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**SUBJECT: SPACE SHUTTLE CHALLENGER
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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 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 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. (b)(2)(c)

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.

ST. LOUIS AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI. WILL REVIEW U.S. ARMY RECORDS TO IDENTIFY AND DETERMINE CURRENT WHEREABOUTS OF [REDACTED]

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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] WHICH TO HIS RECOLLECTION STATED THAT [REDACTED]

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

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

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[REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] OBTAIN ANY INFORMATION OF A MEDICAL NATURE WHICH MIGHT SHED SOME LIGHT RE [REDACTED] STATE OF MIND.

CHARLOTTE AT FORT BRAGG, NORTH CAROLINA. WILL, THROUGH THE BASE LOCATER, DETERMINE WHETHER [REDACTED] IS STATIONED THERE AND INTERVIEW [REDACTED] REGARDING THE ABOVE INCIDENT. IF NOT AT FT. BRAGG AND WHEREABOUTS ARE ASCERTAINED, SET OUT LEAD TO INTERVIEW. SUTEL.

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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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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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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]

[REDACTED]

[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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By [REDACTED]
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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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THIS MATTER IS CONSIDERED RUC.

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TO: INDIANAPOLIS PRIORITY

FROM: INDIANAPOLIS

RE:

MISSION CHALLENGER, C-1A CAMEL, FLORIDA;

SABOTAGE-IT.

THIS COMMUNICATION IS CLASSIFIED SECRET. IT'S FROM
INDIANAPOLIS TELETYPE TO TAMPA, 1/30/86,
INDIANAPOLIS TELECALL 2/7/86, OF [REDACTED]
[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] IS 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.

[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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KENNEDY SPACE CENTER, FLORIDA, JANUARY 28, 1986. SABOTAGE: NASA ACT:
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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]

[REDACTED] NEED CONTACTED. SHE [REDACTED] BEEN ADVISED [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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RE: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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]
[REDACTED]

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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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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ATTENTION: SSA PROSSER, TS/CID

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SPACE SHUTTLE CHALLENGER, INFORMATION CONCERNING LAUNCH EXPLOSION.

KENNEDY SPACE CENTER, FLORIDA, 1-18-86; SABOTAGE; NASA ACT. OO: TP.

RE BOSTON TEL CALLS TO TERRORISM SECTION AND CID DUTY DESK
JANUARY 28, 1986.

AT APPROXIMATELY 1:50 P.M. ON JANUARY 28, 1986, SEVERAL HOURS
AFTER THE EXPLOSION OF THE SPACE SHUTTLE, CHALLENGER, BOSTON FBI
RECEIVED A TELEPHONE CALL AT THE COMPLAINT DESK FROM

CHANNEL 7, A CBS-TV AFFILIATE.

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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. (b)(7)(C)

[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]
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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.

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IT IS ENTIRELY FEASIBLE, AND IN ALL PROBABILITY LIKELY, THAT
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UNKNOWN SUBJECTS. SHUTTLE MISSION CHALLENGER, CAPE CANAVERAL, FLORIDA:

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

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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

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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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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

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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]

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[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 SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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

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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 [REDACTED] 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]

[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..

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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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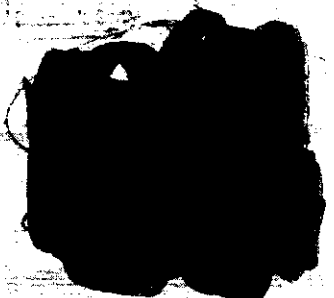
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ATTENTION: DAD WAYNE R. GILBERD, CID

ATTENTION: TERRORISM SECTION, CID

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



RE OMAHA TELECALL TO THE BUREAU 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
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[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT THE THREAT DID NOT SPECIFICALLY
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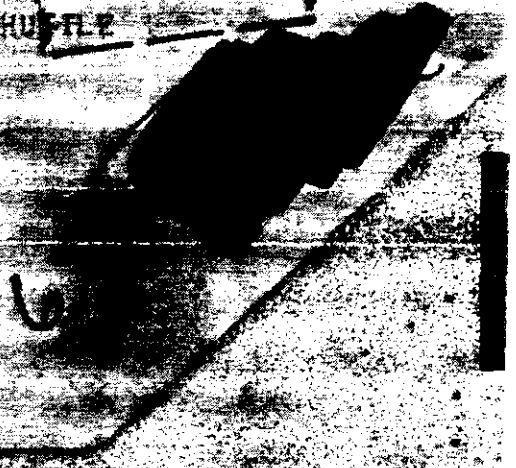
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CHALLENGER, BUT THAT DUE TO THE SEQUENCE OF EVENTS OF
MAY 15, 1986, THERE MUST BE A CONNECTION BETWEEN
AN EXPLOSION.

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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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.

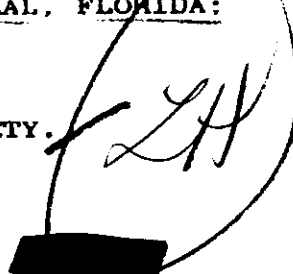
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OBTAINED SOME "BLUEPRINTS TO NASA AND WOULD DO A JOB ON THEM." BOTH
[REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] HAD BEEN ASSIGNED TO ABOVE UNIT.

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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

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[REDACTED] HAD DISCUSSED THE SHUTTLE CRAFT PROPELLION 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 WERE TO GOING AWRY, 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." 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.

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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)

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SPACE SHUTTLE CHALLENGER, INFORMATION CONCERNING LAUNCH EXPLOSION,

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

NASA ACT; OO: TAMPA.

THE NASA MISHAP INVESTIGATION BOARD (MIB), THE BOARD WHICH IS HANDLING THE LOCAL NASA INQUIRY, HAS RELAYED A REQUEST THROUGH THE

NASA SECURITY OFFICE AT KENNEDY SPACE CENTER (KSC), FLORIDA, FOR

COORDINATION OF FBI AND NASA SPIN-OFF INVESTIGATIONS RELATED TO THE

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DESIRE THAT ANY FBI INQUIRIES WITH CURRENT/FORMER NASA AND CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEES AT THE MAJOR NASA CENTERS REGARDING CAPTIONED MATTER BE COORDINATED AS FEASIBLE WITH THE NASA SECURITY REPRESENTATIVE AND INSPECTOR GENERAL FOR THE MAJOR NASA CENTERS.

THE VAST MAJORITY OF THESE MATTERS WILL PROBABLY INITIATE FROM CALLS AND LETTERS FROM THE PUBLIC WITH ALLEGATIONS REGARDING EMPLOYEES INVOLVED IN SOME PHASE OF THE SPACE SHUTTLE PROGRAM OR THE SHUTTLE SUPPORT PROGRAM.

TAMPA ANTICIPATES THAT SIMILAR SPIN-OFF MATTERS WILL BE SURFACING IN THE COMING WEEKS AND MONTHS AND WILL NATURALLY OCCUR AT THE MAJOR NASA CENTERS AS WELL AS AT KSC, FLORIDA. FOR THAT REASON, TAMPA HAS FURNISHED INFORMATION COPIES OF THIS COMMUNICATION TO OFFICES COVERING OTHER MAJOR NASA CENTERS.

TAMPA ANTICIPATES COMPLYING WITH THE REQUEST OF THE MISHAP INVESTIGATION BOARD IN THE FOLLOWING MATTER:

THOSE NAMES OF INDIVIDUALS OF INTEREST IN CAPTIONED MATTER DEVELOPED BY THE FBI WILL BE FURNISHED TO NASA SECURITY FOR PRELIMINARY CHECKS TO DETERMINE IF ANY ALLEGED AFFILIATION OR FORMER AFFILIATION WITH NASA OR A NASA CONTRACTOR CAN BE VERIFIED. THEREAFTER, THE NECESSARY FOLLOW-UP INVESTIGATION WILL BE COORDINATED WITH NASA

SECURITY THROUGH THE CONCLUSION OF THE SPECIFIC INQUIRY. THE ONLY EXCEPTION TAMPA CAN VISUALIZE AT PRESENT, WOULD BE INFORMATION FROM A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE OR INFORMANT IN A SITUATION WHERE THE NAME OF THE INDIVIDUAL WOULD LIKELY JEOPARDIZE THE IDENTITY OF THE SOURCE.

NASA SECURITY HAS ADVISED THAT INFORMATION DEVELOPED BY NASA THROUGH EMPLOYEE TIPS, THE NASA COMPLAINT HOTLINE AT KSC, FLORIDA, ET CETERA, WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW BY THE FBI SO THAT ANY FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION NECESSARY BY THE FBI MAY BE ADDRESSED. FBI, TAMPA, WILL ALSO COORDINATE THESE INQUIRIES WITH THE NASA INSPECTOR GENERAL WHERE NECESSARY. SUCH AS IN THE AREA OF ALLEGATIONS OF GROSS NEGLIGENCE OR IMPROPER PERFORMANCE BY A NASA OR GOVERNMENT CONTRACT EMPLOYEE.

MAJOR NASA CENTERS WHICH WILL LIKELY RECEIVE COMPLAINTS ADDRESSED ABOVE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

LOS ANGELES

DRYDEN FLIGHT RESEARCH FACILITY

EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, CALIFORNIA

HOUSTON

JOHNSON SPACE CENTER

HOUSTON, TEXAS

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GREENBELT, MARYLAND

FBIHQ/WFO

NASA HEADQUARTERS,

WASHINGTON, D.C.

REQUEST OF THE BUREAU:

FBIHQ IS REQUESTED TO CONSIDER ABOVE RECOMMENDATION. IF
APPROVED, HEADQUARTERS IS REQUESTED TO FURNISH A COPY OF APPROVAL
TO RECIPIENTS OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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