

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 11/29/71

On November 24, 1971 Mr. ROBERT B. GREGORY, Rt. 1, Box 576, Sumner, Washington, telephone TH 5-1891, was interviewed in Lounge 102, Concourse B, Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, Seattle, Washington. He stated he is part owner and vice-president of the Cowman-Campbell Paint Company, 5221 Ballard Avenue NW, Seattle, Washington, telephone SU 3-8835.

GREGORY boarded Northwest Airlines Flight 305 at Portland, Oregon on November 24, 1971 at approximately 2:45 p.m. He was late and believes he was the last passenger to board the aircraft. He believed he had seat 18 which was an aisle seat on the port (left) side of the aircraft in the rear.

He stated that he did not realize that this aircraft was being hijacked until it landed at the Seattle-Tacoma Airport, Seattle, at approximately 5:50 p.m., to the best of his recollection. He recalled that when the aircraft first approached Seattle the pilot announced that there would be a delay in landing due to some mechanical difficulty and that he would have to circle the field to burn up the fuel. This would take about half an hour. However, the aircraft circled for a much longer period and while Mr. GREGORY felt that something was amiss, he did not consider that the aircraft was being hijacked.

During the flight he had noticed a man seated in a window seat on the starboard (right) side of the aircraft to his (GREGORY's) rear. A brown haired stewardess, name unknown, was seated by this man all the time. The stewardess had the aisle seat. Mr. GREGORY thought this was strange. The stewardess said not to look at the man, but Mr. GREGORY said he managed to turn back and look at the man twice, who stayed slouched down in his seat. He never saw the man stand and never heard him speak. He did not see that the man had any packages with him. The name of this stewardess is unknown to him.

At about ten minutes before the announcement was

On 11/24/71 at Seattle, Washington File# SE 164-81

by SA CHARLES L. GIESE :kdl Date dictated 11/26/71

SE 164-81

made that there would be a delay in landing at the Seattle-Tacoma Airport, Mr. GREGORY rose to go to the bathroom and started toward the one on the starboard side, but the stewardess, above, told him to use the one on the port side which he did. After the aircraft landed, the passengers in the rear of the aircraft were told to move forward, but since Mr. GREGORY was already forward of the above man, he stayed in his seat. Mr. GREGORY said he was the closest person to this man, except for the stewardess.

After the landing he noticed a blonde stewardess, one of the in flight stewardesses, carrying a money bag about two feet tall. He did not see her give it to the man. Mr. GREGORY said there were three stewardesses on the flight, the one blonde and two brunettes. When the passengers got off the aircraft by the forward door, the above man stayed on board. Mr. GREGORY said he had not seen this man board the aircraft but remarked that he, GREGORY, was the last passenger on board at Portland.

Mr. GREGORY described the above man as follows:

Name:	Unknown
Race:	Caucasian, believed to be of Mexican-American descent with possibly some American Indian blood
Sex:	Male
Age:	About 35 years
Complexion:	Swarthy
Hair:	Jet black, wavy, marcelled, greasy patent leather sheen, combed back at slight angle to the right, slight part on left, combed closed to the head, slightly receding in front
Eyes:	Unknown; man wore dark glasses with very dark horn rims
Height:	Man remained seated; believed to be short, maybe 5'9"
Weight:	165 lbs. (estimate)
Clothing:	Reddish brown suit coat with wide lapels, color was unusual, more of a russet color; light or neutral colored shirt; contrasting necktie, medium to dark color; other items of clothing unknown.