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1/22/74

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[redacted] telephone [redacted] and [redacted]  
[redacted] Oregon, telephonically contacted the Portland  
Office to advise that he had observed an individual driving  
a vehicle bearing Oregon license [redacted] who appeared to be  
identical to NORJAK. This vehicle is registered to ROGER  
C. STROM, P. O. Box 1, Highway 101, North Depoe Bay, Oregon.

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On 1/15/74, [redacted] Lincoln  
City, Oregon, advised that STROM had requested on 1/4/74, that  
his mail be forwarded in care of General Delivery, Lakeview,  
Oregon. She further advised that STROM had formerly been  
employed for the Globe Moving Van and Transfer Company; how-  
ever, she did not know if he was presently employed.

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AT LAKEVIEW, OREGON. Conduct investigation to  
eliminate subject as NORJAK.

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*c/a Hummelbeck* *[Signature]*

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DB Cooper-42965

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2/26/74

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Re memo of SA  1/22/74.

On 1/31/74,  U. S. Post Office, Lakeview, Oregon, advised ROGER C. STROM is receiving mail at that post office in care of General Delivery; however, none of the employees know where STROM is residing or is employed.

On 1/31/74,  Credit Bureau of Lake County, Lakeview, Oregon, advised she could locate no credit record for ROGER C. STROM.

On 1/31/74, Records of the Pacific Power and Light Company, Lakeview, Oregon, were checked and it was determined that ROGER C. STROM was not receiving service from that company.

On 1/31/74, Sheriff DUANE DOWN, Lake County Sheriff's Office, Lakeview, Oregon, advised ROGER C. STROM was unknown to him but stated he would attempt to locate him in order that he may be interviewed.

On 2/15/74,  Lakeview, Oregon, advised he had developed no new information regarding STROM.

On 2/15/74, Sheriff DUANE DOWN, Lake County Sheriff's Office, advised he has developed no information regarding STROM nor has he determined where STROM is residing or is employed.

On 2/25/74, motels in the Lakeview area were canvassed, and it was determined that ROGER D. STROM was residing at Hunter's Lodge, N. Highway 395, Apt. 11, Lakeview, Oregon.

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*Lincoln City,  
Depoe Bay  
and Salinas Beach*

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DB Cooper-42992

On 2/25/74, ROGER CLIFFE STROM, Hunter's Lodge, N. Highway 395, Lakeview, Oregon, was interviewed and during this interview, STROM was extremely hostile and uncooperative. It was also noted during the interview, he was nervous and when shown the composite photograph of the individual known as D. B. COOPER, he kept stating it did not look like him, however, refused to look at the photograph directly.

STROM advised he is unemployed, however, would not state when his last employment was. STROM advised he did not recall exactly where he was on 11/24/71, but stated he was probably in the Depoe Bay or Lincoln City, Oregon area.

STROM stated he did not know who D. B. COOPER was nor did he know about any hijacking which occurred on a flight from Seattle, Washington, to Reno, Nevada. During the interview, STROM was advised that the individual known as D. B. COOPER boarded the flight at Portland, Oregon, flew to Seattle, Washington, where he hijacked the aircraft. STROM at that time stated he knew nothing about it; however, later in the interview, he stated that that was the guy who "went out the tailgate" although this information was not given to STROM by the Agent. Later in the interview, STROM also made the statement "You guys haven't gotten any of the money back yet, have you?"

It was noted during the interview STROM bears a great deal of resemblance to composite drawing of the individual known as D. B. COOPER. STROM has similar lines around the mouth and eyes as shown on the composite drawing. The nose appears identical, the chin is identical; however, STROM's lips are larger than on the composite drawing. It was also noted that STROM has a slight wave in his hair and parts it on the left as shown in the composite and his hair recedes back on both sides, however, is fuller in the front than that on the composite.

STROM denied ever using the name D. B. COOPER and further denied having any type of parachute training. STROM emphatically denied any involvement in the hijacking which occurred 11/24/71.

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STROM refused to furnish any background information regarding himself and merely stated that the FBI can check any records they want on him and get the information they need. When asked what his DOB was, he refused to furnish this; however, later, he took his driver's license out and handed it to the Agent and told Agent he could get all the information he needed off the license.

The following descriptive information regarding ROGER CLIFFE STROM was obtained through observation and interview:

Sex	Male
Race	White
Height	6'
Weight	160 pounds
Hair	Black with a small amount of gray, wavy, receding hair line on both left and right side, parts hair on left side
Eyes	Brown
DOB	2/20/31
FOB	Seattle, Washington
Build	Slim
Complexion	Olive
Voice	Moderate with no accent
Other Characteristics	Has face wrinkles running from side of nose down to side of mouth; has face wrinkles around both left and right eyes; wears a wristwatch on left arm; nose is somewhat narrow, pointed

It was also noted that parked at the motel was a foreign model compact station wagon, make unknown, four-door, white in color which bore Oregon license FGN 137 which was previously determined to belong to STROM. This vehicle was observed to have a great many boxes in the back and it was also noted in STROM's motel unit, a large number of boxes laying about the area.

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Due to the number of similarities between ROGER CLIFFE STROM and the composite drawing of D. B. COOPER, a photograph should be obtained to show to witnesses for elimination purposes.

LEADS

PORTLAND

AT DEPOE BAY AND LINCOLN CITY, OREGON. Conduct criminal checks on ROGER CLIFFE STROM and attempt to obtain photograph.

AT SALEM, OREGON. Will check Oregon State Bureau of Criminal Identification in attempt to obtain photograph of ROGER CLIFFE STROM.

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3/22/74

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Re Portland memo of SA [redacted], 2/26/74.

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On 3/6/74, the following law enforcement agencies were contacted for any identifiable information with ROGER CLIFFE STROM, white male, born 2/20/31. Negative results were obtained:

Deputy [redacted]  
Marion County Sheriff's Office  
Salem, Oregon

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EUNICE PENNY  
Salem Police Department  
Salem, Oregon

Lieutenant [redacted]  
Oregon State Police  
Salem, Oregon

On 3/11/74, Deputy [redacted], Lincoln County Sheriff's Office, Newport, Oregon, stated their files contained no identifiable information with ROGER CLIFFE STROM.

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On 3/11/74, Deputy [redacted], Lincoln County Sheriff's Office, Newport, Oregon, who handles law enforcement matters at Depot Bay, Oregon, stated the name ROGER CLIFFE STROM was not familiar to him. However, Deputy [redacted] stated a [redacted] resided in [redacted] Oregon, but [redacted]

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On 3/12/74, Chief of Police HENR KOEN, Lincoln City, Oregon, stated ROGER CLIFFE STROM was not identifiable with any individual in their files, nor was the name familiar to him.

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On 3/12/74, Investigator [redacted], Oregon State Police, Newport, Oregon, stated ROGER CLIFFE STROM [redacted]

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Efforts to contact [redacted] 3/12/74, at the [redacted] Oregon, and at her residence located [redacted] Oregon, met with negative results.

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On 3/12/74, Mrs. DAWNA REIMERS, Clerk, U. S. Postal Service, Lincoln City, Oregon, stated there was no record on ROGER CLIFFE STROM entering a forwarding address at Lincoln City, Oregon, during the past two years. REIMERS noted [redacted], Oregon.

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On 3/18/74, [redacted] Oregon, telephone [redacted], was interviewed at [redacted], [redacted] telephone [redacted] stated ROGER CLIFFE STROM [redacted]

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[redacted] stated ROGER was employed during 1971 as a truck driver for North American Van Lines. She added STROM lived [redacted] in Depot Bay during the time he was employed with North American. She added he received his trip schedules from the Portland Office of North American, and they would probably be able to advise if he was in travel status on 11/24/71. [redacted] stated she could not recall whether [redacted] was in Depot Bay, or Lincoln City, on 11/24/71.

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[redacted] thereafter related [redacted] was considered a near genius, who served in the U. S. Army during the 1940s, after which he was employed as an aircraft engineer at Boeing Company, Seattle, Washington. She stated STROM was a victim of the Boeing layoffs during 1967. [redacted] believed it was during this same period that ROGER [redacted] stated as a result of these problems, [redacted] was committed by [redacted] for mental health reasons to the Veterans Hospital, Seattle, Washington. She noted, however, his stay at the hospital was voluntary, and he was in a position to leave the hospital at any time he desired. [redacted] could not recall the period of his commitment.

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[redacted] stated [redacted] left his job with North American Van Lines during the summer of 1973. She described him as being a little eccentric, and in one particular area paranoid. She stated the latter was a result of ROGER's belief that people were attempting to poison him. She recalled there were incidents in restaurants where ROGER feared the food he was being served was poisoned. [redacted] further stated [redacted] was very frugal, and for considerable periods of time he survived on one dollar per day, although he had more funds available to him. She noted, however, that ROGER never got much money. [redacted] further recalled [redacted] was an individual who liked to stay in old motels during his travels. [redacted] was not aware of ROGER's current address. [redacted] stated ROGER was last seen during January, 1974, [redacted] who noticed him in an auto parts store in Lincoln City, Oregon. She stated [redacted] did not engage STROM in any conversation.

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[redacted] stated [redacted] had never mentioned the name D. B. COOPER, and never talked of the hijacking of the Northwest Orient aircraft, nor had he ever indicated the possession of a large sum of money. [redacted] did not believe [redacted] was capable of committing an act such as hijacking, and stated that although he was very protective of his activities, she felt him to be extremely honest. [redacted] added [redacted] to her knowledge, had never received instruction or training in parachuting or flying.

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[redacted] thereafter provided the following individuals [redacted]:

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Mother

A. J. STROM  
Riverview Terrace  
Spokane, Washington

[redacted]  
Seattle, Washington

[redacted]  
Spokane, Washington



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[ ] stated there was an instance, date and location unrecalled, wherein [ ] went to visit ROGER at a tent site where he was residing somewhere in the Seattle, Washington area. [ ] stated, allegedly, ROGER came out of the tent with a gun and ordered [ ] off of his property.

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[ ] who believed she had a photograph of ROGER in one of her [ ] albums, stated she would attempt to locate it, and would thereafter provide it to the FBI.

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LEADS

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AT SALEM, OREGON. Recontact [ ] and obtain photograph of ROGER CLIFFE STROM.

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AT PORTLAND, OREGON. Contact North American Van Lines and attempt to determine STROM's travel activities on 11/24/71.

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CAUTION: ~~SUBJECT~~ HAS BEEN COMMITTED FOR MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEMS AND HAS DISPLAYED FIREARM WHEN ORDERING RELATIVES FROM HIS RESIDENCE.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

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

DATE: 4/24/74

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: NORJAK

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Re my memo dated 3/22/74.

On 4/10/74, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Oregon. was interviewed at [REDACTED] Oregon.  
[REDACTED] stated she was unable to locate a photograph  
of [REDACTED] ROGER CLIFF STROM, nor had she  
seen him since she last talked to the FBI.

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[REDACTED] was displayed artist's conceptions  
of D. B. COOPER where upon she advised [REDACTED]  
in her opinion, does not appear at all similar to the  
drawings. She reiterated it was her belief ROGER STROM  
was not capable of committing an act such as the hijacking  
of 11/24/71.

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The setting of further leads to identify ROGER  
CLIFF STROM or obtain a photograph through other relatives  
is being left to the discretion of the Case Agent.

STROM HAS BEEN COMMITTED FOR MENTAL HEALTH  
PROBLEMS AND HAS DISPLAYED FIREARM WHEN ORDERING RELATIVES  
FROM RESIDENCE.

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