

**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

Washington, D. C. 20537

REPORT

of the

IDENTIFICATION DIVISION**LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION**

YOUR FILE NO. 164-497
FBI FILE NO. 164-2111
LATENT CASE NO. A-45410

February 17, 1977

TO: ADIC, Los Angeles ✓

RE: NORJACK

REFERENCE: Airtel 1/24/77
EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: Los Angeles
SPECIMENS:

The previously reported latent prints in the captioned case are not identical with the fingerprints of Bryant Coffelt, FBI #590868.

No palm prints of Coffelt are available for comparison.

2 - Seattle (164-81)

164-497-906

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Assistant Director, Identification Division

SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

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SAC, LAS VEGAS (164-60) RUC

NORJACK
OO: SEATTLE

Re Los Angeles airtel to the Bureau, 1/24/77.

On 2/23/77, [redacted]
[redacted] Nevada, was reinterviewed by SAs ROBERT J. MC KINLEY
and [redacted]

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At this time [redacted] acknowledged that the individual
he feels to be D. B. COOPER was BRYANT COFFELT. He stated that
COFFELT never showed [redacted]

[redacted] He said that COFFELT claimed
after he landed [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that [redacted] accompanied COFFELT
to a point approximately [redacted] Oregon to
[redacted] and that COFFELT claimed to have

[redacted] He said COFFELT then
pointed out [redacted]

[redacted] could offer no further information regarding
this at this time.

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- 2 - Seattle
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WFO 164-169

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The following individuals employed at Hoffmann Interiors, Incorporated, 7020 Westmoreland Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland (formerly the Hoffmann Furniture Company of Washington, D.C.), were displayed photographs of BRYANT COFFELT with negative results. All of the individuals listed were employed by the Hoffmann Furniture Company during the period of time COFFELT was allegedly employed at Hoffmann Furniture Company (1963 - 1970):

[REDACTED]

Hoffmann Interiors, Incorporated

[REDACTED]

Hoffmann Interiors, Incorporated

[REDACTED]

Hoffmann Interiors, Incorporated

[REDACTED]

Hoffmann Interiors, Incorporated .

[REDACTED]

Hoffmann Interiors, Incorporated

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164-477-908

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date of transcription 3/2/77

[redacted]
[redacted] Maryland, was interviewed at her residence and furnished the following information:

She stated that [redacted] was the [redacted] the Hoffmann Furniture Company, 2447 18th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. During [redacted]

[redacted] in the [redacted]
She said [redacted] sold [redacted] approximately five years ago and it is now Hoffmann Interiors, Incorporated, 7020 Westmoreland Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland.

She was displayed two photographs of BRYANT COFFELT. She identified COFFELT as having been employed as a used furniture salesman on an intermittent basis from approximately 1963 to 1970. COFFELT worked on a commission basis and on occasion he would leave from work without notice and return some months later saying he had taken a medical course somewhere in the Midwest. She said [redacted]

[redacted] hired COFFELT back because he was a smooth talker and a good salesman. She, however, considered him a phony because she never believed he was taking medical courses. She was unaware of any of COFFELT's private life, his associates or hobbies.

She did recall, however, that at one time COFFELT showed up at the furniture store driving a Cadillac limousine. He was in the company of an elderly man. It appeared to her that COFFELT was acting as a chauffeur for the elderly gentleman. He also was attempting to sell him some old furniture since the elderly man was interested in antiques. She was unable to recall any additional information about the incident.

She described COFFELT as follows:

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Height:	6 feet
Weight:	180 pounds
Hair:	Brown
Eyes:	Color unknown, occasionally wore glasses

Interviewed on 2/25/77 at [redacted] Maryland File # WFO 164-160

by SAs [redacted] Date dictated 2/28/77
[redacted] SLV

3/2/77

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (164-2111)

FROM: SAC, WFO (164-169) (P)

KORJACK
(OO:SE)

RE: UNSUB:



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Re Los Angeles airtel to Bureau dated 1/24/77.

Enclosed for Seattle are the original and one copy of two FD-302's and an investigative insert. Enclosed for the Bureau and Los Angeles are one copy each of the FD-302's and the investigative insert.

Investigation at Washington, D.C., determined that the Hoffmann Furniture Company is no longer in business. The business was sold approximately five years ago. It is now Hoffmann Interiors, Inc., 7020 Westmoreland Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland. The enclosures represent the requested investigation in this matter.

[redacted] reflected that COFFELT was the subject of



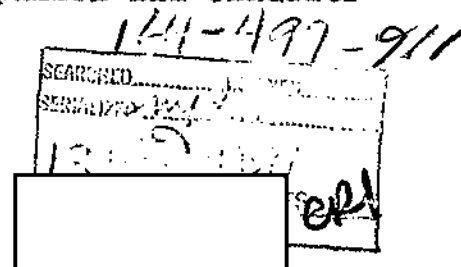
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in 1966, [redacted] No Bureau file number was noted. The investigation was instituted by [redacted] to determine the veracity of information received from the Lawrence, Kansas, Police Department that indicated that COFFELT was spending large amounts of money in Lawrence, Kansas, and [redacted] worked for the FBI and he worked for the Justice Department in Washington, D.C. (WDC). Investigation at Lawrence, Kansas, and WDC determined that COFFELT was a student of the University of Kansas and intermittently he resided in WDC. COFFELT was also the companion and chauffeur

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3-Los Angeles (164-497)(Enc. 3)
2-Seattle (164-81)(Enc. 5)
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 3/2/771

[redacted]
[redacted] Maryland, [redacted] of the Hoffmann Furniture Company, 2447 18th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., advised as follows:

He stated that [redacted] approximately five years ago and the new owners use the name Hoffmann Interiors, Incorporated, and are located at 7020 Westmoreland Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland. He said the employment records for [redacted] former company had been destroyed.

[redacted] was furnished two photographs of BRYANT COFFELT. [redacted] identified the photographs. He said BRYANT COFFELT was employed by [redacted] as a salesman in the used furniture portion [redacted]. He was employed on a commission basis and worked for [redacted] from approximately 1963 through 1970.

[redacted] said COFFELT told him he was studying medicine and on occasion would leave his employment unannounced and return a few months later stating he was taking a medical course. [redacted] would always rehire him since COFFELT was a smooth talker and a good salesman.

[redacted] described COFFELT as follows:

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Height:	6 feet
Weight:	180 pounds
Hair:	Brown

[redacted] was unable to recall any additional information concerning COFFELT.

Interviewed on 2/25/77 at [redacted] Maryland File # WFO 164-169

by SAs [redacted] :smv Date dictated 2/23/77

3/10/77

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, BUFFALO
FROM: SAC, HONOLULU (164-85) (P)
SUBJECT: NORJAK
(OO: Seattle)

Re Los Angeles airtel to Bureau, 1/24/77.

Enclosed for Buffalo is one black & white photograph of artist's conception of UNSUB, aka D. B. Cooper and one copy of Los Angeles airtel to Bureau, 1/24/77, to provide background information concerning BRYANT COFFELT and his possible involvement in captioned matter.

On 3/9/77, [redacted] City & County Medical Examiner's Office, Honolulu, Hawaii, advised that records reflect BRYANT COFFELT died at Queen's Medical Center, Honolulu, on 6/19/75. [redacted] further advised that COFFELT was [redacted] and cause of death was attributed to cardiac arrest complicated by emphysema. [redacted] stated that information available concerning COFFELT's death disclosed that COFFELT's [redacted] at time of his death was [redacted] Honolulu, same address for BRYANT COFFELT. Additional information available disclosed COFFELT was born 2/20/16 in Missouri. However, no employment or occupation was listed.

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FBI

TRANSMIT VIA:

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☐ Airtel

PRECEDENCE:

☐ Immediate
☐ Priority
☒ Routine

CLASSIFICATION:

☐ TOP SECRET
☐ SECRET
☐ CONFIDENTIAL
☐ E F T O
☒ CLEAR

Date 3/18/77

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FM LOS ANGELES (164-497) (13) (P)

TO DIRECTOR (164-2111) ROUTINE 545P

ALEXANDRIA (164-72) ROUTINE 644P

HONOLULU (164-85) ROUTINE 542P

KANSAS CITY ROUTINE 53P

LAS VEGAS (164-60) ROUTINE 710P

PORTLAND (164-41) ROUTINE 1005P

SEATTLE (164-81) ROUTINE 830P

WASHINGTON FIELD (164-169) ROUTINE 521P

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NORJAK, OO: SEATTLE.

RE LOS ANGELES AIRTEL TO BUREAU, JANUARY 24, 1977,
 WASHINGTON FIELD AIRTEL TO BUREAU, MARCH 2, 1977, AND HONOLULU
 AIRTEL TO BUFFALO, MARCH 10, 1977.

RE: UNSUB; [REDACTED]

FOR INFORMATION OF BUREAU AND RECEIVING OFFICES, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CALIFORNIA, HAS VOLUNTEERED INFORMATION
 CONCERNING SUSPECT JACK BRYANT COFFELT DURING EXTENSIVE
 INTERVIEW AT LOS ANGELES.

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[] RELATED THAT ABOUT ONE MONTH AGO, HE WAS ENGAGED BY UNIVERSAL STUDIOS TO INVESTIGATE VERACITY OF INFORMATION BEING FURNISHED UNIVERSAL STUDIOS BY [] INDICATING THAT COFFELT WAS POSSIBLY HIGHJACKER KNOWN AS D. B. COOPER. [] STATES TRAVELED WIDELY IN U.S. FOR UNIVERSAL STUDIOS INTERVIEWING PAST ASSOCIATES OF COFFELT AND SPENT 12 HOURS INTERVIEWING []

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[] STATES, DURING INTERVIEW OF [] IT WAS ASCERTAINED THAT NEITHER [] HAD EVER ACTUALLY [] ALLEGEDLY FROM PARACHUTE USED BY HIGHJACKER. [] STATED COFFELT HAD MADE CASUAL REFERENCE []

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[] COVERED MANY FACETS OF HIS ~~ASSETS~~ ^{EFFORTS} TO DETERMINE IF COFFELT HIGHJACKER, IN FACTUAL AND ORGANIZED MANNER. STATED HE REACHED CONCLUSION COFFELT WAS PROBABLY NOT HIGHJACKER BASED ON FOLLOWING FACTS:

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DURING PERIOD OF HIGHJACKING, BRYANT COFFELT WAS SUFFERING FROM SEVERE ALCOHOLISM AND ON VERGE OF NERVOUS BREAKDOWN.

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JACKING AND ON DAY OF HIGHJACKING, [REDACTED] EMPLOYED FOR
POTOMAC TEMPORARIES, ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA.

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[REDACTED] STATES HAD NOT INTERVIEWED [REDACTED] IN HONOLULU NOR
HAD HE ASCERTAINED NAME OF PSYCHIATRIST REPORTEDLY TREATING
COFFELT AT TIME OF HIGHJACKING.

BASED ON ABOVE INFORMATION AND IN ORDER TO BRING MATTER
TO LOGICAL CONCLUSION WITH MINIMUM INVESTIGATION, FOLLOWING
INVESTIGATION SHOULD BE CONDUCTED:

HONOLULU, CONTACT [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED], HONOLULU, AND OBTAIN NAME OF
PSYCHIATRIST TREATING COFFELT DURING PERIOD OF HIGHJACKING.

SET OUT LEAD FOR WASHINGTON FIELD TO VERIFY COFFELT'S
WHEREABOUTS DURING PERTINENT PERIOD.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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

Indices: ☐ Negative ☐ See below

Subject's name and aliases

~~Cooper Hijacking~~

Norfolk

Character of case

164- Crimes aboard an aircraft

Complainant

Mary R. Moriarity

Complaint received

☒ Personal ☐ Telephonic Date 3/19/77 Time 9:30 A

Address of subject

Complainant's address and telephone number

86417 Remick Ave
Sun Valley, Ca 91352 213-768-5206

Subject's Description	Race Mex	Sex <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Height Med	Hair Dark	Build Med	Birth date and Birthplace
	Age 35-45	Weight Med	Eyes Med	Complexion Pockmarked		
	Scars, marks or other date					

Facts of complaint

C believes she might have seen hijacker Cooper at [redacted] (won't give address until necessary). S was with wife and little girl. S claimed to be from [redacted] and have a bank account there. C thinks the man is same as picture she remembers from the newspaper, but would need to see a picture of Cooper again to be certain.

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Action Recommended

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 3/21/77

[redacted] Mr. ROBERT LINCOLN TODD BECKWITH, Room 718, Central Office Building, 1425 H Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. (WDC), telephone [redacted] was interviewed and furnished the following information:

[redacted] stated that ROBERT LINCOLN TODD BECKWITH is the last living descendant of ABRAHAM LINCOLN. She said that in about 1965 or 1966, BRYANT COFFELT was introduced to BECKWITH through BECKWITH's friend, [redacted]. COFFELT became a chauffeur and companion to BECKWITH. He also claimed that he was a therapist and assisted Mr. BECKWITH, who [redacted] described as a semi-invalid. In exchange for his assistance, BECKWITH paid COFFELT an indeterminate amount of money. COFFELT on occasion departed the WDC area, according to [redacted] to "finish nursing education at the University of Kansas."

In late 1966 or early 1967, COFFELT introduced BECKWITH to [redacted] and on [redacted] and BECKWITH [redacted] in Middlesex County, Virginia. On [redacted] in Williamsburg, Virginia. According to [redacted] BECKWITH's [redacted] that BECKWITH [redacted] proceedings resulted and the Superior Court of WDC granted [redacted] [redacted] indicated that the [redacted] is currently in the Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia. She indicated that COFFELT did not appear at [redacted] proceedings.

[redacted] advised that the last known contact that BECKWITH had with COFFELT was on June 15, 1976, when a deposition was taken by the trustees of BECKWITH's grandmother's estate to determine if in fact, [redacted] to the estate. COFFELT also gave a deposition. The deposition was furnished at the Williamsburg Circuit Court under the title [redacted]

Interviewed on 3/16/77 at Washington, D.C. File # WFO 164-169
by SAs [redacted] Date dictated 3/18/77

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FBI - LOS ANGELES

DB Cooper-25552

164-497-915

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TRANSMIT VIA:

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☒ Airtel

PRECEDENCE:

☐ Immediate
☐ Priority
☐ Routine

CLASSIFICATION:

☐ TOP SECRET
☐ SECRET
☐ CONFIDENTIAL
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☐ CLEAR

Date 3/29/77

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (164-2111)

FROM: SAC, WFO (164-169) (P)

NORJACK
(OO:SE)

RE: UNSUB;

Re WFO airtel to Bureau dated 3/2/77 and Los Angeles
nitel to Bureau dated 3/19/77.

Enclosed for Seattle is the original and one copy of an
FD-302 reflecting results of an interview of
 for Mr. ROBERT LINCOLN TODD BECKWITH. Enclosed for
Bureau and other receiving offices is one copy each of the FD-302.

WFO is holding in abeyance an interview with BECKWITH
pending results of Honolulu's interview with
 Honolulu,
Hawaii. If as a result of this interview with it is
determined that additional investigation is necessary at
Washington, D.C., WFO will handle.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

2-Bureau (Enc. 1)
1-Alexandria (164-72)(Enc. 1)(Info)
2-Honolulu (164-85)(Enc. 1)
1-Portland (164-41)(Enc. 1)(Info)
②-Los Angeles (164-497)(Enc. 1)
2-Seattle (164-81)(Enc. 2)
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (164-497) (P)

DATE: 4/8/77

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: NORJAK
OO: Seattle

Re FD-71 (Complaint Form) of SA [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] dated 3/19/77, wherein a MARY R. MORIARITY had personally appeared in the Los Angeles Office and advised she might have seen the hijacker COOPER at [REDACTED] with a wife and little girl. The suspect had claimed to be from [REDACTED] and have a bank account there.

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On 3/29/77, SA [REDACTED] interviewed MARY R. MORIARITY at her residence, 8617 Remick Avenue, Sun Valley, California, (telephone number 768-5206). During this interview, Mrs. MORIARITY indicated she had been to the Los Angeles Office on two prior occasions to report matters which she thought might be related to investigations being conducted by the FBI.

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She stated that on Friday, 3/4/77, she had visited a [REDACTED] Santa Paula, California. While there, a man whose name she learned was [REDACTED] (ph), was staying with [REDACTED] and her husband, [REDACTED] according to [REDACTED] was a [REDACTED] and was accompanied by his wife, name unknown, and a little girl, age [REDACTED]

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Mrs. MORIARITY stated that she felt sure that [REDACTED] instead of [REDACTED] descent, and overheard him talking about sending for some money to [REDACTED]. She observed an artist conception of the subject of this matter, and stated she did not note any great resemblance between [REDACTED] and the artist's conception, however noted that [REDACTED] wore his hair extremely long and also wore a large moustache, which made it difficult to compare the artist's drawing with his facial features. She described [REDACTED] as follows:

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Reason to Alston
4/12/77

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

DB Cooper-25555

LA 164-497

Sex	Male
Race	Caucasian
Age	38-45 years
Complexion	Dark
Height	5'10" - 11"
Build	Very muscular in the shoulders
Weight	170 pounds
Characteristics	Very reddish cheeks and apparently had some

[REDACTED]

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She had overheard nothing to indicate [REDACTED] was involved in captioned matter nor was there any discussions indicating he was a pilot or a parachutist.

She stated that [REDACTED] husband, [REDACTED] in his mid 50's, his [REDACTED] year old son, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] are currently in [REDACTED]. She does not know of the nature of their activities in that country.

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Check of Los Angeles indices is negative and California Law Enforcement Teletype System (CLETS) was also negative regarding [REDACTED]

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Inasmuch as there is no logical reason to believe that [REDACTED] is connected with captioned matter and there has been no information furnished by witnesses this matter that subject had reddish-colored cheeks or a skin disease, no further investigation is being conducted at this time.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (164-497) (P)

DATE: 4/12/77

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: NORJAK
OO: Seattle

RE: Suspect JACK BRYANT COFFELT

Leads have been set out by the Los Angeles Division to ascertain if COFFELT is a logical suspect in this matter.

Upon receipt of results of the interview of [REDACTED] in Honolulu, Hawaii, this matter should be re-evaluated to ascertain if additional investigation is warranted or if additional leads should be set out in an attempt to establish the whereabouts of COFFELT who was reportedly in the Washington, D.C. area at the time of the hijacking.

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SA JOSEPH C. ALSTON has been present during all pertinent interviews regarding suspect COFFELT and is generally aware of the status of this phase.

In view of SA [REDACTED] reassignment to the Redondo Beach RA, it is recommended this case be reassigned.

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

DB Cooper-25557

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 4/1/77

[redacted] was interviewed by [redacted] who identified himself as a Special Agent of the FBI. She voluntarily provided the following information:

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[redacted] stated that she was [redacted] JACK BRYANT COFFELT; however, [redacted] She advised that she met COFFELT in New Orleans, Louisiana, in 1961 and shortly thereafter, she and COFFELT moved to the Washington, D. C., area.

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She advised that COFFELT disclosed [redacted] [redacted] sometime in the 1930s. She stated that COFFELT was a decent man, very intelligent, and not a common criminal. She further advised that COFFELT personally knew J. EDGAR HOOVER and had visited HOOVER at the FBI Headquarters in Washington, D. C., [redacted]

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She stated that while living in Washington, D. C., JACK COFFELT worked for quite some time as a chauffeur and a personal assistant to an individual known to her only as (first name unknown) BECKWITH, who was one of three living descendants of former President Abraham Lincoln. She stated that COFFELT worked for BECKWITH until approximately [redacted] [redacted] when he subsequently took employment with a furniture business.

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She advised that COFFELT suffered from severe cases phlebitis and emphysema, and eventually while in Washington, D. C., suffered a nervous breakdown and received psychiatric care for his nervous condition and alcohol affliction. She stated COFFELT received treatment in Washington, D. C., in a hospital known only to her as Melwood Hospital.

She further advised that she and COFFELT departed Washington, D. C., and moved to [redacted] Washington, in January, 1974, [redacted] until January, 1975, [redacted] JACK COFFELT moved to Honolulu,

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Interviewed on 3/29/77 at Honolulu, Hawaii File # LA 164-497-922
HN 164-85

by SA [redacted] mes Date dictated 3/30/77

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Date: 4/13/77

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

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)
FROM: SAC, HONOLULU (164-85) (RUC)
SUBJECT: NORJAK
OO: SEATTLE

Re WFO airtel to Bureau, 3/29/77.

Enclosed for receiving offices are two copies each of an FD-302 disclosing information through interview of [REDACTED] in Honolulu.

Medical records, City and County Medical Examiner's Office, Honolulu, Hawaii, have been reviewed with regard to the death of BRYANT COFFELT in Honolulu in June 1975, and information obtained did not indicate that COFFELT was identical to Unsub, aka D. B. Cooper.

Investigation conducted by the Buffalo Division regarding contact with [REDACTED] who viewed artist's conception of Unsub, aka D. B. Cooper, indicated [REDACTED] does not recognize artist's conception as being identical to anyone with whom he has come into contact and, to the best of his recollection, does not resemble BRYANT COFFELT.

Photograph viewed by interviewing Agent, Honolulu, of BRYANT COFFELT provided by COFFELT's [REDACTED] indicates BRYANT COFFELT does not appear identical to Unsub, aka D. B. Cooper.

- 2 - Seattle (Enc. 2)
- 2 - Los Angeles (164-497) (Enc. 2)
- 2 - WFO (164-169) (Enc. 2)
- 1 - Honolulu

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Special Agent in Charge

DB Cooper-25564

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PRECEDENCE:

☐ Immediate
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CLASSIFICATION:

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Date 4/18/77

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FM LOS ANGELES (164-497) (13) (P)

TO WASHINGTON FIELD (164-169) ROUTINE

SEATTLE (164-81) ROUTINE

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NORJACK, OO: SEATTLE

RE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE TO BUREAU DATED MARCH 18,
 1977, AND HONOLULU AIRTEL TO SEATTLE DATED APRIL 13, 1977.

RE UNSUB; [REDACTED]

REFERENCED HONOLULU AIRTEL ENCLOSED FD-302 OF

[REDACTED] JACK BRYANT COFFELT.

DURING INTERVIEW, [REDACTED] COFFELT
 WERE RESIDING IN WASHINGTON, D.C. DURING 1971. SHE FURTHER
 INDICATED THAT COFFELT SUFFERED FROM SEVERE CASES OF
 PHLEBITIS AND EMPHYSEMA, AND EVENTUALLY WHILE IN WASHINGTON,
 D.C., SUFFERED A NERVOUS BREAKDOWN AND RECEIVED PSYCHIATRIC
 CARE FOR HIS NERVOUS CONDITION AND ALCOHOL AFFLICTION.
 SHE CLAIMED HE RECEIVED TREATMENT AT THE MELWOOD HOSPITAL
 IN WASHINGTON, D.C..

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FM LOS ANGELES (164-497) (13) (P)

TO SEATTLE (164-81) ROUTINE

PORTLAND (164-41) ROUTINE

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NORJAK, OO: SEATTLE.

RE: [REDACTED]

JACK BRYANT

COFFELT.

RE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE TO WASHINGTON FIELD, APRIL
 18, 1977; AND LOS ANGELES TELEPHONE CALL TO PORTLAND, MAY
 6, 1977.

FOR INFORMATION RECEIVING OFFICES, [REDACTED]
 WHO CLAIMS HE IS WRITING STORY REGARDING CAPTIONED MATTER
 FOR UNIVERSAL STUDIOS, WAS RECONTACTED MAY 6, 1977 AT HIS REQUEST.

[REDACTED] COMPLETELY CONVINCED COFFELT IS SUBJECT OF NORJAK
 BASED ON INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION AND INFORMATION FURNISHED

[REDACTED] STATED HE AND NINE OTHER INDIVIDUALS
 INCLUDING TWO CAMERAMEN, A [REDACTED]
 FROM NEWPORT BEACH, AND NOW WORKING AS [REDACTED]
 AND OTHER INDIVIDUALS WITH METAL DETECTORS, ETC., ARE LEAVING

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LOS ANGELES AREA SUNDAY, MAY 8, 1977, FOR BEND, OREGON.

ON MAY 9, 1977, THEY PLAN TO SEARCH AREA IN CASCADE MOUNTAINS, WHERE COFFELT ALLEGEDLY LANDED IN EFFORT TO LOCATE BURIED METAL PARTS FROM PARACHUTE. STATED BUREAU AGENTS ARE WELCOME TO JOIN SEARCH. NO COMMITMENT MADE.

AT CONCLUSION OF INTERVIEW, [REDACTED] STATED THAT IF NO BUREAU AGENT JOINS THEM, THE FBI WILL BE ADVISED OF ANY PERTINENT ITEMS LOCATED AFTER INFORMING LOS ANGELES TIMES.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (164-2111)

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (164-254) (RUC)

SUBJECT: NORJAC
OO:SEATTLE

Enclosed for Las Vegas is a file containing numerous letters written by [REDACTED] Attorney at Law, Atlanta, Georgia.

Upon a recent visit to Atlanta, the Honorable GRIFFIN B. BELL, Attorney General of the United States, advised an agent of the FBI in Atlanta, that [REDACTED] Attorney at Law, Atlanta, Georgia, advised he had some information regarding instant matter, which he desired to furnish an FBI Agent.

[REDACTED] Attorneys at Law, [REDACTED] Atlanta, was contacted telephonically and he set an appointment for interview by an FBI Agent for 3:15 PM, 5/12/77.

Upon interview on 5/12/77, [REDACTED] advised that he is a long time friend of Judge BELL and related a resume of the following information to Judge BELL to see if this matter would be of interest to the Attorney General's Office and to the FBI. Upon receiving Judge BELL's affirmative response, [REDACTED] related the following information and furnished his entire file in this matter. He has contacted [REDACTED] the author of the material contained in this file, and has secured [REDACTED] permission to turn this material over to the FBI and has expressed his complete cooperation with the FBI in this matter.

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- 2 - Seattle (164-81)
- 2 - Las Vegas (164-60) (Enc. 1)
- ① - Los Angeles (164-497)
- ① - Atlanta

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[redacted] related that he was first put in contact with [redacted] in about 1946. when [redacted] was, at that time, [redacted] trial and defense had been handled by another attorney, who upon leaving private practice, asked [redacted] to look after [redacted] in [redacted] and help him if he could. [redacted] after reviewing the appropriate transcripts and records, did not file appeal or attempt to open [redacted] but he did succeed in obtaining [redacted] out of gratitude, maintained contact with [redacted] through the years and recently began a series of letters and phone calls from Las Vegas, Nevada, where he now resides to [redacted] and related the following story:

While [redacted] was [redacted] he became acquainted with DAVID BRYANT COFFELT. [redacted] During [redacted] on a literary story, written for the purpose of sale and personal gain entitled, "Cleave The Liquid Sky". The story was written in the local of the Kansas/Oklahoma area and according to [redacted] is somewhat biographical. [redacted] writes that after [redacted]

[redacted] he had no further contact with DAVID BRYANT COFFELT until the latter part of 1961, at which time [redacted] COFFELT contacted [redacted] at that time and indicated that he was a student at the University of Kansas, and [redacted]

During 1973, after no further contact with COFFELT during the interim period, [redacted] decided to [redacted] and as a result, he attempted and succeeded in re-establishing contact with COFFELT. In 7/73, [redacted] recontacted COFFELT at COFFELT's home in Virginia, and in the ensuing conversation, COFFELT indicated that he had other matters pending at the time and that [redacted]

[redacted] next contact with COFFELT was in 1/74, at which time COFFELT allegedly identified himself to [redacted] as D.B. COOPER, the hijacker in instant matter. He relayed certain information to [redacted] which in

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[] mind established his identity as the hijacker, and outlined a plan whereby [] and COFFELT would return to the area in the Cascade Mountains, where together, they would conduct a search and recover the ransom money paid in this case.

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[] writes that he and COFFELT actually did make a camping trip into the Cascade Mountains and a search was conducted without success in locating the ransom money.

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The file furnished by [] contains information from [] reflecting that he has been paid at least the sum of \$10,000 relating to a story which he is contemplating relating to the D.B. COOPER case. It appears that [] intends to describe COFFELT through an appropriate pseudonym as the actual hijacker in instant matter and plans to write of their trip together and the unsuccessful search that they conducted to recover the ransom money paid in this case. [] related that COFFELT is now dead based on information furnished by [] having died in Honolulu, approximately one year ago or more and that COFFELT's []

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A review of the material written by [] contains innuendoes that the Government and particularly the FBI does not desire to solve instant matter nor to find the ransom money, which was paid. [] alleges that COFFELT had and perhaps still has friends in the Department of Justice or the FBI.

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The files maintained at []
[] disclose that []
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Files at Atlanta Penitentiary also disclose that DAVID BRYANT COFFELT, was received at Atlanta Penitentiary, on 4/28/49, to serve a term of 10 years

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upon conviction in the Western District of Tennessee, at Memphis, on charges of ITSMV and Attempted Escape. On 1/11/54, he was transferred to the U.S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas. Records, U.S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, as furnished by [] disclose that BRYANT COFFELT, aka J.C. Ross, John Hardy, Jr., was granted a conditional release from that institution on 7/20/55. Records relating to this incarceration have been forwarded to GSA, Kansas City, Missouri.

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[] has been practicing law in Atlanta, Georgia, for a period in excess of 20 years and is highly regarded in the legal profession. At one time, [] He has requested that his file be returned to him when the FBI no longer has need of this material.

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LAS VEGAS DIVISION

AT LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

1) Will consider the desirability of an interview with [] Las Vegas, Nevada, [] regarding disclosures made to him by BRYANT COFFELT.

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2) Las Vegas is requested to return the enclosed file to the Atlanta Division when it has served its purpose.

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Date 6/7/77

TO: SAC, BALTIMORE (164-103)
 FROM: ADIC, LOS ANGELES (164-497) (3)(P)
 RE: NORJAK
 OO: Seattle

RE:
 JACK BRYANT COFFELT

Re Washington Field airtel to Bureau, 4/22/77,
 and Atlanta airtel to Director, 5/13/77.

For the information of Baltimore, in a recent visit to Atlanta, Attorney General GRIFFIN BELL personally requested an Agent in Atlanta to contact an old friend of his by the name regarding this phase of captioned investigation. was subsequently contacted and furnished information regarding JACK BRYANT COFFELT, which had already been developed by the Los Angeles and Las Vegas offices.

Baltimore is requested to expedite investigation at Olney, Maryland, requested in referenced Washington Field airtel to Bureau dated 4/22/77. It is specifically requested that efforts be made to determine the whereabouts of COFFELT on 11/24/71. Previous investigation has disclosed that he may have been at the Melwood Farm, Olney, Maryland.


Sutel results of investigation.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (164-2111)

FROM: SAC, BALTIMORE (164-1003)

SUBJECT: MORTACK
(OO:SEATTLE)

Re WFO airtel to Bureau, 4/22/77;
Seattle airtel to Bureau, 4/26/77.

On 5/5/77, [redacted]
Holwood Farm, Box 162, Olney, Maryland, telephone
924-1000, furnished the following information to SA
[redacted]

[redacted] advised that he is not familiar with an
individual by the name JACK BRIAND CORRELL as receiving
medical treatment at the Holwood Farm Alcoholic Treatment
Center in Olney, Maryland, during 1971.

He recalls that in 1971 there was a Holwood
Clinic located at 2027 G Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.,
and advised that possibly this individual could have
received treatment at that location.

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[redacted] advised that the [redacted] at the Melwood farm is [redacted] Washington, D. C., telephone [redacted] and who may be familiar with the treatment of this individual. [redacted] may also have been associated with the Melwood Clinic during its operations in 1971 and may be able to advise where records for treatment of COFFELT may be located.

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[redacted] caused a search to be made of the Melwood Farm patient records, however, could not locate any record indicating that COFFELT received treatment at the institution during the pertinent period of time.

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Investigation conducted by Baltimore Division relative to location of [redacted] Maryland, as set forth in referenced Seattle airtel to Bureau dated 4/26/77 indicates that [redacted] no longer resides at that address.

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On 5/1/77, [redacted] U. S. Post Office, U. S. Postal Service, 21 South Summit Avenue, [redacted] Maryland, telephone 926-3113, advised that postal records do not show a change of address for [redacted] Maryland. Contact with postal carrier handling the above address and route for the past three years, does not recall [redacted] at that address and advised that the area at which this residence is located is a townhouse community.

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[redacted] stated that the current occupant of [redacted] Maryland, is a [redacted]

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On 5/4/77, [redacted] Maryland, advised that he is not familiar with a [redacted] residing at that address. He advised that he has resided at [redacted] Maryland, since June of 1974, and previously purchased the residence from a family, last name of [redacted]

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TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (164-497)
FROM: ~~GP~~ SAC, BALTIMORE (164-103) (RUC)
SUBJECT: NORJAK
OO: SEATTLE

RE:
JAMES BRYANT COFFELT

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Re Baltimore airtel to Bureau, 5/13/77 (no copies to Los Angeles and Las Vegas), and Los Angeles airtel to Baltimore, 6/7/77.

Enclosed for Los Angeles and Las Vegas is one copy each of referenced Baltimore airtel to Bureau setting forth results of investigation re COFFELT.

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NORJAK. OO: SEATTLE.

RE SEATTLE TELETYPE TO BUREAU, JULY 20, 1977, AND
DENVER TELETYPE TO BUREAU, JULY 20, 1977.

ON JULY 20, 1977, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] WERE INTERVIEWED AT FAYETTEVILLE, ARK., AND
FURNISHED FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

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this, 7/20/77*

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APPROXIMATELY 3 MONTHS AGO [REDACTED] WAS CONTACTED BY [REDACTED] OF UNITED PRODUCTIONS LIMITED, A SUBSIDIARY OF PUBLIC BROADCASTING SYSTEM, REGARDING HER [REDACTED] DESIRED TO MAKE FOR EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION. [REDACTED] OFFERED HER \$5,000 FOR A 10-DAY PERIOD, AND [REDACTED] ESTIMATED THAT RESIDUAL RIGHTS MIGHT RUN AS HIGH AS \$30,000.

ON THURSDAY, JULY 14, 1977, SHE RETURNED FROM A FLIGHT ON FRONTIER AIRLINES TO HER BASE STATION AT DENVER, COLORADO. SHE HAD JUST WALKED UP THE STAIRS WHEN A YOUNG MAN CAME RUNNING TOWARD HER AND CALLED HER BY NAME. THE MAN SAID HE KNEW WHO SHE WAS BUT THAT SHE WOULD NOT KNOW HIM. SHE ASSUMED THIS WAS [REDACTED] AND STATED, "YOU FINALLY FOUND ME. YOU MUST BE [REDACTED] HE WANTED [REDACTED]

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SUGGESTED THEY GO UPSTAIRS TO THE COFFEE SHOP TO TALK. SHE BECAME FRIGHTENED AND REQUESTED THAT HE GO WITH HER INTO THE [REDACTED] ROOM. THEY WENT INTO THAT ROOM AND SAT IN ONE CORNER AND TALKED FOR AWHILE. HIS REASON [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BRYANT

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JACK COFFELT, AND CLAIMED THAT COFFELT WAS D. B. COOPER.
HE WANTED HER TO IDENTIFY [REDACTED] COFFELT AS THE
HIJACKER AND THEN SIGN A STATEMENT THAT SHE HAD IDENTIFIED
[REDACTED] IN THE PRESENCE OF A NOTARY PUBLIC. SHE
ASKED HIM HIS NAME, AND HE SAID [REDACTED] AND SHE
QUESTIONED WHETHER THAT WAS HIS TRUE NAME. HE HAD A SHEEPISH
LOOK ON HIS FACE AND THEN GAVE HIS NAME AS [REDACTED] SHE
TOLD HIM SHE WOULD HAVE TO THINK ABOUT [REDACTED]
AND GAVE HIM HER TELEPHONE NUMBER, AND HE WAS TO CALL HER ON
FRIDAY AT HER HOME IN DENVER.

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EARLY FRIDAY AFTERNOON, JULY 15, 1977, HE TELEPHONED
HER AND REQUESTED TO COME TO HER RESIDENCE [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] SHE GAVE HIM THE ADDRESS, HOWEVER,
HE DID NOT ARRIVE UNTIL APPROXIMATELY 8:30 PM. WHEN HE
ARRIVED [REDACTED] AND
[REDACTED] SHE WENT OUTSIDE BY THE SWIMMING
POOL TO TALK WITH [REDACTED] AND HE SHOWED HER [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] BEARING THE TYPED NAME OF BRYANT JACK COFFELT. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] SHE DID NOT KNOW WHETHER [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] DISCUSSED

IT RATHER BRIEFLY AND, WHEN [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] THAT COOPER DID NOT LEAVE THE HIJACKED PLANE
IN THE WOODLAND, WASHINGTON, AREA BUT THAT HE HAD [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
REAR STAIRS WERE OPENED. COOPER STATED THAT [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

FBI HAD REGARDING HIS HAVING LEFT THE PLANE NEAR WOODLAND,
WASHINGTON, WAS I CORRECT.

AFTER SHE [REDACTED] CAME OUT AND
[REDACTED] THEN [REDACTED] SHOWED HER [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] HE CLAIMED WAS COFFELT. HE WANTED HER TO IDENTIFY [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] AT THEM, RECALLING THAT THE
HIJACKER HAD DARKER SKIN, A RECEDING HAIRLINE WITH THIN BLACK
HAIR, AND, AFTER [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] WAS REALLY D. B. COOPER. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] HAD THE HAIRLINE, THE THINNING HAIR, THE EARS, NOSE,
AND LONG FACE, [REDACTED]
SHE MENTIONED TO [REDACTED] AND HE
EXPLAINED THAT COFFELT HAD A DARK COMPLEXION [REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]

CLAIMED TO HAVE TAKEN AT THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION IN
WASHINGTON, D. C., IN SUMMER 1974.

[REDACTED] CONFIRMED ALL OF THE ABOVE DETAILS WHICH
APPEARED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] MR. BOYLE, A BOEING
EXECUTIVE WHO IS NOW DECEASED, WAS INVOLVED IN A PLOT WITH
COFFELT AND A THIRD MAN, UNNAMED, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND WHO HAD FLOWN FOR NORTHWEST ORIENT
AIRLINES. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] TO GET IN TOUCH WITH [REDACTED]
AN ATTORNEY IN WASHINGTON, D. C., [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

TO BE OPENED IN JULY 1984. [REDACTED] CLAIMED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ALSO CLAIMED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
ON FRIDAY NIGHT, JULY 15, 1977, AFTER [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] AT WHICH TIME [REDACTED] TOLD HIM
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] CLAIM [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] AT THAT TIME
[REDACTED] ALSO STATED [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] IN THE CONVERSATION [REDACTED]
HAD WITH [REDACTED] INDICATED THAT HIS ATTORNEY WAS [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA, AND THAT [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] GEORGIA. [REDACTED] STATED HIS NAME WAS [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] AND THAT [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] AND THAT [REDACTED] GEORGIA.
[REDACTED] ALSO STATED THAT [REDACTED] HIS ATTORNEY, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] TOLD [REDACTED] NEVER TO CONTACT [REDACTED] AGAIN
AND THAT [REDACTED]

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[] AND GAVE HIM HIS OFFICE TELEPHONE NUMBER IN
FAYETTEVILLE, ARK. [] DESCRIBED [] AS A WHITE MALE,
6'2", 185-190 POUNDS, BLUE EYES, SANDY BROWN HAIR, NICE
LOOKING, [] WHO WAS WEARING BLUE JEANS AND
HIKING BOOTS.

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ON SATURDAY, JULY 16, 1977, []
[] TO ARKANSAS, AND []
HAS STAYED WITH HIM INASMUCH AS SHE IS TERRIFIED OF THE
SITUATION THAT HAS DEVELOPED. ON MONDAY, JULY 18, 1977,
[] MADE SEVERAL TELEPHONE CALLS IN AN ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE
WHETHER THERE WAS ANY TRUTHFULNESS TO [] CONTINGENT.
HE CONTACTED [] AND
ALSO HAD AN ATTORNEY FRIEND OF HIS IN CALIFORNIA DO SOME
CHECKING AND LEARNED THAT [] IS APPARENTLY LEGITIMATE.
HE ALSO CONTACTED [] IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA, AND
LEARNED THAT [] WAS CONTACTED APPROXIMATELY A WEEK AGO
BY [] AND THAT [] DESIRED [] TO REPRESENT
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ABOUT [] COFFELT. [] OFFICE TELEPHONE IS
[] AND HOME TELEPHONE [] HE ALSO

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DETERMINED THROUGH HIS CONVERSATION WITH [REDACTED] b6
HAD REPRESENTED [REDACTED] IN SOME BUSINESS DEALINGS IN b7C
THE PAST AND THAT [REDACTED] WHO b7D
CURRENTLY RESIDES IN LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, AND HAS TELEPHONE
[REDACTED] THEREAFTER TELEPHONED [REDACTED]
IN LAS VEGAS IN AN ATTEMPT TO CONTACT [REDACTED] AND LEARNED
THAT [REDACTED] WAS TRAVELING IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BUT WOULD
RETURN TO LAS VEGAS IN A FEW DAYS.

[REDACTED] STATED THAT SHE WAS TOLD BY [REDACTED] NOT TO CONTACT b6
THE FBI OR ANY AUTHORITIES INASMUCH AS THE FBI THOUGHT [REDACTED] b7C
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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] STATED THHAT IF THE STORY GIVEN BY [REDACTED] WAS NOT b6
TRUE, THEN [REDACTED] HAD DONE A LOT OF SERIOUS RESEARCH TO SUBSTANTIATE b7C
HIS STORY AND WAS VERY CONVINCING IN HIS APPROACH AND MANNER. b7D

[REDACTED] STATED THAT IN HER OPINION [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] TO NOT HAVE SOME
VERACITY.

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[] STATED SHE HAD NOT YET DECIDED WHETHER TO ACCEPT [] BUT THAT [] HAD TOLD HER HE HAD CONTACTED ALL OF THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE FLIGHT CREW AND THEY HAD ALL AGREED [] [] SHE STATED SHE PLANNED TO CONTACT EACH OF THE MEMBERS OF THE FLIGHT CREW OF THE HIJACKED AIRPLANE AND DETERMINE WHETHER THEY HAD BEEN CONTACTED AND WHETHER THEY HAD AGREED WITH [] IT WAS STRONGLY SUGGESTED TO HER THAT THE RELEASE OF THE INTIMATE DETAILS OF THE HIJACKING WHICH ARE KNOWN TO HER AND MEMBERS OF THE FLIGHT CREW MAY NOT BE SUITABLE FOR RELEASE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC IN THE FORM OF A BOOK, MAGAZINE ARTICLE, OR MOTION PICTURE. [] PLANS TO REMAIN IN [] ARK., UNTIL FRIDAY, JULY 22, 1977, WHEN SHE WILL RETURN TO DENVER AND RESUME HER DUTIES WITH FRONTIER AIRLINES.

[] SPECULATED THAT [] COULD HAVE BEEN CONNECTED AND THAT [] WOULD ONLY AGREE TO ACCEPT [] STORY IF HE GOT SOME VERIFICATION FROM []

IN ADDITION, [] STATED THAT []

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[] WAS ALSO TOLD BY []

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* DURING [] TELEPHONE CALL WITH [] HE LEARNED
THAT [] DID NOT HAVE []
CLAIMED BY [] THAT [] DID NOT HAVE ANY KNOWLEDGE THAT
[] HAD CONTACTED GRIFFIN BELL AND HAD NO APPOINTMENT TO MEET
WITH JAMES EARL RAY; THAT [] DID NOT KNOW ATTORNEY []
[] IN WASHINGTON, D. C.

RECEIVING OFFICES WILL COVER LEADS SET FORTH UNLESS ADVISED
TO THE CONTRARY BY THE BUREAU OR SEATTLE.

ATLANTA AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA: CONTACT [] REGARDING
[] THE REASON FOR [] REQUESTING REPRESENTATION BY []
AND INTERVIEW REGARDING THE DETAILS SET FORTH ABOVE.

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DENVER AT DENVER, COLORADO: UPON THE RETURN OF []
[] WILL MAINTAIN CLOSE CONTACT WITH HER IN THE EVENT SHE
IS CONTACTED IN THE FUTURE BY []

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LOS ANGELES: IF NOT ALREADY DONE, DETERMINE IF []
[] IS AFFILIATED WITH UNITED PRODUCTIONS LIMITED, A SUBSIDIARY
OF PUBLIC BROADCASTING SYSTEM, AND DISCREETLY DETERMINE WHETHER HE
PLANS A FILM OR EXPOSE OF CAPTIONED HIJACKING.

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LAS VEGAS: CONTACT [REDACTED]
TELEPHONE [REDACTED] AND DETERMINE PRESENT LOCATION OF
[REDACTED]. DETERMINE WHETHER [REDACTED] WAS RELATED TO
COFFELT. ATTEMPT TO INTERVIEW [REDACTED]
REFERRED TO ABOVE.

SEATTLE: CONSIDER CONTACTING [REDACTED] THROUGH
NORTHWEST ORIENT AIRLINES AND INTERVIEW REGARDING COOPER
[REDACTED] CONSIDER CONTACTING OTHER
FFLIGHT CREW MEMBERS AND DETERMINE WHETHER THEY HAVE BEEN IN
CONTACT WITH [REDACTED] REGARDING A CONSULTATION ON
A FILM. FURNISH RECEIVING OFFICES WITH ADDITIONAL DETAILS AS
DEEMED NECESSARY.

SAN DIEGO AND MINNEAPOLIS: COVER LEAD AS SET FORTH IN
REFERENCED SEATTLE TELETYPE.

LITTLE ROCK AT [REDACTED] ARK.: INTERVIEW [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] AND OBTAIN DESCRIPTION OF
[REDACTED] AND DETAILS OF THE CONTACT BETWEEN [REDACTED] AND
[REDACTED] AS SET FORTH ABOVE. NOTE THAT [REDACTED]
ALSO RESIDE IN [REDACTED]

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FOR ANY QUESTIONS OR CORRECTIONS CONTACT LITTLE ROCK DIVISION.

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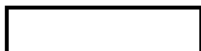
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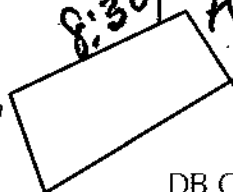


RE SEATTLE TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU, DATED JULY 19, 1977;

LITTLE ROCK TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU, DATED JULY 20, 1977.

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A COPY OF LITTLE ROCK TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU, DATED JULY 20, 1977, IS BEING SENT TO WFO BY FACSIMILE.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF RECEIVING OFFICES, EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION CONCERNING SUSPECT, JACK BRYANT COFFELT, HAS INDICATED THAT HE IS IN NO WAY CONNECTED WITH THE NORJAK HIJACKING. IT DOES APPEAR, HOWEVER, THAT BECAUSE [REDACTED] [REDACTED] HAS PAID MONEY FOR A SCRIPT FROM [REDACTED] LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, THAT [REDACTED] IS ANXIOUS TO OBTAIN INFORMATION WHICH WOULD EITHER UPDATE THE SCRIPT AND MAKE IT MORE PLAUSIBLE OR WOULD VERIFY IT AND THEREFORE, MAKE IT MORE VALUABLE.

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RE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS, ALL OFFICES BE ADVISED THAT AN INDICTMENT RETURNED ON NOVEMBER 24, 1976, BY A UNITED STATES GRAND JURY IN PORTLAND, OREGON, CHARGING UNSUB AS JOHN DOE, AKA DAN COOPER, WITH VIOLATIONS OF AIRCRAFT PIRACY AND HOBBS ACT STATUTES.

ALL OFFICES ARE CAUTIONED ABOUT CONFIRMING OR DENYING ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS HIJACKING. INTERVIEWS SHOULD BE CONDUCTED TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ONLY. [REDACTED] ACCOUNT OF THE HIJACKING IS CONTAINED IN LITTLE ROCK'S TELETYPE TO

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THE BUREAU, OBVIOUSLY CONTAINS SOME INACCURACIES. THESE ARE NOT TO BE BROUGHT TO HER ATTENTION.

IN ADDITION TO THE LEADS SET FORTH IN LITTLE ROCK'S TELETYPE, THE FOLLOWING LEADS ARE BEING SET FORTH OR REITERATED:

DENVER AT DENVER, COLORADO: WILL CONSULT WITH [REDACTED] WHEN SHE RETURNS TO DETERMINE IF ANY INFORMATION OF A CONFIDENTIAL NATURE WAS DISCLOSED BY HER.

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LOS ANGELES, AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA: WILL MAINTAIN A CLOSE CONTACT WITH [REDACTED] HOWEVER, WILL NOT PROVIDE HER ANY INFORMATION OF A CONFIDENTIAL NATURE CONCERNING THIS INVESTIGATION. IF THOUGHT DESIREABLE, WILL ADVISE [REDACTED] OF THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS TELETYPE AND POSSIBLY REITERATE THE FACT THAT OTHER WITNESSES HAVE BEEN CONTACTED AND HAVE REFUSED TO COOPERATE.

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LAS VEGAS AT LAS VEGAS, NEVADA: WILL ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE THE PRESENT LOCATION OF [REDACTED] AND THEREAFTER, SET FORTH THE FOLLOWING LEADS:

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USED BY UNSUB TO CUT PARACHUTE SHROUDS; D. THE LOCATION

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

MINNEAPOLIS AT MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA: WILL, THROUGH
LIAISON AT NORTHWEST ORIENT AIRLINES, ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE
IF THE THIRD MAN ALLEGED [REDACTED]

WAS [REDACTED] AND HAD FLOWN FOR
NORTHWEST ORIENT AIRLINES, CAN BE IDENTIFIED.

SAN DIEGO AT SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA: WILL IMMEDIATELY
LOCATE AND/OR RELOCATE AND INTERVIEW [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA [REDACTED] TELEPHONE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND DETERMINE IF UNSUB [REDACTED]

DURING THE HIJACKING AND ALSO DETERMINE IF SHE TOLLD UNSUB
DURING THE HIJACKING THAT [REDACTED]

IN ADDITION, WILL DETERMINE FROM [REDACTED] IF SHE HAS PROVIDED
ANY CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION TO [REDACTED] OR ANYONE ELSE NOT
CONNECTED WITH THE FBI, AND FINALLY, WILL ASCERTAIN IF ANYTHING
OCCURRED DURING THE HIJACKING THAT SHE HAS NOT ADVISED THE
FBI ABOUT.

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WFO AT WASHINGTON, D. C.: WILL ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE IF THERE IS AN ATTORNEY IN WASHINGTON, D. C., BY THE NAME OF [REDACTED] EITHER AT THE PRESENT TIME OR DURING THE PAST FOUR YEARS AND IF SO, CONTACT HIM TO DETERMINE IF HE IS FAMILIAR WITH JAMES BRYANT COFFELT. NOTE A DESCRIPTION OF COFFELT IS CONTAINED IN LOS ANGELES AIRTEL TO THE BUREAU, DATED JANUARY 24, 1977, COPY SENT TO WASHINGTON FIELD.

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THE BUREAU IS REQUESTED, IF DEEMED APPROPRIATE, THROUGH APPROPRIATE [REDACTED] TO ASCERTAIN IF COFFELT, UNDER THAT NAME OR ANY KNOWN ALIAS, WAS EVER [REDACTED]

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SEATTLE AT SEATTLE, WASHINGTON: WILL, THROUGH CONTACT WITH THE BOEING AIRCRAFT CORPORATION, ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY (FNU) BOYLE, FORMER EXECUTIVE WITH BOEING, NOW DECEASED.

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FOR ANY QUESTIONS OR CORRECTIONS CONTACT SEATTLE DIVISIONMM
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TO LOS ANGELES (164-479)

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NOPJACK, OO: SEATTLE

REMYTELETYPE.

JAMES BRYANT COFFELT, AKA JACK BRYANT COFFELT.

RE LITTLE ROCK TELETYPE TO BUREAU, JULY 20, 1977.

[REDACTED] LAS VEGAS, INTERVIEWED
JULY 21, 1977, AND ADVISED THEY HAVE DONE CONSIDERABLE
RESEARCH REGARDING THIS MATTER, INASMUCH AS THEY FEEL
D. B. COOPER WAS IDENTICAL TO JACK COFFELT.

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[REDACTED] AND
DOING RESEARCH REGARDING HIS KNOWLEDGE OF JACK COFFELT
[REDACTED] WITH COFFELT
IN THE MOUNT HOOD AREA WHERE COFFELT CLAIMED HE JUMPED FROM
THE AIRPLANE AND LOST THE EXTORTION MONEY. THE [REDACTED] ARE

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UNWARE OF THE PRESENT WHEREABOUTS OF [] BUT EXPECT HIM
TO TELEPHONICALLY CONTACT THEM WITHIN THE NEXT SEVERAL DAYS.

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THEY ADVISED THAT THEY HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE OF ANY LETTER FROM
COFFELT [] SETTING FORTH THE DETAILS OF THE

HIJACKING. THEY STATED []

OF COFFELT [] BY COFFELT,

HOWEVER, COFFELT IS NO RELATION []

[] ADVISED THEY WILL INSTRUCT [] TO IMMEDIATELY
RETURN TO LAS VEGAS FOR INTERVIEW WHEN HE CONTACTS THEM.

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7-22-77 [] TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED FBI LAS VEGAS
THAT [] HAS POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED PHOTOGRAPHS OF
JAMES BRYANT COFFELT AS IDENTICAL TO D.B. COOPER.

[] ADVISED []
DURING HIS INTERVIEW WITH HER. HE ADVISED [] IS IN
[] GIVEN TO HIM BY COFFELT WHICH CLAIMED
[] WAS UNABLE TO DESCRIBE
OVER THE TELEPHONE [] HOWEVER SOUNDED
ANXIOUS TO CO-OPERATE.

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[] DID NOT INTEND TO RETURN TO LAS VEGAS IN THE NEAR FUTURE
THEREFORE WAS ADVISED TO CONTACT SA [] IN LOS ANGELES
WHICH HE AGREED TO DO.

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TO DIRECTOR (164-211) ROUTINE 1130pm

✓ DENVER (164-254) ROUTINE 1255pm

✓ LAS VEGAS (164-60) ROUTINE 1000pm

✓ LITTLE ROCK (164-22) ROUTINE 1230pm

✓ MINNEAPOLIS (164-73) ROUTINE 1020pm

✓ SAN DIEGO (164-91) ROUTINE 1100pm

WASHINGTON FIELD (164-169) ROUTINE 2:44 PM

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NORJAK, OO: SEATTLE.

RE MINNEAPOLIS TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR, JULY 21, 1977;
LITTLE ROCK TELETYPE TO BUREAU, JULY 21, 1977; AND MINNEAPOLIS
TELETYPE TO BUREAU, JULY 22, 1977.

FOR INFORMATION OF BUREAU AND RECEIVING OFFICES, []

[] OF STEWARDESS [] TELEPHONICALLY

CONTACTED SA [] LOS ANGELES, UPON [] AND

[] ARRIVAL AT LOS ANGELES. TELEPHONE CALL TOOK PLACE

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AT APPROXIMATELY 7:30 PM. DURING TELEPHONE CALL, AFTER
SA HAD IDENTIFIED HIMSELF, [] CALLED SA, FBI BY
THE NAME OF [] STATED THAT []
AND [] WERE STANDING IN THE IMMEDIATE AREA OF THE
TELEPHONE BOOTH IN WHICH [] WAS MAKING HIS TELEPHONE
CALL. [] STATED THAT HE DESIRED TO BE INFORMED OF WHAT
ACTION TO TAKE AS FAR AS STAYING IN LOS ANGELES OR LEAVING
AGAIN FOR ARKANSAS. [] WAS ADVISED THAT THE DECISION
WOULD HAVE TO BE HIS AND COULD NOT BE MADE BY FBI, LOS
ANGELES. STEWARDESS [] THEN CAME TO THE TELEPHONE
AND SHE WAS ADVISED THE SAME AS [] STATED
THAT SHE AND [] WERE VERY UNCOMFORTABLE WITH
[] AND THAT THEY WERE NOT BEING REIMBURSED
FOR THEIR PLANE TRAVEL BY []

AT APPROXIMATELY 8:30 PM, JULY 21, 1977, []
TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED FBI, LOS ANGELES AND ADVISED THAT HE
AND STEWARDESS [] WOULD BE RETURNING TO ARKANSAS
VIA AMERICAN AIRLINES FLIGHT AT 8:45 PM.

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REMPTEL TO THE BUREAU DATED JULY 21, 1977.

THE INTERVIEW OF [REDACTED] BY MINNEAPOLIS
APPARENTLY DEVELOPED INFORMATION THAT [REDACTED]
TOLD [REDACTED] THAT HE HAD THE COMPLETE FBI FILE ON THE NORJAK
HIJACKING WHICH HE RECEIVED ON THE "WEST COAST", AND THAT
[REDACTED] THINKS THAT [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] WHO WORKS FOR THE FBI.

MINNEAPOLIS WILL REINTERVIEW [REDACTED] IN PERSON AND
OBTAIN EVERY DETAIL HE HAS CONCERNING [REDACTED] STATEMENT
THAT HE HAD FBI FILES, THE WORDS HE USED, AND THE CONTEXT
IN WHICH HE MADE THE STATEMENT. SEATTLE WILL REVIEW BACK-
GROUND DATA FURNISHED BY [REDACTED] TO DETERMINE IF [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] WORKING FOR THE FBI.

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NORJAK, OO: SEATTLE.

RE: JAMES BRYANT COFFELT, AKA JACK BRYANT COFFELT,




RE MINNEAPOLIS TELETYPE TO SAN DIEGO, JULY 20, 1977;

LITTLE ROCK TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR, ET AL, JULY 20, 1977.

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ON JULY 21, 1977, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] TELEPHONE NUMBER [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT SHE WAS CONTACTED BY [REDACTED] IN MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA, IN NOVEMBER 1976, AND AGAIN IN JANUARY OF 1977, [REDACTED] CONTACTED HER IN SAN DIEGO. [REDACTED] TALKED TO HER REGARDING THE HIJACKING AND TOLD HER THAT HE WOULD LIKE FOR HER TO [REDACTED] WHICH HE WAS PREPARING REGARDING THE HIJACKING. [REDACTED] PUT THE REQUEST INTO WRITING, AND [REDACTED] TO HER ATTORNEY, [REDACTED] OF SAN DIEGO. AT THIS TIME, [REDACTED] STATED HE WAS WITH WARNER BROS. STUDIOS IN LOS ANGELES. SHE STATED THAT SHE HAS MAINTAINED A SCRAPBOOK WITH NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS ON THE HIJACKING, AND SHE SHOWED THIS SCRAPBOOK TO [REDACTED]. SHE STATED SHE ONLY DISCUSSED THE HIJACKING AS FAR AS WHAT WAS IN THE NEWSPAPERS WITH [REDACTED]. SHE BECAME A LITTLE LEERY OF [REDACTED] AND TOLD HIM THAT IF HE WANTED TO CONTACT HER AGAIN, [REDACTED] WOULD HAVE TO GO THROUGH HER ATTORNEY. DURING THIS VISIT IN SAN DIEGO, [REDACTED] WAS ACCOMPANIED BY TWO OTHER WHITE MALES WHOSE NAMES SHE DOES NOT

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RECALL. SHE STATED SHE HAS NEVER BEEN CONTACTED BY [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] DURING THIS MEETING, [REDACTED] TOLD
HER THAT HE WAS WORKING WITH THE FBI IN LOS ANGELES ON HIS
PROJECT. [REDACTED] WHICH HE
WANTED HER TO IDENTIFY AS COOPER. SHE STATED [REDACTED]
WERE OF POOR QUALITY AND SHE DID NOT MAKE AN IDENTIFICATION.

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SHE STATED SHE DID NOT FURNISH [REDACTED] ANY CONFIDENTIAL
INFORMATION OR ANY INFORMATION TO ANYONE ELSE NOT CONNECTED
WITH THE FBI. SHE ADDITIONALLY STATED SHE HAD PREVIOUSLY
FURNISHED ALL INFORMATION KNOWN TO HER TO THE FBI REGARDING
THE HIJACKING.

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REGARDING THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN LITTLE ROCK
TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR, ET AL, DATED JULY 20, 1977, IN WHICH
[REDACTED] STATED SHE
KNEW THAT COOPER HAD [REDACTED] BUT
DOES NOT RECALL COOPER [REDACTED] ADDITIONALLY,
SHE ADVISED SHE DOES NOT KNOW IF [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] SHE ONLY KNOWS THAT THERE IS [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] BUT DOES NOT KNOW ON WHICH SIDE. SHE

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STATED SHE DID NOT, TO THE BEST OF HER KNOWLEDGE, INFORM COOPER THAT [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] STATED THAT COOPER DID NOT, AT ANY TIME, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] DURING THE HIJACKING. ADDITIONALLY, COOPER [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DURING THE HIJACKING. SHE STATED SHE WAS SITTING DOWN DURING THE ENTIRE FLIGHT AND THAT THE ONLY TIME SHE STOOD UP WAS WHEN A PASSENGER GOT UP TO USE THE RESTROOM. THIS WOULD HAVE BEEN THE ONLY TIME COOPER WOULD HAVE HAD A CHANCE [REDACTED] AND HE DID NOT. SHE STATED THAT DURING THE ENTIRE FLIGHT, [REDACTED] WAS IN THE COCKPIT PREPARING A LOG OF THE EVENTS AND THAT SHE WAS THE ONLY STEWARDESS IN THE AFT OF THE PLANE.

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[REDACTED] STATED THAT HER ATTORNEY WAS RECENTLY CONTACTED BY CBS NEWSCASTING DEPARTMENT. HER ATTORNEY STATED THAT [REDACTED] APPARENTLY HAD CONTACTED CBS, STATING HE HAD INFORMATION REGARDING THE IDENTITY OF D. B. COOPER AND FURNISHED CBS WITH [REDACTED] ATTORNEY'S NAME. SHE HERSELF HAS NOT CONTACTED CBS AND DOES NOT PLAN ON DOING SO. [REDACTED] WAS

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CAUTIONED THAT ANY INFORMATION SHE HAS IS CRUCIAL TO THIS
INVESTIGATION AND THAT IT SHOULD NOT BE MADE PUBLIC.

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FOR INFORMATION, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CURRENTLY ASSIGNED TO THE SAN DIEGO
DIVISION.

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NORJAK; OO: ATLANTA

RE LITTLE ROCK TELETYPE TO THE DIRECTOR JULY 20, 1977.

[REDACTED] ATTORNEY AT LAW, ATLANTA, GEORGIA,
ADVISED ON JULY 25, 1977, HAT APPROXIMATELY TWO TO THREE
WEEKS AGO HE RECEIVED A TELEPHONE CALL AT HIS OFFICE FROM

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[REDACTED] A HIGHLY RESPECTED ATLANTA ATTORNEY,
HAS HAD A LONG ASSOCIATION WITH [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] IN HIS PHONE CALL IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS
[REDACTED] AND ADVISED [REDACTED] THAT HE
WANTED [REDACTED] TO BE HIS LAWYER. [REDACTED] STATED THAT HE WAS
DEALING WITH ONE [REDACTED] IN FAYETTEVILLE, ARKANSAS,
IN REGARD TO SELLING A STORY CONCERNING INSTANT MATTER.

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[REDACTED] ADVISED [REDACTED] THAT HE, [REDACTED] HAS NOT BEEN
RETAINED BY [REDACTED] AND HAS NOT SEEN [REDACTED] BUT
INASMUCH AS HE KNEW [REDACTED] AND "ON THE BASIS
THAT I WILL HELP YOU IN ANY LEGAL MATTERS IN WHICH I AM
QUALIFIED, YOU MAY ADVISE [REDACTED] THAT I AM YOUR
ATTORNEY." APPROXIMATELY TWO WEEKS AGO HE RECEIVED A PHONE
CALL FROM [REDACTED] WHOM HE DESCRIBED AS [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] FAYETTEVILLE, ARKANSAS,
AND RELATED TO [REDACTED] THAT HE HAD UNDERTAKEN TO ADVISE
[REDACTED] IN CERTAIN LEGAL MATTERS.

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[REDACTED] FELT THAT NEITHER [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] HAD CONTACTED THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES

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NOR DOES HE RECALL ANY REFERENCE BY EITHER OF [REDACTED] TO JAMES EARL RAY AND ADDITIONALLY, [REDACTED] DBES NOT KNOW AN ATTORNEY NAMED [REDACTED] IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT [REDACTED] IS A CLOSE PERSONAL FRIEND OF THE HONORABLE GRIFFIN B. BELL, ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES. [REDACTED] SOMETIME IN APRIL, 1977, RELATED TO [REDACTED] OF LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, HIS CLOSE PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH JUDGE BELL AND OFFERED TO RELATE [REDACTED] VERSION OF INSTANT MATTER AND THE IDENTITY OF DAVID BRYANT COFFELT AS HIJACKER TO JUDGE BELL TO SEE IF THIS WOULD BE OF INTEREST TO JUDGE BELL AND THE FBI. [REDACTED] CONSENTED AND AGREED THAT [REDACTED] SHOULD TURN OVER TO FBI A FILE OF CORRESPONDENCE AUTHORED BY [REDACTED] AND RELATING TO [REDACTED] EFFORTS TO SELL A STORY TO MOVIE AND TELEVISION MEDIA IN WHICH DAVID BRYANT COFFELT, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] AND NOW DECEASED, IS IDENTIFIED AS THE HIJACKER IN INSTANT MATTER. [REDACTED] HAS DISCUSSED THE COFFELT-COOPER RELATIONSHIP WITH JUDGE BELL AND WAS SUBSEQUENTLY INTERVIEWED BY AGENTS IN ATLANTA

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AND FURNISHED HIS FILE CONCERNING THE [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] STATES THAT HE DOES NOT RECALL SPECIFICALLY

[REDACTED]
HOWEVER, HIS FILE WHICH HE HAS TURNED OVER TO FBI,
ATLANTA, AND WHICH HAS BEEN FORWARDED TO FBI, LAS VEGAS,
CONTAINS MANY [REDACTED]

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WHICH [REDACTED] CLAIMS HE HAS NOT TAKEN THE TIME TO READ
BUT MERELY ACKNOWLEDGED, MIGHT WELL CONTAIN SUCH [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HAS RECENTLY WRITTEN [REDACTED] THAT
HE DOES NOT ANY LONGER DESIRE TO REPRESENT [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] IN THE COFFELT COOPER MATTER.

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[REDACTED] REITERATED HIS CONTINUED COOPERATION WITH FBI
IN THIS MATTER AND URGED USE OF THE CORRESPONDENCE WHICH
HE HAS PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED FOR WHATEVER VALUE IT MIGHT
OFFER.

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RE WFO AIRTEL TO BUREAU DATED JUNE 21, 1977, AND SEATTLE
TELETYPE TO BUREAU AND ABOVE OFFICES DATED JULY 22, 1977.

ON AUGUST 2, 1977, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA, WAS INTERVIEWED BY
SPECIAL AGENTS [REDACTED]

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[] ADVISED HE WAS AN ATTORNEY WITH OFFICES AT 325 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, S.E., WASHINGTON, D. C. (WDC). [] MET JAMES BRYANT COFFELT IN 1970 WHEN BOTH WERE ATTENDING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS. [] DESCRIBES COFFELT AS A COUNTRY BOY WHO WAS "A REAL CON MAN."

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ACCORDING TO [] COFFELT WAS A VERY LIKEABLE PERSON WHO WAS A GOOD STORY TELLER AND SALESMAN. COFFELT TOLD [] HE, COFFELT, WAS FROM THE COLSON HILLS AREA, HAD DONE TIME FOR BANK ROBBERY, AND HAD BEEN PAROLED IN 1955. ACCORDING TO COFFELT, WHEN TRUMAN WAS UNDER SIEGE AT THE BLAIR HOUSE, A GUARD-RELATIVE HAD SAVED TRUMAN'S LIFE AND THE FAMILY WAS REWARDED WITH COFFELT'S PAROLE. [] LAST SAW COFFELT ON DECEMBER 27 OF 1974 OR 1975, WHEN COFFELT WAS MOVING TO LAS VEGAS.

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ABOUT SIX MONTHS AGO A [] CAME TO WASHINGTON AND [] WENT TO BREAKFAST WITH HIM. [] TALKED ABOUT A [] COFFELT HAD WRITTEN [] AND THAT UNIVERSAL STUDIOS WAS INTERESTED IN PUBLISHING THE BOOK. [] WAS TRYING TO LOCATE COFFELT AND ASKED IF COFFELT HAD OWED [] ANY MONEY. [] ADVISED THAT HE HAD DONE SOME LEGAL WORK FOR COFFELT

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IN A CLAIM COFFELT HAD AGAINST ROBERT TODD LINCOLN BECKWITH AND WAS STILL OWED MONEY FOR LEGAL FEES.

AFTER [] VISIT, A PRODUCER FROM UNIVERSAL STUDIOS CALLED AND ADVISED THEY NEEDED PERMISSION TO MAKE PUBLIC SOME OF COFFELT'S WORK. [] SAID HE WAS OFFERED \$25,000 AND A PERCENTAGE OF THE PROFITS AND [] WAS OFFERED THE SAME. [] DECLINED AND ADVISED HE HAD BEEN TOLD BY [] THAT SHE, [], WAS VERY DISTRESSED OVER A TELEPHONE CALL FROM A MAN NAMED [] WHO HAD GONE TO A RELATIVE OF [] AND COFFELT WERE COUSINS. [] ADVISED THE AGENTS THAT DURING THE TIME HE KNEW [] AND JACK COFFELT, THEY HAD NOT []

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[] ADVISED HE COULD NOT BELIEVE COFFELT COULD HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN A HIJACKING, "IT WAS NOT HIS STYLE," AND "I DON'T THINK HE'D KNOW HOW TO OPEN A PARACHUTE LET ALONE OPEN AN AIRPLANE'S DOOR FROM THE INSIDE." [] STATED COFFELT HAD ENTRUSTED NOTHING TO [] FOR SAFEKEEPING IN A VAULT OR ELSEWHERE.

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IN ADDITION, [REDACTED]

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WDC, WAS RECONTACTED REGARDING A REVIEW OF COFFELT'S MEDICAL RECORDS IN AN EFFORT TO ASCERTAIN COFFELT'S WHEREABOUTS ON OR ABOUT NOVEMBER 24, 1971. [REDACTED] ADVISED HIS RECORDS ON COFFELT INDICATED HE LAST TREATED HIM DURING MARCH, 1971. HE BELIEVED HIS TREATMENT OF COFFELT SPANNED 7-9 YEARS.

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DB Cooper-25668

FBI

Date: 8/17/77

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL _____
(Precedence)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (164-2111)
FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) (P)
SUBJECT: NORJAK (A)
OO: SEATTLE
RE: JAMES BRYANT COFFELT, aka
Jack Bryant Coffelt,
Bryant Arthur James Coffelt, (TN)
[redacted]

Re Seattle teletype to Bureau dated 7/22/77 and -
Bureau teletype to Minneapolis dated 7/23/77.

For the information of the Bureau and receiving
offices, the Seattle Division has positively eliminated COFFELT
as a suspect in this matter. However, the following leads
are being set out in an attempt to determine the extent to
which confidential information has been provided to [redacted]
[redacted] and others involved in the attempt to produce a movie
concerning captioned crime.

- 3 - Bureau (164-2111)
 - 2 - Atlanta (164-254)
 - 3 - Denver (164-98)
 - ③ - Los Angeles (164-497)
 - 1 - Little Rock (164-22) (Info)
 - 1 - Las Vegas (164-60) (Info)
 - 1 - San Diego (164-91) (Info)
 - 2 - Minneapolis (164-73)
 - 1 - WFO (164-169) (Info)
 - 3 - Seattle (164-81)
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164-497-953

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Special Agent in Charge

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SE 164-81

LEADS:

MINNEAPOLIS DIVISION

At Minneapolis, Minnesota

Will locate and interview Northwest Orient Airlines [redacted] and obtain from him any information he may have provided [redacted] or any other person involved with the production of the movie, that up unto this time had been considered confidential. It is noted that [redacted] on Northwest at the time of the hijacking and in addition he has had close contact with eye witnesses in this matter and finally [redacted] provided the information used by the FBI, for determining the drop zone and the crime search area conducted shortly after the hijacking. It should be pointed out to [redacted] during this interview that [redacted] is in no way connected with the FBI and that the FBI is not cooperating with his efforts to produce a movie concerning this matter.. In addition, it should be pointed out that none of the other witnesses in this matter, have cooperated with [redacted] at the present time, and that the information that he possesses based on his position with Northwest Orient Airlines, is of critical importance to the possible solution of this crime.

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[redacted] has in his personal possession, a copy of a voice recorder tape printout which contains all of the communications between the skyjacker, the cockpit and the Northwest Control Center, in timed sequence. This should be obtained from [redacted] if he will release it to be FBI and if not, a copy of it should be obtained.

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Note for the information of the Minneapolis Division:
Seattle is in possession of notes taken by [redacted] of the telephone conversations between [redacted] and [redacted] between Northwest [redacted] In at least one conversation, it appears that [redacted] recorded both sides of the conversation. The interview with [redacted] indicates that he provided [redacted] with all of the information he has in this matter, contrary to what he indicated when interviewed by FBI Agents on 8/1/77.

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LOS ANGELES DIVISION

At Los Angeles, California

Will determine if [] could have possibly received confidential FBI information from former retired FBI Agent []. It is noted that [] according to [] is currently [] working for [] in this matter.

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DENVER DIVISION

At Denver, Colorado

Will locate and interview [] and determine from her if she provided any confidential information concerning this crime to [] during her recent trip to Los Angeles.

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[] Will also attempt to determine any other information may have concerning her conversations with []

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ATLANTA DIVISION

At Atlanta, Georgia

Will recontact Attorney [] and determine if he has received any additional information from [] Las Vegas, Nevada, concerning this matter. If so, will attempt to obtain copies of this communication and forward same to Seattle.

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ALL OFFICES COVERING LEADS ARE AGAIN REMINDED, THAT INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS HIJACKING IS NOT TO BE CONFIRMED OR DENIED DURING INTERVIEWS. INTERVIEWS SHOULD BE CONDUCTED TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ONLY.

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Date: 8/23/77

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority)

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)
FROM: ADIC, LOS ANGELES (164-497) (P)
RE: NORJAK (A)
OO: Seattle

RE: JAMES BRYANT COFFELT, aka
Jack Bryant Coffelt,
Bryant Arthur James Coffelt (TN)
[redacted]

Re Seattle airtel to Bureau dated 8/17/77.

As Seattle is well aware, Agents of the Los Angeles Division have interviewed [redacted] on several occasions. During the initial contact, he indicated that he had retained an ex-FBI Agent to assist him [redacted] of COFFELT, but refused to identify this individual. During a later contact on 5/6/77, he identified [redacted] [redacted] a retired FBI Agent from Newport Beach, California. Subsequent efforts to identify [redacted] in Orange County and Los Angeles, California, met with negative results.

[redacted] is a name-dropper, has a wild imagination, and is frequently loose with the truth. It is the opinion of the interviewing agents that the only official information [redacted] has concerning this matter is an FBI identification record relating to COFFELT, which he may have obtained from [redacted] [redacted] if he does, in fact, have one.

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Special Agent in Charge

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Unless advised to the contrary by Seattle, Los Angeles is conducting no additional investigation to identify [REDACTED] It is believed by Los Angeles that even if [REDACTED] is identified, chances of him cooperating would be unlikely and [REDACTED] would be immediately advised. Los Angeles further feels that [REDACTED] would then claim even more strongly that COFFELT is D. B. COOPER and that the FBI is attempting to stop his investigation because the Bureau would be embarrassed if the case was solved by him.

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FBI

TRANSMIT VIA:

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☐ Facsimile
☒ Airtel

PRECEDENCE:

☐ Immediate
☐ Priority
☐ Routine

CLASSIFICATION:

☐ TOP SECRET
☐ SECRET
☐ CONFIDENTIAL
☐ E F T O
☐ CLEAR

Date 8/24/77

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (164-2111)
 FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (164-254)(RUC)
 SUBJECT: NORJAK (A)
 (OO: SEATTLE)

Re Atlanta airtel to the Director dated 5/13/77,
 Little Rock teletype to the Director dated 7/20/77, and
 Seattle airtel to the Director dated 8/17/77.

For information of the New York Division, enclosed
 references relate information developed concerning efforts
 made by [redacted] of Las Vegas, Nevada, [redacted]

[redacted] relating to
 instant matter in which one DAVID BRYANT COFFELT (allegedly
 deceased) is identified as D.B. COOPER, hijacker in instant
 matter.

On 8/16/77, [redacted]
 Atlanta, Georgia, telephonically contacted the Atlanta
 Office and furnished the following information:

She is employed by HEW, Peachtree and 7th
 Street, Atlanta, and on [redacted] she was on a Delta
 Airlines flight from Atlanta to Washington, D.C., when
 she overheard the following story:

- 3 - Bureau (164-2111)
 - ① - Los Angeles (164-497)(Info)
 - 2 - Seattle (164-81)
 - 2 - New York (Enc.3)
 - 1 - Atlanta
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CASE AGENT
11/1/77
SEATTLE CONTACTED
Re

164-497-956

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[Signature]

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Sitting next to her on this flight was one [redacted] who identified himself [redacted] for Newsday, a prominent newspaper on Long Island, New York. She stated that she had verified through library sources his identity and veracity and that he told her [redacted] the subject's escapade and had just met with the subject [redacted] under another name. She stated that [redacted] showed her a penciled drawing on a handkerchief that the subject had done portraying a "snoopy" parachute dropping from an aircraft holding a sack of money. She stated that [redacted] told her and two fellow passengers that the subject is a former Boeing employee and he removed a panel from the ceiling of the jet (in the lavatory) and hid there and later got off the aircraft after it had landed and things had cooled down.

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NEW YORK DIVISION

Will locate [redacted] through Newsday newspaper on Long Island, New York and interview him concerning any information he would care to furnish regarding the identity of the individual identified as D. B. COOPER the suspect in this matter.

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OFFICE OF ORIGIN HAS POINTED OUT THAT THE [redacted] AND POSSIBLY OTHERS ARE ANXIOUS TO OBTAIN INFORMATION WHICH WOULD UPDATE THE SCRIPT BEING PROPOSED AND WRITTEN AND MAKE IT MORE VALUABLE OR WOULD VERIFY THE INFORMATION AND, THEREFORE, MAKE IT MORE PLAUSIBLE. ALL OFFICES COVERING LEADS ARE REMINDED THAT INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS HIJACKING IS NOT TO BE CONFIRMED OR DENIED DURING INTERVIEWS. INTERVIEWS SHOULD BE CONDUCTED TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ONLY.

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FM LITTLE ROCK (164-22) (P)

TO DIRECTOR (164-2111) ROUTINE

LAS VEGAS (164-60) ROUTINE

LOS ANGELES (164-497) ROUTINE

SAN DIEGO (164-91) ROUTINE

SEATTLE (164-812) ROUTINE

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NORJAK (A). 00: SEATTLE.

ON MORNING, SEPTEMBER 1, 1977, [REDACTED]

LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, APPEARED AT FAYETTEVILLE, ARK., RESIDENT
AGENCY AND ADVISED AS FOLLOWS:

THEY HAD VISITED WITH [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] ON FRIDAY N AUGUST 26, 1977. AT THAT TIME [REDACTED]

GAVE THEM A HANDWRITTEN NOTE ADDRESSED TO [REDACTED]

ATTORNEY, DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA, WHICH SET FORTH FINANCIAL
AGREEMENTS FAVORABLE TO [REDACTED]

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COOPERATION. [] WENT TO DURHAM AND SPOKE TO []
[] ATTORNEY, [] OF AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION
AND FRIEND OF [] ATTORNEY IN ATLANTA.

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[] DETERMINED THAT [] HAD BEEN DISBARRED IN NORTH
CAROLINA. [] RETURNED TO [] AND VISITED WITH
[] ON NIGHT, AUGUST 31, 1977. []
RELATED TO THEM [] TO FBI ABOUT
A FEW SITUATIONS DURING THE HIJACKING. FIRST, PILOT SCOTT

[] FLEW THE AIRCRAFT.

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[] HIRD, []

[] BY D. B. COOPER BUT SHE REFUSED IT.

[] CLAIMED COOPER (COFFELT) WENT INTO BATHROOM WHILE
PLANE BEING REFUELED, [] STOOD BY BATHROOM DOOR AND
WAS HIT BY DOOR WHEN COOPER EXITED BATHROOM. []
STATES HE INTERVIEWED []

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[] CLAIMED THAT []

COULD BE MASTERMIND OF HIJACKING SINCE HE IS FORMER NORTHWEST

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AIRLINES [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] CURRENTLY RESIDES IN [REDACTED] MONTANA.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] DISPLAYED SEVERAL CASSETTE TAPE CARTRIDGES AND
ONE REEL-REEL TAPE. 2 OF CASSETTE CARTRIDGES WERE ALLEGED
BY [REDACTED] TO BE ORIGINAL TAPES OF TELEPHONE CALLS BETWEEN

[REDACTED] AND TAPED
[REDACTED] REEL TAPE IS COPY OF CASSETTE OF TELEPHONE CALLS
BETWEEN [REDACTED] AND PART OF A PERSONAL INTERVIEW
BETWEEN [REDACTED] HAVE THESE AND SEVERAL

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TAPES WHICH THEY WILL GLADLY MAKE AVAILABLE TO FBI IF THEY ARE
ASKED, BUT THEY PREFER TO RELEASE THEM TO SA [REDACTED]
LAS VEGAS. ON TAPE INVOLVING [REDACTED] ALLEGES [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] REPLIED
OREGON AND THEN CHANGED TO WASHINGTON, BUT THE OREGON RESPONSE
WAS SPONTANEOUS.

[REDACTED] DISPLAYED WHAT APPEARED TO BE A PIECE OF NYLON CORD,
APPROXIMATELY ONE-HALF INCH LONG, IN A PLASTIC BAG. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] CLAIMS TO HAVE DUG UP THE CORD NEAR THE "BIG ROCK."
THIS WILL ALSO BE TURNED OVER TO FBI, UPON REQUEST, FOR
LABORATORY ANALYSIS.

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[] CLAIMS THAT [] MALIBU, CALIFORNIA,
WERE HIRED [] MUSIC CORPORATION OF AMERICA (MCA),
UNIVERSAL CITY, CALIFORNIA, O CHECK OUT [] STORY
REGARDING COFFELT AND []
[] TAPED OVER RP HOURS OF
INTERVIEWS AND THESE TAPES ARE IN CUSTODY OF []

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[] STATED [] HAS OTHER TAPE RECORDED CONVERSATIONS.
[] OF OPINION THAT [] IS NOT BEING
TRUTHFUL [] BY COOPER AND THAT FBI HAS BEEN
SYSTEMATICALLY MISLED AND LIED TO []

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[] DEPARTED ARKANSAS VIA AUTO SEPTEMBER 1, 1977, EN ROUTE
LAS VEGAS.

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LAS VEGAS: CONTACT [] OBTAIN TAPE RECORDINGS, AND
NYLON CORD.

LEADS TO REINTERVIEW [] O
CONTACT MCA, [] AND OTHERS BEING LEFT TO SEATTLE.

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OCK DIVISION AT [] ARKANSAS: WILL ATTEMPT
TO INTERVIEW []

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TO SEATTLE (164-812) PRIORITY
LOS ANGELES (164-497) PRIORITY
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NORJAK (A). OO: SEATTLE.

ON OCTOBER 2, 1977, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BOTH RESIDENTS OF FAYETTEVILLE, ARK., CONTACTED
SRA, FAYETTEVILLE, ARK., AND STATED HE WAS CURRENTLY IN
LOS ANGELES CONFERRING WITH THE PEOPLE WHO WANTED TO GAIN
PRODUCTION RIGHTS TO STORY ABOUT JACK BRYANT COFFELT AND
HIS ALLEGED INVOLVEMENT IN CAPTIONED HIJACKING. [REDACTED]
ASKED [REDACTED] OF INDIVIDUAL ALLEGED TO BE COFFELT
AND FURNISHED BY [REDACTED] WERE, IN FACT,
COFFELT AND STATED THAT HE DID NOT DESIRE TO DO ANYTHING
ILLEGAL. HE WAS ADVISED THAT SRA, FAYETTEVILLE, HAD NO
KNOWLEDGE THAT [REDACTED] FURNISHED BY [REDACTED] WERE, IN FACT,

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COFFELT, HOWEVER, [REDACTED] HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED DURING
PAST CONVERSATIONS, COFFELT IS NOT SUBJECT D. B. COOPER.

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[REDACTED] STATED HE WILL REMAIN IN LOS ANGELES UNTIL NIGHT,
OCTOBER 3, 1977, WHEN HE WILL DEPART EN ROUTE [REDACTED]
ARK. HE INTENDS TO MEET WITH [REDACTED] AND OTHERS DURING LATE
AFTERNOON AND EVENING, OCTOBER 3, 1977, AND THEY ARE SERIOUSLY
TALKING ABOUT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CURRENTLY STAYING AT MOTEL AT
TELEPHONE [REDACTED] LITTLE ROCK WILL HANDLE
SUBSEQUENT TELEPHONE CONTACT WITH [REDACTED]

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TO SEATTLE (164-812) ROUTINE

LOS ANGELES (164-497) ROUTINE

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NORJAK (A). 00: SEATTLE.

RE JACK BRYANT COFFELT.

RE LITTLE ROCK TELETYPE TO SEATTLE AND LOS ANGELES,

OCTOBER 3, 1977.

[REDACTED] WAS RECONTACTED EVENING, OCTOBER 3, 1977,
AND ADVISED THAT THE ALLEGED [REDACTED] OF JACK BRYANT COFFELT
MAY OR MAY NOT ACTUALLY [REDACTED] OF COFFELT BUT IN EITHER
CASE COFFELT WAS NOT D. B. COOPER. [REDACTED] WAS ALSO ADVISED
THAT THERE WAS APPARENTLY NOTHING ILLEGAL [REDACTED]
ENTERING INTO [REDACTED] OR OTHERS,
HOWEVER, IF THE REAL D. B. COOPER GAINED KNOWLEDGE OF THE
INVESTIGATION IN THIS CASE AND FROM THAT WAS ABLE TO FURTHER

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JCA

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ELUDE IDENTIFICATION AND APPREHENSION, THERE WAS A POSSIBILITY THAT CRIMINAL CHARGES COULD BE FILED AGAINST THE PERSONS ENGAGED IN THE PUBLICIZING OF THE CASE.

[] STATED SHE RECALLS CLEARLY WHAT HAPPENED ON NIGHT OF HIJACKING, AND [] FURNISHED BY [] RESEMBLE COOPER IN SEVERAL RESPECTS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF WEIGHT. SHE DESIRES TO SEE MORE RECENT PHOTO OF COFFELT THAN ONE TAKEN AT ATLANTA IN 1948 IF SUCH IS AVAILABLE.

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ON OCTOBER 4, 1977, [] RECONTACTED SRA, FAYETTEVILLE, ARK., AND ADVISED []

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[] AND WOULD SEEK FBI APPROVAL BEFORE DOING SO.

[] STATED THAT [] STATED HE WAS CONTINUING WITH "PROJECT" AND WAS GOING TO SELL HIS STORY BASED ON AN AFFIDAVIT FROM [] CLAIMING THAT WHEN [] OF COFFELT IN DENVER, SHE IDENTIFIED [] AS COOPER. [] DENIES THIS, AND [] CONTEMPLATES LEGAL ACTION AGAINST [] IF THE ALLEGED AFFIDAVIT IS USED AS BASIS FOR STORY, PUBLICATION, AND FILM PRODUCTION.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (164-497) (3)

DATE: 5/25/78

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: NORJAK

[At 1:20 p.m. on 5/23/78, SAC JACK REID, Seattle Division, telephonically advised that MIKE WALLACE was contemplating presenting information on TV reflecting that the Bureau was covering up information regarding the identity of D. B. COOPER. The program would infer that the Bureau had eliminated BRYANT COFFELT because he was a close friend of HOOVER and was, in some way, involved in the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING. REID advised that, by Los Angeles airtel dated 1/24/77, Los Angeles had provided Seattle with two photographs of COFFELT, one in which he was wearing a white checkered shirt and glasses, and the second was a head on shot wherein COFFELT was wearing a sport shirt and smoking a cigarette.

REID continued that [REDACTED] of BRYANT COFFELT, had been located in Honolulu, Hawaii, and exhibited photographs furnished to Seattle by referenced Los Angeles airtel and that she had stated that the individual in the photographs was not identical to [REDACTED] BRYANT COFFELT.

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SAC REID requested that the following leads be handled by Los Angeles expeditiously and results be provided to Seattle by telephone or teletype.

1. Locate [REDACTED] of BRYANT COFFELT, [REDACTED] Gardena, California, and exhibit photographs mentioned above and determine if identical to COFFELT.

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2. Interview to determine if he recalls where []
[] and COFFELT were on Thanksgiving 1971, noting that
[] has stated that they were somewhere back East.

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3. Make inquiry of [] regarding any papers
he might have in his possession showing possible location
of BRYANT and [] in November 1971.

4. Determine if [] has any photographs of
COFFELT.

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5. Advise Seattle of identity of person who made
above photographs available to the FBI.

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TRANSMIT VIA:

☐ Teletype
☐ Facsimile
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PRECEDENCE:

☐ Immediate
☐ Priority
☐ Routine

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☐ SECRET
☐ CONFIDENTIAL
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Date 5/25/78

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FM LOS ANGELES (164-497) (3) (RUC)

TO DIRECTOR (164-2111) ROUTINE

SEATTLE (164-81) ROUTINE

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U N C L A S

NORJAK, OO: SEATTLE.

RE JAMES BRYANT COFFELT, AKA JACK BRYANT COFFELT,
BRYANT ARTHUR JAMES COFFELT (TN), [REDACTED]

RE SEATTLE TELEPHONE CALL TO LOS ANGELES MAY 23, 1978
AND LOS ANGELES TELEPHONE CALL TO SEATTLE MAY 25, 1978.

[REDACTED]
ALSO KNOWN AS [REDACTED] CALI-
FORNIA, TELEPHONE [REDACTED] INTERVIEWED AT HIS RESI-
DENCE DURING EVENING OF MAY 24, 1978, IN PRESENCE [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] AT WHICH TIME THE FOLLOWING

INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED:

[REDACTED] HAS NOT SEEN [REDACTED] SINCE APPROXIMATELY

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PAGE TWO (LA 164-497) U N C L A S

MARCH 1957, AND NEVER PERSONALLY MET JACK COFFELT, ALTHOUGH HE TALKED WITH HIM ON THE TELEPHONE ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS. HE WAS UNABLE TO FURNISH ANY INFORMATION REGARDING COFFELT'S WHEREABOUTS DURING THE PERTINENT PERIOD. HE RECALLED THAT IN 1969, HE PURCHASED SOME PROPERTY IN LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, FROM [REDACTED] AND AT THAT TIME, SHE WAS RESIDING AT [REDACTED] [REDACTED] ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA.

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[REDACTED] RECALLED THAT COFFELT ALLEGEDLY WORKED AT ONE TIME AT A HOSPITAL IN THE ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA, AREA BUT COULD NOT REMEMBER THE NAME OR LOCATION. SHE ALSO RECALLED THAT, WHILE THE COFFELTS WERE LIVING IN THE VIRGINIA AREA, THEY WERE FRIENDLY WITH A "HEAVY SET ATTORNEY" WHO LIVED [REDACTED] (PREVIOUSLY INTERVIEWED). SHE STATED ON AT LEAST ONE OCCASION, JACK COFFELT CALLED HER, ATTEMPTING TO BORROW MONEY.

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5/26/78

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (164-497) (3) (RUC)
SUBJECT: NORJAK

Re: JAMES BRYANT COFFELT, aka
Jack Bryant Coffelt
Bryant Arthur James Coffelt (TN)
[redacted]

Re Los Angeles teletype to the Bureau dated 5/25/78.

Enclosed for Seattle are three photographs of JACK
COFFELT believed taken in 1962 furnished by [redacted]
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A-1 HERALD EXAMINER
LOS ANGELES, CA

Date: 12/16/77

Edition: Sunday Latent

(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

Search for 1971 hijacker leads to mysterious ex-con

The year was 1971. It was a dark, stormy Thanksgiving Eve in Portland, Ore., and at the busy Portland International Airport, everyone seemed to want to be somewhere else this night, preferably with family and loved ones preparing for the next day's feast.

A middle-age man, dressed in a black suit, white shirt and thin black tie and wearing a hat, walked up to the Northwest Airlines counter. The man, who was about 6 feet tall and of medium build and carried a briefcase, gave his name as Dan Cooper and paid cash for a one-way ticket on Flight 305 to Seattle. The ticket agent punched the wrong key and the name came out "D.B. Cooper."

A few minutes after takeoff, the misnamed passenger handed a stewardess a note threatening to blow up the plane with a hidden bomb if he didn't receive \$200,000 cash and four parachutes. The plane went to Seattle, where an FBI agent brought the ransom to the cabin door and handed it to a stewardess. Then, as the plane continued on toward Reno, Nev., with its rear door open, as the hijacker had instructed, D.B. Cooper jumped into the night — and became a legend in American crime.

The massive manhunt that began the next day in the mountainous terrain that Cooper jumped into was only the beginning. In the eight years since the famous incident, the Federal Bureau of Investigation has expended thousands of man-hours tracking down leads on some 900 suspects. Yet, the official line is still that an unknown man hijacked Flight 305 that night and probably died in the parachute jump — though his body, the chutes and the money were never found in the wild, uninhabited Cascade Mountains.

But that may not be what happened. There is at least some evidence that D.B. Cooper was an ex-con named Byron "Jack" Coffelt who survived the jump and escaped. The FBI and various media outlets have spent considerable time investigating the Coffelt-Cooper connection, yet his story has never before been published.

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It is a mystery story — though an investigation has turned up some evidence suggesting that Coffelt was Cooper, including two passengers on the hijacked airplane who saw photos of Coffelt and identified him as the hijacker.

The story also has intriguing characters — including alleged bungling, FBI agents, a rich right-wing recluse who is the last living relative of Abraham Lincoln and the convicted assassin of Martin Luther King Jr., James Earl Ray.

Much of Jack Coffelt's life is shrouded in mystery, and that's undoubtedly the way he wanted it. This picture of his life was pieced together from interviews with various knowledgeable sources, including journalists and lawmen.

Coffelt, who was born in 1916, spent the first 30 years of his life in and out of jails throughout the Midwest for a variety of minor crimes. In 1949, he hit the big time: He received a 10-year sentence for interstate transportation of a stolen automobile, and served time in Atlanta and Leavenworth federal prisons. Over the years, his cell mates reportedly included Col. Jack Durant, who was convicted of stealing the Hesse crown jewels during World War II; James Earl Ray, who is presently serving a life sentence for killing Martin Luther King Jr.; and James Brown, an Army officer convicted of serving time on an assault charge.

Sometime during those prison years, Coffelt and the FBI apparently made contact. A source, who requested anonymity, says there is a letter signed by J. Edgar Hoover asking the prison warden for information about Coffelt, as well as evidence that the agent in charge of the local FBI office in Atlanta was Coffelt's sole visitor for five years.

Some persons who have studied Coffelt's past suspect that he became an FBI informant in prison, perhaps secretly turning over information damaging to his cell mates. Certain sources add that Coffelt himself described his days in the pen as a "revolving door," claiming that he would be let out for a few days or weeks at a time to carry out "a job" for the government.

The FBI refused to comment on any of this or on any other aspect of Coffelt's life.

In 1955, after serving only six years of his 10-year sentence, Coffelt was paroled from Leavenworth.

In the mid-'60s, he began a mysterious association with Robert Todd Lincoln Beckwith, the last living relative of Abraham Lincoln.

Beckwith — Lincoln's great-grandson — is the scion of rich industrialist Warren Beckwith, and he lives on a sprawling 300-acre estate in Virginia. The land came from the Lincoln side of the family: Beckwith inherited it from his mother, who acquired the estate from her father, Lincoln's son.

Beckwith had not been idle with his wealth, a six-figure annual income from a lifetime trust left by his father. He has reportedly financed several right-wing causes.

Coffelt became Beckwith's aide-de-camp and got control of more than one Beckwith-financed bank account. But little else is known about this mysterious relationship, which Beckwith himself declines to clarify.

Other bits and pieces have emerged about this period of Coffelt's life:

□ In 1974, Coffelt boasted to an old friend, former Atlanta cell mate James Brown, that he had "helped kill a nigger" in Memphis, Tenn. Then, elaborating slightly, he said that he had been in "one of the white cars" that caused confusion around Memphis immediately after Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated in 1968.

In 1978, James Earl Ray was shown a picture of Coffelt by someone investigating the Coffelt-Cooper connection, and reportedly identified his old prison mate — but only after being shown Coffelt's death certificate. Ray gave no further information, according to a source close to the investigation.

□ Coffelt allegedly carried a number of official credentials: FBI, Department of Agriculture, passes for the White House and Pentagon. A college professor reported that he was riding in an automobile with Coffelt in Washington, D.C., when Coffelt picked up Gen. Creighton Abrams, U.S. Army chief of staff (now deceased) and took him to the Pentagon. This professor has claimed that he saw Coffelt flash FBI credentials.

Sometime around 1970, Beckwith fired Coffelt. It was a bitter parting. In 1973, Beckwith settled a suit filed by Coffelt reportedly by giving his former aide a sum equal to \$750 per month, retroactive to 1963. (The settlement papers are sealed by court order.)

Beckwith is still alive at about 80 years of age. But he lives in seclusion, and has declined repeatedly to be interviewed on his relationship with Coffelt.

After the break with Beckwith, Coffelt spent the next couple of years in Washington, D.C., and, for brief periods of time, in Lawrence, Kan. He held a string of odd jobs during this time and was described as being ill and drinking heavily during 1971.

Some who have investigated Coffelt theorize that his deteriorated financial situation after his break with Beckwith may have driven him to try the desperate hijacking of Flight 305.

Eleven days after the Cooper hijacking, Coffelt began a job as a surgical technician at a northern Virginia hospital. His superior there, a woman, told sources that Coffelt had difficulty walking and at one point showed her his "badly discolored legs" — injuries which some believe he sustained in the parachute jump. He worked at the hospital through most of 1972, then in June of 1973 he contacted his old cell mate, James Brown, for the first time in years.

A year later, in May 1974, Coffelt told Brown for the first time that he was D.B. Cooper and disclosed some details of the crime that, if true, presumably only the hijacker could have known. For example, according to Brown, Coffelt described changing into boots before jumping and boasted of flirting with one of the stewardesses. Coffelt also said that he dropped the \$200,000 ransom during the parachute jump and had never recovered it.

Coffelt told Brown that he wanted to go back into the Cascades and look for the small fortune, but he needed help. Brown agreed to accompany him, and in July of that year, the two men and Brown's muscular, 6-foot-plus, 17-year-old son, Byron, made a weeklong trek into the mountains.

According to Brown, Coffelt was then so ill that at one point he nearly collapsed on a steep grade. However, after a week in which they made themselves as inconspicuous as possible, they found no money and quit.

Still, to this day, James Brown remains unshaken in his conviction that his old cell mate was D.B. Cooper.

After the Cascades trip, Coffelt moved to Hawaii and died there in June 1975. Brown, who did not learn about Coffelt's death for more than a year, had written down everything Coffelt told him, and began writing a book manuscript. But he knew he needed help, preferably from a promoter familiar with Hollywood wheeling and dealing.

Brown found free-lance producer Dirk Summers, who was in Las Vegas while producing a Ken Norton heavyweight title fight for CBS Sports.

Summers said in an interview that he subsequently had Brown and his son take lie-detector tests concerning the five weeks they spent with Coffelt. "They passed with flying colors," Summers said. "But all that meant was that Brown believed Coffelt's story. I kept thinking, if this story is true, it's the story of the century."

Summers began his own investigation, and he and Brown organized an expedition into the Cascades in 1977, back to where Coffelt had taken Brown three years earlier. This time, thanks to a metal detector and energetic digging, the search party unearthed a solid piece of physical evidence: a 1½-inch piece of cording that proved to be synthetic nylon of the type used in parachute shrouding — and it was 5 to 7 years old.

"It's a strong piece of circumstantial evidence," said Summers. "We had a lab report confirming that (the) cording ... was from a parachute and several years old. No one has ever asked me, but I'll be happy to take a lie-detector test about where we found it, and how we dug it up. We were very careful uncovering it. I took soil samples which I turned over to the lab so I would know something hadn't just been buried there."

"The area where we found this was very primitive, remote wilderness," Summers explained. "This was Big Foot country. We had to lower ourselves down a cliff to get to the site. There was a dead tree that Jack (told Brown) said he hit. And this enormous, two-story high rock with markings on it. 'Xs' and 'Os' that Coffelt said he had scratched into the rock the night he landed there. That was where we dug. You could even see the narrow trenches, where his feet had hit the ground."

Summers became a believer in the story, and he, too, is still convinced that Jack Coffelt was D.B. Cooper.

In addition, Summers believes that the FBI has gone to great lengths to cover up and otherwise derail the case.

Summers added he suspects that the FBI may have known all along that Coffelt was the hijacker, but didn't go after him because they knew he had stories to tell about his earlier cooperation with the agency.

(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

Hijacker 'Cooper's' \$200,000 — is it still near Mount Hood?

Was Byron "Jack" Coffelt, in July 1977, Wheeler was shown felt the mysterious hijacker D.B. Cooper? photographs of Coffelt by Hollywood producer Dirk Summers, who was investigating the case. Although the case is far from proven, there are two areas of evidence that suggest that Coffelt, an ex-convict with alleged ties to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, was indeed the man who parachuted from Northwest Flight 305 in 1971 with \$200,000 ransom.

First, two people who were aboard Flight 305 were shown a photograph of Coffelt and identified him as the hijacker.

Second, Coffelt apparently told a former cell mate, Jim Brown, important details of the crime that have never been released by lawmen or published by newsmen.

□ Florence Schaffner Wheeler, a stewardess aboard Northwest Flight 305, told investigators that she saw the man who boarded as D.B. Cooper without his hat and dark glasses. Before the plane took off at Portland International Airport, she said she had to go down the ramp to get Cooper, who was standing with a drink in his hand watching the plane being loaded with provisions. He boarded the plane only after the storage doors were closed.

Shortly after takeoff, she saw him writing a note, which he soon passed to her. The note claimed that he had a bomb in his briefcase and that she should sit next to him. Then he opened his briefcase and showed her what looked like sticks of dynamite and a battery.

Cooper told her he wanted \$200,000 in \$20 bills and four parachutes when the plane landed in Seattle, its scheduled destination. She wrote down his demands and relayed them to the pilot, Captain William Scott, and co-pilot, William Rataczak. (Scott is still with Northwest Airlines and commands 747 jumbo jets. Rataczak is a captain, too, for another airline.)

Wheeler now lives in Columbia, Mo., and is a stewardess for Frontier Airlines. Her husband, a college football coach, represents her in all negotiations, and she will reportedly share in any book or movie profits Summers makes on the Coffelt-Cooper story. Despite repeated requests, she refused to be interviewed for this story.

□ George LaBissoniere, a government maritime attorney who lives in Seattle, was a passenger on

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Flight 305. LaBissoniere, who also saw the hijacker without his hat, said in an interview that he identified an FBI photo of Coffelt a month after the hijacking. But he said nothing more ever happened as a result of the identification, as far as he knows. He added that he tried calling the FBI several times, but no one ever returned his calls.

The hijacking points

□ According to Jim Brown, a former cell mate, Coffelt told him that, during the hijacking, when the \$200,000 was delivered and the plane was still on the ground in Seattle, he ordered the pilots over the cabin intercom to "get this bleeping show on the road." The quotes used in news reports were "Let's get this show on the road" and "Let's get this damn show on the road."

Summers claims that co-pilot Rataczak confirmed to him that Cooper used such language.

Coffelt told Brown that when the plane left Seattle, he was alone for a time with stewardess Tine Macklow Larsen, and he flirted with her.

Nothing like this has ever been reported in the press. However, in an interview with Summers at the home of her brother-in-law (who is an FBI agent), Larsen admitted that D.B. Cooper had "made a pass" at her. Also, in an interview conducted by another source, stewardess Wheeler said that Larsen told her the same story about flirting shortly after the hijacking.

□ In published accounts, the FBI said the hijacker was obviously an amateur and noted as proof that he had parachuted from the plane wearing street shoes, apparently unaware that the slipstream would pull them off. But Brown said Coffelt told him that he changed from street shoes into boots before the jump.

Wheeler, the stewardess, has reported to several sources that she saw D.B. Cooper change into boots before jumping.

□ The FBI's official version is that Cooper told the pilot he wanted to go to Mexico and that the crew — not Cooper — selected Reno as a refueling stop. This version suggests the hijacker did not plan to jump over a specific area.

But Brown said Coffelt told another story: That he ordered the pilot to fly directly to Reno, at an altitude of 10,000 feet and at a speed of no more than 200 miles per hour, with the plane's flaps at 15 degrees. Coffelt said he knew when to jump because the spot had been staked out with beacons. He added that he had a Jeep hidden nearby.

Summers said co-pilot Rataczak confirmed that Cooper selected Reno as a refueling stop and directed him to fly at 10,000 feet at 200 mph and with 15-degree flaps.

□ The hijacked airliner's route is the key to Jack Coffelt's story. The account released by the FBI has the plane taking off from Seattle and heading directly over Portland. Then the plane continued south to Medford, Ore., staying on the west side of Mount Hood and the Cascades range. Somewhere in northern California, the FBI says, the plane turned east toward Reno.

Coffelt's story is at odds with this. He told Brown that the plane flew to the east of Mount Hood and that he jumped in an area northeast of the mountain.

So, if it could be proved that the plane took the route released by the FBI, Jack Coffelt was not D.B. Cooper. But, on the other hand, if it can be shown that the airliner flew east of Mount Hood — in direct contradiction to all published accounts — then one might have to believe that Coffelt hijacked Flight 305.

FBI agent Ralph Himmelsbach, the agent in charge of the D.B. Cooper investigation since the beginning, stands firm on the published route.

"It's not possible that the hijacker jumped out anywhere near Mount Hood or the east side of it," he said in an interview. "Air traffic control tracked the route of the plane." But those radar records are not available to the public, nor is the black-box information from the plane's cockpit. "We're not going to release a detailed map of the thing," Himmelsbach said.

Dirk Summers said that, in an interview with Rataczak, the co-pilot referred to flying "to the left of...easterly" of Mount Hood. (This could not be confirmed; the entire cockpit crew refused to grant interviews.) Summers speculated that the FBI might have given a misleading route so that the landing area wouldn't be swamped with treasure hunters while agents combed it.

Two F-106 jets from McCord Air Force Base followed Flight 305 after it took off from Seattle. Lt. Col. Harvey L. Wallace, now retired, piloted one of the jets and remembers that night. "We were in heavy weather. There were a few breaks in it but it was pretty dark and thick and I didn't see him jump. I stayed above the plane because I know what these mountains around there are like." To the crucial question of whether or not they flew to the west or east of Mt. Hood, Wallace says, "I really don't know. I was radar-controlled the whole way. I know I broke off somewhere south of Medford, probably into California, when my fuel got low after following him (the plane) for more than two hours."

As recounted by Brown, Jack Coffelt's account of the hijacking is detailed and plausible:

Coffelt said he had planned to steal a few million dollars, which he thought would be aboard the flight, they melted. He buried what was left of the chutes — headed for the Federal Reserve Bank in Seattle. mostly metal snaps and buckles — next to a large rock.

But after watching the loading of the plane and on which he scratched large Xs and Os. seeing that the bank money was not there, he carried out his alternate plan to demand the \$200,000 ransom. He now considered his dilemma. He could hear signals from the beepers in both the Jeep and the

Coffelt said his bail-out point was not around Lakemoneybag, but the latter was weak and beginning to Merwin in Washington, as stated by the FBI, but rather fade. He thought about going after the money, but 70 miles farther southeast in the Cascades range in quickly dismissed the plan when he realized he would

Oregon, on the east side of Mount Hood.

Coffelt said he had an accomplice with a Jeep waiting in the brush. He added that the four-wheel-drive vehicle was equipped with an electronic "beeper."

He also said he had stashed another vehicle, a white Cadillac, close to a paved road.

Standing at the open door, Coffelt said he soon saw the Bonneville Dam on the Columbia River and knew the plane was just east of Portland.

He said he put the bag containing the \$200,000 and an electronic receiver he was carrying inside a green plastic bag he had in his briefcase. After throwing the briefcase overboard, he tied a line around the moneybag and made a loop for his arm.

Spotting a beacon on Mount Hood, he was able to see a triangle of three small runway lights located east of Mount Hood, apparently set in place by his accomplice. He put his arm through the moneybag loop and waited. Soon he received a signal from the Jeep beeper below. But as he waited to jump directly over the beacon lights, he was suddenly swept off balance by the swirling wind and sucked down into the darkness.

At that altitude, he said, he figured a count of 50 would be about right before opening the chute. But as he fell farther into the black hole, he made it only to about 30 before pulling on the chest-pack rip cord. Nothing happened.

He desperately pulled at the D-ring on the seat-pack chute — and it opened with a jolt. At that moment, relieved that he wouldn't die by hitting the earth at nearly 200 miles per hour, he relaxed his grip on the moneybag, and it slipped off his arm and into the night.

He would never see the moneybag again.

The combination of a strong wind and the early chute opening caused him to drift far from the meadow he had selected, he said. He hit the ground hard at more than 30 mph, was dragged along and smacked into a dead tree.

Despite pain from injuries to his rib cage, genitals, feet and legs, he managed to get the chutes off. Then

he sprayed them with an aerosol can of solvent until they melted. He buried what was left of the chutes — mostly metal snaps and buckles — next to a large rock, on which he scratched large Xs and Os.

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Jeep. He thought about going after the money, but 70 miles farther southeast in the Cascades range in quickly dismissed the plan when he realized he would

have a difficult enough time reaching the Jeep from this steep, inaccessible area. So he mustered his remaining strength and began his trek through the pitch-dark forest, homing in on the Jeep beeper.

When the sun came up, he was still miles away from the Jeep. At one point, he crossed a road and was stunned to see a bulldozer at work nearby. He turned his face so the driver couldn't identify him later. Around noontime, some 15 hours after his landing, he reached the Jeep.

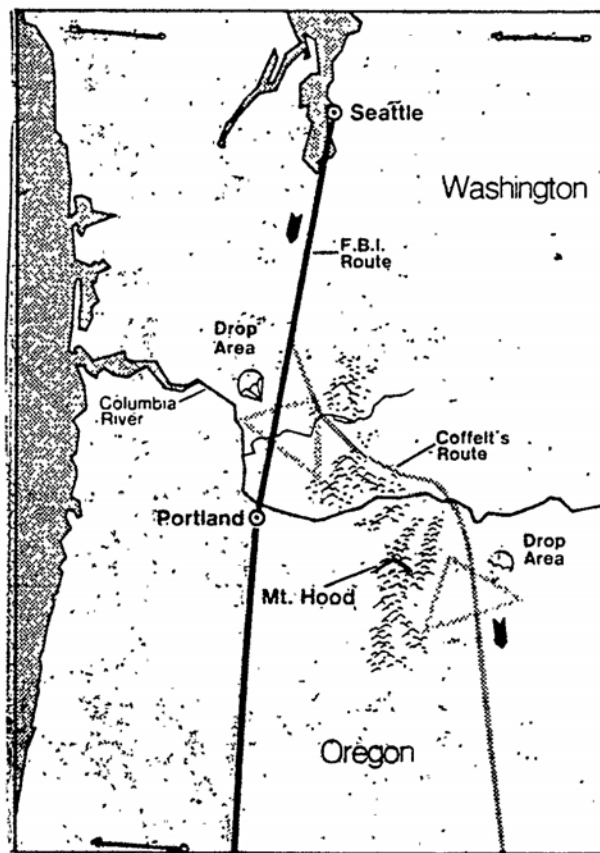
He loaded it with an explosive charge, rolled it into a lake and blew it up. He then got into the back seat of the Cadillac and his accomplice drove him to Kansas City, where he got medical attention.

The following spring, after the snow melted, he chartered a helicopter and pilot and returned to the area, but when the pilot became suspicious he gave up on his efforts to spot the moneybag.

He tried again on foot with his cellmate Brown and Brown's son a few years later, but that trip was a failure, too.

Coffelt died a year later, before he could try again. So, if believe Jack Coffelt was D.B. Cooper, you must also believe a bag of money is still in the Cascades, just waiting to be found by a lucky treasure-hunter.

That's part of the magic of the mysterious D.B. Cooper.



Coffelt and FBI disagreed on hijacked plane's route.

FBI

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Date 5/23/78

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)
 FROM: SAC, HONOLULU (164-85) (P)
 SUBJECT: NORJAK (A)
 OO: Seattle

Re Honolulu airtel to Bureau dated 8/12/76 applicable to [redacted], Kansas City airtel to Seattle dated 3/15/77, and Seattle telephone calls to Honolulu, 5/18/78 and 5/23/78.

Enclosed for Seattle is an original and one copy of an FD-302 regarding an interview conducted with [redacted] on 5/19/78. Also enclosed are two photographs of State of Hawaii driver's license applicable to [redacted] white male, SSAN [redacted] is described as follows:

Name: [redacted]
 Height: 5'11"
 Weight: 200 pounds
 Hair: Brown
 Eyes: Hazel
 Last Known Address: [redacted]
 Employment: Kaneohe, Hawaii
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 Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii

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[redacted] Waikiki, Honolulu, Hawaii, phone [redacted] of JACK BRYANT COFFELT (now deceased), advised that photos of BRYANT COFFELT as obtained by SA C. ROBERT STRANGER of the Los Angeles Division of the FBI were similar in appearance, but she did not think the individuals in the photographs were identical to JACK COFFELT. She advised that JACK COFFELT always wore horn-rimmed glasses as compared to the regular frame glasses as displayed in the one photograph; and in addition, JACK COFFELT did not display the smoking mannerism of having his cigarette dangling from his lips at center mouth as depicted in the other photograph.

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She further advised she still has one photo of JACK COFFELT somewhere which she has displayed to the FBI in Honolulu in the past, and she will make it available again for comparative purposes. She stated, however, she will not allow the photograph to be reproduced.

A comparison of this photograph of JACK COFFELT with that of the Bureau artist's conception of "D. B. COOPER" in early 1977 would lead an observer to conclude that the two individuals are not identical.

[redacted] stated she has recently moved, and the photo is in her personal possession somewhere, and she will attempt to locate it for additional comparative purposes.

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[redacted] provided a five-page handwritten letter [redacted] California, in which matters concerning JACK COFFELT were discussed. She advised as the letter explains, much of the contents of the letter pertained to a book which COFFELT had written [redacted] advised that [redacted] with regard to the efforts of one [redacted] of JACK COFFELT's, to obtain the rights to the book written by COFFELT so that the book could be published and subsequently made into a movie. [redacted] further advised that the letter also

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dealt with some unusual contacts she [redacted] had with one [redacted] alleged to be a Hollywood movie producer. An entire copy of the letter and envelope were provided to the FBI.

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[redacted] advised that on the Thanksgiving holiday, 1971, she and JACK COFFELT were living in an [redacted] Arlington, Virginia; however, she cannot account for any of the specifics with regard that that Thanksgiving day's activities, and she could think of no one who could verify their activities for that day.

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[redacted] further advised that from [redacted] [redacted] she was employed by the Institute of Navigation, Washington, D. C., and that at her place of employment, the agency dealt with [redacted]

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She further advised that the only individual she could recall working with at that agency was a girl by the name [redacted] (last name unknown); however, to the best of her recollection, [redacted] has moved to Tennessee, current address unknown.

She provided [redacted]
[redacted], California,
[redacted].

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (164-2111)
 FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) (P)
 SUBJECT: NORJAK (A)
 OO: SEATTLE

Enclosed for the Alexandria Division is one (1) copy of an FD-302 reflecting interview with [redacted] dated 5/19/78, and one (1) copy of WFO teletype to the Bureau dated 8/2/77.

For the information of the Alexandria Division, JACK COFFELT has been suggested as a suspect in this matter and has been processed and eliminated. The television show "60 Minutes" is interested in doing an expose' in which they claim the FBI is covering up the fact that COFFELT is really identical to Unsub in this matter.

According to [redacted] at [redacted] Arlington, Virginia, on November 24, 1971, the date of captioned hijacking. Living in an adjacent building was an attorney [redacted] [redacted] Arlington, Virginia.

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LEADS:

HONOLULU DIVISION

At Honolulu, Hawaii

Will obtain, if possible, a copy of any photograph
[redacted] of JACK COFFELT.

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ALEXANDRIA DIVISION

At Arlington, Virginia

Will conduct the following investigations:

1. Conduct a complete and thorough neighborhood investigation at [redacted] to include an interview of any resident at that address who was living there at the time [redacted] lived there and also to include an interview of [redacted]

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2. Will conduct long distance toll records of telephone number [redacted] after verifying that telephone number to have been subscribed to by JACK [redacted] [redacted] (Alexandria advise Seattle if a subpoena will be necessary for this information as well as whether the information is still available.

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3. Conduct credit and criminal checks concerning [redacted] and determine if possible perhaps through the records of the [redacted] [redacted] was paid and if by check, which bank it was drawn on. Thereafter contact the appropriate bank to determine financial information which may indicate [redacted] presence in the Alexandria, Virginia, area on November 24, 1971. (Alexandria advise Seattle if a subpoena will be necessary for these bank records)

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4. Conduct any and all leads in the vicinity of [redacted] in Arlington that may indicate any information concerning [redacted] and possibly lead to information which would indicate where JACK COFFELT was on November 24, 1971.

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JACK COFFELT is described as follows:

Name:	BRYANT ARTHUR JAMES COFFELT
Alias:	JACK COFFELT BRYAN COFFELT
Sex:	Male
Race:	Caucasian
Height:	6'2"
Weight:	195 pounds
Hair:	Brown
Eyes:	Gray
Date of Birth:	2/20/16
Place of Birth:	Carthage, Missouri
SSAN:	513-26-2480.

is described as follows:

Name:	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 200px; height: 100px; margin: 0 auto;"></div>
Alias:	
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Race:	
Sex:	
Date of Birth:	

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☐ Teletype
☐ Facsimile
☒ Airtel

PRECEDENCE:

☐ Immediate
☐ Priority
☐ Routine

CLASSIFICATION:

☐ TOP SECRET
☐ SECRET
☐ CONFIDENTIAL
☐ E F T O
☐ CLEAR

Date 6/16/78

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (164-2111)
 FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) (P)
 SUBJECT: NORJAK (A)
 OO: SEATTLE

Enclosed for the Alexandria Division is one (1) copy of an FD-302 reflecting interview with [redacted] dated 5/19/78, and one (1) copy of WFO teletype to the Bureau dated 8/2/77.

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6/15/78

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (164-21111)
FROM: SAC, SAN DIEGO (164-91) (RUC)
NORJAK (A)
(OO: Seattle)



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Re Seattle letter to the Bureau dated 5/13/78.

After numerous attempts to contact [redacted]

[redacted]
an interview was arranged for [redacted]

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On 6/13/78, [redacted] was furnished five black and white photographs of one JAMES BRYANT COFFELT in an effort to determine if COFFELT is identical to the unknown subject of captioned case.

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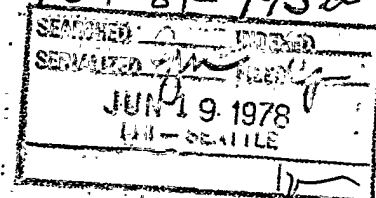
[redacted] reviewed the photographs and advised she has been shown the photographs before in [redacted] by [redacted] whose names she can not remember.

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She stated that even though all of the photographs are of the same person, only two resemble the unknown subject. She advised that the two most resembling the unknown subject are the ones of the person in the photograph smoking a cigarette and in the photograph of a side-face view which was

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2-Seattle (AM-RM)
1-San Diego

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apparently taken outside. She stated she can not make a positive identification.

[] advised that to this date, she has not been contacted by anyone from CBS News, but that if she should be contacted, she would immediately contact the FBI.

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DATE: 8/22/78

REPLY TO
ATTN OF

SAC, HONOLULU (164-85) (RUC)

SUBJECT: NORJAK (A)
(OO: SEATTLE)
BUFILE 164-2111

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

Re Seattle airtel dated 5/23/78.

Photographs provided by Seattle Division with referenced airtel displayed to [redacted] Honolulu, 7/24/78. [redacted] advised only photograph possibly resembling [redacted] JACK COFFELT is the single photograph predominantly of the face and collar area. [redacted] advised the other photographs displaying the upper body and facial area did not resemble JACK COFFELT.

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