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**SUBJECT: SPACE SHUTTLE CHALLENGER  
EXPLOSION**



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UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, SHUTTLE MISSION CHALLENGER, CAPE CANAVERAL,  
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[REDACTED]. SOMETIME IN 1985, [REDACTED] RECEIVED THE LETTER ALLEUEDED TO ABOVE.

[REDACTED] STATE THAT THE BASE CID IN GIESSEN WAS APPRISED OF THIS MATTER AND [REDACTED] LETTER WAS FURNISHED TO THEM. HE RECALLS THET AN INVESTIGATION WAS CONDUCTED, HOWEVER, HE DID NOT LEARN OF THE RESULTS. [REDACTED] ALSO RECALLED THAT THE LETTER DREW SUSPICION BECAUSE IT HAD BEEN HAND PRINTED. [REDACTED] HAD ALSO HAND PRINTED HIS SIGNATURE INSTEAD OF NORMALLY SIGNING IT.

THE PRESENT DETACHMENT COMMANDER IN GIESSEN IS A CAPTAIN LEE JORDE. THE CAPTAIN IS AWARE OF THE LETTER AND THE RESULTS OF THE CID INVESTIGATION. [REDACTED] DOES NOT KNOW CURRENT WHEREABOUTS OF EITHER [REDACTED] OR [REDACTED] AT THIS TIME NOR CAN HE ADD ANYTHING TO WHAT HE STATED ABOVE.

THE BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO FORWARD ABOVE INFORMATION TO LEGAT BORN SO THAT CID AT GIESSEN AND CAPTAIN [REDACTED] MIGHT BE CONTACTED AND INTERVIEWED REGARDING THIS INCIDENT.

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AT [REDACTED] AND IF SO, WILL BE AVAILABLE TO  
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*by teletype dated 1/29/86 FBI New Orleans advised:*

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MIGHT RELATE TO THE LOSS OF THE SPACE SHUTTLE.

[REDACTED] ADVISED AS FOLLOWS: IN 1985, WHILE HE WAS STATIONED AT GIESSEN, GERMANY, [REDACTED]

HE HAD LEARNED OF A LETTER SENT BY A [REDACTED] TO A [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WHICH TO HIS RECOLLECTION STATED THAT [REDACTED]

HAD OBTAINED SOME "BLUEPRINTS TO NASA AND WOULD DO A JOB ON THEM."

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SPACE SHUTTLE CHALLENGER, INFORMATION CONCERNING LAUNCH EXPLOSION

KENNEDY SPACE CENTER, FLORIDA, JANUARY 28, 1986; SABOTAGE; NASA ACT;

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ON JANUARY 28, 1986, AT 11:39 A.M., NASA SPACE SHUTTLE CHALLENGER EXPLODED FOLLOWING LAUNCH LIPTOFF AT 1 MINUTE 12 SECONDS IN FLIGHT, AT KENNEDY SPACE CENTER, FLORIDA. DEBRIS SCATTERED OVER 3 TO 18 MILES IN ATLANTIC OCEAN OFF CAPE CANAVERAL, FLORIDA. INITIAL NASA RESPONSE WAS THAT A "MAJOR MALFUNCTION" RESULTED IN LOSS OF THE SHUTTLE.

THE CHALLENGER CREW CONSISTED OF SEVEN PERSONNEL, INCLUDING A CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE, SCHOOLTEACHER.

FBI, TAMPA DIVISION, AND NASA IC AND SECURITY STAFF MAINTAIN

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CLOSE LIAISON RE INVESTIGATIVE RESPONSIBILITY AND ASSISTANCE.

AS OF YET, THERE IS NO INDICATION OF SABOTAGE OR PRIOR THREATS CONCERNING SHUTTLE LAUNCH.

ALL LAUNCH MATERIAL BEING SECURED BY NASA AND IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT A BOARD OF INVESTIGATIVE INQUIRY WILL BE FORMED TO REVIEW THE DETAILS OF THE SHUTTLE LOSS.

NO INDICATION OF A SECURITY CRITICAL PAYLOAD ON SHUTTLE AT THIS TIME, OTHER THAN CRYPTO MATERIAL.

FBI INVESTIGATIVE, LAB, AND DISASTER SERVICES OFFERED.

NUMEROUS PUBLIC CALLS TO FBI, NASA, AND OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN RECEIVED, HOWEVER, NONE HAVE DEVELOPED ANY SUBSTANCE CONCERNING EXPLANATION FOR EXPLOSION.

FBIHQ WILL BE EXPEDITIOUSLY ADVISED OF ANY DEVELOPMENTS CONCERNING THIS MATTER.

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SPACE SHUTTLE CHALLENGER, INFORMATION CONCERNING LAUNCH EXPLOSION,

KENNEDY SPACE CENTER, FLA., JANUARY 28, 1986; SABOTAGE; NASA ACT;

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RE NEW ORLEANS TELETYPE TO BUREAU, JANUARY 29, 1986, CAPTIONED, "UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, SHUTTLE MISSION CHALLENGER, CAPE CANAVERAL, FLA.; SABOTAGE - IT."

A LEAD WAS SET FORTH IN RETEL TO ATTEMPT TO LOCATE [REDACTED] AT FT. BRAGG, N.C., WHO ALLEGEDLY RECEIVED A LETTER WHEN STATIONED WITH U.S. ARMY IN GIESSEN, GERMANY, FROM [REDACTED]

CONCERNING "DOING A JOB ON NASA" EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED AT FT. BRAGG, N. FEB 4 1986. THE AID OF S.D. BURINGER ON JANUARY 21-22, 1986, FAILED TO REVEAL

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THE PRESENCE THERE OF [REDACTED] ANY SOLDIER REPORTING TO DUTY AT FT. BRAGG HAS TO BE PROCESSED THROUGH THE 1STH REPLACEMENT DIVISION OF THE 82ND REPLACEMENT DIVISION. A REVIEW OF THE RECORDS OF THOSE DIVISIONS FROM THE LAST WEEK OF NOVEMBER, 1985, THROUGH JANUARY 29, 1986, FAILED TO REVEAL THE ARRIVAL OF [REDACTED] AT FT. BRAGG. ON JANUARY 30, 1986, EACH ARTILLERY BATTALION AT FT. BRAGG WAS CANVASSED IN AN UNSUCCESSFUL EFFORT TO LOCATE [REDACTED] INQUIRY OF THE ALPHA ROSTER AT FT. BRAGG WHICH COVERS ARMY PERSONNEL WORLDWIDE REVEALED THAT ONE [REDACTED] BORN [REDACTED], SSAN [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] IT IS NOT KNOWN IF THIS IS THE NAME

[REDACTED] WHO RECEIVED THE LETTER.

THE BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO FORWARD THE ABOVE INFORMATION TO LEGAT, BOMB, SO THIS [REDACTED] CAN BE LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED REGARDING THIS INCIDENT.

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SPACE SHUTTLE CHALLENGER, INFORMATION CONCERNING LAUNCH

EXPLOSION, KENNEDY SPACE CENTER, FLORIDA, 1/28/86; SABOTAGE;

NASA ACT; OO: TAMPA.

RE TELCALL FROM SA [REDACTED] NH DIVISION, TO SA [REDACTED]

TAMPA DIVISION, ON 1/31/86.

ON 1/29/86 A TELEPHONE CALL WAS RECEIVED AT BRIDGEPORT  
RESIDENT AGENCY, FBI, AT APPROXIMATELY 5:05 P.M. FROM [REDACTED]

ADVISED THAT

[REDACTED] HAD STATED IN DEC. 1985 THAT

HE WAS GOING TO SABOTAGE ORBITAL DISPLAY UNIT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] FOR SPACE SHUTTLES TO SEE IF THE FAILURES

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IN THE SYSTEM COULD BE CAPTURED.

[REDACTED] WAS SUBSEQUENTLY INTERVIEWED AT LENGTH [REDACTED]

IN DEC. 1985, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] MADE A STATEMENT TO [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THAT HE WAS GOING TO "SABOTAGE" ODU TO SEE IF [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] COULD "CAPTURE THE FAILURES". [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] EXPLAINED THAT ODU IS A SYSTEM PLACED IN EACH SHUTTLE TO PROVIDE THE COMMANDER AND CO-PILOT WITH FLIGHT INFORMATION AND TO INFORM THEM OF ANY MALFUNCTIONS SO THAT FLIGHT MAY BE ABORTED IF NECESSARY. [REDACTED] REPORTED [REDACTED] STATEMENTS TO [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] QUESTIONED

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[REDACTED] AND HE ADMITTED MAKING THE STATEMENTS.

ACCORDING TO [REDACTED] NO FURTHER ACTION WAS TAKEN.

[REDACTED] REPORTED THE MATTER TO [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] STATED THAT [REDACTED] DID NOT ACT ON THIS INFORMATION AND NO FURTHER ACTION WAS TAKEN TOWARDS [REDACTED]

ON 1/30/86 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], ADVISED THAT [REDACTED] WAS ASKED TO PREPARE A WRITTEN STATEMENT WHICH HE NEVER DID. [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT

[REDACTED] HAVE HAD A HISTORY OF MAKING COMPLAINTS ABOUT OTHER EMPLOYEES WHICH, AFTER INTERNAL INVESTIGATION, WERE DEEMED TO BE UNFOUNDED.

INVESTIGATION IN THIS MATTER CONTINUING BY NEW HAVEN DIVISION IN AN EXPEDITIOUS FASHION.

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EXPLOSION, KENNEDY SPACE CENTER, FLORIDA, JANUARY 28, 1986,

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RE BOSTON TELETYPE DATED JANUARY 29, 1986 CAPTIONED AS ABOVE.

FOR INFORMATION RECIPIENTS, ON JANUARY 30, 1986, SPECIAL AGENTS-FBI, MASSACHUSETTS STATE POLICE, AND CAMBRIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT (CPD) PRESENTED FACTS OF SCENARIO SET FORTH IN RETEL TO ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY MICHAEL FABBRI, MIDDLESEX COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, MASSACHUSETTS.

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THAT [REDACTED] COULD BE INCARCERATED UNDER MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAW, CHAPTER 123, SECTION 12E, WHICH PROVIDES FOR INCARCERATION FOR A PSYCHIATRIC OBSERVATION.

THEREAFTER, MASSACHUSETTS STATE POLICE AND CAMBRIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT RECEIVED WARRANT FOR [REDACTED] AND EXECUTED SAME.

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[REDACTED]  
THIS MATTER IS CONSIDERED RUC.

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URGENT; SECRET MISSION CHALLENGE, O-PA ORLANDO, FLORIDA;

SABOTAGE-IT.

THIS COMMUNICATION IS CLASSIFIED SECRET. IT'S BEEN  
RECEIVED BY THE FBI IN WASHINGTON, D.C., 1/31/86,  
AND INDIANAPOLIS TELETYPE TO THE FBI AND TAMPA, 1/30/86,  
AND INDIANAPOLIS TELECALL 2/5/86, OF [REDACTED]  
TO [REDACTED], TAMPA, FLORIDA.

ON 1/31/86, SERGEANT MAJOR [REDACTED] CENTER SERGEANT  
[REDACTED], ELISTED RECORDS AND EVALUATION CENTER, U.S. ARMY  
MILITARY PERSONNEL CENTER, WASHINGTON, D.C., DETACHED TO  
FT. BENJAMIN HARRISON, INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA, TELEPHONE NUMBER  
548-3622, ADVISED THAT THE ONLY [REDACTED] WHICH HE HAS

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TO LOCATED U.S. ARMY RECORDS, IS STATIONED IN GIESSEN, GERMANY, AND WOULD APPEAR TO BE IDENTICAL WITH THE [REDACTED] [REDACTED] ALLUDED TO IN REFERENCE IP TELETYPE, 1/27/54. [REDACTED] INDICATED THAT [REDACTED] AND CURRENTLY A [REDACTED], NOT [REDACTED] ATTACHED TO THE [REDACTED] [REDACTED] HOWEVER, THERE IS NO INSIGHT INTO THIS [REDACTED] WHO WAS STATIONED IN GIESSEN, WEST GERMANY.

[REDACTED] HAS RECORD REGARDING A [REDACTED] WHO WAS A RECENT RECRUIT, NOT STATIONED IN GIESSEN, WEST GERMANY, AND WHO FEEL THAT [REDACTED] INDIVIDUAL WOULD BE THE SAME AS THE [REDACTED] WHO [REDACTED] GIESSEN.

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[REDACTED] STATED THE THIRD POSSIBILITY IS THAT THE [REDACTED] [REDACTED] OF INTEREST TO THE FBI HAS BEEN DECHARGED FROM THE ARMY AND WITHOUT MORE DETAILED RECORDS WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO DETERMINE HIS IDENTITY.

IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT CID AT GIESSEN, WEST GERMANY, AND CAPTAIN [REDACTED] ARE AWARE OF THE LETTER ALLEGEDLY WRITTEN BY [REDACTED] TO [REDACTED] AS INDICATED



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REFERENCE CLEVELAND TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR, DATED JANUARY 30, 1986.

[REDACTED] WAS CONTACTED ORALLY BY BUREAU AGENTS, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] OF THE SAME INFORMATION IS BEING SET FORTH TO BUREAU  
[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] REMARKS TO HIS COMPANY'S [REDACTED] EMPLOYMENT BY NASA,  
ON FEBRUARY 6, 1986, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] NEED CONTACTED. SHE [REDACTED] BEEN ADVISED [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
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THEY BOTH STATE THAT [REDACTED] WAS CONCERNED THAT WHERE HE WORKED  
THERE WERE COMBUSTIBLES AND PEOPLE DID NOT SEEM TO RESPECT THE  
CHEMICALS.

[REDACTED] IS CURRENTLY UNEMPLOYED  
[REDACTED] COULD BE REACHED [REDACTED]  
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IT SHOULD BE NOTED, WHILE [REDACTED] SEEMED COMPLETELY COOPERA-  
TIVE IN THIS MATTER, [REDACTED] WAS UPSET THAT THE FBI WOULD BE SPEND-  
ING ITS TIME "WORKING UP ON SUCH MINOR MATTERS".

TAMPA DIVISION [REDACTED] LOCATE AND INTERVIEW [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] REGARDING HIS REMARKS.

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SPACE SHUTTLE CHALLENGER INFORMATION CONCERNING LAUNCH

EXPLOSION, KENNEDY SPACE CENTER, FLORIDA, 1/28/86; SABOTAGE;

NASA ACT; OO:TAMPA

RE NH TEL, 1/31/86.

UPON COMPLETION OF EXTENSIVE INTERVIEWS REGARDING  
MATTER DISCUSSED IN PREVIOUS TELETYPE IT WAS DETERMINED  
THAT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BELIEVES [REDACTED]

TO BE INCOMPETENT. [REDACTED] ADVISED DURING INTERVIEW THAT [REDACTED]

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BASED ON THE ABOVE, AS WELL AS OTHER INFORMATION  
DEVELOPED DURING INTERVIEWS, THIS MATTER IS CONSIDERED  
CLOSED BY NEW HAVEN.

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INDICATED THAT THE NEWSROOM AT CHANNEL 7 RECEIVED AN ANONYMOUS TELEPHONE CALL AT 8:35 P.M. ON JANUARY 26, 1986, THE NIGHT BEFORE THE SCHEDULED LAUNCH OF THE CHALLENGER, IN WHICH THE CALLER INDICATED THAT HE WAS PART OF A GROUP OF THREE PEOPLE WHO WERE GOING TO SABOTAGE THE SHUTTLE, CAUSING IT TO BLOW UP AND KILL ALL ABOARD.

AGENTS WERE IMMEDIATELY DISPATCHED TO CHANNEL 7 TO INTERVIEW THE RECIPIENT OF THE CALL, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THEREAFTER VOLUNTARILY PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION.

AT APPROXIMATELY 8:35 P.M., [REDACTED] RECEIVED A CALL AT THE NEWSDESK, A LISTED PHONE NUMBER, AT WHICH TIME THE CALLER IMMEDIATELY WANTED TO MAKE IT CLEAR TO [REDACTED] THAT HE WAS NOT CRAZY. THE CALLER, A MALE WITH NO DISCERNIBLE ACCENT BUT WITH A SHAKY, "ON THE VERGE OF CRYING" VOICE ASKED [REDACTED] IF SHE KNEW WHAT NASA WAS. [REDACTED] IN A JOKING FASHION RESPONDED THAT SHE DID AND WAS AGAIN WARNED BY THE CALLER THAT THIS WAS A SERIOUS MATTER AND HE WAS NOT KIDDING.

THE CALLER WENT ON TO STATE THAT SOME "HORRIBLE, HORRIBLE THINGS WERE GOING TO HAPPEN TOMORROW, AT LEAST FIVE PEOPLE ARE

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GOING TO BE KILLED". [REDACTED] AT THIS POINT SIGNALLED [REDACTED] [REDACTED] TO PICK UP ON THE CALL, WHICH HE DID. THE CALLER WENT ON TO STATE THAT THE SPACE SHUTTLE WAS GOING TO BLOW UP WITH THE CREW ABOARD. CALLER INDICATED HE WAS PART OF A GROUP OF "3" THAT WAS GOING TO SABOTAGE NASA BUT HE COULDN'T TELL HER ANYMORE. HE INDICATED HE WANTED TO GIVE [REDACTED] HIS NAME BUT COULD NOT DO SO, AS IF THE SHUTTLE DID NOT BLOW UP, HE WOULD BE IN TROUBLE WITH THE OTHER TWO PEOPLE IN THE GROUP.

THE CALLER WENT ON TO STATE THAT IF THE SHUTTLE DID BLOW UP, HE INTENDD TO RELEASE ALL THE INFORMATION EVEN THOUGH IT WOULD INCRIMINATE HIM. CALLER ASKED [REDACTED] HER NAME WHICH SHE FURNISHED AND CALLER INDICATED HE WOULD CALL HER BACK AT 10:00 P.M. IF THE SHUTTLE BLEW UP. CALLER REITERATED HE WAS NOT CRAZY AND HUNG UP.

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[REDACTED] TOOK NOTES DURING CONVERSATION BUT AFTER DISCUSSION WITH OTHER NEWS PERSONNEL THREW THE NOTES AWAY AND DID NOT FILE THE STORY ON THE ASSIGNMENT SHEET. IT WAS NOTED THAT THE CALL WAS NOT RECORDED. NEAR THE END OF INTERVIEW OF [REDACTED] AT APPROXIMATELY 3:25 P.M., SAME CALLER CALLED, AND WITH PERMISSION OF [REDACTED] SA LISTENED IN ON CALL. DURING THIS CALL, MALE CALLER INDICATED HE WAS SAME CALLER FROM PREVIOUS NIGHT AND ASKED

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[REDACTED] IF SHE HAD CALLED [REDACTED] OFFICE. [REDACTED] ACTED CONFUSED AND INDICATED THAT SHE DID NOT RECALL SUCH INSTRUCTIONS. CALLER TOLD [REDACTED] TO CALL [REDACTED] AND TELL HIM TO EXPECT A CALL AT 5:00 P.M. [REDACTED] CONCERNED FOR SAFETY OF [REDACTED] ASKED CALLER IF MEETING WAS TO BE FRIENDLY. CALLER INDICATED IT WAS, AS HE WAS A "FRIEND" OF [REDACTED] CALLER THEN HUNG UP.

DURING BRIEFING OF SAC, ASAC, AND APPROPRIATE SUPERVISORY PERSONNEL RELATIVE TO AFOREMENTIONED AND EMPLOYMENT OF AGENT PERSONNEL, IT WAS RECALLED THAT IN SEPTEMBER OF 1985, A WALK IN COMPLAINANT, OF QUESTIONABLE MENTAL APACITY, HAD INIIMATED THAT HE HAD BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DELAY OF PREVIOUS SHUTTLES, PLANE CRASHES AND OTHER CATASTROPHIC EVENTS. INDICES SEARCHED AND THIS COMPLAINANT IDENTIFIED AND THEREAFTER CONSIDERED PRIME SUSPECT.

SA'S WERE DISPATCHED TO [REDACTED] OFFICE AND WITH THE FULL COOPERATION OF [REDACTED] AND HIS STAFF AND WITH THEIR CONSENT AN SA, [REDACTED] RECEIVED TELCAL AT 5:00 P.M. FROM SAME CALLER. CALLER STATED "8PM FRANKS STEAK HOUSE, MASS AVENUE, CAMBRIDGE." CALL RECORDED [REDACTED]

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MASS. STATE PLICE, CAMBRIDGE PD OFFICERS AND SA'S INCLUDING TWO SA'S WHO HAD PREVIOUSLY INTERVIEWED COMPLAINANT DESCRIBED ABOVE. PROCEEDED TO FRANK'S STEAK HOUSE.

AT APPROXIMATELY 8:00 P.M., [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND [REDACTED]

WERE OBSERVED AT FRANK'S EATING AND WERE CONFRONTED. BOTH ADMITTED THEY WERE THERE TO MEET [REDACTED] AND TAKE HIM TO MEET PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED COMPLAINANT WHOSE DESCRIPTION IS SET FORTH:(X)

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

IMMEDIATELY SA'S AND OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL WERE DISPATCHED TO INTERVIEW [REDACTED] ADMITTED TELCAL TO CHANNEL 7. THEREAFTER AUSA RALPH GANTS, BOSTON, CONTACTED, APPRISED OF ABOVE FACTS AND ADVISED NO CLEAR VIOLATION EXISTED, HENCE DECLINED PROSECUTION. [REDACTED] APPEARS NOT IN POSSESSION OF FULL FACULTIES, WAS RELEASED TO CUSTODY OF [REDACTED]

MIDDLESEX DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE TO BE CONTACTED THIS DATE RE POSSIBLE COMMITAL.

ABOVE BEING FURNISHED TO BUREAU AND TAMPA FOR INFORMATION AS

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IT IS ENTIRELY FEASIBLE, AND IN ALL PROBABILITY LIKELY, THAT  
██████████ WILL MAKE SIMILAR CALLS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE OF FUTURE SPACE  
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- Central Intelligence Agency/CIA/
- CIA DCD/DCD/
- Dept. of Energy HOS/DOEHQ/
- Dept. of Energy Germantown DM/DOE/
- Dept. of Justice/DOJ/
- Dept. of State/DOS/
- Dept. of the Army/DA/
- Dept. of Treasury/DOT/
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- Director National Security Agency/NSA/
- Director Naval Investigative Service/DINAVINSENV/
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- INSCOM Ft. Meade/INSCOM/
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UNKNOWN SUBJECTS. SHUTTLE MISSION CHALLENGER, CAPE CANAVERAL, FLORIDA:

SABOTAGE - IT.

ST. LOUIS OFFICE ADVISED BY TELETYPE JANUARY 30, 1986, AS FOLLOWS:

THIS COMMUNICATION IS CLASSIFIED SECRET IN ITS ENTIRETY.

RE NEW ORLEANS TELETYPE TO BUREAU. JANUARY 28, 1986.

FOR INFORMATION OF INDIANAPOLIS, ON JANUARY 28, 1986.

[REDACTED], TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED THE OFFICE OF THE NEW ORLEANS FBI WITH INFORMATION THAT MIGHT RELATE TO THE LOSS OF THE SPACE SHUTTLE.

[REDACTED] ADVISED AS FOLLOWS: IN 1985, WHILE HE WAS STATIONED AT GIESSEN, GERMANY. [REDACTED]. HE HAD

LEARNED OF A LETTER SENT BY [REDACTED] TO [REDACTED]

WHICH TO HIS RECOLLECTION STATED THAT [REDACTED] HAD

CLASSIFIED BY [REDACTED] DECLASSIFY ON ORDER.

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OBTAINED SOME "BLUEPRINTS TO NASA AND WOULD DO A JOB ON THEM." BOTH  
[REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] HAD BEEN ASSIGNED TO ABOVE UNIT.

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[REDACTED]. SOMETIME IN 1985, [REDACTED] RECEIVED THE LETTER ALLUDED TO  
ABOVE.

[REDACTED] STATED THAT THE BASE CID IN GIESSEN WAS APPRISED OF



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THIS MATTER AND [REDACTED] LETTER WAS FURNISHED TO THEM. HE RECALLS THAT AN INVESTIGATION WAS CONDUCTED, HOWEVER, HE DID NOT LEARN OF THE RESULTS. [REDACTED] ALSO RECALLED THAT THE LETTER DREW SUSPICION BECAUSE IT HAD BEEN HAND PRINTED. [REDACTED] HAD ALSO HAND PRINTED HIS SIGNATURE INSTEAD OF NORMALLY SIGNING IT.

THE PRESENT DETACHMENT COMMANDER IN GIESSEN IS A CAPTAIN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THE CAPTAIN IS AWARE OF THE LETTER AND THE RESULTS OF THE CID INVESTIGATION. [REDACTED] DOES NOT KNOW CURRENT WHEREABOUTS OF EITHER [REDACTED] OR [REDACTED] AT THIS TIME, NOR CAN HE ADD ANYTHING TO WHAT HE STATED ABOVE.

~~THE BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO FORWARD ABOVE INFORMATION TO LEGAT~~  
~~BONN SO THAT CID AT GIESSEN AND CAPTAIN [REDACTED] MIGHT BE CONTACTED~~  
~~AND INTERVIEWED REGARDING THIS INCIDENT.~~

ON JANUARY 29, 1985, PERSONNEL, ARMY RESERVE PERSONNEL CENTER, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, ADVISED ARMY MILITARY RECORDS FOR [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] NOT LOCATED THIS CENTER. THEY ADVISED RECORDS ARE LOCATED AT FORT BENJAMIN HARRISON, INDIANA.

INDIANAPOLIS, REVIEW ARMY RECORDS TO IDENTIFY AND DETERMINE CURRENT LOCATIONS OF [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] OBTAIN ANY INFORMATION OF A MEDICAL NATURE WHICH MIGHT SHED SOME LIGHT REGARDING [REDACTED] STATE OF

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- Director Naval Investigative Service/DIRNAVINSERV/
- Central Intelligence Agency/CIA/
- Drug Enforcement Admin./DEA/
- CIA DCD/DCD/
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SPACE SHUTTLE CHALLENGER, INFORMATION CONCERNING LAUNCH EXPLOSION,  
KENNEDY SPACE CENTER, FLA., JANUARY 28, 1986 SABOTAGE, NASA ACT;  
OO: TAMPA

RE NEW ORLEANS TELETYPE TO BUREAU, JANUARY 29, 1986, CAPTIONED  
AS ABOVE SUBJECT, SHUTTLE MISSION CHALLENGER, SPACE SHUTTLE CENTER,  
KENNEDY SPACE CENTER, FLA., JANUARY 28, 1986 SABOTAGE, NASA ACT;  
LEAD WAS SET FORTH IN RETEL TO ATTEMPT TO LOCATE

[REDACTED] AT FT. BRAGG, N. C., WHO ALLEGEDLY RECEIVED A  
LETTER WHILE STATIONED WITH U. S. ARMY IN GERMANY, GERMANY, FROM  
[REDACTED] CONCERNING "BRING A JOB ON BOARD"  
EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED AT FT. BRAGG, N. C., FROM  
JANUARY 29-30, 1986, RESULTED IN [REDACTED]

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THE PRESENCE THERE OF [REDACTED] ANY SOLDIER REPORTING TO DUTY AT FT. BRAGG HAS TO BE PROCESSED THROUGH THE 15TH REPLACEMENT DIVISION OR THE 80TH REPLACEMENT DIVISION. A REVIEW OF THE RECORDS OF THOSE DIVISIONS FROM THE LAST WEEK OF NOVEMBER, 1985, THROUGH JANUARY 25, 1986, FAILED TO REVEAL THE ARRIVAL OF [REDACTED] AT FT. BRAGG. ON JANUARY 30, 1986, EACH ARTILLERY BATTALION AT FT. BRAGG WAS SAVANNAHED IN AN UNSUCCESSFUL EFFORT TO LOCATE [REDACTED]

INQUIRY OF THE ALPHA ROSTER AT FT. BRAGG WHICH COVERS ARMY PERSONNEL WORLDWIDE REVEALED THAT ONE [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] IS ASSIGNED TO [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WHICH IS LOCATED [REDACTED] IN WEST GERMANY. IT IS NOT KNOWN IF THIS IS THE SAME [REDACTED] WHO RECEIVED THE LETTER.

IT IS REQUESTED TO FORWARD THE ABOVE INFORMATION TO [REDACTED] CAN BE LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED AS APPROPRIATE.

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KENNEDY SPACE CENTER, FLORIDA, JANUARY 28, 1986. SABOTAGE; NASA ACT

OO: TAMPA

RE TAMPA TELCALL TO LOUISVILLE, FEBRUARY 7, 1986 AND RETURN

CALL SAME DATE; INDIANAPOLIS TELETYPE TO BUREAU, JANUARY 30, 1986

CAPTIONED, "UNKNOWN SUBJECT, SHUTTLE MISSION CHALLENGER, CAPE

CANAVERAL, FLORIDA; SABOTAGE; IT."

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TAMPA HAS NOTED IN REVIEW OF RE TELETYPE THAT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DEPARTED GIESSEN, GERMANY, [REDACTED]

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ARRIVED AT HIS NEW U.S. ARMY UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT, FORT CAMPBELL, KENTUCKY, IN JANUARY, 1986. VIA TELCALL, LOUISVILLE ADVISED MENTIONED ABOVE IS CURRENTLY ASSIGNED TO

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] FORT CAMPBELL, KENTUCKY.

FOR INFO LOUISVILLE, ON JANUARY 28, 1986, [REDACTED] TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED THE NEW ORLEANS OFFICE WITH INFORMATION INDICATING THAT WHILE HE WAS STATIONED IN GIESSEN, GERMANY, [REDACTED] HE LEARNED OF A LETTER SENT BY [REDACTED] TO [REDACTED], AND TO HIS RECOLLECTION, THE LETTER STATED IN EFFECT THAT [REDACTED] HAD OBTAINED SOME BLUEPRINTS FROM NASA AND WOULD DO A JOB ON THEM. BOTH [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] WERE ASSIGNED TO THE ABOVE UNIT, THE SAME ONE TO WHICH COMPLAINANT WAS ASSIGNED..

[REDACTED]  
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[REDACTED] SOMETIME DURING  
1985, [REDACTED] RECEIVED THE AFOREMENTIONED LETTER FROM [REDACTED]

LEAD:

LOUISVILLE DIVISION AT FORT CAMPBELL, KENTUCKY: LOCATE AND  
INTERVIEW [REDACTED] AND ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE IF IDENTICAL TO  
RECIPIENT OF LETTER MENTIONED BY COMPLAINANT. IF IDENTICAL,  
DETERMINE SUBSTANCE OF LETTER, WHETHER LETTER IS STILL AVAILABLE,  
[REDACTED] IMPRESSION OF WHAT [REDACTED] ACTUALLY MEANT IN THE LETTER,  
CURRENT AND/OR LAST KNOWN ADDRESS FOR [REDACTED] AND AVAILABLE  
IDENTIFYING BACKGROUND ON [REDACTED] ADDITIONALLY, INVESTIGATION  
TO DATE HAS LOCATED SEVERAL [REDACTED] IN THE U.S. ARMY,  
BUT NONE OF THEM HAVE A RECORD OF SERVICE IN THE AFOREMENTIONED  
GERMAN VICINITY AND APPEAR NOT TO BE IDENTICAL TO [REDACTED] FURNISH  
RESULTS TO HQ AND TAMPA.

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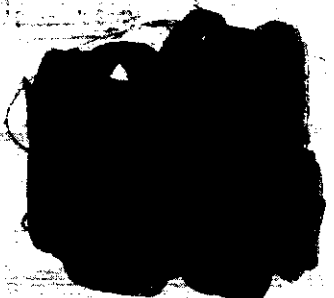
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ATTENTION: TERRORISM SECTION, CID

SUBJECT: TELEPHONE THREAT TO BLOW UP SPACE SHUTTLE,  
JANUARY 1, 1986, SABOTAGE. OO: OMAHA.



RE OMAHA TELECALL TO THE BRUAE INSTANT ADVICE.

ON JANUARY 29, 1986, [REDACTED]

DOUGLAS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, OMAHA, NEBRASKA, ADVISED  
OF THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

ON JANUARY 17, 1986, AT 4:04 A.M., 911 EMERGENCY SERVICE  
FOR THE METROPOLITAN OMAHA AREA RECEIVED A CALL FROM A MALE  
INDIVIDUAL WHO THREATENED TO BLOW UP THE THEN INCOMING SPACE  
SHUTTLE.

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[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT THE THREAT DID NOT SPECIFICALLY  
INCLUDE THE JANUARY 29, 1986, LAUNCH OF THE SPACE SHUTTLE

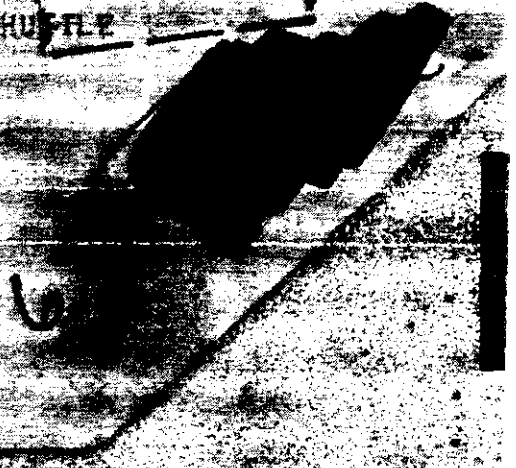
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CHALLENGER, BUT THAT DUE TO THE SEQUENCE OF EVENTS OF  
MAY 15, 1986, THERE MUST BE A CONNECTION BETWEEN  
AN EXPLOSION.

ADVISED THAT THE CALL WAS RECORDED AND THAT THE  
RECORDING AND THE POLICE REPORT ARE BEING MAINTAINED BY  
DOUGLAS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE. ADVISED THAT  
THE CALLER'S VOICE WAS DISTINGUISHED BY A MIDDLE EAST ACCENT.

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OMAHA AWARE THAT TIMELINESS PORTIONS ABOVE INFORMATION  
NOT SATISFACTORY. OMAHA WILL ENSURE THAT CURRENT LIAISON  
CONTACTS WITH LOCAL AUTHORITIES WILL BE MADE TO ASSURE THAT  
SUCH INFORMATION FOR BUREAU INTERESTS ARE BROUGHT TO THE  
ATTENTION OF OMAHA ON A MORE TIMELY BASIS. SAC, OMAHA ALSO  
CONDUCTING INQUIRY TO DETERMINE FACTS SURROUNDING SLOWNESS  
IN REPORTING CAPTIONED MATTER TO HIM.

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UNKNOWN SUBJECTS. SHUTTLE MISSION CHALLENGER, CAPE CANAVERAL, FLORIDA:  
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RE NEW ORLEANS TELETYPE TO BUREAU, JANUARY 29, 1986.

FOR INFORMATION OF INDIANAPOLIS, ON JANUARY 28, 1986.

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[REDACTED] TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED THE OFFICE OF THE NEW ORLEANS FBI WITH INFORMATION THAT MIGHT RELATE TO THE LOSS OF THE SPACE SHUTTLE.

[REDACTED] ADVISED AS FOLLOWS: IN 1985, WHILE HE WAS STATIONED AT GIESSEN, GERMANY, [REDACTED] HE HAD

LEARNED OF A LETTER SENT BY [REDACTED] WHICH TO HIS RECOLLECTION STATED THAT [REDACTED] HAD

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OBTAINED SOME "BLUEPRINTS TO NASA AND WOULD DO A JOB ON THEM." BOTH  
[REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] HAD BEEN ASSIGNED TO ABOVE UNIT.

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[REDACTED] SOMETIME IN 1965, [REDACTED] RECEIVED THE LETTER ALLUDED TO  
ABOVE.

STATED THAT THE BASE CIB IN GIESSEN WAS APPRISED OF

THIS MATTER AND [REDACTED] LETTER WAS FINISHED SO SOON. HE RECALLS THAT AN INVESTIGATION WAS CONDUCTED, HOWEVER, HE DID NOT HEAR OF THE RESULTS. [REDACTED] ALSO RECALLED THAT THE LETTER DREW SUSPICION BECAUSE IT HAD BEEN HAND PRINTED. [REDACTED] HAD ALSO HAND PRINTED HIS SIGNATURE INSTEAD OF NORMALLY SIGNING IT.

[REDACTED] COMMANDER IN GIESSEN IS A CAPTAIN [REDACTED] OF THE [REDACTED] AND THE RESULTS OF THE CID INVESTIGATION [REDACTED] DOES NOT KNOW CURRENT WHEREABOUTS OF EITHER [REDACTED] OR [REDACTED] AT THIS TIME, NOR CAN HE ADD ANYTHING TO WHAT HE STATED ABOVE.

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THE GENERAL IS REQUESTED TO FORWARD ABOVE INFORMATION TO LEGAT BOMB DO THAT [REDACTED] IN GIESSEN AND CAPTAIN [REDACTED] MIGHT BE CONTACTED AND INTERVIEWED REGARDING THIS INCIDENT.

THE PERSONNEL, ARMY RESERVE PERSONNEL CENTER, [REDACTED] ARMY MILITARY RECORDS [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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ACT; OO: TAMPA

RE TAMPA TELETYPE TO ALL FIELD OFFICES, JANUARY 28, 1986.

ON JANUARY 30, 1986, THE FBI OFFICE, CLEVELAND, OHIO, WAS  
TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED BY [REDACTED]

ADVISED AS FOLLOWS

ON [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

TO HAVE [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

INVESTIGATION [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

RESULTS [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

CONDUCTED [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

BY [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

DATE [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

BY [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] HAD DISCUSSED THE SHUTTLE CRAFT PROPULSION SYSTEM AND THE SOLID FUEL BOOSTER ROCKETS AND THEIR OPERATION. HE ALSO DESCRIBED THE WORKING CONDITIONS AT NASA IN FLORIDA AS "BAD", WHICH HAD GENERAGED NUMEROUS PRESSURES ON THE NASA STAFF.

IN REPLY TO [REDACTED] QUESTION AS TO "WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF A SHUTTLE CRAFT BLEW UP?", [REDACTED] ALLEGEDLY REPLIED THAT IF SOMETHING WENT WRONG IN FLORIDA, NASA COULD SELF-DESTROY THE SHUTTLE [REDACTED] UPON [REDACTED] ASKED [REDACTED] IF HE COULD "KEEP A SECRET", THEN SAID, "IT'S GOING TO HAPPEN IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE."

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[REDACTED] ASKED [REDACTED] WHAT HE MEANT. [REDACTED] REPLIED THAT HE KNEW SOMEONE AT NASA IN FLORIDA WHO "HAD A BAD ATTITUDE" BUT WAS "SMART WITH COMPUTERS."

[REDACTED] WHEN ASKED IF THERE WAS SOMETHING [REDACTED] COULD DO ABOUT IT, [REDACTED] REPLIED THAT HE COULD NOT. [REDACTED] ALLEGEDLY TOOK LONG BICYCLE RIDES BECAUSE THE SITUATION TROUBLED HIS MIND.

[REDACTED] SAID HE H

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"DISCONNECT" RECORDING.

[REDACTED] ADVISED HE IS STAYING WITH [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AGE AND CREDIBILITY OF [REDACTED] HAS NOT BEEN

ESTABLISHED.

CLEVELAND, [REDACTED] WILL CONTACT [REDACTED] (b)(7)(C)

AT ABOVE ADDRESS TO DETERMINE CREDIBILITY AND FURTHER DETAILS.

TAMPA, [REDACTED] CAPE CANAVERAL: WILL DETERMINE FROM PERSONNEL

RECORDS IDENTIFY [REDACTED] WHERE [REDACTED] AND SET LEADS TO (b)(7)(D)

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Director of Life Sciences  
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Subject : UNSUB;  
CREW OF MISSION 51L,  
SPACE SHUTTLE CHALLENGER - VICTIM;  
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INDIANA, ADVISED THE WORLD WIDE LOCATOR SYSTEM (WWLS), USAARMC, LISTS

ONE E-4 [REDACTED] HE HAS ATTAINED THE RANK OF [REDACTED]

SSAN IS [REDACTED] SHOWS [REDACTED] ASSIGNED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] GLENN, GENERAL APO [REDACTED]

THIS LIST INCLUDES ENLISTED MEMBERS [REDACTED] HAVE

DOES NOT SHOW ANY [REDACTED]

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UNIT TO [REDACTED]

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WWLS IS CURRENT TO DECEMBER, 1985.

ON JAN. 30, 1986, SFC [REDACTED], CENTRALIZED PAYMENTS, UNITED STATES ARMY FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING CENTER, FT. BELVOIR, VIRGINIA, ADVISED HIS [REDACTED] SHO [REDACTED], SSAN [REDACTED], LE GIESSEN, G [REDACTED] [REDACTED] AT HIS NEW UNIT, FT. CAMPBELL, KENTUCKY, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ADVISED REGARDING [REDACTED] SSAN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] LEFT FT. BELVOIR, VIRGINIA, [REDACTED] AND ARRIVED AT HIS NEW UNIT, FT. BRAGG, NORTH CAROLINA, [REDACTED]

IT CANNOT BE DETERMINED AT THIS TIME [REDACTED] DESCRIBED INDIVIDUAL [REDACTED] INVESTIGATION [REDACTED]

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*in teletype dated 2/3/86 for Indianapolis advised:*  
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RE: ST. LOUIS TELETYPE TO BUREAU AND INDIANAPOLIS, 1/29/86,  
AND INDIANAPOLIS TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU AND TAMPA, 1/30/86,  
AND INDIANAPOLIS TELCALL 2/3/86, OF SA [REDACTED]  
TO SSA [REDACTED] TAMPA DIVISION.

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ON 1/31/86, SERGEANT MAJOR [REDACTED], CENTER SERGEANT  
MAJOR, ENLISTED RECORDS AND EVALUATION CENTER, U.S. ARMY  
MILITARY PERSONNEL CENTER, WASHINGTON, D.C., DETACHED TO  
FT. BENJAMIN HARRISON, INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA, TELEPHONE NUMBER  
542-3622, ADVISED THAT THE ONLY [REDACTED] WHICH HE WAS

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ABLE TO LOCATE IN U.S. ARMY RECORDS, IS STATIONED IN GIESSEN, GERMANY, AND WOULD APPEAR TO BE IDENTICAL WITH THE [REDACTED], SSAN [REDACTED], ALLUDED TO IN REFERENCED IP TELETYPE, 1/30/86.

REGARDING [REDACTED] INDICATED THAT THERE WAS CURRENTLY A [REDACTED], [REDACTED], DOB [REDACTED], SSAN [REDACTED] ATTACHED TO [REDACTED] FT. CAMPBELL, KENTUCKY, HOWEVER, THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT THIS [REDACTED] WAS EVER STATIONED IN GIESSEN, WEST GERMANY.

[REDACTED] HAD A RECORD REGARDING A [REDACTED], WHO WAS [REDACTED], NOT STATIONED IN GIESSEN, WEST GERMANY, AND DOUBTFUL THAT THIS INDIVIDUAL WOULD BE THE PERSON THE FBI WAS INTERESTED IN.

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SPACE SHUTTLE CHALLENGER, INFORMATION CONCERNING LAUNCH-EXPLOSION,

KENNEDY SPACE CENTER, FLORIDA, JANUARY 28, 1986; SABOTAGE;

NASA ACT; OO: TAMPA.

REFERENCE BUREAU TELETYPE TO EL PASO, DATED FEBRUARY 7, 1986,  
AND TAMPA TELETYPE TO BUREAU, DATED FEBRUARY 12, 1986.

ON FEBRUARY 12, 1986, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED], ADVISED AS FOLLOWS:

PRIOR TO HIS ASSIGNMENT AT FORT CAMPBELL, HE WAS ASSIGNED

TO [REDACTED]

TO

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GIESSEN, GERMANY, APO 09169.

HE RECALLS [REDACTED] BEING ASSIGNED TO HIS UNIT IN GERMANY. HE COULD NOT RECALL WHEN [REDACTED] WAS DISCHARGED FROM THE U. S. ARMY BUT THE DATE OF FEBRUARY 1984, SOUNDED CORRECT. HE RECALLS RECEIVING TWO LETTERS FROM [REDACTED] AFTER HIS DISCHARGE. THE FIRST BEING APPROXIMATELY TWO MONTHS AFTER [REDACTED] DISCHARGE. IN THIS LETTER [REDACTED] COMPLAINED THAT NO ONE WAS WRITING TO HIM AND THAT NO ONE LIKED HIM. [REDACTED] THEN WROTE [REDACTED] A RETURN LETTER APPROXIMATELY TWO MONTHS LATER, THEN RECEIVED THE SECOND LETTER FROM [REDACTED] APPROXIMATELY TWO MONTHS AFTER THAT DATE. BASED ON WORDING IN THE SECOND LETTER, [REDACTED] DID NOT SOUND STABLE AND [REDACTED] DECIDED NOT TO WRITE TO HIM ANYMORE. THE SECOND LETTER WAS APPROXIMATELY ONE AND ONE-HALF PAGES LONG. [REDACTED] HAD WRITTEN NOTES IN THE MARGIN AND THE WHOLE TENOR OF THE LETTER DID NOT SEEM TO [REDACTED] TO BE STABLE. THERE WAS SOME MENTION IN THE LETTER ABOUT SOME PLANS BUT [REDACTED] COULD NOT RECALL WHETHER OR NOT NASA WAS MENTIONED.

THE PRIMARY REASON THAT [REDACTED] REPORTED THE RECEIPT OF THIS LETTER WAS THAT [REDACTED] HAD MADE VEILED THREATS TOWARD [REDACTED] WHO HAS ALSO SINCE BEEN TRANSFERRED FROM

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GERMANY. THESE VEILED THREATS RELATED TO THE FACT THAT WHEN [REDACTED] WAS BEING DISCHARGED FROM THE ARMY HE OWNED A CAR THAT MET GERMANY SPECIFICATIONS AND DID NOT WANT TO TAKE IT WITH HIM BACK TO THE UNITED STATES. [REDACTED] HAD AGREED TO BUY IT SINCE HE WAS STAYING IN GERMANY. THERE WAS SOME DISAGREEMENT BETWEEN [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] ABOUT PAYMENT. [REDACTED] READ THE LETTER AND FELT THAT IT SHOULD BE REPORTED. [REDACTED] DID NOT TAKE ANY OF [REDACTED] COMMENTS SERIOUSLY.

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[REDACTED] REPORTED THE RECEIPT OF THIS LETTER TO [REDACTED] WHO IS NOW OUT OF THE U. S. ARMY AND LIVING IN THE NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA AREA. THERE WERE APPROXIMATELY TWO COPIES OF THIS LETTER

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MADE, ONE GOING TO WHOM HE [REDACTED] THAT WAS THE CID AGENT  
THAT INTERVIEWED HIM AND ONE GOING TO [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] OR [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WAS UNDER IMPRESSION THAT AFTER [REDACTED] WAS DISCHARGED  
HE WAS GOING TO [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WILL ATTEMPT TO FIND A COPY OF THIS LETTER IN  
HIS PERSONAL EFFECTS. [REDACTED] DID NOT ATTACH ANY SIGNIFICANCE  
TO THE COMMENT ABOUT [REDACTED] HAVING COPIES OF PLANS.  
WHEN [REDACTED] HEARD ABOUT THE SPACE SHUTTLE EXPLOSION HE DID  
NOT HAVE ANY THOUGHTS THAT THIS MIGHT BE CONNECTED TO [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT [REDACTED] IN GIESSEN MIGHT HAVE A  
FORWARDING ADDRESS FOR [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] IS NOT AWARE OF OTHER FRIENDS RECEIVING LETTERS  
FROM [REDACTED]. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT [REDACTED] MAY HAVE  
RECEIVED A LETTER ABOUT THE MONEY [REDACTED] FELT [REDACTED] OWED HIM.

IT IS ALSO POSSIBLE THAT [REDACTED]

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SELBACH, GERMANY, MAY HAVE RECEIVED A LETTER FROM [REDACTED] ABOUT HIS PROBLEMS WITH [REDACTED]. THIS WOULD HAVE BEEN AN ATTEMPT BY [REDACTED] TO "GO TO THE TOP".

AT THE TIME OF THE INTERVIEW OF [REDACTED] AT FORT CAMPBELL, SPECIAL AGENT [REDACTED] CID FORT CAMPBELL WAS PRESENT. SA [REDACTED] HAD BEEN ASSIGNED TO CID GIESSEN DURING THE PERIOD OF JULY 1982 THROUGH JULY 1984. BASED ON DESCRIPTION AND DETAILS [REDACTED] GAVE REGARDING HIS REPORTING OF THIS LETTER INCLUDED THE FACT THAT HE WAS INTERVIEWED IN THE COMPANY AREA, SA [REDACTED] IS OF THE OPINION THAT [REDACTED] PROBABLY WAS INTERVIEWED BY MILITARY POLICE INVESTIGATIONS (MPI) OR MILITARY INTELLIGENCE (MI).

SA [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT IN ALMOST ALL CASES INTERVIEWS OF THIS TYPE BY THE CID WOULD HAVE BEEN CONDUCTED IN THE CID OFFICE.

CID AT FORT CAMPBELL IS IN THE PROCESS OF SENDING A MESSAGE TO CID GIESSEN IN AN EFFORT TO DETERMINE IF [REDACTED] WAS INTERVIEWED BY MPI OR MI.

ON FEBRUARY 12, 1986, A REVIEW OF THE OCTOBER 1983 MICROFICHE RECORDS OF THE U. S. ARMY REVEALED THE FOLLOWING:

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SERIAL NUMBER [REDACTED] ASSIGNED TO [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED], DATE OF BIRTH [REDACTED], ELAPSED TIME OF SERVICE (ETS) [REDACTED], MILITARY OCCUPATION SPECIALTY (MOS) 13B20. THERE WAS NO LISTING ON THE CURRENT ROLLS FOR [REDACTED]

ON FEBRUARY 12, 1986, CID AT FORT CAMPBELL CHECKED THROUGH THE CRIME RECORDS CENTER, FORT HOLLIBIRD, BALTIMORE, MARYLAND,

AND DETERMINED THAT [REDACTED]

FD-302 REGARDING [REDACTED] INTERVIEW WILL BE FORWARDED VIA AIRTEL.

LOUISVILLE. AT FORT CAMPBELL. RECONTACT SPECIALIST [REDACTED] IN AN EFFORT TO DETERMINE IF HE IS ABLE TO LOCATE THE ORIGINAL OR A COPY OF LETTER RECEIVED FROM [REDACTED].

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AND INDIANAPOLIS TELETYPE TO THE DIRECTOR AND TAMPA DIVISION  
AND INDIANAPOLIS BELCALL 2/3/86, 6:00 PM

TO SSA [REDACTED] TAMPA DIVISION

OR [REDACTED] BEANI POLICE

MAJOR [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

MILITARY [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

FL. BENJAMIN [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

542 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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ABLE TO LOCATE HIS ARMY RECORDS, IS [REDACTED] GERMANY, AND WOULD APPEAR TO BE IDENTICAL WITH THE [REDACTED]

SSAN [REDACTED], ALLUDED TO IN REFERENCE TO [REDACTED]

REGARDING [REDACTED] INDICATED THAT THERE

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FT. CAMPBELL, KENTUCKY, HOWEVER, THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT

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[REDACTED] AND A RECORD REGARDING [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], NOT STATIONED IN GIESSEN, WEST GERMANY,

AND QUARTERS [REDACTED] THE INDIVIDUAL WOULD BE THE PERSON THE FBI

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IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT CAPTAIN [REDACTED]

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BY [REDACTED] TO [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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by Teletype dated 2/4/86 FBI <sup>IP</sup> advised as follows

THIS COMMUNICATION IS CLASSIFIED SECRET IN IT'S ENTIRETY.

RE: ST. LOUIS TELETYPE TO BUREAU AND INDIANAPOLIS, 1/29/86,

AND INDIANAPOLIS TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU AND TAMPA, 1/30/86,

AND INDIANAPOLIS TELCALL 2/3/86, OF SA [REDACTED]

TO SSA [REDACTED] TAMPA DIVISION.

ON 1/31/86, SERGEANT MAJOR [REDACTED], CENTER SERGEANT

MAJOR, ENLISTED RECORDS AND EVALUATION CENTER, U.S. ARMY

MILITARY PERSONNEL CENTER, WASHINGTON, D.C., DETACHED TO

PT. BENJAMIN HARRISON, INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA, TELEPHONE NUMBER

342-3422, ADVISED THAT THE ONLY [REDACTED] WHICH HE WAS

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SPACE SHUTTLE CHALLENGER, INFORMATION CONCERNING LAUNCH -  
EXPLOSION, KENNEDY SPACE CENTER, FLA., JANUARY 28, 1986; SABOTAGE;  
NASA ACT; OO: TAMPA

THIS COMMUNICATION IS CLASSIFIED "SECRET" IN ITS ENTIRETY,  
REBUCAB JANUARY 30, 1986, RELAYING NEW ORLEANS TELETYPE  
JANUARY 29, 1986, AND BUCAB JANUARY 30, 1986, RELAYING ST. LOUIS  
TELETYPE JANUARY 30, 1986, CAPTIONED "UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,  
SHUTTLE MISSION CHALLENGER, CAPE CANAVERAL, FLORIDA; SABOTAGE - IT,"  
ALSO REFERENCE BUCAB FEBRUARY 31, 1986 (SIC), RELAYING CHARLOTTE  
TELETYPE JANUARY 30, 1986, CAPTIONED AS ABOVE.

*By Teletype dated 2/5/86 15Z Legat Bonn advised as follows*

FIRST TWO REFERENCED COMMUNICATIONS WERE CLASSIFIED "SECRET."  
THE THIRD ONE WAS UNCLASSIFIED. THIS COMMUNICATION IS CLASSIFIED  
"SECRET" DUE TO THE FACT THAT THE FIRST TWO WERE CLASSIFIED,  
ALTHOUGH LEGAT, BONN, DOES NOT BELIEVE SUCH CLASSIFICATION IS  
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FOR INFORMATION OF EL PASO, LOUISVILLE AND TAMPA, ON JANUARY 28,

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[REDACTED] SOMETIME IN 1985, [REDACTED] RECEIVED THE LETTER ALLUDED TO ABOVE.

[REDACTED] STATED THAT THE BASE CID IN GIESSEN WAS APPRISED OF THIS MATTER AND [REDACTED] LETTER WAS FURNISHED TO THEM. HE RECALLS THAT AN INVESTIGATION WAS CONDUCTED; HOWEVER, HE DID NOT LEARN OF THE RESULTS. [REDACTED] ALSO RECALLED THAT THE LETTER DREW SUSPICION BECAUSE IT HAD BEEN HAND PRINTED. [REDACTED] HAD ALSO HAND PRINTED HIS SIGNATURE INSTEAD OF NORMALLY SIGNING IT.

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THE PRESENT DETACHMENT COMMANDER IN GIESSEN IS A CAPTAIN [REDACTED]. THE CAPTAIN IS AWARE OF THE LETTER AND THE RESULTS OF THE CID INVESTIGATION. [REDACTED] DOES NOT KNOW CURRENT WHEREABOUTS OF EITHER [REDACTED] OR [REDACTED] AT THIS TIME, NOR CAN HE ADD ANYTHING TO WHAT HE STATED ABOVE.

INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED BY LEGAT, BONN, REVEALED THE FOLLOWING:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED], U.S. ARMY, CID, GIESSEN, WEST GERMANY, ADVISED THAT A REVIEW OF CID FILES AND NAME INDEX REVEALED THAT NO INVESTIGATION HAD BEEN CONDUCTED REGARDING [REDACTED] CONTACT WITH CAPTAIN [REDACTED], COMMANDER OF THE 36TH ARTILLERY DETACHMENT AT GIESSEN, REVEALED THAT HE DID NOT RECALL [REDACTED] OR ANY INCIDENT REGARDING THE MAILING OF A LETTER BY [REDACTED]

UPON A REVIEW OF THEIR MISCELLANEOUS FILES (NOT OFFICIAL INVESTIGATIONS), TWO INCIDENTS REGARDING [REDACTED] WERE LOCATED

(1) [REDACTED]  
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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] (2) A LT. [REDACTED]

OF THE 36TH ARTILLERY DETACHMENT RECALLED A LETTER SENT BY [REDACTED] TO [REDACTED] ABOUT NINE MONTHS AGO. IN THIS LETTER, [REDACTED] SAID THAT [REDACTED] OWED HIM \$400 FOR A CAR WHICH [REDACTED] SOLD TO [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] ALSO RECALLED SOMETHING IN THE

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LETTER WHERE [REDACTED] SAID HE WAS GOING TO "BLOW UP NASA." [REDACTED]

COULD NOT RECALL ANYTHING ELSE ABOUT THE LETTER.

CID COULD NOT LOCATE A COPY OF THE LETTER, BUT WILL IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY LEGAT IF THEY DO. [REDACTED] IS BELIEVED TO HAVE KEPT THE ORIGINAL.

A COUPLE OF PERSONS, INCLUDING [REDACTED] DESCRIBED [REDACTED] AS "STRANGE, ODD AND FLAKY."

CID ADVISED THAT [REDACTED] HAD A "TOP SECRET" SECURITY CLEARANCE. HE WAS A SENIOR ASSEMBLER FOR ASSEMBLY OF NUCLEAR COMPONENTS (I.E., HE WORKED ON MISSILES). HE LEFT THE ARMY FEBRUARY 23, 1964. WHEN LEAVING GIESSEN, HE MENTIONED THAT HE WANTED TO OPEN AN ARTS AND CRAFT SHOP BACK IN THE UNITED STATES. HE ALSO STATED THAT HE WOULD TRY TO WORK WITH THE SAME CONSTRUCTION FIRM HE WORKED WITH BEFORE HE JOINED THE ARMY (NOT KNOWN WHAT FIRM THAT WAS).

THE FOLLOWING DATA WAS PROVIDED FOR THE BELOW-LISTED INDIVIDUALS: (1) [REDACTED] (NOTE: CID MICROFILM RECORDS SHOW ONLY FIRST THREE LETTERS OF MIDDLE NAME - [REDACTED], BORN OCTOBER 27, 1947, SSAN [REDACTED] FORWARDING ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (2) SPEC 4 [REDACTED], BORN JUNE 16, 1964, SSAN [REDACTED] CURRENT ASSIGNMENT: ALPHA COMPANY, 1ST OF 3RD FIELD ARTILLERY, FT. CAMPBELL, KENTUCKY; (3) SGT E-5 [REDACTED] SSAN [REDACTED]

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AUGUST 31, 1956, SSAN [REDACTED] CURRENTLY ASSIGNED TO  
3RD CALVARY REGIMENT AT FT. BLISS, TEXAS. b7C

AS BRIEFLY NOTED ABOVE, [REDACTED] PURCHASED A CAR FROM [REDACTED] AND  
SUPPOSEDLY RECEIVED ONE OR MORE THREATENING-TYPE LETTERS FROM [REDACTED]  
BECAUSE OF MONEY STILL OWED BY HIM TO [REDACTED]

SUBSEQUENT TO THE ABOVE INFORMATION BEING SUPPLIED, CID ADVISED  
THAT [REDACTED] FORMER GIRLFRIEND HAD LEARNED FROM SGT [REDACTED] WIFE  
THAT SEVERAL OF [REDACTED] FORMER COLLEAGUES HAD RECEIVED LETTERS FROM  
HIM (AFTER HE LEFT THE ARMY) URGING THEM TO QUIT THE ARMY AND TO  
JOIN HIM IN FLORIDA "RUNNING DRUGS" AND ALSO TO TRAVEL TO SOUTH  
AMERICA TO "OVERTHROW A GOVERNMENT" THERE.

IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE, NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION TO BE CONDUCTED  
AT BONN.

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LEAD - EL PASO DIVISION

AT FT. BLISS, TEXAS: WILL LOCATE AND INTERVIEW [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] REGARDING LETTERS HE HAS RECEIVED FROM  
[REDACTED] AND ASCERTAIN IF THESE LETTERS CONTAINED ANY THREATS  
TO NASA.




LEAD - LOUISVILLE DIVISION

AT FT. CAMPBELL, KENTUCKY: WILL LOCATE AND INTERVIEW [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] REGARDING THE LETTER HE RECEIVED FROM [REDACTED]  
WHICH THREATENED TO "DO A JOB" ON NASA. OBTAIN A COPY OF THE  
LETTER IF AVAILABLE.

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LEAD - TAMPA DIVISION

AD : WILL CONFIRM  RESIDENCE AT  CONDUCT LOCAL CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECKS, AND ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE HIS CURRENT EMPLOYMENT. b7c


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 EXPLOSION, KENNEDY SPACE CENTER, FLORIDA, JANUARY 28, 1986;  
 SABOTAGE; NASA ACT; OO: TAMPA  
 REFERENCE TAMPA TELETYPE TO BUREAU, FEBRUARY 6, 1986  
 TAMPA'S PROPOSAL TO COORDINATE SPIN OFF INVESTIGATIONS  
 WITH NASA SECURITY AND INSPECTOR GENERAL REPRESENTATIVES IS  
 APPROVED BY FBIHQ. AS NOTED BY TAMPA, SOURCE OR OTHER  
 SENSITIVE INFORMATION MAY REQUIRE EXCEPTION TO THIS AGREEMENT.

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KENNEDY SPACE CENTER, FLORIDA, JANUARY 28, 1986; SABOTAGE; NASA

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RE TAMPA TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR AND ALL FIELD OFFICES, DATED  
1/28/86

[REDACTED] WHO WOULD NOT FURNISH HIS ADDRESS OR TELEPHONE  
NUMBER FOR FEAR OF RETRIBUTION FROM HIS EMPLOYER FOR USING  
EQUIPMENT FOR PRIVATE INTEREST WITHOUT AUTHORIZATION, CONTACTED  
THE DALLAS OFFICE OF THE FBI AND RELATED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION  
ON FEBRUARY 26, 1986:

[REDACTED] EMPLOYMENT IS WITH A DALLAS COMPUTERIZED VIDEO

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ENHANCEMENT FIRM. HE MADE A VIDEO RECORDING OF THE RECENT SPACE SHUTTLE EXPLOSION FROM THE CBS EVENING NEWS AND HAS RUN HIS VIDEO ON A COMPUTERIZED ENHANCEMENT MACHINE.

APPROXIMATELY FOUR FRAMES IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO THE PUFF OF SMOKE PRECEDING THE EXPLOSION, HE OBSERVED AN INDENTATION ON ONE OF THE BOOSTERS WHICH WAS ABOUT THE SIZE OF A BASKETBALL LOCATED JUST ABOVE THE "O" RING, AND WHICH THEN DISAPPEARED.

[REDACTED] CONTENTION IS THAT SOMETHING HIT THE ROCKET BOOSTER, SUBSEQUENTLY CAUSING THE EXPLOSION. HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT HE IS AWARE THAT NASA HAS THE SAME TYPE OF VIDEO EQUIPMENT OWNED BY HIS EMPLOYER AND IS CAPABLE OF RUNNING THE SAME TESTS THAT HE HAS RUN, BUT HE WANTED TO PASS ON HIS OBSERVATIONS FOR WHAT IT WAS WORTH. (b) (7) (c)

DALLAS IS RELAYING THIS INFORMATION FOR WHATEVER ACTION THE OO DEEMS APPROPRIATE.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
 (ATTN: DIVISION 6 - TERRORISM SECTION  
 SSA [REDACTED], ROOM 4251) *(b)(7)(C)*

FROM: SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

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SPACE SHUTTLE CHALLENGER,  
INFORMATION CONCERNING LAUNCH  
EXPLOSION, KENNEDY SPACE CENTER,  
FLORIDA, JANUARY 28, 1986;  
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Enclosed for the Bureau is one audio cassette tape and a copy of one topographical map with annotations.

The following is for the information of the Bureau and Tampa.

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[REDACTED] advised that on 2/23/86 he was introduced to

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claims to be in contact with certain psychic forces that provide her with higher information on selected subjects. She refers to these forces as "Source" and when providing information from Source she often speaks in the collective "we". [REDACTED] claimed that she had come to Washington, D.C. to provide information concerning the Challenger space shuttle explosion on 1/28/86.

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On 2/24/86, [REDACTED] was debriefed by [REDACTED] concerning the information she wished to reveal. The enclosed audio tape is a record of that entire session and is self explanatory. It should be noted that [REDACTED] were present at this session and can be heard making comments and asking questions toward the end of the tape. The following points are emphasized by [REDACTED] during the course of the debriefing:

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(A) The space shuttle explosion was not the result of a technical malfunction. Rather, it was an act of sabotage perpetrated by a terrorist organization.

(B) There were three saboteurs on the scene at Cape Canaveral. These included two ground crewmen and one of the astronauts who died in the explosion.

(C) The terrorist organization is a Japanese based fanatical group with an ancestral lineage and a deep seated hatred toward the United States. Its motivation in destroying the shuttle was to embarrass and discredit the United States and to impede the progress of the space program.

(D) The three saboteurs were all of oriental heritage. They were apparently recruited by the terrorist organization after their employment by NASA.

(E) The explosion was effected by a device placed inside the external fuel tank of the shuttle. An individual whose description seems to match that of an engineer or technician placed this charge. The charge was triggered by a second saboteur using a hand-held transmitter while standing in the crowds watching the shuttle liftoff. This individual matches the description of a guard or security person.

(F) The astronaut saboteur chose to die in the explosion as a sort of ritual death or "cleansing".

(G) The descriptions of the saboteurs provided by [REDACTED] are probably complete enough to pinpoint the individuals. Although names and addresses are not available, in the case of the "guard" [REDACTED] pinpointed his residence on a 1:24,000 scale topographical map of an area of Florida near Cape Canaveral (enclosed). She also provided a description of his physical appearance as well as his life style. While actual names are difficult for Source to acquire [REDACTED] claims she could easily identify the saboteurs from a list of names if NASA could provide one.

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(H) [REDACTED] claims that Source's motivation in revealing this information is to assure the United States that its space program is a safe undertaking and that there is no major technical flaw in the shuttle equipment. Further [REDACTED] claims that Source is concerned about possible lengthy delays in the progress of the space program that will allow other nations to surge ahead. [REDACTED] predicted that wreckage of the shuttle will be found within the next several days that will support the sabotage allegation.

[REDACTED] advised WFO that [REDACTED] although previously unknown to him, appeared to be a rational, intelligent and articulate individual who was sincere in her claims and beliefs. He further stated that [REDACTED] is willing to work with any responsible investigative body concerning this matter.

[REDACTED] was advised by WFO that the foregoing information would be reported in appropriate Bureau channels in an expeditious manner. He was also encouraged to make the information available to the President's Commission investigating the shuttle explosion. [REDACTED] contacted the Commission on 2/26/86 and later reported to WFO that the Commission is interested in the information and has requested a full transcript of the audio tape. [REDACTED] will provide the transcript as soon as possible.

Above is provided to the Bureau and the Tampa Division for their information. WFO is not in a position to make any recommendation in this matter. Dissemination of the information to the Commission investigating the shuttle incident is left to Bureau and Tampa Discretion.

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RE: **SPACE SHUTTLE CHALLENGER;**  
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**ATTN: SA** [REDACTED]

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RE: WFO AIRTEL TO BUREAU/TAMPA, 2/27/86.

Enclosed is tape & topographical map referred to in re airtel. I listened to a portion of the tape & I place absolutely no credence in this process. I talked to WFO supervisor & he also places no credence in this. You are welcome to listen to tape & make your own conclusions.

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KENNEDY SPACE CENTER, FLORIDA, JANUARY 28, 1986; SABOTAGE; NASA ACT;  
OO: TAMPA

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO EL PASO, ET AL, FEBRUARY 7, 1986.

A STATUS OF FBI, TAMPA, INVESTIGATIVE EFFORTS FOLLOWS:

REGARDING THE [REDACTED] ASPECT OF

CAPTIONED MATTER, THE AUTHOR OF THE LETTER WHICH MENTIONED, "BLUE-  
PRINTS TO NASA" AND WHICH COULD BE INTERPRETED AS A VEILED THREAT  
AGAINST NASA, HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS [REDACTED] BORN

[REDACTED]  
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[REDACTED] FLORIDA, WHO HAS BEEN CONTINUOUSLY EMPLOYED BY [REDACTED]

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WILL BE CONDUCTED IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE [REDACTED] WILL BE ALLOWED TO EXPLAIN ALL PERTINENT DETAILS REGARDING THE LETTER IN QUESTION.

ANOTHER AREA OF CURRENT FBI INTEREST CONCERNS ONE [REDACTED] [REDACTED] NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED, [REDACTED] LOUISIANA, WHO WROTE A THREATENING LETTER TO THE NASA FACILITY AT KENNEDY SPACE CENTER (KSC), FLORIDA. THROUGH CONTACT WITH NEW ORLEANS, TAMPA LEARNED THAT THIS SAME INDIVIDUAL IS THE SUBJECT OF A BRAND NEW CASE, NEW ORLEANS FILE [REDACTED] WHICH WAS APPARENTLY BASED ON A COMMUNICATION FROM BIRMINGHAM. APPARENTLY, [REDACTED] ALSO WROTE A THREATENING LETTER TO MARSHALL SPACE FLIGHT CENTER WHICH PREDICATED THE BIRMINGHAM COMMUNICATION AND THE NEW ORLEANS INVESTIGATION. NEW ORLEANS HAS BEEN ALERTED OF TAMPA/NASA KSC INTEREST AND WILL FURNISH A COPY OF PERTINENT RESULTS TO TAMPA. IT IS ALSO NOTED THAT THE FORMAT AND CONTENT OF THE LETTER TO NASA AT KSC LEADS TAMPA TO BELIEVE THAT [REDACTED] MAY BE OUT OF TOUCH WITH REALITY.

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DAILY LIAISON IS BEING MAINTAINED WITH NASA AT KSC, PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS WILL BE REPORTED TO FBIHQ.

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NOTES THAT THE FINAL REPORT FROM THE COMMISSION MAY CONTAIN ALLEGATIONS OF ACTIVITIES WHICH ARE, IN FACT, VIOLATIONS OF THE NASA ACT, EITHER ON THE PART OF NASA OFFICIALS OR NASA CONTRACTOR OFFICIALS/EMPLOYEES. TAMPA NOTES THAT FBI, TAMPA, WILL PROBABLY NOT BE IN A POSITION TO REVIEW THE COMMISSION REPORT AND CERTAINLY DOES NOT HAVE ACCESS TO THE CONFIDENTIAL FINDINGS OF THE COMMISSION AT THIS TIME.

FBIHQ MAY WISH TO CONSIDER CONFERRING WITH APPROPRIATE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (DOJ) OFFICIALS IN THE NEAR FUTURE IN AN EFFORT TO REACH A GENERAL UNDERSTANDING REGARDING THE PART THAT THE DOJ/FBI MAY BE ASKED TO PLAY IN THIS MATTER SHOULD SUCH ALLEGATIONS APPEAR IN THE COMMISSION'S FINAL REPORT. IF SUCH ALLEGATIONS DO APPEAR IN THE MEDIA UPON THE INITIAL RELEASE OF THE REPORT, IT WOULD SEEM ADVANTAGEOUS FOR THE FBI/DOJ TO MOVE QUICKLY IN INSTITUTING INITIAL INVESTIGATIVE EFFORTS REGARDING THE POTENTIAL NASA ACT VIOLATIONS.

TAMPA WILL KEEP FBIHQ ADVISED OF ALL DEVELOPMENTS.

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EXPLOSION, KENNEDY SPACE CENTER, FLA., JANUARY 28, 1986, SABOTAGE,

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TELETYPE JANUARY 30, 1986, CAPTIONED "UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,

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[REDACTED], TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED THE OFFICE OF THE  
NEW ORLEANS FBI WITH INFORMATION THAT MIGHT RELATE TO THE LOSS OF  
THE SPACE SHUTTLE. [REDACTED] ADVISED AS FOLLOWS: IN 1985,  
WHILE HE WAS STATIONED AT GIESSEN, GERMANY, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HE HAD LEARNED OF A LETTER SENT BY [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], WHICH TO HIS RECOLLECTION  
STATED THAT [REDACTED] HAD OBTAINED SOME "BLUEPRINTS TO NASA AND WOULD  
DO A JOB ON THEM." BOTH [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] HAD BEEN ASSIGNED TO  
ABOVE UNIT.

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[REDACTED] SOMETIME IN 1985, [REDACTED] RECEIVED THE LETTER ALLUDED TO ABOVE.

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[REDACTED] STATED THAT THE BASE CID IN GIESSEN WAS APPRISED OF THIS MATTER AND [REDACTED] LETTER WAS FURNISHED TO THEM. HE RECALLS THAT AN INVESTIGATION WAS CONDUCTED; HOWEVER, HE DID NOT LEARN OF THE RESULTS. [REDACTED] ALSO RECALLED THAT THE LETTER DREW [REDACTED] SUSPICION BECAUSE IT HAD BEEN HAND PRINTED. [REDACTED] HAD ALSO HAND PRINTED HIS SIGNATURE INSTEAD OF NORMALLY SIGNING IT.

THE PRESENT DETACHMENT COMMANDER IN GIESSEN IS A CAPTAIN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THE CAPTAIN IS AWARE OF THE LETTER AND THE RESULTS OF THE CID INVESTIGATION. [REDACTED] DOES NOT KNOW CURRENT WHEREABOUTS OF EITHER [REDACTED] OR [REDACTED] AT THIS TIME, NOR CAN HE ADD ANYTHING TO WHAT HE STATED ABOVE.

INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED BY LEGAT, BONN, REVEALED THE FOLLOWING:

[REDACTED] U.S. ARMY, CID, GIESSEN, WEST GERMANY, ADVISED THAT A REVIEW OF CID FILES AND INDEX REVEALED THAT NO INVESTIGATION

HAD BEEN CONDUCTED REGARDING A [REDACTED] CONTACT WITH CAPTAIN [REDACTED] COMMANDER OF THE 30TH ARTILLERY DETACHMENT AT GIESSEN, REVEALED THAT HE DID NOT RECALL [REDACTED] OR ANY INCIDENT REGARDING THE MAILING OF A LETTER BY [REDACTED]

UPON A REVIEW OF THEIR MISCELLANEOUS FILES (NOT OFFICIAL INVESTIGATIONS), TWO INCIDENTS REGARDING [REDACTED] WERE LOCATED

(1) [REDACTED]  
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(2) A LT. [REDACTED] OF THE 30TH ARTILLERY DETACHMENT RECALLED A LETTER SENT BY [REDACTED] TO [REDACTED] ABOUT NINE MONTHS AGO. IN THIS LETTER, [REDACTED] SAID THAT [REDACTED] OWED HIM \$400 FOR A CAR WHICH [REDACTED] SOLD TO [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] ALSO RECALLED SOMETHING IN THE

LETTER WHERE [REDACTED] SAID HE WAS GOING TO "BLOW UP NASA."

[REDACTED] COULD NOT RECALL ANYTHING ELSE ABOUT THE LETTER.

CID COULD NOT LOCATE A COPY OF THE LETTER, BUT WILL IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY LEGAT IF THEY DO. [REDACTED] IS BELIEVED TO HAVE KEPT THE ORIGINAL.

A COUPLE OF PERSONS, INCLUDING [REDACTED], DESCRIBED [REDACTED] AS "STRANGE, OLD AND BAKY".

CID ADVISED THAT [REDACTED] HAD A "TOP SECRET" SECURITY CLEARANCE.

HE WAS A SENIOR ASSEMBLER FOR ASSEMBLY OF NUCLEAR COMPONENTS (I.E.,

HE WORKED ON MISSILES). HE LEFT THE ARMY FEBRUARY 23, 1984. WHEN

LEAVING GIESSEN, HE MENTIONED THAT HE WANTED TO OPEN AN ARTS AND CRAFT SHOP BACK IN THE UNITED STATES. HE ALSO STATED THAT HE

WOULD TRY TO WORK WITH THE SAME CONSTRUCTION FIRM HE WORKED WITH BEFORE HE JOINED THE ARMY (NOT KNOWN WHAT FIRM THAT WAS).

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THE FOLLOWING DATA WAS PROVIDED FOR THE BELOW-LISTED

INDIVIDUALS: (1) [REDACTED] (NOTE: CID MICROFICHE RECORDS SHOW ONLY FIRST THREE LETTERS OF MIDDLE NAME - [REDACTED], BORN

OCTOBER 27, 1957, SSAN [REDACTED] FORWARDING ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (2) SPEC 4 [REDACTED], BORN JUNE 16, 1964, SSAN [REDACTED], CURRENT

ASSIGNMENT: ALPHA COMPANY, 1ST OF 321ST FIELD ARTILLERY, FT.

CAMPBELL, KENTUCKY; (3) SGT E-5 [REDACTED] BORN

AUGUST 31, 1956, SSAW [REDACTED], CURRENTLY ASSIGNED TO

1ST CALVARY REGIMENT, [REDACTED]

AS BRIEFLY NOTED ABOVE, [REDACTED] PURCHASED A CAR FROM [REDACTED] AND  
SUPPOSEDLY RECEIVED ONE OR MORE THREATENING-TYPE LETTERS FROM [REDACTED]  
BECAUSE OF MONEY STILL OWED BY HIM TO [REDACTED] b7c

SUBSEQUENT TO THE ABOVE INFORMATION BEING SUPPLIED, CID ADVISED  
THAT [REDACTED] FORMER GIRLFRIEND HAD LEARNED FROM SGT [REDACTED] WIFE  
THAT SEVERAL OF [REDACTED] FORMER COLLEAGUES HAD RECEIVED LETTERS FROM  
HIM (AFTER HE LEFT THE ARMY) URGING THEM TO QUIT THE ARMY AND TO  
JOIN HIM IN FLORIDA "RUNNING DRUGS" AND ALSO TO TRAVEL TO SOUTH  
AMERICA TO "OVERTHROW A GOVERNMENT" THERE.

IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE, NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION TO BE CONDUCTED  
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SPACE SHUTTLE CHALLENGER, INFORMATION CONCERNING LAUNCH -  
EXPLOSION, KENNEDY SPACE CENTER, FLA., JANUARY 28, 1986; SABOTAGE;  
NASA ACT; OO: TAMPA

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AT FT. BLISS, TEXAS: WILL LOCATE AND INTERVIEW [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] REGARDING LETTERS HE HAS RECEIVED FROM

[REDACTED] AND ASCERTAIN IF THESE LETTERS CONTAINED ANY THREATS

TO NASA.

LEAD - LOUISVILLE DIVISION

AT FT. CAMPBELL, KENTUCKY: WILL LOCATE AND INTERVIEW [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] REGARDING THE LETTER HE RECEIVED FROM [REDACTED]

WHICH THREATENED TO "DO A JOB" ON NASA. OBTAIN A COPY OF THE  
LETTER IF AVAILABLE.

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LEAD - TAMPA DIVISION

[REDACTED] WILL CONFIRM [REDACTED] RESIDENCE AT

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[REDACTED] CONDUCT LOCAL CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECKS, AND  
ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE HIS CURRENT EMPLOYMENT.

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SPACE SHUTTLE CHALLENGER, INFORMATION CONCERNING LAUNCH EXPLOSION,

KENNEDY SPACE CENTER, FLORIDA, JANUARY 28, 1986; SABOTAGE: NASA ACT;

OO: TAMPA

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO EL PASO, ET AL, FEBRUARY 7, 1986.

A STATUS OF FBI, TAMPA, INVESTIGATIVE EFFORTS FOLLOWS:

REGARDING THE [REDACTED] ASPECT OF

CAPTIONED MATTER, THE AUTHOR OF THE LETTER WHICH MENTIONED, "BLUE-PRINTS TO NASA" AND WHICH COULD BE INTERPRETED AS A VEILED THREAT

AGAINST NASA, HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS [REDACTED] BORN [REDACTED] 11 1986

[REDACTED] FLORIDA, WHO HAS BEEN CONTINUOUSLY EMPLOYED BY [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SINCE [REDACTED] INTERVIEW WITH [REDACTED]

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WILL BE CONDUCTED IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE AND [REDACTED] WILL BE ALLOWED TO EXPLAIN ALL PERTINENT DETAILS REGARDING THE LETTER IN QUESTION.

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ANOTHER AREA OF CURRENT FBI INTEREST CONCERNS ONE [REDACTED], NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED, [REDACTED], LOUISIANA, WHO WROTE A THREATENING LETTER TO THE NASA FACILITY AT KENNEDY SPACE CENTER (KSC), FLORIDA. THROUGH CONTACT WITH NEW ORLEANS, TAMPA LEARNED THAT THIS SAME INDIVIDUAL IS THE SUBJECT OF A BRAND NEW CASE, NEW ORLEANS FILE [REDACTED] WHICH WAS APPARENTLY BASED ON A COMMUNICATION FROM BIRMINGHAM. APPARENTLY, [REDACTED] ALSO WROTE A THREATENING LETTER TO MARSHALL SPACE FLIGHT CENTER WHICH PREDICATED THE BIRMINGHAM COMMUNICATION AND THE NEW ORLEANS INVESTIGATION. NEW ORLEANS HAS BEEN ALERTED OF TAMPA/NASA KSC INTEREST AND WILL FURNISH A COPY OF PERTINENT RESULTS TO TAMPA. IT IS ALSO NOTED THAT THE FORMAT AND CONTENT OF THE LETTER TO NASA AT KSC LEADS TAMPA TO BELIEVE THAT [REDACTED] MAY BE OUT OF TOUCH WITH REALITY.

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DAILY LIAISON IS BEING MAINTAINED WITH NASA AT KSC, PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS WILL BE REPORTED TO FBIHQ.

IN ANOTHER VEIN, TAMPA HAS NOTED THE DEVELOPMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION HEARINGS REGARDING CAPTIONED MATTER AND

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NOTES THAT THE FINAL REPORT FROM THE COMMISSION MAY CONTAIN ALLEGATIONS OF ACTIVITIES WHICH ARE, IN FACT, VIOLATIONS OF THE NASA ACT, EITHER ON THE PART OF NASA OFFICIALS OR NASA CONTRACTOR OFFICIALS/EMPLOYEES. TAMPA NOTES THAT FBI, TAMPA, WILL PROBABLY NOT BE IN A POSITION TO REVIEW THE COMMISSION REPORT AND CERTAINLY DOES NOT HAVE ACCESS TO THE CONFIDENTIAL FINDINGS OF THE COMMISSION AT THIS TIME.

FBIHQ MAY WISH TO CONSIDER CONFERRING WITH APPROPRIATE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (DOJ) OFFICIALS IN THE NEAR FUTURE IN AN EFFORT TO REACH A GENERAL UNDERSTANDING REGARDING THE PART THAT THE DOJ/FBI MAY BE ASKED TO PLAY IN THIS MATTER SHOULD SUCH ALLEGATIONS APPEAR IN THE COMMISSION'S FINAL REPORT. IF SUCH ALLEGATIONS DO APPEAR IN THE MEDIA UPON THE INITIAL RELEASE OF THE REPORT, IT WOULD SEEM ADVANTAGEOUS FOR THE FBI/DOJ TO MOVE QUICKLY IN INSTITUTING INITIAL INVESTIGATIVE EFFORTS REGARDING THE POTENTIAL NASA ACT VIOLATIONS.

TAMPA WILL KEEP FBIHQ ADVISED OF ALL DEVELOPMENTS.

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EXPLOSION, KENNEDY SPACE CENTER, FLORIDA, JANUARY 28, 1986,  
SABOTAGE; NASA ACT; OO:TAMPA.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF HEADQUARTERS, FBI, TAMPA  
REPRESENTATIVES MET WITH MARV JONES, THE DIRECTOR OF SAFETY,  
RELIABILITY AND QUALITY ASSURANCE AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES FOR  
THE NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION (NASA) CENTER  
AT KENNEDY SPACE CENTER, FLORIDA. THIS MEETING WAS REQUESTED  
BY MR. JONES AND WAS ALSO ATTENDED BY HIS SECURITY CHIEF,  
KENNETH LOPEZ.

MARV JONES IS INVOLVED EXTENSIVELY IN THE NASA MISHAP  
INVESTIGATION BOARD (MIB) INVESTIGATION INTO CAPTIONED MATTER  
AND APPEARS TO BE OVERSEEING A GOOD DEAL OF THE ACTUAL

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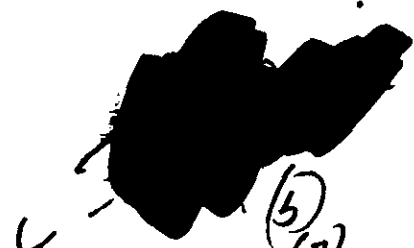
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INVESTIGATION.

THE FEBRUARY 18, 1986, DISCUSSION TOUCHED ON THE NASA INVESTIGATION INTO CAPTIONED MATTER AND DWELLED EXTENSIVELY ON POSSIBLE SABOTAGE THEORIES IN A "BRAINSTORMING" SESSION WHICH LASTED FOR OVER ONE AND ONE HALF HOURS. IT IS NOTED THAT NO THEORY COULD BE PUT FORTH FOR WHICH WE COULD FORMULATE A FACTUAL BASIS.

FBI REPRESENTATIVES HAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT JONES WANTED TO APPRISE THE FBI OF NASA'S PAST EFFORTS TO ADDRESS POSSIBLE SABOTAGE IN CAPTIONED MATTER AND GAIN AN FBI PERCEPTION OF POSSIBLE SABOTAGE THEORIES REGARDING CAPTIONED MATTER.

TAMPA WANTS TO ENSURE HEADQUARTERS THAT THIS WAS MERELY AN INFORMAL DISCUSSION REGARDING THEORIES ABOUT POSSIBLE SABOTAGE. NEITHER TAMPA'S NASA COUNTERPARTS NOR THE LOCAL FBI REPRESENTATIVE HANDLING CAPTIONED MATTER CAN FIND ANY FACTUAL BASIS AT THE PRESENT TIME FOR A SABOTAGE THEORY.

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SPACE SHUTTLE CHALLENGER, INFORMATION CONCERNING LAUNCH-EXPLOSION,  
KENNEDY SPACE CENTER, FLORIDA, 1/28/86; SABOTAGE; NASA ACT,

CC: TAMPA

RE DIRECTOR TELETYPE TO EL PASO, FEBRUARY 7, 1986.

THIS COMMUNICATION IS CLASSIFIED "SECRET" IN ITS ENTIRETY.

ON FEBRUARY 13, 1986, [REDACTED] FORT

BLISS, TEXAS, WAS INTERVIEWED AND STATED THAT EXCEPT FOR THE  
LETTERS WRITTEN BY [REDACTED] TO [REDACTED] NONE OF THE  
LETTERS THAT [REDACTED] OR ANY OTHER MAN IN HIS UNIT RECEIVED FROM  
[REDACTED] CONTAINED ANY THREATS TO NASA.

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TO THE TAMPA DIVISION.

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John: *MINTZ*

The following Agents have been selected to assist the Presidential Commission investigating the space shuttle disaster:

Baltimore

SA [redacted] EOD [redacted]  
 [redacted]

SA [redacted] EOD [redacted]  
 [redacted]

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SA [redacted] EOD [redacted]  
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*Ed Sharp*  
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*[redacted] and [redacted] will conduct interviews beginning Friday 3/7/86.  
 [redacted] and [redacted] will review records and evidence beginning Monday 3/17/86.  
 3/5/86: Discussed with Director and he approved proceeding with above Agents.  
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To : THE DIRECTOR

Date 3/4/86

From : JOHN A. MINTZ *JAM*

Subject : PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION ON THE SPACE SHUTTLE "CHALLENGER"

On 3/3/86 the Director told me of a telephone call he had received requesting the FBI to provide Special Agents to assist the Commission in its inquiry. The Director said that we may offer the assistance of four Special Agents for not longer than 90 days and requested me to call Peter Rostoven, Counsel to the Commission, at telephone number 453-1405.

At 2:17 p.m. on 3/3/86, I called Peter Rostoven who told me that Special Agents were needed to assist the Commission teams to review evidence collected. He said that our Agents would not be used for witness interviews because of the Commission's concern that it not appear that a criminal investigation is being conducted. I asked Mr. Rostoven to be more specific as to what duties our Agents would be requested to perform. He said he did not know but that he would request the Executive Director, Dr. Alton Keel, to call me to describe their needs.

At 2:52 p.m. on March 3rd, Bill McGuiness at telephone number 633-2268 called me and said that the Attorney General's office had received a request from the President's Commission to have FBI Agents assist in their investigation. Mr. McGuiness said this matter was referred to him to handle in the Attorney General's office but that he was calling me to refer the matter directly to the FBI and he would defer to the FBI for the decision. He did request that he be notified of any arrangements that might be made.

At 3:45 p.m. on March 3rd, I called the Administrative Services Division and in the absence of Mr. Sharp instructed Tom Hughes to begin making arrangements for the detailing of up to four Agents for not more than 90 days to the Presidential Commission.

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- 1 Mr. Revell
- 1 - Mr. Baker
- 1 - Mr. Clarke
- 1 - Mr. Davis
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Memorandum for The Director  
RE: PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION ON THE  
SPACE SHUTTLE "CHALLENGER"

At 10:37 a.m. on March 4th, Emily Trapnell, attorney, President's Commission, 453-1405, located at Suite 760, Capital Gallery Building, 600 Maryland Avenue, Southwest, Washington, D.C., called me and said that she had discussed the request for FBI Agent assistance with Dr. Al Keel, the Executive Director, and he had requested her to coordinate arrangements with the FBI. She said she formerly was the Special Assistant to the Chief Counsel at FAA and that Peter Rostoven is handling the broad legal issues for the Commission while she is handling the coordination of the investigation. She said they presently have several military and FAA investigators assigned to the four panels into which the Commission was divided. She said they now have a need for special investigative expertise to "close some loops." She said they need our Agents to conduct one-on-one interviews that will be penetrating and that will compare existing testimony with statements being given by witnesses. She said that some of the people to be interviewed are NASA employees but that some are contractor-type personnel. She said it is very important that the Commission not appear to be conducting a criminal investigation and they do not want to seem to be looking for culpability in their interviews. She said they do not want to intimidate any of the witnesses. Rather, they would like for those interviewed to be encouraged to come forward and furnish full information and even suggest "what else we need to think about." She said for example that there is a critical telephone conversation in which there had been 30 participants in several locations. Ten of these persons have testified and the Commission would like to have complete statements from all of them. She said that their immediate need is to have two Special Agents by the end of this week. There will be some travel involved in the inquiries and she mentioned Utah, Huntsville, Alabama, and Florida as places where interviews may need to be conducted.

Emily Trapnell said that their longer term needs for two other Agents are to review certain records and letters where people have voluntarily contributed information which may contain some evidence.

She said that the persons selected should be able to put aside their "FBI-person" and take on a "Commission-person" identity.

I told Ms. Trapnell that I would make the appropriate arrangements and return her call.

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Memorandum for The Director  
RE: PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION ON THE  
SPACE SHUTTLE "CHALLENGER"

At 10:50 a.m. on March 4th, I discussed these matters with Assistant Director Sharp and requested him to make arrangements to designate two Agents by the end of this week who would be mature, experienced in conducting sensitive interviews, and who would be able to carry out this responsibility with discretion as requested by the Commission. The Agents designated will report to Emily Trapnell at the address given above. Emily Trapnell said that the service of the investigators would be nonreimbursable as to the salaries of the Agents but that NASA would pay all expenses of their service.

I will keep you advised and upon completion of the arrangements I will notify Bill McGuiness in the Attorney General's office.

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To : Mr. Mintz

Date 3/12/86

From : E. J. Sharp

Subject : PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION ON THE SPACE SHUTTLE "CHALLENGER"

The following information will serve as an update concerning the assignment of four Special Agents to the Presidential Commission on the Space Shuttle "Challenger."

I telephonically contacted Emily Trapnell, attorney, Presidential Commission, on March 5, 1986, to further determine their needs and the reporting dates for the Agents. She indicated she would need the two Agents who would be doing the interviewing by March 7, 1986, and the other two Agents by March 17, 1986.

We thereafter identified two Agents each through the Washington Field and the Baltimore Offices by furnishing certain criteria for selection. The two WFO Agents are (EOD [redacted]), and (EOD [redacted]) while the two Baltimore Agents are (EOD [redacted]) and (EOD [redacted]). A short brier on each Agent is attached to this memorandum.

I met with all four Agents and gave them a briefing on their assignment, expectations of their various roles, administrative matters and that I would serve as their contact with Headquarters until advised to the contrary. I then advised Emily Trapnell of the identities of the four Agents and furnished upon her request their dates of birth, social security number, grade level and home telephone number. I identified SAs [redacted] and [redacted] as the Agents who would be doing the interviews and reporting on March 7, 1986, which they did. I further identified to her SAs [redacted] and [redacted] as the Agents who will report on March 17, 1986, and who will be reviewing records and evidence.

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I advised Emily Trapnell I would serve as her contact with the FBI should any further contacts be necessary unless she is advised to the contrary. She once again expressed the Commission's gratitude for making available to them the four Agents.

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Memorandum E. J. Sharp to Mr. Mintz  
RE: PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION ON THE  
SPACE SHUTTLE "CHALLENGER"

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SA [REDACTED] of the Baltimore Office was initially selected to be part of this group; however, was replaced due to the distance of 75 miles he would have to travel everyday from his residence to Washington, D. C.

Mr. Bill McGuinness, Department of Justice, was advised on 3/12/86, upon his return to Washington that we have made available to the Commission the four Agents requested.

APPROVED: *WJS* SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE  
DATE: *Jan*  
BY: *SP*

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SA [REDACTED]

EOD [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] SA [REDACTED] is a GS- [REDACTED] with a DOB of [REDACTED]. His SSN is [REDACTED] and home telephone number is [REDACTED]

SA [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] SA [REDACTED] is a GS- [REDACTED] with a DOB of [REDACTED]. His SSN is [REDACTED] and home telephone number is [REDACTED]

SA [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] is a GS- [REDACTED] with a DOB of [REDACTED]. His SSN is [REDACTED] and home telephone number is [REDACTED]

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 KENNEDY SPACE CENTER, FLORIDA, JANUARY 28, 1986, SABOTAGE; NASA  
 ACT; OO: TAMPA.

FBI LABORATORY REPRESENTATIVES MET WITH KENNETH E. LOPEZ,  
 CHIEF OF THE SECURITY OFFICE FOR THE NASA FACILITY AT KENNEDY  
 SPACE CENTER. LOPEZ WAS BRIEFED ON THE MORNING OF FEBRUARY 4, 1986,  
 BY FBI LABORATORY REPRESENTATIVES ON THE TYPES OF LABORATORY SUPPORT  
 AVAILABLE. LOPEZ BRIEFED FBI ON STATUS OF NASA INVESTIGATION, ADVISED  
 THAT TERRY ARMENTROUT OF THE NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD  
 (NTSB) HAD BEEN ASSIGNED TO THE NASA BOARD BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE  
 NTSB TO COORDINATE THE RECONSTRUCTION AND STRUCTURAL ANALYSIS ASPECTS  
 OF THE NASA INQUIRY. ALSO, LOPEZ INDICATED THAT THE LOCAL NASA  
 MISHAP INVESTIGATION BOARD, (MIB) WILL CONTINUE THE ACTUAL INVESTIGATION

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TION AND REPORT TO THE PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION ON A REGULAR BASIS AND TAKE DIRECTIONS FROM THE PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION.

FBI LABORATORY REPRESENTATIVES ALSO MET WITH ARMENTROUT OF THE NTSB, ESTABLISHED LIAISON AND FURNISHED DETAILS IN TECHNICAL TERMS REGARDING THE TYPES OF LABORATORY SERVICES AVAILABLE. ARMENTROUT EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR FBI SUPPORT AND WONDERED IF HE COULD CALL UPON FBI LABORATORY REPRESENTATIVES AND HAVE A FBI LAB. EXPERT WITH THAT PARTICULAR EXPERTISE COME TO THE LOCAL NASA FACILITY ON OCCASION WHEN A PARTICULAR PROBLEM WAS ENCOUNTERED. ARRANGEMENTS INITIATED TO SET UP THE DIRECT LINE AT NASA WAREHOUSE WHERE ARMENTROUT CAN CONTACT FBI LABORATORY DIRECTLY., ARMENTROUT ALSO MENTIONED THAT NASA'S MIB PRESENTLY PLACING PRIMARY EMPHASIS ON RECONSTRUCTION OF THE CHALLENGER AND LAUNCH APPARATUS AND SECONDARY EMPHASIS ON EXAMINATION OF THE VERY FEW SMALL SPECIMENS WHICH HAVE BEEN RECOVERED AND WHICH MIGHT BE HUMAN REMAINS FROM THE TRAGEDY.

FBI LAB. REPS ALSO CONFERRED WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE ARMED FORCES INSTITUTE OF PATHOLOGY (AFIP), WHO ARE PRIMARILY CONCERNED WITH EXAMINATION OF THE HUMAN REMAINS. AFIP REPS FURNISHED FBI LAB REPS SOME SPECIMENS OF FIBERS ON THE EVENING OF FEBRUARY 4, 1986, WHICH WILL BE HAND CARRIED BACK TO THE LABORATORY FOR

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EXAMINATION AS AGREED ON BETWEEN FBI LABORATORY REPRESENTATIVES AND AFIP REPS.

ON EVENING OF FEBRUARY 4, 1986, LOPEZ ADVISED THAT THE NASA MIB WAS OFFICIALLY APPRISED OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF LIAISON BETWEEN THE FBI LAB AND THEIR NTSS REPS AND AFIP REPS AND EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR FBI SUPPORT.

DURING FEBRUARY 5, 1986, MORNING MEETINGS WITH NASA SECURITY REPS, TAMPA LEARNED THAT THE NASA MIB WILL BRIEF THE PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION ON FEBRUARY 6 AND 7, 1986. BRIEFING WILL INCLUDE AN OVER VIEW OF EFFORTS EXTENDED TO DATE AND DEVELOPMENTS OF THE NASA INQUIRY AND THE ANTICIPATED DIRECTION OF THEIR OVERALL INVESTIGATION FOR THE COMING MONTHS. BRIEFING WILL INCLUDE COMMENTS CONCERNING THE SEARCH AND RECOVERY OF DEBRIS FROM THE SHUTTLE AND LAUNCH APPARATUS, THE STORAGE, HANDLING AND CLASSIFICATION OF ITEMS LOCATED, THE RECONSTRUCTION PHASE AND PROBABLY A REVIEW OF SOME SPECIFIC FILMS OF THE LAUNCH, EMPHASIZING NOTED FAILURE OR APPARENT FAILURE OF THE RIGHT HAND SOLID ROCKET BOOSTER.

BOTH THE NASA MIB AND ARMENTRAUT CONCUR AT THIS POINT THAT TRAGEDY WAS CAUSED BY FAILURE OF THE RIGHT SOLID ROCKET BOOSTER, STILL NOTHING HAS SURFACED TO INDICATE INVOLVEMENT OF SABOTAGE.

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HOWEVER, ALL ADVISED THAT SHOULD ANY INFORMATION SURFACE INDICATING POSSIBLE SABOTAGE, FBI, TAMPA WILL BE IMMEDIATELY ADVISED.

SUBSEQUENT TO A THOROUGH DISCUSSION ON THE MORNING OF FEBRUARY 5, 1986, CONCERNING NASA'S INVESTIGATION AS IT PERTAINS TO COMPLAINTS AND INFORMATION VOLUNTEERED BY CITIZENS, TAMPA BELIEVES THAT FBI TAMPA SHOULD FORMULATE A RECOMMENDED POSTURE FOR HANDLING COMPLAINTS RELATED TO THE ABOVE TRAGEDY, ESPECIALLY BY THOSE OFFICES COVERING TERRITORIES IN WHICH A NASA CENTER IS LOCATED. THESE RECOMMENDATIONS WILL BE PRESENTED TO HEADQUARTERS FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF FBI LABORATORY, THE TELEPHONE NUMBER FOR ARMENTROUT WILL BE FURNISHED HEADQUARTERS AS SOON AS SAME IS ESTABLISHED.

TAMPA MAINTAINING DAILY CONTACT WITH NASA CONTACTS. HEADQUARTERS WILL BE KEPT APPRISED OF ALL SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS.

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SPACE SHUTTLE CHALLENGER, INFORMATION CONCERNING LAUNCH -  
EXPLOSION, KENNEDY SPACE CENTER, FLORIDA, JANUARY 28, 1986,  
SABOTAGE; NASA ACT: 00: TAMPA.

REFERENCE LOUISVILLE TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU, DATED  
FEBRUARY 13, 1986.

ON FEBRUARY 14, 1986, [REDACTED] PROVIDED A  
COPY OF THE LETTER HE RECEIVED FROM [REDACTED] DURING 31 FEB 27 1986  
APPROXIMATELY JULY 1984 REGARDING CAPTIONED MATTER. IN THIS  
LETTER [REDACTED] STATED, "MY FRIEND HAS A GOLD MINE (MERCENARY)

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TELL UM TO WRITE ME, I WANT THEM TO GO ON LEAVE AND DON'T NEVER COME BACK. I AM ON A SECRET MISSION (I'VE GOT THE BLUEPRINTS TO "NASA" I'VE GOT IN TOUCH WITH [REDACTED] HE'S COMING TO HELP".

[REDACTED] ADVISED [REDACTED] IS IDENTICAL TO [REDACTED] WHO IS OUT OF THE U. S. ARMY AT THIS TIME.

LETTER HAS RETURN ADDRESS OF [REDACTED] [REDACTED] SUBSEQUENT LETTERS RECEIVED APPROXIMATELY 11/84 AND 12/84 HAD RETURN ADDRESS OF [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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LEAD: LOUISVILLE. AT HOPKINSVILLE. WILL FORWARD FD-302 REGARDING INTERVIEW OF [REDACTED] INCLUDING COPY OF THE LETTER BY SUBSEQUENT COMMUNICATION.

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**98-1968**  
 Field Office File Number  
**C-7**  
 Squad or RA Number  
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 Agent's Social Security No.  
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FROM **BOSTON**  
 SUBJECT: **SPACE SHUTTLE CHALLENGER INFORMATION CONCERNING LAUNCH EXPLOSION, KENNEDY SPACE CENTER, FL**

**1/28/86**  
**SABOTAGE; NASA ACT**  
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**Investigative Assistance or Technique Used**

Were any of the investigative assistance or techniques listed below used in connection with accomplishment being claimed?  No  Yes - If Yes, rate each used as follows:  
 1 = Used, but did not help    3 = Helped, substantially  
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1. Acctg. Tech. Assistance	Rating	8. Eng. Sect. Tape Exams	Rating	16. Photographic Coverage	Rating	22. Telephone Toll Recs	Rating
2. Aircraft Assistance		9. Hypnosis Assistance		17. Polygraph Assistance		23. UCO Group I	
3. Computer Assistance		10. Ident. Div. Assistance		18. Search Warrants Executed		24. UCO Group II	
4. Continuous Monitoring		11. Informant Information		19. Show Money Usage		25. UC Other	
5. ELSUR - FISC		12. Lab Div. Exams		20. Survival Sqd. (BOG) Asset		26. NCAWC/VI-CAP	
6. ELSUR - Title II		13. Lab Div. Field Support		21. SWAT Team Action		27. Visual Invest. Analysis (VIA)	
7. Eng. Sect. Field Support		14. Pen Registers		21. Tech. Agt. or Tech. Equip.			

- X if a joint operation with:  
 (Identify in other agency)
- X if case involves corruption of a public official (Federal, State or Local).

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<b>A. Preliminary Judicial Process</b> (Number of subjects)		Complaints	Informations	Indictments	<b>D. Recoveries, Restitutions, or Potential Economic Loss Prevented (PELP)</b>				(Explain valuation in remarks)		
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		A	B	C	Subpoenas Served	\$	\$		\$		
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FBI Locates					Local Crim. Summonses	\$	\$		\$		
Local Arrests				1		\$	\$		\$		
FBI Subj. Registered						\$	\$		\$		
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<b>C. Release of Hostages or Children Located</b> (Number of Hostages or Children Located)					<b>E. Civil Matters</b>		Government Defendant		Government Plaintiff		
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<b>F. Final Judicial Process:</b> Judicial District _____ State _____ Conviction or Pretrial Div. Date _____ Sentence Date _____ No. of Subjects _____											
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Attach additional forms if reporting final judicial process on more than four subjects, and submit a final disposition for (F-64) for each subject.

Remarks: (For every subject reported in Sections A, B or F above, provide name, DOB, race\*, sex, and POB and SSAN if available.)

For information, telcal received at Ch. 7 (CBS affiliated), Boston evening before captioned launch, in which caller, claiming to be a member of a 3 man group who were going to sabotage the CHALLENGER Shuttle, causing it to explode. Following the actual explosion of the Space Shuttle, Ch. 7 notified Boston FBI about this call. Extensive investigation conducted by Boston FBI to identify caller and same was accomplished evening of 1/28/86. After presentation to Middlesex DA's office, warrant was issued for [Redacted] DOB [Redacted] causing [Redacted] to be incarcerated for a 5 day evaluation. [Redacted] admitted to FBI of making calls to CH. 7, thereby relieving FBI of what certainly would have been an extensive investigation.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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DATE: 3/4/86

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM : SAC, LOUISVILLE (98-716) (RUC)

SUBJECT: SPACE SHUTTLE CHALLENGER,  
INFORMATION CONCERNING LAUNCH-EXPLOSION,  
KENNEDY SPACE CENTER, FLORIDA, 1/28/86  
SABOTAGE; NASA ACT  
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Re Louisville teletype to the Bureau dated 2/13/86.

Enclosed for the Bureau, New Orleans, and El Paso are two copies each of FD 302 re interview with [REDACTED]

Enclosed for Tampa are the original and one copy of FD 302 re interview with [REDACTED] and original notes from that interview.

Louisville is considering this matter RUC.

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On February 12, 1986, [redacted]

[redacted] was interviewed and advised as follows:

Prior to his assignment at Fort Campbell he was assigned [redacted] in Geissen, Germany, APO 09169.

He recalls a [redacted] being assigned to his unit in Germany. He could not recall the exact date when [redacted] was discharged from the U. S. Army, but the date of [redacted] sounded correct. He recalls receiving approximately two letters from [redacted] after [redacted] discharge. The first letter received was approximately two months after [redacted] discharge. In this letter, [redacted] complained that no one was writing to him and that no one liked him. [redacted] then wrote [redacted] a return letter approximately two months later, and then received the second letter from [redacted] approximately two months after that date. Based on the wording in the second letter, [redacted] did not sound stable and [redacted] decided not to write to him anymore. The second letter was approximately one and one-half pages long. [redacted] had written notes in the margin and the whole tenor of the letter did not seem to [redacted] to be stable. There was some mention in the letter about some plans, but [redacted] could not recall whether or not NASA was mentioned.

The primary reason that [redacted] reported the receipt of this letter was that [redacted] had made veiled threats towards [redacted] who has also since been transferred from Germany. These veiled threats related to the fact that when [redacted] was being discharged from the Army he owned a car that met German specifications and did not want to take it with him back to the United States. [redacted] had agreed to buy it since he was staying in Germany. There was some disagreement between [redacted] and [redacted] about payment. [redacted] read the letter and felt that it should be reported. [redacted] did not take any of [redacted]

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comments seriously.

[redacted]

[redacted] reported the receipt of this letter to [redacted] (phonetic) who is now out of the U. S. Army and living in the New Orleans, Louisiana, area. There were approximately two copies of this letter made, one going to whom he [redacted] thought was the CID agent that interviewed him and one going to [redacted] or [redacted]

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[redacted] just recently arrived at Fort Campbell and his personal belongings have not been unpacked; however, he will attempt to find a copy of the letter received from [redacted] in his personal affects. [redacted] did not attach any significance to the comment about [redacted] having copies of plans. When [redacted] heard about the space shuttle explosion he did not have any thoughts that this might be connected to [redacted] might have a forwarding address for [redacted]

[redacted] is not aware of other friends receiving letters from [redacted]. It is possible that [redacted] may have received the letter about the money [redacted] felt [redacted] owed him. It is also possible that [redacted] at Heirborne, Selbach, Germany, may have received a letter from [redacted] about his problems with [redacted]. This would have been an attempt by [redacted] to, "go to the top". [redacted] advised that he was

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interviewed about this letter by what he thought were CID agents. These agents came to his Company area and showed identification.

There is a [REDACTED] currently assigned at Fort Campbell that was in Geissen at the pertinent time. On the previous weekend, [REDACTED] was planning to travel to the New Orleans area to visit [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] would have a possible address for [REDACTED] if needed.

[REDACTED] could not be sure as to when he received the letter from [REDACTED] but felt that the approximate end of 1984 would be close. [REDACTED] has since transferred from Germany and is currently in the U. S. Army possibly somewhere in Texas.

On February 14, 1986, [REDACTED] advised he had been able to locate a copy of the letter he received from [REDACTED]. He did not locate the original and assumes that the original was given to the CID or other law enforcement officers in Germany. A review of this letter reveals the wording "I've got the blueprints to NASA I've got in touch with [REDACTED] he's coming to help". [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] referred to here is [REDACTED] who is now out of the Army and residing at [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] also provided copies of three envelopes that [REDACTED] had used to forward letters to GERMANY. The bottom envelope appears to have the date of July 3, 1984, would have been the envelope that contained the letter in question. It is noted that on this envelope, [REDACTED] gave the return of address of [REDACTED].

It is further noted that on the other two envelopes with postmark of November 30, and December 4, 1984, [REDACTED] gave the return address of [REDACTED].

The copies provided by [REDACTED] are being attached hereto.

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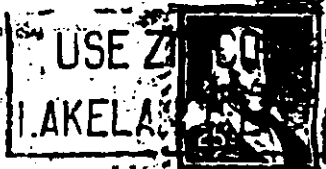
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REMEMBER THAT GENERAL THE POSTAGE ON  
THAT I GAVE THE DABUE TO- ?  
HE KNOWS ME WRITE BACK TOP SECRET  
[REDACTED] IS MY HOME BOY FROM TAMPA IMPORTANT

DEAR [REDACTED]  
YOU MAKE SCI YET I HOPE SO  
BECAUSE ITS BETTER TO DEAL WITH  
IT HEY I AM IN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SO WHEN  
YOUR TIME IS OUT I WILL COME TO FLA  
I STILL  
WANT MY MONEY FOR MY CAR DID  
YOU GIVE MY OTHER BETTER TO  
[REDACTED] I WISH SOME OF YALL OLD  
TIMERS WOULD MUSCLE OLD [REDACTED]

TELL HIM HE BETTER PAY UP -- BEFORE  
I HAVE TO COME BACK & HANG HIM  
I VE STILL GOT MY INTERNATIONAL SIBT  
RECORDS TELL [REDACTED]  
IM LOOKING FOR A SOUTH AMERICAN/LATIN  
TRANSLATOR TO GO TO COLUMBIA & PUNK

SOME NATIVES MY FRIEND HAS A GOLD  
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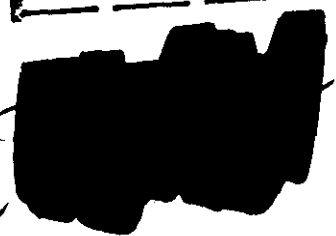
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SPACE ADMINISTRATION (NASA), KENNEDY SPACE CENTER (KSC), FLORIDA,  
IN CONTINUING SUPPORT ROLE TO NASA'S BOARD OF INQUIRY. FBI TAMPA *(LW)*  
HAS BEEN QUERIED REGARDING FBI LABORATORY SUPPORT AVAILABLE BY THE  
NASA BOARD OF INQUIRY, SPECIFICALLY REGARDING THE EXAMINATION OF  
HUMAN REMAINS. TAMPA INITIATED TELEPHONIC INQUIRY WITH FBI LAB.  
SCIENTIFIC ANALYSIS SECTION, REGARDING THE NASA INQUIRY.

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OFFICE AT WASHINGTON, D.C., IN ADDITION TO THE TAMPA INQUIRY, FBI LABORATORY PERSONNEL ARE TRAVELING TO THE NASA KSC FACILITY THIS DATE TO CONFER WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ARMED FORCES INSTITUTE OF PATHOLOGY WHO ARE ALSO ON THE SCENE LOCALLY AND TO BE AVAILABLE FOR A PRESENTATION TO THE NASA BOARD OF INQUIRY REGARDING EXAMINATION SERVICES WHICH ARE AVAILABLE TO NASA IN CONNECTION WITH THEIR OFFICIAL INQUIRY. SAC TAMPA CONCURS WITH TRAVEL OF LAB PERSONNEL.

FBI LIAISON AT KSC, FLORIDA, STRONGLY SUPPORTS A PRESENTATION BY FBI LAB PERSONNEL BEFORE THE NASA BOARD OF INQUIRY. WITHOUT SUCH A PRESENTATION, THE FORMAL REVIEW BOARD WOULD NOT BE AWARE OF THE MANY EXAMINATION TECHNIQUES AVAILABLE, AND THEIR FINAL REPORT COULD CONCEIVABLY LEAVE IMPORTANT QUESTIONS UNANSWERED REGARDING THE REAL CAUSE OF THE FAILURE WHICH RESULTED IN CAPTIONED TRAGEDY.

OFFICIAL NASA POSITION AT THIS POINT REMAINS BASICALLY THAT NASA WILL NOT SPECULATE ON THE EXACT CAUSE OF THE TRAGEDY. HOWEVER, ACTUAL INQUIRY STILL CONCENTRATES ON MAJOR MALFUNCTION, ESPECIALLY REGARDING THE RIGHT SOLID ROCKET BOOSTER.

FBIHQ WILL BE PROMPTLY UPDATED CONCERNING ANY PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS.

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ATTENTION: CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION, FBIHQ; LABORATORY DIVISION, FBIHQ.

SPACE SHUTTLE CHALLENGER, INFORMATION CONCERNING LAUNCH EXPLOSION, KENNEDY SPACE CENTER, FLORIDA, JANUARY 28, 1986; SABOTAGE; NASA ACT; OO: TAMPA.

RE CLEVELAND TELETYPES TO THE BUREAU, JANUARY 30, 1986, AND FEBRUARY 3, 1986.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WAS INTERVIEWED TELEPHONICALLY ON THE EVENING OF FEBRUARY 11, 1986, WHEN HE RETURNED A CALL LEFT EARLIER WITH [REDACTED]

IN ESSENCE, [REDACTED] MENTIONED HE RECALLED SAYING SOMETHING TO [REDACTED]

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FRIENDS IN CLEVELAND ABOUT HIS CONCERN FOR SAFETY AT KENNEDY SPACE CENTER, AND HIS PERSONAL OPINION THAT A TRAGEDY COULD OCCUR. HE EXPLAINED HE WAS NEVER COMFORTABLE WORKING AROUND THE FUEL CELLS FOR THE SOLID ROCKET BOOSTERS, AND HE WAS CONCERNED THAT ONE OF THE CELLS MIGHT IGNITE AND MELT DOWN THE VERTICAL ASSEMBLY BUILDING. [REDACTED] WAS VERY EXPLICIT IN HIS COMMENTARY REGARDING SAFETY, AND HE NOTED HE NEVER OBSERVED OR OTHERWISE BECAME AWARE OF ANY SAFETY VIOLATIONS, SHORTCUTS WHICH WOULD IMPAIR SAFETY OR OTHER NEGLIGENCE OR MISCONDUCT. HE STATED THAT ACTIVITY OF THAT SORT WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN TOLERATED. [REDACTED] ADDED HE HAD NO INFORMATION WHATSOEVER REGARDING SABOTAGE OR POTENTIAL SABOTAGE.

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TAMPA APPRECIATES CLEVELAND'S INPUT IN CAPTIONED MATTER.

FOR INFO FBI LABORATORY, TELEPHONE NUMBER ASSIGNED TO THE NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD AT KENNEDY SPACE CENTER IS FTS - 823-5717; COMMERCIAL (305) 867-5717. FBI LABORATORY NUMBER AND EXTENSION FOR THE SCIENTIFIC ANALYSIS SECTION FURNISHED TO NTFB LOCALLY THIS DATE, TAMPA NOTES THAT A JOHN WHITE IS ASSISTING TERRY ARMENTROUT IN THE NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION OF SAFETY BOARD FUNCTIONS AT KSC.

FBIHQ WILL BE KEPT APPRISED OF PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS.

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 CONCERNING LAUNCH - EXPLOSION  
 KENNEDY SPACE CENTER, FLORIDA,  
 1/28/86, SABOTAGE;  
 NASA ACT  
 OO: TAMPA

Re Louisville teletype to Bureau, 2/18/86.

On 3/4/86, [REDACTED], Criminal Investigations  
 Detachment (CID), Fort Campbell, Kentucky, advised he has  
 received a reply from its CID Office in Giessen, Germany, and  
 no record was found regarding [REDACTED]  
 making notification of its receipt of a letter from [REDACTED]

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 KENNEDY SPACE CENTER, FLORIDA,  
 January 28, 1986;  
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Re TP teletype to Bu, 2/13/86.

Enclosed for the Bureau and Tampa are two copies each of NASA memorandum and a sketch with notes on opposite side.

On February 27, 1986, original of enclosed sketch and an investigative memorandum regarding details of origination of this sketch were obtained from ROBERT MOONEY, Security Specialist, JOHNSON SPACE CENTER, Clear Lake, Texas.

MOONEY stated that [redacted] who gave him the sketch and was interviewed by him on the details has been alerted to contact his office, if she should again observe any of the four individuals she saw on February 20, 1986.

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Houston will maintain contact with NASA Security and follow any further developments in this matter. Houston is opening a 199 investigation on the unknown subjects observed by [redacted] on February 20th.

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KENNEDY SPACE CENTER, FLORIDA, JANUARY 28, 1986; SABOTAGE; NASA  
ACT; OO: TAMPA

THIS IS AN UPDATE OF THE STATUS IN CAPTIONED MATTER FOR THE  
INFORMATION OF FBIHQ.

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] WAS LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED AT [REDACTED] ON  
MARCH 6, 1986. [REDACTED] ACKNOWLEDGED THAT HE WAS IDENTICAL TO THE

[REDACTED] WHO WROTE THE LETTER TO [REDACTED] AND HE FURNISHED THE  
FOLLOWING COMMENTS REGARDING THE LETTER:

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THE LETTER WAS WRITTEN PRIMARILY AS A JOKE. THE REFERENCE TO  
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[REDACTED] FOUND, DESCRIPTION AND DISPOSITION SET OUT BELOW. THE REFERENCE TO A GOLD MINE WAS A JOKING REFERENCE TO AN ACTUAL GOLD MINE IN SOUTH AMERICA. [REDACTED] HAD BEEN INVOLVED IN SOME MONEY VENTURES IN SOUTH AMERICA AND HAD DISCUSSED SAME WITH [REDACTED] AND IT WAS THROUGH THESE DISCUSSIONS THAT [REDACTED] GOT THE IDEA OF GOLD MINING IN SOUTH AMERICA. THE REFERENCE TO "[REDACTED]" WAS A REFERENCE TO A FORMER ARMY BUDDY [REDACTED], AND WAS ONCE AGAIN MENTIONED IN PASSING AS A JOKE. DURING THE INTERVIEW, [REDACTED] TURNED OVER SEVERAL PAGES OF OLD NASA BLUEPRINTS CONCERNING CONSTRUCTION AT THE LOCAL NASA CENTER AND HE MENTIONED THAT HE FOUND THESE IN A JUNKYARD [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] HAD DISCARDED THESE BLUEPRINTS AND [REDACTED] KEPT THEM FOR REASONS UNKNOWN. THE BLUEPRINTS WERE TURNED OVER TO THE FBI AND SUBSEQUENTLY RETURNED TO NASA SECURITY AT KENNEDY SPACE CENTER, FLORIDA, WHERE THEY WERE EXAMINED AND FOUND TO BE NONSENSITIVE, ROUTINE CONSTRUCTION BLUEPRINTS WHICH WERE ROUTINELY SENT TO ANY CONTRACTORS WHO EXPRESSED A DESIRE IN MAKING A BID ON A SPECIFIC CONTRACT WHICH WAS ADVERTISED BY THE LOCAL NASA FACILITY. NASA RETAINED THE BLUEPRINTS FOR DISPOSITION. [REDACTED] IS NOT CONSIDERED

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A THREAT TO NASA OR A FACTOR IN CAPTIONED TRAGEDY.

CLAIRVOYANT [REDACTED]

BASED ON THE FACT THAT THE INFORMATION FROM [REDACTED] WAS FURNISHED THROUGH [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT [REDACTED] INFORMATION WAS SPECIFIC REGARDING THE LOCAL ADDRESS OF THOSE SHE CLAIMED TO BE THE LOCAL CONSPIRATORS, TAMPA CONDUCTED SOME LIMITED INVESTIGATION SO THAT THE BUREAU WOULD BE IN A POSITION TO RESPOND SHOULD ANY FOLLOW-UP INQUIRIES BE FORTHCOMING FROM [REDACTED]

THE EXACT LOCATION SPECIFIED ON THE TOPOGRAPHICAL MAP FURNISHED BY WFO WAS PINPOINTED AND THE RESIDENCE IN THAT AREA WERE IDENTIFIED THROUGH A BRIEF FISUR AND SUBSEQUENT CHECKING OF LOCAL CROSS DIRECTORIES. THE IDENTITIES DEVELOPED WERE CHECKED THROUGH LOCAL NASA EMPLOYMENT RECORDS, NONE OF THOSE IDENTIFIED WERE EMPLOYED BY NASA AT THE LOCAL FACILITY. ALSO, NASA SECURITY INDEPENDENTLY CHECKED THEIR SECURITY GUARD FORCE PERSONNEL RECORDS AND DETERMINED THAT NONE OF THE CURRENT SECURITY EMPLOYEES, OR RECENT DISMISSALS, RESIDED IN THE GENERAL AREA PINPOINTED BY [REDACTED]

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TAMPA IS CONTINUING TO KEEP THE LOCAL NASA FACILITY ADVISED OF DEVELOPMENTS BY THE FBI, AND TAMPA REVIEWS THAT INFORMATION DEVELOPED

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BY NASA SECURITY IN COORDINATING THIS MATTER, TAMPA FOLLOWING.

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June 12, 1986

MEMORANDUM TO MR. CLARKE

RE: ~~X~~ NATIONAL SPACE COMMISSION

SPACE SHUTTLE CHALLENGER  
INFORMATION CONCERNING  
LAUNCH EXPLOSION  
KENNEDY SPACE CENTER  
FLOR. DA. 1/28/86

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William P. Rogers, Chairman of the Commission, called to express his thanks and appreciation for the services of our four Special Agents who were detailed to the Commission. He remarked that they were exceptionally fine individuals, did a thorough and imaginative job, performed yeoman service, were tremendously good for morale for the other staff members and the members of the Commission, and that he was deeply appreciative for all that they had done. I would appreciate it if you would communicate the substance of this telephone conversation to the detail through Mr. Caro.

William H. Webster  
Director

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FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

April 18, 1986

Chairman  
Presidential Commission on the  
Space Shuttle Challenger Accident  
Suite 760  
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*YS/ACC Shuttle CHALLENGER,  
Information CONCERNING LAUNCH EXPLOSION  
KENNEDY SPACE CENTER, FLORIDA,  
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Attention Mr. John Chase

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The enclosed summary of FBI investigations into the Challenger accident is being provided to your commission at the request of Mr. Patrick J. Maley.

The FBI does not have any reliable information which would reasonably indicate that sabotage was the cause of the space shuttle Challenger explosion.

The overall FBI investigation of the Challenger explosion is being coordinated by our Tampa Office. The Tampa Office has maintained a close liaison with the NASA Mishap Investigation Board through the NASA Security Office.

If the FBI can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to call upon me.

Sincerely yours,

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Stanley Klein, Chief  
Terrorism Section  
Criminal Investigative Division

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Mr. Klein

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**NOTE:** This communication is in response to a note from Patrick J. ~~Malley~~, Presidential Commission on the Space Shuttle Challenger Accident, to Terrorism Section Chief Stanley Klein, requesting a summary of the FBI's investigation into the Challenger accident. John Chase, a staff investigator for the Commission, advised the Terrorism Section that the FBI summary would be used in the Commission's final report.



April 18, 1986

SPACE SHUTTLE CHALLENGER,  
INFORMATION CONCERNING LAUNCH EXPLOSION,  
KENNEDY SPACE CENTER, FLORIDA  
JANUARY 28, 1986

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) has conducted numerous investigations regarding information received, subsequent to the shuttle Challenger explosion, concerning possible sabotage of the space craft. These investigations are synopsized as follows:

On January 27, 1986, an anonymous caller made a telephone call to Channel 7 News, a CBS-TV affiliate, Boston, Massachusetts, and stated "some horrible, horrible things were going to happen tomorrow, at least five people are going to be killed." The caller indicated he was one of a group of three that was going to sabotage NASA. The caller further indicated that if the shuttle did blow up he would recontact the news station. On January 28, 1986, at approximately 3:25 p.m. the anonymous caller made a telephone call to Channel 7 News and advised that he intended to make a telephone call to the Governor at 5:00 p.m. During a briefing of Agents in the Boston Office of the FBI, it was recalled that in September, 1985, a "walk in" complainant, of questionable mental capacity, had indicated he had been responsible for the delay of previous shuttle flights, plane crashes, and other catastrophic events. It was determined that the complainant's name was [REDACTED]. The anonymous caller made a telephone call to [REDACTED] residence at 5:00 p.m., as previously indicated, and gave the name of a restaurant where [REDACTED] was to meet him. FBI Agents and local police proceeded to the restaurant where they identified [REDACTED] girlfriend who was waiting at the restaurant to take [REDACTED] to meet with [REDACTED] was interviewed and he admitted making the telephone calls to Channel 7 News. A local arrest warrant was issued and [REDACTED] was arrested and incarcerated for a five-day mental evaluation. No further FBI investigation was conducted in this matter.

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On January 28, 1986, [REDACTED] telephonically contacted the FBI Office in New Orleans and advised that in 1985, while he was stationed with the U.S. Army in Giessen, West Germany,

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He learned of a letter sent by [redacted] to [redacted], in which [redacted] stated he had obtained blueprints to NASA and would do a job on them. Both [redacted] and [redacted] had been stationed together in Giessen, West Germany.

[redacted] was located and interviewed and he stated that he and [redacted] were assigned to the same unit in Germany [redacted], at which time [redacted] was sent back to the United States for discharge. [redacted] received two letters from [redacted] after his discharge and because of the wording of the letters, [redacted] felt that [redacted] did not sound stable. [redacted] provided the FBI with the first [redacted] letter in which [redacted] states, "My friend has a gold mine (Mercenary) tell um to write me. I want them to go on leave and don't never come back. I am on a secret mission (I've got the blueprints to "NASA" I've got in touch with [redacted] he's coming to help." [redacted] was located and interviewed by the FBI. He stated the letter in question was primarily a joke. The reference to "blueprints to NASA" was in reference to some old blueprints that [redacted] found [redacted]

The blueprints concerned construction at a local NASA center. [redacted] gave the FBI the blueprints and they were subsequently returned to NASA Security at Kennedy Space Center. The blueprints were examined by NASA and found to be nonsensitive, routine construction blueprints which were routinely sent to contractors who were bidding on a contract. No further FBI investigation was conducted in this matter.

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On January 29, 1986, the FBI Resident Agency, Bridgeport, Connecticut, received information from [redacted] Connecticut, that [redacted] made a statement in December, 1985, that he was going to sabotage the Orbital Display Unit (ODU), [redacted] to see if [redacted] an environment engineer [redacted], could "capture the failures." Investigation at [redacted] determined that the ODU, a system placed in each shuttle to provide the commander and copilot with flight information and to inform them of any malfunction so the flight may be aborted if necessary, is environmentally tested [redacted] [redacted] was interviewed regarding his alleged statement and

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he indicated he felt [REDACTED] was incompetent. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Further investigation by the FBI reflected that tamper-proof seals are placed on the ODU prior to being sent to the environmental laboratory for testing. Examination of the seals determined that tampering with the ODU once it left the production area would be noticed immediately because of the placement of the seals. No further investigation was conducted in this matter.

On January 30, 1986, the FBI Office in Cleveland, Ohio, was telephonically contacted by [REDACTED], who advised that on October 18, 1985, he had a casual conversation with [REDACTED], a former NASA [REDACTED] at Cape Canaveral [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] During their conversation about the shuttle craft propulsion system solid fuel booster rockets, [REDACTED] described the working conditions at NASA in Florida as "bad," which generated pressures on the NASA staff. [REDACTED] stated that if something went wrong with the shuttle while it was in the air, NASA could destroy it, and it's going to happen in the near future.

[REDACTED] related to [REDACTED] that someone at NASA in Florida had a bad attitude, but was smart with computers. [REDACTED] didn't elaborate on this statement. [REDACTED] was interviewed by the FBI and he stated he recalled saying something to friends in Cleveland about his concern for safety at Kennedy Space Center, and his personal opinion that a tragedy could occur. He explained he was never comfortable working around the fuel cells for the solid rocket boosters, and he was concerned that one of the cells might ignite and melt down the Vertical Assembly Building. [REDACTED] was never aware of any specific violations, shortcuts, negligence, or misconduct by NASA employees. He stated that type of conduct would not have been tolerated. [REDACTED] did not have any information regarding sabotage or potential sabotage at NASA. No further FBI investigation is being conducted regarding this matter.

The FBI received information regarding reports by two psychics who reported the shuttle exploded because of sabotage.

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One of these psychic reports was specific enough to allow for limited FBI investigation, which met with negative results.

On January 31, 1986, the FBI Resident Agency in Santa Ana, California, was advised by [REDACTED] that he believes the Challenger exploded due to its being struck by laser beams fired from either Cuba or an aircraft. [REDACTED] stated that a review of film footage of the explosion revealed brown puffs of smoke coming from the space shuttle just prior to the explosion. He stated leaks from the fuel tanks would produce white smoke, not brown smoke. [REDACTED] stated that the brown smoke would be produced each time the craft took a "hit" by the laser beam, and the explosion occurred when the laser beam penetrated the skin of the craft. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] FBI investigation reflected that [REDACTED] is an engineer who is familiar with laser technology. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] laser theory is plausible, but not probable.

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KENNEDY SPACE CENTER, FLORIDA, JANUARY 28, 1986; SABOTAGE; NASA

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RE TAMPA TELETYPE TO ALL FIELD OFFICE, DATED JANUARY 29, 1986.

IN REFERENCED TELETYPE THE TAMPA DIVISION ADVISED ALL FIELD OFFICES OF THE EXPLOSION OF THE CHALLENGER SPACE SHUTTLE, SHORTLY AFTER THE LAUNCH ON JANUARY 28, 1986.

INVESTIGATION, CONDUCTED TO DATE, BY THE MIAMI DIVISION, HAS BEEN NEGATIVE CONCERNING ANY POSSIBLE SABOTAGE OR OTHER ACTS

OF VIOLENCE TOWARDS THE SHUTTLE CHALLENGER, PRIOR TO TAKEOFF MAY 12 1986

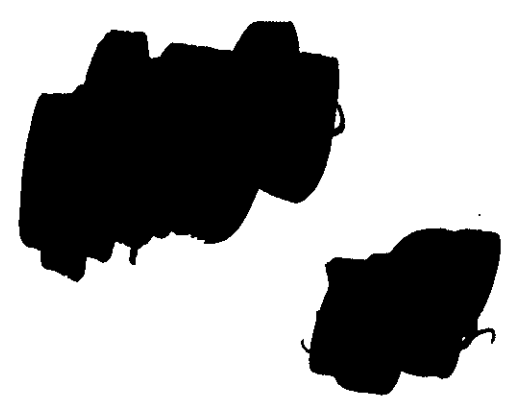
IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE, THE MIAMI DIVISION IS PLACING THIS MATTER IN AN RUC STATUS.

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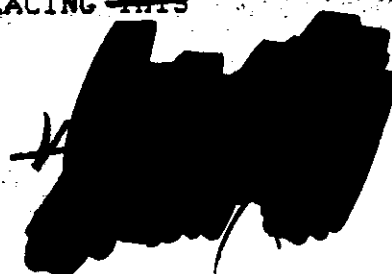
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TO DIRECTOR ROUTINE

TAMPA ROUTINE

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ATTENTION: SUPERVISOR JOHN SCHIMM

SPACE SHUTTLE CHALLENGER, INFORMATION CONCERNING LAUNCH EXPLOSION,

KENNEDY SPACE CENTER, FLORIDA, JANUARY 28, 1986, SABOTAGE, WABA

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RE TELCALL BETWEEN BUREAU SUPERVISOR [REDACTED] AND

SA [REDACTED] CINCINNATI DIVISION, MAY 7, 1986.

IN REFERENCED TELCALL DETAILS RE [REDACTED]

AND HIS ALLEGATIONS OF SABOTAGE WERE DISCUSSED. IDENTIFICATION

OF [REDACTED] AND FOLLOWING DETAILS RE [REDACTED] WERE DETERMINED BY

REVIEW OF CINCINNATI FBI RECORDS AND INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED

AT CINCINNATI, OHIO, MAY 9, 1986.

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[REDACTED] MALE, DOB [REDACTED], POB [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] FEET, [REDACTED] POUNDS, SEAN [REDACTED] FBI # [REDACTED]  
CURRENT ADDRESS [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] OHIO.

FBI IDENTIFICATION DIVISION RECORDS CONTAINED IN CINCINNATI  
FILE [REDACTED] REFLECT FOLLOWING [REDACTED]

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IN 1934 [REDACTED] WROTE SEVERAL LETTERS TO  
PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION ON ORGANIZED CRIME AND OFFERED TO GIVE  
TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE. [REDACTED] MADE ALLEGATIONS OF WRONGDOING  
BY DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, FRAUD AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT,  
INFILTRATION OF FBI BORGANID CRI AND HER CHARGES. NO  
SUBSTANTIVE INVESTIGATION BY CINCINNATI FBI EVER DEVELOPED.

FREE, CI 93-1492  
IN MARCH, 1935, IDENTIFYING INFORMATION RE [REDACTED]  
ISHED TO U. S. SECRET SERVICE, AT CINCINNATI, OHIO.  
[REDACTED] MANAGER OF [REDACTED], UPON  
EING SPECIAL AGENT, FBI IDENTIFICATION, STATED "YOU MUST BE  
HER TO ASK ABOUT MR. [REDACTED] SHE ADVISED THE APARTMENTS ARE  
SUBSIDIZED HOUSING FOR ABOUT 200 RESIDENCES WITH [REDACTED] AS  
ELIGIBLE [REDACTED] DESCRIBED [REDACTED] AS

"VERY UNUSUAL" AND UPSETTING TO OTHER RESIDENTS. SHE SAID  
[REDACTED] TRAVELLED TO WASHINGTON, D. C. ABOUT CHRISTMAS, 1935; TO  
TALK TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES. SHORTLY THEREAFTER,  
U. S. SECRET SERVICE MADE INQUIRY RE [REDACTED] AT THE APARTMENTS.

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CONTINUALLY WRITING IN A NOTEBOOK AND RECORDING LICENSE NUMBERS  
OF CARS DRIVING BY; 3. STRAPPING A SUITCASE TO A BOARD WITH  
TWO WHEELS AND PULLING IT ALONG WHEN HE LEAVES HIS APARTMENT, AND  
4. DELIVERING TO HER NOTARIZED LETTERS OF NO APPARENT PURPOSE.  
CINCINNATI DIVISION HAS NOT AND UACB, WILL NOT INTERVIEW  
[REDACTED] RE CAPTIONED MATTER.

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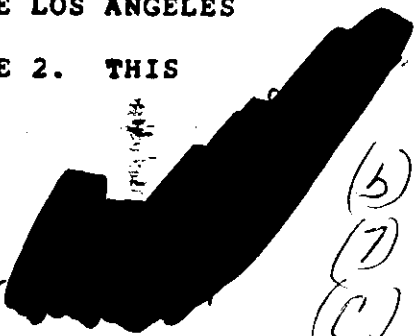
SPACE SHUTTLE CHALLENGER, INFORMATION CONCERNING LAUNCH EXPLOSION,  
KENNEDY SPACE CENTER, FLORIDA-JANUARY 28, 1986; SABOTAGE; NASA  
ACT; OO: TAMPA

AS LOS ANGELES IS AWARE, TAMPA HAS BEEN UTILIZING CAPTIONED  
INVESTIGATION AS A VEHICLE TO ASSIST NASA IN THE INVESTIGATION  
REGARDING CAPTIONED ACCIDENT, AND TAMPA WAS IN THE PROCESS OF  
RECOMMENDING THIS MATTER BE CLOSED TO FBIHQ WHEN WE RECEIVED ONE  
ADDITIONAL REQUEST THROUGH NASA'S KENNEDY SPACE CENTER ON JUNE 12,  
1986.

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THE LOCAL KENNEDY SPACE CENTER RECEIVED A LETTER FROM  
CALIFORNIA RE A CLASSIFIED AD WHICH APPEARED IN THE LOS ANGELES  
TIMES, JUNE 1, 1986 ISSUE, CLASSIFIED SECTION, PAGE 2. THIS

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CLASSIFIED AD OFFERS SPACE SHUTTLE FRAGMENTS FOR SALE AND THE ADVERTISEMENT READS AS FOLLOWS:

BELIEVED TO BE ALL THAT'S LEFT FROM TRAGIC CHALLENGER DISASTER RECOVERED FROM OCEAN FLOOR AND THE IMMEDIATE AREA OF EXPLOSION. FRAGMENTS SOLD SEPARATELY OR BEAUTIFULLY FRAMED. ALL TESTED NON-TOXIC, NON-RADIOACTIVE. FOR INFORMATION, WRITE: ~~HOUSE OF HISTORY,~~ P.O. BOX 30623, LOS ANGELES, CA 90030-0623.

TAMPA'S IMMEDIATE IMPRESSION IS THAT THIS IS PROBABLY NOTHING MORE THAN A SCHEME BY THROUGH WHICH SOME INDIVIDUAL HOPES TO REAP A HANDSOME PROFIT BY SELLING BITS AND PIECES OF MATERIAL WHICH IN ALL LIKELIHOOD IS NOT IDENTIFIABLE WITH ANY OF THE MISSING FRAGMENTS FROM THE SPACE SHUTTLE CHALLENGER. LOS ANGELES IS BEING REQUESTED TO COORDINATE AN INQUIRY THROUGH THE POSTAL INSPECTOR'S OFFICE FOR LOS ANGELES IN AN ATTEMPT TO TRACE THE PROPRIETORS OF THE HOUSE OF HISTORY AND THEREAFTER, ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE IF ANY OF THE ITEMS ARE IDENTIFIABLE WITH THE CHALLENGER AND THE MANNER THROUGH WHICH THESE ITEMS WERE OBTAINED.

TAMPA NOTES THAT NASA'S LEGAL COUNSEL RENDERED AN INTERPRETATION OF SALVAGE RULES WHICH ESTABLISHES ANY SPACE SHUTTLE CHALLENGER FRAGMENTS AS GOVERNMENT PROPERTY AND THE PROPRIETORS FOR THE HOUSE

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OF HISTORY SHOULD BE APPRISED OF SAME. TAMPA NOTES THAT THIS IS A GREY LEGAL AREA AT PRESENT, BUT SHOULD ANY ITEMS BE LOCATED WHICH APPEAR TO BE IDENTIFIABLE WITH THE CHALLENGER AND RESISTANCE IS ENCOUNTERED FROM THE PROPRIETORS OF THE HOUSE OF HISTORY IN THE RETRIEVAL OF SAME, TAMPA AND FBIHQ SHOULD BE NOTIFIED PROMPTLY SO THAT A RESOLUTION OF ANY QUESTIONS CAN BE PROMPTLY OBTAINED.

LOS ANGELES IS REQUESTED TO COORDINAE AN INQUIRY IN LINE WITH ABOVE AND FURNISH APPLICABLE DETAILS TO FBIHQ AND TAMPA.

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FM DIRECTOR FBI

TO FBI SAN ANTONIO (98-459) ROUTINE

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SPACE SHUTTLE CHALLENGER INFORMATION CONCERNING LAUNCH  
EXPLOSION, KENNEDY SPACE CENTER, FLORIDA - JANUARY 28, 1986;

SABOTAGE; NASA ACT; OO: TAMPA

RE SAN ANTONIO TELETYPE TO BUREAU, APRIL 5, 1986,  
CAPTIONED APOLLO MISSION EXPLOSION; POSSIBLE SABOTAGE.

REFERENCED SAN ANTONIO TELETYPE, WHICH WAS RELAYED TO  
TAMPA, INDICATED [REDACTED]  
HAD INFORMATION CONCERNING THE SABOTAGE OF THE APOLLO ROCKET  
FIFTEEN YEARS AGO, AND POSSIBLE SABOTAGE OF THE SHUTTLE  
CHALLENGER.

FOR INFORMATION OF SAN ANTONIO, THE REPORT OF THE  
PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION ON THE SPACE SHUTTLE CHALLENGER

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ACCIDENT, ISSUED JUNE 6, 1986, STATES THAT THE SHUTTLE CHALLENGER ACCIDENT WAS CAUSED BY A FAILURE IN THE JOINT BETWEEN THE TWO LOWER SEGMENTS OF THE RIGHT SOLID ROCKET MOTOR. FBI INVESTIGATION HAS NOT DISCLOSED SABOTAGE AS A REASON FOR THE CHALLENGER ACCIDENT.

SAN ANTONIO SHOULD INTERVIEW [REDACTED] AND OBTAIN DETAILS OF (b)(7)(c) HIS ALLEGATIONS CONCERNING SABOTAGE OF THE APOLLO ROCKET {15 YEARS AGO} AND THE SHUTTLE CHALLENGER.

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SPACE SHUTTLE CHALLENGER,  
INFORMATION CONCERNING LAUNCH EXPLOSION,  
KENNEDY SPACE CENTER, FLORIDA,  
JANUARY 28, 1986;  
SABOTAGE; NASA ACT  
OO: TAMPA

Re Cincinnati teletype to the Bureau and Tampa; May 9, 1986.

Enclosed for Tampa is a tape recording concerning a message from [redacted], a copy of a transcript of the recording, and copies of six documents relating to [redacted]

For information of Tampa, the enclosures were received at FBIHQ on May 8, 1986, from SA [redacted] a Washington Field Agent temporarily assigned to the Presidential Commission investigating the Shuttle Challenger accident.

Referenced Cincinnati teletype discloses Cincinnati investigation conducted concerning [redacted] telcall (recorded) to the NASA Office of Inspector General on May 2, 1986.

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Date 12/2/86

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (98-2210) (IT-1) (RUC)

SUBJECT: SPACE SHUTTLE CHALLENGER,  
 INFORMATION CONCERNING LAUNCH  
 EXPLOSION, KENNEDY SPACE CENTER,  
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Reference Tampa teletype to Bureau, 6/16/86.

Based on information furnished in referenced teletype Los Angeles established liaison with Inspector POSTAL INSPECTORS OFFICE, Pasadena, California. [redacted] advised P.O. BOX 30623, Los Angeles, California, 90030-0623 is rented by [redacted] who resides at [redacted] California.

[redacted] further advised that he had interviewed [redacted] regarding this matter and that [redacted] denied ever having possessed parts of the space shuttle. He was advised to discontinue use of the P.O. BOX and also advised of the federal laws as applicable to mail fraud.

On 8/7/86, [redacted] was interviewed by a Special Agent of the Los Angeles office. [redacted] was apologetic concerning all the problems has ad has caused. He was extremely cooperative to the interviewing agent and furnished the following explanation concerning the ad he had placed in the LA TIMES:

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[redacted] advised the ad was initiated by him in an effort to determine if there would be any interest by people to obtain pieces of the space shuttle. He placed the ad, because several days prior he was approached by an individual who advised he could furnish [redacted] with fragments of the shuttle. This occurred outside the LOS ANGELES TRAIN STATION which was undergoing restoration. At that time, [redacted] who is an amateur treasure hunter was searching for collectibles in an area which had been cleared prior to new construction.

This individual was described as follows:

Name:  
Height:  
Weight:  
Age:  
Hair:  
Scars and Marks:

Vehicle:



[redacted] advised that based on his conversation with [redacted] he put an ad in the paper to see what kind of response he would get. Upon being contacted by the Postal Authorities he decided to not have any further contact with [redacted] whom he had given his home phone number to called a day or two later and [redacted] advised him that he was not interested in obtaining any fragments of the shuttle.

[redacted] advised that he had no further contact with [redacted] and could not furnish any additional information as to the whereabouts or how to locate [redacted] at this time.

The following is descriptive background regarding [redacted]

Name:  
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California Driver's  
License #:

Social Security #:

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[REDACTED] further advised interviewing agent that he was no longer utilizing the above P.O. BOX and is no longer involved in advertising for space shuttle parts under the name of "HOUSE OF HISTORY". [REDACTED] was very apologetic regarding this matter and advised that he was thinking of leaving town for awhile. *polac*

It was the impression of the interviewing agent that the information provided regarding [REDACTED] may have been furnished simply as an alibi for [REDACTED] actions.

Inasmuch as all logical investigation has been completed in Los Angeles and it has been determined that [REDACTED] is not in possession of any shuttle parts nor does he have access to any shuttle parts, LA anticipates no further investigation at this time.

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To : DIRECTOR, FBI

Date 12/30/86

From : SAC, TAMPA (98-99) (SQ 6) (C)

Subject : SPACE SHUTTLE CHALLENGER,  
INFORMATION CONCERNING LAUNCH EXPLOSION,  
KENNEDY SPACE CENTER, FLORIDA  
JANUARY 28, 1986;  
SABOTAGE; NASA ACT  
(OO: TAMPA)

Re Los Angeles airtel to Director, 12/12/86.

Referenced communication furnished the results of the last outstanding lead in captioned matter and pertinent information from that communication was furnished to Tampa's counterparts at NASA Security at the KENNEDY SPACE CENTER on 12/17/86.

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Tampa placing captioned matter in a closed status at the present time.

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