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FLORENCE SCHAFFNER, home address 1600 East 77th, Richfield, Minnesota, home phone No. 866-2704, advised that she is employed as a Stewardess by Northwest Orient Airlines (NWA) and was serving in that capacity on NWA Flight 305 on November 24, 1971. SCHAFFNER furnished the following information:

SCHAFFNER said that she was standing at the rear entrance to the plane, checking passengers onto NWA Flight 305 in Portland, Oregon. She said that the man, who she later learned was the hijacker, was next to the last person to board the plane. She said that the man did not appear suspicious and did not attract her attention.

SCHAFFNER said that after everyone had boarded the plane, she began serving refreshments, while the plane was still parked at the terminal area. She said that the hijacker was the first person she served. She said that he was sitting in Row 18, the last row of seats in the plane. She said that the hijacker sat on the righthand side of the plane in the middle seat of three seats on the righthand side.

SCHAFFNER said that she asked the man if he cared for anything to drink. She said the man replied that he would like Bourbon and 7-up. She fixed the drink for the man and was given a \$20 bill. She said that she asked the man if he had anything smaller, and he replied, "No, I'm sorry."

SCHAFFNER said that he was very polite, and she told him that she could not give him change, until she served the rest of the people in the section. He replied that it would be alright. She said that after serving the entire tourist section, she returned to the man and gave him change for his \$20 bill. She said that the man thanked her.

SCHAFFNER said that she then gave the routine oxygen mask usage and escape route demonstration. She said that the take-off announcement was then given, and she checked the passengers in the tourist section to be sure

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that their seatbelts were fastened. She then sat in the Stewardess seat located in the rear of the plane behind the hijacker's seat.

SCHAFFNER said that after she had been seated for about 30-seconds, and as the plane started taxiing toward the runway, the hijacker turned around and handed her an envelope. She said that at first she thought he was making a pass at her and did not open it immediately. She said the man turned around and looked at her several times, and she felt that he was indicating that he wanted her to open the envelope immediately.

SCHAFFNER said that she opened the envelope while the plane was still taxiing toward the runway. She said that the note inside the envelope was written in black felt-tip type pen and read as follows:

"MISS -

I have a bomb here and I would like you to sit by me."

SCHAFFNER said that "MISS" was printed, but the remainder of the note was written in neat legible handwriting. She said that the envelope was a plain, white letter-type envelope with no writing on the outside. She said the note was written on plain white unlined paper.

SCHAFFNER said that she read the note twice, and then looked up at the man. She said he was looking directly at her, and she asked if he was kidding. She said that the man replied, "No, Miss, this is for real," in a serious but calm voice.

SCHAFFNER said that another Stewardess, TINA, came to the rear of the plane at this time. SCHAFFNER said that she stood up and handed the note to TINA as she moved up and sat in the aisle seat beside the hijacker. She said that TINA read the note and went to the phone in the rear of the plane.

SCHAFFNER said that after sitting beside the man,

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she looked at him and asked again if he was kidding. The man replied, "No Miss."

SCHAFFNER said that the man then took a brief case which was sitting in the window seat and placed it on his lap. She said that he opened the briefcase and showed her a bundle of red sticks, which she believed was dynamite. She said that the bundle consisted of six or eight reddish colored sticks, which were about six or eight inches long. She said that there was no writing on the outside of the red sticks, and she believed they were bundled as though they were taped together.

She said that there was a small wire leading from the bundle of sticks, which the man held in his hand, as if to indicate he could detonate the bomb by touching the bare end of the wire to a contact. She said that there was also a battery in the briefcase, which was cylindrical in shape and about eight-inches long. She said that she could not describe the battery, as she paid more attention to the dynamite sticks.

SCHAFFNER said that after she sat down, she asked the man what she should do. He replied, "Take this down." She said she reached into her purse and got a pen and note pad. She said that the man dictated the following request to her:

"I want \$200,000 by 5:00 PM in cash. Put it in a knapsack. I want two back parachutes and two front parachutes. When we land, I want a fuel truck ready to refuel. No funny stuff, or I'll do the job."

SCHAFFNER said that she stopped writing and looked at the man, and he calmly said, "No fuss." She said that she also wrote this down on the note, al though she did not know if he had intended it to be part of the note. She replied, "Okay."

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She said that the hijacker replied, "After this, we'll take a little trip."

SCHAFFNER said that as the plane was taking off, she told the man that she would have to go to the cockpit, or she could not relay this information. He said, "Alright, go ahead." She asked as she got up, "Sir, is this all you want?" He replied, "Yes."

She said that when she got up, she went to the rear of the plane, where TINA was talking on the phone and took the note which the hijacker had initially given to her and went forward to the cockpit.

She said that she gave the Captain the information, and was told by the Captain to stay in the cockpit. She said that she remained in the cockpit until shortly before the plane landed. She said that the pilot instructed her to go to the tourist section and make sure that no one walked back into the area where the hijacker was sitting.

She said that after the plane landed, TINA, who was then sitting in the aisle seat next to the hijacker, stood up and walked to the forward exit of the plane. She said that all the passengers remained seated, and TINA returned to the plane carrying a large bag, which SCHAFFNER assumed was the \$200,000. She said that TINA went to the rear of the plane and gave the money to the hijacker.

SCHAFFNER said that the passengers began to de-board, and she remained standing at the entrance to the tourist section.

SCHAFFNER said that after all the passengers had deboarded the plane, she, TINA and ALICE, the other Stewardess on the flight, began talking to the man. He instructed TINA to go out again and pick up the parachutes. She said that while TINA made several trips to bring in all four parachutes, she conversed with the hijacker.

She said that the hijacker talked about how heavy the money was and asked her to lift it. She said that she picked up the bag of money and remarked as to how heavy it was.

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She said that at this point, she felt as though the hijacker was acting very childish. She said that she felt as though she was humoring him. She said that the man offered her, and the other stewardesses on the flight, money which was change from the \$20 bill he had given her for the drink. She told him that they did not accept tips. She said that he did not appear to resent this and said no more about it.

SCHAFFNER said that the man spoke of going to Mexico City, Phoenix or San Francisco. She said that he did not appear to know exactly where he was destined for. She said that she asked the man if they were going to go with him, but he did not reply. She said that she asked if the stewardesses could leave the plane, and the man replied, "Sure go ahead," in a calm, uninterested manner.

SCHAFFNER said that by this time the man had begun putting on one of the back parachutes, and at some-time during their conversation had put on a pair of sunglasses.

SCHAFFNER said that she and ALICE turned and walked toward the forward exit of the plane. She said that TINA went to the rear of the plane and picked up the telephone. She said that as she was walking out of the plane, she recalled that she had left her purse on the stewardess seat on the rear of the plane. She said that she returned to the plane, and when she approached the hijacker, said, "Sir, I forgot my purse." She said that he smiled and told her she could go ahead and get it. She said that after getting her purse, she left the plane while TINA was still talking on the phone.

SCHAFFNER described the hijacker as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	Mid-40's
Height	6'0"
Weight	170-175 lbs
Build	Average
Eyes	Brown

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Hair	Black, medium length, straight, parted on left side
Complexion	Olive-type
Clothing	Black business suit, white shirt, thin black tie, black overcoat, black shoes. Subject was carrying a black businessman's type briefcase, described as ordinary. Had a pair of dark-framed sunglasses with dark brown lenses.

SCHAFFNER said that the man appeared to be Latin descent. She said that there were no distinguished characteristics, such as scars, marks or tattoos. She said that the man had no mustache or beard and spoke in a normal calm voice. She said that she did not recall the man wearing any rings.

SCHAFFNER said that after she delivered the demand note the hijacker had written, and the note she had written at his direction to the cabin, the Captain instructed her to remain seated in the cockpit of the plane. SCHAFFNER said that she began taking notes concerning the events that transpired during the remainder of the flight.

SCHAFFNER said that after she delivered the demand notes to the Captain, and had been seated in the cockpit for a few minutes, Stewardess TINA advised by telephone that the hijacker wanted both the note he had written and the note SCHAFFNER had written at his direction returned to him. SCHAFFNER said she took both notes back to him.

SCHAFFNER furnished 13 pages of notes which she took during the course of the flight.