

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

DATE: 11/29/71

FROM : SA CHARLES J. HENRY

SUBJECT: UNSUB; Northwest Airlines
Flight #305 11/24/71
CAA - HIJACKING; EXT.

Sub -

*Donald O. Tiz
Burnworth*

RE: Suspect DONALD OTIS BURNWORTH

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At 8:20pm SAM [redacted], Kansas City telephonically advised that [redacted] had called that office after seeing artists conception in the newspaper. [redacted] think think BURNWORTH is the UNSUB. BURNWORTH is an ex UAL pilot and a sky-diver. In addition to background info he furnished the following description:

Name: DONALD OTIS BURNWORTH, aka DON

Race: White

Sex: Male

Age: 40

DoB: 3/4/31 Okla.

Height: 5'10½ - 11"

Weight: 165-170

Hair: Drk brown-parted on left

Eyes: Hazel-green

Comp: Olive green

→ Char: Does not smoke

*Photo in
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KC forwarded a facimile foto which is attached. They will forward all info by teletype. Facimile foto furnished also to MP. Foto to be sent AMSD.

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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the

NR014 SE PLAIN

2:52PM URGENT 12/1/71 VAB

TO KANSAS CITY

FROM SEATTLE (164-81)

UNSUB; NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE ZERO FIVE, PORTLAND TO SEATTLE, NOVEMBER TWENTYFOUR, SEVENTYONE. CAA-HIJACKING; EXTORTION.

RE KANSAS CITY TELECALL NOVEMBER TWENTYNINE LAST.

RE: DONALD OTIS BURNWORTH

KANSAS CITY IS REQUESTED TO CONTACT [REDACTED], WHO
FURNISHED INFORMATION TO KANSAS CITY IN AN EFFORT TO DETERMINE
INFORMATION CONCERNING CURRENT WHEREABOUTS OF BURNWORTH AND WHEREABOUTS AT TIME OF CAPTIONED HIJACKING. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.
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1020 MP URGENT 11-30-71 MPC

TO DIRECTOR

SEATTLE (164-81)

FROM MINNEAPOLIS (164-73)

Sub
Bury *Sub 10*
Donald O. Burnsworth
Sub - 4P
Sub H artist sketch
cc. ARTIST'S SKETCH

UNSUB; NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE ZERO FIVE, PORTLAND
TO SEATTLE, NOVEMBER TWENTYFOUR, SEVENTYONE. CAA - HIJACKING;
EXTORTION. 00: SEATTLE.

INSTANT DATE PHOTOGRAPHS AND FACIMILES OF NINE MALES INCLUDING
A PHOTOGRAPH OF GARY EVAN JOSEPH SAMDEL AND FACIMILES OF DONALD
OTIS BURNSWORTH WERE DISPLAYED TO [REDACTED]
STEWARDESS ON CAPTIONED FLIGHT. [REDACTED] ADVISED NONE OF THE
DISPLAYED PICTURES RESEMBLED THE HIJACKER. SHE ADVISED
SAMDELS FACE TOO FULL AND HE WAS TOO YOUNG AND GOOD LOOKING.
SHE ADVISED BURNSWORTH WAS TOO YOUNG LOOKING AND ALSO TOO GOOD
LOOKING.

[REDACTED] ALSO A STEWARDESS ON CAPTIONED FLIGHT VIEWED A
DISPLAY OF PHOTOS AND FACIMILES INCLUDING A FACIMILE OF DONALD
OTIS BURNSWORTH. [REDACTED] ADVISED NONE OF THE PHOTOGRAPHS RESEMBLED
THE HIJACKER. SHE ADVISED THAT BURNSWORTH WAS YOUNGER LOOKING
AND WAS A MORE HANDSOME MAN THAN THE HIJACKER. BOTH [REDACTED]
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1010PM NITEL 12-1-71 RDC

TO SEATTLE (164-81)

FROM KANSAS CITY (164-80)

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Donald Otis
Burnsworth

UNSUB; NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE ZERO FIVE, PORTLAND TO SEATTLE,

NOVEMBER TWENTY-FOUR, SEVENTYONE, CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION, OO SE.

RE SEATTLE TELETYPE TO KANSAS CITY, INSTANT DATE.

KANSAS CITY FURNISHED REQUESTED INFORMATION ALONG WITH PHOTOGRAPH
OF DONALD OTIS BURNSWORTH TO SEATTLE AND MINNEAPOLIS BY AIRTEL, NOV.
THIRTY LAST.

CURRENT WHEREABOUTS OF BURNWORTH UNKNOWN SINCE AUGUST ONE, LAST.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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DB COOPER-44872

UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT 305,
NOVEMBER 24, 1971

LEADS:

OKLAHOMA CITY DIVISION - Information

Copy designated for Oklahoma City for background information in the event photograph of BURNWORTH is identified by witnesses as possibly unknown subject.

MINNEAPOLIS DIVISION

At Minneapolis, Minnesota

Exhibit enclosed photographs of BURNWORTH to crew of captioned airliner to determine if he could be identical with unknown subject.

If not considered logical suspect, return photographs immediately to Kansas City for return to [REDACTED].

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SEATTLE DIVISION

At Seattle, Washington

Exhibit enclosed photographs of BURNWORTH to witnesses who saw unknown subject to determine if he could be identical with unknown subject.

If not considered logical suspect, return photographs immediately to Kansas City for return to [REDACTED].

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TO: SACs, SEATTLE, MINNEAPOLIS AND OKLAHOMA CITY

FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (164-NE)

UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT 305,
NOVEMBER 24, 1971
CAA - KIDNAPPING, EXTORTION
OO: SE

Enclosed to Seattle two color snapshots and one ident photo of DONALD OTIS BURNWORTH.

Enclosed to Minneapolis three color snapshots and one ident photograph of DONALD OTIS BURNWORTH.

Re telephone call to Seattle by ASAC GASKILL, Kansas City, 6:30 p.m., 11/29/71, regarding suspect BURNWORTH and facsimile sent via telecopier to Seattle and Minneapolis 10:30 p.m. and ident photograph of BURNWORTH sent by routing slip air mail to Minneapolis and Seattle evening of 11/29/71.

RE SUSPECT DONALD OTIS BURNWORTH:

On 11/29/71

[redacted] furnished the following information to SAs

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- 2 - Seattle (Enc. 3)
 - 2 - Minneapolis (Enc. 4)
 - 1 - Oklahoma City (Info)
 - 2 - Kansas City
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*Phoras Berg shown to Se
witnesses*

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

DATE: 12/2/71

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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

Re Suspects: NORMAN KARL ALLEN
DONALD OTIS BURNWORTH
[REDACTED]

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On 12/1/71 SA [REDACTED] contacted [REDACTED]

at [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] in which [REDACTED] has an interest.

[REDACTED] was exhibited two pictures of ALLEN and one each of BURNWORTH and [REDACTED] with seven throw down photographs.

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[REDACTED] viewed these pictures from 9:11 pm to 10:12 pm and eliminated them all.

After the initial viewing, [REDACTED] went back and studied the pictures of ALLEN 12 times (the old King County Sheriff's Office photograph No. 61308) and the Washington State Driver's License picture (expires 9/25/72) three times; the picture of BURNWORTH five times and that of [REDACTED] times.

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He commented that ALLEN's face from the upper lip upwards bore some resemblance to the unsub; BURNWORTH's jaw line, cheeks and nose bore some resemblance, and [REDACTED] hairline bore a close resemblance. He commented the picture of [REDACTED] was "too severe." He eliminated all three suspects.

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SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

12/3/71

SA [REDACTED]

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

RE: ROBERT HAMMOND KEELY;
DONALD OTIS BURNWORTH;
[REDACTED]

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On 12/1/71, a group of photos were exhibited to
CORD H.Z. SPRECKEL at his place of employment. Included
in the group of photos were photos of the above three
individuals. Concerning the photos, SPRECKEL stated that
the hijacker was not as good looking as KEELY. He stated
that [REDACTED] is not the hijacker, and concerning
BURNWORTH, he stated that if the individual were 10 years
older, there would be a resemblance between BURNWORTH
and the hijacker.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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

DATE: 12/1/71

FROM : SA LOUIS M. HARRIS, JR.

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
NORTHWEST AIRLINES
FLIGHT #305,
PORTLAND TO SEATTLE,
11/24/71
CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION
OO: SEATTLE
BUfile 164-2111

On 12/1/71

[redacted], was shown
a group of photographs which contained a photo of
DONALD OTIS BURNWORTH. [redacted] advised
that this individual is not identical with his
recollection of the hijacker in this case.

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NR 007 MP PLAIN

5:41 PM NITEL 12/7/71 CMH

TO DIRECTOR (164-2111)

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" - EVIDENCE

KANSAS CITY

LAS VEGAS

NEWARK

NEW YORK (164-627)

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PORTLAND

RICHMOND

SEATTLE (164-81)

SPRINGFIELD (164-31)

WFO

HOUSTON

FROM MINNEAPOLIS (164-73)

SOSP

Ben Leibsen - 50 ^{b6}
- 86 ^{b7C}

Donald O. H. Burnworth ⁴⁸

Ronald Lee White - 70

UNSUB; NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE ZERO FIVE, PORTLAND TO
SEATTLE, NOVEMBER TWENTYFOUR SEVENTYONE. CAA DASH HIJACKING;
EXTORTION. 00: SEATTLE.

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RE NEW YORK TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR DECEMBER THREE LAST,
NORFOLK TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR DECEMBER THREE LAST, SEATTLE
NITEL NOVEMBER THIRTY LAST AND SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO
DIRECTOR DECEMBER ONE LAST.

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12/8/71

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, KANSAS CITY
FROM: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) (P)
SUBJECT: UNSUB; aka
Dan Cooper;
Northwest Airlines
Flight #305
Portland to Seattle
11/24/71
CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION
OO: SEATTLE

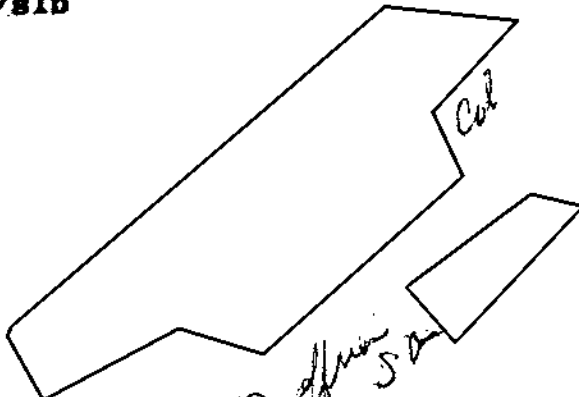
Re: Suspect DONALD OTIS BURNWORTH (Sub. 48)

Re: Kansas City airtel to Seattle, 11/30/71.

Enclosed for Kansas City are two (2) copies of color photographs and one (1) Ident photograph of DONALD OTIS BURNWORTH.

Photographs of BURNWORTH have been shown to witnesses at Seattle, who advise BURNWORTH is not identical with UNSUB in this matter.

2 - Kansas City (Enc. 3)
2 - Seattle
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SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) (P)

12/13/71

SA THOMAS J. MANNING

NORJAC
OO: SEATTLE

(SUB 48 DONALD OTIS BURNWORTH)

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

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He furnished information concerning BURNWORTH's being a former test pilot, an expert parachutist and a United Airlines pilot stationed in San Francisco, California who is on a leave of absence and hasn't been seen or heard from in several months. He continued that according to the [redacted] (not identified by name) BURNWORTH in a talk session about 3 years ago discussed his plan for a hijacking which was followed by the hijacker in captioned matter.

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

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

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DB COOPER-44861

3/13/72

AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)
FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (164-220)
SUBJECT: NORJAK
OO: Seattle

Re Suspect DONALD OTIS BURNWORTH.

Enclosed for Seattle and Oklahoma City are two photographs each of DONALD OTIS BURNWORTH.

[redacted], United Airlines (UAL), San Francisco International Airport (SFIA), advised on 3/9/72, that BURNWORTH is a logical suspect in this case, because in his opinion the photograph is an extremely good "look alike" to the artist's conception of Unsub in this case. He was a pilot in the United States Air Force and was employed as a civilian pilot by the Air Force, as well as by the Federal Aviation Administration. He has been employed since 10/64 by UAL as a pilot and is currently on leave of absence and not scheduled to return to work until 8/24/72. [redacted] stated that he has been somewhat of an employment problem and has had numerous financial [redacted] problems. According to [redacted] BURNWORTH has had financial difficulties and has not been employed since approximately August of 1971. According to [redacted] BURNWORTH's present whereabouts are unknown, and the only way to contact him is through his mother's address, 1811 Sheffield Road, Oklahoma City.

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- ② - Seattle (Encs. 2)
2 - Oklahoma City (Encs. 2)
2 - San Francisco
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SF 164-220
BHC/vsk

[] furnished the following description of
BURNWORTH:

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Name	DONALD OTIS BURNWORTH
DOB	3/4/31
POB	Oklahoma
Race	White
Sex	Male
Nationality	American
Height	6'
Weight	180 lbs.
Hair	Black
Eyes	Hazel
Scar	4" scar on left forearm
SSAN	448-24-5152

LEADS

OKLAHOMA CITY

AT OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA. Attempt to locate and interview and ascertain BURNWORTH's whereabouts on Thanksgiving Eve, 11/24/71.

SEATTLE

AT SEATTLE, WASHINGTON. Exhibit photograph to appropriate witnesses.

NR010 OC PLAIN

1155 PM 3-22-72 NITEL CWW

TO: DIRECTOR (164-2111)

SEATTLE (164-81)

FROM: OKLAHOMA CITY (164-56) (RUC) 2P

NORJAK, OO: SEATTLE

RE SUSPECT DONALD OTIS BURNWORTH.

RE SF AIRTEL TO SEATTLE MARCH THIRTEEN LAST AND BUREAU PHONE
CALL TO OC INSTANT.

RE AIRTEL SET FORTH INFO RECEIVED FROM [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] UNITED AIR LINES (UAL) SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.,

RE DONALD OTIS BURNWORTH, UAL PILOT ON YEAR LEAVE OF ABSENCE ENDING

AUGUST NEXT. [REDACTED] STATED BURNWORTH IS LOGICAL SUSPECT THIS CASE

DUE TO PHOTOGRAPH BEING EXTREMELY GOOD "LOOK ALIKE" TO ARTISTS

CONCEPTION OF UNSUB. BURNWORTH REPORTEDLY WAS U. S. AIR FORCE MILITARY

AND CIVILIAN PILOT, AS WELL AS PILOT FOR FEDERAL AVIATION

ADMINISTRATION PRIOR TO BECOMING UAL PILOT IN NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR.

[REDACTED] ADVISED BURNWORTH HAS BEEN SOMEWHAT OF EMPLOYMENT PROBLEM AND

HAS HAD NUMEROUS FINANCIAL AND MARITAL PROBLEMS. [REDACTED] ADVISED CURRENT

WHEREABOUTS OF BURNWORTH UNKNOWN, HOWEVER HIS MOTHER RESIDES
OKLAHOMA CITY.

THIS DATE MRS. FRED BURNWORTH, ONE SIX ONE ONE SHEFFELD RD.,

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA, ADVISED HER SON DONALD OTIS BURNWORTH IS

PRESENTLY OUT OF THE COUNTRY. SHE ADVISED HER SON IS AVOIDING [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] WHO HAS CAUSED HIM CONSIDERABLE DIFFICULTY. BURNWORTH

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] FOR THIS REASON, MRS. BURNWORTH
WOULD NOT REVEAL LOCATION OF SON BUT PROMISED TO CONTACT HIM AND
REQUEST THAT HE CONTACT FBI.

BUREAU ADVISED [REDACTED] TELEPHONED SOG THIS
DATE AND FURNISHED CURRENT ADDRESS [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] STATED HAD BEEN IN [REDACTED] SINCE AUGUST

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LAST AND WOULD WILLINGLY SUBMIT TO INTERVIEW. BURNWORTH STATED [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, HAD CAUSED
HIM CONSIDERABLE DIFFICULTY AND HE DOES NOT WANT HER TO LEARN OF
HIS WHEREABOUTS.

BUREAU MAY DESIRE TO HAVE LEGAT INTERVIEW BURNWORTH AS
SUSPECT INSTANT MATTER.

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Date: 3/23/72

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

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (164-2111) & SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY (164-56)
FROM: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) (-P-)
NORJAK.

RE: DONALD OTIS BURNWORTH

FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU AND OKLAHOMA CITY
BURNWORTH HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN MENTIONED AS A SUSPECT IN
THIS MATTER [REDACTED], WHO FURNISHED A PHOTOGRAPH OF
BURNWORTH TO KANSAS CITY. THIS PHOTO WAS SHOWN TO WITNESSES
AT SEATTLE AND MINNEAPOLIS, WHO ADVISED THAT BURNWORTH WAS
NOT IDENTICAL WITH UNSUBS.

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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

DB COOPER-44856

SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

3/23/72

ASAC PAUL R. BIBLER

NORJAK

RE: DONALD OTIS BURNWORTH

Supervisor [] called from the Bureau.
He referred to Oklahoma City teletype 3/22/72 re
suspect DONALD OTIS BURNWORTH.

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[] called the Bureau from [],
told them he knew nothing about the case but was
willing to be interviewed and the Bureau is sending a
[] to interview and eliminate
this suspect.

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In the mean time he stated it might be interesting
for Seattle to check with UAL to see whether BURNWORTH
flew in and out of Seattle.

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3/30/72

AIRTEL

TO : SAC, SEATTLE
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (164-297)
SUBJECT: NORJAC
CAA - HIJACKING
OO: Seattle

SUSPECT DONALD O. BURNWORTH

On 3/30/72 [redacted]
United Air Lines (UAL), O'Hare International Airport, Chicago, Illinois, advised SA [redacted] that a UAL pilot with the initials "D.B." took a leave of absence for "personal problems" on 8/24/71 and has never been heard from since. [redacted] advised this pilot, a DONALD O. BURNWORTH, was based with UAL at San Francisco and that all records pertaining to BURNWORTH, including a photograph, could be obtained from [redacted]
[redacted], UAL, San Francisco International Airport.

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LEAD

SAN FRANCISCO

AT SAN FRANCISCO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT. Will contact [redacted] UAL, re BURNWORTH and forward pertinent information and photograph to office of origin.

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3 - San Francisco
2 - Chicago
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DB COOPER-44854

3/28/72

AIRTEL

TO: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO

FROM: SAC, LAS VEGAS (164-60) (P)

NORJAK
(OO:SEATTLE)

[redacted], United Airlines (UAL), resident of Reno, Nevada, advised 3/28/72, that he considered DON BURNWORTH as suspect in captioned matter. He stated BURNWORTH was a former UAL pilot and Federal Aviation Administration employee. He further stated BURNWORTH to have parachute training and would be qualified to execute hijack plan. He described BURNWORTH as WMA, 35 to 40 years of age, 6' in height, well built. He further stated BURNWORTH was a "ladies' man" who was known to have financial problems and has not been seen since the approximate time of captioned hijacking. [redacted] stated he believed BURNWORTH's personnel file would be available at UAL, San Francisco.

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San Francisco review personnel records re BURNWORTH at UAL, obtain pertinent background information and photo and forward same to Seattle Division. Seattle should thereafter conduct logical investigation to determine if BURNWORTH involved in this matter. Advise Las Vegas of results of investigation.

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- 2 - San Francisco
 - ② - Seattle (164-81)
 - 2 - Las Vegas
- ATS:eab
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AIRTEL

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)
FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (164-297) (RUC)
SUBJECT: NORJAK
POSSIBLE SUSPECT
D.O. BURNWORTH

(OO: SEATTLE)

Re Los Angeles airtel to Seattle 4/17/72 and
Chicago airtel to Seattle 3/30/72.

Leads set forth in referenced Los Angeles airtel
4/17/72 covered by Chicago Division per referenced Chicago
airtel of 3/30/72, with leads set forth for San Francisco.
No further investigation remaining Chicago.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

(2) - Seattle
2 - San Francisco
1 - Los Angeles (Info)
1 - Chicago

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Date: 4/17/72

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

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

Re: Possible Suspect D. O. BURNWORTH

Chief Radio Technician [redacted] of the Los Angeles Division has received information from pilot currently employed by United Airlines (UAL), requesting to remain anonymous, that (D. O. BURNWORTH is) a former veteran flight captain for UAL. The source states BURNWORTH bears a resemblance to the artist's sketch of the Seattle hijacker, left his position with UAL under unusual circumstances two days prior to the hijacking, and was believed to have been flying for UAL out of San Francisco.

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS: (1) Through UAL Headquarters, identify D. O. BURNWORTH, ascertain if he left UAL employment under unusual circumstances and if so, obtain background data, photograph and furnish office of origin.

(2) Set forth logical leads to establish whereabouts during pertinent period.

DB COOPER-44850

2 - Seattle (AM)
 2 - Chicago (AM)
 2 - San Francisco (AM)
 2 - Los Angeles
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Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 4/28/72

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

TO: SAC SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)
 FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (164-220)
 SUBJECT: NORJAK
 OO: Seattle

Re: Possible suspect D. O. BURNWORTH

Re Los Angeles airtel to Seattle, dated 4/17/72
 and Las Vegas airtel to San Francisco, 3/28/72.

AT SAN FRANCISCO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

On 4/27/72, _____, United
 Air Lines furnished the following information:

_____ advised that he was familiar with D. O. BURNWORTH.
 _____ advised that BURNWORTH has been on a leave of absence
 from United Air Lines since July, 1971. _____ advised that
 BURNWORTH employment with United Air Lines he served as a second
 officer. _____ stated that BURNWORTH took the leave of absence
 because of the fact that BURNWORTH _____.
 _____ stated that it was his understanding that BURNWORTH
 took this leave of absence so that he would not have any es-
 tablished income so that he would not have _____
 _____.

_____ advised that he first became familiar with
 D. O. BURNWORTH following the plane crash of the Wichita State
 football team. _____ advised that it was BURNWORTH who

- ② - Seattle
- 2 - Chicago (Info)
- 2 - Los Angeles (164-497) (Info)
- 2 - Las Vegas (Info)
- 2 - San Francisco

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Sub. 48

164-81-3399

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 Special Agent in Charge

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ferried the plane that crashed in the incident from Las Vegas, Nevada, to somewhere in Oklahoma, [] stated that after BURNWORTH ferried the plane to Oklahoma, in approximately a week or 10 days, the plane was used on the flight of the Wichita State football team. [] advised that BURNWORTH following the incident was extensively questioned and interviewed by the Federal Aviation Administration.

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[] stated that BURNWORTH original leave of absence was in July of 1971, through January, 1972. [] stated that in January, 1972, United Air Lines received a letter from BURNWORTH requesting another six month leave of absence running through June, 1972. [] stated that it was an understanding that if BURNWORTH did not come back to work in July, 1972, that his employment with United Air Lines would be terminated. [] stated that in BURNWORTH's letter in January, 1972, he gave his parents return address as the place where all of his mail was to be sent. The address is; 1611 Sheffield Road, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 73120. [] advised that BURNWORTH's superior was [] [], United Air Lines, San Francisco International Airport. [] advised that possibly [] might have some current information on BURNWORTH.

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On 4/27/72, [] [], United Air Lines, San Francisco International Airport, furnished the following information

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[] advised that he has not been contacted by BURNWORTH as far as he knows the last contact by BURNWORTH was the letter received by United Air Lines in January, 1972. [] stated that this letter requested an extension of BURNWORTH's leave of absence for the next six months running through June, 1972. [] advised that additional background information on BURNWORTH could be obtained through the United Air Lines headquarters in Chicago, Illinois. [] stated that all personnel records are maintained at the United Air Lines Headquarters in Chicago. [] could furnish no further information.

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On 4/27/72, [] [], FAA, San Francisco International Airport, furnished the following information:

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[] advised that all flight crew personnel must take an annual physical so that they may be certified to fly in commercial aircraft. [] advised that the license they possess never expires but that the annual physical is needed to keep the license current. [] stated that all records maintain by FAA concerning this physical are maintained in their records center in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. [] stated that the records there will go all the way back to when an individual was first initially employed by an airlines in the capacity of flying commercial planes.

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[] stated that the physicals are usually performed by ones own physican but that within two to four weeks the information would be received by the records center in Oklahoma City. [] advised that records would be very complete and one would be able to obtain considerable back-ground information on an individual. [] could furnish no further information.

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No leads are being set out by the San Francisco Division. It is requested that Seattle Division review their file in this matter and all leads are being left to their discretion.

8/16/72

AIRTEL

Sub 48

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)
FROM: SAC, LAS VEGAS (164-60) (P)
SUBJECT: NORJAK
HIJACKING
OO: Seattle

Ramyairtel, 3/28/72.

RE: DON BURNWORTH

On 8/16/72, [redacted], United Airlines (UAL), Reno, Nevada, advised that he and several UAL pilots still considered BURNWORTH as prime suspect in captioned matter. [redacted] stated BURNWORTH's possible participation in this matter was widely discussed among UAL personnel and BURNWORTH's present whereabouts were still unknown.

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Seattle is requested to advise the Las Vegas Division of results of investigation regarding BURNWORTH.

2 - Seattle
2 - Las Vegas
ATS:jsb
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8/24/72

AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: SAC, LAS VEGAS (164-60)
FROM: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)
SUBJECT NORJAK
00: Seattle

BURNWORTH
Sub 48

Re DON BURNWORTH

Re Las Vegas airtel to Seattle, 8/16/72.

The following is a summary of investigation regarding BURNWORTH, conducted to date:

On 11/30/71, BURNWORTH's picture displayed to stewardesses [redacted] advised he was too young and too good looking to be unsub; [redacted] stated he was not identical to unsub.

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On 12/1/71, witnesses [redacted] eliminated BURNWORTH as a subject after viewing photograph.

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On 3/22/72, the Bureau advised Oklahoma City that [redacted] telephoned and furnished current address as [redacted] stated he had been in [redacted] since August, 1971, and would willingly submit to interview. [redacted] advised [redacted] [redacted] Kansas City, Missouri, had been causing him considerable difficulty,

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2 - Seattle
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and he does not want her to learn of his whereabouts.

In view of the above, BURNWORTH was eliminated as a suspect in this matter.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS. *

8/25/72

AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

Sub 48

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)
FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (164-220) (P)
SUBJECT: NORJAK
RE DONALD OTIS BURNWORTH

Suspect interviewed United Airline's Office, San Francisco International Airport, 8/24/72, by Bureau Agent. He recalls having his Thanksgiving dinner, 11/24/72, with friends, [redacted]

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[redacted] also in attendance [redacted]
[redacted] same residence.

BURNWORTH produced passport reflecting entrance to Germany, 9/30/71, and returned to United States, 8/19/72. Passport Number B1855633, issued 8/10/71, San Francisco.

[redacted] accompanying BURNWORTH, furnished similar information re attendance at Thanksgiving dinner.

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In view of above information, BURNWORTH no longer being considered suspect in this case.

For information of Seattle, BURNWORTH was arrested by Sheriff's Office for child stealing and nonsupport following the interview.

Seattle advise interested offices.

SEE SERIALS 3850, 3819

② - Seattle
2 - San Francisco
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AIR MAIL

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TO: SAC, LAS VEGAS (164-60)

FROM: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

SUBJECT: NORJAK
OO: SEATTLE

RE: DON BURNWORTH
SUB #48

Enclosed for Las Vegas and Los Angeles Divisions
is one copy of San Francisco airtel to Seattle dated 8/25/72.

In view of the information contained in the
enclosed airtel BURNWORTH is eliminated as a suspect.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

2 - Las Vegas (Encl. 1)
1 - Los Angeles (INFO) (164-497)(Enc. 1)
2 - Seattle
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Sub 48

DB COOPER-44842

164-81-3850

1/4/73

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL, REGISTERED

Sub 48

TO: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO
FROM: SAC, DENVER (164-98) (P)
SUBJECT: NORJAK
(OO: SEATTLE)

Information copies are furnished Seattle and Minneapolis inasmuch as coverage of lead in San Francisco may result in investigation in your division.

A Denver resident has advised that a man named DON BURNWORTH, who formerly lived in her neighborhood, resembles the composite of unknown subject in this case.

BURNWORTH was believed to be a commercial pilot possibly flying for United Air Lines. He reportedly left the Denver area shortly before instant hijacking.

Denver Police Department records reveal no record identifiable with BURNWORTH. Denver Credit Bureau reflects DONALD O. BURNWORTH, a pilot for United Air Lines formerly resided at 3070 Olive, Northglenn, Colorado.

Inquiry at United Air Lines revealed BURNWORTH is a United Air Lines pilot and while based in Denver at one time, left Denver over a year ago and is now based in San Francisco. United Air Lines at Denver was unable to locate any other descriptive data, but advised their San Francisco Office will have BURNWORTH's personnel file and further information regarding his whereabouts at the time of instant hijacking.

Sub 48

- 2 - San Francisco (RM)
 - ① - Seattle (164-81) (Info.)
 - 1 - Minneapolis (164-73) (Info.)
 - 2 - Denver
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*BURNWORTH
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*ELIMINATED 164-81-4297
SUSPECT
DN, SF*

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DN 164-98

LEADS:

THE SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA: Contact [REDACTED] United Air Lines, to obtain further information regarding BURNWORTH.

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(2) If possible obtain photographs and forward to Seattle, Minneapolis and Denver for display to flight crew members.

THE DENVER DIVISION

AT DENVER, COLORADO: Will continue logical investigation in this matter.

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TO DENVER (164-98)

SAN FRANCISCO (164-220)

MINNEAPOLIS (164-73)

FROM SEATTLE (164-81)(P) IP

Sub 48

MORJAK. 00: SEATTLE.

RE DENVER AIRTEL TO SAN FRANCISCO, SEATTLE AND MINNEAPOLIS
DATED 1/4/73.

REFERENCED AIRTEL SUGGESTED DON BURNWORTH, FORMER UNITED
AIRLINES PILOT, AS A POSSIBLE SUSPECT IN THIS MATTER.

A REVIEW OF SEATTLE INDICIES REVEALS DONALD OTIS BURNWORTH,
BORN 3/4/31 AT OKLAHOMA; W/M/A; 6 FEET; 180 POUNDS; BLACK HAIR;
HAZEL EYES; SSAN [REDACTED], HAS BEEN ELIMINATED AS A SUSPECT.

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IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE, ALL RECEIVING OFFICES ARE TO DISCONTINUE
INVESTIGATION CONCERNING SUSPECT, BURNWORTH.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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DB COOPER-44839

Sub 48

164-81-4287

SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

1/28/75

SAC, DENVER (164-98) (RUC)

Sub 48

NORJAK
OO: SEATTLE

For the information of the Seattle Division, on 1/8/75,

[redacted] Broomfield, Colorado [redacted] telephone [redacted], was interviewed by Bureau Agents, at Denver, Colorado. It is noted that prior to being interviewed [redacted] was advised the Agent he had previously been interviewed by was SA [redacted] stated at the time he was interviewed by [redacted], he did not feel the information he was about to give the Agents, at the present time, was pertinent to the matter. He further stated after considerable thought, he decided that this may be valuable information and provided the following:

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[redacted] stated he is [redacted] for in excess [redacted] in [redacted]
[redacted]
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After the [redacted]

[redacted] In late [redacted] in the San Francisco area. [redacted] to go to Kansas City, Missouri, [redacted]
[redacted]

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[redacted] and took [redacted]
[redacted] who were living in the Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, area.
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[redacted] and [redacted] that was available [redacted]

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2 - Denver

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[redacted] only the
Oklahoma address.

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In 1972, [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] arrived in San Francisco, [redacted]
[redacted] (another false charge).
[redacted] allegedly had furnished [redacted] The
police did not arrive until after [redacted] so did not
apprehend [redacted].

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The [redacted]
[redacted]

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When instant hijacking was announced by the news media
and it was stated that a person identified as D. B. COOPER had
committed the hijacking, [redacted]

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[redacted]
[redacted] and advised
that D. B. COOPER is [redacted].

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to locate [redacted]

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[redacted] feels that the [redacted]
[redacted]
contrived the hijacking [redacted]. They used
[redacted]

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[redacted] They then located
someone who roughly resembled [redacted], and [redacted] obtained informa-
tion from [redacted] as to how someone could exit a plane in
flight and someone was hired to hijack the plane in order to get
[redacted] located, not for the money.

[redacted] advised he was contacted by authorities while [redacted]
[redacted], concerning the hijacking, and was in contact

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with the Justice Department, Washington, D.C., on a couple of occasions. [redacted] in San Francisco he was interviewed by a Federal Bureau of Investigation Agent, whose name he believes to be [redacted].

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[redacted] The following descriptive information was obtained from [redacted]:

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Name	[redacted]
Sex	Male
Race	White
Date of Birth	[redacted]
Place of Birth	[redacted]
Height	6'0"
Weight	185 lbs.
Hair	Black
Eyes	Hazel
Social Security	[redacted]
Military Service	Four years, United States Air Force
Service Number	[redacted]

[redacted] requested that the fact that he furnished the above information be kept confidential [redacted]

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[redacted], but stated he would be glad to appear in a lineup for the crew of the captioned flight or assist in any way he can.

12/5/75

AIRTEL

TO: SAC, CHICAGO (164-297)
FROM: SAC, DETROIT (164-115) (RUC)

Sub 794

UNSUB, aka
Dan Cooper;
Northwest Airlines Flight 350
Portland, Oregon, to Seattle, Washington
11/24/71
CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION
OO: SEATTLE

On 12/5/75, [redacted], Saginaw County Sheriff's Office, Tri-City Airport, Freeland, Michigan, advised that on 12/2/75, [redacted] for United Airlines (UAL) on a flight from Chicago, Illinois, to Tri-City Airport, made a comment to him regarding a former pilot for UAL reportedly missing since just prior to captioned hijacking. [redacted] advised that [redacted] indicated to him UAL discharged a former pilot to Seattle, Washington, who was experiencing severe financial and family problems. The individual has reportedly been missing since just prior to captioned hijacking and has not been heard from since.

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[redacted] stated the individual was reportedly a pilot for a 727 type aircraft. [redacted] indicated he has been unable to obtain the name of [redacted] who furnished him this information; however, UAL Headquarters, Chicago, could possibly identify the individual and also the pilot reportedly discharged by UAL just prior to captioned hijacking.

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CHICAGO

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS:

Will, at UAL Headquarters, attempt to identify [redacted] who furnished the above information and also [redacted] approximate date of hijacking.

Sub 48

- 2 - Chicago
- ② - Seattle (164-81)
- 1 - Detroit

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Consistent with Sub 794 into Sub 48

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DB COOPER-44835

SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

1/14/76

SAC, CHICAGO (164-297) (RUC)

UNSUB aka,
Dan Cooper;
NORTHWEST AIRLINES, FLIGHT 350,
PORTLAND, OREGON TO SEATTLE, WASHINGTON
11/24/71
CAA - HIJACKING;
EXTORTION
OO: SEATTLE

Sub 794

Re Detroit airtel to Chicago dated 12/5/75,

On 1/6/76, [redacted]

[redacted], United Airlines (UAL), Chicago, Illinois, was contacted regarding UAL flights from Chicago, Illinois, to Tri-City Airport, Freeland, Michigan, on 12/2/75.

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[redacted] was advised of the contents of referenced Detroit airtel and advised that the UAL co-pilot was probably referring to UAL pilot DONALD O. BURNWORTH, UAL Number 021048, who is currently based in Denver. [redacted] advised that BURNWORTH was previously investigated by the FBI as a suspect in captioned case.

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[redacted] advised that there are seven UAL 727-type aircraft flights daily to Tri-City Airport and that the route is flown by crews generally not based in Chicago.

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Chicago will leave the decision whether or not to conduct further investigation into this matter due to discretion of Seattle inasmuch as the facts related seem to relate to the investigation regarding DONALD O. BURNWORTH.

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2-Detroit (164-115)
1-Chicago
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SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

7/28/76

SAC, DENVER (164-98) (P)

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MORJAK
OO: SEATTLE

Re Seattle airtel to the Bureau, dated 5/24/76
and Denver airtel to Seattle, dated 1/28/75.

For information of Seattle, all logical investigation, credit and criminal checks were conducted at Denver, Colorado, immediately subsequent to captioned skyjacking on 6/1/76. Records of the Colorado DMV, Denver Credit Bureau, the Denver PD and Colorado Bureau of Investigation were again checked with negative results.

On 6/1/76, [redacted]

[redacted] United Airlines, were both contacted regarding the rumor contained in Bureau airtel to Seattle, dated 5/19/76. Both advised that the only rumor of which they were aware regarding a UAL pilot was that concerning DONALD OTIS BURNWORTH, 70 Garden Center, Apartment 309, Broomfield, Colorado, who is a co-pilot with UAL who has been so employed by UAL for an excess of 10 years. [redacted] advised in an interview conducted on 12/13/74 by FBI Agents at Denver, Colorado, that he had previously been contacted by a FBI Agent at San Francisco, California, whose name he believed was [redacted] and had also been in contact with officials at the U. S. Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., on at least two occasions.

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2 - Denver

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (164-2111)

DATE: 9/21/76

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

SUBJECT: NORJAK
OO: SEATTLE

RE: DONALD OTIS BURNWORTH
SUB #48 [redacted]

Re Seattle airtel to the Bureau dated 5/24/76.

For the information of the Bureau and other receiving offices, investigation by the Denver Division has revealed that the rumor alluded to in referenced communication possibly concerns DONALD OTIS BURNWORTH, who has been eliminated as a possible suspect in this matter. In view of this, no further investigation will be conducted concerning this aspect of the investigation.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

- 2 - Bureau (164-2111)
- 1 - Denver (164-98) (Info)
- 1 - San Francisco (164-220) (Info)
- ③ - Seattle (164-88)

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

Sub 48
164-81-2096

DB COOPER-44832

memorandum

DATE: 3/16/78

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: SA [REDACTED]SUBJECT: NORJAK
OO: SEATTLEb6
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To: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)(P)

RE: SUB H - WITNESSES
SUB 48 - DONALD OTIS BURNSWORTH

On March 13, 1978, Division 6 Supervisor, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], was telephonically contacted and provided the
following information:

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The pilot of the Norjak aircraft was [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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DONALD OTIS BURNSWORTH is an ex-United Airlines
pilot and has been processed and eliminated as a suspect
in this matter. (Sub #48)

The John Doe Grand Jury indictment obtained by
the Portland Division is still outstanding.

The pilot's identity i.e., [REDACTED] is
publicly documented in the press.

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[REDACTED] explained he needed this information because
he had been receiving telephone calls from a newspaper man
and/or a writer who is doing a story on this case.

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164-81-7819

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DB COOPER-44831

FBI

TRANSMIT VIA:

☐ Teletype
☐ Facsimile

☒ AIRTEL

PRECEDENCE:

☐ Immediate
☐ Priority
☐ Routine

CLASSIFICATION:

☐ TOP SECRET
☐ SECRET
☐ CONFIDENTIAL
☐ EFTO
☐ CLEAR

Date 6/26/79

SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

SAC, DENVER (164-640)(RUC)

SUBJECT: NORJAK (A)
 OO: SEATTLE

SUB 418

RE: DONALD OTIS BURNWORTH

Re Denver telcall to Seattle, 6/22/79, to SA

Denver, Colorado, appeared at the Denver Office 6/21/79, and advised one DONALD O. BURNWORTH, a United Air Lines pilot, Denver, Colorado, had been in contact with him through [redacted], who is acquainted with [redacted].

[redacted] advised [redacted]

[redacted] further advised that BURNWORTH told him he was at one time considered a suspect in captioned matter and that he was a suspect because of [redacted]

[redacted] He stated he and his wife did not have a very happy marriage and that after they divorced, [redacted]

He stated that at the time of the kidnaping, he reportedly was assigned as a pilot for United Air Lines at San Francisco and flew to Portland.

(2) - Seattle
 1 - Denver

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DB COOPER-44829

Approved: [redacted]

Transmitted [redacted]

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FBI

TRANSMIT VIA:

☐ Teletype
☐ Facsimile
☒ AIRTEL

PRECEDENCE:

☐ Immediate
☐ Priority
☐ Routine

CLASSIFICATION:

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

Date 7/14/89

TO: SAC, DENVER (164A-SE-81)
 FROM: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (164A-SE-81) (P)
 SUBJECT: NORJAC;
 AIRCRAFT HIJACKING - CAA
 OO: SEATTLE

On 7/6/89, [redacted], telephonically contacted the Minneapolis Office. He advised that he had recently learned that the FBI is still pursuing all leads in captioned matter. He advised that [redacted], Denver, Colorado, has information to furnish to the FBI concerning captioned matter and a captain who is employed by United Airlines named DON BURNWORTH.

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Contact and interview [redacted]
 [redacted], Denver, Colorado, telephone number [redacted], concerning information about Captain DON BURNWORTH and captioned matter. Report results to Office of Origin, Seattle.

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 ② - Seattle (Info)
 2 - Minneapolis

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DB COOPER-44828

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

10/16/89

Date of transcription

[redacted] was interviewed at his residence, [redacted]
[redacted] Colorado [redacted] is a white male
who furnished his date of birth as [redacted].

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[redacted] advised that he is [redacted]
and has been employed in that capacity since [redacted]. He had [redacted]
and he was [redacted]
[redacted] During that time of unemployment, he was working for
[redacted]. From approximately
August of [redacted], until the very end of November [redacted] or early
December 1971, he was residing in the [redacted]
[redacted] in connection with [redacted] employment.

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[redacted] admitted to having an interest in D. B. COOPER
and the hijacking of a NORTHWEST AIRLINES plane from Seattle,
Washington in November of 1971. [redacted] claims that the
hijacking was done by [redacted].

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[redacted] The motive for [redacted]
[redacted] action. By way of explanation, [redacted] stated that he was
[redacted]

[redacted] . Because of [redacted]
[redacted]

[redacted] indicated that he [redacted]
hijacking and again reiterated that he has a great interest and
knowledge concerning the subject. He is convinced of [redacted]
[redacted]

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He believes that COOPER is alive, was [redacted]
[redacted] and that COOPER escaped from the airplane by hiding
in the stairway area in the rear of the airplane behind the canvas
covers which were in place in Boeing 727 aircraft at that time.

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Investigation on 9/28/89 at [redacted] Colorado

by SA [redacted]
[redacted]

Date dictated

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[REDACTED] indicated that he has been interviewed by the FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION in connection with this matter on prior occasions. Specifically, the first interview was in December of 1971 when he was telephonically contacted by Special Agent [REDACTED] of the Washington D.C., FBI office concerning the hijacking. This occurred shortly after [REDACTED].

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Thereafter, he was again interviewed by an Agent in San Francisco, California, in early 1972. This interview took place at the [REDACTED] at San Francisco [REDACTED]. He does not recall the Agents name but does know that [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] by COOPER.

Also, in [REDACTED], he was [REDACTED] California, and he was again interviewed by FBI Agents in connection with the hijacking.

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In conclusion, [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] has a knowledge of this hijacking indicating that [REDACTED] with former FBI Director CLARENCE KELLY. In conclusion, [REDACTED] denied being D.B. COOPER himself.

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The following physical description was noted during the course of the interview:

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Hair:	Brown, turning gray, with combed straight back. [REDACTED] has a full head of hair

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Eyes:	Blue
Height:	5'11"
Weight:	185 pounds
Face:	

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] at Denver, Colorado.

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On September 7, 1989, Denver telephone number [redacted] was contacted in an effort to locate [redacted]. It was determined through conversation with the subscriber to that telephone, [redacted] Denver, Colorado, as well as confirmation through US WEST crisscross directories that that number is assigned to [redacted] advised that [redacted] is unknown to her.

A review of the Intrawest crisscross directory and the US WEST telephone directory determined that there is only one listing in the Denver, metropolitan area for [redacted].

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On September 7, 1989, [redacted] telephone number [redacted] was contacted concerning the "unsolved mysteries" television broadcast in October of 1988. [redacted] advised that he had never contacted the FBI concerning that show and has no information to furnish. In addition, he has never heard of [redacted].

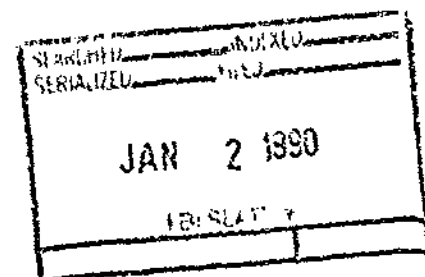
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AT NORTHGLENN, COLORADO

On September 9, 1989, [redacted] Northglenn, Colorado [redacted], residence telephone number [redacted], was contacted concerning information he may have relating to DON BURNWORTH and BURNWORTH's relationship to the hijacking of a Northwest airlines flight in Seattle, Washington, in 1971.

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[redacted] advised that he saw a television program "UNSOLVED MYSTERIES" and realized that a [redacted] DON BURNWORTH could conceivably be the D. B. COOPER. He stated that BURNWORTH is currently a United Airlines Pilot and that he formerly resided [redacted] residence. [redacted] stated that there was considerable gossip in prior years [redacted] and a [redacted] concerning BURNWORTH and the fact that BURNWORTH could be D. B. COOPER. [redacted] stated that [redacted] that BURNWORTH is D. B. COOPER. [redacted] further noted that the [redacted] was named [redacted] and that BURNWORTH's initials are D. B.

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AT THORNTON, COLORADO

On September 7, 1989, [redacted] Thornton, Colorado [redacted], business telephone number [redacted], was contacted concerning DON BURNWORTH.

[redacted] stated that [redacted] is a [redacted]. He stated that both [redacted] knew DON BURNWORTH, and based on statements made by BURNWORTH, they feel there is a possibility that BURNWORTH could be D. B. COOPER, who is responsible for the hijacking of a Northwest airlines plane from Seattle, Washington, in 1971. [redacted] stated that several years ago, [redacted]

[redacted] He described the [redacted] the Northwest airlines airplane by COOPER. He believes that [redacted] who resides on [redacted] in Denver, Colorado, may still have [redacted]. BURNWORTH has a [redacted] in Arvada, Colorado, and that [redacted] has knowledge concerning BURNWORTH's relationship to D. B. COOPER.

AT DENVER, COLORADO

On September 7, 1989, [redacted] Denver, Colorado, was contacted at her residence where she has telephone number [redacted].

[redacted] was contacted concerning DON BURNWORTH. She stated that she has [redacted] to BURNWORTH. She met BURNWORTH [redacted]. She explained that she and her former husband, [redacted] the [redacted] located in Thornton, Colorado.

On one occasion, [redacted] D. B. COOPER in connection with the hijacking of a Northwest airlines flight in 1971. In her opinion, [redacted] She [redacted] several years ago. She believes that [redacted] and does not believe that BURNWORTH is D. B. COOPER.

AT ARVADA, COLORADO

On September 11, 1989, [redacted] was interviewed at [redacted] Arvada, Colorado [redacted], where she had business telephone number [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that she is [redacted] and in addition [redacted] in Denver, Colorado, and formerly had a [redacted] in Las Vegas, Nevada. She originally met DONALD BURNWORTH in [redacted] and [redacted]. The [redacted] and [redacted]. She described [redacted] who is a [redacted]. She stated that BURNWORTH is a pilot for UNITED AIRLINES and she believes that he currently resides at 6650 Quitman Court, Arvada, Colorado. She described BURNWORTH as being obsessed with D. B. COOPER and during the time [redacted] dealing with COOPER. BURNWORTH claimed to have been arrested by the FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION in San Francisco, California, in 1974 or 1975, for being D. B. COOPER.

At one time, BURNWORTH [redacted] his D. B. COOPER [redacted] and [redacted]. He made numerous requests of her [redacted]. He appeared to be obsessed with the law, courts, and lawsuits, and in an effort to appease him, [redacted] in Seattle, Washington, [redacted]. She made [redacted] at which point [redacted] COOPER did not bail out of the BOEING 727 aircraft. Instead, after the cabin attendants were sent forward to the cockpit area, COOPER actually hid in the ceiling area above the passenger compartment in the interior of the aircraft, and after it returned to Seattle, Washington, and was searched, he walked off the airplane.

[redacted]
[redacted].

She recalls seeing drawings of D. B. COOPER, and indicated that BURNWORTH does resemble those drawings. [redacted] claims to have [redacted] recalls seeing [redacted]; however, she does not [redacted].

She characterized BURNWORTH as a [redacted] who is obsessed with D. B. COOPER and who [redacted]. She believes that he could possibly be D. B. COOPER. She believes that BURNWORTH was born in February of 1931, and that he is still employed as a pilot for UNITED AIRLINES, is a member of the JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES CHURCH and as stated earlier, resides in Arvada, Colorado.

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Memorandum



To : SAC, SEATTLE

Date 12/28/89

From : SAC, DENVER (164A-SE-81) (RUC)

Subject: NORJAK;
OO: SEATTLE

Re Seattle airtel to Denver, dated 7/31/89.

Enclosed for the information of Seattle are two copies of an insert reflecting investigation conducted in the Denver field division and the original and one copy of an FD-302 reflecting an interview with [redacted] at Arvada, Colorado.

Denver indices reflect that [redacted] was involved in [redacted] at Boulder, Colorado, during [redacted]

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PRECEDENCE:

☐ Immediate
☐ Priority
☐ Routine

CLASSIFICATION:

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☐ ~~SECRET~~
☐ ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~
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Date 3/2/90

1 TO : SAC, DENVER (164A-SE-81)
2 FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (164A-SE-81) (P)
3 SUBJECT: NORJAK
4 OO: SEATTLE

5 Re subject DONALD OTIS BURNWORTH, SUB 48 and
6 Minneapolis airtel to Denver dated 7/14/89.

7 Reference airtel requested the Denver Division to
8 locate and interview [redacted] Denver,
9 Colorado, telephone number [redacted] concerning information
about suspect BURNWORTH. A review of Seattle's file fails to
indicate that it has received a copy of the results of that
investigation.

10 LEAD:11 DENVER DIVISION12 AT DENVER, COLORADO

13 Will forward to Seattle the results of that
14 investigation so that this matter might be brought to a logical
15 conclusion.

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