

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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CORD HARMS ZRIM SPRECKEL, home address Route 2, Box 738, Vashon Island, Washington, home phone 463-2589, furnished the following information:

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SPRECKEL stated that he boarded Northwest Flight #305 at Portland, Oregon. He said that he sat on the left-hand side of the plane in the row of seats second from the rear of the plane. He said that the man who he believes was the hijacker of the plane was sitting on the right-hand side of the plane in the last row of seats.

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SPRECKEL said that he first was aware of some problem about ten minutes after takeoff. He said at that time a dark-haired stewardess came from the front of the plane and handed a note to a blonde-haired stewardess who was sitting in the seat next to the hijacker. He said that the dark-haired stewardess then returned to the front of the plane and the blonde stewardess got up and went to the phone at the rear of the plane.

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SPRECKEL said that while in flight the pilot made several announcements that they were experiencing mechanical difficulty. He said that he was suspicious when the plane circled over Seattle for about two hours. He said that during this time the blonde-haired stewardess who was seated next to the hijacker, made numerous phone calls from the rear of the plane. He said that during the period when the plane was circling Seattle he left his seat and moved to a seat several rows forward.

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SPRECKEL said that when the plane made its landing approach, the pilot announced that they were about to land and due to mechanical problems it was 'emphatic' that the passengers remain in their seats with seat belts fastened until the pilot advised otherwise.

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SPRECKEL said that after the plane landed the blonde stewardess, who had been sitting next to the hijacker, got up and went forward and out of the forward exit of the plane. He said she returned through the same door after several minutes carrying a package which was made of off-white canvas. He said

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that the package was about two feet by one foot by one and one-half feet in dimensions. He said that the stewardess took the package back to the hijacker and then the passengers were instructed to deboard.

SPRECKEL said that sometime during the flight the hijacker put on a pair of dark sunglasses.

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SPRECKEL described the hijacker as follows:

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Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Age:	50 years old
Height:	5'10"
Build:	Medium-heavy
Hair:	Dark brown or black hair parted on left side
Facial Characteristics:	Square jawline
Dress:	Dark suit and tie, wearing no hat; wore dark sunglasses.

again. SPRECKEL said that he could recognize the hijacker

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