

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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HAL V. WILLIAMS, clerk, Northwest Orient Airlines, Portland International Airport, residence 5933 NE 24th Ave., Portland, telephone 281-8696, furnished the following information concerning the events prior to the hijacking of Northwest Flight 305 from Portland, Oregon, to Seattle, Washington, on November 24, 1971:

He was on duty at the boarding gate for Flight 305 on November 24, 1971. He could not recognize any of the passengers by name, as he handles on a daily basis thousands of names. However, he remembers one particular individual who stood out in his mind. It was raining at the airport that date and all the passengers were making comments and jokingly stating they were going to have to run through a great deal of rain in order to board Flight 305 to Seattle. The only individual who was not mixing with other passengers and joking about the rain was a man whom he described as a white male, age 50, height 6'1" plus, 175 to 180 lbs, slender build, with black wavy hair, smartly dressed, wearing a black raincoat and carrying a black attache case.

WILLIAMS stated he has a habit of noticing individuals dressed in black and this was the reason he remembers the above-described individual. The man described above had a "blah" attitude and was quite unaffected by the inclement weather conditions prevailing at the time, which noticeably bothered the rest of the passengers.

WILLIAMS is not sure whether he would recognize the individual described above if he were to see him again.

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