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[redacted] Trans World Airlines (TWA), made available the personnel file on their Purser, FRED ANGELO CATALANO, and this file revealed the following information:

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CATALANO was hired at Los Angeles in May 1962, as a cabin cleaner and helper. He later was transferred to John F. Kennedy Airport, New York City, New York, as a Purser aboard their new Boeing 747 type of aircraft. As that program expanded, CATALANO was later transferred back to Los Angeles where he now flies as a Purser to the Far East.

Although CATALANO is officially based at Los Angeles, he is currently residing at 1074 Barstow Avenue, Eugene, Oregon, 97402, telephone 503-689-3860.

CATALANO is considered a "rebel" by airline supervisors and will not follow airline rules and regulations. He has been suspended many times for breaking these rules and regulations. TWA was advised that CATALANO owed money on his California State and Federal income taxes. He was frequently short on his cash accounts for liquor and head sets on the plane, and failed to hand in proper reports. Attached is a list of some of the discrepancies noted in his work.

[redacted] made available a copy of CATALANO's employment application, his resume, a photograph and fingerprint card.

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CATALANO is on vacation from March 1, 1972, to March 15, 1972. His whereabouts is not known to TWA. His next scheduled flight will be TWA Flight 743 on March 20, 1972, from Los Angeles to Bangkok, returning to Los Angeles on TWA Flight 742 on March 27, 1972.

It is noted that CATALANO's parents are Mr. and Mrs. FRED CATALANO, 8403 12th Avenue, Brooklyn, New York. He has a

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[redacted] advised that there was no record for CATALANO

Interviewed on 3/14/72 at Los Angeles, California File # Los Angeles 149-1111-16

by SA [redacted] /kah

Date dictated 3/16/72

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using company passes or reduced rate tickets since August 25, 1971, for a flight from Los Angeles to Eugene, Oregon.

As a matter of information, [] advised that records show that CATALANO returned to Los Angeles at about 9:30 p.m., on November 22, 1971, on TWA Flight 742 from Bangkok. He left Los Angeles at 11:00 a.m., on November 28, 1971, aboard TWA Flight 745 for Bangkok.

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It is noted in the file that CATALANO was taking flying lessons and hoped to get a Commerical Pilot's License and fly as a pilot for TWA. It could not be determined the exact status of his pilot training at this time.

It was not carried in the file as to the type of training that CATALANO had in the United States Army.

He is described as follows:

Name	FRED ANGELO CATALANO
Sex	Male
Race	White
Birth Data	July 25, 1935 Brooklyn, New York
Height	6'
Weight	155 pounds
Build	Medium
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Brown
Complexion	Dark
Marital Status	[]
Social Security Number	063-30-8696
Military Service	United States Army, Serial Number 43063072, two years, Honorable Discharge, June 19, 1956, as private
Drivers License Number	New York Chauffeurs, Number 614486L November 22, 1959

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Parents	Mr. and Mrs. FRED CATALANO 8403 12th Avenue Brooklyn, New York
Employment	Purser TWA, based in Los Angeles
Residence	1074 Barstow Avenue Eugene, Oregon
Characteristics	Telephone 503-689-3860 Pilot trained

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Date: 4/7/72

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
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TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)
 FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (164-497) (P)
 RE: NORJAK
 OO: Seattle

RE: Suspect FRED ANGELO CATALANO

Enclosed for receiving offices is one photograph each of captioned suspect. Also enclosed for each receiving office is one copy each of FD-302 interview of [redacted], Trans World Airlines (TWA), Los Angeles, California, regarding captioned suspect. Eleven pages referred to in FD-302 listing discrepancies noted in CATALANO's work are not being enclosed.

Enclosed information was obtained during investigation of another matter, Los Angeles file 149-1111, and in view of past activities, experience, and descriptive data of CATALANO, it appears he warrants consideration as a possible suspect in this matter.

It is noted his residence is shown as 1074 Barstow Avenue, Eugene, Oregon, and TWA records indicate he returned to Los Angeles on 11/22/71, on TWA Flight 742 from Bangkok. He left Los Angeles at 11:00 a.m., on 11/28/71, aboard TWA Flight 745 for Bangkok. His whereabouts after returning to the United States on 11/22/71, is not known.

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Approved: [Signature]
 Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

FROM : SA CHARLES R. ST. JOHN

SUBJECT: NORJAK

DATE: 6/5/72

On June 1, 1972, witness [redacted] was exhibited photographs of the following individuals:

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FRED ANGELO CATALANO [redacted]

[redacted]

BILLIE LEE MC GILL [redacted]

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With the exception of CATALANO, [redacted] stated none of the other individuals bear any resemblance to the hijacker and in his opinion are not identical with him.

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[redacted] believed the photograph of CATALANO bore a very strong resemblance to the hijacker. He particularly noted the hairline, stating that if the hair in the photograph observed was marcelled as was the hijacker's, it would be an exceptionally good likeness. He further noted strong similarities in the high cheekbones, the long nose, and eyes as he remembered the hijacker.

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He was unable to determine from the photograph the complexion of CATALANO but again emphasized the hijacker had a swarthy or Latin type complexion and it appeared to him CATALANO might have such a complexion. He would prefer to see a color photograph and additional photographs of CATALANO. Sub. #44

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To: Criminal Investigative From: Seattle
Re: SE 164A-81-DNA, 07/29/2004

All family or possible suspects contacted should be advised that this is merely another investigative step following advancement in technologies. No mention of the recovery of DNA evidence should be made. Care should be given so persons contacted are not lead to believe that they or their family member are a suspect of great interest in this case. Unless specifically requested in lead, no interviews are needed at this time, other than appropriate FD-302 to document DNA samples. Media discussions should be avoided. Refer any media inquiries without comment to the Seattle Media Coordinator, SA [redacted] at [redacted]. Any follow up leads to obtain these samples should be set by receiving offices with a copy to Seattle.

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If anyone is uncooperative with this process, advise Seattle.

Phase II unresolved suspects:

1. JASON T. LANGSETH (SUB 327) SSN 525-52-5941 DOB 8/3/1934
Caution - May Be Uncooperative Due to Prior Contact With FBI

98584 Last known address: 905 Fogarty Ave, Shelton, Washington (10/2003)

LANGSETH was originally identified as a suspect based on information received from two individuals. He resembled UNSUB at the time, has military jump experience, and reportedly discussed committing the "perfect crime" prior to the hijacking. LANGSETH was only partially cooperative during his interviews in 1972 and 1977, and uncooperative when contacted in 1979 and ultimately refused to answer further questions or take a polygraph examination. Alibi information he provided concerning his work activities and travel during November 1971 was proven at least partially false. He was last contacted in January 1979 while living in Campbell, California. Following that contact, LANGSETH retained an attorney and refused a polygraph. In 1993, LANGSETH was again identified as being the UNSUB by an another associate who had viewed an "Unsolved Mysteries" segment about this case. Contact Seattle Case Agent if further details are desired.

Due to the passage of time, it is possible that LANGSETH will now cooperate with a DNA sample.

2. FRED ANGELO CATALANO (SUB 395) SSN 063-30-8696 DOB 7/25/1935.

To: Criminal Investigative From: Seattle
Re: SE 164A-81-DNA, 07/29/2004

Last known address: 6402 Mill Road, Egg Harbor
Township, New Jersey 08234.

CATALANO, a prior resident of Eugene, Oregon surfaced as a suspect in 1972 on a referral from the Los Angeles Division. One witness onboard NW 305 subsequently advised that CATALANO bore a very strong resemblance to the UNSUB. Investigation could not rule CATALANO out based a one week gap in his work attendance at the time of the hijacking. CATALANO worked for TWA as a Purser and, although pilot trained, was unsuccessful in securing a flying job with TWA as he was described as a "rebel" by his supervisor, and as someone who had money problems. There is no record that CATALANO was ever contacted by the FBI or has any knowledge of his mention as a suspect in this matter.

3. Richard Floyd McCoy Jr. (deceased) (SUB 386).
SSN 237-66-3779

****CAUTION SUGGESTED****

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McCoy was convicted of a copycat hijacking of a United Airlines flight in April, 1972 in which he successfully parachuted from that flight over Utah with \$500,000. McCoy was arrested/convicted of that offense and most of the hijack proceeds were recovered. McCoy later escaped from prison and was shot and killed in November, 1974 after drawing a weapon on FBI Agents attempting his arrest in Virginia Beach, Virginia. McCoy never claimed to have been COOPER, and there was significant differences in methodology between the two crimes. Evidence indicated McCoy was in Salt Lake City on 11/25/1971, and had possibly attended class at BYU on 11/24/1971. Some evidence exists that McCoy [REDACTED] actually drove to Las Vegas on 11/24/1971. Although the weight of the evidence points toward the elimination of McCoy, speculation continued. In July, 1972 McCoy allegedly told his Pre-Trial officer in Salt Lake City prior to his receiving a 45 year sentence for the UAL hijacking, that he had done "another one". In light of some contradiction in evidence concerning McCoy, and the possibility that the differences in methodology between the hijacking can be partially explained as a possible natural refinement of methods, a DNA sample is being sought.

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It is recognized that [REDACTED]
and appropriate caution should utilized. During McCoy's trial in 1972, [REDACTED]

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LEAD(s):

Set Lead 1: (Adm)

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AT WASHINGTON, DC

For information of VCMOS, MT/TCU.

Set Lead 2: (Info)

LABORATORY

AT WASHINGTON, DC

For information of DNA1.

Set Lead 3:

NEWARK

AT EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP, NJ

Discreetly locate and obtain DNA samples from FRED ANGELO CATALANO, 6402 Mill Road, Egg Harbor Township, New Jersey, as outlined above. Interview CATALANO about his whereabouts and employment in November 1971. Submit DNA directly to the Laboratory, DNA 1, Attn: [REDACTED] The EC and related FD-302 should be uploaded to SE 164A-81-DNA.

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Set Lead 4:

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AT SALT LAKE CITY, UT

Discreetly locate and obtain DNA samples from the effects [REDACTED] of RICHARD FLOYD MCCOY, as outlined above. Initial contact should be made with [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Salt Lake City, Utah. It is suggested that the assigned Agent review the Salt Lake MCCOY file prior to contact with [REDACTED] Appropriate caution is suggested in any contacts with [REDACTED] due to McCoy's death at the hands of FBI Agents in 1974.