

## DBC, FROM A TO Z

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- A** – Rackstraw (RWR) gave officials two fake **ALIBIS**, but the FBI told the team he was cleared by a third one in 2016 (since confirmed phony). As one senior investigator put it, nobody in law enforcement would give “a 2-time liar a third chance at an alibi.” (See all three at ICTL-10/1/71, 2/3/79 and 2/5/79)
- B** – When RWR was handed his crime chart in San Diego, he pointed: “*Hey, there’s **BRIGGS!***” That confirmed our 4 witnesses’ claims of RWR & Briggs colluding on the Columbia River cash-planting stunt. (IC-p. 17)
- C** – Just like the Navajo “**CODE** Talkers” of WWII, Vietnam vet RWR used secret messaging he had learned in his military “*Cryptography Manual*.” For example, in the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Cooper letters, RWR posted these encryptions: “*I’m CIA*” and “*I’m LT Robert W. Rackstraw, D.B. Cooper is not my real name. I want out of the system and saw a way by hijacking one jet plane.*” (More in IC-p. 25-26; ICTL-7/22/68 & 4/3/18)
- D** – A **DNA** comparison of a ‘71 “Norman de Winter” (NdW) lick stamp and RWR’s 2013 water bottle showed a “*probability of a match across 3 alleles.*” A DNA expert stated, if you include our credible eyewitnesses, there is now the “*probable cause*” RWR was NdW. (IC-p. 91, DNA Expert Jeff Renz)
- E** – Decades after **EIGHT**-year-old Brian “*found*” the Cooper money on river, he told TJC’s camera in 2011 he now believed it “*was placed*” there and “*it didn’t float [down] by natural means*” – but he didn’t think his folks were involved. Brian also recalled his dad Dwayne taking his driftwood and being directed “*to go pick a spot*” for fire. Dwayne, however, gave History Channel (HC) another story, 4 years later: He claimed to have told his 3<sup>rd</sup>-grader to go to an exact fire location: “*See the 2 little sticks over there? Do it right there.*” (11/26/11 RK&TJC-BI Interview, IC-p.99; BI/DI HC 9/15/15 transcript. p. 8, Time Code 15:18:56 )
- F** – **FORMER** FBI Asst. Dir. Tom **Fuentes** initially called team’s RWR evidence “*a tremendous circumstantial case*” and he recommended Seattle case agents “*start comparing notes.*” But a half-year later, bureau’s hand-picked fed host reversed course: Fuentes claimed, because RWR’s fingerprints weren’t found on the plane, it couldn’t possibly be him. However, a 1971 memo from the agent who conducted the jet’s CSI wrote that there were “*no prints of value*” in the rear section – not at his seat, on his cup, at the emergency exit, the bathroom he used or on the stair rails he jumped from. DBC himself later chirped in on his mailed DBC Letter #5 (without and coding): “*I left no fingerprints. I wore a toupee. I wore putty make-up.*” (ICTL-1/27/79 & 2/15/13; IC-p. 23; HC-4/1/16)
- G** – Two of the 3 decoded Vietnam Army units found at the bottom of Letter #5 were top secret. But not the 3<sup>rd</sup> one: 11<sup>th</sup> **GENERAL** Support (11<sup>th</sup> GS) was an “*ash and trash*” chopper service for VIP flights, garbage pick-ups and food deliveries to front lines. His commander claimed RWR was the only soldier with a security clearance in the whole war to be assigned to a lowly gig like 11<sup>th</sup> GS. (ICTL-6/25/69; also p. 25)
- H** – The 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> “D.B. Cooper” letters were dropped in mailboxes within 50 miles of RWR’s **HIDEAWAY** in the Sierra Nevada foothills – 500 miles from the hijack scene. A retired FBI agent called this 2012 discovery “*an 8 out of 10.*” But the Cooper case agent claimed the letters were “*discounted long ago.*” **FYI**: The team’s cracked coded messages ended the FBI’s letter discountings (see C). (ICTL-11/7/12)
- I** – When fugitive RWR was forced back from **Iran** to face charges, a California agent on his case wrote to Director Hoover that RWR’s “*description and sketch of NORJAK are similar. He admitted he’d be fully capable of successfully effecting the hijacking.*” A year later though, Seattle FBI tipped their newspaper that RWR had been “*ruled out and dismissed from serious consideration.*” But 6 California field agents, still working case, went to their separate local papers and stated this wasn’t true. It was the largest FBI **INSURRECTION** in history that never made the national news.(ICTL 2/3 & 2/4/79; all articles available)
- J** – Former Los Angeles FBI polygraph manager **JACK** Trimarco was the first agent to state the obvious in 2013: “*I think Mr. Rackstraw is D.B. Cooper. I think it’s time for him to take credit for what he did.*” And 2-time U.S. Attorney **JOE** Russoniello (also ex-FBI), following the hunt since start, ended controversy in 2020: “*I’ve concluded the evidence is clear and convincing Rackstraw was Cooper.*” (IC-p. 79 & 83)
- K** – After FBI publicly stated they’d reopen the closed DBC case for “*direct*” evidence (like parachute or cash), the team gets 2017 call from an ex-cop, **KRISTY**. She claims that her pilot-husband was told the secret DBC escape route, but the feds wouldn’t return their calls. After confirming pair’s details, then locating and delivering pieces of the alleged parachute to stunned FBI, the bureau goes silent. (ICTL-8/11/17)
- L** – FBI Agent Warren **LITTLE** told RWR’s sister in 1978 that, when her brother was booted from Army, he sent the brass an “*angry letter.*” Quoting it: “*I can only hope that I will never use the training and education the Army gave me against the Army itself, as I would be a formidable adversary.*”(ICTL-1/24/78 & 9/4/19)