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*Subject:* ZODIAC KILLER

*File Number:* 9-HQ-49911

*SECTION 1*



*Federal Bureau of Investigation*



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Date: 8/6/69

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL - REGISTERED  
(Priority)

TO: Director, FBI  
ATTENTION: FBI Laboratory

FROM: SAC, Sacramento (9-68)

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;  
Vallejo Times Herald,  
Vallejo, California  
EXTORTION

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Remytel, 8/1/69.

Enclosed herewith are the following documents:

- (1) Original undated three page letter, beginning "Dear Editor, This is the zodiac speaking," ending with "did not get front page coverage." This letter was sent anonymously to the San Francisco Examiner, received, and turned over to Vallejo Police Department, 8/4/69.
- (2) Photocopy of envelope and two page letter addressed to San Francisco Examiner, enclosing cipher.
- (3) Photocopy of envelope and two page letter addressed to San Francisco Chronicle, enclosing cipher.
- (4) Photocopy of envelope and two page letter addressed to Vallejo Times Herald, enclosing cipher.

3-Bureau (Enc. 4)  
2-San Francisco  
2-Sacramento  
FBB:ela

"ENCLOSURE ATTACHED"

14 AUG 8 1969

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

"COPY AND SPECIMENS RETAINED IN LAB"  
 FBI RECORD  
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 INDEX FILES



SC 9-68

These items are submitted in cooperation with the Vallejo Police Department. The original of items 2, 3, and 4 were examined by local police for latent fingerprints. Item 1 has not been examined and it is requested that it be processed for latent prints.

The ciphers enclosed with Items 2 - 4 were submitted by the Vallejo Police Department to the Navy Department, but were not examined by cryptographer.

Request that ciphers enclosed with Items 2 - 4 be examined to determine significance, if any. In this regard, police officials are of opinion that the letters were written by person responsible for the murder of the three and the wounding of the fourth victim. They have no idea as to the significance of the ciphers. It is further requested that letters and ciphers be compared with other threatening letters submitted to the FBI Laboratory.

All items should be returned to Sacramento, for return to the Vallejo Police Department, upon completion of examination.

No active investigation is being conducted by Sacramento, and none is requested of San Francisco.

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1 - Mr. [redacted]  
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: **FBI, Sacramento (9-68)**

Date: **August 18, 1969**

Re: **UNKNOWN SUBJECT;  
Vallejo Times Herald,  
Vallejo, California  
Extortion**

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

EX-105

REC-128

FBI File No. **9-49911-1**  
Lab. No. **D-690808059 LL**

Examination requested by: **Sacramento**

Reference: **Airtel 8/6/69**

Examination requested: **Document - Fingerprint - Cryptanalysis**

Remarks: **The results of the fingerprint and cryptographic  
examinations will be furnished under separate cover.**

*8-25-69*  
[redacted]

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Enclosures (14) (Qc4 - Qc15, 2 Lab report)

2 - San Francisco Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

- Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_
- Mohr \_\_\_\_\_
- Bishop \_\_\_\_\_
- Casper \_\_\_\_\_
- Callahan \_\_\_\_\_
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- Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_
- Tavel \_\_\_\_\_
- Trotter \_\_\_\_\_
- Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_
- Holmes \_\_\_\_\_
- Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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*266 11 15 53 614 250*

**54 SEP 22 1969**

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REPORT  
of the



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: **FBI, Sacramento (9-68)**

Date: **August 18, 1969**

Re: **UNKNOWN SUBJECT;  
Vallejo Times Herald,  
Vallejo, California  
Extortion**

FBI File No.

Lab. No.

**D-690808059 LL**

Specimens received **8/8/69**

- Q1 Three-page hand printed letter, first page beginning "Dear Editor This is the Zodiac speaking..."**
- Q2 Second page of letter beginning "knee. I did not leave the scene of the killing..."**
- Q3 Third page of letter beginning "by high hill and trees...", signed "NO ADDRESS"**
- Qc4 Photocopy of envelope postmarked "SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF PM 31 JUL 1969," bearing hand printed address "S. F. EXAMINER San Fran, Calif PLEASE RUSH TO EDITOR"**
- Qc5 Accompanying photocopy of two-page hand printed letter, first page beginning "Dear Editor This is the murderer of the 2 teenagers..."**
- Qc6 Second page of letter beginning "Here is part of a cipher the other 2 parts of this cipher are being mailed..."**
- Qc7 Photocopy of cipher accompanying the Qc5 and Qc6 letter**
- Qc8 Photocopy of envelope postmarked "SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF PM 31 JUL 1969," bearing hand printed address "S. F. Chronicle San Fran, Calif. Please Rush to Editor!", and on flap "Please Rush to Editor"**

- Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_
- Mohr \_\_\_\_\_
- Bishop \_\_\_\_\_
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- Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_
- Holmes \_\_\_\_\_
- Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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**LMS:sk (6)**

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Qc9 Accompanying photocopy of two-page hand printed letter, first page beginning "Dear Editor I am the killer of the 2 teenagers..."

Qc10 Second page of letter beginning "do not print this cipher, I will go on a Kill rampage..."

Qc11 Photocopy of cipher accompanying the Qc9 and Qc10 letter

Qc12 Photocopy of envelope postmarked "SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF 1A PM 31 JUL 1969," bearing hand printed address "Vallejo Time Herald Vallejo Calif Please Rush To Editor"

Qc13 Accompanying photocopy of two-page hand printed letter, first page beginning "I am the killer of the 2 teenagers..."

Qc14 Second page of letter beginning "cipher in your front page..."

Qc15 Photocopy of cipher accompanying the Qc13 and Qc14 letter

**Result of examination:**

Q1 through Qc15 were searched through the Anonymous Letter File without effecting an identification. Copies of these specimens have been added to this file for future reference.

The watermark "FIFTH AVENUE" appears on Q1 through Q3. This is a watermark of the F. W. Woolworth Company, Woolworth Building, New York, New York. No indented writing was found on Q1 through Q3 which would be of value in determining the source of these specimens.

Q1 through Q3 were photographed and are being returned separately. Qc4 through Qc15 are returned herewith. Photocopies of Qc4 through Qc15 are retained.

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These are extra <sup>copies</sup> of  
some of the specimens  
in this case. Copies  
of all specimens being  
maintained in Lab File.

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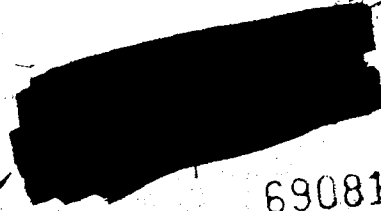
FBI

Date: 8/14/69

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL - REGISTERED  
(Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
ATTN: FBI LABORATORY  
FROM : SAC, SACRAMENTO (9-68) (P)  
SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;  
"Vallejo Times-Herald"  
Vallejo, California -  
VICTIM  
EXTORTION



Re Sacramento airtel to Bureau dated 8/6/69.

Enclosed herewith is an envelope bearing post-mark San Francisco, Calif., 8/10/69, addressed to Sgt. [redacted] Vallejo Police Department, Vallejo, Calif., enclosing a 3 x 5 card bearing a typewritten note beginning "Dear Sgt. [redacted] and ending with "concerned citizen". Also enclosed is a "key", which was furnished to the Vallejo Police Department by the anonymous letter writer who states, "I hope the enclosed key will prove to be beneficial to you in connection with the cipher letter writer".

It is requested that the enclosed items be examined for latent fingerprints. The "key" may or may not have some bearing upon the solution of the cipher enclosed with referenced airtel.

These items should be returned to San Francisco for return to the Vallejo Police Department upon completion of the examination.

- 2 - Bureau (Enc. 3) (AM RM)
  - 1 - Sacramento
- FBB:cde  
(4)

REC-59 9-14-69  
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AUG 16 1969

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M

"COPY AND SPECIMENS RETAINED IN LAB"

8/16-18  
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INDEXED FILES

TELETYPE UNIT

Handwritten signatures and stamps



1 - Mr. [redacted]  
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

To: **FBI, Sacramento (9-68)**

Date: **August 21, 1969**

Re: **UNKNOWN SUBJECT;  
"Vallejo Times-Herald"  
Vallejo, California -  
VICTIM  
EXTORTION**

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director  
EX - 103  
REC-128

FBI File No. [redacted]  
Lab. No. **9-49911-2 by  
D-690818066 LL**

Examination requested by: **Sacramento**

Reference: **Airtel 8/14/69**

Examination requested: **Document-Fingerprint-Cryptanalysis**

Specimens received **8/16/69**

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Q16 Envelope postmarked "San Francisco Calif. 2A PM  
10 AUG 1969," bearing the typewritten address  
"Sergeant [redacted] Vallejo Police Department  
Vallejo, California"

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Q17 Accompanying white 3" x 5" card bearing the  
typewritten note beginning "Dear Sergeant [redacted]  
I hope the enclosed key ..."

Q18 Sheet of white paper bearing hand printed letters  
and symbols beginning "A - G - S - (backwards) L ..."

*one SA ID no VW.ed*

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AUG 21 1969  
COMM-FBI

- Tolson 2 - San Francisco
- DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_
- Mohr \_\_\_\_\_
- Bishop \_\_\_\_\_
- Casper \_\_\_\_\_
- Callahan \_\_\_\_\_
- Conrad \_\_\_\_\_
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- Holmes \_\_\_\_\_
- Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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FBI

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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[redacted] 7617  
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**Remarks:**

The items submitted with reairtel have been received and designated Q16 through Q18 as indicated above.

You did not request any specific document examinations of these items; however, they were examined for watermarks and indented writing but none were found. It is noted that the typewriting on Q16 and Q17 contains numerous defects which would be of value in identifying a suspect machine; however, this typewriting is too limited to classify with any degree of accuracy. No further document examinations regarding these items are being conducted without a specific request.

Q16 through Q18 were photographed and are being forwarded to San Francisco per your request under separate cover.

The results of the cryptographic and fingerprint examinations are also being furnished separately.

No Laboratory report is attached.



1 - Mr. [redacted]  
1 - Mr. [redacted]  
1 - Mr. [redacted]

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

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To: **FBI, Sacramento (9-68)**

Date: **August 20, 1969**

*JM*

**UNKNOWN SUBJECT**  
**"Vallejo Times-Herald"**  
**Vallejo, California**  
**EXTORTION**

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No.

Lab. No. **CR-13412 KJ**  
**D-690818066 LL**

Examination requested by: **Sacramento**

Reference: **Airtels 8/6/69 and 8/14/69**

Examination requested: **Document - Fingerprint - Cryptanalysis**

Remarks:

MAILED 22  
AUG 20 1969  
COMM-FBI

**Enclosures (2) (2 Lab Reports)**

1 - Mr. [redacted] (sent direct)

KTB:sdh  
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- Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_
- Mohr \_\_\_\_\_
- Bishop \_\_\_\_\_
- Casper \_\_\_\_\_
- Callahan \_\_\_\_\_
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- Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_
- Holmes \_\_\_\_\_
- Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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MAIL ROOM  TELETYPE UNIT

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9-49911-3

AUG 22 1969

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REPORT  
of the



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: **FBI, Sacramento (9-68)**  
Re: **UNKNOWN SUBJECT  
"Vallejo Times-Herald"  
Vallejo, California  
EXTORTION**

Date: **August 20, 1968**  
FBI File No. **9-49911-3**  
Lab. No. **CR-13412 KJ**

Specimens received **8/18/68**

**Q18** Sheet of white paper bearing hand printed letters and symbols beginning "A - G - S -(backwards)L . . ."

**Result of examination:**

**Q18 is a substantially accurate key for decryption of previously submitted specimens Qc7, Qc11, and Qc15.**

**The specimens will be returned to you separately. The results of the document and fingerprint examinations will be furnished to you separately.**

KTB:sdh *sdh*  
(7) *[Signature]*

- Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_
- Mohr \_\_\_\_\_
- Bishop \_\_\_\_\_
- Casper \_\_\_\_\_
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- Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

MAIL ROOM  TELETYPE UNIT

8/14/69

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL - REGISTERED

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
ATTN: FBI LABORATORY  
FROM : SAC, SACRAMENTO (9-68) (P)

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;  
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These items should be returned to San Francisco  
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of the examination.

- ② - Bureau (Enc. 3) (AM RM)
- 2 - Sacramento

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Lab Report to SC  
dated 8/20/69  
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is in  
Solano  
County*

A- [redacted]  
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8/18/69  
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet

NO LAB FILE

Re:

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File #  
Lab. #

9-49911-3  
D-690818066 LL  
CR-13412 KJ

UNKNOWN SUBJECT;  
"Vallejo Times-Herald"  
Vallejo, California -  
VICTIM  
EXTORTION

Examination requested by: Sacramento (9-68) Airtel 8/14/69

Examination requested: Document-Fingerprint-Crypt. Date received: 8/18/69

Result of Examination:

Examination by:

*Generally valid decryption  
equivalents for Qc T, H, and IS  
Column 1 is P-C; Column 2 is C-P  
Col 1, Xp should be T, not J  
Col 2, Qc = Kp Lp, not unifiable and Fp should be Q, not P  
not unifiable all Ac = Np, Ic = Op, and Lc = Lp*

b7c [redacted] AE

Specimens submitted for examination

Q16 Envelope postmarked "San Francisco Calif. 3A PM 10 AUG 1969," bearing the typewritten address "Sergeant [redacted] Vallejo Police Department Vallejo, California"

b7c Q17 a Accompanying white 3" x 5" card bearing the typewritten note beginning "Dear Sergeant [redacted] I hope the enclosed "key"..."

Q18 Sheet of white paper bearing hand printed letters and symbols beginning "A - G - S - (backwards) L ..."

Return evidence

2 - S.F.

Handwritten initials/signature

FBI

Date: 8/12/69

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SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;  
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Vallejo, California -  
VICTIM  
EXTORTION

Re Sacramento airtel to the Bureau, dated 8/6/69.

Enclosed herewith is a newspaper article appearing in the "Vallejo Times-Herald" 8/9/69, in which DONALD G. HARDEN, Salinas, California, claims to have broken the cipher. HARDEN's translation is set out in the newspaper article.

This clipping is submitted for whatever value it might have in request of Sacramento that the ciphers be examined to determine significance.

ENCLOSURE

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- 2 - Bureau (Enc. 1) (RM)
  - 2 - Sacramento
- FBB/il  
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Lab Rep to SC  
8/19/69 KTB:tw

REC-9

EX-114

Handwritten notes: "Newspaper article" and "R-42"

AUG 15 1969

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

# Cryptogram Deciphered By Teacher

## Vallejo Police Certain Killer Wrote Messages

The cipher sent to the Times-Herald by a man who claims he murdered three people in Vallejo apparently has been broken. It spells out a chilling message of killing for thrills. Police are convinced the cipher translation is accurate and that the author is indeed the

killer, Donald S. Harden, a Salinas high school teacher of history and economics and an amateur cryptographer said he and his wife broke the cipher after about 29 hours of work. "As you can see," Harden said of the cryptogram, "his spelling is rather poor and in some places he had made errors in the use of his own cipher.

These errors Harden said, showed in incomprehensible groupings of letters, but the writer's message was fairly clear.

Harden's translation of the cryptogram, with possible meanings of unintelligible words added in parentheses, reads:

"I LIKE KILLING PEOPLE BECAUSE IT IS SO MUCH FUN. IT IS MORE FUN THAN KILLING WILD GAME IN THE FOREST BECAUSE MAN IS THE MOST HONEST (man-try?) ANIMAL OF ALL TO KILL SOMETHING EVERY DAY. YOU A THRILLING EXPERIENCE IT IS EVEN BETTER THAN GETTING YOUR (thrills) WITH A GIRL. THE BEST PART OF IT I ATHE (is that) WHEN I DIE I WILL BE REBORN IN PARADISE AND ALL THE I HAVE KILLED WILL BECOME MY SLAVES I WILL NOT GIVE YOU MY NAME BECAUSE YOU WILL TRS (try) TO SLOW (slow) DOWN OR ATOP (stop) MY COLLECTING OF SLAVES FOR MY AFTERLIFE EBEO (BET) EMETH HPITI."

### PUZZLING WORDS

There is no ready explanation for the last four words although possibly they have something to do with a signature.

Det. Sgt. John Lynch, who with Det. Sgt. Ed Burt is in charge of the murder cryptogram case, said, "There is no doubt in my mind that this is a true translation of the cipher and that the murderer wrote it. You can almost check the cipher against itself.

"I think perhaps the man's

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name is in the cryptogram, possibly in the last four words.

Lynch talked to Harden and said, "I'm convinced he has it solved." He said he would talk to him again today. Meanwhile, Lynch has Harden's work sheets and is studying and comparing them with the three-part cryptogram and the translation.

In numbered letters delivered Aug. 2 to the Times-Herald, San Francisco Examiner and San Francisco Chronicle, the writer said he had killed two teenagers last December on Lake Herman Road and a young woman July 4 at Blue Rock Springs park.

### THREE LETTERS

With each of the letters, postmarked July 31 in San Francisco, the writer included a different cryptogram with instructions to punch them on page 1 or he would go on another killing spree. The Vallejo Times-Chronicle and the San Francisco Chronicle published the cryptograms. The Examiner did not publish them until two days later. The newspaper got a second letter from the writer charging the editor for not having printed his message.

Harden said the writer tried to make the cipher more difficult by using 18 different symbols for "e," the most commonly used letter in the language.

He said that in an obvious attempt to throw cryptanalysts off the track, the writer used a backward "q" 16 times in an effort to make the analysts think it stood for "e." Harden said he at first thought it did.

### TELLS CLUES

The Salinas school teacher said he broke the code by looking for four-letter patterns which would fit with the word "kill."

"We felt that 'kill' would be used more than once," he said. Actually, the writer used "kill" once, "killing" twice and "thrilling" and "killed" once each.

Lynch said he would devote more time to the cipher and its translation and would confer with Harden again.

*Dangerous  
gives me the most  
rocks-off*

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: **FBI, Sacramento (9-68)**

Date: **August 19, 1969**

Re **UNKNOWN SUBJECT;  
Vallejo Times Herald  
Vallejo, California  
EXTORTION**

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

REC-9 9-49911-4  
Lab. No. CR-13408 KJ  
D-690808059 LL

Examination requested by: **Sacramento**

Reference: **Airtels 8/6/69 and 8/12/69**

Examination requested: **Document - Fingerprint - Cryptanalysis**

Remarks:

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- DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_
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- Trotter \_\_\_\_\_
- Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_
- Holmes \_\_\_\_\_

1 - Mr. [redacted] (sent direct) b7c

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Re **UNKNOWN SUBJECT;  
Vallejo Times Herald  
Vallejo, California  
EXTORTION**

FBI File No.

Lab. No. **CR-13408 KJ**

Specimens received **8/8/69**

**Qc7 Photocopy of cipher accompanying the Qc5 and Qc6 letter.**

**Qc11 Photocopy of cipher accompanying the Qc9 and Qc10 letter.**

**Qc15 Photocopy of cipher accompanying the Qc13 and Qc14 letter.**

**Result of examination:**

**Qc15, Qc11, and Qc7, in that order, constitute a message encrypted with a uniliteral, substitution cryptosystem with variants. The message reads:**

**"I like killing people because it is so much fun. It is more fun than killing wild game in the forest because man is the most dangerous animal of all. To kill something gives me the most thrilling experience. It is even better than getting your rocks off with a girl. The best part of it is that when I die I will be reborn in paradise and all the (word missing) I have killed will become my slaves. I will not give you my name because you will try to slow down or stop my collecting of slaves for my afterlife (remainder of message garbled).**

**The specimens and results of the document and fingerprint examinations are being furnished separately.**

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**KTB:trs**

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;  
Vallejo Times Herald,  
Vallejo, California  
EXTORTION

NO LAB FILE  
File # 9-49911-4  
Lab. # D-690808059 LL  
CR-13408 KJ

Examination requested by: Sacramento (9-68) A. 8-6-69

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint -  
Crypt.

Date received: 8-8-69

Result of Examination:

Examination by:

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Specimens submitted for examination

- Q1 Three page hand printed letter, first page beginning "Dear Editor This is the Zodiac speaking..."
- Q2 Second page beginning "knee. I did not leave the gene of the killing..."
- Q3 Third page beginning "by high hill and trees..." and signed "NO ADDRESS"
- Qc4 Photocopy of envelope postmarked "SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF PM 31 JUL 1969" bearing hand printed address "S. F. EXAMINER San Fran, Calif PLEASE RUSH TO EDITOR"
- Qc5 Accompanying photocopy of two page hand printed letter first page beginning "Dear Editor This is the murderer of the 2 teenagers..."
- Qc6 Second page beginning "Here is part of a cipher the other 2 parts of this cipher are being mailed..."
- Qc7 Photocopy of cipher accompanying <sup>the</sup> Qc5 and Qc6 letter

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- Qc8 Photocopy of envelope postmarked "SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF PM 31 JUL 1969" bearing hand printed address "S. F. Chronicle San Fran, Calif. Please Rush to Editor!" and on flap "Please Rush to Editor"
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- Qc10 Second page beginning "do not print this cipher, I will go on a Kill rampage..."
- Qc11 Photocopy of cipher accompanying Qc9 and Qc10 letter
- Qc12 Photocopy of envelope postmarked "SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF IA PM 31 JUL 1969" bearing hand printed address "Vallejo Time Herald Vallejo Calif Please Rush To Editor"
- Qc13 Accompanying photocopy of two page hand printed letter first page beginning "I am the killer of the 2 teenagers..."
- Qc14 Second page beginning "cipher in your front page..."
- Qc15 Photocopy of cipher accompanying Qc13 and Qc14 letter

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## REPORT

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## IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

### LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

YOUR FILE NO. **9-68**  
 FBI FILE NO.  
 LATENT CASE NO. **A-10042**  
 TO: **SAC, Sacramento**

**August 25, 1969**

RE: **UNKNOWN SUBJECT;  
 VALLEJO TIMES HERALD  
 VALLEJO, CALIFORNIA  
 EXTORTION**

REFERENCE: **Airtel 8-6-69**  
 EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: **Sacramento**  
 SPECIMENS: **Q1 through Q3, three-page letter**

Enclosed Q specimens are described in a separate Laboratory report, which will also furnish disposition of submitted copies of envelopes, letters, and ciphers.

Specimens examined and one latent fingerprint of value developed on second page of letter, Q2, and one latent fingerprint of value developed on third page of letter, Q3.

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Latent fingerprints searched through extortion section of single fingerprint file, but no identification effected.

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- DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_
- Mohr \_\_\_\_\_
- Bishop \_\_\_\_\_
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- Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_
- Holmes \_\_\_\_\_
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*J. Edgar Hoover*  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Recorded: 8-19-69 7:35 a.m. Received: 8-19-69 sjh

Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;  
Vallejo Times Herald,  
Vallejo, California  
EXTORTION

NO LAB FILE  
File # 9-49711-5  
Lab. # D-690800059 LL  
LC.# A-10042

Examination requested by: Sacramento (9-68) A. 8-6-69

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint -  
Crypt.

Date received: 8-8-69

Result of Examination:

Examination by: [Redacted]

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Noted By: WCE

Proid I<sub>2</sub> - no lats 8/19 wtm

Proid mi - Q's 2 & 3 to photo (as is)

Q<sub>1</sub> proid su - no lats for value

2 lat fprints of value divided as follows: 8/20 wtm

1 front Q<sub>2</sub>

1 front Q<sub>3</sub>

Specimens submitted for examination

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## REPORT

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## IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

### LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

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YOUR FILE NO. **9-88**  
FBI FILE NO. **9-49911**  
LATENT CASE NO. **A-10042**

**August 28, 1969**

TO: **SAC, Sacramento**

RE: **UNKNOWN SUBJECT;  
"VALLEJO TIMES-HERALD"  
VALLEJO, CALIFORNIA - VICTIM  
EXTORTION**

REFERENCE: **Airtel 8/14/69**  
EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: **Sacramento**  
SPECIMENS:

**Q16 through Q18, envelope, 3 x 5 card, and sheet  
of white paper**

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The enclosed Q specimens are described in a separate Laboratory report.

One latent palm print of value developed on envelope, Q16.

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- Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_
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John Edgar Hoover, Director

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Work Sheet

RECORDED: 8-21-69 8:10 a.m.

Re:

LATENT

File # 9-49911-4  
Lab. # D-690818066 LL

UNKNOWN SUBJECT;  
"Vallejo Times-Herald"  
Vallejo, California -  
VICTIM  
EXTORTION

LC#A-10042

Examination requested by: Sacramento (9-08) Airtel 8/14/69

Examination requested: Document-Fingerprint-Crypt. Date received: 8/18/69

Result of Examination:

Examination by: [redacted]

Provid I<sub>2</sub> - no lats 8/21 wtm

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Q17<sup>o</sup> Q18 provid sm - no lats of value

1 lat pp of values divid on front Q16 8/26 wtm  
no add'l lats on Q16 by sm

Specimens submitted for examination

Q16 Envelope postmarked "San Francisco Calif. 3A PM  
10 AUG 1969," bearing the typewritten address  
"Sergeant [redacted] Vallejo Police Department  
Vallejo, California"

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Q17 a Accompanying white 3" x 5" card bearing the  
typewritten note beginning "Dear Sergeant [redacted]  
I hope the enclosed "key"..."

Q18 Sheet of white paper bearing hand printed letters  
and symbols beginning "A - G - S - (backwards) L ..."

Specimens destroyed & ret'd hww  
Lab rept. sep.

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VALLEJO PD HAS PROCESSED THE LETTER AND ENVELOPE AND HAVE DEVELOPED LATENT FINGERPRINTS. THIS DEPARTMENT HAS VERIFIED THE SENDING OF THE LETTERS TO THE SAN FRANCISCO "EXAMINER" AND SAN FRANCISCO "CHRONICLE" AND IS PICKING UP THESE TWO LETTERS FOR RETURN TO VALLEJO PD.

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[REDACTED] VALLEJO PD, ADVISES HE HAS NOT SEEN THESE LETTERS, BUT THEY HAVE BEEN READ TO HIM AND THE TEXT IS SIMILAR, IF NOT IDENTICAL, TO THE LETTER WRITTEN TO THE VALLEJO "TIMES-HERALD". HE STATES THE FACTS RELATED BY THE ANONYMOUS WRITER ARE FACTUAL. SOME OF THIS INFORMATION, BUT NOT  
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b7c ALL, WAS RELATED IN THE LOCAL NEWSPAPER. [REDACTED] STATES THE LETTERS RECEIVED BY THE SAN FRANCISCO "EXAMINER" AND THE SAN ~~FRANCISCO~~ <sup>SC</sup> "CHRONICLE" HAVE BEEN PROCESSED FOR LATENT FINGER-PRINTS BY THE SAN FRANCISCO PD.

VALLEJO PD HAS SUBMITTED THE WRITING ACCOMPANYING THE LETTER <sup>o</sup> ~~IF~~ THE VALLEJO "TIMES-HERALD" TO THE CRYPTOGRAPHIC UNIT, U. S. NAVY RADIO STATION, SKAGGS ISLAND, NEAR VALLEJO, CALIFORNIA. LOCAL AUTHORITIES HAVE SPECIAL PATROLS AND ALL LOVER'S LANE AREAS ARE BEING COVERED FOR THE NEXT FEW NIGHTS.

NO ACTIVE INVESTIGATION IS BEING CONDUCTED BY SACRAMENTO IN VIEW OF THE INVESTIGATION BY BOTH THE SOLANO COUNTY <sup>Sheriff's Office</sup> ~~SO~~ AND THE VALLEJO PD IN CONNECTION WITH THE MURDERS COMMITTED WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THESE DEPARTMENTS. THE FACILITIES OF THE FBI LAB AND THE IDENTIFICATION DIVISION HAVE BEEN OFFERED. THE BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED OF ANY PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS.

END.

RDR

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**CITY OF VALLEJO, Calif.**  
POLICE DEPARTMENT

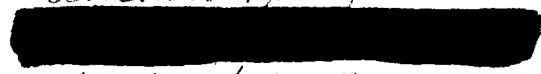
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October 2, 1969

Vallejo Times-Herald  
Vallejo, Calif. - Victim

69100802

Unknown Subject



Handwriting Examination

J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re: FBI File #A-10042  
VPD Case #243146

9-49911

Attention Laboratory:

Dear Sir:

With reference to the above case, enclosed please find:

- a. Copies of two letters sent to the San Francisco Examiner. + S.F. Chronicle
- b. Copy of letter sent to the Vallejo Times Herald.
- c. Copies of application for employment and applications for leave with handwriting of suspect, [redacted]

b7c

Will you please have handwriting comparison made of handwriting in letters with that of [redacted] on application forms.

Thank you,

JACK E. STILTZ  
Chief of Police

ENCLOSURE

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DN:tm

By: [redacted]

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COPIES & SPECIMENS RETAINED BY LAB FOR LAB ACTION & REPORT

10/24/69

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. DeLoach	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Bishop	
Mr. Casper	
Mr. Callahan	
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Mr. Felt	
Mr. Gale	
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Mr. Sullivan	
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Mr. Trotter	
Tele. Room	
Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

VIA TELETYPE  
 OCT 11 1969  
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WASHINGTON ---3---  
 8-55 PM URGENT 10/01/69 LCD  
 TO DIRECTOR (9-49911) PLAINTEXT  
 FROM SACRAMENTO (9-68) 2P

UNSUB; VALLEJO TIMES HERALD, VALLEJO, CALIFORNIA, EXTORTION;  
 OO SACRAMENTO

RE BUREAU LETTER AUGUST TWENTY FIVE LAST.  
 FOR INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU, DURING THE PAST WEEK-END IN  
 NAPA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, A YOUNG MALE AND FEMALE WERE STABBED  
 BY UNKNOWN ASSAILANT RESULTING IN DEATH OF FEMALE AND  
 HOSPITALIZATION IN CRITICAL CONDITION OF MALE. NO AND MESSAGE  
 LEFT BY ASSAILANT IS IDENTICAL TO INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBLE FOR  
 THE PREVIOUS MURDERS COMMITTED IN NEARBY VALLEJO, CALIFORNIA,  
 AS SET FORTH IN CAPTIONED CASE.

ON THIS DATE, DETECTIVE SGT. [REDACTED] VALLEJO POLICE  
 DEPARTMENT ADVISED HE HAS DEVELOPED EXCELLENT SUSPECT IN CAPTIONED  
 AND RELATED CASES. HE IDENTIFIED SUSPECT AS [REDACTED]  
 WMA, BORN [REDACTED] AND PRESENTLY EMPLOYED  
 [REDACTED] SAN ANTONIO TEXAS  
 [REDACTED] VALLEJO, CALIFORNIA DETECTIVE

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*10/14/69*

PAGE TWO.

*b7c*  
[REDACTED] IS CONTACTING FBI IDENTIFICATION DIVISION THIS DATE AND REQUESTING COMPARISON OF SUSPECT'S FINGERPRINTS AGAINST LATENT FINGERPRINTS DEVELOPED BY IDENTIFICATION DIVISION ON QUESTIONED DOCUMENTS (LATENT CASE NUMBER A ONE ZERO ZERO FOUR TWO). DETECTIVE [REDACTED] ALSO DESIRES COPY OF SUSPECT [REDACTED] FINGERPRINT CARD FROM IDENTIFICATION DIVISION.

IN VIEW OF WIDE SPREAD PUBLICITY BEING AFFORDED THIS CASE BY NEWS MEDIA IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA, IT IS REQUESTED FBI IDENTIFICATION DIVISION EXPEDITE SGT. [REDACTED] REQUEST.

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END.

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RM FBI WASH DC

U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE

MAY 5 5 44 AM '68

CC: MR. TROTTER

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FBI WASH DC



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TO DIRECTOR

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

OCT 01 1969

RADIO

FROM SD RADIO STA 012119 GR 80

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Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

COMPARE LATENTS OBTAINED FROM FBI LATENT CASE A-10042

AGAINST PRINTS OF [REDACTED]

VIA DOB [REDACTED]

SAN ANTONIO

TEXAS. PHYSICAL DESC. [REDACTED]

CALIF

PLEASE REPLY BY TT. REFER OUR CASE 243146.

ALSO REQUEST COPY OF SUBJECTS FINGERPRINTS BE FORWARDED.

JACK E STILTZ COP VALLEJO CALIF /DET SGT [REDACTED]

TOR 2152 FCT

5-57PM ERT

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*Handwritten notes:*  
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[Signature]

*Vertical handwritten notes:*  
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SPECIMENS DETACHED IN LFPS  
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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D. C. 20537



**REC-95**

## REPORT of the IDENTIFICATION DIVISION LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

YOUR FILE NO.

Case #243146

October 6, 1969

FBI FILE NO.

9-49911 - 9

LATENT CASE NO.

A-10042

AIRMAIL

TO:

Mr. Jack E. Stiltz **EX-102**  
Chief of Police  
Vallejo, California 94590

Attention: Detective Sergeant [REDACTED] **b7c**

RE:

UNKNOWN SUBJECT;  
VALLEJO TIMES HERALD  
VALLEJO, CALIFORNIA  
EXTORTION

*ser 9*  
Radiogram from Chief of Police, Vallejo, California, on October 1, 1969, and *ser 8*  
teletype from FBI, Sacramento, on October 1, 1969  
REFERENCE: Addressee and FBI, Sacramento

EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY:

SPECIMENS:

This report confirms and supplements our radiogram to you on October 2, 1969.

The previously reported latent fingerprints in this case are not identical with the fingerprints of [REDACTED] **b7c**  
[REDACTED] born [REDACTED] in Texas. This individual may or may not be the same person named in your radiogram. No palm prints are contained in our files for this individual.

MAILED 11  
OCT 7 1969  
COMM-FBI

The requested copy of the fingerprints of [REDACTED] is enclosed.

Enclosure

2 - Sacramento (9-68)

- Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_
- Mohr \_\_\_\_\_
- Bishop \_\_\_\_\_
- Casper \_\_\_\_\_
- Callahan \_\_\_\_\_
- Conrad \_\_\_\_\_
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- Gale \_\_\_\_\_
- Rosen \_\_\_\_\_
- Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_
- Tavel \_\_\_\_\_
- Trotter \_\_\_\_\_
- Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_
- Holmes \_\_\_\_\_
- Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

*John Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

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*JWO:maf*  
*MISS 11/5/69*

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION WORK SHEET

Recorded: 10/2/69 8:00 a.m.

Reference No: Case # 243146

Received: 10/1/69 zln

FBI File No: 9-49911 - 9  
Latent Case No: A-10042

Answer to: Mr. Jack E. Stiltz, Chief of Police, Vallejo, California 94590  
Attention: Detective Sergeant [redacted] (Zip Code per National  
Zip Code Directory)

Examination requested by: Addressee

spot b7c

Copy to: SAC Sacramento (9-68)

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;  
VALLEJO TIMES HEROLD,  
VALLEJO, CALIFORNIA  
EXTORTION

Date of reference communication: Radiotype 10/1/69, from San Vallejo Calif  
Specimens: Teletype 10-1-69, SAC, Sacramento

Named Suspect:

b7c [redacted] w/m, DOB [redacted]

NOTE: Teletype answer

Result of examination: called cf 10/2/69

Examination by: [redacted]  
Evidence noted by: [redacted]

Pres rept 25 digits, not ident digits of

b7c [redacted]

DOB - [redacted] in Texas - may or may not be same individual named in Radiogram -

No r.p.s here this individual -

Radiogram sent 10-2-69

Examination Completed 5 pm 10/2/69 Dictated 10/2/69  
Time Date Date

A  
[signature]

Copy of dist of [redacted] enclosed to addressees

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10-2-69

REPORT of the

1 - Mr. [REDACTED]



b7c

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: Mr. Jack E. Stiltz Chief of Police Vallejo, California 94390

October 24, 1969

Attention: [REDACTED]

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This examination has been made with the understanding that the evidence is connected with an official investigation of a criminal matter and that the Laboratory report will be used for official purposes only, related to the investigation or a subsequent criminal prosecution. Authorization cannot be granted for the use of the Laboratory report in connection with a civil proceeding.

Re: [REDACTED] HANDWRITING EXAMINATION

J. Edgar Hoover John Edgar Hoover, Director

YOUR NO. 243146 FBI FILE NO. 9-49911-13 LAB. NO. REC D-691008026 LL

Examination requested by: Addressee

Reference: Letter 10/2/69

Examination requested: Document

Specimens:

Originals of Qc4 through Qc15, previously submitted by FBI, Sacramento, California, under date of 8/8/69, further described as follows:

Q4 Envelope postmarked "SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF PM 31 JUL 1969," bearing hand printed address "S. F. EXAMINER San Fran, Calif PLEASE RUSH TO EDITOR"

Q5 Front side of accompanying hand printed letter, beginning "Dear Editor This is the murderer of the 2 teenagers ..."

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- Q6 Back of letter beginning "Here is part of a cipher the other 2 parts of this cipher are being mailed ..."
- Q7 Cipher accompanying the Q5 and Q6 letter
- Q8 Envelope postmarked "SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF PM 31 JUL 1969," bearing hand printed address "S. F. Chronicle San Fran, Calif. Please Rush to Editor;" and on flap "Please Rush to Editor"
- Q9 Front side of accompanying hand printed letter, beginning "Dear Editor I am the killer of the 2 teenagers ..."
- Q10 Back of letter beginning "do not print this cipher, I will go on a kill rampage ..."
- Q11 Cipher accompanying the Q9 and Q10 letter
- Q12 Envelope postmarked "SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF 1A PM 31 JUL 1969," bearing hand printed address "Vallejo Time Herald Vallejo Calif Please Rush To Editor"
- Q13 Front side of accompanying hand printed letter, beginning "I am the killer of the 2 teenagers ..."
- Q14 Back of letter beginning "cipher in your front page ..."
- Q15 Cipher accompanying the Q13 and Q14 letter
- Kc1 Photocopies of Application for Federal Employment and two Applications for Leave, bearing known handwriting and hand printing of [REDACTED]

**Result of examination:**

b7c  
It was not determined whether the questioned hand printing on Q4 through Q15 was prepared by [REDACTED] because of an insufficient amount of comparable known standards; however, characteristics were observed which indicate that [REDACTED] probably did not prepare the questioned hand printing on Q4 through Q15.

The submitted material was photographed and is returned herewith.

FBI

Date: 10/6/69

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
(Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (9-49911)  
ATTN: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION  
LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION  
LATENT CASE NUMBER A-10042

*JWS*

FROM : SAC, SACRAMENTO (9-68) (P)

SUBJECT: UNSUB;  
(Vallejo Times-Herald)  
Vallejo, California -  
VICTIM  
EXTORTION

For the information of Boston, on Christmas, 1968, a young boy and girl parked in a lovers' lane area of Vallejo, California, were shot and killed.

On July 4, 1969, another young couple parked in a lovers' lane area near Vallejo were attacked. The girl was shot and killed and the boy shot but is still alive in critical condition.

During August, 1969, several anonymous letters were sent to newspapers in Vallejo and San Francisco, California, confessing the killings and relating surrounding events and enclosing cyphers, which the anonymous writer demanded be printed in the newspapers on threat of further killings.

- 2 - Bureau
- 2 - Boston
- 3 - Sacramento  
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*CC # A-10042*  
*10/9/69*

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REC-20 9-49911-10  
EX-106  
OCT 8 1969

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FBB:cue [redacted] 9-49911  
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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

SC 9-68

On the weekend of September 20 - 21, 1969, another young couple were attacked in the nearby Lake Berryessa area. The girl was stabbed to death and the boy stabbed but is still alive, although in critical condition.

In the Vallejo killings, as well as the Lake Berryessa killing, the unknown subject called local authorities to report the assaults. Investigating officers believe that the same person is responsible for all of these killings and assaults. A description, along with an artist's conception of unsub has been published in local newspapers and received wide publication in this area.

On October 6, 1969, Mr. [REDACTED] officer of the Bank of America, NT & SA, Springstowne Branch, Vallejo, California, received Identification Order Number [REDACTED] on [REDACTED]. He noted similarity in physical description, as well as facial features.

Bureau is requested to compare the unidentified latent fingerprints, Lab Case Number A-10042, with the fingerprints of [REDACTED], IO [REDACTED].

*b7c*  
LEAD:

BOSTON

AT BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS: Advise Sacramento whether the murder for which [REDACTED] is charged was similar in MO to murders in instant case. There is no indication that [REDACTED] is in the Vallejo area or has ever been here.

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GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

...murders  
...Christmas,  
1968, and July 2, 1969. Unsigned communi-  
cation postmarked San Francisco, 7-21-69,  
received by Vallejo, "Times Herald" from  
individual describing himself as killer and  
furnishing information regarding murders  
not generally known to public. Subject de-  
mands "Times Herald" print a part of a "cipher"  
on front page or be willing to a "hill ram-  
page" during weekend beginning 8-1-69.  
...intensive  
...patrols  
...local  
investigation, the FBI investigation being  
conducted at the Vallejo office. Facilities  
of FBI Vallejo office are being used because Division  
office is out of service.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D. C. 20537



## REPORT

of the

### IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

EX-108

October 14, 1969

YOUR FILE NO. 9-68  
FBI FILE **REC-20** 9-49911 - 10  
LATENT CASE NO. A-10042

TO: **SAG, Sacramento**

RE: **UNSUB.;  
(VALLEJO TIMES-HERALD)  
VALLEJO, CALIFORNIA - VICTIM  
EXTORTION**

REFERENCE: **Airtel 10/6/69**  
EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: **Sacramento**  
SPECIMENS:

*b7c*  
Latent fingerprints previously reported this case not identical fingerprints to [redacted] FBI [redacted] No palm prints here for this person.

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- Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_
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- Callahan \_\_\_\_\_

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*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION WORK SHEET

Recorded: 10/9/69 10:25 a.m.

Reference No: 9-68

Received: 10/9/69 bla

FBI File No: 9-49911-10

Latent Case No: A-10042

Answer to: SAC, Sacramento

Examination requested by: Addressee

Copy to: ...

RE: UNSUB;  
(VALLEJO TIMES-HERALD)  
VALLEJO, CALIFORNIA -  
VICTIM  
EXTORTION

Date of reference communication: Airtel, 10/6/69

Specimens: Named Suspect:

*b7c* [Redacted] IO# [Redacted]  
[Redacted]

Result of examination:

Examination by [Redacted]

Evidence noted by:

*CI req. 10/10 wtm*  
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Examination completed 4:15 PM 10/10/69 Dictated 10/10/69  
Time Date Date  
*wtm* *wtm*

FBI

Date: 10/17/69

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_ (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (9-49911)  
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (9-2296)

691020111

SUBJECT: UNSUB; *The Zodiac*  
VALLEJO TIMES-HERALD  
VALLEJO, CALIFORNIA - VICTIM  
EXTORTION  
OO: Sacramento

Re Bureau letter to Sacramento, 8/21/69 and Sacramento airtel to San Francisco, 10/7/69.

Enclosed for the Bureau are two copies of undated and unsigned letter and envelope, which envelope is addressed to "S.F. Chronicle, San Fran., Calif. Please Rush To Editor", postmarked San Francisco, California, 10/13/69.

Enclosed for Sacramento is one copy each of above described letter and envelope and one copy of San Francisco Police Department wanted flyer #97-69.

For information of the Bureau and Sacramento, Inspector [redacted] San Francisco Police Department, advised on 10/17/69 that above described letter and envelope were received by the "San Francisco Chronicle", a San Francisco daily newspaper and furnished to the San Francisco Police Department. Inspector [redacted] stated that latent prints were obtained from the letter and as soon as photographic copies of same can be reproduced, they will be furnished to this office with a request that they be searched through the latent and single fingerprint files of the FBI.

INDEX CAR FILES COPY AND SPECIMENS RETAINED IN LAB

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- 2 - San Francisco

Approved: CAG:fr (4)  
Special Agent in Charge

REC-68  
EX-111  
9-999 TT-TT  
10 OCT 21 1969  
Sent \_\_\_\_\_ Per \_\_\_\_\_

*c - Rosen*

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*LI. EXP*

SF 9-2296  
CAG:fr

b7c Inspector [redacted] advised that investigation is currently being conducted by Napa, Vallejo and San Francisco Police Departments concerning captioned matter and that he believes UNSUB may have military background inasmuch as UNSUB used bayonet and two separate 9 mm weapons and one of surviving victims observed UNSUB to be wearing military-type boots. Further, Inspector [redacted] related that the enclosed letter from UNSUB, identifying himself as Zodiac and stating he was responsible for the killing of cab driver, enclosed a blood stained piece of material alleged to have been taken from victim's shirt. [redacted] stated he had definitely established that material did in fact come from victim's shirt and laboratory examination indicated handwriting is same as that in prior letters written in Napa County on 9/27/69.

The enclosed letter and envelope are being furnished to the laboratory for examination and comparison with material previously submitted by Sacramento Division in this matter.

Copies of the letter and envelope and wanted flyer are being furnished to Sacramento Division for information and any action deemed advisable.

b7c San Francisco Division will maintain close contact with Inspector [redacted] Homicide Division, San Francisco Police Department, to furnish laboratory and latent fingerprint examinations requested.

10-1-69

PLAINTEXT

RADIOGRAM

URGENT

JACK E. STILTZ  
CHIEF OF POLICE  
ATT: DET. SGT [REDACTED]  
VALLEJO, CALIFORNIA

① VALLEJO TIMES-HERALD  
VALLEJO, CALIF. - VICTIM

REURRADIOGRAM 10-1-69, YOUR CASE 243146. LATENT FINGERPRINTS

THIS CASE NOT IDENTICAL FINGERPRINTS [REDACTED] BORN

[REDACTED] WHO MAY BE IDENTICAL SUSPECT NAMED

URRAD, NO PALM PRINTS HERE FOR [REDACTED] CONFIRMING.

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JW:cao  
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- \_\_\_ Tolson
- \_\_\_ DeLoach
- \_\_\_ Mohr
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: **FBI, San Francisco (9-2296)**

Date: **October 24, 1969**

Re: **UNSUB; "The Zodiac"  
VALLEJO TIMES-HERALD  
VALLEJO, CALIFORNIA - VICTIM;  
EXTORTION  
OO: SACRAMENTO**

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

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FBI File No. **9-49911-11**  
Lab. No. **D-691020111 LL**

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Examination requested by: **San Francisco**

Reference: **Airtel dated 10/17/69**

Examination requested: **Document**

Remarks:

**The only original evidence received in this matter was Q1 through Q3. The other specimens have been photocopies, some of which were made after the evidence had been treated for latent fingerprints. Such photocopies do not show sufficient detail to permit an adequate handwriting examination.**

MAILED 3  
OCT 24 1969  
COMM-FBI

**Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)**

**2-Sacramento (9-68) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)**

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*b7c* [Redacted] **15718**

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of the



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: **FBI, San Francisco (9-2296)**

Re: **UNSUB; "The Zodiac"  
VALLEJO TIMES-HERALD  
VALLEJO, CALIFORNIA - VICTIM;  
EXTORTION**

Date: **October 24, 1969**  
FBI File No. **9-49911**  
Lab. No. **D-691020111 LL**

Specimens received **10/20/69**

**Qc19** Photocopy of envelope postmarked "San Francisco Calif. JB PM 19 OCT. 1969" bearing hand printed address "S. F. Chronicle San Fran. Calif. Please Rush To Editor"

**Qc20** Photocopy of accompanying hand printed letter beginning "This is the Zodiac speaking..." and ending "...kiddies as they come bouncing out."

**Results of examination:**

It could not be determined whether the questioned hand printing on Q1 through Qc6, Qc8 through Qc10, Qc12 through Qc14, Qc19 and Qc20, was prepared by one or more persons, because the photocopies of these specimens do not show sufficient detail for a satisfactory examination; however, characteristics were noted which indicate that these specimens were probably prepared by one person.

Qc7, Qc11, and Qc15 are photocopies of ciphers and are not comparable with the questioned hand printing in this matter. Qc16 and Qc17 are typewritten. Q18 is a key for the decryption of the ciphers in this matter and is not comparable with the questioned hand printing.

**Qc19 and Qc20 are retained.**

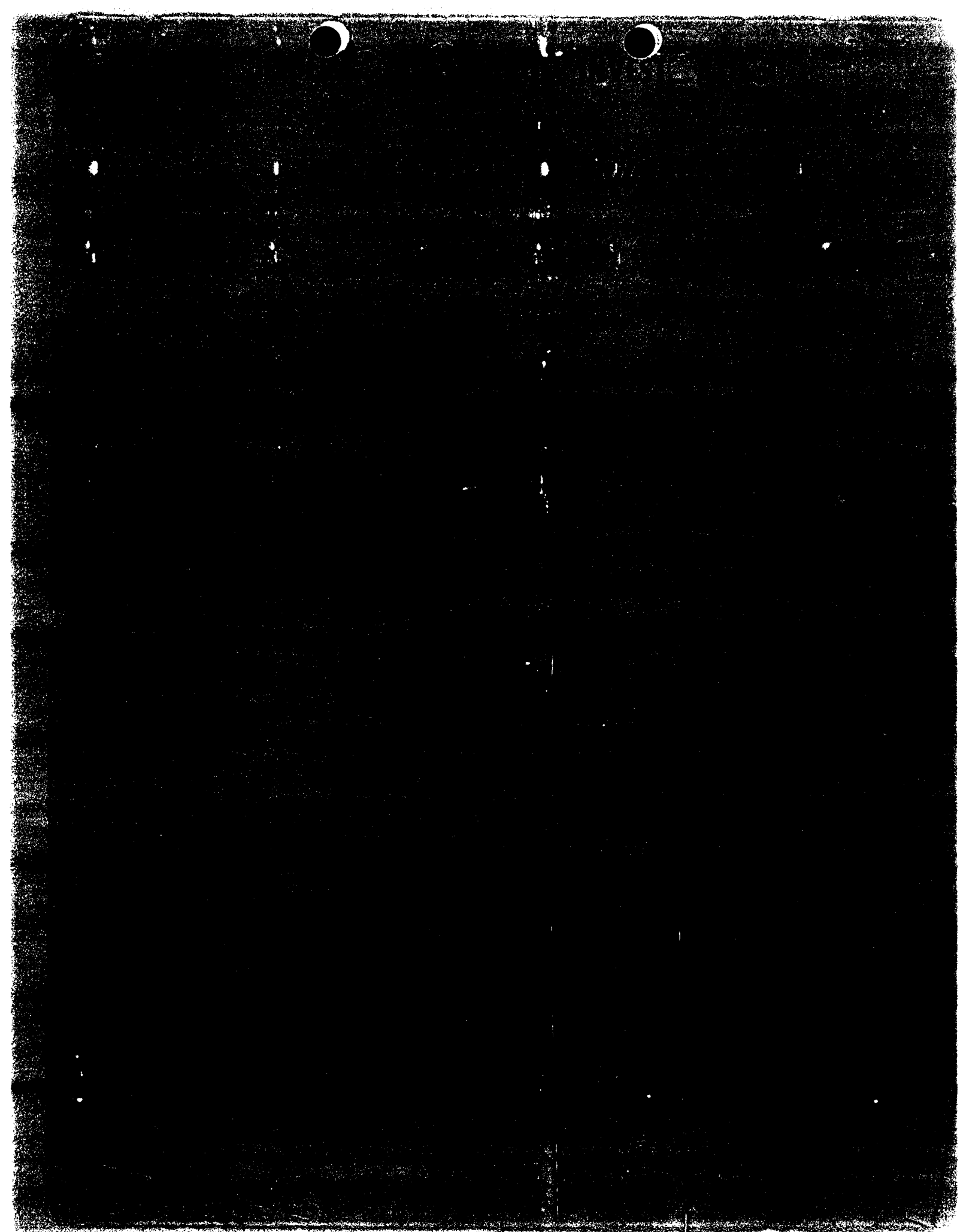
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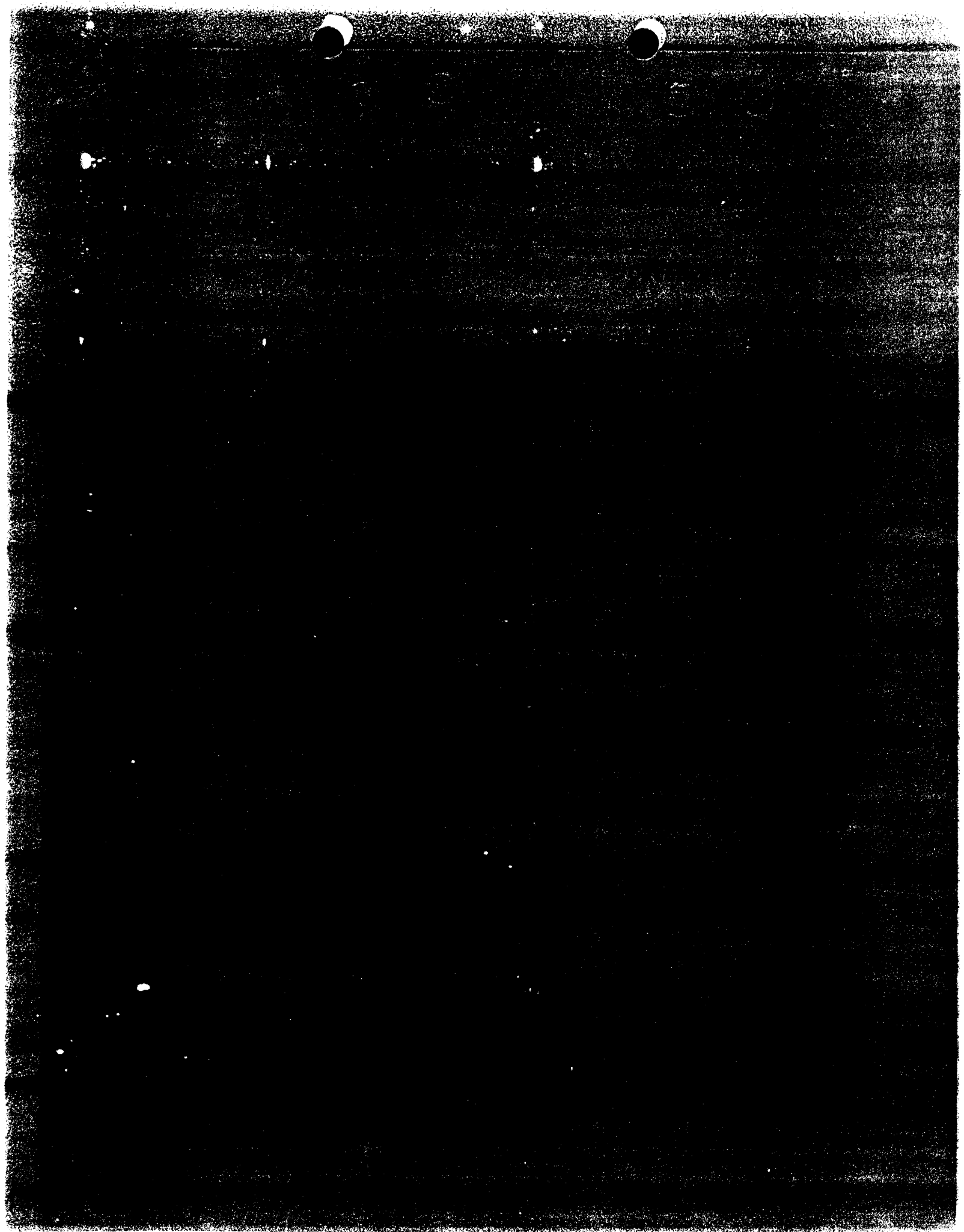
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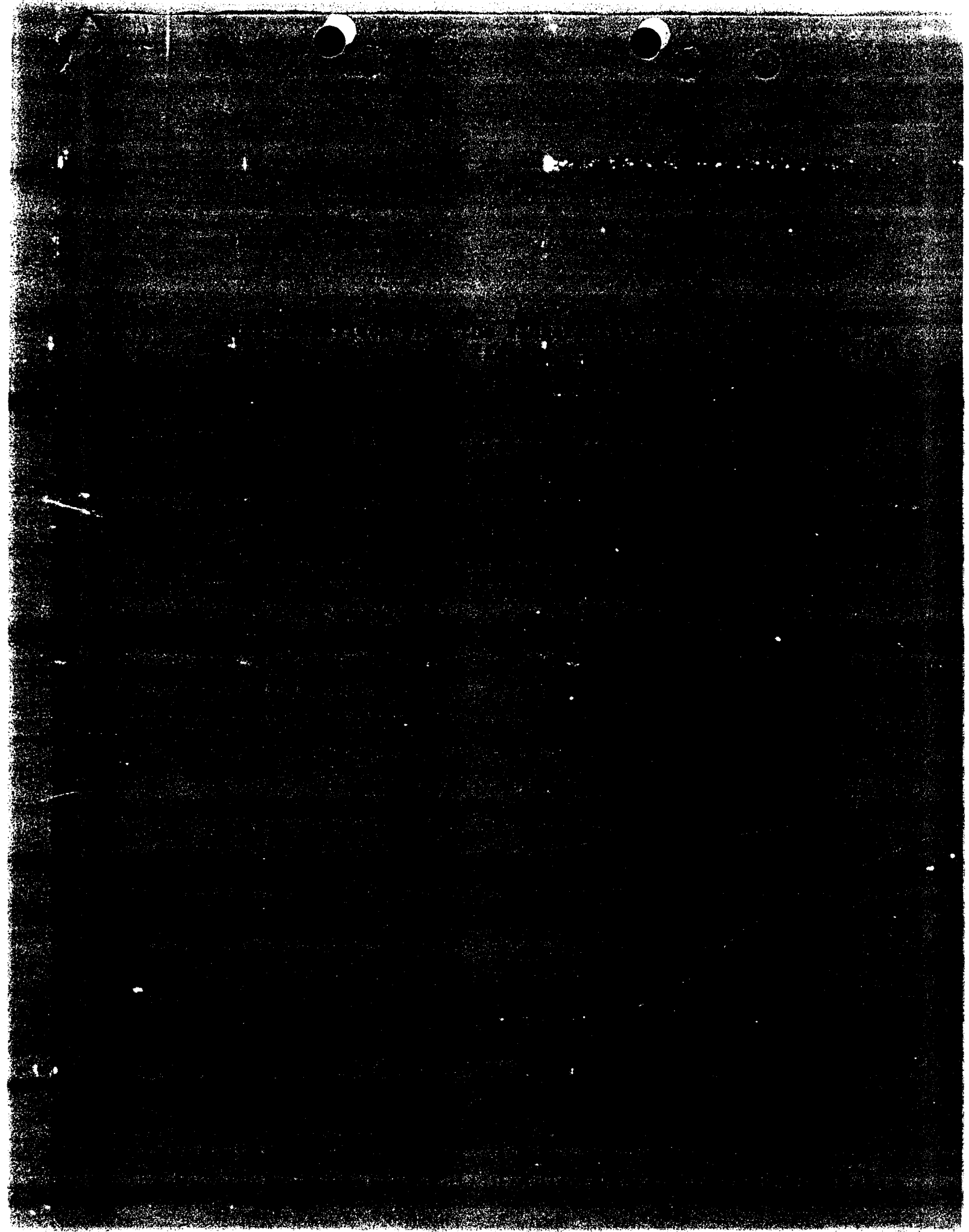
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EARL RANDOL  
Sheriff

TOM JOHNSON  
Undersheriff

HALL OF RECORDS  
NAPA, CALIFORNIA 94658  
(707) 255-5500



OFFICE OF THE  
**SHERIFF OF NAPA COUNTY**

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

October 10, 1969

J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C. 20535

REF: 187 P.C. - NSO Case #105907  
187 P.C. - Vallejo P.D.  
Case #243 146

Attention: Latent Fingerprint Laboratory

Request the enclosed photographs of latent finger and palm prints impressions be compared with the latent impressions forwarded to your department by the Vallejo Police Department (their case #243 146 dated 7/3/69 - 187 P.C.) and with any suspects developed in this case.

Further request the enclosed crime reports be checked for any hits compared with any similars in your files that could be in any way responsible in the Vallejo case, in a Solano County 187 P.C. case. This case has been determined to be the same person through name similarity.

Thanking you for your cooperation in this matter, I am

Respectfully,

EARL RANDOL, SHERIFF-CORONER

by [redacted]  
DETECTIVE/SGT.

- 1 - Case reports NSO #105907
- 2 - Drawing of suspect footprint
- 2 - Two (2) drawings of suspect palm prints
- 4 - Photographs of suspect fingerprints
- 1 - Photograph of suspect's handwriting
- 4 - Four (4) photographs of suspect's face

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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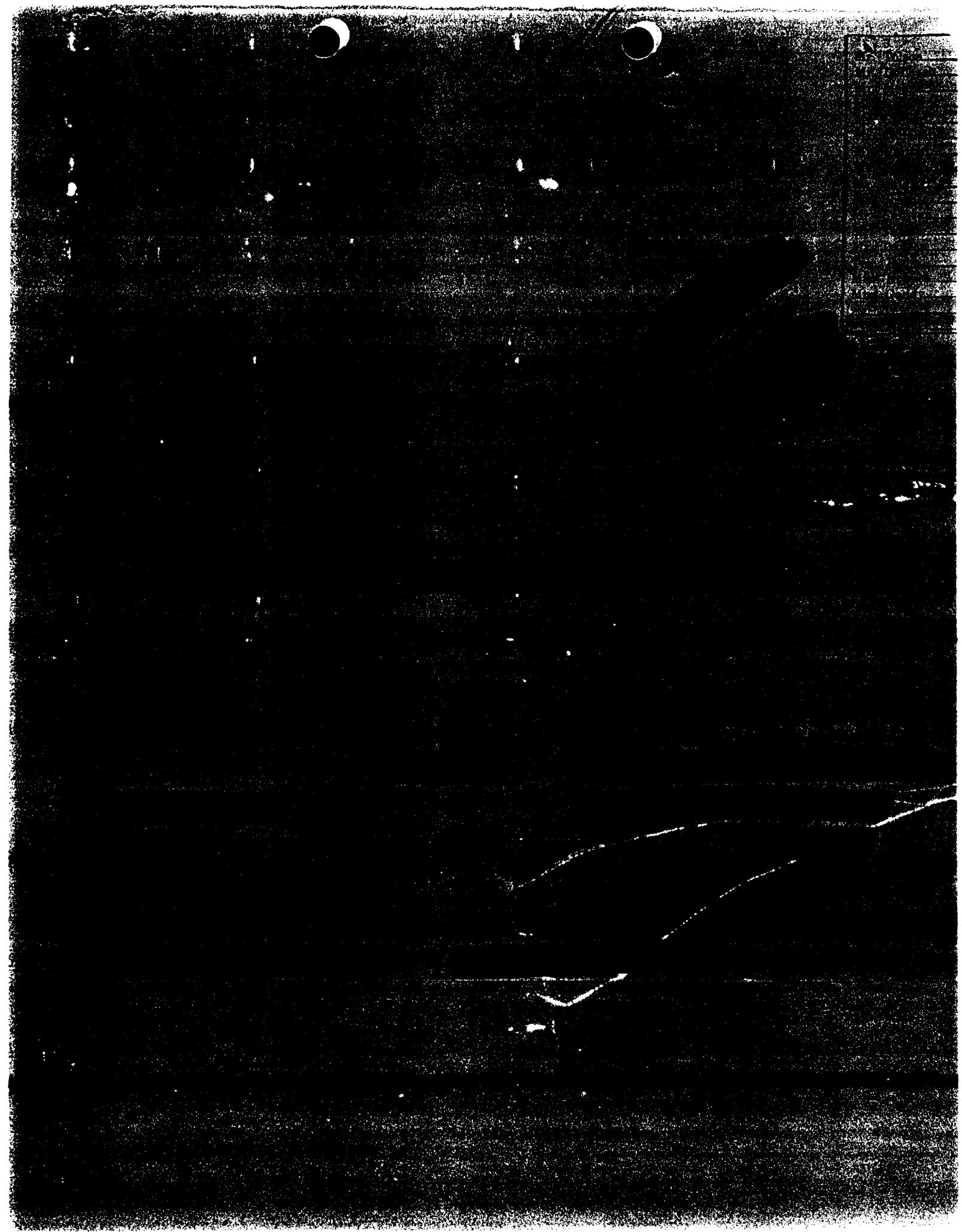
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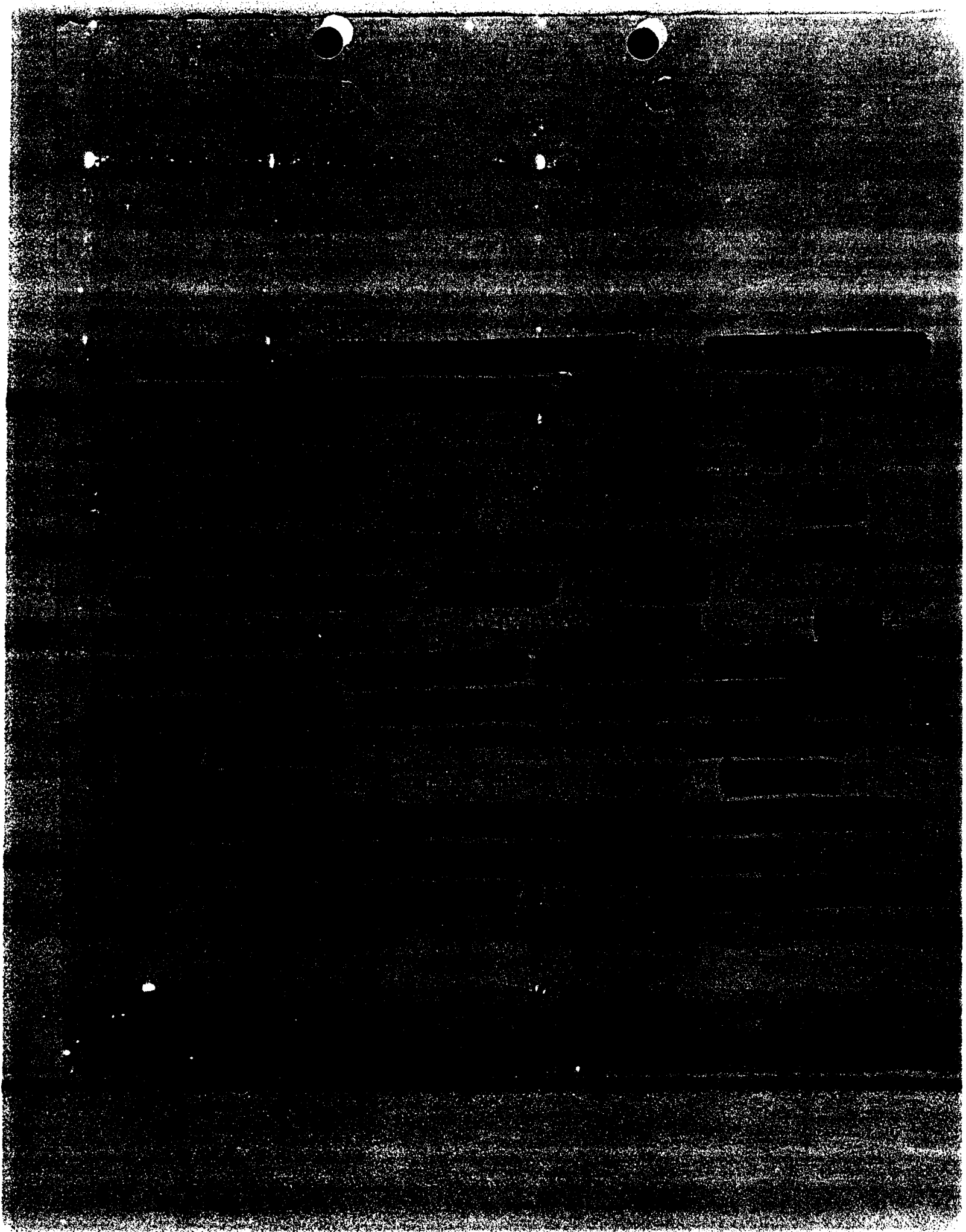
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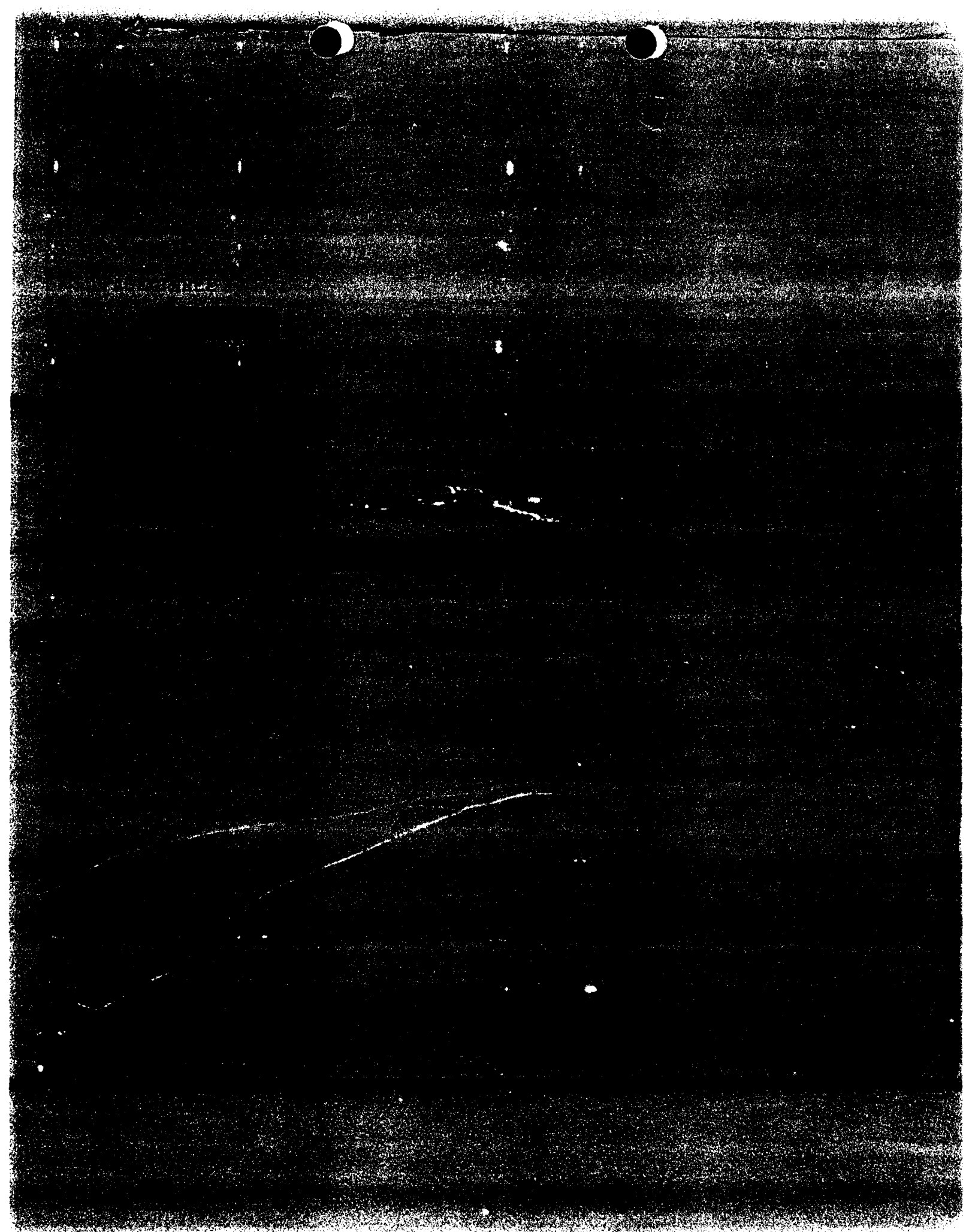
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10-24-69

PLAINTEXT

TELETYPE

URGENT

TO SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (9-2296)

FROM DIRECTOR, FBI (9-49911)

UNSUB; VALLEJO TIMES - HERALD, VALLEJO, CALIFORNIA - VICTIM;  
EXTORTION.

REURTEL CALL OCTOBER TWENTYFOUR SIXTYNINE.

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED LATENT FINGERPRINTS AND LATENT FINGERPRINTS  
IN PHOTOGRAPHS SUBMITTED WITH URAIRTEL OCTOBER TWENTYONE SIXTYNINE  
NOT IDENTICAL FINGERPRINTS [REDACTED] FBI NUMBER

NO PALM PRINTS HERE FOR [REDACTED]

JCJ:cao  
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LC #A-10042

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REC 11

9-49911-14

19 OCT 27 1969

- Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_
- Mohr \_\_\_\_\_
- Bishop \_\_\_\_\_
- Casper \_\_\_\_\_
- Callahan \_\_\_\_\_
- Conrad \_\_\_\_\_
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- Gale \_\_\_\_\_
- Rosen \_\_\_\_\_
- Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_
- Tavel \_\_\_\_\_
- Trotter \_\_\_\_\_
- Tele. Rm. \_\_\_\_\_
- Holmes \_\_\_\_\_
- Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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VIA TELETYPE  
OCT 27 1969  
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Mr. Tolson	
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Mr. Walters	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Bishop	
Mr. Casper	
Mr. Callahan	
Mr. Conrad	
Mr. Felt	
Mr. Gale	
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Sullivan	
Mr. Tavel	
Mr. Trotter	
Tele. Room	
Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

VIA TELETYPE  
 OCT 22 1969  
 ENCRYPTED

*teletype sent 10-23-69  
 unable locate any record  
 on [redacted] b7c*

FBI  
 TELETYPE UNIT  
 OCT 22 1969

WASHINGTON ---7---

6-28 PM PDST URGENT 10/22/69 WEH  
 TO DIRECTOR (ATTENTION: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION) ---PLAINTEXT---  
 FROM SAN FRANCISCO (9-2296) /1P/

UNSUB; "VALLEJO TIMES-HERALD", VALLEJO, CALIFORNIA -  
 VICTIM, EXTORTION.

SAN FRANCISCO PD ADVISES POSSIBLE SUSPECT THIS CASE IS

[redacted] CALIF A WHITE MALE, BORN [redacted]

[redacted] NO FURTHER DESCRIPTION. SUTEL IF RECORD  
 IN IDENTIFICATION FILES AND IF FINGERPRINT CARD AND PHOTO  
 AVAILABLE. FORWARD SAN FRANCISCO /51-740 MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY.

UNSUB ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END.

REW FBI WASH DC

REC-51

OCT 23 1969

CALLER Ident b7c  
 By [redacted] 950pm

cc - Mr. Rosen

NEM/100

10-23-69

PLAIN TEXT

TELETYPE

URGENT

REC'D. 9-49911-15

TO: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (9-2296)

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI

UNSUB; "VALLEJO TIMES-HERALD", VALLEJO, CALIFORNIA -  
VICTIM, EXTORTION.

REURTEL OCT. TWENTYSECOND LAST.

BASIS INFORMATION FURNISHED UNABLE LOCATE ANY RECORD

IDENT. DIV. FILES ON



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- Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_
- Mohr \_\_\_\_\_
- Bishop \_\_\_\_\_
- Casper \_\_\_\_\_
- Callahan \_\_\_\_\_
- Conrad \_\_\_\_\_
- Felt \_\_\_\_\_
- Gale \_\_\_\_\_
- Rosen *[initials]*
- Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_
- Tavel \_\_\_\_\_
- Trotter \_\_\_\_\_
- Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_
- Holmes \_\_\_\_\_
- Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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FBI

Date: 11/24/69

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (9-43811)  
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (9-new)

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECT:  
VALLEJO TIMES-HERALD  
Vallejo, California - VICTIM  
EXTORTION  
(OO: Sacramento)

b7c [REDACTED]

691027116

Remytel call San Francisco today.

"COPY AND SPECIMENS RETAINED IN LAB"

Today [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] Houston (protect identity), appeared at the office and advised as follows:

[REDACTED] San Carlos, California, telephone [REDACTED] appears to be the type of individual who could be the "Zodiac killer". [REDACTED] lived in Houston until [REDACTED] when [REDACTED] Some of [REDACTED] was furnished on a confidential basis by [REDACTED] and is enclosed.

The above stated that they have been following the activities of this killer through the newspapers and feel that [REDACTED] could be identical with him. [REDACTED]

SA-106 9-49911-16  
REC-21

- 3 - Bureau (enc. 1)
- 2 - Sacramento (9-69)(AM)
- 2 - San Francisco (9-2226)(AM)
- 2 - Houston

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Sent \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

M. J. [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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The above stated that they were only furnishing this information on the outside possibility that he could be identical, but requested that their identity not become known under any circumstances.

The Laboratory is requested to compare the writing in the attached with any of the notes that have been furnished in this matter.

Results should be furnished to Sacramento and San Francisco.



FBI

Date: 10/22/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (9-49911)  
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (9-2298)

691022048

RE: UNSUB;  
Vallejo Times-Herald  
Vallejo, California -  
VICTIM  
EXTORTION  
OO: Sacramento

Re San Francisco airtel to Bureau dated 10/17/68.

Enclosed for the FBI Laboratory are two (2) photographs of a letter received from Unknown Subject in this matter by San Francisco "Chronicle" and furnished this office by the San Francisco Police Department.

Xerox copies of this letter were furnished to the FBI Laboratory in referenced airtel.

Enclosed photographs are being furnished to FBI Laboratory for inclusion in anonymous letter file and possible examinations with specimens obtained at a later date.

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- 2 - Bureau (Encs. 2)
  - 1 - Sacramento (9-68) (INFO)
  - 2 - San Francisco
- CEG/sad  
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Special Agent in Charge

10-27-69

PLAINTEXT

TELETYPE

URGENT

TO SAC SAN FRANCISCO (9-2296)

FROM DIRECTOR FBI (9-49911)

UNSUB; VALLEJO TIMES DASH HERALD, VALLEJO, CALIFORNIA DASH  
VICTIM, EXTORTION.

REURTEL OCTOBER TWENTYSEVEN SIXTYNINE.

LATENT FINGERPRINTS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED THIS CASE NOT

IDENTICAL FINGERPRINTS [REDACTED] FBI NUMBER [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] OR [REDACTED] FBI NUMBER [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] NO PALM PRINTS HERE FOR THESE INDIVIDUALS.

CONFIRMING.

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REC-51 9-49911-18

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- Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_
- Mohr \_\_\_\_\_
- Bishop \_\_\_\_\_
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- Holmes \_\_\_\_\_
- Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: **FBI, San Francisco (9-2296)**

Date: **October 24, 1969**

Re: **Unsub;  
Vallejo Times - Herald  
Vallejo, Calif. - Victim;  
Extortion  
OO: Sacramento**

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **9-49911**  
Lab. No. **D-691022048 LL**

Examination requested by: **San Francisco**

Reference: **Airtel dated 10/21/69**

Examination requested: **Document**

~~XXXXXX~~ **Specimens received 10/22/69**

Photographs of Qc19 and Qc20, previously submitted by San Francisco under date of 10/17/69.

Remarks:

MAILED 11  
OCT 24 1969  
FBI

You were previously advised of the examination of Qc19 and Qc20 by Laboratory report dated 10/24/69. The photographs described above do not alter the conclusions set forth in that report.

A representative copy of the questioned letters received in this matter has previously been added to the Anonymous Letter File.

- Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
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- Tavel \_\_\_\_\_
- Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_
- Holmes \_\_\_\_\_
- Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

The submitted photographs are retained.

No Laboratory report is attached.

2 - Sacramento (9-68)

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OCT 24 1969  
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105PM 10-24-69 URGENT MCC  
TO DIRECTOR (9-49911), ATT: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION  
SACRAMENTO (9-68) PLAINTEXT  
FROM SAN FRANCISCO (9-2296) (P) 1P

UNSUB; VALLEJO TIMES-HERALD, VALLEJO, CALIF. - VIKEX. OO,  
SA RAMENTO.

RE SAN FRANCISCO AIRTEL TO BUREAU, OCT. TWENTYONE LAST.  
SAN FRANCISCO PD HAS DEVELOPED WHAT THEY CONSIDER  
EXCELLENT SUSPECT IN THIS CASE AND HE IS  
FBI NO. [REDACTED]

IDENTIFICATION DIVISION IS REQUESTED TO COMPARE HIS  
FINGERPRINTS WITH PRINTS SUBMITTED THIS CASE BY SACRAMENTO, SAN  
FRANCISCO, VALLEJO PD AND NAPA COUNTY SO.

SACRAMENTO INSURE THAT ALL LATENTS AVAILABLE THIS CASE,  
YOUR DIVISION, HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED TO IDENTIFICATION DIVISION.  
SUTEL.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END

REW FBI WASH DC

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OCT 28 1969

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*cc - Mr. Rosen*

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION WORK SHEET

Recorded: 10-27-69, 8:10 a. m.

Reference No: 9-2296

Received: 10-<sup>24</sup>~~27~~-69, jag

FBI File No: 9-49911

Latent Case No: A-10042

Answer to: SAC, San Francisco

Examination requested by: Addressee

Copy to:

RE: UNSUB;  
VALLEJO TIMES - HERALD  
VALLEJO, CALIFORNIA - VICTIM;  
EXTORTION

Date of reference communication: Teletype, October 24, 1969

Specimens:

Named Suspect:

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[Redacted] FBI [Redacted] *correct*

Note: Telephone answer if ident  
Teletype answer if nonident

Result of examination:

Examination by: [Redacted]  
Evidence noted by: [Redacted]

*10/24 - Called jacket - JED*

*Pres. reptd. lat fpts (9) + 30 lat fpts + 1 lat  
b7c impr. of value in photos subm. w/ SF  
airtel dtd 10/21/69, mat 6 fpts [Redacted]  
no pp's here for [Redacted] - JED*

*1-3 fine*

Examination completed

8:55 PM  
Time

10/24  
Date

Dictated

Teletype 10/24/69 JED  
Date



# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D. C. 20537

## REPORT

of the

## IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

### LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

YOUR FILE NO.

October 29, 1969

FBI FILE NO. 9-49911

LATENT CASE NO. A-10042

TO: SAC, San Francisco

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;  
VALLEJO TIMES HERALD  
VALLEJO, CALIFORNIA  
EXTORTION

Telephone call from SA [redacted] San Francisco

REFERENCE: Division, on 10-21-69  
EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: San Francisco  
SPECIMENS:

This report supplements and confirms information telephonically furnished SA [redacted] on 10-21-69.

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Latent fingerprints previously reported in captioned case and case entitled "Unsub.; [redacted] Cecelia Ann Shepard - Victims, Lake Berryessa Area, Napa County, California, September 27, 1969; Assault, Murder," latent case #A-12397, not identical fingerprints of [redacted] FBI [redacted] Latent impression in latent case #A-12397 compared available fingerprints of [redacted], but no identification effected. Major case prints of [redacted] which are needed for comparison with the latent impression and previously reported latent palm prints, are not contained Identification Division files.

REC 11

9-49911-20

- Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
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- Holmes \_\_\_\_\_
- Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION WORK SHEET

Recorded: 10-22-69 8:00 a.m.

Reference No: [redacted]  
FBI File No: 9-49911-20  
Latent Case No: A-10042

Received: 10-22-69 fcm

Answer to: SAC, San Francisco

Examination requested by: Addressee

Copy to:

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;  
VALLEJO TIMES HEARLD  
VALLEJO, CALIFORNIA  
EXTORTION

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Date of reference communication: Telephone call from SA [redacted] San Francisco  
Specimens: on 10-21-69.,

*Results of exam  
furn to SA [redacted]  
by telephone call  
from [redacted]  
10/21/69 jcd*

Named Suspect: [redacted]

Compare the above suspect with latents developed in captioned case and latents developed in case entitled:

UNKNOWN SUBJECT; [redacted], CECELIA ANN SHEPARD-VICTIMS; LAKE BERRYESSA AREA, NAPA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, SEPTEMBER 27, 1969, ASSAULT, MURDER., Bufile # [redacted], LC#A-12397 NSO Case #105907.,

Result of examination:

Examination by: [redacted]  
Evidence noted by: [redacted]

*b7c Lat fpts prev captioned case and LC# A-12397 mat of fpts of [redacted]*

*Lat imp (fpts or pp) prev reported in LC# A-12397 comp available fpts of [redacted] but no of effected major case prints needed to conduct conclusive comp with lat imp used for com with lat pps in these cases*

Examination completed 9:20 AM 10/24/69

Dictated 10/24/69

*Inside 10/20/69  
JC # 10/24/69*

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Date: 10/22/69

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (9-49911)  
ATTENTION IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (9-2296)

RE: UNSUB:  
Vallejo Times-Herald  
Vallejo, California -  
VICTIM  
EXTORTION  
OO: Sacramento

Re San Francisco airtel dated 10/17/69.

Enclosed for the Identification Division are three (3) pages containing photographs of latent fingerprints and one (1) copy of San Francisco Police Department (SFPD) intra-departmental memoranda dated 10/19/69, which relates to the enclosed fingerprints and which is self explanatory.

For the information of the Bureau, the photographs of latent fingerprints were developed from a victim of a murder who was murdered on 10/11/69, by Unknown Subject.

The laboratory is requested to compare the enclosed latents and latents previously developed from submissions by the Sacramento Office with the fingerprints of [redacted], FBI Number [redacted] Bureau file [redacted]

The Identification Division is also requested to search the enclosed fingerprints through the single fingerprint file and conduct any other search or examination deemed advisable.

- 2 - Bureau (Encs. 4)
- 1 - Sacramento (9-69) (INFO)
- 2 - San Francisco
- CHC/sag
- (5)

REC-58

9-49911-21

SPECIMENS ATTACHED IN LFPS

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge



SAN FRANCISCO  
POLICE DEPARTMENT

INTRA-DEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM

DIST. BUR. DET.	HOMICIDE	DAY & DATE	SUN. OCT. 19, 1969
SUBJECT:		ZODIAC HOMICIDE CASES S.F.P.D. HOMICIDE CASE #696314	

TO  
VALLEJO P.D.  
NAPA CO. SHERIFF  
SOLOMA CO. SHERIFF  
C.I.I.  
F.B.I.

All of the latent prints in our case were obtained from a taxi cab. The latent prints that show traces of blood are believed to be prints of the suspect. The latent prints from right front door handle are also believed to be prints of the suspect. These prints are circled with a red pen.

The other latent prints many of which are very good prints, may or may not be prints of the suspect in this case;

Per. Insp. [redacted] Crime lab;

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FROM	[redacted]	APPROVED BY:		REFER TO
RANK	Homicide Det.	STAR	RANK	STAR

ENCLOSURE 9-49911-21

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TO DIRECTOR, SAN FRANCISCO, LOS ANGELES, AND JACKSONVILLE

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ZODIAC KILLER, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA. MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING.

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[REDACTED] WHO REQUESTED HER IDENTITY BE PROTECTED, TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED THE ATLANTA OFFICE OCT. TWENTYTHIRD, INSTANT, THAT SHE SAW THE TELEVISION NEWS PROGRAM ON WHICH SAN FRANCISCO ATTY. MELVIN BELLI TALKED TO THE ALLEGED "ZODIAC" KILLER AND SHE BELIEVES THE VOICE OF THIS KILLER TO BE THE VOICE OF [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] PRESENTLY RESIDING [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] CALIF. HE IS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND IS ALSO [REDACTED] AND

ACCORDING TO [REDACTED] HAS ACCESS TO [REDACTED]

ADDITIONALLY, [REDACTED] ADVISED [REDACTED] IS PROFICIENT

IN [REDACTED] AND HAS [REDACTED] HE WAS EMPLOYED

BY [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] IS CURRENTLY RESIDING AT [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] FLA., AND WILL RETURN TO THIS  
LOCATION FROM [REDACTED] ON OCT. TWENTYFOURTH, NEXT. SHE DESCRIBED

[REDACTED] AS W/M, DOB [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

NO ARRESTS KNOWN; PARENTS RESIDE AT [REDACTED]; FIRST NAMES  
UNKNOWN. [REDACTED] IN POSSESSION OF [REDACTED] IN JUNE, 'SIXTYNINE.

[REDACTED] DOES NOT CONSIDER [REDACTED] TO BE VIOLENT, BUT SHE  
STATED HE HAS NO COMPASSION FOR [REDACTED] AND FUR-  
NISHED ABOVE INFO ONLY BECAUSE OF THE RECORDING OF THE ALLEGED  
CALLERS VOICE ON TELEVISION PROGRAM SHE WITNESSED. SHE SAID SHE

[REDACTED] IF NEEDED.

SAN FRANCISCO, IF [REDACTED] CAN BE CONSIDERED SUSPECT IN  
ZODIAC KILLINGS, REQUEST LOS ANGELES TO DETERMINE [REDACTED]  
ABSENCE FROM LOS ANGELES AT PERTINENT TIMES AND REQUEST JACKSON-  
VILLE TO OBTAIN PHOTOS OF [REDACTED] IN [REDACTED]

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TO SACS, San Francisco  
Los Angeles  
Jacksonville  
Atlanta

(62-9) 9-49911-21X

FROM: Director, FBI

ZODIAC KILLER, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA  
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

Re Atlanta tel dated 10/23/69.

This will confirm telephonic instructions  
furnished San Francisco Division this date.

In the absence of any Bureau violation, no  
investigation should be conducted in this matter.  
San Francisco and Los Angeles insure information contained  
in referenced teletype furnished to appropriate local  
authorities.

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Our Atlanta Office was advised 10/23/69, by a woman who identified herself as [REDACTED] that the voice of [REDACTED] appeared to be identical to the voice of the Zodiac killer who is currently being sought by California authorities. [REDACTED] indicated that [REDACTED] is currently located in the Los Angeles Division. She stated that she had heard the voice of the Zodiac killer on a television news program at which time the killer was talking to the shyster attorney Melvin Bell; of San Francisco. We telephonically notified San Francisco to conduct no investigation in the absence of any Bureau violation. San Francisco stated they would also advise Los Angeles.



# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D. C. 20537

## REPORT

of the

## IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

### LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

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YOUR FILE NO. 9-2296  
FBI FILE NO. 9-49911  
LATENT CASE NO. A-10042

October 29, 1969

TO: SAC, San Francisco

RE: UNSUB.;  
VALLEJO TIMES-HERALD  
VALLEJO, CALIFORNIA - VICTIM  
EXTORTION

REFERENCE: Airtel 10/21/69  
EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: San Francisco  
SPECIMENS: Three photographs

Thirty latent fingerprints, three latent palm prints, and one latent impression (fingerprint from lower joint area of a finger or palm print) of value appear in submitted photographs.

One latent fingerprint identified as fingerprint of victim Paul Lee Stine, San Francisco, California, Coroner's #1976. Remaining latent fingerprints not identical fingerprints of Stine or [REDACTED] FBI [REDACTED] latent impression compared available fingerprints of these individuals, but no identification effected. Impressions of lower joint areas of the fingers and palm prints of these individuals not contained

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*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

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SAC, San Francisco

October 29, 1969

Identification Division files.

Latent fingerprints previously reported this case  
not identical fingerprints of [REDACTED]

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Searches were conducted in single fingerprint file,  
but no identifications effected.

Submitted photographs and copy of San Francisco  
Police Department memorandum, which was also submitted,  
have been retained.







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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: SAC, Boston (62D-5738)

January 24, 1983

FBI FILE NO. 62-119655

LAB. NO. 20507034 D LL PL

Re: UNSUB;  
JOAN WEBSTER - VICTIM;  
DPC

OO: Boston

**0 ZODIAC**

Examination requested by: Boston  
Reference: Communication dated May 4, 1982  
Examination requested: Document - Cryptanalysis  
Specimens received: May 7, 1982

Specimen:

K1 Two sets of photocopies of one hundred and nineteen pages of material relating to [redacted] and the ZODIAC

Result of examination:

Specimen K1 has been analyzed to determine if the "solutions" offered by [redacted] to the disappearance of JOAN WEBSTER are valid. (Much of K1 concerns [redacted] analysis of the ZODIAC communications.) Most of [redacted] theories are based on conjecture and numerous assumptions. Some assumptions are possibly correct. However, [redacted] selectively dissects the literature (often misquoting material) and presents results only if they corroborate the overall theme of his solution. Thus, on a cryptanalytic, mathematical, and technical basis, the Laboratory contends that the results are forced and inconsistent.

Unless investigative techniques validate the hypotheses proposed by [redacted] no further [redacted] communications will be analyzed or evaluated.

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Specimen K1 is being retained by the Laboratory. NOT RECORDED 13 JAN 24 1983

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