

Rackstraw is linked to all 5 “D. B. Cooper” Notes and CIA Black Ops *Sleuth believes San Diego man’s deep covert history explains FBI’s ongoing cover-up*

EMBARGOED until 2/1/18, 12 pm EST: A month after finding Robert W. Rackstraw’s top-secret Army units encoded in a court-released hijacker letter (#5 above), Thomas J. Colbert’s cold case team has done it again: Four more taunting Cooper notes, the first and last mailed within a half-hour of Rackstraw’s old California mountain town, also have hidden messages – including one in that may explain why the FBI is stonewalling.

The new decryptions include a dare to agents, directives to apparent partners, and a startling claim that is followed by Rackstraw’s own initials: If captured, he expects a get-out-of-jail card from a federal spy agency.

New Deciphered Coding:

Letter #1 (Mailed 11/27/71): “CAN FBI CATCH ME... SWS (Special Warfare School – where he learned coding)

Letter #2 (Mailed 11/30/71): “IF CATCH I AM CIA... RWR” (Apparent initials of Robert W. Rackstraw)

Letter #3 (Mailed 12/1/71): “I HAVE POB (Post Office Box) AND CODE... WILL GO DOWN PM”
 (Appears “POB” held 4th note to mail; tells partners he’s flying south in evening)

Letter #4 (Mailed 12/1/71): “NGJS” (Like in #1 & 5, another of his training units: National Guard Jump School)

Seattle agents were informed of Rackstraw’s letter trail years ago, but they ignored it, along with more than 100 pieces of other evidence (including DNA) from Colbert’s 40-member team – ironically, led by retired FBI.

Former Vietnam Army brass and pilots reveal that **Rackstraw’s Black Ops** began with off-the-books CIA ground missions (1969-70), including in Laos. In the next decade, 17 of his clandestine assertions were recorded in court and law enforcement testimony, in articles and various eyewitness accounts (listed in pages 2-3).

An anonymous military officer involved in decades of secret missions told just the team: “Rackstraw did the hijacking and a lot of other things, too. But you don’t want to go there.” Team investigator Jim Christy – a former DoD Cyber Division chief and USAF OSI agent – also talked to sources. His stone-faced conclusion: The 74-year-old vet he believes to be D.B. Cooper “was strongly implicated in Iran-Contra.”

NOTE: Former Army code-breaker Rick Sherwood discovered these latest code threads, and his newest results were also vetted by experts (See Press Releases on DBCooper.com). Code-breaking details are copyrighted, but media management can view the deciphering steps for themselves by signing an NDA.

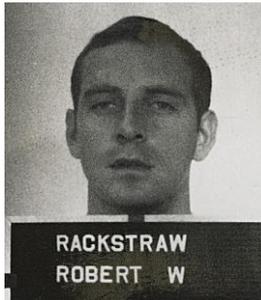
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DBC: BLACK OPS & COVERT IDENTITY CLAIMS

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In the 1970s, **ROBERT W. RACKSTRAW SR.** (DOB 10/16/43) was a discharged Army explosives expert, paratrooper and pilot with 22 documented fake identities and three personal aircraft – none registered with the FAA. He claimed in that period to be working with the CIA and Special Forces in a range of capacities. His mission departures and assertions were witnessed by credible observers and recorded in corporate memos, court papers and articles. **Here are 17 examples (For fast scan, just read underlined entry):**

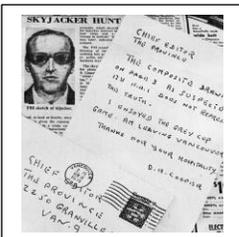


7/22/68: Pentagon FOIA records revealed that Green Berets at Special Warfare School (Fort Bragg, NC) gave RWR 400 hours of Special Forces Operations, PSYOPS and ID&D training – programs involving propaganda, counter-subversion, deception and interrogation methods – along with coding-making skills. It's believed this is also where the pilot

received off-the-books training in advanced "HALO" commando parachuting.

RWR's California wife #1 claimed he called her during that year to announce he had officially joined the Green Berets (untrue). Later during his visit home on leave, she said she took a photo of him in the beret.

1969-70: In Vietnam, one of RWR's 1st Air Cavalry captains claimed RWR would "hang" with a CIA man in their fire base's Officers Club. One day this officer saw their departure in a stolen commander's Jeep, "loaded with weapons, ammo and explosives." RWR went out with the CIA operative "for days at a time."



One of RWR's fellow helicopter pilots spotted him in the Jeep "at the Special Forces mountain refueling spot near Tay Ninh," 25 miles away from their First Cav firebase.

11/30/71: In second of five taunting "D.B. Cooper" letters embedded with encrypted coding that (2018 evidence shows) only Rackstraw would know, the writer states: "IF CATCH I AM CIA... RWR" (Rackstraw's initials).

Army Airman From SC Wins Distinguished Flying Cross

Army Warrant Officer Robert W. Rackstraw of Santa Cruz has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, the nation's highest aviation award. Rackstraw served as a helicopter pilot in "Project Left Bank," a top security organization in Vietnam. It was his job to make low-level flights over known enemy positions, pinpointing and destroying those locations. His citation notes that Rackstraw's "courage and devotion to duty under the most arduous conditions" have provided the Army with a valuable intelligence source for finding and destroying the enemy. Rackstraw now has been selected as the personal pilot of Gen Robert M. Shoemaker, assistant division commander for the First Cavalry Division. Rackstraw has previously been awarded the National Defense Ribbon, the Good Conduct Medal, the Overseas Medal, the Vietnam Campaign Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Air Medal with 26th Oak Leaf Cluster, the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry and the Meritorious Unit Citation. He is one of only a few Army fliers authorized to wear three sets of wings – those of the American Special Forces, Vietnamese paratrooper and Army aviator.

S.C. Sentinel, 5/17/70



Robert Rackstraw

12/4/72: A year after the hijacking, the discharged veteran RWR was still hunkered down in his parents' remote CA town in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada Mountains. When he missed a court date involving a deer-poaching charge, court records show his stepdad contacted the angry judge and apologized. He revealed the 29-year-old defendant was "in Laos" (where the CIA's "Air America" was operating).

7/15/73: During business meeting in San Jose, CA, a witness says vet RWR showed off a news clipping with his photo, touting him "being a Green Beret and some kind of medal winner."

FYI: Cold case team tracked down that 5/17/70 article in his town paper (above), which revealed that RWR dictated the details from Vietnam.

Claiming to be Special Forces wasn't his only lie – he named fake medals and leaked facts about his top-secret helicopter surveillance unit (ASA 371st Radio Research Unit, also known as “Project Left Bank”). One of his retired supervisors was recently located and shown this article. He called the mention of the classified choppers’ mission to be “*flat-out treasonous. Back then, we would’ve hung him by this thumbs.*”



1975: RWR revealed to a construction co-worker that he would sometimes get recruited on “special assignments” by owners of aircraft that had been “*stolen*” for drug-runs, only later to be confiscated by the government of Mexico. The vet said he would slip south of the border to conduct surveillance at airports and “*steal back*” the dope planes – no questions asked – for big rewards from grateful owners.

1/16/75: When a Seattle jet couldn't land in fog-bound Portland, OR, a flight attendant carpooled south in a rental car with two passengers – another woman and “*Bob Rackstraw.*” He tells her he “worked for CIA.”

2/15/78: Wanted for local crimes in California, the FBI finds fugitive RWR in Iran, teaching the Shaw's chopper pilots for Bell Helicopter International. When the suspect was ordered to sell his belongings and return to the USA to face charges, RWR tells Bell officials he will appoint a fellow chopper instructor there, Herbert M. Baker – his “old Agency [CIA] friend from Air America” – to sell his new car and furniture.



3/14/78: Later during a detective's interrogation of RWR in Calaveras County, CA, he “claimed to be CIA, but we [didn't] know it for a fact” (in newspaper).

7/6/78: A Stockton, CA reporter that interviewed the jailed RWR wrote: “*He said in addition to being a Green Beret... he was a member of a ‘top secret special intelligence organization while in Vietnam in 1969.’*” RWR also boasted that “*the FBI considers him ‘a James Bond who'd gone wrong*” (in paper).

7/27/78: At CA felony trial, RWR's lawyer told jury he was “a decorated member of the Green Berets.” FYI: In paper; 13 of his 50 awards/units were proven lies.

8/1/78: While out on bail between California trials, RWR talked to two cocaine traffickers, both of them Hollywood producers, about flying them down to Peru for a movie shoot and drug run. He promised “friends in the CIA” could set up a secret island “*refueling spot*” for their plane along the 4,200-mile route.

2/2/79: One of Rackstraw's former bosses, Mike Narro, gets an unexpected FBI visit at his Novato, CA, warehouse. He later tells his wife that “*they think [former worker] Rackstraw is D.B. Cooper, and they have evidence he was selling weapons to terrorists.*” FYI: Unknown if he, like FBI agents at the time, was working undercover or had suddenly become an independent gunrunner and explosives merchant.

7/25/79: At RWR's 1979 sentencing for unrelated CA felonies, his probation officer's court report stated his “*military records show he wasn't a Green Beret.*” He was also “*prone to misrepresent and falsify claims. One ploy used was to imply he was ‘above the law,’ insinuating that his actions were ‘ordered by higher authorities in the federal government or the military intelligence of the CIA’* (in newspaper).”