

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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HAROLD E. ANDERSON, residence RR 27 Murray St., Shorewood, Minnesota, telephone Liberty 4-88, was interviewed at the Reno Airport, Reno, Nevada, on the late evening of November 24, 1971 and early morning hours of November 25, 1971. He advised that he was the flight engineer on Northwest Airlines Flight 305.

ANDERSON noted that he was present during the interviews of hostess MUCKLOW and third officer WILLIAM RATACZAK and concurred with the information as supplied by them. He recalled that the hijacker had indicated the bomb had an electrical fuse and instructed the hostess that radio transmissions be limited as much as possible so that they would not set it off.

He advised that the landing at Seattle was made at 5:45 P.M., Pacific Standard Time, and that the hijacker had indicated that once the money and parachutes were brought on board and that re-fueling was simultaneously taking place, the passengers would be permitted to depart.

ANDERSON also stated that there was a delay on the ground in securing the chest-type parachutes and when they did not arrive as quickly as had been hoped for, the crew, through hostess MUCKLOW, requested permission to land anyway without them and the hijacker refused permission for same. At some point in negotiations with the hijacker, he indicated an awareness that parachutes would be obtained from McChord Air Force Base and indicated that it was only 20 miles away from the Seattle Airport.

ANDERSON added that after take-off at 7:36 P.M., they received a call from the hijacker around 7:42 P.M., at which time he indicated that he was unable to get the stairs lowered in flight. They then slowed down the aircraft air speed and subsequently observed the cockpit signal light that the rear stairs were down. At that time the Captain instructed the hijacker to sound the bell on the intercom in the event he wished to make any further contact with them, which he agreed to do. ANDERSON added that at no time did he have any direct contact or observation of the hijacker and, therefore, could furnish no physical description.

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by SAC HAROLD E. CAMPBELL, JR., and
SA H.E. HINDERLITER, JR. HEH:skh Date dictated 11/30/71