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FBI AGENT [REDACTED]

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DEAR SIR;

ASSOCIATED PRESS HAD AN ARTICLE IN OUR
MPLS STAR TRIBUNE ABOUT THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE
NWA HIJACKING BY D.B. COOPER.

I'VE BEEN TRYING FOR OVER TWO MONTHS TO
HAVE THE FBI TO DISPROVE THE SUSPECT I HAVE,
THEY STILL HAVEN'T CHECKED IT OUT. SO I THOUGHT
I WOULD GIVE YOU A CHANCE.

I SUSPECT [REDACTED] KENNETH CHRISTIANSEN
WAS D.B. COOPER. HE DIED JULY 30, 1994. HE WAS
BORN [REDACTED] I WAS [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
AND SAID "THERE IS SOMETHING YOU SHOULD KNOW"

AND AS I WAS [REDACTED]

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SAID, "IS IT THE REASON YOU TREATED ME

DIFFERENTLY [REDACTED]" (HE HAD SENT ME

A COPY OF [REDACTED] PREVIOUSLY) AND HE LEANED
FORWARD QUICKLY AND LOOKED INTENTLY RIGHT INTO

MY EYS AND SAID VERY LOUD "NO, THERE IS
SOMETHING YOU SHOUD KNOW, BUT I CANNOT

TELL YOU." I THOUGHT MAYBE HE DID SOMETHING

DURING HIS LIFE HE WAS SORRY FOR, AND I
WAS NOT ANXIOUS TO HEAR WHAT IT WAS. I TOLD
HIM WE ALL LOVED HIM AND FORGAVE HIM FOR

DB Cooper-21215

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WHATEVER HE DID. HE NEVER OFFERED TO TELL ME. LATER ON AFTER WATCHING THE D.B. COOPER STORY ON "UNSOLVED MYSTERIES" AND READING MAX GUNTHER'S BOOK ABOUT D.B. COOPER. I STARTED THINKING MAYBE HE COULD BE D.B. COOPER, HERE'S SOME CIRCUMSTANCES I FOUND OUT:

AT THE TIME OF THE HIJACKING [REDACTED] LIVED AT. 805 PARKER ROAD APT 53 SUMNER WA 98390 HE WAS WORKING FOR NWA AS A FLIGHT ATTENDANT.

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DURING THE HIJACKING D.B. COOPER ASKED FOR SOME BOURBON AND WATER. (I HAVE SOME OF KENNY'S BOURBON WHISKEY BOTTLE COLLECTION)

KENNY LOOKED SIMILAR TO THE COMPOSITE DRAWING OF D.B. COOPER. HIS PHYSICAL SIZE AND AGE MATCHED THE DESCRIPTION OF HIM BY THE STEWARDESSES.

KENNY WAS A PARATROOPER AT THE END OF WORLD WAR II.

KENNY WAS A BACHELOR.

HE LAST LIVED AT 18406 OLD BUCKLEY HIGHWAY BONNEY LAKE WA 98390 WHICH HE BOUGHT IN 1973.

HE WAS A COLLECTOR OF COINS, STAMPS AND PLATES WORTH AROUND \$50,000. HE SENT FOR THEM AND PAID BY MONEY ORDERS.

HE HAD FRIENDS IN LONGVIEW WA WHICH WAS NOT FAR FROM THE LANDING SPOT AFTER THE JUMP. SO HE KNEW THE AREA.

I HAVE PREPARED A GOOD COLLOGE OF SEVEN 8x10 PICTURES OF SEVEN DIFFERENT MEN WHICH COULD BE SHOWN TO THE STEWARDESSE. [REDACTED]

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SAID SHE WOULD NEVER FORGET THE FACE

MY PH # IS [REDACTED] PLEASE CALL BEFORE 8 AM HERE, OR SEND LETTERS TO [REDACTED]

MORRIS MM [REDACTED]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 05/04/2004

[redacted] date of birth [redacted]
 Social Security Number [redacted] Morris,
 Minnesota, [redacted] telephone number [redacted] was interviewed at
 a city park in Morris about [redacted] Kenneth Christiansen, and
 D. B. Cooper. [redacted] was a retired [redacted]
 [redacted] and retired in [redacted] After being apprised of the
 identity of the interviewing Agent and the nature of the interview,
 [redacted] provided the following information:

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He had written a few letters to the F.B.I. office in
 Seattle, Washington, dating back to about 2000. He had addressed
 the letters to Agent [redacted] because he had learned at some point
 that Agent [redacted] was in charge of the D.B. Cooper case. The
 letters basically addressed his suspicion that [redacted]
 Kenneth, may have been D. B. Cooper.

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He had used the pseudonym [redacted] in the letters to
 disguise his true identity and rented a post office box in Hopkins,
 Minnesota, to receive any return correspondence from the F.B.I.
 He had kept his actions and suspicions from his wife and children
 because he had mentioned his suspicions to them previously and they
 thought it was a silly notion. He did not want to go through that
 again.

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[redacted] Kenneth Peter Christiansen, date of
 birth October 17, 1926, Social Security Number 473-30-3599.
 Kenneth died of colon cancer in July, 1995. The suspicions about
 Kenneth started when he, [redacted] were
 visiting Kenneth [redacted]
 [redacted] Kenneth did not elaborate more and the statement
 struck him as curious.

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Sometime later, he saw one of those television shows
 about unsolved crimes and the subject was D.B. Cooper. There
 seemed to be several similarities between Cooper and [redacted]
 and Kenneth had a lot of qualities which could have made it
 possible for him to commit the crime. Kenneth lived in the area,

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b7DInvestigation on 4/30/04 at Morris, MinnesotaFile # SE 164A-81-9438 Date dictated 5/4/04by SA [redacted] skjb6
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worked for Northwest Airlines, knew how to parachute, and matched the physical description of Cooper. He was about 5'10", weighed about 170 pounds, and would have been about 45 years old in 1971. Kenneth was also a smoker and liked to drink. Despite the similarities, he had no proof and knew of no reason why [redacted] would have hijacked a plane.

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Kenneth was a flight attendant for Northwest Airlines for many years. He started in the 1960's and retired from that job in the early 1990's due to health problems. He was based out of Seattle and lived in many small towns in Washington over the years. At the time of his death, Kenneth lived in a house in Bonnie Lake, Washington. He purchased the house around the same time as the hijacking. Kenneth also knew how to parachute and learned how to do that in the military during World War II.

Kenneth was never married, had no children, and lived alone. Kenneth had a couple of good friends who cared for him while he was dying. One of the friends was [redacted] Tacoma, Washington. He could not recall the name of the other person. Kenneth had met [redacted] at a bar when [redacted] was down and out on his luck. Kenneth took him under his wing and helped get him straightened out. [redacted] is now married and has children.

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Kenneth was not very close with [redacted] and they communicated with each other infrequently. Kenneth must have been [redacted] [redacted] There was about [redacted] There were [redacted] He and [redacted] after his death, but [redacted]

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[redacted] provided a [redacted] from [redacted] a document which depicts [redacted] and a cryptic note that [redacted] Those documents are attached and made a part hereto.

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[redacted] provided no further information.

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Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 05/04/2004

To: Seattle
St. Louis

Attn: SA [redacted]
Attn: Military Records Center

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From: Minneapolis
St. Cloud RA
Contact: [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

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Drafted By: [redacted] skj

Case ID #: SE 164A-81 *9439*

Title: NORJAK;
CAA - Hijacking

Synopsis: To forward completed interview to Seattle Division and set leads to Minneapolis and St. Louis Divisions.

Reference: SE 164A-81 Serial 9432 and 9437

Enclosure(s): Enclosed for Seattle are the original and one copy of an FD-302 and the attachments depicting the interview of [redacted]. [redacted] The original notes to the interview are in the enclosed 1A envelope.

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Enclosed for St. Louis Division - Military Records Center is an [redacted] document pertaining to Kenneth P. Christiansen.

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Details: [redacted] also known as [redacted] [redacted] Morris, Minnesota, was interviewed about D. B. Cooper and [redacted] Kenneth Peter Christiansen. [redacted] [redacted] Kenneth (now deceased), was D.B. Cooper based on similarities in physical stature and appearance, personal habits, experiences, and proximity. Although, he had no other reasons to suspect [redacted] committed the crime.

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To: Seattle From: Minneapolis
Re: SE 164A-81, 05/04/2004

[redacted] wanted to keep his identity anonymous because he had previously mentioned his suspicions about [redacted] to his family and they thought it was a ridiculous notion. During the interview, writer found [redacted] to be straightforward, balanced, and clear-headed.

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Among Kenneth Christiansen's life experiences, which are worthy of additional investigation, are the fact that he had some parachuting experience in the military and he worked for Northwest Airlines for several years. According to [redacted] Kenneth was a flight attendant for Northwest Airlines, based in Seattle, Washington, from the mid-1960's to the early 1990's.

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ACS search for Kenneth Christiansen found a match in case 91A-SE-64356.

Descriptive Data:

Reference

Name -

Last:

Christiansen

First:

Kenneth

Middle:

Peter

Race:

W

Sex:

M

DOB:

10/17/1926

SOC:

473-30-3599

Address(es) -

City:

Bonnie Lake

State:

Washington

Miscellaneous -

Height:

5'10"

Weight:

170

Hair:

Brown, balding

Eyes:

Hazel

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Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 08/08/2007

To: Criminal Investigative
Laboratory

Attn: VCMOS, MT/TCU

Attn: DNA1, [redacted]

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From: Seattle

Squad 5/VCMO

Contact: SA [redacted]

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Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: SE 164A-81-DNA-45 (Pending)
SE 164A-81-1061 (Pending)

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

Synopsis: To open subfile SE 164A-81-1061 for Kenneth Christiansen and to set lead for DNA submission, and testing, 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.

Details: Kenneth Christiansen was identified by a human source in the New York Division. The source was operated by SA [redacted]. SA [redacted] has contact with the source and additional information can be obtained about Christiansen if needed following the DNA testing.

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New York Division Individual - Kenneth Christiansen

1. Kenneth P. Christiansen
SSN 473-30-3588
DOB 10/17/1926
Died 07/30/1994

All other identifying and background information was placed in the subfile.