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Date: 12-13-71

Transmit the following in PLAINTEXT  
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(Priority)

TO : SAC, WFO  
SAC, NEW YORK  
SAC, LOS ANGELES

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FROM: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

NORJAK.

RE D. B. COOPER LETTER.

THE SEATTLE TIMES, SEATTLE, HAS TURNED OVER TO THE SEATTLE OFFICE A LETTER RECEIVED BY THE NEWSPAPER TODAY ADDRESSED TO THE MANAGING EDITOR OF THE SEATTLE TIMES, BEARING THE POST MARK "U. S. POSTAL SERVICE. WA NINE EIGHT ZERO" WITH THE DATE DECEMBER ELEVEN, SEVENTYONE. POST MARK INDICATES LETTER WAS MAILED IN THE GREATER SEATTLE AREA, BUT OUTSIDE THE CITY OF SEATTLE ITSELF. IN THE LETTER SIGNED "D. B. COOPER," HE CLAIMS HE LEFT NO FINGERPRINTS, THAT HE WORE A TOUPEE, AND WORE PUTTY MAKE-UP.

LETTER INDICATES COPIES WERE SENT TO THE WASHINGTON POST, THE NEW YORK TIMES, AND THE LOS ANGELES TIMES.

WFO, NEW YORK AND LOS ANGELES ARE REQUESTED TO OBTAIN, IF POSSIBLE, THE COPY OF THE LETTER RECEIVED BY THE INDICATED NEWSPAPERS AND FORWARD SAME TO THE LABORATORY FOR APPROPRIATE LABORATORY EXAMINATION, INCLUDING USE OF THE TYPEWRITER AND FOR

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164-81-1150

NY 10<sup>29</sup>LA 10<sup>29</sup>Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Per \_\_\_\_\_

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Via \_\_\_\_\_  
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LATENT FINGERPRINT EXAMINATION. SEATTLE IS FORWARDING TODAY ITS  
COPY OF INSTANT LETTER.

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Special Agent in Charge

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1029 PM URGENT 12/13/71 FEE

TO WFO

NEW YORK

LOS ANGELES

FROM SEATTLE (164-81) 1P

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RE D.B. COOPER LETTER.

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Date: 12/13/71

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO : SAC, KANSAS CITY (164-80)

FROM: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

NORJAK.

RE: [REDACTED]

RE KANSAS CITY TEL TO SEATTLE, DECEMBER THIRTEEN,  
NINETEEN SEVENTY ONE AND SAN FRANCISCO TELETYPE DECEMBER  
EIGHT, NINETEEN SEVENTY ONE.

INITIAL INFORMATION IN THIS MATTER WAS INFORMATION  
RECEIVED FROM EDITORS OF PORTLAND, OREGON NEWSPAPER WHO  
HAD RECEIVED CALL STATING THAT ABOVE CAPTIONED [REDACTED]  
INDIVIDUALS WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR INSTANT HIJACKING. IN-  
ASMUCH AS LITTLE INFORMATION IS KNOWN ABOUT [REDACTED]  
KANSAS CITY IS REQUESTED TO INTERVIEW [REDACTED] CONCERNING  
IDENTITIES OF [REDACTED] IN VIEW OF POSSIBLE CONSPIRACY  
IN THIS MATTER. P.

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Special Agent in ChargeSent *1045* \_\_\_\_\_

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TO : SAC, ANCHORAGE (VIA WASHINGTON, D.C.) (164-59)

PORTLAND (164-41) [REDACTED]

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

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

NORJAK

RE BT NITEL ELEVEN TWENTYNINE, SEVENTYONE TO AN, PD,  
SE; AN AIRTEL TO SE TWELVE THREE LAST AND PD ; SE TELETYPE  
TO PD TWELVE EIGHT LAST, AND PD TELETYPE TO SE, AN AND BT  
TWELVE TEN LAST.

SUSPECT [REDACTED] ELIMINATED AS HIJACKER.  
DISCONTINUE INVESTIGATION OF [REDACTED]

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b7CApproved: [Signature]  
Special Agent in ChargeSent PD 7:13 PMPer [Signature]164-81-1152  
AN 11:45 P  
DB Cooper-4309

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Date: 12/13/71

Transmit the following in PLAINTEXT  
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TO : SAC, ANCHORAGE (VIA WASHINGTON, D.C.) (164-59)  
PORTLAND (164-41)  
FROM: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) (P)

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TWELVE TEN LAST.

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DISCONTINUE INVESTIGATION OF

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Special Agent in Charge

DB Cooper-4310

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713 PM NITEL 12/13/71 FEE

TO ANCHORAGE (164-59) --VIA WASH DC--

PORTLAND (164-41)

FROM SEATTLE (164-81) 1P

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RE BT NITEL NOVEMBER TWENTY-NINE, SEVENTY-ONE, TO AN AND PD  
AND SE; AN AIRTEL TO SE DECEMBER THREE LAST; SE TELETYPE TO PD  
DECEMBER EIGHT LAST, AND PD TELETYPE TO SE, AN AND BT DECEMBER  
TEN LAST.

SUSPECT [REDACTED] ELIMINATED AS HIJACKER. DISCONTINUE  
INVESTIGATION ON [REDACTED]

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Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO : SAC, PITTSBURGH (164-93)

FROM: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

NORJAK.

RE PITTSBURGH NITEL TO ST. LOUIS AND SEATTLE, DECEMBER SEVEN, LAST, AND ST. LOUIS NITEL TO PITTSBURGH AND SEATTLE, DECEMBER EIGHT, LAST.

ON DECEMBER THIRTEEN, INSTANT, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WASHINGTON,

ADVISES [REDACTED] RESIDES AT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SHE ADVISES [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SPENT THANKSGIVING DAY WITH [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (LNU). SHE STATES ARTIST'S CONCEPTION DOES NOT RESEMBLE

[REDACTED] IS RELATIVELY HEAVY NOW, OF

AVERAGE HEIGHT, SMOKES A PIPE AND [REDACTED] SHE HAS NO RECENT PHOTO AVAILABLE.

PITTSBURGH AT [REDACTED] PENNSYLVANIA. CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION RE [REDACTED]

ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P.

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

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

DATE: 12/13/71

FROM : SA THOMAS J. MANNING

SUBJECT: NORJAC  
OO: SEATTLE

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On 12/13/71 [redacted] who identified himself as a [redacted] California telephonically contacted the writer and advised he had just furnished a large amount of material concerning [redacted] to SA BOB JEFFRIES of the San Mateo, California Resident Agency. He described this material as something he received from [redacted] and classified [redacted] as a good suspect after viewing the composite photograph of the subject and one of [redacted]

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He furnished information concerning [redacted] [redacted] who is on a leave of absence and hasn't been seen or heard from in several months. He continued that according to the [redacted] (not identified by name) [redacted] discussed his plan for a hijacking which was followed by the hijacker in captioned matter.

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[redacted] was thanked for his interest and cooperation in this matter and was advised that any comments concerning [redacted] as a subject or suspect in this matter would have to be secured through contact with SAC, Seattle and this phone number was furnished to him.

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Above information telephonically furnished to SA CHARLES FARRELL on 12/13/71. Memo for file information.

SAN FRAN. WAS ADVISED  
12-13-71 THAT WE HAD  
ALREADY ELIMINATED [redacted]

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Date: 12/13/71

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (164-2111)

FROM: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

NORJAK.

IN ORDER TO SECURE MAXIMUM DISTRIBUTION OF THE SERIAL NUMBERS OF THE MONEY PAID IN THIS CASE, [REDACTED] SEATTLE TIMES, SAC CONTACT, HAS BEEN APPROACHED BY ME TO DETERMINE IF THE PAPER WOULD BE WILLING TO PUBLISH THIS LIST.

[REDACTED] HAS ADVISED THAT A STUDY OF THE COST OF THIS MATTER REVEALS THAT LABOR COSTS IN COMPOSING WOULD RUN APPROXIMATELY SIX HUNDRED DOLLARS AND THE NEWS PRINT COST WOULD RUN APPROXIMATELY ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS. SHOULD THEY PUBLISH THIS AT THE PUBLIC SERVICE RATE, THE COST WOULD BE APPROXIMATELY THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND AT THE REGULAR COMMERCIAL RATE, IT WOULD RUN APPROXIMATELY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS. HE HAS ADVISED THAT BY PROVIDING A PREPRINTED MAT, THE COMPOSITION COST COULD NOT BE ELIMINATED SINCE THEIR UNION CONTRACT WOULD REQUIRE THAT THE COST BE PAID NONETHELESS. [REDACTED] HAS INQUIRED IF THE BUREAU WOULD BE WILLING TO PAY THE ACTUAL COST UP TO SIXTEEN HUNDRED FOR PUBLISHING THIS LIST.

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Special Agent in Charge

Sent 11:45 P M Per [Signature]

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I PRESUME THE COST WOULD BE COMPARABLE IF OTHER DAILY NEWSPAPERS WERE REQUESTED TO PUBLISH THE LIST SINCE ALL WOULD BE FACED WITH THE SAME OR SIMILAR PROBLEMS.

[REDACTED] OF THE SEATTLE POST-INTELLIGENCER, HAS ALSO BEEN APPROACHED BY ME CONCERNING THIS MATTER BUT HAS NOT RESPONDED THUS FAR TO MY INQUIRY.

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I KNOW OF NO WAY WHERE THE LIST COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO AS MANY PEOPLE AS PUBLICATION THROUGH A DAILY NEWSPAPER. THE SEATTLE TIMES CIRCULATES THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF WASHINGTON, ITS PRINCIPAL CIRCULATION AREA BEING THE SEATTLE METROPOLITAN AREA. IN THE EVENT MAXIMUM ADVANTAGE OF THIS TECHNIQUE IS TO BE OBTAINED, THEN I WOULD SUGGEST THE SAME STEPS BE TAKEN BY A DAILY NEWSPAPER IN PORTLAND, SACRAMENTO, SAN FRANCISCO AND POSSIBLY RENO, NEVADA.

BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO ADVISE IF IT WOULD AUTHORIZE THE EXPENDITURE OF UP TO SIXTEEN HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR PUBLICATION OF THIS LIST IN THE SEATTLE TIMES.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

DB Cooper-4315

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NITED DATED 12-13-71 SENT 2:00AM 12-14-71 TPR  
TO SEATTLE (164-81)

LOS ANGELES

SAN FRANCISCO

FROM DALLAS (164-191)

NORJAK

[REDACTED] OF THE DALLAS PARACHUTE  
ASSOCIATION, ADVISED TODAY EIGHTY PER CENT OF THE PARACHUTISTS  
AND SKYDIVERS BELONG TO THE U. S. PARACHUTE ASSOCIATION (USPA)  
BOX ONE ZERO NINE, MONTERREY, CALIFORNIA AND RECEIVE A MONTHLY  
PUBLICATION CALLED THE "PARACHUTIST".

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IN ADDITION [REDACTED] OF THE USPA,  
PUBLISHES THE "SKYDIVER" MAGAZINE, ADDRESS P.O. BOX FORTY-FOUR,  
BUENA PARK, CALIFORNIA.

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LOS ANGELES AND SAN FRANCISCO SHOULD CONTACT ABOVE TWO  
ORGANIZATIONS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE TERRITORIES. DETERMINE IF  
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THEY WILL PUBLISH THE COMPOSITE DRAWING OF UNKNOWN SUBJECT.  
ASCERTAIN DEGREE OF COVERAGE WHICH CAN BE EXPECTED. NOTIFY  
SEATTLE AND BUREAU. DALLAS HOLDING LEAD IN ABEYANCE TO CONTACT  
PARACHUTE, SKYDIVER AND AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS.

CONSIDER UNSUB DANGEROUS.

END

SND FBI SEATTLE CLR

NR 004 LA PLAIN

1222PM URGENT 12-14-71 CXF

TO ST. LOUIS

SEATTLE (164-81)

FROM LOS ANGELES (164-497)

NORJAK.

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RE SEATTLE TELETYPE TO LOS ANGELES AND ST. LOUIS,  
DECEMBER EIGHT LAST.

RE SUSPECT [REDACTED]

IT IS TO BE NOTED THAT INVESTIGATION HAS DETERMINED  
CORRECT SPELLING FOR SUSPECT IS [REDACTED]  
AS PREVIOUSLY SET FORTH.

INVESTIGATION AT LOS ANGELES HAS LOCATED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ADVISES [REDACTED] IS

[REDACTED] YEARS OLD, HAS LONG HAIR, AND [REDACTED]

HE PROVIDED AN ADDRESS FOR [REDACTED] LOS ANGELES

CORROBORATING INFORMATION FURNISHED [REDACTED]

ST. LOUIS DISCONTINUE.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS. PENDING.

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154 PM URGENT 12-14-71 TJT

TO DENVER

PORTLAND (164-41)

SEATTLE (164-81)


FROM MINNEAPOLIS (164-73) 1P

NORJAK

RE: 

RE MINNEAPOLIS TELETYPE DECEMBER THIRTEEN, LAST;  
DALLAS TELETYPE TO MINNEAPOLIS DECEMBER THIRTEEN, LAST.

FOR INFO PORTLAND AND DENVER, REFERENCED DALLAS  
TELETYPE TO MINNEAPOLIS RELATED NO FEDERAL PENITENTIARY  
LOCATED AT LUBBOCK, TEXAS.

IT IS REQUESTED THAT DENVER AND PORTLAND, DURING  
COURSE OF INVESTIGATION, DETERMINE INSTITUTION OF INCARCERATION  
FOR  AND SET OUT APPROPRIATE LEADS CONCERNING BACKGROUND  
INFORMATION AND OBTAIN PHOTOGRAPH.

UNSUB SHOULD BE CONSIDERED DANGEROUS.

P. END

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2:30 PM URGENT 12/14/71 MCC

TO SEATTLE (164-81)

DALLAS (164-191)

SACRAMENTO (164-50) 1P

FROM SAN FRANCISCO (164-220) 1P

NORJAK

RE SACRAMENTO TELETYPE DATED TWELVE THIRTEEN LAST AND DALLAS NITEL DATED TWELVE THIRTEEN LAST.

FOR INFORMATION OF DALLAS AND SACRAMENTO, DAILY CONTACT HAS BEEN MAINTAINED WITH THE U.S. PARACHUTE ASSOCIATION, (USPA), AND ARRANGEMENTS

HAVE BEEN MADE TO HAVE COMPOSITE PHOTOGRAPH OF UNSUB AS WELL AS A DESCRIPTIVE ARTICLE OF THE CRIME PUBLISHED IN THE PUBLICATION "THE PARACHUTIST". THERE ARE SIXTEEN THOUSAND MEMBERS OF USPA. A LIST OF ALL AFFILIATED CLUBS OF THE USPA FOR THE ENTIRE UNITED STATES HAS BEEN FURNISHED THE BUREAU AND SEATTLE. SEATTLE HAS ALSO BEEN FURNISHED

AN INDEX OF THE MEMBERS OF THE AFFILIATED CLUBS FOR THE STATES OF CALIFORNIA, WASHINGTON, OREGON, NEVADA, IDAHO AND ARIZONA.

DALLAS COVER LEAD MENTIONED IN REFERENCED DALLAS NITEL AS TO PARACHUTE SKY DIVER AND AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS. WITH REFERENCE TO SACRAMENTO'S REQUEST TO OBTAIN A COMPLETE MEMBERSHIP LIST OF USPA MEMBERS, IT IS NOT BELIEVED THAT THIS IS FEASIBLE AND SHOULD BE LEFT TO THE DISCRETION OF THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN.

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11:42 AM URGENT 12-14-71 LXL

TO DIRECTOR (164-2111)

SEATTLE (164-81)

FROM SACRAMENTO (164-50) 1P

NORJAK. 00: SEATTLE.

RE SACRAMENTO TEL TO SEATTLE, DEC. THIRTEEN, LAST.

AERIAL SEARCH OF ROUTE TAKEN BY NORTHWEST FLIGHT NO THREE ZERO FIVE IN CAPTIONED MATTER CONDUCTED DEC. THIRTEEN, LAST, BY BUAGENTS, ALL OF WHOM WERE EITHER EXPERIENCED PILOTS OR PARACHUTISTS, WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. AIRCRAFT UTILIZED WAS RENTAL CESSNA ONE EIGHT TWO. BLIZZARD CONDITIONS IN MOUNTAINS ALONG WITH FOG AND RAIN IN NORTHERN CALIF. VALLEY PRECLUDED SEARCH OVER WEEKEND, DEC. ELEVEN-TWELVE, LAST.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : FILE (164-81)

DATE: 12/14/71

FROM : SAC, SEATTLE

SUB - # 130  
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SUBJECT: NORJAK

Re Seattle letter 12/13/71 transmitting copy of a letter received by the managing editor of the SEATTLE TIMES on 12/13/71, signed "D. B. COOPER."

On 12/14/71 SA BOB MATHESON called from the Bureau. He advised that the UPI carried an article today concerning a letter received by the LOS ANGELES TIMES; and wanted to know where the original of this letter could be located since Los Angeles advised they had a copy.

I told him that the SEATTLE TIMES likewise received a copy, as did the WASHINGTON POST and the NEW YORK TIMES, and that we had sent a wire to Los Angeles, New York and WFO to get the copy received by them.

While talking to SA MATHESON, I called [redacted] at the SEATTLE TIMES, who had furnished the letter originally and he said he had given us everything they received.

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I advised MATHESON that I suspected that very likely the original was still in the hands of the writer.

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426PM URGENT 12-14-71 CXF

TO SEATTLE (164-81)

KANSAS CITY

PORTLAND

SACRAMENTO

FROM LOS ANGELES (164-497)

NORJAK.

RE KANSAS CITY TELETYPE TO LOS ANGELES, DECEMBER TEN LAST.

RE SUSPECT

FOR INFORMATION SEATTLE AND SACRAMENTO,

ADVISED

IS POSSIBLY RESPONSIBLE

FOR CAPTIONED CRIME. OPINION BASED ON ARTIST'S SKETCH.

WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN AND

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[ ] DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE AMERICAN, BORN [ ]  
[ ] FIVE FEET NINE INCHES,  
ONE SIXTY EIGHT POUNDS, BROWN HAIR, [ ] EYES, [ ] COMPLEXION,  
FBI NUMBER [ ] NO RECENT PHOTO AVAIL-  
ABLE [ ]

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INVESTIGATION BY LOS ANGELES AT [ ]  
[ ] CALIFORNIA, FAILS TO REVEAL ANY RECORD IDENTIFIABLE  
WITH [ ] NCIC NEGATIVE. NO RECORD IDENTIFIABLE LOS  
ANGELES INDICES OR DRIVERS LICENSE DIVISION, CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT  
OF MOTOR VEHICLES.

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KANSAS CITY, AT [ ] KANSAS, CONDUCT ADDITIONAL  
INVESTIGATION TO DEVELOP INFORMATION REGARDING RELATIVES AND  
ASSOCIATES POSSIBLY KNOWING WHEREABOUTS OF [ ] AND SET  
FORTH LEADS TO ESTABLISH WHEREABOUTS DURING PERTINENT PERIOD.  
CALIFORNIA CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION, [ ] IN EFFORT TO  
IDENTIFY [ ] AS FORMER INMATE AND DEVELOP LEADS TO LOCATE  
AND ESTABLISH WHEREABOUTS.

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PORTLAND, AT PORTLAND, OREGON, CHECK CREDIT AND CRIMINAL  
RECORDS IN EFFORT TO ASCERTAIN WHEREABOUTS OF [ ]

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PLS CORRECT LINES FOUR AND FIVE OF PARA THREE PAGE TWO LINES  
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FORTH LEADS TO ESTABLISH WHEREABOUTS DURING PERTINENT PERIOD.

SACRAMENTO, AT [ ] CALIFORNIA, REVIEW RECORDS  
ARE THESE THE CORRECT LINES GA

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YES TU VAB

DB Cooper-4325

DIRECTOR, FBI (164-2111)  
Attention: FBI Laboratory

12-13-71

SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)(P)

SUB G  
SUSP. 130

NORJAK

Enclosed is one copy of a letter and the envelope in which it was mailed, received this date by the Managing Editor of the Seattle Times Newspaper, Seattle, Washington.

Instant letter is signed D. B. COOPER and indicates that copies of that letter were sent to the Washington Post, the New York Times and the Los Angeles Times.

The writer of the letter claims, among other things, that he is not a boasting man; that he left no fingerprints; that he wore a toupee; and that he wore putty make-up.

The letter itself was possibly handled by two employees of the Seattle Times. They are [redacted] DOB [redacted] DOB [redacted]

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The Laboratory is requested to make an examination of the enclosed letter, in order to determine any similar letters that have been forwarded. The Laboratory is also requested to determine if the paper on which the letter is written could conceivably be from Government stock, noting that it resembles the carbon copy of the airtel material used by the Field Offices.

It is also requested that the enclosed letter and envelope be processed for latent fingerprints.

WFO, New York and Los Angeles have also been requested to obtain the copies of these letters sent to the indicated newspapers and forward them to the Bureau.

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AIRMAIL

TO : SAC, PORTLAND (164-41)  
FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) (P)  
SUBJECT: NORJAK

SUSPECT -  
SUSPECT -

Re Portland tel to Seattle 12-6-71.

Enclosed for Portland is one group photograph  
supplied by [redacted] Washington.

On November 27, 1971, [redacted] was interviewed  
by Bureau Agent at [redacted]  
Washington. During the interview [redacted] was exhibited a  
group photograph [redacted]  
as well as a composite of the UNSUB. [redacted] was not  
exhibited a group of mug shots; however, he may have  
assumed the photo was a mug shot.

It should be noted that the enclosed photograph is  
the personal property of [redacted]  
[redacted] Washington, and he has requested its  
return when we are through with it.

LEADS

PORTLAND

AT [redacted] OREGON

Will exhibit enclosed photograph to [redacted] to  
determine if he can identify [redacted]

2 - Portland (Enclosure 1)

3 - Seattle

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DB Cooper-4327

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

DATE: 12/14/71

FROM : SA JOHN A. DRAKE

SUBJECT: UNSUB., aka. Dan Cooper  
NW Airlines Flight 308,  
11/24/71  
CAA - HIJACKING  
OO:SE

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RePortland teletype to Seattle 12/7/71.

On 12/9/71 [redacted] employees of [redacted] was exhibited artist's conception of the subject. They advised that [redacted] had never worked there and was unknown to them. They added that never knew anyone who resembled this artist's conception.

On 12/13/71 [redacted] of the Credit Bureau of [redacted] advised that [redacted] was the subject of only one credit inquiry and that was on 12/9/71. At that time he was employed at [redacted]

On 12/13/71 [redacted] advised that [redacted] is employed there in [redacted]. He added that [redacted] is about 33 years of age, WMA, 5'7", 140#, black hair and definitely does not even resemble the artist's conception of the unsub.

( [redacted] is suspect [redacted] as set forth in serial 164-81-691.)

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# Memorandum

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

DATE: 12/14/71

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: UNSUB; aka Dan Cooper  
NORTHWEST AIRLINES  
BLIGHT #305  
PORTLAND TO SEATTLE  
11/24/71  
CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION  
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RE SUSPECT [REDACTED]

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Rememo of SA [REDACTED] dated 12/7/71.

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On 12/13/71, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised she had located the personnel  
file of [REDACTED] who had worked for  
[REDACTED] when he was  
laid off due to a general reduction in force. She furnished  
the file of this individual, a review of which revealed  
the following descriptive information:

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DOB: [REDACTED]  
POB: [REDACTED]  
ADDRESS: [REDACTED]  
SSAN: [REDACTED]  
HT: 6' 1 1/2"  
WT: 165 lbs.  
WIFE: [REDACTED]  
OCCUP: [REDACTED]  
PREVIOUS  
ADDRESSES: [REDACTED]

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PARENTS: [REDACTED]

It was noted in the file that suspects address above,  
[REDACTED] was current as of [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] also furnished a photo of [REDACTED] which was taken  
[REDACTED] which need not be returned.

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RE SUSPECT [REDACTED]

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LEAD

SEATTLE, at Seattle, Washington

Will set out lead for credit/criminal.

SEATTLE, at [REDACTED] Washington

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Will attempt locate [REDACTED]  
in order to verify his whereabouts on 11/24/71 and to  
compare with artist's sketch.

SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)(P)

12/14/71

SA [REDACTED]

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

RE SUSPECT [REDACTED]

Rememo of SA [REDACTED] dated 12/7/71.

On 12/13/71, [REDACTED]

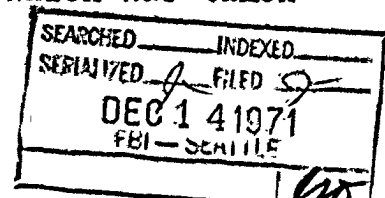
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[REDACTED] when he was  
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the file of this individual, a review of which revealed  
the following descriptive information:

DOB: [REDACTED]  
POB: [REDACTED]  
ADDRESS: [REDACTED]  
SSAN: [REDACTED]  
HT: 6' 1 1/2"  
WT: 165 lbs.  
WIFE: [REDACTED]  
OCCUP: [REDACTED]  
PREVIOUS  
ADDRESSES: [REDACTED]

PARENTS: [REDACTED]

It was noted in the file that suspects address above,  
[REDACTED] was current as of [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] also furnished a photo of [REDACTED] which was taken  
[REDACTED] which need not be returned.

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RE SUSPECT [REDACTED]

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LEAD

SEATTLE, at Seattle, Washington

Will set out lead for credit/criminal.

SEATTLE, at [REDACTED] Washington

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b7C

Will attempt locate [REDACTED]  
in order to verify his whereabouts on 11/24/71 and to  
compare with artist's sketch.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

DATE: 12/14/71

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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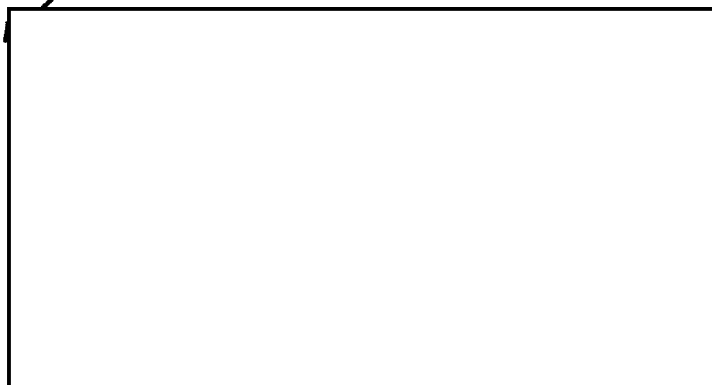
SUBJECT: UNSUB; NORTHWEST AIRLINES  
FLIGHT 305, 11/24/71  
CAA-HIJACKING; EXTORTION

On 12/14/71 [REDACTED]

was contacted at [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] and was shown  
photographs of the following persons, with throw downs, and he eliminated  
each person.



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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

DATE: 12/14/71

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

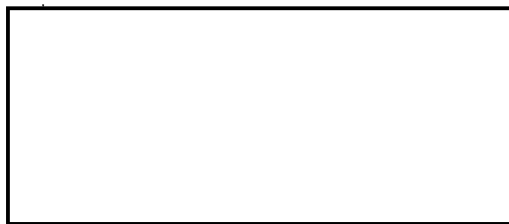
SUBJECT: UNSUB; NORTHWEST AIRLINES  
FLIGHT 305, 11/24/71  
CAA-HIJACKING; EXTORTION

On 12/14/71 [REDACTED] was contacted at [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and was shown  
photographs of the following persons, with throw downs, and he eliminated  
each person.



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TO DIRECTOR (164-211)

CHICAGO

DETROIT (164-115)

PITTSBURGH (164-93)

PHILADELPHIA (164-133)

SEATTLE (164-73)

FROM MINNEAPOLIS (164-73)

ORJAK

RE PITTSBURGH TELETYPE TO CINCINNATI, DETROIT,  
PHILADELPHIA, AND SEATTLE DECEMBER EIGHT LAST.

RE: [REDACTED] INFORMANT

[REDACTED] NORTHWEST AIRLINES,  
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA, ON DECEMBER THIRTEEN LAST, RECEIVED A  
PHONE CALL FROM [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]  
ON DECEMBER FOURTEEN INSTANT [REDACTED] WHO IDENTIFIED  
HIMSELF AS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] PHONE [REDACTED]

AND STATED HE [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] AND [REDACTED]  
NWA, BOTH IDENTIFIED PHOTOGRAPH OF [REDACTED] PITTSBURGH PD NUMBER

[REDACTED]  
FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE CHICAGO DIVISION, NWA RECEIVED  
TELEGRAM NOVEMBER THIRTY LAST [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]  
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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] NO SUCH INDIVIDUAL  
LOCATED [REDACTED] AND INVESTIGATION BY SEVERAL FIELD  
DIVISIONS HAS REVEALED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

ABOVE INFORMATION BEING FURNISHED BUREAU IN EVENT PRESS  
INQUIRES RECEIVED.

CHICAGO AT CHICAGO, WILL ATTEMPT TO LOCATE AND REINTERVIEW

[REDACTED] WILL CONSIDER CONTACT  
WITH [REDACTED] IN REGARD TO INFORMATION  
FURNISHED TO HIM BY [REDACTED]

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CONSIDER UNSUB DANGEROUS.

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FBI SEATTLE CLR

NR008 CG PLAIN

930PM NITEL 12-14-71 RWR

TO DIRECTOR

PITTSBURGH

MINNEAPOLIS

DENVER

PORTLAND

SEATTLE

FROM CHICAGO (164-297)

NORJAK.

[REDACTED] SUSPECT.

INSTANT DATE, [REDACTED]

ADVISED INDIVIDUAL GIVING NAME [REDACTED] APPEARED

[REDACTED] DECEMBER THIRTEEN, LAST, ADVISING

[REDACTED] FORTYFIVE TO FIFTY YEARS OLD,

RESPONSIBLE FOR TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLAR RANSOM AND

HIJACKING NORTHWEST ORIENT AIRLINES PLANE LAST MONTH

OVER OREGON.

[REDACTED] INDICATED [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] REPORTEDLY PAROLED ON [REDACTED]

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PENNSYLVANIA STATE PRISON, PITTSBURGH, ABOUT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SHOWN TO NORTHWEST AIRLINES STEWARDESS

IDENTIFICATION COULD BE MADE.

[REDACTED] ALLEGEDLY HAS

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] RELATED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ALSO DESCRIBED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[ ] STATED TELEPHONIC CONTACT NORTHWEST AIRLINES  
SECURITY OFFICE, MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA, CONFIRMED

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[ ] STATED SHOULD [ ] CONTACT AGAIN, HE WILL

[ ] IMMEDIATELY ADVISE CHICAGO

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FBI.

PITTSBURGH, THROUGH PENNSYLVANIA STATE PRISON AUTHORITIES,  
DETERMINE IF [ ] EVER INCARCERATED, IF SO,  
SECURE ALL BACKGROUND AND PHOTOGRAPH TO BE EXHIBITED TO  
APPROPRIATE AIRLINE PERSONNEL FOR POSSIBLE IDENTIFICATION.

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MINNEAPOLIS AT MINNEAPOLIS. WILL CONTACT SECURITY  
OFFICIALS, NORTHWEST AIRLINES, DETERMINE ALL AVAILABLE  
INFORMATION RE CONTACT BY [ ]

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NR 002 PD PLAIN

4:57 PM URGENT 12-14-71 LJQ

TO: SEATTLE (164-81)

FROM: PORTLAND (164-41) 1P

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NORJAK

SUMMARY TELETYPE

INVESTIGATION RE ELIMINATION OF LOOK-ALIKE SUSPECTS  
CONTINUING BUT NO POSITIVE INFORMATION HAS BEEN DEVELOPED.

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NR 004 PD, PLAIN

6:18 PM URGENT 12-14-71 AJW

TO: SEATTLE (164-81)

FROM: PORTLAND (164-41) 1P

NORJAK

RE SACRAMENTO AIRTEL TO SEATTLE, DECEMBER SEVEN SEVENTYONE.

SUSPECT: [REDACTED]

WITNESS [REDACTED]

NORTHWEST AIRLINES, PORTLAND, OREGON, .

SAID [REDACTED] BEARS A RESEMBLANCE TO THE HIJACKER BUT HE IS NOT THE HIJACKER.

WITNESS [REDACTED]

NORTHWEST AIRLINES, PORTLAND, SAID

PHOTOGRAPH OF [REDACTED] IS NOT FAMILIAR TO HIM. PENDING.

AIRMAIL COPY TO SACRAMENTO.

END

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NR 011 PD PLAIN

6:25. PM NITEL 12-14-71 AJW

TO: SEATTLE (164-81)

FROM: PORTLAND (164-41)

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NORJAK

RE SE NITEL TO BUTTE AND PORTLAND DECEMBER THIRTEEN SEVENTYONE.

SUSPECT: [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] U.S. FOREST SERVICE,

[REDACTED] OREGON, ADVISED SA [REDACTED] ON DECEMBER FOURTEEN

SEVENTYONE HE DOES NOT RECOGNIZE NAME [REDACTED] OR SIMILAR

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NAME. HE KNOWS [REDACTED] BUT THIS INDIVIDUAL DOES NOT FIT DESCRIPTION

OF UNSUB IN ANY WAY AND HE HAS [REDACTED] HAIR.

AIR MAIL COPY TO BUTTE.

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Via \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (164-2111)

FROM: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

DAILY TELETYPE

NORJAK.

A "D.B. COOPER" LETTER RECEIVED BY THE "SEATTLE TIMES" DECEMBER THIRTEEN LAST, HAS BEEN OBTAINED AND FORWARDED TO THE FBI LABORATORY. SIMILAR LETTER ALSO APPARENTLY HAS BEEN SENT TO THE "WASHINGTON POST", THE "NEW YORK TIMES" AND THE "LOS ANGELES TIMES". THOSE OFFICES HAVE BEEN ASKED TO OBTAIN THEIR LETTER AND FORWARD TO THE LABORATORY.

AERIAL SEARCH OF ROUTE TAKEN BY VICTIM AIRCRAFT WAS CONDUCTED BY THE SACRAMENTO DIVISION ON DECEMBER THIRTEEN LAST, UTILIZING A RENTED CESSNA ONE EIGHT TWO, WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

SEATTLE CONTINUING INVESTIGATION ON NUMEROUS LOOK ALIKES.

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in ChargeSent 7<sup>02</sup> MPer *AC* DB Cooper-4344



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Date: 12/14/71

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(Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (164-2111)  
FROM: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) DAILY TELETYPE  
NORJAK.

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SEATTLE CONTINUING INVESTIGATION ON NUMEROUS LOOK ALIKES.

CEF:klb  
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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

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Per \_\_\_\_\_

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920 PM NITEL 12/14/71 DAB

TO DIRECTOR (164-2111)

SEATTLE (164-81)

FROM LOS ANGELES (164-497) 3P

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MORJAK.

RE SEATTLE TELETYPE TO BUREAU AND LOS ANGELES, DECEMBER EIGHT LAST, AND LOS ANGELES TELCALL TO BUREAU, DECEMBER EIGHT LAST.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

ARTIST'S CONCEPTION

AND NARRATIVE CONCERNING UNSUB. FOR INFORMATION OF BUREAU,

[REDACTED]

CASE CAPTIONED

[REDACTED]

BUFILE

[REDACTED]

LOS ANGELES

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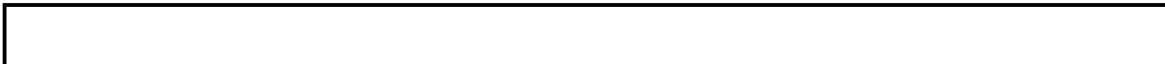
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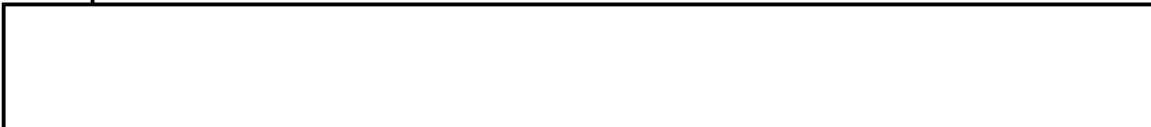
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AUSA, LOS ANGELES, DECLINED PROSECUTION OF [REDACTED] IN  
VIEW OF [REDACTED]

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NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION IN LOS ANGELES FILES CONCERNING



PENDING.

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ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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10:45 PM 12-14-71 URGENT R J C

TO DIRECTOR (164-2111)

LAS VEGAS

SEATTLE (164-81)

FROM PHILADELPHIA (164-133) ( P )

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NORJAK

RE BU TEL CALL TO PH AND LAS VEGAS, TODAY.

ON TWELVE FOURTEEN INSTANT,

ADVISED

CONCLUDED THAT UNSUB, AS DEPICTED IN NEWS ACCOUNTS, IS VERY  
SIMILAR TO

IS A

WHITE MALE, FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES, ONE HUNDRED NINETY POUNDS,

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KNOWN TO RESIDE AT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] FURTHER ADVISED THAT [REDACTED]

PHOTOS OF [REDACTED] OBTAINED AND [REDACTED]

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WILL BE REPRODUCED AND SENT FROM [REDACTED] RA DIRECTLY TO  
LAS VEGAS AND SEATTLE.

LAS VEGAS AT [REDACTED] CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION AT

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SEATTLE - UPON RECEIPT OF PHOTOS CAUSE SAME TO BE EXHIBITED TO  
NECESSARY WITNESSES. AM COPY TO MINNEAPOLIS.

FD THREE ZERO TWOS FOLLOW.

A R M E D     A N D     D A N G E R O U S

E N D .

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1052 PM 12-14-71 MCA NITEL

TO: DIRECTOR (164-2111)

LAS VEGAS (164-60)

NEWARK

SEATTLE(164-81)

FROM: PHILADELPHIA (164-133) (P)

NORJAK

RE BUREAU NITEL TO ALL SACS DEC. EIGHT SEVENTYONE.

IN LETTER DATED DEC. THIRTEEN SEVENTYONE, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

ADVISED HE HAD SEEN SRTIST'S DRAWING OF UNSUB IN NEWSPAPER. ADVISED  
THOUGHT VERY SIMILAR TO PHOTO OF JOHN E. LIST APPEARING IN PHILA.  
INQUIRER ON DEC. TWELVE SEVENTYONE, PAGE NOT GIVEN. LIST IS  
CHURCH WORKER, WEST FIELD, N.J., SUSPECTED OF MASS SLAYING OF FAMILY.  
SIMILIARITIES NOTED.

NEWARK AT UNION COUNTY, N.J. - WILL FURNISH APPROPRIATE DETAILS  
RE BACKROUND OF LIST AND CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION TO  
RESOLVE WHEREABOUTS OF LIST DATE OF NORJAK.

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TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) [redacted]

FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (164-101) (P)

RE: NORJAK

Re [redacted]

[redacted] a self-styled artist who most cooperative assists local law enforcement agencies in drawing composite photographs and other art work, on seeing the artist conception of the Unsub in captioned case appearing in the "Wilmington Morning Star," 12/1/71, noted close similarities to an artist conception he drew following a series of armed robberies in 1966 in Wilmington, N. C. [redacted] contacted the FBI and the Wilmington Police Department on noting the similarities in the artist conception of Unsub to the one he drew in 1966.

[redacted] Lieutenant [redacted] Wilmington, N. C., PD. on reviewing cases identified [redacted] FBI Number [redacted] as being the individual [redacted] drew the artist conception. [redacted]

[redacted] charged against him by the Charlotte PD. [redacted] was located confined at [redacted] serving an [redacted] years to life.

On 7/24/66, Detectives [redacted] Charlotte, N. C., PD. returned [redacted]

[redacted] complete his sentence there. Lieutenant [redacted] advised Wilmington witnesses were taken to Charlotte, N. C., where in [redacted] committing the robberies at Wilmington. [redacted]

- ② - Seattle (Encl-1) *see 1/2*  
2 - San Francisco (Encl-1)  
1 - Charlotte

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Special Agent in Charge



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\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ A detainer should be on record against this subject.

Lieutenant \_\_\_\_\_ advised all witnesses describe \_\_\_\_\_ as being very quiet spoken individual and most polite in his committing offenses.

\_\_\_\_\_ The following is a description of \_\_\_\_\_ as obtained from the records of the Identification Division, Wilmington PD:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Race: \_\_\_\_\_

Sex: \_\_\_\_\_

Born: \_\_\_\_\_

Height: \_\_\_\_\_

Weight: \_\_\_\_\_

Eyes: \_\_\_\_\_

Hair: \_\_\_\_\_

Scars and marks: \_\_\_\_\_

FBI Number: \_\_\_\_\_

White

Male

5' 10½"

182 pounds

Brown

Enclosed for San Francisco is one photograph of suspect \_\_\_\_\_ FBI Number \_\_\_\_\_ Enclosed for Seattle is one photo of \_\_\_\_\_

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LEADS:SAN FRANCISCO:

AT \_\_\_\_\_ CALIF.

Will at the San Quentin Prison determine if \_\_\_\_\_ was confined 11/24/71. If he was in an escaped status or had been released, will review records and furnish information to the Seattle Division.

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

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Date:

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(Priority)

CE 164-101

No further investigation is being conducted by the  
Charlotte Division concerning [REDACTED] until so  
directed by the office of origin.

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 12/13/71

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL - REGISTERED  
(Priority)

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

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

SUBJECT: NORJAK

RE: SUSPECT [redacted]

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA THOMAS J. DUGAN:

Det. [redacted] Oregon, PD, advised  
on 12/8/71 that he had conducted a considerable amount of  
investigation concerning the [redacted]

[redacted] He stated  
he recently obtained a California driver's license photograph  
of this individual and on the basis of the description and  
the photograph, believed that [redacted] closely resembled  
the sketch of the unsub which appeared in the newspapers.

Det. [redacted] advised that [redacted] had been  
arrested sometime [redacted] by the Portland, Oregon, PD  
on a charge of [redacted] He stated  
a better photograph of the suspect could probably be located  
at the Identification Bureau of the Portland PD. He  
described [redacted] as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
DOB	[redacted]
Hair	Brown (receding)
Eyes	[redacted]
Height	6'
Weight	170 pounds
California driver's license number	[redacted]

2- Seattle (Enc. 2) (AM) (RM)  
2- Portland

JWR:tms (4)

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

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PD 164-41

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [redacted]

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On 12/10/71, [redacted] PD Identification  
Division, [redacted] Oregon, made available two photographs  
of suspect [redacted]

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<sup>ONE</sup>  
~~These two~~ photographs <sup>IS</sup> ~~are~~ enclosed herewith for  
the Seattle Division.

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LEAD:

SEATTLE

AT SEATTLE, WASHINGTON. Will exhibit photographs  
to witnesses to either identify or eliminate [redacted] as a  
suspect.

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AIRMAIL



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TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES  
FROM : SAC, SACRAMENTO (164-50) (P)  
SUBJECT: NORJAK  
OO: Seattle

Re Sacramento nitel to Los Angeles, 12/10/71.

Enclosed for Los Angeles and Seattle is one copy of California driver's license [redacted] with photograph of [redacted] It should be noted the address on the driver's license is not the most current according to information received from the California Law Enforcement Telecommunications System. [redacted] now resides at [redacted]  
[redacted]

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2 - Los Angeles (Enc. 1)  
② - Seattle (164-81) (Enc. 1) *N'd*  
2 - Sacramento  
BRLK:smd  
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DB Cooper-4357

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Date: 12-13-71

Transmit the following in PLAINTEXT  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via TELETYPE NITEL  
(Priority)

TO MILWAUKEE  
FROM DALLAS (164-191)

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

(TREAT CONFIDENTIAL), ADVISED  
TODAY THAT ARTIS SKETCH OF HIJACKER IS "DEAD RINGER" FOR

BELIEVED

IS DESCRIBED AS A WHITE, MALE YEARS OF AGE,  
FIVE TEN TO FIVE ELEVEN, ONE HUNDRED FIFTY FIVE TO ONE HUNDRED  
SIXTY POUNDS, SLENDER BUILD, HAIR AND EYES NOT RECALLED BUT HAIR  
RECEDING AS SHOWN IN ARTIST SKETCH, IS NOT  
KNOWN.

1-DALLAS  
WJV/TPR

1-MINNEAPOLIS (AM)  
1-SEATTLE (AM)  
1-PORTLAND (AM)

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Approved: JGS  
Special Agent in Charge

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DB Cooper-4358

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Date:

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

PER A PHONE CALL TO DUTY AGENT SERGEANT [REDACTED] PERSONNEL  
LOCATOR SERVICE, RANDOLPH AFB, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS. [REDACTED] IS CURRENTLY  
STATIONED AT [REDACTED]

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LEADS: MILWAUKEE AT [REDACTED] DETERMINE WHEREABOUTS OF  
[REDACTED] AT TIME OF CAPTIONED HIJACKING. IF NOT ACCOUNTED FOR,  
SECURE PHOTO FOR SEATTLE, PORTLAND AND MINNEAPOLIS DIVISIONS.  
AIR MAIL COPIES TO SEATTLE, PORTLAND, AND MINNEAPOLIS.

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END

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

GPO [REDACTED] 402-235  
DB Cooper-4359

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Date: 12/13/71

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL - REGISTERED  
(Priority)

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

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

SUBJECT: NORJAK

Re Seattle airtel to Portland, 12/8/71.

RE: SUSPECT [REDACTED]

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED] at Portland, Oregon, on 12/10/71:

[REDACTED] was contacted at his place of  
business, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] and through observation alone  
by Special Agent conducting investigation, [REDACTED] was  
noted to weigh approximately 230 to 240 pounds and to be  
6'1" tall. No further investigation is being conducted  
regarding [REDACTED]

2- Seattle (AM) (RM)  
2- Portland

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_



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Date: 12/13/71

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL - REGISTERED  
(Priority)

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

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

SUBJECT: NORJAK

[Redacted]

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Re Seattle airtel to Portland, 12/8/71.

RE: SUSPECT [Redacted]

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b7CThe following investigation was conducted by  
SA [Redacted] at Portland, Oregon, on 12/10/71:b6  
b7C[Redacted] was contacted at his place of  
business. [Redacted]b6  
b7C[Redacted] and through observation alone  
by Special Agent conducting investigation, [Redacted] was  
noted to weigh approximately 230 to 240 pounds and to be  
6'1" tall. No further investigation is being conducted  
regarding [Redacted]

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2- Portland

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

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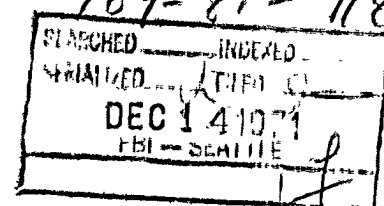
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The following personnel at Northwest Airlines, SeaTac International Airport, were interviewed on December 6, 1971, by SA EDWARD J. ANDERSON, regarding the Opaque polyethylene bag alluded to in the Sacramento airtel to Seattle, November 29, 1971. Each stated that the type bag displayed is not the standard type used by Northwest Airlines nationwide. It is possible that this bag may have been substituted aboard #305 on November 24, 1971, by airline personnel somewhere along the line, but it is highly improbable:

Service;

Transportation

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12/6/71

AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
ATTN: FBI LABORATORY  
FROM: SAC, LAS VEGAS (164-60) (P)  
SUBJECT: UNSUB;  
HIJACKING OF NORTHWEST AIRLINES  
FLIGHT 395  
11/24/71  
CAA - HIJACKING  
EXTORTION

Re Las Vegas teletype to the Bureau, 12/2/71.

Enclosed for the Laboratory is a note reading, "Plan Ahead for Retirement Income D. B. Cooper", and envelope addressed to "Reno Gazette", Reno, Nevada, postmarked US Postal Service CA, 956, PM, Dec 1, 1971, and one set of elimination prints of [redacted]

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[redacted] "Reno Evening Gazette", on 12/12/71, advised above described letter had been received at the Gazette in the afternoon mail, 12/2/71. He said that he himself had touched the letter and that another employee, [redacted] had handled the letter.

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Post Office, Reno, Nevada, advised that 956 is the Sacramento sector and covers numerous towns.

[redacted] prints have been sent to the Laboratory with previous note. The Laboratory is requested to search note through anonymous letter file and process for latent impressions.

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3 - Bureau (Encs. 3)  
1 - Portland (Info)  
② - Seattle (Info)  
1 - Sacramento (Info)  
2 - Las Vegas  
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[redacted] Northwest Airlines, [redacted] SeaTac International Airport, Seattle, Washington, provided the following information:

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[redacted] stated that a postcard [redacted] Northwest Airlines, SeaTac International Airport, Seattle, Washington, was being temporarily held by him pending inspection by FBI Agents. He thought it unusual that [redacted] mail at Seattle, inasmuch as [redacted]. The text of the message reads, "Do you know about my misrepresentation?" and was signed by [redacted]. The return address was [redacted] and was postmarked November 28, 1971, with a November 27, 1971, date written on the message side.

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[redacted] provided three copies of the postcard to SA EDWARD J. ANDERSON, stating that he would forward the card to [redacted] in Minneapolis by company mail.

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Interviewed on 12/6/71 at Seattle, Washington File # SE 164-81-1185  
by SA EDWARD J. ANDERSON/slb Date dictated 12/8/71

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

DATE: 12/9/71

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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

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RE: SUSPECT [REDACTED]

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On 12/8/71, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Seattle Post-Intelligencer, newspaper, Seattle,  
Washington, provided the enclosed typewritten page  
concerning [REDACTED]. According to [REDACTED] this  
information was received by the PI in connection with their  
public informant program. The PI offers cash awards to  
individuals providing information in major cases where the  
information provided leads to an arrest and conviction.  
[REDACTED] therefore, declined to name his source. The original  
typed page is contained in the 1-A serial of this file.

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*[Handwritten signature]*

*Agreed*

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Date: 12/10/71

Transmit the following in 003  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via TELETYPE URGENT  
(Priority)

TO : SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (164-73)

FROM: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

NORJAK.

X [redacted] *Suggested on possibly Hijacker*  
REVIEW OF INFORMATION FURNISHED BY [redacted]

ON INSTANT FLIGHT, [redacted] REVEALS THAT  
AFTER RECEIVING INITIAL DESCRIPTION OF HIJACKER FROM STEWARDESS,  
THEY RADIOED THE COMPANY FOR ANY LIKELY SUSPECTS OR MODUS  
OPERANDI AND THE COMPANY FURNISHED THE NAME OF [redacted]

[redacted] AND/WAS  
SUSPECTED AS A POSSIBILITY OF BEING THE HIJACKER.

IT IS TO BE NOTED THAT THERE WAS AN [redacted]  
ON BOARD THIS FLIGHT AND IT IS NOT KNOWN WHETHER THIS  
REFERENCE WAS TO HIM.

MINNEAPOLIS CONTACT [redacted] FOR INFORMATION  
CONCERNING THE BASIS OF [redacted] BEING MENTIONED IN CONNECTION  
WITH THIS MATTER.

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Approved: [signature] Sent 2<sup>49</sup> PM Per [signature] DB Cooper-4367  
Special Agent in Charge B

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1241PM URGENT 12-13-71 MAW

TO SEATTLE (164-81)

FROM MINNEAPOLIS (164-73) 2P

*Sub J*

NORJAK.

RE SEATTLE TELETYPE TO MINNEAPOLIS DECEMBER TEN LAST.

RE: [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] NORTHWEST  
AIRLINES, MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA, ADVISED HE HAD NO  
RECOLLECTION CONCERNING [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] NWA, RECALLED THAT ON THE NIGHT OF THE  
HIJACKING THE NAME [REDACTED] WAS ASSOCIATED WITH [REDACTED] X

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] WAS INVOLVED IN  
AN ALTERCATION ABOARD A NORTHWEST AIRCRAFT IN WHICH [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] IS  
[REDACTED] OPINION HAS NO

CONNECTION THE THIS CASE.

[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT IN REVIEWING CONVERSATIONS HELD  
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BY THE PILOT DURING THE HIJACKING THE COMMENT WAS  
MADE BY THE HIJACKER CONCERNING IFR CLEARANCE, "YOU CAN  
PICK IT UP IN THE AIR." THIS INDICATES TO [REDACTED] THAT  
THE HIJACKER HAS FLYING BACKGROUND INASMUCH AS HE KNEW  
PROCEDURES FOR IFR CLEARANCE.

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CORR PAGE ONE LINE 15 FIRST WORLD SHOULD BE [REDACTED]

END

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REPORT  
of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: SAC, Las Vegas

Re: "NORJAK"

Date: December 9, 1971  
FBI File No. 164-2111  
Lab. No. PC-H3225 MC

Specimens received 12/7/71

Q1 Contents of ashtray  
Q2 Towelb6  
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## Also Submitted:

Fingerprint card from  
Fingerprint card from  
Fingerprint card from  
Fingerprint card from  
Fingerprint card from  
Fingerprint card from  
Fingerprint card from  
Fingerprint card from

## Result of examination:

Specimen Q1 contains eight cigarette butts. Seven of these are Raleigh 85mm filter-tipped cigarette butts. The eighth cigarette butt has the same design and composition as Raleigh 85mm cigarettes and, accordingly, is probably a Raleigh 85mm cigarette. This type of cigarette is sold in a "soft pack."

A brown head hair clipping and a brown limb hair both of Caucasian origin were found on Q2. The head hair clipping is suitable for significant comparison results; however, the limb hair possesses too few unique microscopic characteristics to be of value for this purpose.

Foreign textile fibers of various types and colors removed from Q2 have been placed in a pillbox.

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

To: **SAC, Las Vegas (164-60)**

Date: **December 9, 1971**

Re: **"NORJAK"**

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No.  
Lab. No.

**164-2111  
PC-H3225 MC**

Examination requested by: **Las Vegas**

Reference: **Airtel 12/3/71**

*Sub G*

Examination requested: **Microscopic Analyses - Fingerprint**

Remarks:

The hairs on specimen Q2 have been mounted on a glass microscope slide. Should you desire future microscopic comparisons between the head hair clipping and a known head hair sample, resubmit the glass microscope slide containing the hair clipping so that direct microscopic comparisons may be made.

You are being advised of the result of the fingerprint examination and the disposition of Q1 and the "Also Submitted" items by a separate report.

Specimen Q2 is being returned as an enclosure to this report.

Enclosures (3) (Q2, 2 Lab report)

1 - Seattle Enclosure (Lab report)

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 12/14/71

[redacted] Seattle Times  
Newspaper, Fairview North and John Street, Seattle, Washington,  
furnished the following information:

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[redacted] said that the Seattle Times Newspaper received a letter allegedly mailed to the newspaper by D. B. COOPER. He said that this letter was received on December 13, 1971. He said the letter was received by regular mail and handled in a routing manner by the receiving department of the newspaper. He said the letter had been brought to his attention by an employee in the receiving department whose job it was to route the mail to the correct department. [redacted] furnished this letter to the interviewing Agent.

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Interviewed on 12/13/71 at Seattle, Washington File # SE 164-81-1191

by [redacted] jlb Date dictated 12/13/71

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NR063 WA PLAIN

9:00PM URGENT 12-14-71 BJM

TO MINNEAPOLIS (164-73)

SEATTLE (164-81)

PORTLAND (164-41)

FROM DIRECTOR (164-2111) 1P

NORJAK

RE MINNEAPOLIS AIRTEL DECEMBER EIGHT.

NO LATENT PRINTS OF VALUE AIRLINES TICKET.

CONFIRMING.

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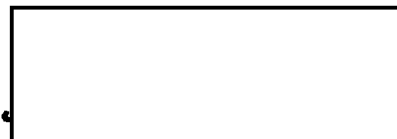
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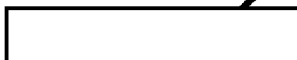
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PORTLAND 164-41  
FROM SAN DIEGO 164-91 6P



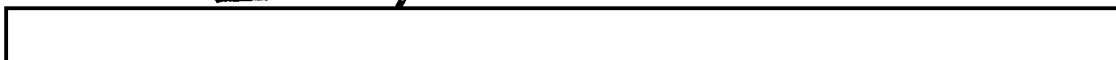
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NORJAK

RE SUSPECT



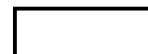
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ON DECEMBER FOURTEEN INSTANT, SAID HE IS ALMOST  
POSITIVE HE KNOWS THE NAME OF PERSON WHO HIJACKED INSTANT PLANE ON  
NOVEMBER TWENTYFOUR LAST. HE REQUESTED ANONYMITY AND THAT  
HE BE CONSIDERED FOR ANY REWARD MONEY THAT MIGHT BE OFFERED  
FOR IDENTIFICATION OF THE HIJACKER, BASED ON HIS INFORMATION.

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HE SAID ABOUT TWO WEEKS AGO, HE WAS ARTIST CONCEPTION  
OF THE HIJACKER AT ONE OF THE LOS ANGELES NEWSPAPERS AND  
IT STRUCK HIM AS CLOSELY RESEMBLING A MAN HE KNOWS AS



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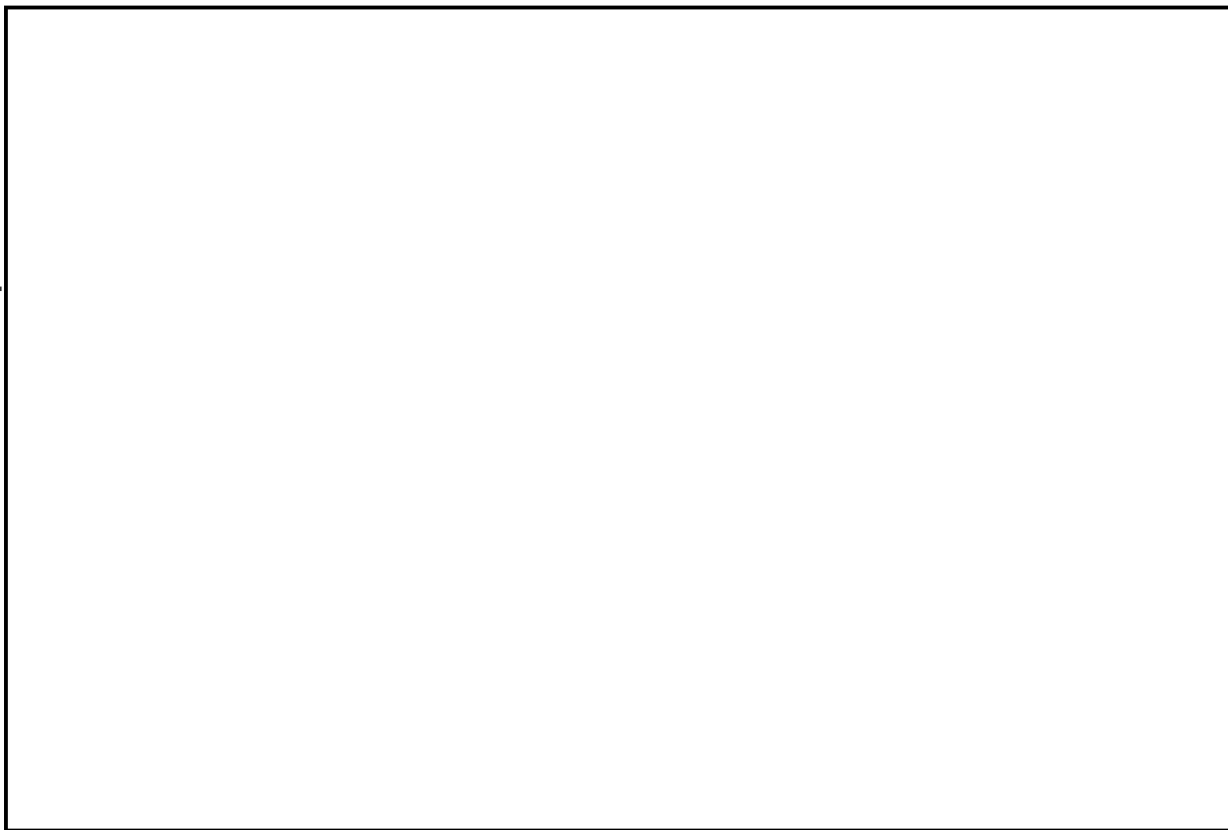
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*[Signature]*

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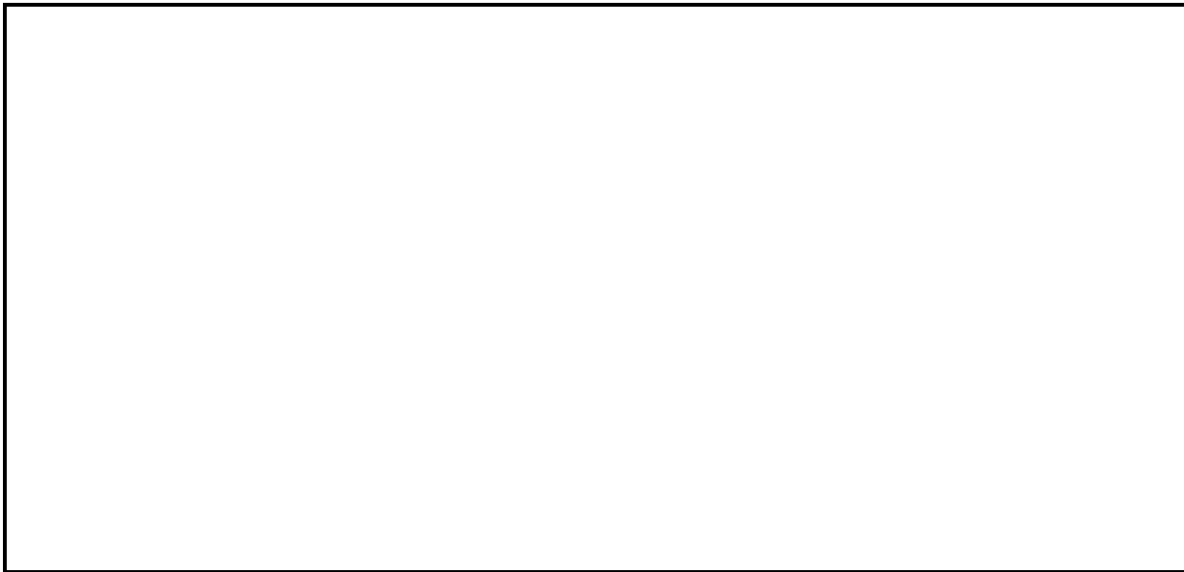
[REDACTED] BELIEVES [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HE SAID [REDACTED]

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HE ADVISED

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

BELIEVES THIS

[REDACTED]

HE BELIEVES

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] SAID HE COULD NOT BE MORE DEFINITE RE THIS

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] DESCRIBED [REDACTED] WMA, FORTYTWO TO FORTYSIX YEARS,  
FIVE FEET NINE TO FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES, ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY,  
HAIR LIGHT BROWN, RECEDING, REGULAR CUT, EYES BELIEVED [REDACTED]  
AND OCCASIONALLY WEARS GLASSES, WORE FASHIONABLE CLOTHES,  
VERY NEAT, [REDACTED] COMPLEXION, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]  
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LOS ANGELES AND SAN FRANCISCO. DETERMINE FURTHER  
IDENTITY AND LOCATION OF [REDACTED] AND ATTEMPT TO  
DETERMINE HIS WHEREABOUTS AT TIME OF HIJACKING.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

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

DATE: 12/9/71

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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

On 12/8/71 Sgt. [REDACTED] Identification Bureau,  
[REDACTED] County Sheriff's Office, [REDACTED] Washington advised  
that his files contain no record identifiable with [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] DOB [REDACTED]

On 12/8/71 [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Wn. P.D. advised that their files contain no arrest  
record for a [REDACTED] DOB [REDACTED] however, ~~xxxx~~ they do  
reflect that one [REDACTED] FD# [REDACTED] was [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] She provided this agent with a copy of [REDACTED]  
and it is being placed in a FD-340.

A review of the [REDACTED] Wash. Telephone directory  
fails to reflect a listing for a [REDACTED] The [REDACTED] County  
Telephone Directory reflects a listing for a [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Washington.

On 12/9/71 [REDACTED] Wn. [REDACTED]  
advised that he is [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] and is employed as [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] He stated that [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] to the company. He stated  
that [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED]  
and told him that he was [REDACTED] Oregon. [REDACTED]  
He stated that [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] but did not specify when or where this  
[REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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[redacted] continued stating that [redacted] told [redacted] would be up to see him soon. [redacted] also told [redacted] didn't feel up to traveling [redacted] would take the bus or something and ride [redacted] to pick him up in [redacted] stated he talked to [redacted] told him that [redacted] was staying with [redacted] had also said [redacted] may not be able to make it up to [redacted] commented that he is sure [redacted] is not the hi-jacker as he would never jump out of an airplane. He further advised that [redacted] and a check with the company should be able to tell us where [redacted] was when the plane was hi-jacked. [redacted] stated he does not know for sure where [redacted] was on 11/24/71 but he believes he [redacted] provided this agent with [redacted] and requested that this photo be returned to him.

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## REPORT

of the

## IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

### LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

YOUR FILE NO. 164-60  
 FBI FILE NO. 164-2111  
 LATENT CASE NO. A-45410

December 10, 1971

TO: SAC, Las Vegas

*Sub - G.*  
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UNSUB.;  
 RE: NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT 305  
 PORTLAND TO SEATTLE  
 11/24/71  
 CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION

REFERENCE: Airtel 11/30/71  
 EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: Las Vegas  
 SPECIMENS: Envelope, Q1  
 Message, Q2

Enclosed specimens described separate  
 Laboratory report.

One latent fingerprint of value Q2. No latent  
 prints of value developed Q1.

Latent fingerprint not identical fingerprints  
 following persons:



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- ② - Seattle (164-81)
- 1 - Sacramento
- 1 - Portland

John Edgar Hoover, Director

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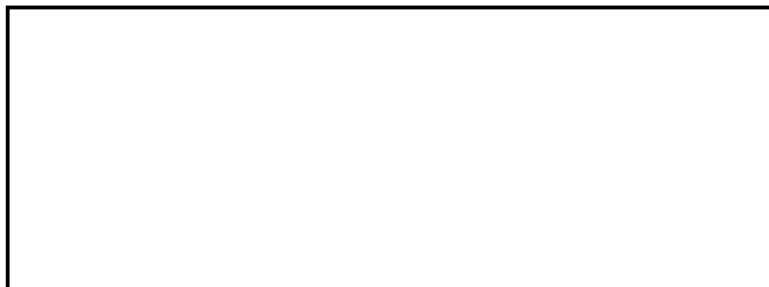
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### LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

YOUR FILE NO. 164-133  
 FBI FILE NO. 164-2111  
 LATENT CASE NO. A-45410

December 10, 1971

TO: SAC, Philadelphia

*Sub. G*  
*147*

RE: UNSUB.;  
 NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT 305  
 PORTLAND TO SEATTLE  
 11/24/71  
 CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION

REFERENCE: Airtel 12/3/71  
 EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: Philadelphia  
 SPECIMENS: Envelope, Q3  
 Letter, Q4

Enclosed specimens described separate  
 Laboratory report.

Five latent fingerprints of value developed Q4.  
 No latent prints of value developed Q3.

Two latent fingerprints identical elimination  
 fingerprints [redacted] Three latent fingerprints  
 not identical fingerprints [redacted] or following persons:

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- 2 - Seattle (164-81)
- 1 - Minneapolis (164-73)

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John Edgar Hoover, Director

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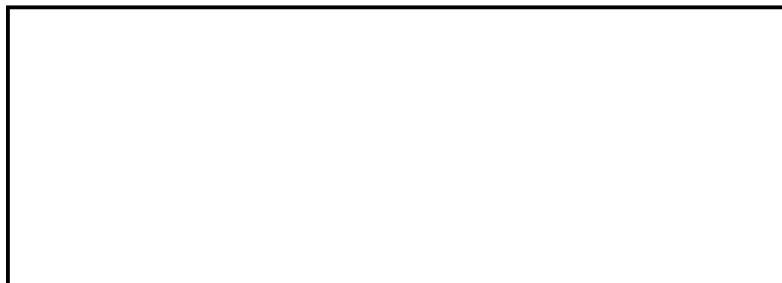
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6:14PM NITEL 12-14-71 LMR

TO SEATTLE

FROM DIRECTOR 1P

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NORJAK.

RE SEATTLE TELETYPE DECEMBER FOURTEEN LAST REQUESTING  
AUTHORITY TO EXPEND UP TO SIXTEEN HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR PUBLICATION  
OF THE RANSOM LIST IN A LOCAL NEWSPAPER.

BUREAU AUTHORITY IS NOT GRANTED FOR THIS EXPENDITURE AT THIS  
TIME. SUGGEST SEATTLE ENCOURAGE LOCAL PAPERS IN SEATTLE AND  
NEIGHBORING DIVISIONS' TERRITORIES TO REPUBLISH INFORMATION THAT  
RANSOM LIST IS AVAILABLE AND ENCOURAGE PUBLIC TO CONTACT LOCAL  
FBI OR LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY CONCERNING SUSPECTED BILLS.

SEATTLE SHOULD INSURE THAT TERRAIN SEARCHES ARE VIGOROUSLY  
PURSUED BY ALL INTERESTED OFFICES AND SOLICIT COOPERATION OF  
LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT, FORESTRY PERSONNEL, HUNTING GROUPS, AND  
OTHER LOGICAL PERSONS WHO WOULD BE IN THE AREA OVER WHICH THE  
HIJACKED AIRCRAFT TRAVELED.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

DATE: 12/14/71

FROM : ASAC PAUL R. BIBLER

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SUBJECT: NORJAK

ASAC CHARLIE DULINSKY called from Las Vegas. He said that with regard to SAC MILNES' phone call earlier today, they had arranged with the banks to check any large deposits of 20's and to advise the FBI of any suspicious situation where anybody attempted to change 20's for other denominations. They have also alerted the casinos in the major cities to the same type of operation.

In regard to the newspaper, he advised that the newspaper in Reno was not willing to publish the ransom list.

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*[Handwritten signature]*

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

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FBI

Date: 12/8/71

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (164-2111) *Sul 130*  
 ATTN: FBI LABORATORY

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

SUBJECT: UNSUB;  
 NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT 302,  
 PORTLAND TO SEATTLE  
 11/24/71  
 CAA - HIGACKING; EXTORTION  
 OO: SEATTLE

Enclosed for the Bureau is a letter and envelope  
 forwarded to [redacted]  
 [redacted] from "B. D. COOPER," dated 12/6/71.

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Elimination fingerprints will be obtained if  
 necessary.

The laboratory is requested to conduct appropriate  
 examination of the enclosed letter and envelope to determine  
 any pertinent latent fingerprints which could be identified  
 with the sender and furnish the results to listed offices.  
 After examination, please return the letter and envelope to  
 Portland.

Enclosed for Seattle is a copy of the B.D.  
 COOPER letter and envelope.

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 1 - Sacramento (Info)  
 1 - Las Vegas (Info)  
 2 - Portland

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_  
 Special Agent in Charge

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**Here!**

**You**

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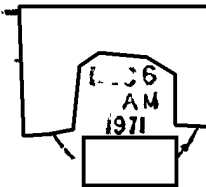
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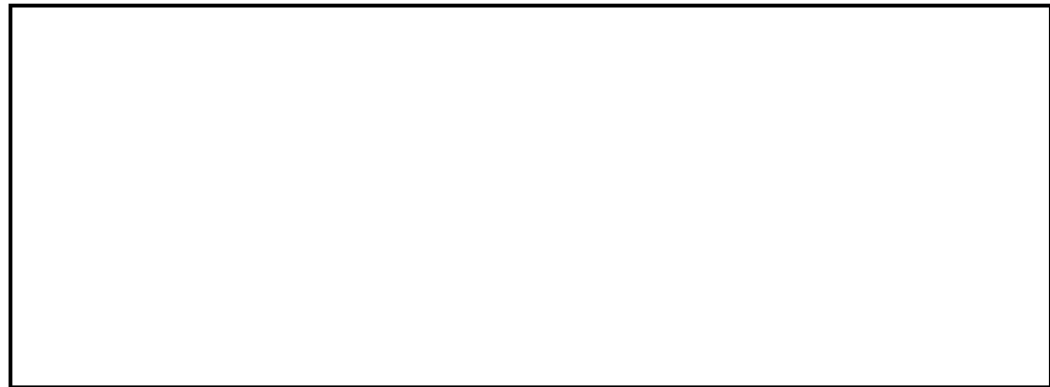
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Cooper

S. D.



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Portland, Oregon

December 8, 1971

UNKNOWN SUBJECT, also known as  
Dan Cooper, Northwest Airlines Flight #305,  
Portland to Seattle, November 24, 1971

"The Daily Telegraph", a London, England, newspaper, contained an article on May 28, 1971, on Page 4, describing a plot by an unknown subject using the name "Mr. Brown". This individual hoaxed the Qantas Airline at the Sydney International Airport, apparently in Australia, into paying 235,000 pounds ransom money after a bomb threat. The aircraft involved was a Boeing 707 Airliner. "Mr. Brown" is not described in the article, but an "Identikit" picture of him bears a resemblance to an artist's sketch of an unknown subject who hijacked an airliner between Portland, Oregon, and Seattle, Washington, on November 24, 1971, and extorted \$200,000 from Northwest Orient Airlines. This individual is described as white male, 6'1" tall, 170-175 pounds, age-mid-forties, olive complexion, brown eyes, black hair, conventional cut, parted on left; slender build.

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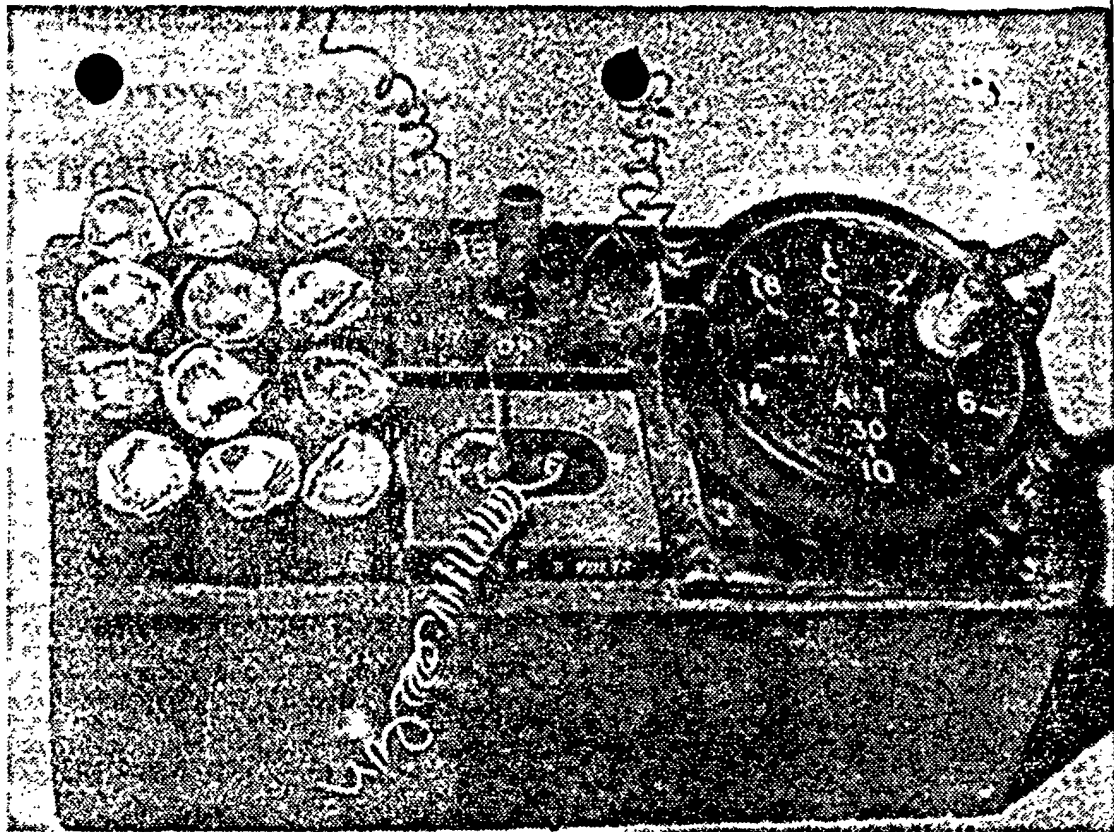
LEADS

Will obtain disposition of the case relating to "Mr. Brown" and the Qantas Airline in May, 1971.

Will obtain description of "Mr. Brown".

Will attempt to determine if "Mr. Brown" could have been in the United States, particularly in the Seattle, Washington, Portland, Oregon, region during November, 1971. The Northwest Orient Airlines hijacking took place on November 24, 1971.





The gelignite bomb whose discovery in a locker at Sydney International Airport triggered off the train of events in Wednesday's £235,000 hoax involving a Qantas Boeing 707 airliner.

## CLUES TO QANTAS HOAXER

By J. D. HOLDSWORTH  
In Sydney

AUSTRALIAN police are hopeful that they will soon be able to trace "Mr Brown" and his accomplice who hoaxed Qantas Airline into paying £235,000 ransom money after a bomb threat on Wednesday.

Close scrutiny of a bomb and bag found in a locker at Sydney Airport has yielded valuable information, they say. Examination of tape recordings of "Mr Brown's" voice on the telephone has also given a lead to his nationality.

Information from other sources has given useful leads and police hope the £23,300 reward offered will bring tips from the underworld.

The ransom money was paid out to the accomplice in new or nearly new 20-dollar notes after phone calls threatened that a



An Identikit picture of  
"Mr Brown."

bomb would explode on an airborne Boeing 707 with 116 passengers aboard.

The serial numbers of the notes are known and lists are being published.

All international police agencies have been given a full description of the accomplice and an Identikit picture has been distributed.

The airline defended their handling of the expensive hoax—they were not insured against such a loss and the money must be written off. Their critics were told by an airline spokesman yesterday: "Go to hell."

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AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (164-2111)  
FROM: SAC, PORTLAND (164-41) (P)  
SUBJECT: UNSUB, aka  
Dan Cooper,  
Northwest Airlines Flight #305,  
Portland to Seattle, 11/24/71  
CAA-HIJACKING; EXTORTION  
(OO: Seattle)

X - CAPTION  
X - AUSTRIA-10  
HJACK

Enclosed for the Bureau are six copies of a letter-head memorandum dated 12/8/71, setting out information re a hoax concerning the Qantas Airline where an unsub obtained 235,000 pounds in May, 1971. Also enclosed is Page 4 of The Daily Telegraph, a London, England, newspaper.

One copy of the news article contained on Page 4 of the newspaper and one copy of the LHM are being forwarded to Seattle Office.

The news item was furnished by [redacted]  
[redacted] by undated letter received 12/11/71.

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