORK CITY TAVERN. HE STATED [REDACTED] WHO IS DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, MIDDLE [REDACTED] SIX FEET, TWO HUNDRED POUNDS, BROWN HAIR, WOULD PROBABLY BE LISTED IN NEW YORK CITY TELEPHONE DIRECTORY AS [REDACTED]

HE COULD PROVIDE NO FURTHER INFORMATION RE [REDACTED] HE STATED [REDACTED] DOES NOT RESEMBLE ARTISTS CONCEPTION OF UNSUB WHICH WAS DISPLAYED.

[REDACTED] STATED HE HAS NOT COMMUNICATED IN ANY MANNER WITH

[REDACTED]

MIGHT HAVE MADE SUCH COMMUNICATION.

HE STATED LAST FLIGHT OF ANY TYPE HE HAS MADE WAS COMMERCIAL FLIGHT TO NEW YORK CITY TO VISIT [REDACTED]

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[] ADVISED HE WAS UNAWARE OF INSTANT HIJACKING UNTIL SO ADVISED DURING INTERVIEW, AND DENIED ANY INVOLVEMENT IN HIJACKING.

[] WHO SPEAKS WITH [] ACCENT, OBSERVED TO HAVE NO VISIBLE BRUISES, LACERATIONS, OR INJURIES TO HEAD, CHEST, ARMS, OR LEGS.

[] BELIEVE ARTISTS CONCEPTION OF UNSUB BEARS STRIKING RESEMBLANCE TO [] AS DID OBSERVATION [] DURING HIS INTERVIEW BY BUAGENTS.

[] INTERVIEWED THIS DATE AND ADVISED SHE MET [] SIX PM NOVEMBER TWENTY-FOUR LAST AT [] PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT AND DROVE HIM DIRECTLY TO [] WHERE THEY SPENT REMAINDER OF EVENING. SHE VERIFIED [] VERSION OF HIS ACTIVITIES DURING NOVEMBER TWENTYFIVE LAST.

[] PHOTOGRAPHED AND PHOTOGRAPHS IMMEDIATELY BEING FORWARDED TO OO VIA AIR MAIL.

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NORFOLK AT NEWPORT NEWS, VA. WILL LOCATE AND INTERVIEW []

[] RE TIMES HE WAS WITH []

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NEW YORK. WILL ATTEMPT TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW [REDACTED]
RE HIS ASSOCIATION WITH [REDACTED] AND FURTHER DETERMINE WHETHER HE
HAS ANY KNOWLEDGE REGARDING INSTANT MATTER.

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NEWARK. WILL REINTERVIEW [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] WHO COULD
BE USING [REDACTED] NAME. ATTEMPT TO ESTABLISH WHETHER UNKNOWN
CALLER SPOKE WITH ANY ACCENT NOTING THAT [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] ACCENT. P.

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TO: SEATTLE (164-81)

MINNEAPOLIS (164-73)

FROM: PORTLAND (164-41)

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UNSUB; N.W. AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE ZERO FIVE, PORTLAND TO SEATTLE
NOVEMBER TWENTYFOUR SEVENTYONE, CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION; OO: SEATT
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RE SEATTLE TELETYPE DECEMBER ONE SEVENTYONE.

SUSPECT; [Redacted]

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HER KNOWLEDGE.

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HAS NOT SEEN HIM SINCE

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AND DOESN'T KNOW HIS PRESENT WHEREABOUTS.

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[REDACTED] HE IS DESCRIBED AS DOB [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (LOOKS OLDER), SIX FOOT ONE,
ONE NINE ZERO POUNDS, [REDACTED] EYES, HAIR COAL BLACK, THINNING
ON TOP, COMBED OVER THIN AREA, COMPLEXION MEDIUM AND TAN,
WEARS CONSERVATIVE DARK SUITS [REDACTED] THINKS
ARTISTS SKETCH IS SIMILAR BUT BELIEVES HE IS NOT RESOURCEFUL
ENOUGH TO CARRY OUT THIS HIJACKING.

[REDACTED] RECORDS DISCLOSE

[REDACTED] EMPLOYED FROM [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WHEN HE LEFT JOB [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

PHOTO OF [REDACTED] SHOWN TO WITNESS [REDACTED] N.W. AIRLINES
AND HE BELIEVES [REDACTED] NOT IDENTICAL TO UNSUB.

ONE PHOTO OF [REDACTED] BEING FORWARDED MINNEAPOLIS TO DISPLAY TO
WITNESSES.

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TO: SEATTLE (164-81)

MINNEAPOLIS (164-73)

FROM: PORTLAND (164-41)

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NOVEMBER TWENTYFOUR SEVENTYONE, CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION; OO: SEATT
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RE SEATTLE TELETYPE DECEMBER ONE SEVENTYONE.

SUSPECT; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SAID [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

HER KNOWLEDGE. [REDACTED] HAS NOT SEEN HIM SINCE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND DOESN'T KNOW HIS PRESENT WHEREABOUTS.

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[REDACTED] OREGON, (LOOKS OLDER), SIX FOOT ONE,
ONE NINE ZERO POUNDS, [REDACTED] EYES, HAIR COAL BLACK, THINNING
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[REDACTED] WHEN HE LEFT JOB [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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PHOTO OF [REDACTED] SHOWN TO WITNESS [REDACTED] N.V. AIRLINES

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To: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

Date: 12/3/71

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From: SAC, LOS ANGELES (164-497)

Time Transmitted:

Subject: [REDACTED] SUSPECT

RE: SUB: NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT 305, SEATTLE TO PORTLAND, 11/24/71
CUM - [REDACTED]

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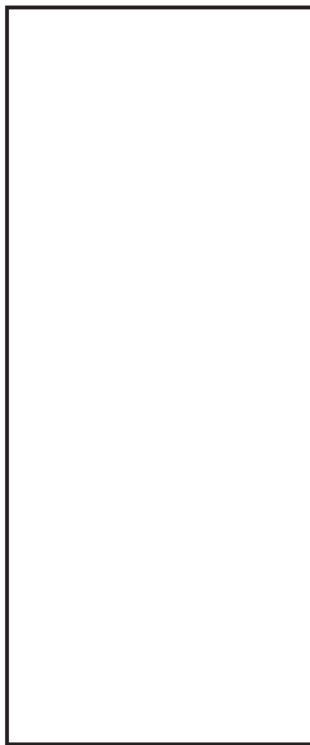
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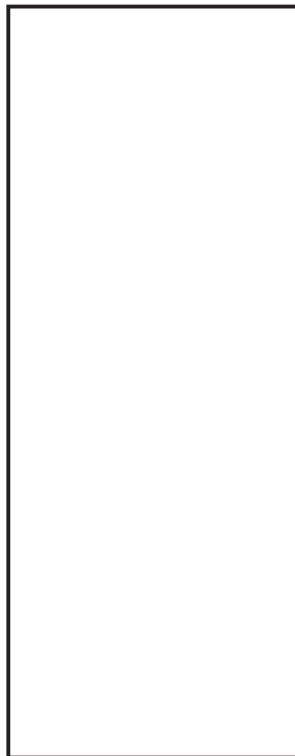
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PHOTOS FOLLOW.

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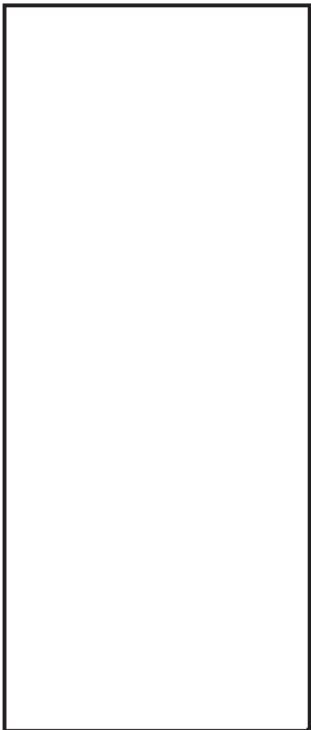
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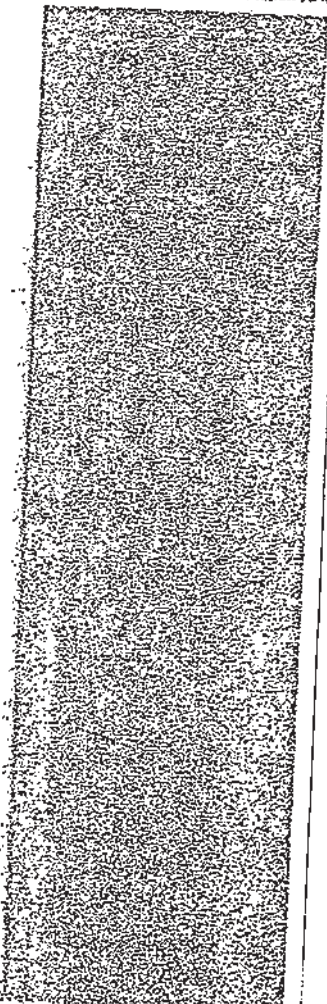
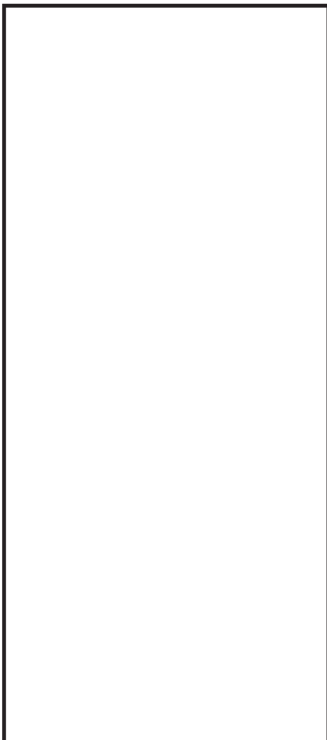
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8:24PM URGENT 12-3-71 DCB

TO SEATTLE (164-81)

FROM LOS ANGELES (164-497) 2P

Swag [Redacted]

UNSUB; HIJACKING OF NORTHWEST ORIENT AIRLINES, FLIGHT
NUMBER THREE ZERO FIVE, PORTLAND TO SEATTLE, NOVEMBER TWENTY
FOUR LAST. CAA DASH HIJACKING; EXTORTION. OO: SEATTLE.

RE LOS ANGELES TELCALL THIS DATE AND SEATTLE TELETYPE
TO LOS ANGELES AND SACRAMENTO DECEMBER ONE LAST.

RE SUSPECT [Redacted]

ON DECEMBER TWO LAST, [Redacted]

[Redacted], INTERVIEWED AND

ADVISED SHE [Redacted]

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EXACT LOCATION

UNKNOWN.

SHE SAID [REDACTED] AFTER READING DESCRIPTION OF HIJACKER IN LOCAL PAPER IT CROSSED HER MIND THIS DESCRIPTION CLOSELY MATCHED THAT OF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

HIM AS WHITE MALE, BORN [REDACTED] AT

[REDACTED]

SIX FEET, ONE SIXTY FIVE POUNDS.

OLIVE OR SWARTHY COMPLEXION, [REDACTED] HAIR WORN SHORT,

BROWN EYES, SMOKES OVER TWO PACKS OF FILTER CIGARETTES PER

DAY, BRAND UNKNOWN.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

FACSIMILE BEING SENT

SEATTLE THIS DATE AND PHOTOGRAPHS FOLLOW VIA REGISTERED AIR MAIL.

SEATTLE ATTEMPT LOCATE AND ESTABLISH WHEREABOUTS OF

[REDACTED]

WHOSE LAST KNOWN ADDRESS WAS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

DURING PERTINENT PERIOD.

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NR018 LA PLAIN

8:24PM URGENT 12-3-71 DCB

TO SEATTLE (164-81)

FROM LOS ANGELES (164-497) 2P

UNSUB; HIJACKING OF NORTHWEST ORIENT AIRLINES, FLIGHT
NUMBER THREE ZERO FIVE, PORTLAND TO SEATTLE, NOVEMBER TWENTY
FOUR LAST. CAA DASH HIJACKING; EXTORTION. OO: SEATTLE.

RE LOS ANGELES TELCALL THIS DATE AND SEATTLE TELETYPE
TO LOS ANGELES AND SACRAMENTO DECEMBER ONE LAST.

RE SUSPECT [REDACTED]

ON DECEMBER TWO LAST, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] INTERVIEWED AND

ADVISED SHE [REDACTED]

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SHE SAID [REDACTED] AND AFTER READING DESCRIPTION OF HIJACKER IN LOCAL PAPER IT CROSSED HER MIND THIS DESCRIPTION CLOSELY MATCHED THAT OF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

HIM AS WHITE MALE, BORN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

SIX FEET, ONE SIXTY FIVE POUNDS,

OLIVE OR SWARTHY COMPLEXION, [REDACTED] HAIR WORN SHORT,

BROWN EYES, SMOKES OVER TWO PACKS OF FILTER CIGARETTES PER DAY, BRAND UNKNOWN.

[REDACTED]

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SEATTLE THIS DATE AND PHOTOGRAPHS FOLLOW VIA REGISTERED AIR MAIL.

SEATTLE ATTEMPT LOCATE AND ESTABLISH WHEREABOUTS OF

[REDACTED]

WHOSE LAST KNOWN ADDRESS WAS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

DURING PERTINENT PERIOD.

END

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NR003 AQ PLAIN

758PM NITEL 12/3/71 FXH

TO: SEATTLE (164-81)

FROM: ALBUQUERQUE (149-131) 1P

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new sup. [Redacted]

UNSUB, AKA DAN COOPER: NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE ZERO FIVE,
PORTLAND TO SEATTLE, NOVEMBER TWENTYFOUR SEVENTYONE.

CAA - HIJACKING: EXTORTION OO: SEATTLE

REURTEL, DECEMBER TWO LAST.

RE: [Redacted]

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INVESTIGATION GALLUP AND ALBUQUERQUE, N.M., NEGATIVE TO DATE
TO LOCATE [Redacted]

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SEATTLE CONDUCT INVESTIGATIO AT [Redacted] FOR FULL
BACKGROUND THIS INDIVIDUAL. CONTACT EMPLOYEES WHO KNEW HIM FOR
CURRENT LOCATION AND SET OUT NECESSARY LEADS. [Redacted] *new*

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RE: SUSPECT [Redacted]

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[Redacted] UFAP - GL, OO: SEATTLE [Redacted]

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THIS CAPTIONED SUBJECT APPREHENDED SPOKANE, WASH., [Redacted]
[Redacted] LAST. PHOTO RESEMBLES ARTIST'S CONCEPTION. IF [Redacted] NOT IN
CUSTODY ON DATE INSTANT HIJACKING, SEATTLE HANDLE AS SUSPECT.

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UNSUB SHOULD BE CONSIDERED DANGEROUS.

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See by [Redacted] 12/6/71

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758PM NITEL 12/3/71 FXH

TO: SEATTLE (164-81)

FROM: ALBUQUERQUE (149-131) 1P

UNSUB, AKA DAN COOPER: NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE ZERO FIVE,
PORTLAND TO SEATTLE, NOVEMBER TWENTYFOUR SEVENTYONE.

CAA - HIJACKING: EXTORTION OO: SEATTLE

REURTEL, DECEMBER TWO LAST.

RE: [REDACTED]

INVESTIGATION GALLUP AND ALBUQUERQUE, N.M., NEGATIVE TO DATE
TO LOCATE [REDACTED]

SEATTLE CONDUCT INVESTIGATIO AT [REDACTED] FOR FULL
BACKGROUND THIS INDIVIDUAL. CONTACT EMPLOYEES WHO KNEW HIM FOR
CURRENT LOCATION AND SET OUT NECESSARY LEADS.

RE: SUSPECT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] UFAP - GL, OO: SEATTLE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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2:13 PM URGENT 12-3-71 LJO



TO: SEATTLE (164-21)

FROM: PORTLAND (164-41) 2P

UNSUB; AKA DAN COOPER, NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT NUMBER THREE ZERO FIVE, ETC. CAA DASH HIJACKING; EXTORTION. OO: SEATTLE.

RE SEATTLE TELETYPE TO PORTLAND, NOVEMBER THIRTY, SEVENTY ONE, AND PORTLAND TELETYPE TO SEATTLE, ELEVEN FORTY SEVEN P.M. DECEMBER ONE, SEVENTY ONE.

ON DECEMBER TWO, SEVENTY ONE, 

 ADVISED HE HAD GIVEN THIS MATTER ADDITIONAL THOUGHT AFTER BEING CONTACTED AND RECALLS 











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 ALLEGEDLY FITS DESCRIPTION OF UNSUB WITH EXCEPTION HE IS APPROXIMATELY FIVE FEET ELEVEN INSTEAD OF SIX FEET.

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[REDACTED] MENTIONED [REDACTED]

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2:13 PM URGENT 12-3-71 LJO

TO: SEATTLE (164-81)

FROM: PORTLAND (164-41) 2P

UNSUB; AKA DAN COOPER, NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT NUMBER THREE ZERO FIVE, ETC. CAA DASH HIJACKING; EXTORTION. OO: SEATTLE.

RE SEATTLE TELETYPE TO PORTLAND, NOVEMBER THIRTY, SEVENTY ONE, AND PORTLAND TELETYPE TO SEATTLE, ELEVEN FORTY SEVEN P.M. DECEMBER ONE, SEVENTY ONE.

ON DECEMBER TWO, SEVENTY ONE, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ADVISED HE HAD GIVEN THIS MATTER ADDITIONAL THOUGHT AFTER BEING CONTACTED AND RECALLS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED] ALLEGEDLY FITS DESCRIPTION OF UNSUB WITH EXCEPTION HE IS APPROXIMATELY FIVE FEET ELVEN INSTEAD OF SIX FEET.

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[REDACTED] MENTIONED [REDACTED]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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

DATE: 12/3/71

FROM : SA [redacted]

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

RE: [redacted]
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On December 2, 1971, [redacted] Edmonds
Police Department, advised that [redacted]
[redacted] bears a resemblance to the artists
conception of the UNSUB in this case. He said that
[redacted] is described as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Born	[redacted]
Height	5'11
Weight	180 lbs.
Hair	Dark
Eyes	Dark
Complexion	[redacted]

[redacted] said [redacted]
[redacted] a 1970 Buick automobile, Washington License
[redacted] When this car was seen by [redacted] on Saturday morning
November 27, it had considerable amount of mud on it.

[redacted] advised that the police department does not
have a photograph of [redacted] is employed by [redacted]
[redacted] telephone [redacted]
[redacted] should be able to verify
whether he was at work at the time of instant crime.

[redacted] said that he was furnishing this information
based on the fact that [redacted]
a resemblance between him and artist's conception. 164-81-551

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At Seattle, Washington

It is suggested that contact be made with the
[redacted] to determine if [redacted] was in fact
working on the day of instant crime.

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SA [redacted]

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

RE: [redacted]
SUSPECT

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LEAD

SEATTLE
At Seattle, Washington

It is suggested that contact be made with the
[redacted] to determine if [redacted] was in fact
working on the day of instant crime.

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

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~~MARKER BEACON LIGHT RECEIVER~~

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NR 061 NY PLAIN

254 URGENT 12-3-71 KEH

TO PORTLAND

SEATTLE

FROM NEW YORK (164-627)

Susy:



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



[REDACTED] ADVISED NYO HE RECEIVED A FOUR PAGE ARTICLE FOR PUBLICATION FROM [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] DESCRIBING DETAILS OF NORTHWEST AIRLINES JET HIJACKED NEAR PORTLAND. ARTICLE SENT BY CERTIFIED MAIL AND POSTMARKED PORTLAND OREGON IS DESCRIBED [REDACTED] AS FICTION APPEARS TO BE IDENTICAL WITH NEWSPAPER ACCOUNTS OF THIS INVESTIGATION.

PORTLAND CHECK OFFICE INDICES AND CONSIDER CONTACT OF [REDACTED] REGARDING DETAILS OF ARTICLE HE MAILED TO "MEN ONLY" MAGAZINE. ASCERTAIN IF PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF [REDACTED] IS ANYWHERE NEAR DESCRIPTION OF UNSUB.

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NYO OBTAINING ORIGINAL ARTICLE MAILED TO MAGAZINE FOR SUBSEQUENT SUBMISSION TO FBI LABORATORY FOR LATENTS.

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14:24 PM URGENT 12-3-71 JEV

TO SEATTLE (164-71)

ALBUQUERQUE

PORTLAND (164-41)

SAN FRANCISCO

FROM LITTLE ROCK (164-22) (P)

UNSUB, AKA DAN COOPER, NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE ZERO FIVE, PORTLAND TO SEATTLE, NOVEMBER TWENTYFOUR, SEVENTY-ONE, CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION. SEATTLE ORIGIN.

RE SEATTLE LETTER TO ALBANY, NOVEMBER THIRTY, LAST.

RE: SUSPECT [redacted]

[redacted] ADVISED LITTLE

ROCK OFFICE THAT APPROXIMATELY [redacted]

SUSPECT [redacted]

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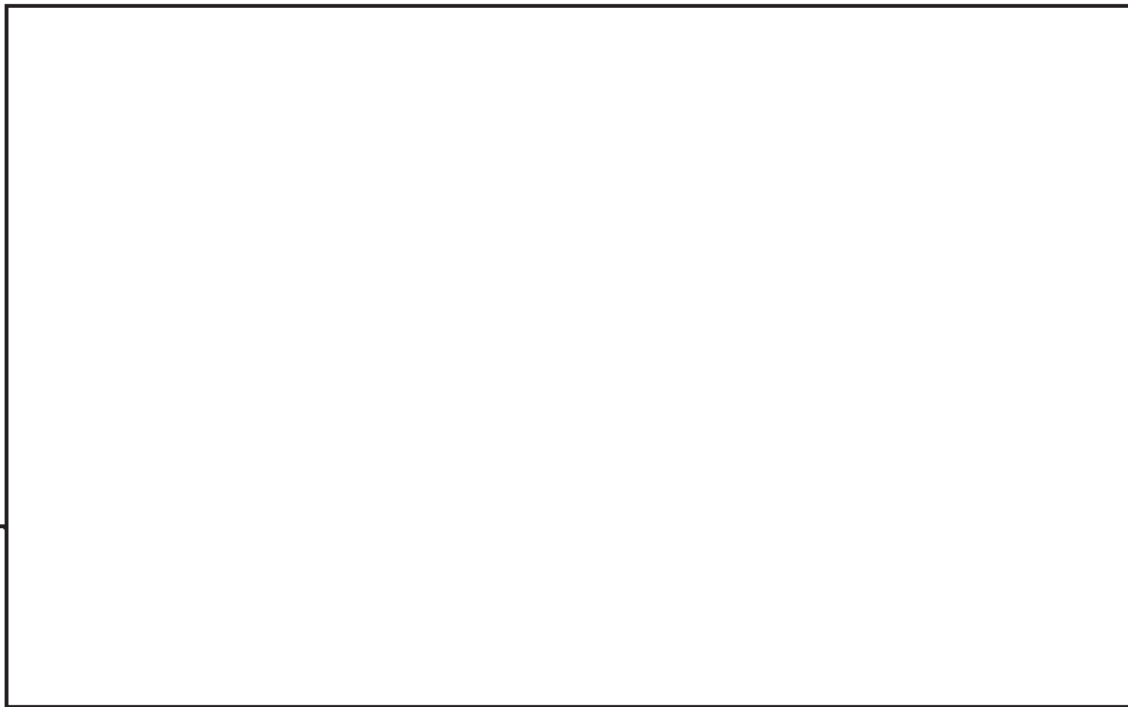
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[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT COMPOSITE SKETCH OF
UNSUB STRONGLY RESEMBLES [REDACTED] HAD [REDACTED]
HAIR.

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IF NEEDED. LITTLE ROCK INDICES NEGATIVE ON [REDACTED]

ALBUQUERQUE AT ALBUQUERQUE. WILL CHECK WITH LOCAL
JUMP CLUBS AND ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN PHOTOGRAPH AND CURRENT
LOCATION OF SUSPECT FILES.

PORTLAND DIVISION AT [REDACTED] OREGON. WILL CHECK
ON [REDACTED] ALLEGED RESIDENCE IN [REDACTED] OREGON, AND ATTEMPT
TO OBTAIN PHOTO OF [REDACTED]

SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION AT MONTEREY, CALIFORNIA.
WILL CHECK WITH THE U. S. PARACHUTING ASSOCIATION IN AN
ATTEMPT TO LOCATE FILES AND OBTAIN PHOTO.

SEATTLE DIVISION AT SEATTLE, WASHINGTON. WILL CON-
SIDER [REDACTED] SUBJECT.

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AD 203 PD PLAIN

2:45 PM URGENT 12-3-71 LJO

TO: DIRECTOR

LAS VEGAS

SEATTLE (164-31)

FROM: PORTLAND (164-41) (P) 3P

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

ON NOVEMBER THIRTY, SEVENTYONE, AT ELEVEN TEN A.M., [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted] REPORTED [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted] MATCHED THE DESCRIPTION OF THE HIJACKER. SHE DESCRIBED

HIM AS: WHITE, MALE, AMERICAN, APPROXIMATELY FORTYFIVE YEARS OF AGE, FIVE FOOT TEN INCHES TALL, ONE HUNDRED FIFTY POUNDS, BROWN HAIR, DARK EYES, MEDIUM COMPLEXION, CLOTHING WAS [redacted] SPORT COAT, [redacted] CARRYING A [redacted]

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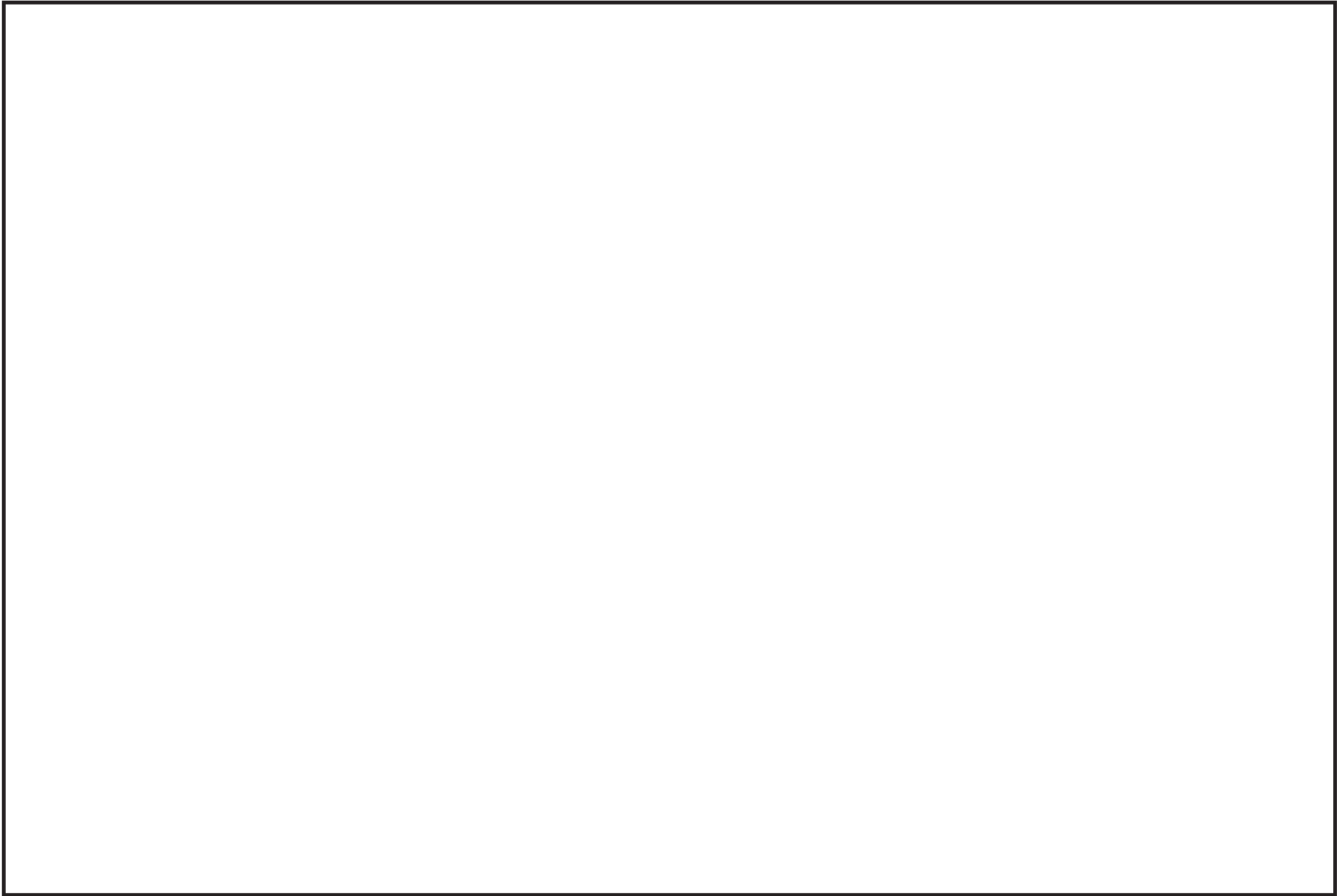
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CHECK WITH GREYHOUND BUS LINES SHOWED ROUTE OF GREYHOUND
BUS SCHEDULE NINE TWO TWO ORIGINATED IN PHOENIX, ARIZONA,
STOPPED IN RENO, NEVADA AT FIVE P.M., NOVEMBER TWENTYFIVE,
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SEVENTYONE, BEFORE CONTINUING ON TO OREGON.

LAS VEGAS AT RENO, NEVADA. ENDEAVOR TO DETERMINE
ACTIVITIES OF [REDACTED] WHILE IN RENO AREA AND VERIFY HIS
STAY AT [REDACTED] CHECK GREYHOUND BUS DEPOT TO
DETERMINE IF SUBJECT DEPARTED RENO ON BUS SCHEDULE NINE TWO TWO
ON NOVEMBER TWENTYFIVE, SEVENTYONE.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

DATE: December 3, 1971

FROM : SA [redacted]

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

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On December 3, 1971 Chief of Police FRANK PATTERSON, Everett Police Department, advised he received a phone call from [redacted] regarding the photograph of the hijacker appearing in the Everett newspaper. [redacted] indicated that the photograph vaguely resembled an individual he knew as [redacted] (LNU). [redacted]

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[redacted] and was unable to furnish any additional information to Chief PATTERSON. [redacted] did tell him that [redacted] was a white male, age 40 - 45 and [redacted]

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SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

December 3, 1971

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

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

DATE: 12/3/71



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FROM : SA DONALD J. STEELE &
SA [redacted]

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

RE: [redacted]

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On 12/1/71, at about 4:50 PM, a request from COP GEORGE TIELSCH, Seattle PD, disclosed that he desired personal contact by Agents of this office in subject matter. SAs DONALD J. STEELE and [redacted] arrived at the Seattle PD at approximately 5:00 PM. At that time, COP TIELSCH introduced himself in the presence of [redacted]. At that point TIELSCH said, [redacted] why don't you tell them about it without further formalities."

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[redacted] advised that an officer in his department has an informant who has given reliable information in the past and who, according to informant, [redacted]

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He then advised that the informant had said,



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[redacted] and TIELSCH indicated that inasmuch as the informant had furnished the information to their officer and had indicated [redacted] they would like to work with us in connection with resolving whether or not [redacted] was the hijacker.

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At 5:30 PM, contact was made with [redacted] home address [redacted]

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[redacted], home phone [redacted]
[redacted] advised that based on the above mentioned information
from the informant. [redacted]
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[redacted] also advised that in addition to the
informant mentioned above, a second informant had advised that

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[redacted]

[redacted] had reviewed records of the PD and came
up with the fact that [redacted] had been arrested on

[redacted]

made up a montage of 8 pictures of Seattle detectives and
one of [redacted]. The detectives were all wearing sun
glasses and the glasses which [redacted] was wearing in
the picture had been blackened in to appear to be sunglasses.
In addition to this, he had prepared a montage of mug shots of
various individuals and one photo of [redacted] these
pictures being without glasses. He stated that he had been
in contact with [redacted] Northwest Airlines,
and had arranged for a noon time flight on 12/2/71 to
Minneapolis, stating that [redacted] would make arrangements for the
Stewardesses to be available [redacted] to display these
montages. He stated that [redacted] intended
to make this flight together and that [redacted] would contact him
at 7:00 AM, on 12/2/71 to confirm the flight. He advised
that an Agent could accompany him in place of [redacted]. He
stated during this discussion that he didn't want anything to
mess up his trip.

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[redacted] stated that he had discussed this matter
with a prosecutor and the prosecutor had advised him that if
he were able to get an identification from the photos he had
prepared, the prosecutor would authorize a warrant. He was
asked what the charge would be to which he replied he did not
know but when the identification was obtained he would advise
the prosecutor who would confer with his boss (Prosecutor CHRIS
BAILEY) and they would decide what the charge would be. He
advised that he felt time was of the essence because [redacted]
[redacted] could possibly obtain knowledge of the investigation
and leave Seattle. [redacted] stated he could call his office
from Minneapolis when the identification had been made
and other officers could obtain the warrant and arrest

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[redacted] while he was returning to Seattle.

[redacted] made available a photo of the [redacted] [redacted] with the glasses blackened in.

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[redacted] was advised that the stewardesses were not all located in Minneapolis at that time and that the photo could be shown to witnesses locally at Seattle as well as to the stewardesses. He was advised that this would be done by other Agents.

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At no time was it indicated to [redacted] that Agent personnel would travel with him free of charge to Minneapolis on Northwest Airlines.

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On 12/2/71, [redacted] was telephonically contacted at his residence inasmuch as [redacted] [redacted] and was advised that the photo of [redacted] had been displayed to all witnesses and none of them identified him as the hijacker. To this he replied, "he could not understand this but some times things work that way."

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SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

12/3/71

SA DONALD J. STEELE &
SA [redacted]

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

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RE: [redacted]

On 12/1/71, at about 4:50 PM, a request from COP GEORGE TIELSCH, Seattle PD, disclosed that he desired personal contact by Agents of this office in subject matter. SAs DONALD J. STEELE and [redacted] arrived at the Seattle PD at approximately 5:00 PM. At that time, COP TIELSCH introduced himself in the presence of [redacted]. At that point TIELSCH said, [redacted] why don't you tell them about it without further formalities."

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[redacted] advised that an officer in his department has an informant who has given reliable information in the past and who, according to informant, [redacted]

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He then advised that the informant had said,

[redacted]

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[redacted] and TIELSCH indicated that inasmuch as the informant had furnished the information to their officer and had indicated [redacted] they would like to work with us in connection with resolving whether or not [redacted] was the hijacker.

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At 5:30 PM, contact was made with [redacted]

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[redacted] home phone [redacted]
[redacted] advised that based on the above mentioned information
from the informant, [redacted]
[redacted]

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[redacted] also advised that in addition to the
informant mentioned above, a second informant had advised that
[redacted]

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[redacted] had reviewed records of the PD and came
up with the fact that [redacted] had been arrested on
[redacted]

made up a montage of 8 pictures of Seattle detectives and
one of [redacted]. The detectives were all wearing sun
glasses and the glasses which [redacted] was wearing in
the picture had been blackened in to appear to be sunglasses.
In addition to this, he had prepared a montage of mug shots of
various individuals and one photo of [redacted] these
pictures being without glasses. He stated that he had been
in contact with [redacted] Northwest Airlines,
and had arranged for a noon time flight on 12/2/71 to
Minneapolis, stating that [redacted] would make arrangements for the
Stewardesses to be available [redacted] to display these
montages. He stated that [redacted] intended
to make this flight together and that [redacted] would contact him
at 7:00 AM, on 12/2/71 to confirm the flight. He advised
that an Agent could accompany him in place of [redacted]. He
stated during this discussion that he didn't want anything to
mess up his trip.

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[redacted] stated that he had discussed this matter
with a prosecutor and the prosecutor had advised him that if
he were able to get an identification from the photos he had
prepared, the prosecutor would authorize a warrant. He was
asked what the charge would be to which he replied he did not
know but when the identification was obtained he would advise
the prosecutor who would confer with his boss (Prosecutor CHRIS
BAILEY) and they would decide what the charge would be. He
advised that he felt time was of the essence because [redacted]
[redacted] could possibly obtain knowledge of the investigation
and leave Seattle. [redacted] stated he could call his office
from Minneapolis when the identification had been made
and other officers could obtain the warrant and arrest
[redacted] while he was returning to Seattle.

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[redacted] made available a photo of the [redacted]
[redacted] with the glasses blackened in.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

FROM : ASAC PAUL R. BIBLER

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

DATE: 12/3/71

Sub. Search

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

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

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12/3/71

ASAC PAUL R. BIBLER

UNSUB, aka Dan Cooper;
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PORTLAND TO SEATTLE,
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

DATE: 12/3/71

FROM : ASAC PAUL R. BIBLER

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

[Redacted]

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RE: [Redacted]

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[Redacted] called from the Cleveland office. He said that they have a suspect reported by a woman who says it is [Redacted] and are sending us and other offices about a 7 page teletype. He also said that the photos were being put on NW Flight 735 which would reach Seattle at 5:25 PM today.

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I instructed SA [Redacted] to meet the plane and get the photos.

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PRB:klb
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ASAC PAUL R. BIBLER

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

RE: [REDACTED]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

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

DATE: 12/3/71

Sub: Search Sub. E

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

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

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12/3/71

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)


DATE: 12/3/71

FROM : ASAC PAUL R. BIBLER



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

RE: SUSPECT 

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SHRODER also said if we got any kind of a break on this case, we should be sure and tell the Bureau so that they could prepare a national press release even before we file on anybody. I told him we would.

I called Phoenix and talked to the relief supervisor on the #2 Desk; to VINCE MC CARTHY at Butte and ASAC RUEHL at Portland and told them not to cover the lead in the above mentioned teletype until further advised by Seattle.

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ASAC PAUL R. BIBLER

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

RE: SUSPECT -

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

DATE: 12/3/71

FROM : ASAC PAUL R. BIBLER

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



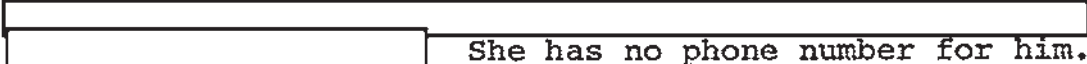
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RE: SUSPECT



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SA BOB STRANGER telephoned from Los Angeles.
They have interviewed [redacted] She said that



She has no phone number for him.

At that time he [redacted]



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They are sending us a teletype. They have two
pictures of [redacted] one of which is current and they are
sending it by facsimile and airmail.

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ASAC PAUL R. BIBLER

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

RE: SUSPECT - [REDACTED]

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PRB:klb
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

DATE: 12/3/71

FROM : ASAC PAUL R. BIBLER

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

Handwritten: SOURCE

[redacted] who said he [redacted]
lives at [redacted] telephone [redacted] called.

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[redacted] He said he told this to COP JOE MAY
and he wondered if MAY had furnished this to us. I told
him I would advise the Agent handling this case in that
area.

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12/3/71

ASAC PAUL R. BIBLER

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

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lives at [redacted], telephone [redacted] called.

[redacted]

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

DATE: 12/3/71

FROM : SA [redacted]

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

RE: SUSPECTS

[redacted]

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[redacted]
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Witness [redacted] was shown pictures of the above noted suspects. [redacted] could not positively identify any of the photographs as that of the hijacker. He said that all of the people shown in the photographs could be eliminated in his opinion with the exception of [redacted]

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He said that [redacted] resembled the hijacker in photos numbered 5 and 6. He said that in photo #5 [redacted] is sitting in a manner much like the way the hijacker was sitting on the plane. He said that although there is a good resemblance in the photograph he could not positively identify [redacted] as the hijacker unless he say him in person.

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Memorandum

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

DATE: 12/3/71

FROM : SA CHARLES E. FARRELL

Sul - P. Boeing Tech Data

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

OO: Seattle

On 12/1/71, [redacted] who is employed as an

[redacted]

[redacted] telephonically furnished the following information.

[redacted]

[redacted]

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SA CHARLES E. FARRELL

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

OO: Seattle

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[redacted]

[redacted] telephonically furnished the following information.

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FBI

Date: 12-3-71

Transmit the following in PLAINTEXT
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via TELETYPE NITEL
Teletype (Priority)

[Redacted]

TO SEATTLE

ST. LOUIS ~~DNF~~ 12:55A

FROM CLEVELAND (164-88)

UNSUB; NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE ZERO FIVE, NOVEMBER
TWENTYFOUR, NINETEEN SEVENTYONE, AIRCRAFT HIJACKING, OO: SE

RE: SUSPECT [Redacted]

RE CLEVELAND TELEPHONE CALL TO ST. LOUIS, DECEMBER THREE
INSTANT.

CONFIRMING REFERENCED TELEPHONE CALL ABOVE, ST. LOUIS
REQUESTED TO CHECK MILITARY RECORD OF SUSPECT [Redacted]

[Redacted]

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END

TJB:amk

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TO SEATTLE (164-81)

FROM SACRAMENTO (164-58) 1P

SUB M RANSOM

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

RE SACRAMENTO TEL, DEC. TWO, LAST.

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

SACRAMENTO MAKING ARRANGEMENTS WITH BEALE AFB FOR AERIAL PHOTO-
GRAPHY OF ROUTE TAKEN BY NORTHWEST FLIGHT. AIRCRAFT TO BE UTILIZED
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OVER WASHINGTON AND OREGON TERRITORY FORWARDED TO SACRAMENTO BY
UNITED AIRLINES NIGHT DEC. TWO, LAST, HANDCARRIED TO BEALE AFB THIS
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TO SEATTLE (164-81)
FROM SACRAMENTO (164-50) 1P

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

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5:42URGENT 12/2/71 MAH

TO: DIRECTOR
WASHINGTON FIELD
SEATTLE (164-81)
LOS ANGELES (164-497)
FROM: SAN FRANCISCO (164-220)

UNSUB, NORTHWEST ORIENT AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE ZERO FIVE,
PORTLAND TO SEATTLE, NOVEMBER TWENTYFOUR, LAST. CAA - HIJACKING.

FOR INFORMATION UNITED STATES PARACHUTE ASSOCIATION, MONTEREY,
CALIFORNIA, DOES NOT HAVE PHOTOS OF MEMBERS ON FILE AT THEIR
OFFICE. PRIOR TO TIME MEMBERSHIP CARD ISSUED PHOTO OF MEMBER IS
NECESSARY AND IS AFFIXED TO MEMBERSHIP CARD BUT NO COPIES KEPT
BY ASSOCIATION.

[REDACTED] UNITED STATES PARACHUTE
ASSOCIATION, IS AGREEABLE TO PRINTING ARTIST'S CONCEPTION ETC.
OF SUBJECT IN THEIR MAGAZINE "PARACHUTIST" FOR JANUARY ISSUE, THE
ARTICLE TO BE PRINTED WOULD HAVE TO BE IN POSSESSION OF UNITED STATES
PARACHUTE ASSOCIATION BY DECEMBER TWELVE, NEXT.

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237PM URGENT 12-3-71 MAN

TO SEATTLE (164-81)

PORTLAND (164-41)

LAS VEGAS (164-60)

PHILADELPHIA

FROM MINNEAPOLIS (164-73) 2P

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

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ADVISED They
Searched this*

RE SEATTLE TELEPHONE CALL TO MINNEAPOLIS DECEMBER TWO LAST.

[REDACTED]

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

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

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

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FBI SEATTLE CLP

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

DATE: 12/3/71

FROM : SA CHARLES E. FARRELL

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

Sub Search

OO: Seattle

RE: SEARCH OF THE AIRCRAFT

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

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

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

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

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exhaust pipes which make it extremely hot in that area. However, on the left side there is plenty of space for a man to hide, and flying under 10,000 feet would not be uncomfortable. [redacted] suggestion was that the hijacker might have hidden in that compartment and when everyone had left the plane and the area he could leave the aircraft. ASAC BIBLER telephonically contacted the Las Vegas Office to inquire as to whether or not these compartments had been located and searched and the Minneapolis Office also was contacted to determine where the plane is now located so that a search can be made of those compartments in the event they have not already been searched either by the FBI at Reno or by the airlines own mechanics at any location.

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Date: 12/3/71

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Via TELETYPE URGENT
(Priority)

TO : SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (164-73)

[Redacted]

FROM: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

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

OO: SE. BUfile 164-2111.

RE CLEVELAND TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR DECEMBER THREE
INSTANT.

RE: [Redacted] [Redacted]

BUREAU HAS REQUESTED THAT PHOTOS OF [Redacted] BE
DISPLAYED TO WITNESSES ~~AS SOON AS POSSIBLE~~. *before other investigation re this suspect*

MINNEAPOLIS IS REQUESTED TO DISPLAY PHOTOS OF
[Redacted] TO WITNESSES AT MINNEAPOLIS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER
THEY ARE RECEIVED, AND ADVISE SEATTLE OF RESULTS.

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Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

Sent 3:45 pm Per vab

DB Cooper-2938

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Date: 12/3/71

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Via TELETYPE URGENT
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TO : SAC, LAS VEGAS (164-60)
FROM: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)
UNSUB, AKA DAN COOPER; NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT #305,
PORTLAND TO SEATTLE, 11/24/71. CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION.
OO: SE. BUFILE 164-2111.

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

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

PLEASE SUTEL TODAY AND ADVISE.

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Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

Sent *1:54 pm* M Per *vab*

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1:54PM URGENT 12/3/71 VAR

TO LAS VEGAS (164-67)

FROM SEATTLE (164-31)

UNSUB, AKA DAN COOPER; NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE ZERO FIVE,
PORTLAND TO SEATTLE, NOVEMBER TWENTYFOUR, SEVENTYONE. CAA - HIJACK-
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SGT FBI LAS VEGAS CLP

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

DATE: 12/3/71

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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

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

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

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

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

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

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At 7:45 PM, SA [REDACTED] telephonically contacted the Night Supervisor in San Francisco and furnished the name of [REDACTED] as the pilot who would carry the package to San Francisco and turn it over to the FBI there.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

DATE: 12/3/71

FROM : ASAC PAUL R. BIBLER

Sub: E Search.

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

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

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

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

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

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SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

12/3/71

ASAC PAUL R. BIBLER

UNSUB, aka Dan Cooper;
NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT #305,
PORTLAND TO SEATTLE,
11/24/71
CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION
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NR 007 PD PLAIN
4:30 PM URGENT 12-3-71 LJQ
TO: SEATTLE (164-81)
FROM: PORTLAND (164-41) 1P

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SUB ¹³⁰ "D.B. COOPER"
LETTER FILE.

UNSUB, AKA DAN COOPER; NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE
ZERO FIVE, ETC., CAA-HIJACKING; EXTORTION, (OO: SEATTLE)

SUMMARY TELETYPE.

TWO LETTERS RECEIVED TODAY SIGNED D.B. COOPER ONE BY
NORTHWEST AIRLINES, PORTLAND AND ONE BY THE OREGONIAN NEWSPAPER,
PORTLAND. BOTH LETTERS AND ENVELOPES ARE BEING FORWARDED TO
FBI LABORATORY FOR EXAMINATION WITH CARBON COPIES TO SEATTLE.

OTHER INVESTIGATION BY PORTLAND TODAY RELATES TO CHECKING
OUT LOOK A LIKE LEADS WITH NO POSITIVE RESULTS. P.

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AIRMAIL - REGISTERED

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

Sub. 130

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

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

ReLVtel to Bureau, 11/29/71.

U. S. Post Office, 138 North 1st Avenue, Oakdale, California, was interviewed at the Post Office on 11/29/71, and furnished the following information:

He recalls an envelope addressed to "Reno Newspaper, Reno, Nevada" because of the unusual address, the unusual handprinting, and the lack of a zip code on the envelope. Although he does not recall precisely from memory when the letter was observed by him, he advised that if the postmark indicates a.m., it would have to have been mailed in the main mail drop at the Oakdale Post Office between 6:30 a.m. and approximately 11:30 a.m. Saturday morning, 11/27/71. If the postmark indicates p.m.,

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 - 1 - Las Vegas (164-50) (RM) (Info)
 - 2 - Portland (RM)
 - ① - Seattle (RM) (Info)
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the letter could have been mailed at any of the varied mail drops within the postal carrier area of Oakdale or at the main Post Office anytime between the late afternoon hours on Friday and the late afternoon hours on Saturday. He advised the Oakdale Post Office is closed on Saturdays, but the front door is open for mail drop at 6:30 a.m. The mail deposited at other drop locations in Oakdale is not normally brought to the Post Office for cancellation until afternoon. On Saturday, 11/27/71, [] cancelled all the mail in the main drop and changed the cancellation stamp to p.m. at about 11:30 a.m. prior to going to lunch.

From records, [] advised that a total of 2,267 individual pieces of mail were machine cancelled at Oakdale on 11/27/71, and about 1/3 of this or approximately 750 pieces would have been from the main Post Office mail drop. The remainder would have been brought in by the carriers during the day. [] had no knowledge of who might have mailed the letter and advised he knows of no one who might have observed the person who mailed the letter.

[] the "Modesto Bee", who had a wire service copy of the letter, advised on 11/29/71, that the cutout printing comprising the contents of the letter came from the AAA final edition of the 11/26/71, "Modesto Bee". Comparison of letter spacings, type fonts, column marks, etc. correspond exactly with the printing in the letter. [] indicated that this edition is the Modesto home edition, first copies of which reach the retail box in front of the Modesto Bee Building in Modesto at 2:30 p.m. This edition reaches the Modesto newsboys and distributors about 4:30 p.m. This edition is not sent to the Oakdale area.

By separate communication, a copy of this newspaper has been directed to the FBI Laboratory for comparison with the original note.

11/30/71

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AIRMAIL - REGISTERED

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTN: FBI LABORATORY

*Sub D. B. Cooper
letter*

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

UNSUB; Northwest Airlines Flight #305,
11/24/71; Portland, Oregon
GAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION

ReNYtel to Bureau, 11/29/71, and SCAirtel to
Bureau, 11/30/71.

Enclosed for the Bureau is one copy of the
final edition (AAA) of the "Redepto Bee", 11/26/71.

Enclosed newspaper appears definitely to be
the issue from which note mentioned in retel as furnished
to the FBI Laboratory was clipped. The location of
words located are as follows:

SC 164-50

Page A-5, column 4-5, headline "Hospital"

Page B-11, column 4, "In a rut"

Page B-12, column 6, "Attention"

The FBI Laboratory is requested to compare the note furnished by Las Vegas with the words taken from the attached newspaper and advise Sacramento and other receiving offices.

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*Second letter to
Reno Newspaper*

*Letter to Vancouver
BC newspaper*

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951 PM NITEL 12-2-71 G5J
TO DIRECTOR, PORTLAND, SEATTLE, AND SACRAMENTO
FROM LAS VEGAS 164-60 2P

UNUSP; HIJACKING OF NORTHWEST AIRLINES, FLIGHT THREE ZERO FIVE,
NOVEMBER TWENTYFOUR, SEVENTYONE. CAA - HIJACKING, EXTORTION
OO: PORTLAND.

[redacted] RENO GAZETTE, THIS DATE ADVISED
ANOTHER NOTE RECEIVED IN AFTERNOON MAIL. NOTE ON LINED PAPER
WITH WORDS CUT FROM NEWSPAPER PASTED ON IT.

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NOTE STATES, "PLAN AHEAD FOR RETIREMENT INCOME D. B. COOPER."
ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO RENO GAZETTE, RENO, NEVADA, AND POST MARKED
U. S. POSTAL SERVICE, CA NINE FIVE SIX, PM, DECEMBER ONE, NINETEEN
SEVENTYONE.

POST OFFICE, RENO, ADVISED NINE FIVE SIX IS NUMBER FOR
SACRAMENTO SECTOR AND TAKES IN NUMEROUS SMALLER TOWNS.

[redacted] ALSO ADVISED A NEWSPAPER IN VANCOUVER, B.C., HAD
RECEIVED A NOTE ACCORDING TO WIRE SERVICE STORY.

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NOTE BEING FORWARDED FBI LAB.

SEATTLE, THROUGH LIAISON SOURCES ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN NOTE
FROM VANCOUVER PAPER.

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851 PM NITEL 12-2-71 GEJ

TO DIRECTOR, PORTLAND, SEATTLE, AND SACRAMENTO
FROM LAS VEGAS 164-60 2P

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FROM VANCOUVER PAPER.

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FBI SEATTLE

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I AM ALIVE AND

doing well in

Home town P.O.

The system that beats the system.

DB COOPER

RECEIVED FROM [redacted] 12/2/71
"THE OREGONIAN," 164-41
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DB Cooper-2955

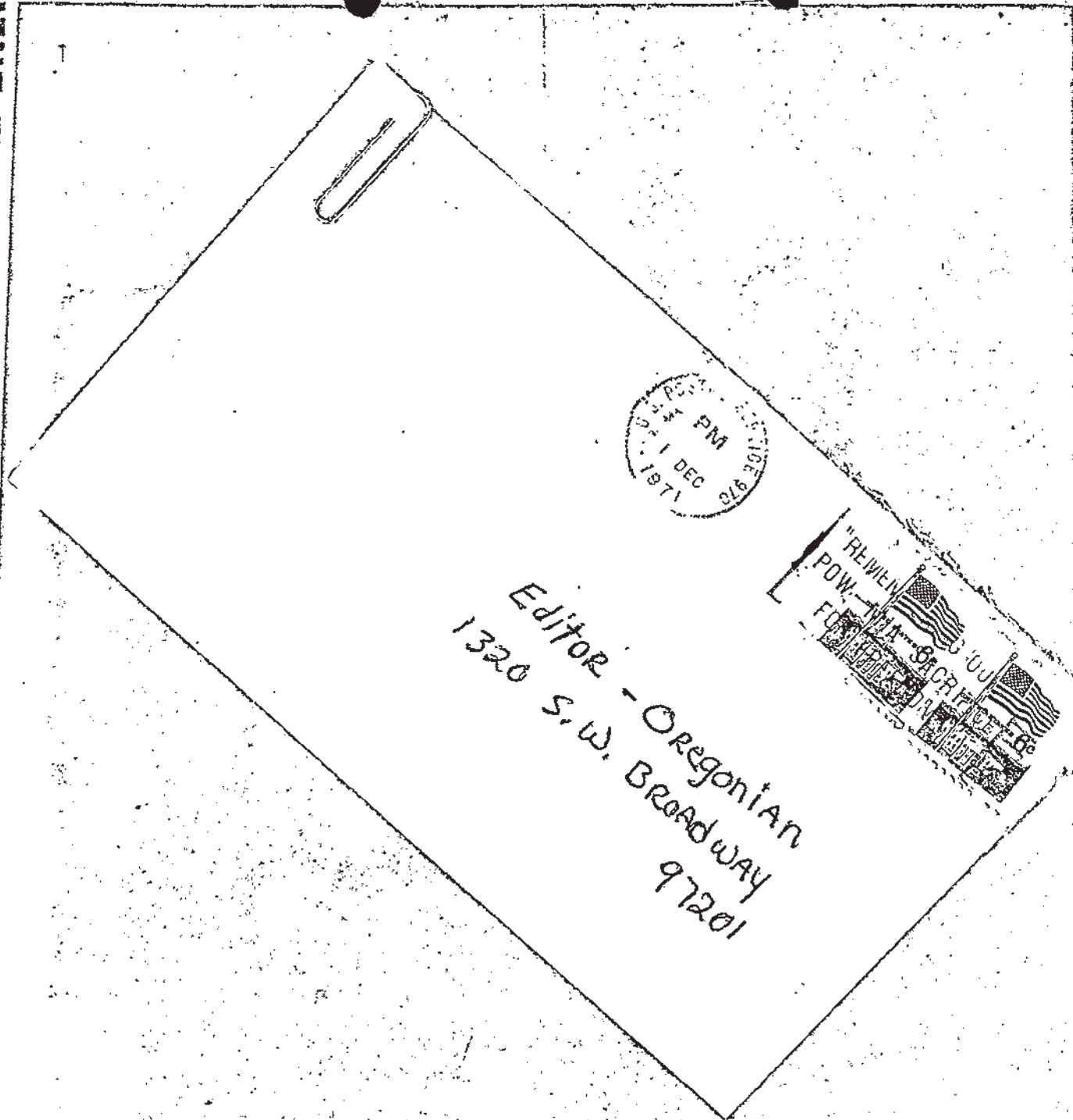
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RECEIVED FROM [redacted] b6
 "THE OREGONIAN," 12/2/71 b7c
 164-41

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date December 2, 1971

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[redacted] "The Oregonian,"
1320 S.W. Broadway, Portland, Oregon, made available an
envelope and letter received by "The Oregonian" in the
morning mail on 12/2/71.

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The letter was constructed of letters clipped from
a magazine and mounted on a piece of yellow paper, and reads
"Am alive and doing well in home town P.O. The system
that beats the system. D B Cooper." The letter was
received in an envelope addressed to the "Editor--Oregonian,
1320 S.W. Broadway 97201" postmarked P.M., December 1, 1971,
U.S. Postal Service 970.

The letter was handled by the following individuals
who are employees of "The Oregonian:"

[redacted]

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[redacted] advised [redacted] opened the letter
and then the letter was carried to [redacted]

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[redacted] handled the letter.

On 12/2/71 at Portland, Oregon

File # PD 164-111

by SA [redacted] njm

Date dictated 12/2/71

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12/2/71
[Signature]

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12/2/71

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL - REGISTERED

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

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FROM: SAC, PORTLAND (164-41)(P)

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

~~SOSP~~ [Redacted]

SUB: ~~LETTERS~~
ANONYMOUS
D.B. Cooper
letter file

Re Bureau airtel to all offices except Seattle, Portland and Las Vegas, 11/29/71.

Enclosed for Bureau are two copies of FD-302 dated 12/2/71, of [Redacted] and the originals of an envelope and a letter which are described in the FD-302.

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Enclosed for Seattle are two copies of the FD-302 and two copies each of the envelope and letter.

REQUEST OF THE BUREAU, FBI LABORATORY

The FBI Laboratory is requested to conduct a fingerprint examination of the envelope and letter. Elimination prints have not been obtained from those individuals handling the documents, but if such prints would be of any value, Portland will obtain same upon request of the FBI Laboratory.

- 3 - Bureau (Enc. 4) (AM) (RM)
- 2 - Seattle (Enc. 6) (164-81)
- 2 - Portland

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[Handwritten signature]

DB Cooper-2958

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Date: 12/2/71

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL - REGISTERED
(Priority)TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (164-2111)
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, PORTLAND (164-41)(P)

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

Re Bureau airtel to all offices except Seattle,
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the documents, but if such prints would be of any value, Portland
will obtain same upon request of the FBI Laboratory.

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2 - Seattle (Enc. 6)(164-81)
2 - Portland

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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

DATE: 12/4/71

FROM : SA JOHN L KETCHAM (P)

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

*Sub: Baking
Tech Data*

[redacted]
advised that [redacted]
[redacted]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

DATE: 12/4/71

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FROM : SA [redacted] (P)

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

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Tech Data
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[redacted]
advised that [redacted]
[redacted]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

DATE: 12/3/71

FROM : ASAC PAUL R. BIBLER

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

[Redacted]

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RE: SUSPECT - [Redacted]

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[Redacted] telephone [Redacted] advised that he had been
looking at a picture of an individual he [Redacted]
[Redacted] and that there is
a good similarity. [Redacted]
[Redacted] He is described as:

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Height: 6'
Weight: 180 lbs.
Hair: Dark

[Redacted] stated [Redacted] wears no glasses; his hair is
thinning, however, and he was balding in front when [Redacted]
[Redacted] a few years ago. He would be about age [Redacted]

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[Redacted] will make the picture available on contact
by an Agent.

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12/3/71

ASAC PAUL R. BIBLER

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

RE: SUSPECT - [redacted]

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[redacted] a few years ago. He would be about age [redacted]

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[redacted] will make the picture available on contact
by an Agent.

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NR 05 PX PLAIN

5:35 PM NITEL 12-3-71 WJG

TO DIRECTOR (164-2111)

LOS ANGELES (164-497)

SEATTLE

WFO

FROM PHOENIX (164-100) 2P



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UNSUB; NORTHWEST AIRLINES, FLIGHT THREE ZERO FIVE, PORTLAND TO SEATTLE, NOVEMBER TWENTYFOUR SEVENTYONE; CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION. OO: SEATTLE. SUSPECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS IN VIEW OF FACT HE REPORTEDLY CARRIES GUN.

RE AKA.

RE LOS ANGELES NITEL PHOENIX, ET AL, DECEMBER TWO LAST.

INQUIRY PD NOGALES, SONORA, MEXICO; PD NOGALES, ARIZONA;

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY SO, NOGALES, ARIZONA; AND US INS, NEGATIVE

RE AKA.

NOGALES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT,

ADVISED AKA UNKNOWN TO HIM AS

INVOLVED IN

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SOURCES CONTACTED STATED NAME [REDACTED] DOES NOT APPEAR
TO BE [REDACTED] NAME AND ALL STATED THEY KNEW OF NO
ONE HAVING SIMILAR SOUNDING NAME WELL KNOWN IN CRIMINAL
CIRCLES IN NOGALES, SONORA, MEXICO AREA.

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WFO REQUESTED TO IMMEDIATELY ADVISE PHOENIX IF CORRECT
NAME OF [REDACTED] DEVELOPED DURING CHECK OF HOTELS.

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PENDING.

END

VAB

FBI SEATTLE CLR

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2:45PM URGENT 12/3/71 FXH



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TO: DALLAS

SAN FRANCISCO


SEATTLE (164-81)

FROM: ALBUQUERQUE (149-131) 2P


UNSUB, AKA DAN COOPER; NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE ZERO FIVE,
PORTLAND TO SEATTLE; NOVEMBER TWENTYFOUR SEVENTYONE.

CAA-HIJACKING; EXTORTION OO: SEATTLE BUFILE ONE SIXTYFOUR -
TWO ONE ONE ONE.

RE CINCINNATI TELETYPE TO BUREAU, NOVEMBER TWENTYNINE LAST,
AND ALBUQUERQUE TELETYPE TO SEATTLE, DECEMBER TWO LAST.

RE SUSPECT 

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FOR INFO DALLAS, CINCINNATI ADVISED ONE 

 CINCINNATI, ADVISED DECEMBER ONE

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LAST THE COMPOSITE OF UNSUB APPEARING IN THE CINCINNATI PAPERS

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APPEARS TO BE ONE [REDACTED] FORMERLY FROM [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DESCRIBED AS WMA, BORN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SEVENTYTWO INCHES, ONE EIGHTFIVE,

[REDACTED] FBI NO. [REDACTED]

INVESTIGATION AT ALBUQUERQUE REFLECTS [REDACTED] HAS BEEN RECENTLY

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND POSSIBLY [REDACTED] APFA.

DALLAS WILL CONDUCT LOGICAL INVESTIGATION TO LOCATE [REDACTED]

AND ESTABLISH HIS WHEREABOUTS AT TIME OF CAPTIONED MATTER.

ADVISE ALBUQUERQUE, SAN FRANCISCO AND SEATTLE IF LOCATED AS

ALBUQUERQUE AND SAN FRANCISCO CONDUCTING OTHER INVESTIGATION TO

LOCATE.

THIS INDIVIDUAL IS BEING SOUGHT IN CONNECTION WITH THE
EXTORTION OF TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS FROM NORTHWEST AIRLINES
BY THREATENING THE CREW OF THE AIRLINE WITH A PACKAGE WHICH HE
STATED CONTAINED A BOMB. HE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED DANGEROUS.

P.

END

JFK FBI SEATTLE

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December 3, 1971

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL



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TO : SAC, PORTLAND (164-41)
FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) (P)
SUBJECT: UNSUB, aka
Dan Cooper;
Northwest Airlines
Flight 305
Portland to Seattle
11/24/71
CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION
OO: SEATTLE

Re Portland teletype to Seattle 11/29/71.

RE: [redacted]
(Previously carried as [redacted])

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b7C

On December 1, 1971 [redacted]

[redacted] advised that
[redacted] applied for a loan in [redacted]
[redacted] on a 1968 Dodge Valiant van, title of which, according
to [redacted] is still held by [redacted]

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b7C

[redacted] furnished the following information in
connection with this loan:

b6
b7C

2 - Portland
3 - Seattle
JHS:kd1

(5)

Handwritten signatures and initials

DB Cooper-2968

164-81-589

SE 164-81

Name	[Redacted]	b6
Age	[Redacted]	b7C
Height	6'	
Weight	175	
Eyes	Brown	
Hair	Brown	b6
Marital Status	[Redacted]	b7C
Previous Addresses	[Redacted]	b6 b7C
Occupation	[Redacted]	b6 b7C
Relatives	[Redacted]	b6 b7C
Credit Rating	[Redacted]	
Miscellaneous	[Redacted]	b6 b7C

SE 164-81

[redacted] also related that her records reflect that [redacted] still holds title to aforementioned van [redacted] this time. She also related that [redacted] account has been [redacted]

b6
b7C

Records of the Seattle Credit Bureau, Seattle Police Department, and King County Sheriff's Office checked on December 2, 1971 reflect the following additional information concerning [redacted]

b6
b7C

Residences

[redacted]

b6
b7C

Employment

[redacted]

b6
b7C

SE 164-81

[REDACTED]

b6
b7C

Marital

[REDACTED]

b6
b7C

No arrest record was located for [REDACTED] at the Seattle Police Department or the King County Sheriff's Office and his name is negative in Seattle indices.

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The above is furnished for the information of the Portland Office in the investigation of this matter.

December 3, 1971

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO : SAC, PORTLAND (164-41)

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

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

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connection with this loan:

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2 - Portland
3 - Seattle
JHS:kd1

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DB Cooper-2972

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SE 164-81

Name	[Redacted]	b6
Age	[Redacted]	b7C
Height	6'	
Weight	175	
Eyes	Brown	
Hair	Brown	b6
Marital Status	[Redacted]	b7C
Previous Addresses	[Redacted]	

[Redacted]

b6
b7C

Occupation	[Redacted]	b6 b7C
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Relatives	[Redacted]	b6 b7C
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Credit Rating	[Redacted]	b6
Miscellaneous	[Redacted]	b7C

SE 164-81

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Residences

[redacted]

b6
b7C

Employment

[redacted]

b6
b7C

SE 164-81




b6
b7C

Marital



b6
b7C

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b7C

The above is furnished for the information of the Portland Office in the investigation of this matter.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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

DATE: 12/3/71

FROM : SA CHARLES E. FARRELL

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

[Redacted]

b6
b7C

OO: Seattle

RE: SUSPECT [Redacted]

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b7C

On 12/2/71 SA [Redacted] FBI, Minneapolis, who is handling the case with Northwest Airlines, advised that [Redacted] had told SAC HELD that [Redacted] suspect he wished to refer to the FBI. This information was then given to [Redacted] for referral to Seattle.

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[Redacted] advised that he has the impression from information furnished by [Redacted]

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He furnished the following physical description concerning [Redacted]

Name
Race
Address

[Redacted]
White
[Redacted]

Birth

Home phone: [Redacted]
[Redacted]

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b7C
b7D

Height
Weight
Hair
Eyes

5'7"
165 pounds
Dark brown
Brown

[Redacted] stated [Redacted] believes might have come

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b7C
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CEF:jlb
(2)

Gas: No. be sure that MP see notes of outcome of and close # See p. 2 of

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My [Signature]
DEC 13/71

[Redacted]

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b7C



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

DB Cooper-2976

SE 164-81

from Seattle as [redacted]

b6
b7C
b7D

It is not clear whether [redacted]

[redacted] but [redacted] thinks
he is [redacted]

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b6
b7C
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No photograph was available.

NOTE: Minneapolis should be advised of the outcome
of this individual as a suspect so they may in turn give
the information to [redacted]

b6
b7C
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ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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

DATE: 12/3/71

FROM : SA CHARLES E. FARRELL

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

[Redacted]

b6
b7C

OO: Seattle

RE: SUSPECT [Redacted]

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[Redacted] advised that he has the impression from information furnished by [Redacted]

b6
b7C
b7D

He furnished the following physical description concerning [Redacted]

Name	[Redacted]
Race	White
Address	[Redacted]
	Home phone: [Redacted]
Birth	[Redacted]
Height	5'7"
Weight	165 pounds
Hair	Dark brown
Eyes	Brown

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b7C
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[Redacted] stated [Redacted] believes might have come

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CEF:jlb
(2)

Gas: Is to be sure that we notify MP of outcome of audit. See Clark P. 2 f

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U.M. G. 12/3/71

[Redacted]

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

SE 164-81

from Seattle as [REDACTED]

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b7C
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It is not clear whether [REDACTED] is now a current
[REDACTED] but [REDACTED] thinks
he is [REDACTED]

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b7C
b7D

[REDACTED]

b6
b7C
b7D

No photograph was available.

NOTE: Minneapolis should be advised of the outcome
of this individual as a suspect so they may in turn give
the information to [REDACTED]

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b7C
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ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

F B I

Date: 11/30/71

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL _____ AIRMAIL _____
(Priority)

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)
FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (164-NEW) (RUC)
SUBJECT: UNSUB;
HIJACKING OF NORTHWEST AIRLINES
FLIGHT 305,
11/24/71
CAA-HIJACKING, EXTORTION
(OO: SE)

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Enclosed for Seattle and Minneapolis are one copy each of Houston PD Arrest Records and mug shots of _____ Enclosed for San Antonio is one copy each of _____ Houston PD arrest record.

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On 11/26/71, _____ (Protect Identity), _____

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[Redacted]

[Redacted]

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[Redacted]

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- ② - Seattle (Enc. 4)
 - 2 - Minneapolis (Enc. 4)
 - 2 - San Antonio (Enc. 2)
 - 1 - Houston
- TRP/sac

wait to get Baller photo

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FBI - SEATTLE
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Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M Per _____

DB Cooper-2984

HO 164-NEW

On 11/29/71, the records of the Houston PD were checked and copies of both individuals' arrest sheets were obtained along with photos of each subject.

LEADS

MINNEAPOLIS:

AT MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

Will conduct photographic lineup containing enclosed photos for crew members of hijacked airliner to determine if [redacted] identical with unsub in this matter.

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SAN ANTONIO:

AT AUSTIN, TEXAS

Will expeditiously check files of Texas Department of Public Safety and Drivers License Bureau and attempt to obtain recent photos of [redacted] If obtained, immediately forward same to Minneapolis and Seattle.

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b7C

SEATTLE:

AT SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

Will arrange for photographic lineup containing enclosed photos for any logical witnesses to hijacking.

CONSIDER UNSUB ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

11/30/71

AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

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

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

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

Re Las Vegas tels to Bureau and Seattle, 11/30/71.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau is the original letter and envelope forwarded to the "Reno Evening Gazette" at Reno, Nevada, postmarked Oakdale, California, 11/27/71.

Elimination fingerprints of personnel handling same at the newspaper are being obtained and will be forwarded to the Bureau as soon as received.

The Laboratory is requested to conduct appropriate examination of the enclosed to determine any pertinent latent fingerprints which could be identified with the sender and furnish the results to pertinent offices.

3-Bureau (Enc. 2)
①-Seattle (164-81) (Info)
1-Portland (Info)
1-Sacramento (Info)
1-Las Vegas
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PLAINTEXT

TELETYPE

URGENT




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TO: LAS VEGAS (164-60)

FROM: PORTLAND (164-41)

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

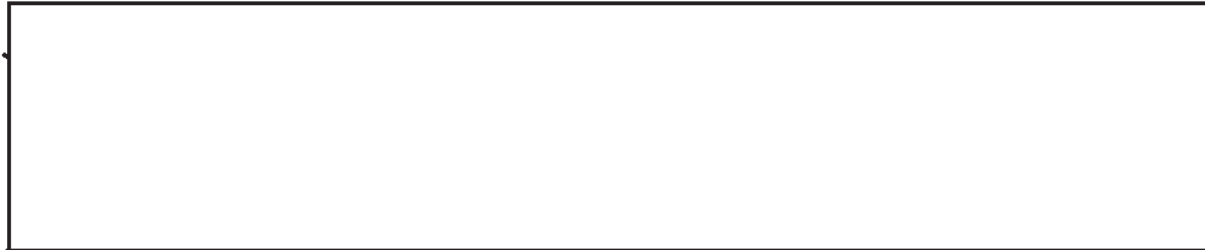
ON NOVEMBER THIRTY LAST, 



ADVISED

THE COMPOSITE PICTURE OF HIJACKER WHICH APPEARED IN LOCAL NEWSPAPERS APPEARS TO BE IDENTICAL WITH A MAN SHE KNEW AS

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1 Seattle (164-81)(AM)

1 Portland

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[Handwritten signature]

DB Cooper-3010

PD 164-41
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SHE DESCRIBED HIM AS FOLLOWS:

WMA, SIX FEET TO SIX FEET ONE, [REDACTED] YEARS OF
AGE, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY TO EIGHTY POUNDS, OLIVE COMPLEXION.

LAS VEGAS, AT [REDACTED] MAY ATTEMPT
TO IDENTIFY [REDACTED] AND ASCERTAIN IF HE IS POSSIBLY IDENTICAL
WITH UNSUB.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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Susp. PARACHUTE SPOTTED
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STATION, OAKRIDGE
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NR 001 PD PLAIN

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TO: SEATTLE (164-81)

FROM: PORTLAND (164-41) (P) 1P

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

REMYTEL DECEMBER THREE, SEVENTY ONE.

SMALL PARACHUTE SPOTTED IN FOREST NEAR RIGDON FOREST STATION,
NEAR OAKRIDGE, OREGON, REPORTED IN RETEL DETERMINED TO BEAR
METEOROLOGICAL INSTRUMENT HAVING GOVERNMENT IDENTIFICATION ON IT.

NO FURTHER ACTION RE THIS LEAD BEING TAKEN.

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PORTLAND

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LAS VEGAS (164-60)

FROM DIRECTOR 2P

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EVIDENCE

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

RE SEATTLE LETTER NOVEMBER TWENTYNINE SEVENTYONE SUBMITTING THREE PAPER ITEMS.

TWENTYFOUR ~~LATENT FINGERPRINTS~~ AND FIVE LATENT PALM PRINTS DEVELOPED.

LATENT FINGERPRINTS NOT IDENTICAL FINGERPRINTS FOLLOWING, WHOSE PALM PRINTS NOT AVAILABLE: [REDACTED] FBI

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