

SAC (164-81) (P)

12/10/71

SA [REDACTED]

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NORJAK
OO: SEATTLE

RE: SUSPECT SHERIDAN LOUIS PETERSON

Re telephone conversation between SA [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] and SA [REDACTED], 12/8/71.

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Efforts to locate suspect in Seattle negative to date. Boeing Security personnel provided information on suspect who is former Boeing employee which indicates subject's [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] and is described as follows: White male American, born 5/2/26, Santa Rosa, California, 6', 195 lbs., blue eyes, black hair, SSAN 565-30-8586. [REDACTED]

ST LOUIS
PETERSON is former member of Boeing Sky Diving Club and has been employed as a laborer, smoke jumper, teacher, reporter and writer. Suspect is a U.S. Marine veteran of World War II.

LEADS

SEATTLE
At Richland, Washington

Will attempt to locate and interview suspect's [REDACTED]
in an effort to determine suspect's current whereabouts.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

DATE: 12/2/71

FROM :

[REDACTED]

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

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[REDACTED] on instant date [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Seattle, [REDACTED], appeared at the Seattle
Office. [REDACTED] advised that he is presently employed by
[REDACTED]
stated that the physical description and the composit drawing
of unsub are similar to a man named SHERIDAN PETERSON.

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[REDACTED] stated that he hasn't seen PETERSON in [REDACTED]
years and has no knowledge of his whereabouts at this time
or during the hours of the hijacking.

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[REDACTED] stated that if PETERSON was in the Seattle
area PETERSON would not contact him. [REDACTED] does not know
PETERSON personally.

Check of Seattle indices shows SHERIDAN L. PETERSON,
157-348-387 could be ident to SHERIDAN PETERSON.

Attached is a clipping of PETERSON made ten years ago.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)P

DATE: 12/15/71

FROM : SA ROBERT A. IBBOTSON

SUBJECT: NORJAK
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Sub 112

RE: SUSPECT SHERIDAN LOUIS PETERSON. Serial #1084(Sub 112)

On 12/10/71 [redacted], Richland Public Utilities Office, Richland City Hall, advised that according to their records, [redacted] left Richland, Washington, on [redacted] and moved to [redacted] Montana, Zip [redacted].

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The above information was telephonically furnished to SA [redacted] on 12/10/71

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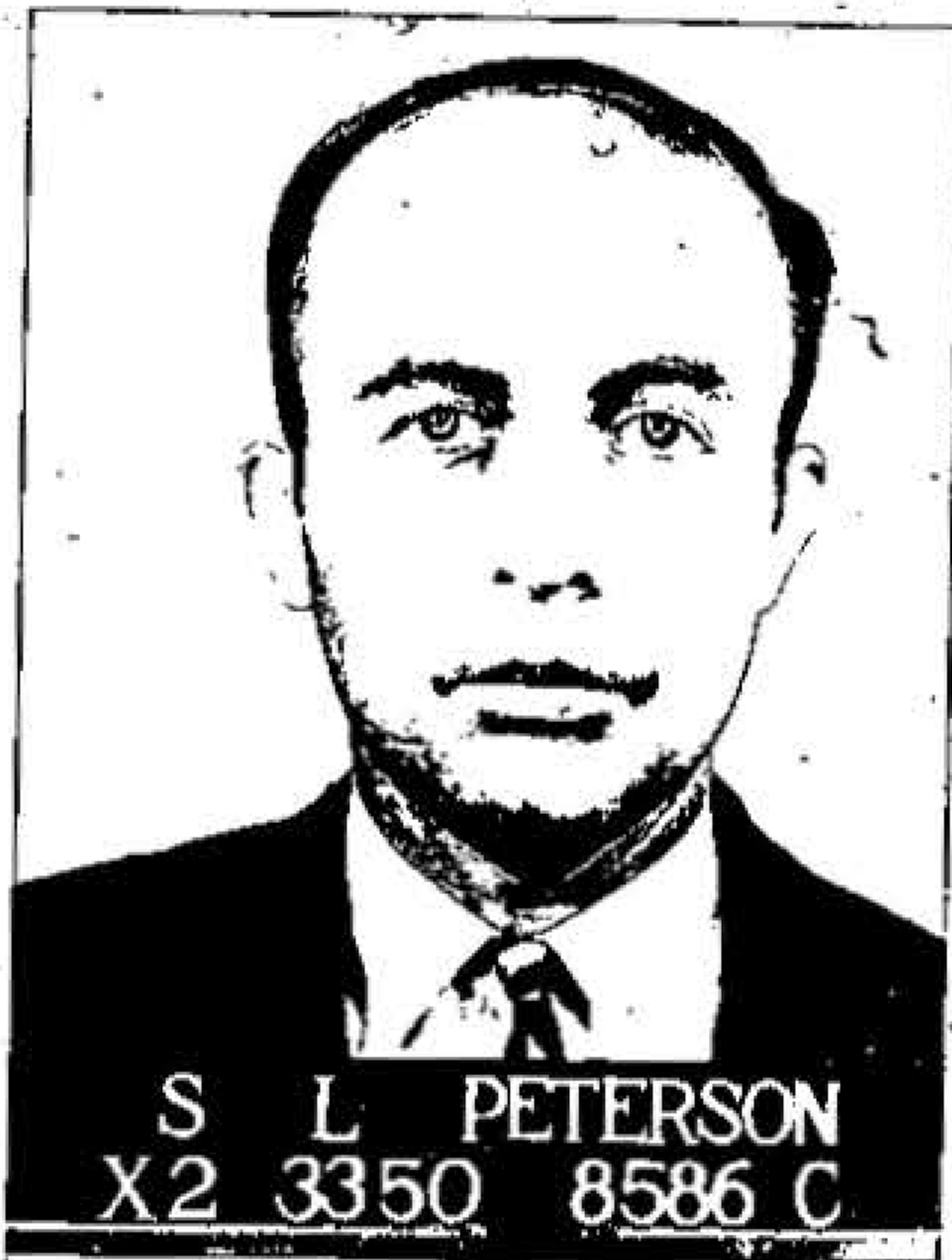
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[Signature]





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Stinson J. Peterson

Elation, Freedom:

This Man Jumps From Airplanes for 'Kicks'

Here we have a man who jumps out of airplanes for fun. He falls at 120 miles an hour. He glides like a bird. He blossoms out with a parachute. He lands with a bump.

He's always a little fearful before each jump, but he thinks that's OK. His name is Sheridan Peterson, former Montana smoke jumper, now a Boeing Employees Skydiver.

Skydiving is fun, but . . . let's let Sheridan describe it. "When jumping I'm a little uncertain, however, I've built up my self confidence. I still have a little fear, but I feel if you don't feel a tinge of fear you might become a little careless."

Q WHAT'S IT LIKE?

A Well, what's skydiving like? What kind of attitude does one have when jumping out of an airplane? Why is it fun?

A You really have no sensation of dropping . . . It's like floating on a river of air. The farther you fall the firmer the air feels," Peterson explains.

"There are many reasons why people skydive," Peterson said. "It's simply a sport with unlimited challenge. It's a sensation of freedom when you're sailing through space at 120 to 130 miles an hour. Some enjoy the excitement of fear—it makes all the other problems one might have seem trivial. It's a release. There also is a feeling of elation when the chute opens."



SHERIDAN Peterson, skydiver, strikes typical high altitude, in-flight pose.

● FORMER SMOKE JUMPER

"I first started jumping as a smoke jumper in Montana," said Peterson. "It was in the early 50s when I was a student at the University of Missouri. At the time I was quite interested in being a writer and I was looking for new experience—broadening my base of knowledge."

"I read an article about smoke-jumping in a magazine and sent in my application. Two years later I was accepted. We were employed by the U.S. Forest Service to contain fires in isolated areas in Montana."

"My first jump was quite an experience," Peterson recalls. "At 2,500 feet I knew I was going to jump. I wanted to, yet I didn't. Then my instructor gave me a heavy pat and out I went . . . my eyes were closed. In fact, my eyes were closed during the first five jumps."

Peterson did his first free fall in 1953. He wished he hadn't. He jumped out and tumbled head over heels "for quite a distance." Peterson then pulled the ripcord and nothing happened. Finally, in desperation, the smokejumper-turned-skydiver, "threw" the ripcord. The parachute blossomed, but Peterson didn't know how to guide it.

● NEAR ACCIDENT

"I just barely missed some power lines," Peterson said, "but my chute didn't. There I was suspended from the lines. This taught me the dangers of unsupervised jumping."

What's the difference between skydiving and regular parachuting? Peterson says when a regular parachutist jumps his chute is opened automatically by a static line connected to an airplane. When a skydiver jumps, he releases the parachute himself, thereby allowing him time to "sail" through the atmosphere.

Peterson didn't skydive again until last February. As a newspaper reporter, he did the jump to get a story for the *Tri-City Herald*. (He's now a technical editor in Org. 2-5000.) When Peterson came to work for Boeing last May he helped organize the Boeing Employees Skydiving Club. Now he jumps almost every Sunday. (The club has a 60-acre pasture near Kent.)

Peterson maintains there's a lot of interest in skydiving. He said he received more than 100 telephone calls about the club when a skydiving article appeared in *The Boeing News*. Sheridan has 13 skydives to his credit.

● TESTS REQUIRED

When one wants to be a skydiver, one has to go through supervised testing period. First there's short delays—then the delays (from airplane to release of parachute) get longer. Then there are licensing phases. And, all club jumps are supervised by a safety officer. Then—if the main parachute fails, skydivers always have an auxiliary one. Consequently skydiving is quite safe, maintains Sheridan Peterson.

So, all you seekers of "freedom," "new experience," "adventure," "release"—just call Sheridan Peterson at Ext. 5-2234 and sign up for the club. The minimum age is 18; the maximum age is a little vague—around retirement age, Peterson comments.

There's only one minor drawback. If you're married, keep an eye on your wife. "Wives," says Peterson, "are considered by many to be the greatest obstacle to skydiving. There seems to be one way out of this problem—get more women interested in the sport."

Skydiver Places in Sunnyside Tourney

Paul M. Clifford, Boeing Employee Skydivers' president, placed third in the style event at the second annual Central Washington Skydiving tournament at Sunnyside last Saturday and Sunday.

Clifford, a professional exhibitionist with more than 270 delay-falls, made a figure eight and a back roll in less than 15 seconds from 4,000 feet. Rainy weather imposed the low-altitude regulation on the stunt jumpers who ordinarily fall from 7,200 feet.

Six other Boeing employees participated in the contest. David Lithgow, Ralph Mulvihill and Clifford competed in the senior spot jumping, team jumping, and style jumps. Those competing in the junior event were Jack Simmons, Jim O'Brien, Sheridan Peterson and Peter Thomas.

NAME PETERSON, SHERIDAN LOUIS #8586 BAC ENGINEERING EXPERIENCE

DATE	JOB TIME	JOB NO.	SALARY	TOTALS
8-17-62	Ind. Eng'r D. Sched. 19 Anno.	196-6	\$96.60	\$5.52 DAY-DAY NEW YORK \$5.52 TOTAL \$2.3354

EMPLOYEE HISTORY AND ASSIGNMENT RECORD

[illegible]

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION SHEET

The following information is necessary to supplement your application. All questions must be answered fully. Write "None" where applicable.

Name Peterson, Sheridan, Louis Social Security No. 565-30-8586
LAST FIRST MIDDLE

Place of Birth Santa Rosa, California
CITY STATE OR COUNTRY

Wife's full maiden name or Husband's name

Father's full name Chauncey Weaver Peterson, Windsor, Calif deceased
BIRTHPLACE PRESENT ADDRESS

Mother's full name including maiden name Mrs Edith ^{UNK} Coffey (Peterson) Crane Lincoln, Calif, Santa Rosa, Calif
BIRTHPLACE PRESENT ADDRESS

in List names and addresses of relatives and dependents living outside the United States or its Possessions none

th List all organizations, other than labor unions, to which you have ever belonged. (PAST AND PRESENT) Washington Education Association, National Education Association, Montana Education Association, VFW (1952)

th Have you ever changed your name or gone by any other name? Yes No X If "Yes" indicate names used and dates of changes

NOTE: Females must answer "Yes" if married, and list all married names ever used.

Authority for the change

Date 4/27/62 Signature Sheridan Peterson DB COOPER-45617

REFERENCES

PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES *previous supervisors preferred*

NAME	COMPANY OR FIRM NAME	HOME ADDRESS	b6 b7C
	Columbia Basin NEWS The Spokesman- Review		

Credentials and Confidential references are on file at placement bureau
CHARACTER REFERENCES do not list relatives or former employers *Montana State Univ.
Missoula, MONT.*

NAME	OCCUPATION	HOME ADDRESS	b6 b7C
FIRST	MIDDLE	LAST	

MAY WE CONTACT YOUR PRESENT EMPLOYER PRIOR TO COMPLETION OF EMPLOYMENT NEGOTIATIONS? YES ☒ NO ☐

IF NO, EXPLAIN I am unemployed

SIGNATURE

IMPORTANT
 before signing below, please check this application
 carefully for completeness.

BY AUTHORIZING MY PRESENT OR ANY FORMER EMPLOYER OR ANY OTHER PARTY TO
 RELEASE ANY AND ALL RECORDS OF MY SERVICE AND OTHER INFORMATION CONCERN-
 ING ME, EXCEPT THAT WHICH WOULD INDICATE AGE, RACE, CREED, COLOR, OR NATIONAL
 ORIGIN, TO THE BOEING COMPANY, FURTHER, I HEREBY RELEASE THE SAID PARTY FROM
 ALL LIABILITY FOR ANY DAMAGE WHICH MIGHT RESULT FROM FURNISHING SAID IN-
 FORMATION. I PLEDGE MY LOYALTY TO THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, TO THE
 PRINCIPLES UPON WHICH OUR GOVERNMENT IS FOUNDED, AND THE ESTABLISHED FORM
 OF GOVERNMENT, FALSE STATEMENTS OR CONSEQUENTIAL OMISSIONS OF ANY KIND
 ARE SUFFICIENT GROUNDS FOR DISMISSAL.

PLEASE SIGN HERE

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S. B...
 SIGNATURE

EVALUATION AND REMARKS

3/26/62

4-18-72

4/19/62 off state - unit

FIRM NAME AND ADDRESS	BASE SALARY	POSITION AND DUTIES DESCRIBE	DATES EMPLOYED		REASON FOR CHANGING EMPLOYMENT
			NO.	YR.	
Columbia Basin News 207 W. Columbia Pasco, Wash.	\$95 WK	General assignment reporter, feature writer	TO 8	61	former employee returned from Army
Medical Lake High School Medical Lake, Wash.	\$5150 Yr	High school English - Journalism Teacher	TO 9	60	transition to write
The Spokesman- Review Spokane, Wash.	\$98 WK	General assignment reporter	TO 6	60	A summer job, only
Lopez High School Lopez, Wash.	\$4800 Yr	humanities, Lang. Arts Teacher, Coach	TO 9	58	very time
Moses Lake High School Moses Lake, Wash.	\$4304 Yr	English-Social Studies Teacher	TO 9	57	consuming job encephalitis was a serious threat.
Motion High School Norton, Montana	\$3820 Yr	English-Journalism Teacher	TO 9	55	Better opportunities
Fire Control Dept. US Forest Service Federal Building, Missoula, Mont.	1.64 hr.	Summer jumper	TO 6	53	summer employment
Columbia Municipal Library Columbia, Mo	80.9 hr	Night librarian	TO 9	52	summer term job received for college students
Santa Rosa Press Democrat Santa Rosa, Calif.	75.9 hr.	Cub reporter	TO 9	48	student transferred to Univ. of Mo.

* ADDITIONAL INFORMATION MAY BE PLACED ON A SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET AND ATTACHED

DESCRIBE TYPE OF WORK DESIRED Public information officer, publicity writer,
technical writer, public relations director, company publication
reporter

DO YOU HAVE MINIMUM SALARY REQUIREMENT? YES ☒ NO ☐ IF YES, AMOUNT establish salary

IF REQUIRED, DO YOU HAVE ANY OBJECTIONS TO WORKING OVERTIME? YES ☐ NO ☒

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN GRANTED A SECURITY CLEARANCE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ARMY, NAVY, AIR FORCE OR OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCY? YES ☐ NO ☒

IF YES, PLEASE INDICATE LEVEL OF CLEARANCE _____ DATE GRANTED _____

NAME AND ADDRESS OF EMPLOYER AT THE TIME CLEARANCE WAS GRANTED, _____

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NAME AND ADDRESS OF AGENCY GRANTING CLEARANCE.

EDUCATION

Additional or more detailed information may be placed on a supplemental sheet and attached. If available, grade transcripts may also be attached.

HIGHEST HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDED

Healdsburg

LOCATION

Healdsburg, Calif.

DATE GRADUATED

2/47

(interrupted by military service)

COURSE TAKEN

Academic

HIGHER EDUCATION:

List all undergraduate and postgraduate work and all technical or vocational education. List future degrees and dates expected.

SCHOOL AND LOCATION	DATES ATTENDED		MAJOR AND MINOR COURSES (IF ENGINEERING — LIST OPTIONS)	GRADE POINT	OUT OF A POSSIBLE	DEGREE CONFERRED OR EXPECTED & DATE
	MO.	YE.				
<u>Santa Rosa Junior College</u>	FROM	<u>2 47</u>				
<u>Santa Rosa, Calif.</u>	TO	<u>6 49</u>	<u>liberal Arts</u>	<u>B</u>		<u>A.A. 6-'49</u>
<u>University of Mo.</u>	FROM	<u>9 49</u>	<u>English (major)</u>			
<u>Columbia, Mo.</u>	TO	<u>6 52</u>	<u>journalism</u>			
" "	FROM	<u>9 53</u>	<u>Philosophy</u>	<u>C</u>		<u>B.A. 2-'54</u>
" "	TO	<u>2 54</u>	<u>history (minor)</u>			
<u>Montana State University</u>	FROM	<u>9 54</u>				
<u>Missoula, Montana</u>	TO	<u>3 55</u>	<u>creative writing (15 quarter hours)</u>	<u>B</u>		
" "	SUMMERS FROM	<u>of</u>				
" "	TO	<u>'56, '57</u>	<u>Education (minor)</u>	<u>C</u>		

IF NO DEGREE, CIRCLE CLASS STATUS: FRESHMAN JUNIOR TOTAL UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE CREDITS
SOPHOMORE SENIOR

INDICATE ADVANCED DEGREE THESIS TOPICS:

EXTRACURRICULAR COLLEGE ACTIVITIES School newspaper, B-squad football

INDICATE ANY HOBBIES, OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES OR SPECIAL CAPABILITIES WHICH MAY BE RELEVANT TO YOUR APPLICATION (e.g. TECHNICAL REPORT WRITING, HAM RADIO OPERATION, FOREIGN LANGUAGES, ETC.)

Creative writing - Poetry, short stories, partly completed novel.

BOEING

**TECHNICAL - PROFESSIONAL
EMPLOYMENT APPLICATION**

ADDRESS ONLY (NO PHONE)

DATE 3/26/62 PREFERRED LOCATION: ☒ SEATTLE ☐ WICHITA ☐ PHILADELPHIA ☒
☐ NO PREFERENCE ☐ OTHER Boeing Co.

NAME Peterson, Sheridan, Louis
LAST 5002 15th AVE. N.E. FIRST 5002 MIDDLE 15 (MAIDEN)

PRESENT ADDRESS 408 Abert, Richland, Seattle, Wash.
NO. STREET CITY ZONE STATE

PRESENT PHONE NO. (none) LA 2-3492 SOCIAL SECURITY NO. 565-30-8586

PERMANENT HOME ADDRESS 408 Abert, Richland, Wash.
NO. STREET CITY ZONE STATE

AGE 35 DATE OF BIRTH 5/2/26 MALE ☒ FEMALE ☐ U.S. CITIZEN? YES ☒ NO ☐

IF YOU ARE NOT A U.S. CITIZEN, INDICATE TYPE OF VISA _____

MARITAL STATUS _____ NO. OF DEPENDENTS INCLUDING SELF AND SPOUSE _____

FULL NAME OF SPOUSE _____
LAST FIRST MIDDLE

U.S. MILITARY SERVICE? YES ☒ NO ☐ BRANCH OF SERVICE Marine Corps

TYPE OF DISCHARGE honorable SELECTIVE SERVICE CLASSIFICATION unclassified
4-25-44 to 12-16-46

EMPLOYMENT DESIRED PERMANENT ☒ SUMMER ☐ OTHER _____ BEGINNING WHEN? immediately

ARE YOU A FORMER BOEING EMPLOYEE? YES ☐ NO ☒ IF YES, WHAT COMPANY DIVISION _____

IF YES, UNDER WHAT NAME _____

HAVE YOU EVER MADE OTHER EMPLOYMENT INQUIRIES TO BOEING? YES ☒ NO ☐ IF YES, EXPLAIN BELOW

1 letter several weeks ago to the editor of their publication

ANY RELATIVES EMPLOYED BY BOEING? YES ☐ NO ☒ IF YES, NAME AND RELATIONSHIP _____

HAVE YOU ANY PHYSICAL DEFECTS? YES ☐ NO ☒ IF YES, EXPLAIN _____

OTHER THAN MINOR TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS HAVE YOU EVER BEEN ARRESTED? YES ☐ NO ☒
(IF YES, EXPLAIN BELOW, GIVING EACH CHARGE, DATE, PLACE AND DISPOSITION)

DB COOPER-45613

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY NOTIFY _____
LAST FIRST MIDDLE

ADDRESS _____ WASH. PHONE NO. (none)
CITY ZONE STATE

ATTACHMENT SHEET FOR PERSONNEL SECURITY QUESTIONNAIRE OF: SHERIDAN LOUIS PETERSON

SS: 565-30-8586

DOB: May 2, 1926

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Witcher Logging Camp - Annapolis, California	6-51	9-51
Number unknown on South Ave., Columbia, Missouri	9-50	6-51
Number unknown on Harrisburg Ave., Houston, Texas	6-50	9-50
818 Fay Street, Columbia, Missouri	9-49	6-50
Utah Construction Camp - Ukiah, California	6-49	9-49
Number unknown on Sonoma Highway - Santa Rosa, California	9-48	6-49
Crawford Lumber Camp - Longvale, California	6-48	9-48
Santa Rosa Jr. College Dorm., Santa Rosa, California	9-47	6-48
Union Lumber Company Camp, Fort Bragg, California	6-47	9-47
1543 Slater Street, Santa Rosa, California	11-46	6-47
U.S. Marine Corps., Pac. theater of operations	5-44	11-46
Number unknown - Healdsburg, California	7-43	5-44
6158 Faught Rd., Windsor, California	1-37	6-43

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Green Bonner Lumber Mill	Bonner, Montana	6-57	8-57
Chain Worker			
Teacher Noxon High School	Noxon, Montana	10-55	6-57
Reporter The Missoulian	Missoula, Montana	6-56	8-56
Choker The Thomas Logging Co.	Holland Lake, Montana	8-55	10-55
Setter			
Choker Harper's Logging Co.	Missoula, Montana	6-55	8-55
Setter			
Timber Region 1 - U.S. Forest	Missoula, Montana	3-55	6-55
Cruiser Service			
Student		9-54	3-55
Smokejumper U.S. Forest Service	Missoula, Montana	6-54	9-54
Night Columbia Municipal Lib.	Columbia, Missouri	9-53	6-54
Librarian			
Smokejumper Region 1 - U.S.	Missoula, Montana	6-53	9-53
Forest Service			
Life Guard Hulen Lake	Columbia, Missouri	4-53	6-53
Logger Witcher Logging Camp	Annapolis, Calif.	6-52	9-52
		6-51	9-51
Laborer Utah Construction Co.	Ukiah, California	6-49	9-49
Sandblaster Todd Shipyards Corp.	Houston, Texas	7-50	9-50
Cub Reporter Santa Rosa Press -	Santa Rosa, California	12-48	6-49
Democrat			
Mill-hand Crawford Lumber Co.	Longvale, California	6-48	9-48
Mill-hand Union Lumber Co.	Fort Bragg, California	6-47	9-47
Student		12-46	6-52
U.S. Marine Corps		4-44	12-46
Laborer Miller's Dehydrating Plnt.	Healdsburg, California	6-44	8-44
Laborer Basalt Rock and Gravel Co.	Healdsburg, California	10-43	8-44
Lumber- Barrett Lumberyard	Healdsburg, California	9-42	6-43
Jack			
Student		1-37	6-44

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN ARRESTED, CHARGED, OR HELD BY FEDERAL, STATE, OR OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES, FOR ANY VIOLATION OF ANY FEDERAL LAW, STATE LAW, COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL LAW, REGULATION OR ORDINANCE? INCLUDE ALL COURT MARTIALS, WHILE IN MILITARY SERVICE. DO NOT INCLUDE ANYTHING THAT HAPPENED BEFORE YOUR 16TH BIRTHDAY. DO NOT INCLUDE TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS FOR WHICH THE ONLY PENALTY IMPOSED WAS A FINE OF \$25.00 OR LESS. ALL OTHER CHARGES MUST BE INCLUDED EVEN IF THEY WERE DISMISSED.

☐ YES ☒ NO IF "YES", GIVE DATE AND PLACE, CHARGE, AND DISPOSITION:

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN PREVIOUSLY GRANTED OR DENIED A SECURITY CLEARANCE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY, NAVY, OR AIR FORCE, BY ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION OR OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCY?

IF GRANTED

☐ YES

☒ NO

IF DENIED

☐ YES

☒ NO

IF "YES", INDICATE WHEN GRANTED, WHERE, AND BY WHOM: IF DENIED, WHEN AND BY WHOM:

32. WHAT WAS THE LEVEL OF THE CLEARANCE?

DNA

DNA

REFERENCES (Give five personal references, stating business address of all references, if known. Do not include relatives, former employers, or persons living outside the United States.)

YEARS

CITY

STATE

LIST ALL FOREIGN OWNED CORPORATIONS OR OTHER BUSINESSES OF WHICH YOU ARE AN OWNER, OR ACT IN A REPRESENTATIVE CAPACITY. (If none, so indicate).

NONE

DB COOPER-45611

CERTIFICATION

WARNING: Read every sentence of Certification before signing.

I certify that the entries made by me above are true, complete, correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and are made in good faith.

I certify that I am a citizen of the United States.

I certify that I know that any misrepresentation or false statement made by me herein may subject me to prosecution under Section 1001 of the United States Criminal Code, with penalties up to five (5) years imprisonment and \$10,000 fine.

I certify that I have read and understand each sentence of this Certification.

SIGNATURE OR MARK OF EMPLOYEE

DATE OF SIGNATURE

12EB 101885

8/29/62

MILITARY SERVICE				
COUNTRY	BRANCH OF SERVICE	SERVICE NUMBER	FROM (Date)	TO (Date)
U.S.A.	Marine Corps	557214	4-25-44	12-15-44
234. LOCAL DRAFT BOARD (United States) AND ADDRESS		D. ORDER NO.		C. CLASSIFICATION
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RESIDENCE (List all places of residence from 1 Jan 1937, starting with present)		
STREET, CITY, STATE, OR OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISION AND COUNTRY	FROM (Date)	TO (Date)
1 - 30th Ave. South, Seattle 44, Washington	5-62	PRESENT
8 Abert Street, Richland, Washington	8-61	5-62
5 South Bowditch, Spokane 63, Washington	6-60	8-61
1. Ronald Pinkham Place - Lopez Island, Washington	9-58	6-60
56 Division Street, Moses Lake, Washington	9-57	9-58
Ravalli Street, Missoula, Montana	6-57	9-57
x 721 - Noxon, Montana	9-55	6-57
7 South Third Street, West, Missoula, Montana	5-55	9-55
3 South First, West, Missoula, Montana	1-55	5-55
10 Vine Street, Missoula, Montana	9-54	1-55
okejumper Headquarters - Parachute Loft; Missoula, Montana	6-54	9-54
15 Paquin, Columbia, Missouri	3-54	6-54
South 5th, Columbia, Missouri	10-53	3-54
okejumper Headquarters - Parachute Loft; Missoula, Montana	6-53	10-53
10 College Ave., Columbia, Missouri	2-53	6-53
05 Paris Road, Columbia, Missouri	9-52	2-53
atcher Logging Camp - Annapolis, California	6-52	9-52
0 Century Place, Columbia, Missouri (see attachment sheet)	9-51	6-52

ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERSHIP				
LIST ALL ORGANIZATIONS EXCEPT LABOR UNIONS AND EXCEPT ORGANIZATIONS LISTED ON DD FORM 484 IN WHICH YOU HOLD OR HAVE HELD MEMBERSHIP				
NAME AND ADDRESS	TYPE	OFFICE HELD	FROM (Date)	TO (Date)
Moses Lake, Washington: National Assoc. for the Advancement of Colored People	Humanistic	Publicity Dirctr.	6-58	6-59
Moses Lake, Washington: Wash. Education Assoc.	Professional	None	9-57	6-58
Seattle, Washington: Soaring Skydiving Club	Athletic	Vice President	6-62	PRESENT
Noxon, Montana: Montana Education Assoc.	Professional	None	9-55	6-56
Parent-Teachers Assoc.	Social	None	9-55	6-60
Moses Lake, Washington: Parent-Teachers Assoc.	Social	None	9-55	6-60
Columbia, Missouri: Veterans for Foreign Wars (Post 280)	Social	None	2-50	2-52
San Francisco, California: Marine Memorial Assoc.	Social	None	6-48	PRESENT

PERSONNEL SECURITY QUESTIONNAIRE

SEP 10 1962

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If more space is required, attach additional sheets, identifying by corresponding block number.

FORM WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED UNLESS COMPLETELY AND PROPERLY EXECUTED. One

blank which do not apply will be marked "None"

NOTE: PENALTY FOR MISREPRESENTATION - Title 18 United States Code, 1001 makes it a criminal offense, punishable by a maximum of 5 years imprisonment, \$10,000 fine, or both, to make a false statement or representation to any Department or Agency of the United States as to any matter within the jurisdiction of any Department or Agency of the United States. This includes any statement knowingly made by employee or employee herein which is found to be incorrect, incomplete or misleading in any important particular - Title 18 United States Code, 911 states - "Whoever falsely and willfully represents himself to be a citizen of the United States shall be fined not more than \$2,000 or imprisoned not more than three years, or both."

TO BE COMPLETED BY EMPLOYER

TO: (Contract Security Office)

AIR FORCE PLANT REPRESENTATIVE
THE BOEING COMPANY
7755 E. MARGINAL WAY
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

ATTN:

NAME AND ADDRESS OF EMPLOYER (If a subsidiary, include name of parent company)

THE BOEING COMPANY
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

AERO-SPACE DIVISION
7755 E. MARGINAL WAY

JOB TITLE AND DESCRIPTION OF EMPLOYEE'S DUTIES WHICH REQUIRE ACCESS TO CLASSIFIED INFORMATION

Editor
2-5812-00

CONTRACT NUMBER, WHEN APPLICABLE

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION OF MATERIALS OR INFORMATION EMPLOYEE WILL HAVE ACCESS TO

I CERTIFY THAT THE ENTRIES MADE BY ME ABOVE ARE TRUE, COMPLETE, AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF AND ARE MADE IN GOOD FAITH.

TO BE COMPLETE

1. LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE NAME

BOYERSON, Sheridan Louis

2. DATE OF BIRTH

May 2, 1926

3. PLACE OF BIRTH

Santa Rosa, California

4. SOCIAL SECURITY NO.

665-30-8586

5. MARITAL STATUS

Separated

6. SEX

Male

7. RACE

White

8. HEIGHT

5'

9. WEIGHT

195

10. COLOR EYES

Blue

11. COLOR HAIR

Black

12.

EDUCATION (Account for all civilian schools)

YEARS (Include month if known)		NAME AND LOCATION OF SCHOOL	GRADUATE		DEGREE
			YES	NO	
9-1931	6-1936	Hill School - Sonoma Co., California		X	
9-1936	6-1939	Windsor - Windsor, California		X	
9-1939	2-1942	St. Vincent's - San Rafael, California	X		
2-1942	6-1944	Healdsburg High School, California		X	
10-1946	2-1947	Healdsburg High School, California	X		
2-1947	6-1949	Santa Rosa Jr. College, California	X		A.A.
9-1949	6-1952	University of Missouri - Columbia, Missouri		X	
9-1952	2-1954	University of Missouri - Columbia, Missouri	X		B.S.
9-1954	3-1955	Montana State University - Missoula, Montana		X	
Summers of 1956 & 1957		Montana State University - Missoula, Montana		X	

NATURALIZED CITIZEN ONLY, COMPLETE 14 THROUGH 21

14. FORMERLY CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY

15. DATE AND PLACE OF ENTRY INTO UNITED STATES

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16. CITY, COUNTY, AND STATE WHERE NATURALIZED

17. COURT

18. DATE

19. CERTIFICATE NUMBER

20. FORMER ALIEN REG. NO.

21.

DERIVATIVE CITIZENSHIP

A. PARENT'S NAME

B. CERTIFICATE NUMBER

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C. PLACE OF NATURALIZATION

D. COURT

E. DATE OF NATURALIZATION

ORGANIZATION

I am a member of the Boeing Employee Recreation Council, President of the Boeing Employee Skydivers Club, and a former member of the Washington Education Association and the National Education Association.

INTERESTS

I am a voracious reader and read an average of about one book a week .

A majority of the books deal with literature, philosophy and commentaries on current issues.

My favorite sports are hiking, swimming and skydiving. Up until the last two years I have been a very ardent gardener.

I have written a great many short stories and poems and have been working on a novel for the past six years. However, I have not found a publisher interested to publish any of my work.

3. Night librarian.....September 1952 to June 1953 and September 1953 to June 1954 [REDACTED]
Columbia Municipal Library, Columbia, Mo.The job is available to university students on a part-time basis.
4. Cub news reporter February 1949 to June 1949.....
Carson, editor Santa Rosa Press Democrat, Santa Rosa, California.....Left job when I transferred schools.

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5. News release writerthe spring of 1961
[REDACTED] Virgil Warren Advertising Agency "Spokane, Wash. I worked for the agency during the evenings and weekends writing news releases for papers throughout the country while teaching at Medical Lake.

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COLLEGE EDUCATION

1. Santa Rosa Junior College, Santa Rosa, California
February 1947 to June 1949liberal art major.....
A. A. degree.
2. University of Missouri.....Columbia, Missouri,
September 1949 to June 1952 and September 1953 to February 1954 majors in English, philosophy and journalism..
B. A. degree.....
3. Montana State University , Missoula, Montana ...September 1954
to March 1955 and the summers of 1956 and 1957....minors in

DB COOPER-45606

3. . Language arts and humanities high school teacher..... September, 1958
to June 1960 [REDACTED]Lopez High School,
Lopez, San Juan Islands, Washington.....no academic freedom. Teachers
were not permitted to fail a student regardless of attitude or effort...
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4. High School English and social studies teacher..... September 1957
to June 1958 [REDACTED]Moses Lake High
School, Moses Lake, WashingtonLeft because [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

5. High School English and journalism teacherSeptember 1955
to June 1957 [REDACTED]Noxon High School,
Noxon, Montana.Left for better opportunities.

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A CHRONOLOGY OF PART -TIME AND SUMMER EMPLOYMENT

1. General-assignment news reporterJune 1960 to September 1960
[REDACTED]The Spokesman-Review, The Review
Building, Spokane, Wash.

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2. General-assignment news reporter and feature writerSeptember
1952 to June 1953 [REDACTED] U of M journalism
school.... The Columbia Missourian, Columbia, Mo.....It is a standard
newspaper sold commercially throughout Boone County, Mo. and competes
successfully with a professionally staffed newspaper, The Columbia
Tribune. The Columbia Missourian is staffed with journalism students.

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A RESUME

I have two years' experience as a news reporter and feature writer and six years as a high school journalism and English instructor. I also have written releases for an ad firm.

I have a B. A. from the University of Missouri with majors in English, philosophy and journalism. I also have two quarter hours of graduate credit in creative writing from Montana State University.

My credentials and confidential references are on file at MSU's placement office at Missoula, Mont.

I am 36 and in excellent physical condition. I am also an overseas veteran of World War II.

[redacted] His business phone number is [redacted]
[redacted]. My office phone number is JU 5-2234 and my home phone number is LA 2-6435. Please grant me an interview to better discuss my qualifications.

A CHRONOLOGY OF FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT

1. Reporter and feature writer August 1961 to February 1962
[redacted] Pasco, Washington..
Left because a former employee was discharged from service and wanted his former job back.
2. High School English and journalism teacher September 1960 to June 1961 [redacted] Medical Lake High School (Spokane suburb), Medical Lake, Washington. Left because I wanted a job writing.

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5/15/72

SA [REDACTED]

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NORJAK
OO: SEATTLE

RE: SUSPECT SHERIDAN LOUIS PETERSON
(SUSPECT #112)

Remymemo 12/10/71.

The attached forms, a Personnel Security Questionnaire dated 9/10/62, a Boeing employee history and assignment record for SHERIDAN LOUIS PETERSON, a Boeing Technical-Professional employment application, dated 4/18/62, and a Personal resume written by SHERIDAN PETERSON were provided by [REDACTED], 7755 East Marginal Way South. The Personnel Security Questionnaire was provided on 12/7/71. The other three forms were provided on 12/6/71 along with a photograph of SHERIDAN LOUIS PETERSON.

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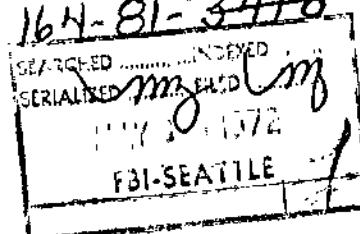
The photograph of SHERIDAN LOUIS PETERSON was provided to SA [REDACTED] on 12/7/71. [REDACTED] advised the photograph would be shown to witnesses and that further leads should not be covered until the photograph had been identified either positively or negatively.

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Since 12/7/71, this file has been reviewed on a bi-weekly basis. The file is still listed in a pending status and negative leads have been set forth for Seattle.

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Due to this Agent's transfer, it is recommended that any future leads regarding suspect PETERSON be reassigned to another Agent.



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S. L. PETERSON

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DOUGLAS GIBSON BURNS



With the exception of PETERSON, CATHEY, BURNS, and [REDACTED] stated none of the other individuals bore any resemblance to the hijacker, and in his opinion, are not identical with him. [REDACTED] stated PETERSON's lips and wide forehead remind him of the hijacker; however, PETERSON's picture shows him to be a little heavier than Unsub with not enough hair.

[REDACTED] stated that CATHEY's wide forehead reminds him of the hijacker; however, CATHEY does not appear to have enough hair and lacks the Mexican or Indian characteristics that [REDACTED] noted in the hijacker.

[REDACTED] stated BURNS' and [REDACTED] hairlines were similar to the hijacker but they lacked the Mexican characteristic also.

[REDACTED] further advised that in his opinion none of the individuals were the hijacker.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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

DATE: 9/12/72

FROM : SA RONALD N. NICHOLS

LD TO INT
10/1/72

SUBJECT: NORJAK
OO: SEATTLE

RE: DEMONSTRATION OF PHOTOGRAPHS
TO WITNESSES

On 9/5/72, witness [redacted]
[redacted] telephone SU [redacted]
was exhibited photographs of the following individuals:

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RAYMOND D. BERRYHILL

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SE #164-81

[redacted] was born in [redacted] in Billings, Montana. In addition PETERSON is a former of the Boeing Sky Diving Club and has been employed as a laborer, smoke jumper, teacher, reporter, and writer.

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A check of the Richland Public Utilities Office, Richland City Hall, Richland, Washington, revealed that [redacted] left Richland on 7/6/67, and moved to [redacted] [redacted], Billings [redacted].

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ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

LEAD

BUTTE DIVISION

AT BILLINGS, MONTANA

Will attempt to locate [redacted] and interview her concerning [redacted]. Specifically, suspect's current whereabouts, description, photograph and possible involvement in captioned matter are requested.

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ARMED & DANGEROUS

12/27/73

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AIR MAIL

TO : SAC, BUTTE (164-26)
FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (164-26) (P)
SUBJECT: NORJAK
OO: Seattle

Sub 112

Re: SHERIDAN PETERSON
SUB #112

PETERSON has been suggested as a suspect in this matter by [redacted] Renton, Washington. [redacted] stated that PETERSON resembles the artist's composite on UNSUB and in addition is an expert sky diver.

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Efforts to locate suspect in Seattle negative, to date. Boeing security personnel provided information on suspect who is former Boeing employee which indicates [redacted] last resided at [redacted] in Richland, Washington, as of 9/10/62. Suspect lists [redacted] and is described as follows:

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Race	White
Sex	Male
Nationality	American
DOB	5/2/26
POB	Santa Rosa, California
Height	6'0"
Weight	195#
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Black
Social Security #	565-30-8586

2 - Butte (AM)
3 - Seattle
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DB COOPER-45598

Sub 112

164-81-6022

1/10/74

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES
FROM: SAC, BUTTE (164-26) (P)
SUBJECT: MORJAK
OO: Seattle

Sub 112

Re Seattle airtel to Butte, 12/27/73.

For the information of Los Angeles and San Francisco, an individual by the name of SHERIDAN PETERSON has been suggested as a suspect in captioned matter by one [redacted] of Renton, Washington. [redacted] stated that PETERSON resembles the artist's composite on DMSUB and in addition is an expert skydiver. He is a former employee of the BOXING COMPANY in Seattle, Washington, and is described as follows:

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Race	White
Sex	Male
Nationality	American
DOB	5/2/26
POB	Santa Rosa, California
Height	6'
Weight	195#
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Black
SSN	565-30-2586

On 1/7/74, [redacted], who resides at [redacted] [redacted] Billings, Montana, was interviewed at his place

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- 2 - Los Angeles (AM)
2 - San Francisco (AM)
② - Seattle (164-81) (AM)
1 - Butte
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164-81-6073

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DB COOPER-45595

FBI

Date: 1/15/74

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

TO: SAC, SACRAMENTO
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (164-497)(P)
SUBJECT: NORJAK
00: Seattle

Sub 112

Re Butte airtel to Los Angeles 1/10/74.

Referenced airtel is enclosed herewith for Sacramento as Bakersfield, California, is within that Division. Sacramento is requested to cover lead set out for Los Angeles at Bakersfield.

2- Sacramento (Encls.-2)
2- Butte (164-26)
2- San Francisco
② Seattle (164-81)
1- Los Angeles
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164-81-6084

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FBI - SEATTLE	

Approved: E.H.M.

Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M Per _____

DB COOPER-45594

SC 164-50

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On 2/6/74, [] stated []
[] had received a present from SHERIDAN during past
week and his address was indicated as "RVN PETERSON SL 33583620,
Japan Regional Exchange - Pacex, APO, San Francisco,
California - 96411." SHERIDAN's 1972-73 address was
"P. O. Box 4, Pokhara, Nepal."

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[] made available photo of SHERIDAN,
which she said was taken approximately 15 years ago. Copy
of this photo made and original returned to her 2/6/74.

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According to [], following is description
of SHERIDAN as of seven to eight years ago and some background
data:

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Sex	Male
Race	White
Birth data	5/2/26 Healdsburg, California
Height	6' 1"
Weight	185 - 200
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Dark brown, balding
Scars	Small barely noticeable scar on upper lip
Characteristics	Walks with top half of body leaning forward and swings arms away from body to very obvious degree
Father	Deceased
Mother	EDITH CRANE; husband, LES; Street unknown Santa Rosa, California
Brother	[] City unknown, Hawaii

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ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

2/7/73

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)
FROM: SAC, SACRAMENTO (164-50) (P)
NORJAK
OO: SE

Re Butte airtel to Los Angeles, 1/10/74, and Los Angeles airtel to Sacramento, 1/15/74. *164-81-10 464*

Enclosed for Seattle is one photograph of SHERIDAN PETERSON.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] at Bakersfield, California:

[redacted], Bakersfield Community College, contacted 1/29/74, and said [redacted] Within a year after that time, SHERIDAN left the United States and accepted a teaching assignment in Vietnam. To her knowledge, he has not returned to the United States since that time. He occasionally writes [redacted] She last heard SHERIDAN was in Nepal. She said she would locate his last known address and a photograph.

[redacted] advised she has no knowledge of SHERIDAN's whereabouts during October, November, or December, 1971, and assumes he was overseas. She has absolutely no information to indicate his involvement in captioned matter.

2 - Seattle (Enc. 1)
2 - Sacramento
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[redacted]
[redacted]

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SAC, SEATTLE (164-18)

3/20/74

SAC, SACRAMENTO (164-50) (P)

Sub 112

NORJAK
(OO: SE)

Re Sacramento Airtel to Seattle dated 2/7/74.

Continuing contacts with local authorities and in the California State Department of Justice (CII) regarding captioned matter has not developed any new pertinent information or suspects in this case.

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2 - Sacramento
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SF 164-220
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The following investigation was conducted by
SA [redacted]:

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AT SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

On April 30, 1974, [redacted]
Oakland Terrazzo Company, 480 Littlefield Avenue, South
San Francisco, California, advised their telephone numbers
are:

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871-4242
871-4243
871-4244
871-4245

They did have telephone number [redacted] but
they did not have enough need for it and it was disconnected
in December of 1973. [redacted] has been employed there since
[redacted] and she does not know anyone by the name of
[redacted], male or female. She added that [redacted]
[redacted] to ever
work at Oakland Terrazzo Company.

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On April 2, 1974, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Santa Rosa, California, advised that [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] and they only [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] She was not familiar
with SHERIDAN PETERSON by name or description.

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SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

5/31/74

SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (164-220) (P)

Sub 112

NORJAK
OO: SEATTLE

Re Butte airtel dated 1/10/74.

Re: Suspect SHERIDAN PETERSON

Enclosed for Seattle is an investigation insert reflecting investigation at South San Francisco, concerning subscriber to telephone number [] as set out in referenced Butte airtel.

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For the further information of Seattle the following investigation was conducted by SA [] at Santa Rosa:

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On January 17, 1974, a review of Sonoma County Pacific Telephone Directory, October, 1973, revealed that prefix [] not listed for the [] area code, which covers Santa Rosa, California. A listing was located for a [] Santa Rosa, California, telephone [].

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On the same date a review of the Pacific Telephone directory for San Francisco, California, revealed that the prefix [] was listed for the South San Francisco - San Bruno area.

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On January 28, 1974, February 19, 1974, and March 14, 1974, attempts to contact [] [], Santa Rosa, California, were made with no response.

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2 - San Francisco
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8/15/97

SKY-JUMPER: Sheridan Peterson recently jumped from an airplane at the Beijing Aero Sports School, China's national skydiving center to celebrate his 71st birthday. As this former Lake Washington High School English teacher floated down under a snow-white canopy, he became the oldest person to ever make a parachute jump in China, according to He Zhi-yi, head coach at the school. I have pictures of him grinning like a Cheshire cat in his bright red jumpsuit, a look of triumph on his face.

Patti Payne's column appears Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Sundays. Call (453-4602) for (828-9441), or write (Eastside Journal, P.O. Box 90130, Bellevue 98009-2251) or E-mail: patti.payne@eastsidejournal.com

Skydiver Places 3rd in Tourney

Paul M. Clifford, Boeing Employee Skydivers' president, placed third in the style event at the second annual Central Washington Skydiving tournament at Sunnyside last Saturday and Sunday.

Clifford, a professional exhibitionist with more than 270 delay-falls, made a figure eight and a back roll in less than 15 seconds from 4,000 feet. Rainy weather imposed the low-altitude regulation on the stunt jumpers who ordinarily fall from 7,200 feet.

Six other Boeing employees participated in the contest. David Lithgow, Ralph Mulvihill and Clifford competed in the senior spot jumping, team jumping, and style jumps. Those competing in the junior event were Jack Simmons, Jim O'Brien, Sheridan Peterson and Peter Thomas.

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This Man Jumps From Airplanes for 'Kicks'

Here we have a man who jumps out of airplanes for fun. He falls at 120 miles an hour. He glides like a bird. He blossoms out with a parachute. He lands with a bump. He's always a little fearful before each jump, but he thinks that's OK. His name is Sheridan Peterson, former Montana smoke jumper, now a Boeing Employees Skydiver.

Skydiving is fun, but... let's let Sheridan describe it. "When jumping, I'm a little uncertain. However, I've built up my self confidence. I still have a little fear. I feel if you don't feel a tinge of fear you might become a little careless."

WHAT'S IT LIKE?
Well, what's skydiving like? What kind of attitude does one have when jumping out of an airplane? Why is it fun?

You really have no sensation dropping... it's like floating in a river of air. The farther you fall the firmer the air feels," Peterson explains.

"There are many reasons why people skydive," Peterson said. "It's simply a sport with unlimited challenge. It's a sensation of freedom when you're sailing through space at 120 to 130 miles an hour. Some enjoy the excitement of fear—it makes all the other problems one might have seem trivial. It's a release. There also is a feeling of elation when the chute opens."

• FORMER SMOKE JUMPER

"I first started jumping as a smoke jumper in Montana," said Peterson. "It was in the early 50s when I was a student at the University of Missouri. At the time I was quite interested in being a writer and I was looking for new experience—broadening my base of knowledge."

"I read an article about smoke-jumping in a magazine and sent in my application. Two years later I was accepted. We were employed by the U.S. Forest Service to contain fires in isolated areas in Montana."

"My first jump was quite an experience," Peterson recalls. "At 2,500 feet I knew I was going to jump. I wanted to, yet I didn't. Then my instructor gave me a heavy pat and out I went... my eyes were closed. In fact, my eyes were closed during the first five jumps."

Peterson did his first free fall in 1953. He wished he hadn't. He jumped out and tumbled head over heels "for quite a distance." Peterson then pulled the ripcord and nothing happened. Finally, in desperation, the smokejumper-turned-skydiver, "threw" the ripcord. The parachute blossomed, but Peterson didn't know how to guide it.



SHERIDAN Peterson, skydiver, strikes typical, high altitude, in-flight pose.

• NEAR ACCIDENT

"I just barely missed some power lines," Peterson said, "but my chute didn't. There I was suspended from the lines. This taught me the dangers of unsupervised jumping."

What's the difference between skydiving and regular parachuting? Peterson says when a regular parachutist jumps, his chute is opened automatically by a static line connected to an airplane. When a skydiver jumps, he releases the parachute himself, thereby allowing him time to "sail" through the atmosphere.

Peterson didn't skydive again until last February. As a newspaper reporter, he did the jump to get a story for the *Tri-City Herald*. (He's now a technical editor in Org. 2-5000.) When Peterson came to work for Boeing last May, he helped organize the Boeing Employees Skydiving Club. Now he jumps almost every Sunday. (The club has a 60-acre pasture near Kent.)

Peterson maintains there's a lot of interest in skydiving. He said he received more than 100 telephone calls about the club when a skydiving article appeared in *The Boeing News*. Sheridan has 13 skydives to his credit.

• TESTS REQUIRED

When one wants to be a skydiver, one has to go through supervised testing period. First there's short delays—then the delays (from airplane to release of parachute) get longer. Then there are licensing phases. And, all club jumps are supervised by a safety officer. Then—if the main parachute fails, skydivers always have an auxiliary one. Consequently skydiving is quite safe, maintains Sheridan Peterson.

So, all you seekers of "freedom," "new experience," "adventure," "release"—just call Sheridan Peterson at Ext. 5-2234 and sign up for the club. The minimum age is 18; the maximum age is a little vague—around retirement age, Peterson comments.

There's only one minor drawback. If you're married, keep an eye on your wife. "Wives," says Peterson, "are considered by many to be the greatest obstacle to skydiving. There seems to be one way out of this problem—get more women interested in the sport."

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Sheridan Person
Previously eliminated
See sub 112
No new information
As compile in states
[redacted] 3/3/00

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Subject: Case of D.B.Cooper (Dan Cooper)

Date: Sun, 21 Sep 2003 16:12:51 EDT

From:

To:

I was asked by the FBI if I knew anything about Sheridan Peterson. This was back in the days following the D.B. Cooper skyjacking. I believe the agent that contacted me was Agent [redacted]. He actually contacted [redacted] and asked if Sheridan [redacted]

[redacted] The agent left his phone number for me to call if I knew anything. When I got home from work [redacted] I called agent [redacted] and told him I knew why he was asking about Sheridan Peterson, that he was D.B. Cooper. The agent agreed that he was a suspect in the case. I told the agent that [redacted]

[redacted] I learned many things about the man [redacted] and he had a consuming desire to "Beat the System". In fact he said over and over that I should be smart enough [redacted] to figure a way to beat the system. There were many things about him that met the description and color of the man (very olive colored skin as mentioned by the Flight Attendant). He had been a smoke jumper for the Forest Service and told of jumping into fires and feeding the fires to make more overtime. He was an English major from the UofW and one of his professors had written the script for the "Bubbleator" (elevator operator) at the world fair in Seattle. He actually applied for the job and we saw him there on the job. The final piece of evidence that convinced me that he was D.B Cooper was the letter written to the San Francisco Chronicle from D.B. Cooper after the skyjacking. He signed it "From the guy that devised the system to beat the system"! Only Sheridan Peterson would have written that statement. I guess that the FBI found Sheridan and he probably had an airtight alibi. He would have done that as part of his "design to beat the system". He was also very interested in Boeing planes [redacted]

My question now is what ever happened to him and does he seem to have more money than the labor type jobs (he normally had) could have provided? I would guess that he could have written his great skyjacking novel (as an English major) and sold it to have money for the rest of his life. Of course the novel would not be published until he was dead.

Thanking you in advance for your answers,

[redacted]
Seattle, WA
[redacted]

PST would like to talk in more detail if possible so that you can solve this un-solvable crime.

*Sheridan Peterson
subject of sub 112
DOB 5/2/26 was previously
eliminated in FEB 1974
but was never interviewed
as he was never out of
the US... 11/4/2003 determined
lead will be set as per
11/5/2003
Personnel in US (CA)
See sub data
PROJECT - See sub data*

SE 164A-81-sub 112

[redacted]

[redacted]
SEP 2003
[redacted]

To: Criminal Investigative From: Seattle
Re: SE 164A-81-DNA, 11/05/2003

LEAD(s):

Set Lead 1: (Adm)

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE

AT WASHINGTON, DC

For information of VCMOS, MT/TCU.

Set Lead 2:

SAN FRANCISCO

AT SANTA ROSA, CA

1. Locate and interview SHERIDAN PETERSON, 1050 Third Street, #701E, Santa Rosa, California concerning his whereabouts and possible involvement in captioned case. Obtain detailed information concerning his employment and residence location from 1965 to the present, especially to include location in November, 1971. Obtain DNA sample (oral swabs) and submit to Laboratory, DNA 1, Attention [REDACTED].

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2. Following interview and obtaining of voluntary DNA sample, arrange to obtain major case prints from Peterson and forward to Latent Fingerprint Section, Attn. [REDACTED] for comparison with latents recovered in this case. Previous automated searches have been conducted, however Peterson's prints are not on file.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 11/05/2003

To: Criminal Investigative
San Francisco

Attn: VCMOS, MT/TCU
Attn: Santa Rosa RA

From: ✓Seattle

Squad 5/ PSVCTF

Contact: SA [REDACTED]

Approved By: [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED]

Case ID #: SE 164A-81-DNA (Pending)
✓SE 164A-81-SUB 112

Title: UNSUB,
aka DAN COOPER;
NORJAK
CAA - HIJACKING

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Synopsis: To set additional leads for investigation and collection of DNA samples for submission to the Laboratory, DNA 1. This case remains the only unsolved hijacking in the United States, and is commonly referred to as the "D.B. Cooper" investigation. Items collected should be forwarded directly to the Laboratory, DNA 1, Attention [REDACTED]. The EC should be uploaded to SE 164A-81-DNA. Due to the nature of this particular San Francisco lead, Seattle requests it be assigned to an experienced Agent.

Enclosures: For each receiving office is one case information sheet. Enclosed for San Francisco, Santa Rosa RA, are copies of various serials related to previous investigation of SHERIDAN PETERSON, 1050 Third Street, #701E, Santa Rosa, CA.

Details: Over the years, over one thousand possible subjects meriting subfiles have been processed by Seattle with the assistance of virtually every Field Division. Most were quickly eliminated, some required extensive investigation to eliminate, some remained of interest and could not be included or excluded through normal means. To date, the hijacker of Northwest 305, who parachuted from the aircraft with the \$200,000 ransom, has not been identified. Although it is very likely that the hijacker did not survive the jump, it remains a possibility. If currently alive, the hijacker would likely be in his mid-70's.

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