

Freedom of Information and Privacy Acts

Subject: ZODIAC KILLER

File Number: 9-HQ-49911

SECTION 1



Federal Bureau of Investigation

FBI

Date: 8/6/69

Transmit the following in _____

(Type in plaintext or code)

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

690808059

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.

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Special Agent in Charge

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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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

FBI, Sacramento (9-68)

August 18, 1969

UNKNOWN SUBJECT,
VALLEJO TOWN SQUARE,
Vallejo, California
Extortion

EX-105

REC-128

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D-69060059 LL

SACRAMENTO

Airtel 8/8/69

Document - Fingerprint - Cryptanalysis

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

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Enclosures (14) (0-4 - 0-15, 2 Lab report)

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

- Tolson _____
- DeLoach _____
- Mohr _____
- Bishop _____
- Casper _____
- Callahan _____
- Conrad _____
- Felt _____
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- Rosen _____
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- Tele. Room _____
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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 of: **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"
- Q4 Photocopy of envelope postmarked "SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF PM 31 JUL 1969," bearing hand printed address "1017 - CAGANES San Fran, Calif. PLEASE RUSH TO EDITOR"
- Q5 Accompanying photocopy of two-page hand printed letter, first page beginning "Dear Editor. This is the murderer of the 2 teenagers..."
- Q6 Second page of letter beginning "Here is part of a cipher the other 2 parts of this cipher are being mailed..."
- Q7 Photocopy of cipher accompanying the Q5 and Q6 letter
- Q8 Photocopy of envelope postmarked "SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF PM 31 JUL 1969," bearing hand printed address "14, 1 Chronicle's San Fran, Calif. Please Rush to Editor. Please Rush to Editor"

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

MAIL ROOM TELETYPE UNIT

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. 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 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 any 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 ^{copies} 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



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Re Sacramento airtel to Bureau dated 8/5/69.

Enclosed herewith is an envelope bearing postmark 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) ST-113
1 - Sacramento
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Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

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COPY AND SPECIMENS RETAINED IN LAB

8/18/69

Handwritten initials and marks

Handwritten initials and marks



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

1 - Mr. [redacted]
b7c [redacted]

To: **FBI, Sacramento (9-86)**

Date: **August 21, 1969**

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

J. Edgar Hoover
EX-113
REC-128

FBI File No.
Lab. No.

8-20-69
D-200618044 LL

Examination requested by:

Sacramento

Date:

Airtel 8/14/69

Examination requested:

Document-Fingerprint-Cryptanalysis

Specimens:

Specimens received 8/18/69

Q18 Envelope postmarked "San Francisco Calif. 24 PM
10 AUG 1969," bearing the typewritten address
"Sergeant [redacted] Vallejo Police Department
Vallejo, California"

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

Q16 Sheet of white paper bearing hand printed letters
and symbols beginning "A - B - C - (backwards) L ..."

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AUG 21 1969
COMM-FBI

2 - San Francisco

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REMARKS:

The items submitted with serials have been received and designated Q18 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 Q18 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.

Q18 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.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

1 - Mr. [Redacted]
1 - Mr. [Redacted]
1 - Mr. [Redacted]

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

Date: **August 20, 1969**

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

Handwritten: J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **CR-12411 MJ
D-696818066 LL**

Examination requested by: **Sacramento**

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

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

Remarks:

MAILED 22
AUG 20 1969
COMM-FBI

Enclosures (1) (1 Lab Report)

1 - Mr. [Redacted] (sent direct)

KTB:sdh

- 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

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REPORT
of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

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

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

Date: **August 20, 1969**
FBI File No. **9-49711-3**
Lab. No. **CR-13418 KJ**

Specimens received **8/18/69**

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

Result of examination:

Q18 is a substantially accurate key for decryption of previously submitted specimens Qc7, Qc11, and Qc13.

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

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DeLoach _____
Mohr _____
Bishop _____
Casper _____
Callahan _____
Conrad _____
Felt _____
Gale _____
Rosen _____
Sullivan _____
Tavel _____
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Holmes _____
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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;
 "Vallejo Times-Herald"
 Vallejo, California -
 VICTIM
 EXTORTION

Re Sacramento airtel to Bureau dated 8/6/59.

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 [redacted] Vallejo Police Department, Vallejo, Calif.,
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 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".

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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)
- 2 - Sacramento

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Lab Report to SC
 dated 8/20/69
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 County*

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet

NO LAB FILE

Re:

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

LATENT

File # 9-49911-3
Lab. # D-680818066 LL
CR-13412 KJ

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

Examination requested: Document-Fingerprint-Crypt. Date received: 8/18/68

Result of Examination:

Examination by: [redacted] AE
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Generally valid description
equivalents for Qc 1, 11, and 15
Column 1 is p-c; Column 2 is c-p
Col 1, Xp should be T, not J
Col 2, Qc = Kp Lp, not verifiable and Fp should be Q, not P
not verifiable all Ac = Hp, Ic = Op, and Lc = Lp

Specimens submitted for examination

Q16 Envelope postmarked "San Francisco Calif. 3A PM
10 AUG 1968," bearing the typewritten address
"Sergeant [redacted] Vallejo Police Department
Vallejo, California"

b7c 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 ..."

Return evidence

2 - S.F.

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F B I

Date: 8/12/69

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
(ATTEN.: FBI LABORATORY)

FROM : SAC, SACRAMENTO (9-6B)

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
"Vallejo Times-Herald"
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.

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2 - Bureau (Enc. 1) (RM)
2 - Sacramento
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AUG 16 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 hire. Police are convinced the highest probability is probably and that the culprit is indeed the

Alton, Calif., R. Hardon, a Salinas high school student of literary and economic and an amateur cryptographer said he and his wife broke the cipher after about 25 hours of work. "As you can see," Hardon said of the cryptogram, "the spelling is rather poor and in some places he had made errors in the use of his own cipher.

These were Hardon said showed in inconsistent groupings of letters. But the writer's message was fairly clear.

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

I LIKE MURDER PEOPLE
BECAUSE IT IS SO MUCH FUN
IT IS MORE FUN THAN KILLING
ONE MORE GUY IN THE
COUNTRY BECAUSE NOW IS
THE MOST INTERESTING TIME
SO I AM GOING TO KILL
SO A THOUSAND PEOPLE
AND IT IS EVEN BETTER
THAN GETTING YOUR
HAND WITH A GIRL THE
BEST PART OF IT I THINK
IS THAT WHEN I DO I WILL
BE KNOWN AS THE KILLER
AND ALL THE I HAVE
KILLED WILL BECOME MY
WIFE I WILL BEY GIVE
MY NAME BECAUSE
YOU WILL TRY TO STOP
DOWN OR STOP (stop)
MY COLLECTION OF SLAVES
AND MY AFTERMATH 1929
SAY EMBET DENTY

POSSIBLE WORDS

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

But Sgt. John Lynch, chief with the San Francisco office of the police department, said he had a hunch in his mind that this is a true translation of the cipher and that the murderer wrote it. You can almost check the cipher against it.

"I think perhaps the man's

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

Lynch talked to Hardon and said, "You wouldn't be too 15 years old, would you?" He said he would talk to him again when the murderer, James Earl Ray, was caught and in custody and cooperating fully with the government cryptographers and the translation.

In a letter dated Dec. 10, 1968, from the Vallejo Police Dept. to the San Francisco office, the writer said he had broken the cipher and had written the translation. The letter was dated Dec. 10, 1968, and was sent to the Vallejo Police Dept. at 11:00 a.m. on Dec. 10, 1968.

WRITING LETTERS

With each of the letters, the writer said he had written the cipher and had written the translation. The letter was dated Dec. 10, 1968, and was sent to the Vallejo Police Dept. at 11:00 a.m. on Dec. 10, 1968.

Hardon said the cipher was written in a different style than the one used in the cryptogram. He said that in an effort to make the cipher more difficult to read, the writer used a "downward" style of writing.

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TELLS GUY

The Salinas school teacher said he broke the code by looking for the "downward" style of writing.

"We had the 'downward' style of writing, the writer used 'downward' style of writing," said Hardon.

Lynch said he had broken the code by looking for the "downward" style of writing.

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Dangerous
gives me the
recks off.

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

b7c LAB FILE



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

FBI, Sacramento (9-68)

Date: August 19, 1969

UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
Vallejo Times Herald
Vallejo, California
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

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Sacramento

Airfile 8/0/69 and 8/13/69

Document - Fingerprint - Cryptanalysis

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

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TELETYPE UNIT

REPORT
of the



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

FBI, Sacramento (9-68)

Date: August 19, 1969

UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
Vallejo Times Herald
Vallejo, California
EXTORTION

FBI File No. CR-15408 KJ

RECEIVED DATE: 8/2/69

- Q17 Photocopy of cipher accompanying the Q17 and Q18 letter.
- Q18 Photocopy of cipher accompanying the Q18 and Q19 letter.
- Q19 Photocopy of cipher accompanying the Q19 and Q20 letter.

Result of examination:

Q17, Q18, and Q19, in that order, constitute a message encrypted with a unilateral, substitution cryptosystem with 26 keys. 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 (girls 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 (reincarnation of women and children).

The specimens and results of the treatment and deciphering examinations are being furnished separately.

- Tolson _____
- DeLoach _____
- Mohr _____
- Bishop _____
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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 # 9-49711-4
Lab. # D-630808053 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:

see other side

b7c [redacted] AE

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 scene 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 51 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 ^{the} 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"
- 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 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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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D. C. 20537



REPORT

of the

IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

YOUR FILE NO. 9-68
FBI FILE NO.
LATENT CASE NO. A-10062

August 25, 1969

TO SAC, Sacramento

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

REFERENCE: Airtel 8-4-69
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, Q1, and one latent fingerprint of value developed on third page of letter, Q3.

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

Enc. (3)

AUG 26 1969

John Edgar Hoover, Director

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Mohr _____
Ladd _____
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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

Laboratory Work Sheet

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

NO LAB FILE
File # 9-4411-37
Lab. # D-690808059 LL
IC. # A-10042

Examination requested by: Sacramento (2-68) A. 6-6-69

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint -
Crypt.

Date received: 8-8-69

Result of Examination:

Examination by: [redacted]

Noted By: *msc*

Provided E2: no lats 8/19 wtm
Provided min - Q's 2 & 3 to photo (as ex)
Q1 provided min - no lats for ltr
2 lat. fpts of envelope divided as follows: 8/20 wtm
1 front Q2
1 front Q3

Specimens submitted for examination

- Q1 Three page hand printed letter, first page beginning "Dear Editor This is the Indian speaking..."
- Q2 Second page beginning "knee. I did not leave the cave of the killing..."
- Q3 Third page beginning "by high hill and trees..." and signed "NO ADDRESS"
- Q4 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"
- Q5 Accompanying photocopy of two page hand printed letter first page beginning "Dear Editor This is the murderer of the 2 teenagers..."
- Q6 Second page beginning "Here is part of a cipher the other 2 parts of this cipher are being mailed..."
- Q7 Photocopy of cipher accompanying ^{the} Q5 and Q6 letter

6/25/69
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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 ^{the} Qc8 and Qc10 letter
- Qc12 Photocopy of envelope postmarked "SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF 1A PM 31 JUL 1969" bearing hand printed address "Vallejo Tim Harold Vallejo Calif Please Rush To Editor"
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- Qc15 Photocopy of cipher accompanying ^{the} Qc13 and Qc14 letter

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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REPORT

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IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

PATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

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FILE NO. 9-88
FBI FILE NO. 8-19911
LATENT CASE NO. A-10042

August 28, 1969

TO: SAC, Sacramento

UNKNOWN SUBJECT
"VALLEJO TIMES-HERALD"
VALLEJO, CALIFORNIA - VICTIM
EXTORTION

REFERENCE: Airtel 8/14/69
EXAMINATION RESULT: Sacramento
EVIDENCE: Q16 through Q18, envelope, 3 x 5 card, and sheet of white paper

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

One latent palm print of value developed on envelope, Q18.

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- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. DeLoach
- Mr. Mohr
- Mr. Bishop
- Mr. Casper
- Mr. Callahan
- Mr. Conrad
- Mr. Felt
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[Signature]
John Edgar Hoover, Director

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

RECEIVED: 8-21-69 1rj
NO LAB FILE

Laboratory Work Sheet

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

Re:

LATENT

File # 9-49811-4
Lab. # D-690816086 LL

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

LC#A-10042

Examination requested by: Sacramento (9-88) Airtel 8/14/69

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

Result of Examination:

Examination by: [redacted]

Provided I₂ - no lats 8/21 wtm

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Noted by: [redacted]

"min - 916 - as is - to photo

Q17 & Q18 provided as - no lats of value

Lat pp of values sent over front Q16 8/26 wtm
no add lats on Q16 by [redacted]

Specimens submitted for examination

Q16 Envelope postmarked "San Francisco Calif. SA 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 - Q - S - (backwards) L ..."

Specimens destroyed & ret'd [redacted]
Lab rept. sep.

Return evidence

Examination completed

10:35 AM
Time

8/26/69
Date

Dictated 8/26/69
Date

Handwritten notes: "and [redacted] 8/26/69"

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VIA TELETYPE

URGENT

1/15/54
10:15 AM
1/15/54
10:15 AM

TO DIRECTOR
FROM SAC, NEW YORK
RE: [REDACTED]

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PAGE THREE.

[REDACTED]

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.

[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

END PAGE THREE.

PAGE FOUR.

ALL, WAS RELATED IN THE LOCAL NEWSPAPER. [REDACTED] STATES
THE LETTERS RECEIVED BY THE SAN FRANCISCO "EXAMINER" AND THE
SAN FRANCISCO^{SC} "CHRONICLE" HAVE BEEN PROCESSED FOR LATENT FINGER-
PRINTS BY THE SAN FRANCISCO PD.

VALLEJO PD HAS SUBMITTED THE WRITING ACCOMPANYING THE
LETTER IN 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^{Sheriff's Office} 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

FBI WASH DC

SC...

SF...

CITY OF VALLEJO, Calif.

945-90

POLICE DEPARTMENT

October 2, 1969

Vallejo Times-Herald
Vallejo, Calif. - Victim

69100802

Unknown Subject

b7c

[Redacted]

Handwriting Reference

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

9-49911

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

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]

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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

REC 85

b7c

[Redacted] 9-49911-1568

DN:tm

By: [Redacted]

Enclosures

17 OCT 8 1969
(FBI - STANFORD)

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consultation [Handwritten]

EXP. PROC.

SP

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Key

COPIES OF MEMORANDUMS PREPARED IN LAB FOR LAB ACTION & REPORT

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237 10/24/69

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. DeLoach	
Mr. Mohr	
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VIA TELETYPE
 9-49911-8
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WASHINGTON
 8-55 PM URGENT 10/01/69 LCD

TO DIRECTOR (9-49911) PLAINTEXT
 FROM SACRAMENTO (9-68) 2P

LCA-A-1004

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] VALLEJO, CALIFORNIA, DETECTIVE

END PAGE ONE.

and a mfgm
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no other mem...

PAGE TWO

[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.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END.

RM FBI WASH DC

MAY 5 5 03 PM '68

CC: MR. TROTTER

IR 48 5-55PM RBM

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM SD RADIO STA 012119 GR 80

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

OCT 1 1969

RADIO

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. DeLoach	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Bishop	
Mr. Casper	
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COMPARE LATENTS OBTAINED FROM FBI LATENT CASE A-10042

AGAINST PRINTS OF

WGA-DOB

SAN ANTONIO

TEXAS. PHYSICAL DESC

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

TOR 2152 FCT

5-57PM ERT

REC-95

OCT 18 1969

9-49911

SPECIMENS DETACHED IN LFPS

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[Handwritten notes and signatures]

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D. C. 20537



REPORT

of the

IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

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YOUR FILE NO.
FBI FILE NO.
LATENT CASE NO.

Case #243146
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October 6, 1969

AIRMAIL

TO: Mr. Jack E. Stiltz
Chief of Police
Vallejo, California 94590

EX-102

Attention: Detective Sergeant [REDACTED] b7c

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

Radiogram from Chief of Police, Vallejo, California, on October 1, 1969, and teletype from FBI, Sacramento, on October 1, 1969. Addressee and FBI, Sacramento

REFERENCE:
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] 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.

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

Enclosure

2 - Sacramento (9-68)

John Edgar Hoover, Director

- Tolson _____
- DeLoach _____
- Mohr _____
- Bishop _____
- Casper _____
- Callahan _____
- Conrad _____
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COMM-FBI

JWO:maf
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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 b7c

Copy to: SAC [redacted] (9-66)

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

Date of reference communication: Radiotype 10/1/69
Specimens: [redacted]

Named Subject: [redacted] w/m, DOB [redacted] b7c

NOTE: Teletype answer

Result of examination: [redacted] Examination by: [redacted]
Evidence noted by: [redacted]

Presumptive [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]

[redacted]

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

No A.P. have this individual

Radiogram sent 10/2-69

Examination Completed 5:00 Time 10/2/69 Date Dictated 10/2/69 Date

10/2/69

copy of [redacted] enclosed to addressees

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10-2-69

REPORT of the

1 - Mr. [REDACTED]



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: Mr. Jack E. Stiltz Chief of Police Vallejo, California 94590

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. 243145 FBI FILE NO. 9-49911-13 LAB. NO. REC 69 D-691002028 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 8/6/69, 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 3 teenagers ..."

MAIL ROOM OCT 24 1969 Enclosures (12) - Registered Airmail COMM-FBI

2 - FBI, San Francisco (9-2286) 735064 2 - FBI, Sacramento (9-89)

Com [unclear] 7231 (95-15160 sub. 2)

HQA - 9/12/69

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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 21 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 21 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
- K21 Photocopies of Application for Federal Employment and two Applications for Leave, bearing known handwriting and hand printing of [REDACTED]

Result of examination:

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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.

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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 441002

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

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

For the information of Boston, on October 1, 1968, a young boy and girl parked in a lovers' lane area of Vallejo, California, were shot and killed.

On July 4, 1968, 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, condemning the killings and stating the surrounding events and enclosing cyphers, which the anonymous writer demanded be printed in the newspapers on the date of the killings.

- 2 - Bureau
- 2 - Boston
- 1 - Sacramento
- (2 - 9-68)
- (1 - 88)

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 (7)

REC-20
 9-49911
 1001
 10/6/69

Approved: _____

Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____

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Per _____

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, Springtowne Branch, Vallejo, California, received Identification Order Number [REDACTED] on [REDACTED]. He noted similarity in physical description, as well as facial features.

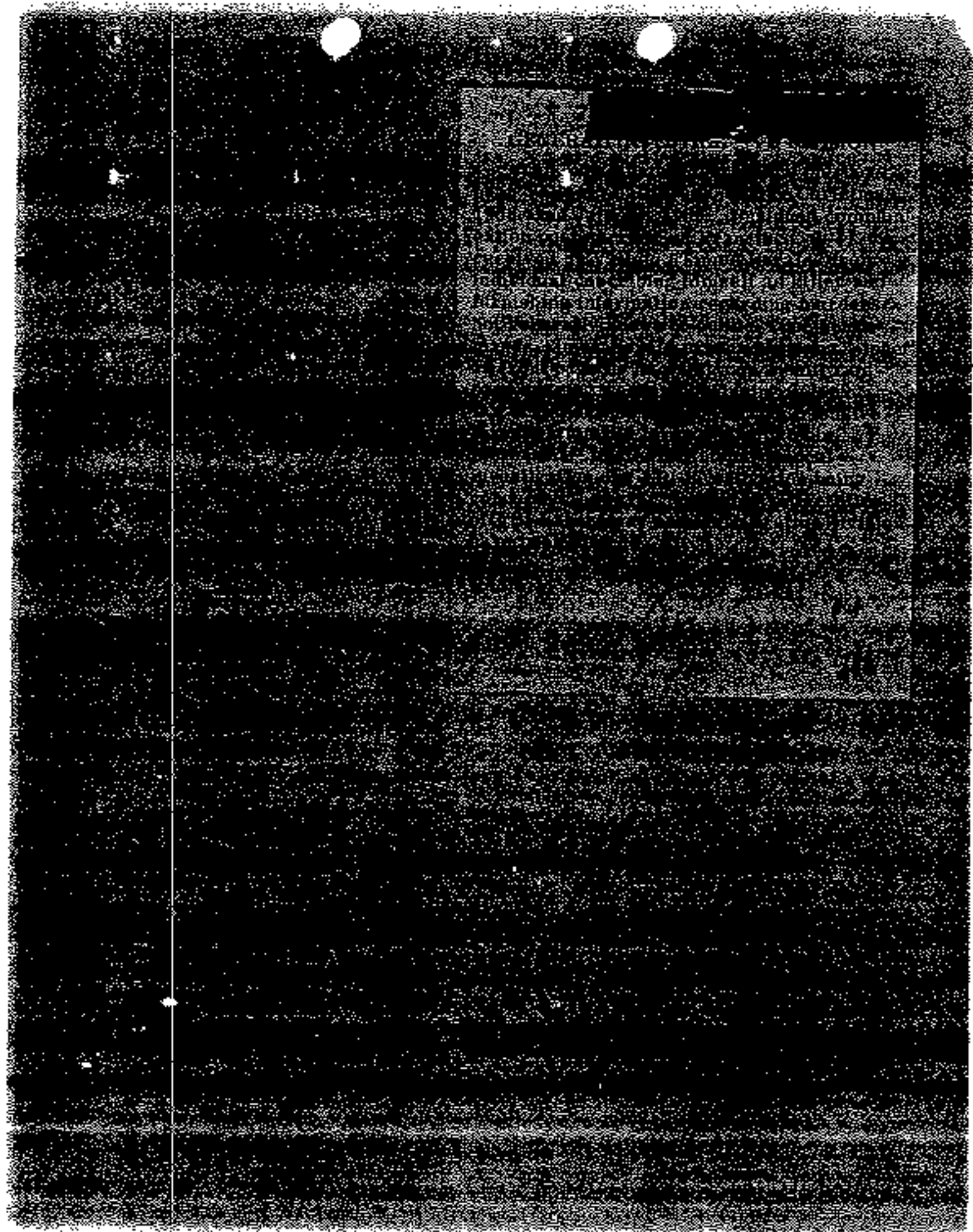
Bureau is requested to compare the unidentified latent fingerprints, Lab Case Number A-10042, with the fingerprints of [REDACTED], IO [REDACTED].

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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.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS



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 NO. REC-20 9-49911 -10
LATENT CASE NO. A-10042

TO: SAC, Sacramento

RE: UNSUB. 1
(VALLEJO TIMES-HERALD)
VALLEJO, CALIFORNIA - VICTIM
EXTORTION

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

Latent fingerprints previously reported this case not identical fingerprints. No palm prints here for this person.



Tolson _____
DeLoach _____
Mohr _____
Bishop _____
Casper _____
Callahan _____

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Jean 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
FBI File No: 9-49911-10
Latent Case No: A-10042

Received: 10/9/69 bla

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 rated by:

CI req. 10/10 return

I lat. fpts not p fpts [Redacted] (moppis) b7c

ansd. 10/14/69

Examination completed 4:15 PM 10/10/69 Dictated 10/10/69
Time Date Date Date
return *return*

[Handwritten signature]

F B I

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

691020111

FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (9-2296)

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 #87-89.

For information of the Bureau and Sacramento, Inspector _____ 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 _____ 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

- 2 - Bureau (Encls. 4)
- 2 - Sacramento (9-68) (Encls. 3)
- 2 - San Francisco

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

REC-63 9-979 TT-TT
EX-117
OCT 21 1969

Sub report
LMS:EMM
10-24-69

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SF 9-2296
CAG:fr

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.

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

PLAIN TEXT

RADIOGRAM

URGENT

WACE BY STILTZ
CHIEF OF POLICE
ATTN: DET. [REDACTED]
SALASO, CALIFORNIA

VALLEJO TIMES-HERALD

VALLEJO, CALIF - VICTIM

REURADIOGRAM 10-1-69, YOUR CASE 248160. IDENTICAL FINGERPRINTS
THIS CASE NOT IDENTICAL FINGERPRINTS [REDACTED] BORN

[REDACTED] AND MAY BE IDENTICAL NUMBER NAMED
[REDACTED] NO PALM PRINTS HERE FOR [REDACTED] CONFIRMING.

HOOVER

JW:cas
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

REC-96

OCT 2 1969
2:45 AM
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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 FRED BERNAL
VALLEJO, CALIFORNIA - VICTIM
MURKIN
OO: SACRAMENTO**

John Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

REC-128
FBI File No. **9-49911-11**
Lab. No. **D-691020111 11**
EX-102

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

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

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of the



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

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

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

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

Specimens received **10/20/69**

Qc19 Photocopy of envelope postmarked "San Francisco Calif. JB PM 13 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 Qc1 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. Qc18 is a key for the decryption of the ciphers in this matter and is not comparable with the questioned hand printing.

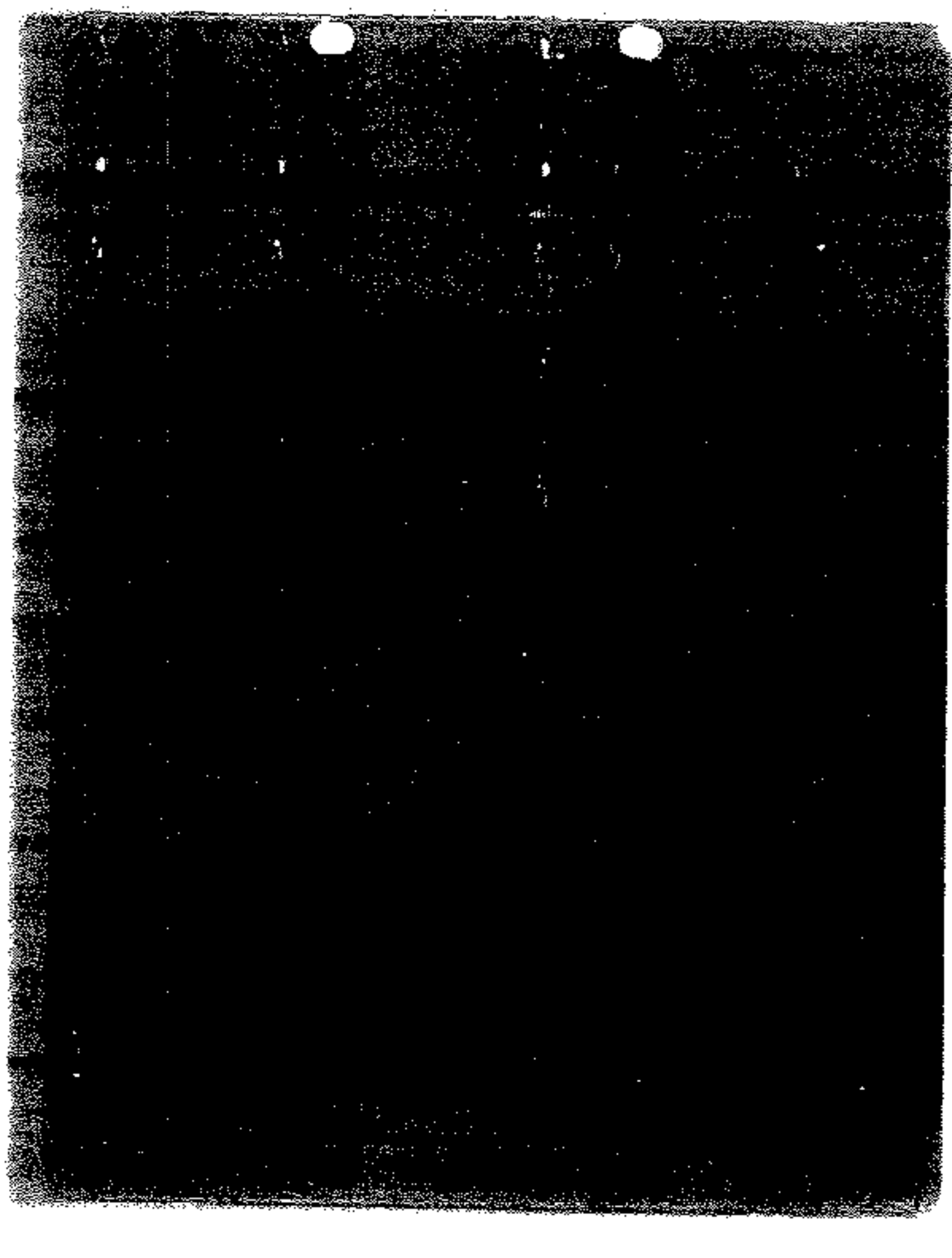
Qc19 and Qc20 are retained.

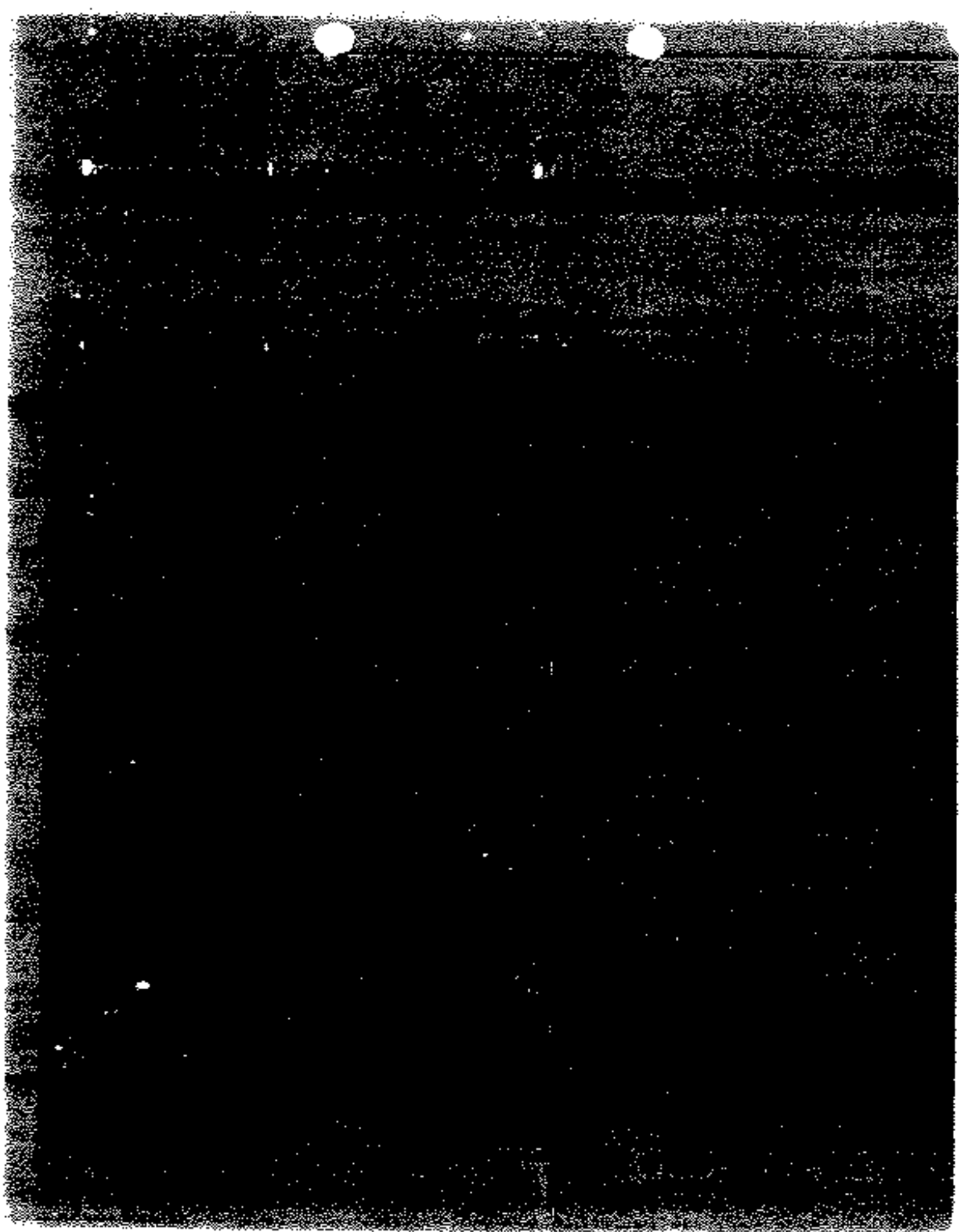
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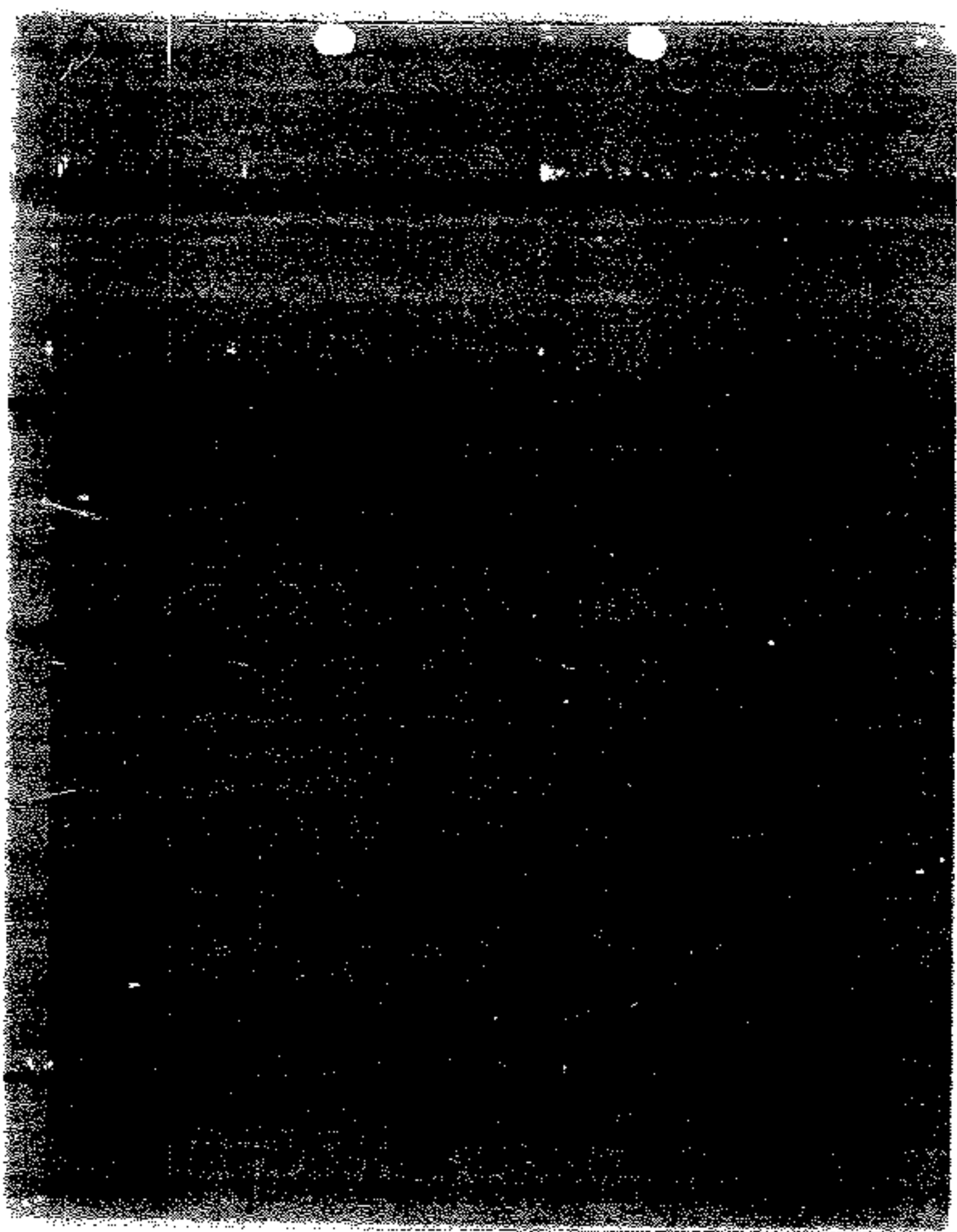
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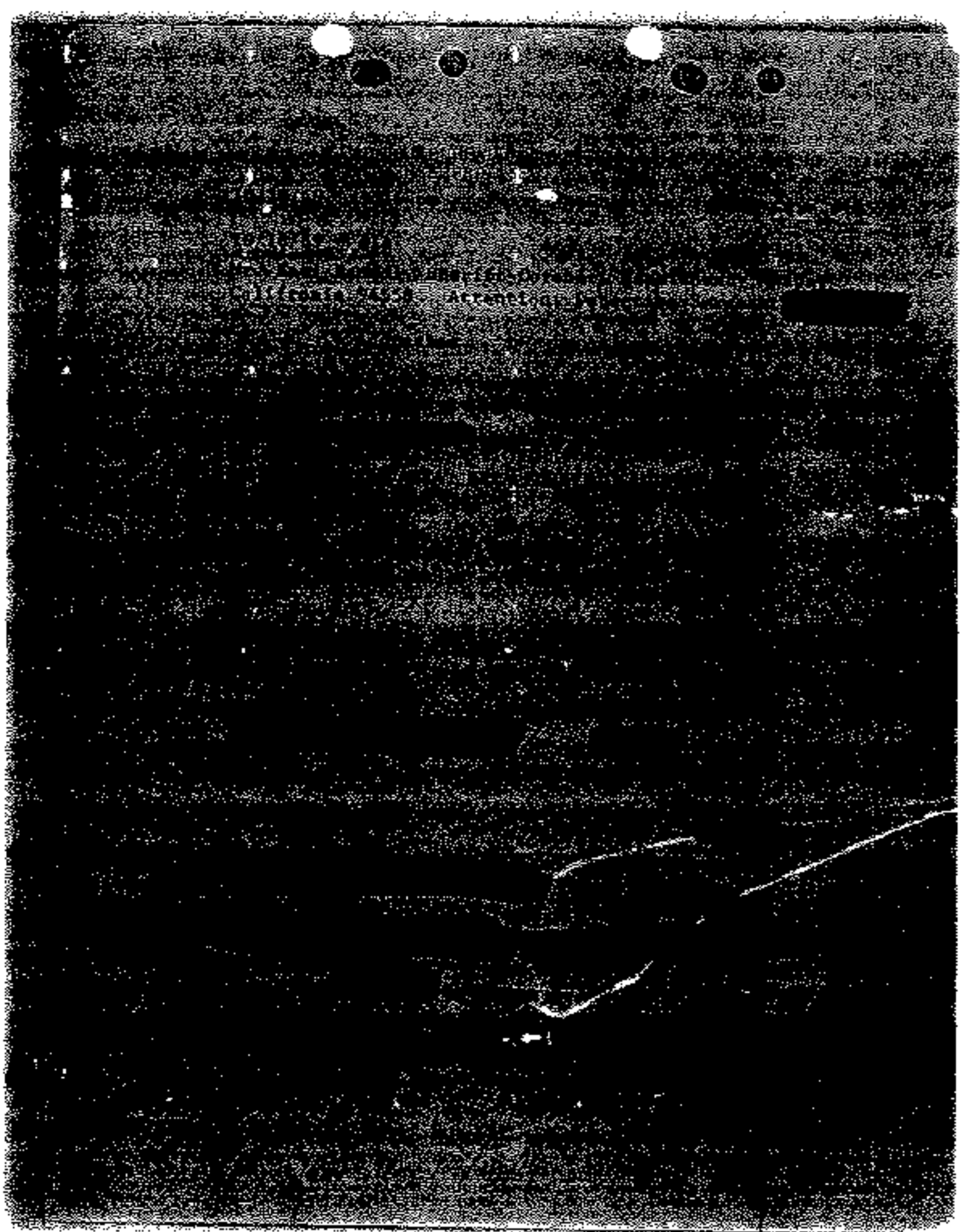
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- Holmes _____
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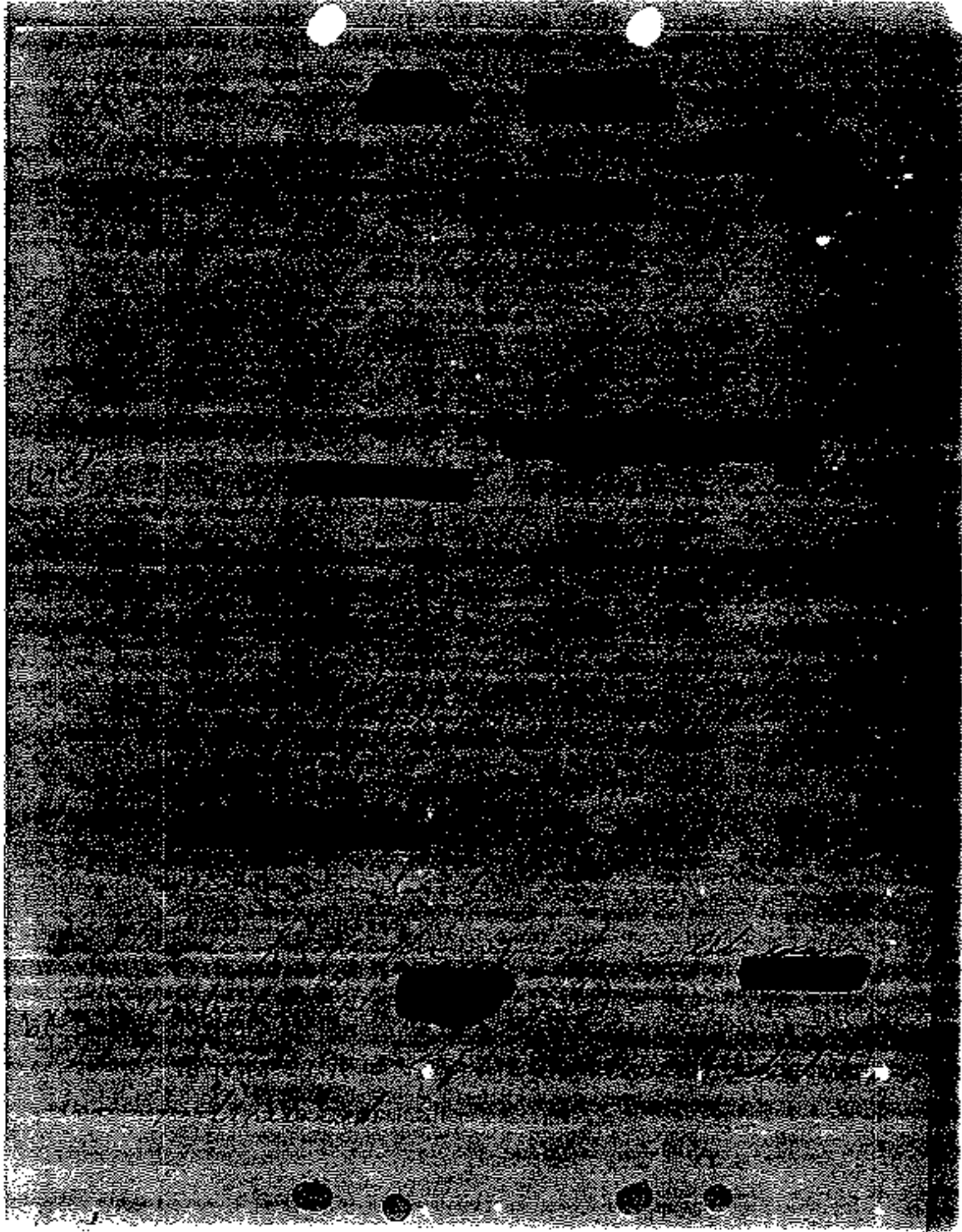
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WASHINGTON, D. C.

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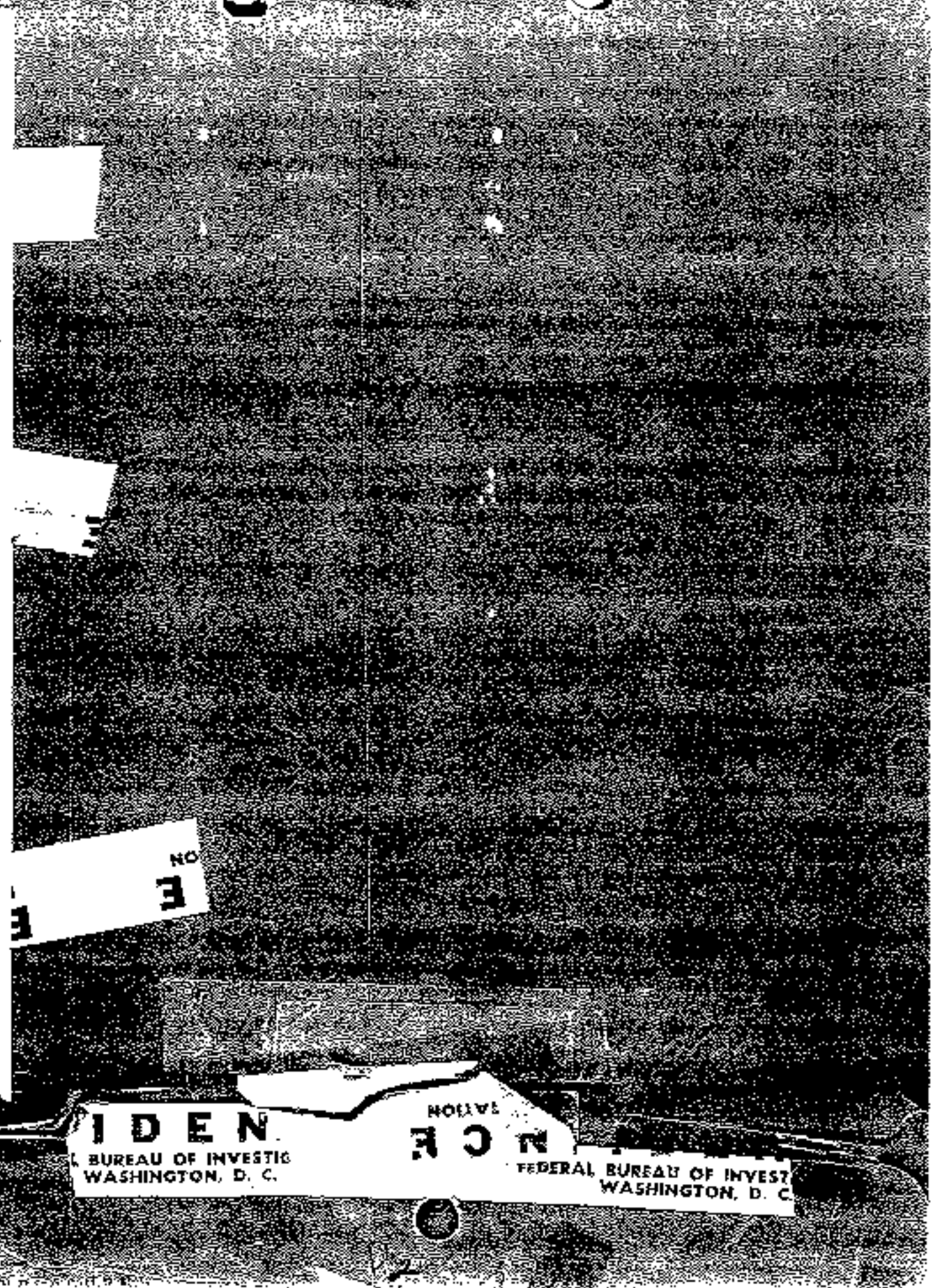
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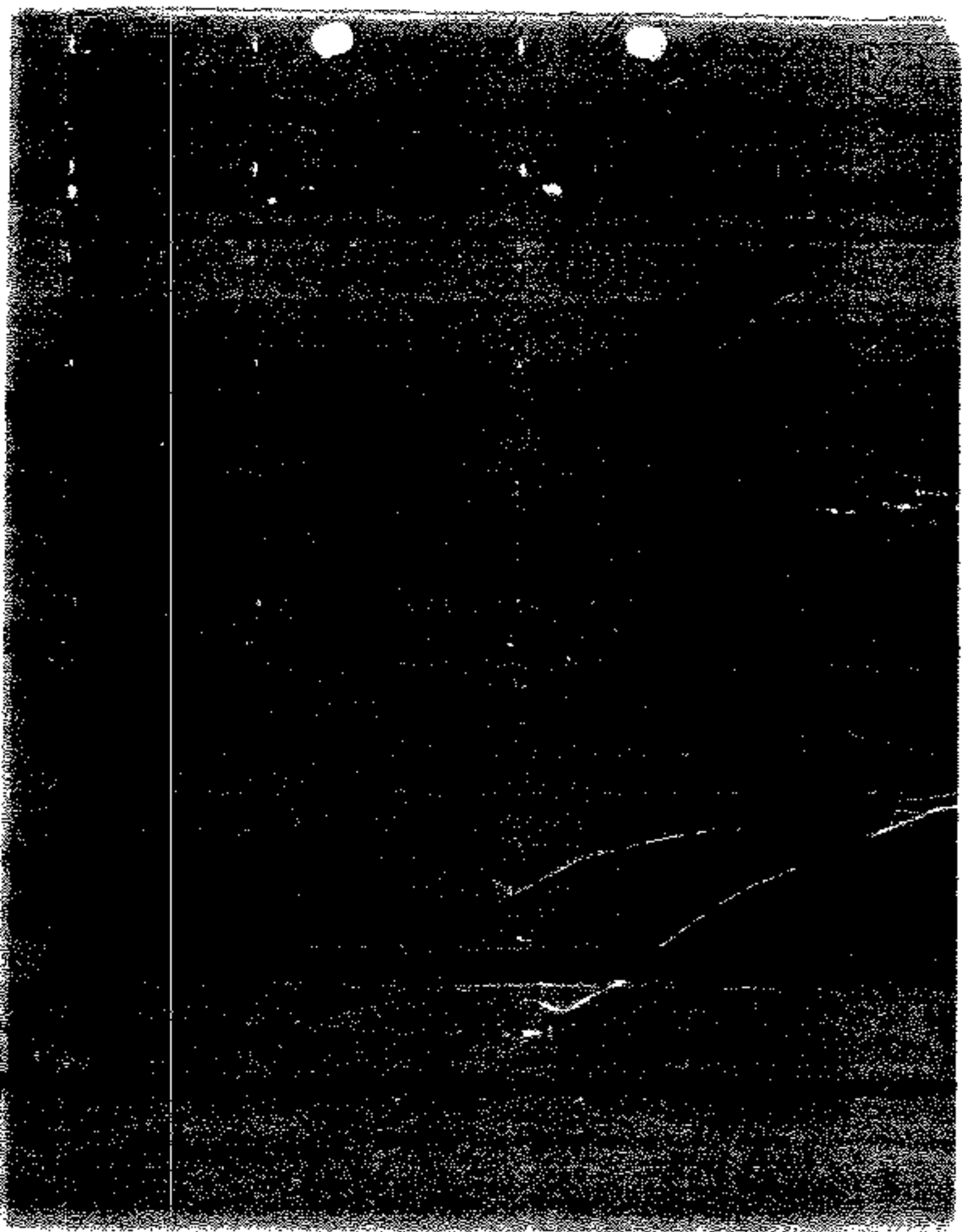
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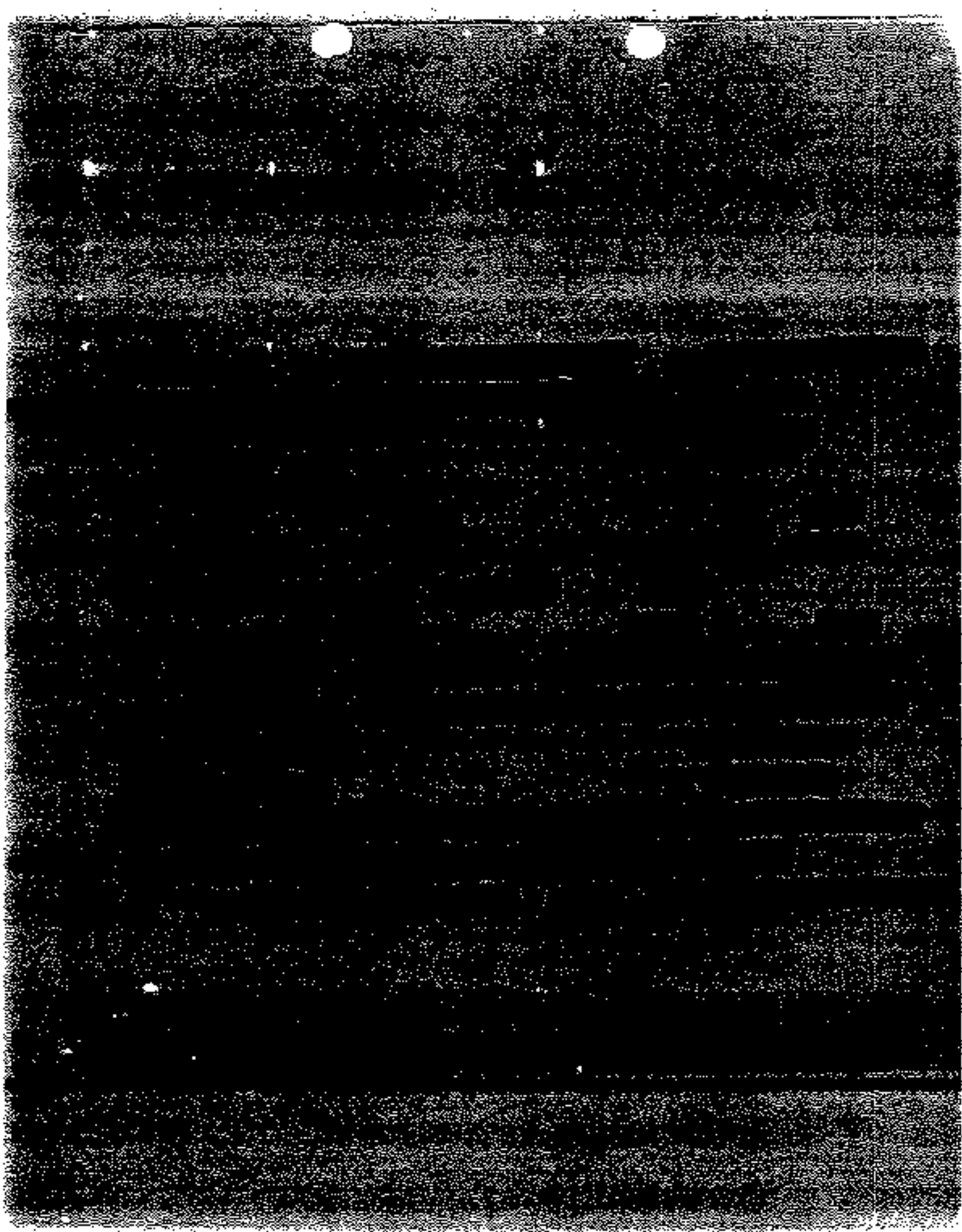
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TELETYPE

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]

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LC #A-10042

EX-114

REC 11

9-49911-14

VIA TELETYPE
OCT 27 1969
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OCT 27 1969

- Tolson _____
- DeLoach _____
- Mohr _____
- Bishop _____
- Casper _____
- Callahan _____
- Conrad _____
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- Tele. Rm. _____
- Holmes _____
- Gandy _____

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Mr. Tolson
 Mr. DeLoach
 Mr. Walker
 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
 ENCRYPTED

*teletype sent 10-23-69
 unable to locate any more
 on [redacted]*

FBI
 TELETYPE UNIT
 9 30 PM 10/23/69

WASHINGTON ---7---

6-25 PM PDST URGENT 10/22/69 WER
 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] 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 BY AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY.

UNSUB ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END.

REW FBI WASH DC

REC-51
 9-49911-12
 OCT 23 1969

CALLER Ident b7c
 M. [redacted]
 By [redacted] 9:50 pm
 CC - Mr. Rosen

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10-23-69

PLAIN TEXT

TELETYPE

URGENT

9-49911-15

TO: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (9-2296)

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI

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

REURTEL OCT. TWENTYSECOND LAST,

ON BASIS INFORMATION FURNISHED UNABLE LOCATE ANY RECORD

IDENT. DIV. FILES ON [REDACTED]

WRF/DF

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[Handwritten initials]

- Tolson _____
- DeLoach _____
- Mohr _____
- Bishop _____
- Casper _____
- Callahan _____
- Conrad _____
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- Tele. Room _____
- Holmes _____
- Gandy _____

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FBI

Date: 11/1/59

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL TELETYPE (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
ADDITIONAL: SAC, SACRAMENTO
FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (C-104)
RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
VALLEJO TIMES-HERALD
Vallejo, California - VICTIM
EXTORTION
(OO: Sacramento)

b7c [REDACTED]

691027116

Re: airtel call San Francisco today.

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 "Cosiac killer". [REDACTED] lived in Houston until [REDACTED] when he moved to California. He used [REDACTED] Some of the [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]

[REDACTED]

SEARCHED 9-49911-16
REC-21

- 3 - Bureau (enc 1) - (AM)
- 2 - Sacramento (5-59)(AM)
- 1 - San Francisco (3-2213)(AM)
- 1 - [REDACTED]

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Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M of [REDACTED]

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"COPY AND SPECIMENS REMAINED IN LAB"

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W. J. ...

The above stated that they have only furnished 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 (9-43911)
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (9-2028)

691022048

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

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

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

Herex 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.

REC- 9-49911 - 17

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- 2 - Bureau (Encs. 2)
- 1 - Sacramento (9-20) (INFO)
- 2 - San Francisco
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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

10-27-69

PLAINTEXT

TELETYPE

URGENT

TO SAC SAN FRANCISCO (9-2286)

FROM DIRECTOR FBI (8-49911)

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.

LNW:1ws
(5)

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REC 51 9-49911-18

H.P. R.H.

- Tolson _____
- DeLoach _____
- Mohr _____
- Bishop _____
- Casper _____
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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:

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You were previously advised of the examination 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.

The submitted photographs are retained.

No Laboratory report is attached.

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1055PM 10-24-69 URGENT MCG

TO DIRECTOR (9-49911), ATT: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

SACRAMENTO (9-68) PLINTEAE

FROM SAN FRANCISCO (9-2296) (P)

UNSUB; VALLEJO TIMES-HERALD, VALLEJO, CALIF. - WIRELESS CO.,
SACRAMENTO.

RE SAN FRANCISCO AIRTEL TO BUREAU, OCT 21 ENCL 1 & 2

SAN FRANCISCO PD HAS DEVELOPED ONE 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 LATENT AVAILABLE THIS CASE,

YOUR DIVISION, HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED TO IDENTIFICATION DIVISION;

SUTEL.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END

REW FBI WASH DC

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Handwritten: 9-49911-19
10/24/69
10/25/69

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LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION WORK SHEET

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

Reference No: 9-2296

Received: 10-²⁴27-69, 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:

b7c [redacted] FBI [redacted] correct

Note: Telephone answer if ident
Teletype answer if nonident

Result of examination:

Examination by: [redacted]

Evidence noted by:

10/24 - Called jacket - gds

b7c prev. reptd. lat fpts (9) + 30 lat fpts + 1 lat
sniper of value in photos subm. w/ SF
airtel dtd 10/21/69; mat 6 fpts [redacted]
no pp's here for [redacted] - gds

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Examination completed

8:55 PM
Time

10/24
Date

Dictated

Teletype 10/24/69 gds
Date



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D. C. 20537

REPORT

of the

IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

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

October 29, 1969

TO: SAC, San Francisco

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

REFERENCE: Telephone call from SA [redacted] San Francisco
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.

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9-49911-20

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John 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

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

Named Suspect: [redacted] FBI # [redacted]
Compare the above suspect with latents developed in captioned case and latents developed in case entitled:
UNKNOWN SUBJECT; [redacted], CECILIA ANN SHEPARD-VICTIMS; LAKE BERRYESSA AREA, NAPA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, SEPTEMBER 27, 1969, ASSAULT, MURDER., Bufile # [redacted], LC#A-12397 NSO Case #105907.

Results of exam from to SA [redacted] by telephone call from [redacted] 10/22/69 JES

Result of examination:

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

Set fpts prev captioned case and LC# A-12397 most of fpts of [redacted]

Set imp (fpts on 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 and for com with lat pps in these cases.

Examination completed 9:20 AM 10/24/69

Dictated 10/24/69

Inside 10/20/69 JES

FBI

Date: 10 21 69

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL _____
(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 10/17/69, which relates to the enclosed fingerprints and which is self-explanatory.

For the information of the Bureau, the photographs of latent fingerprints lifted from the Yellow Cab of Victim PAUL L. STINE, who was murdered on 10/13/69, 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 (Enc. 3)
 - 2 - Sacramento (9-59) (INFO)
 - 1 - San Francisco
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9-49911-21

SPENCERS BEACHED IN LIPS

Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____

L.P.P.

Per _____

SAN FRANCISCO
POLICE DEPARTMENT

INTRA-DEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM

	DIST. BUR. DET. HOMICIDE	DAY & DATE SUN. OCT. 19, 1969
TO VALLEJO P.D. NAPA CO. SHERIFF SOLONA CO. SHERIFF C.I.I. F.B.I.	SUBJECT: ZODIAC HOMICIDE CASES S.F.P.D. HOMICIDE CASE #696314	

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

FBI NEW YORK

FBI ATLANTA

8:55 PM URGENT 11/28/69 JSC

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TO DIRECTOR, SAN FRANCISCO, LOS ANGELES, AND MEMPHIS
FROM ATLANTA 82-0 *V. J. T. H. ...*

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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. TWENTYNINE, INSTANT, THAT SHE SAW
THE TELEVISION NEWS PROGRAM OF WHICH SAN FRANCISCO ATTY. MELVIN BELLE
TALKED TO THE ALLEGED "ZODIAC" KILLER AND SHE BELIEVES THE VOICE OF
THIS KILLER TO BE THE VOICE OF [REDACTED]

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SHE STATED [REDACTED] IS PRESENTLY RESIDING AT [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] CALIF. HE IS [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] AND IS ALSO [REDACTED] AND
ACCORDING TO [REDACTED] HAS ACCESS TO [REDACTED]

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ADDITIONALLY, [REDACTED] ADVISED [REDACTED] IS PROFICIENT
IN [REDACTED] AND HAS [REDACTED] HE WAS EMPLOYED
BY [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

END PAGE ONE

*at. W. L. SF: NEW YORK
L.A. SAC: JH
11/28/69*

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PAGE TWO

AT 82-3

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

[REDACTED] AS W/M, DOB [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
CALLER'S 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]
FLA. RUC

END

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FBI WASH DC

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October 24, 1969

Airtel

1 - Mr. [REDACTED]

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TO SACS, San Francisco
Los Angeles
Jacksonville
Atlanta

(68-9) 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.

RKB:sds
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SEE NOTE PAGE TWO

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NOTE:

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 Belli 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.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D. C. 20537

REPORT

of the

IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

REC-58

YOUR FILE NO. 9-2295
FBI FILE NO. 9-49911
LATENT CASE NO. 9-10042

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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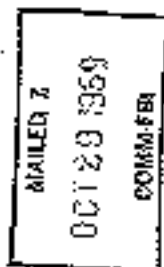
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John Edgar Hoover, Director

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S.F., 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.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION WORK SHEET

Recorded: 10/23/69

9:30 a.m.

Reference No: 9-2296

Received: 10/23/69

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FBI File No: 9-49911 - -

Latent Case No: A-10042

Answer to:

SAC, San Francisco

Examination requested by: Addressee

Copy to: SAC, Sacramento (9-68)

RE:

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

Date of reference communication: Airtel, 10/21/69

Specimens:

3 photographs bearing latent impressions

Named Suspect:

[REDACTED] FBI [REDACTED]

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Also Submitted: INTRA-DEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM

Result of examination:

Examination by [REDACTED] b7c
Evidence noted by [REDACTED]

Examination completed Dictated
Time Date Date



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: SAC, Boston (430-5738)

January 24, 1983

FILE NO. 62-119655

LAB NO. 20507024 C LL PL

Re: UNSUB;
JOAN WEBSTER - VICTIM;
SFC

OO: Boston

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 analysis of the ZODIAC communications.) Most of the 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
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- 1 - San Francisco (9A-2296)

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1 - Bureau (9-49911)

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