

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/PRIVACY ACTS SECTION
COVER SHEET

SUBJECT: CHET HUNTLEY

FILE: 9-51083

FBI

Date: 4/16/70

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

Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (9-5411) (P)
SUBJECT: CHET HUNTLEY - VICTIM
EXTORTION
(OO: OMAHA)

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Enclosed for the Bureau and Omaha are one and two copies respectively of a letter directed to CHET HUNTLEY, NBC News, NYC. The letter was made available by _____ Public Relations, ABC News, NYC, who advised that he had received a copy of the above letter with the original probably directed to HUNTLEY.

LEADS

OMAHA

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AT DES MOINES, IOWA. 1. Locate and interview subject and determine his intent.

2. Present to USA.

3. Advise NYO of results.

NEW YORK - AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK. 1. Obtain envelope in which enclosed letter was forwarded to _____ 2. Contact CHET HUNTLEY and determine if he received original of this letter.

- 2 - Bureau (Encl. 1)
- 2 - Omaha (Encls. 2)
- 2 - New York

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ENCLOSURE

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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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4/21/70
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

NO LAB FILE

Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: **[REDACTED]**
CHET HUNTLEY - VICTIM
EXTORTION

OO: Omaha

File # **9-51083-1**
Lab. # **D-700417097 IL**

Examination requested by: **New York (9-4211) 54 Airtel 4/16/70**

Examination requested: **Document**

Date received: **4/17/70**

Result of Examination:

Examination by: **[REDACTED]**
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Returned 7-13 4/28/70

Specimens submitted for examination

Qc1 Photocopy of one-page typewritten letter dated 3/28/70, beginning "Sir: (AP) quotes you as saying in a recent speech:...", signed **[REDACTED]**

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NY 9-5411

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[REDACTED]; CHET HUNTLEY - VICTIM

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Enc. for Bureau & Omaha are
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directed to victim.

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ENCLOSURE

REPORT
of the



1 - Mr. [REDACTED]

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: SAC, New York

April 28, 1970

(H)(7)(c)

Re: [REDACTED]
CHET HUNTLEY - VICTIM
EXTORTION

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

OO: Omaha

YOUR NO. 9-5411
FBI FILE NO. 9-51083 - 1
L.A. REG. 127
D-700417097 IL
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Reference Airtel dated April 16, 1970

The material described below has been searched in the following file without effecting an identification: **Anonymous Letter File**

Copies have been added to this file for future reference.

The submitted material is **retained**.

MATERIAL SUBMITTED:

Qc1 Photocopy of one-page typewritten letter dated 3/28/70, beginning "Sir: (AP) quotes you as saying in a recent speech:...", signed [REDACTED]

Remarks:

The typewriting appearing on Qc1 most closely resembles the standards maintained in the Laboratory for a Woodstock pica type spaced ten letters to one inch.

MAILED 22
APR 28 1970
COMM-FBI

APR 30 1970

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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OO: Omaha

Examination requested by: New York (9-⁵⁴~~11~~) Airtel 4/16/70

Examination requested: Document Date received: 4/17/70

Result of Examination: Examination by: [REDACTED]

Most closely resembles a woodstock picar 255

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Negative search ALF
Copies added to ALF
Evidence retained*

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

DATE: 4/24/70

TO : *Jam*
FROM :

DIRECTOR, FBI

SUBJECT:

SAC, NEW YORK (9-5411) (P)

[REDACTED]
CHET HUNTLEY-VICTIM
EXTORTION
(OO:OMAHA)

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ReNYairtel to Director 4/16/70.

(b)(7)(c)

On 4/16/70, CHET HUNTLEY, National Broadcasting Company (NBC), 30 Rockefeller Plaza, NYC, advised SA **[REDACTED]** that he had received a copy of a letter dated 3/28/70, addressed to himself, from **[REDACTED]**. He stated that he did not receive the original of this letter. He made the copy of the letter available at this time. He also made available a copy of a letter from **[REDACTED]** directed to **[REDACTED]** which letter is self-explanatory. The copy of this letter is being enclosed to Omaha for information.

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NEW YORK

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK. Maintain contact with victim.

2-Bureau
2-Omaha (Encl. 1)
2-New York

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE OMAHA	OFFICE OF ORIGIN OMAHA	DATE 4/30/70	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 4/20-28/70
TITLE OF CASE CHET HUNTLEY - VICTIM		REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]	TYPED BY lae
		CHARACTER OF CASE EXTORTION	M.A.L. SD (b)(7)(c)

REFERENCES: New York airtel to the Bureau, 4/16/70.
Omaha airtel to the Bureau, 4/30/70.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

One information copy of this report being submitted to the New York Division in view of their interest in this matter.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED						<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NONE	ACQUIT-TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:	
CONVIC.	AUTO.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES			PENDING OVER ONE YEAR	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
								PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
APPROVED	<i>Pcy/jll</i>					SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW		
COPIES MADE:	1-Bureau 1-New York (9-5411) (Info) 1-Omaha (9-1331) 1-USA, Des Moines, Iowa					9- 51083-3			MCT38
						MAY 4 1970			REC-36
Dissemination Record of Attached Report						Notations			
Agency						<i>[Handwritten Signature]</i> STATE DEPT.			
Request Recd.									
Date Fwd.									
How Fwd.									
By									

30 MAY 1970

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - United States Attorney, Des Moines, Iowa

Report of: [REDACTED]

Office: Omaha

Date: April 30, 1970

Field Office File #:

9-1331

Bureau File #:

Title:

[REDACTED]
CHET HUNTLEY - VICTIM

(b)(7)(c)

Character:

EXTORTION

Synopsis:

Subject located and interviewed by Bureau Agents Des Moines, Iowa, 4/28/70. Subject readily admitted writing a letter to CHET HUNTLEY but emphatically denied any criminal intent, and stated definitely does not plan to harm HUNTLEY or have anyone else harm him; that he was merely objecting to HUNTLEY'S misleading news reporting. Facts of this matter were discussed with AUSA JOHN B. GRIER, SDI, Des Moines, Iowa, 4/28/70, at which time he declined prosecution of subject on the basis subject lacked criminal intent when he wrote the letter.

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DETAILS:

Investigation into this matter was predicated upon receipt of information from the New York Division by communication dated April 16, 1970, indicating that [REDACTED] Des Moines, Iowa, had written a letter to Mr. CHET HUNTLEY, NBC News, New York. The letter is as follows:

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speech material file

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

3/23/70

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Mr. Chet Huntley,
NBC News,
N.Y.

Sir:

(NP) quotes you as saying in a recent speech: "Journalists are being assailed and ridiculed more than any time in history and it may take years to undo the damage". Now, if we just add the word "Lying liberal" in front of the word "journalists", we'll get a sense once with the clear ring of truth. We're not against journalists per se, we're against lying, slanting, misleading deceptive liberal journalists. Derision is usually good-natured and always harmless. When it stops, you'd better start to worry in earnest. It's when they're coming after you at last.

Most thinking people pity you commentators who have spent your lifetimes saying things you know to be untrue and suppressing things crying to be said. We know that you've done this only to serve the desires of the network owners. We know you only intend to protect your jobs. We know that if you were thrown out into the competitive business world you'd starve due to your lack of business intelligence. Therefore, tho we denounce you roundly, we view you withal as we would a pathetic puppy, who, in his anxiety to please his master, puddles a good rug. The puppy will receive a loving whack, but the crack you get will likely bust your skull.

So you're going back to Montana. Too bad, Montana. All you hunters out there, take note! He's coming back! Now's your chance! Come next deer season, grab him off, sew him up in a deerskin, clamp a set of antlers on his head and chase him out to the hills. The near-sighted nimrod will recoil in disgust when he views his trophy. He'll curse the expenditure of a perfectly good cartridge upon a carcass so despicable and decimated. But upon closer inspection he'll recognize his bag and will rush into town to buy a drink to the house in celebration of ridding society of one of the most detestable liberal bucks.

After thinking on it, I'm going to ask you fellows to re-read the paragraph immediately above. An instant end in the chest of a cold Montana morning is too good for him. Let the liberals hope suffer.

(b)(7)(c) [Redacted]

pies: Some Montana hunters
A few the kind of
Including most of the
network creeps.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
FOIPA DELETED PAGE INFORMATION SHEET

5 Page(s) withheld entirely at this location in the file. One or more of the following statements, where indicated, explain this deletion.

- Deleted under exemption(s) (b)(7)(c) with no segregable material available for release to you.
- Information pertained only to a third party with no reference to ~~you or~~ the subject of your request.
- Information pertained only to a third party. Your name is listed in the title only.
- Document(s) originating with the following government agency(ies) _____, was/were forwarded to them for direct response to you.

_____ Page(s) referred for consultation to the following government agency(ies); _____ as the information originated with them. You will be advised of availability upon return of the material to the FBI.

_____ Page(s) withheld for the following reason(s):

For your information: _____

The following number is to be used for reference regarding these pages:
FBI HQ file 9-51083-3

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OM 9-1331

AT DES MOINES, IOWA

On April 20, 1970, Special Agent [REDACTED] made a check of the City Directory, Des Moines, Iowa, and the directory reflected that [REDACTED] currently resides at [REDACTED], Apartment number 106, Des Moines, Iowa, and that he is a [REDACTED] for the American Tourister Luggage Company.

Numerous attempts were made between April 20 and 27, 1970 to locate [REDACTED] at his residence, but no one was located at his residence on those occasions.

On April 28, 1970, [REDACTED] was located by Bureau Agents at his residence and was interviewed. The results of that interview are as follows:

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 4/30/70

Mr. [REDACTED] Apartment number 106, was contacted by Special Agents [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. Prior to any questioning, Mr. [REDACTED] was informed by SA'S [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] of their identities as Special Agents of the FBI, and he was informed of his rights as they appear on Form "Interrogation; Advice of Rights". SA [REDACTED] informed [REDACTED] that agents desired to interview him relative to a letter dated March 28, 1970, that he sent to Mr. CHET HUNTLEY, National Broadcasting Company (NBC) News, New York City, New York. Mr. [REDACTED] stated that he understood his rights, he read and signed the above mentioned statement, advised interviewing agents that he had no objection to being questioned by FBI Agents, and then furnished the following information:

He is presently employed as a [REDACTED] for the American Tourister Luggage Company and has a local office at his apartment, Apartment 106, [REDACTED] Des Moines, Iowa. He maintains a permanent address at [REDACTED] Wisconsin. (b)(7)(c)

Mr. [REDACTED] readily admitted that he did in fact mail a letter dated March 28, 1970, to Mr. CHET HUNTLEY, in care of NBC News, New York City, New York. Mr. [REDACTED] viewed a copy of the letter displayed to him by interviewing agents and stated it was in fact the letter that he had written.

Mr. [REDACTED] indicated that he has been involved for a number of years in denouncing newsmen for their misleading and slanted news reporting. He added that he feels that the liberal attitudes of news reporters are responsible for a great deal of the unrest in the United States today.

Mr. [REDACTED] emphatically denied any criminal intent relative to the letter, and stated that he definitely does not plan to harm CHET HUNTLEY nor does he plan to have anyone else harm him. He was merely voicing his objection to HUNTLEY'S misleading news reporting.

On 4/28/70 at Des Moines, Iowa File # OM 9-1331
 by SA [REDACTED] AND SA [REDACTED] :lae Date dictated 4/28/70

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Mr. [REDACTED] volunteered that the wording in his letter was possibly too strong, but that he definitely did not intend to threaten HUNTLEY or any other individual.

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Mr. [REDACTED] added that he does not plan to discontinue his campaign against misleading news coverage, but he did state that he would take care to insure that any future letters written by him do not contain any form of threats or statements which could be construed as threatening.

The following descriptive data was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	[REDACTED]
Sex	Male
Race	Caucasian
Date of birth	January 22, 1913
Place of birth	[REDACTED]
Residence	[REDACTED], Wisconsin

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AT DES MOINES, IOWA

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On April 28, 1970, the facts of this matter were discussed by SA [REDACTED] with AUSA JOHN B. GRIER, Southern District of Iowa, Des Moines, Iowa. AUSA GRIER declined prosecution of [REDACTED] in that in his opinion [REDACTED] lacked criminal intent when he wrote the letter.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 5/8/70

FROM : SAC, OMAHA (9-1331) (C)

SUBJECT: **CHET HUNTLEY - VICTIM
EXTORTION**

OO: OMAHA

Re report of SA [REDACTED], Omaha Division, dated 4/30/70.

Enclosed for the Bureau is one copy of a letter dated 4/28/70, from [REDACTED] to CHET HUNTLEY.

The enclosed copy of the above described letter was received at the Des Moines, Iowa RA on 5/1/70. The letter is not a threatening letter, but is being furnished the Bureau in view of possible future Bureau interest in this matter.

2 - Bureau (Enc. 1)
1 - Omaha
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15 MAY 11 1970



EMMETT L. SHELTER

(b)(7)(c)

Des Moines, Iowa
50312

2/28/70

Chet Huntley,
NBC
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Did the mean man weally scare our little Gwendolyn? Did she
gulk and suck her thumb for days? Did she check for corgs
under her beddic-bye? Did she lay awake ten nights hand-
running? Does she quiver at the thought of punishment for
her many sins? Well, she shouldn't have been the dirty little
lying, slanting slut that she's been.

As I study the tube creeps it becomes apparent that you more
than any other epitomize the breed of talentless, unmanly mis-
fits, who, in their anxiety to please their degenerate masters,
the network owners, have deliberately agitated for revolution;
cynically spotlighted this society's most depraved members as
representative of the whole and with contemptuous arrogance
despoiled and degraded this country.

The Communists love you, but we don't

Punishment? Oh, yes. If the people don't catch up with you and
jail you as you deserve and after a quick trial stand you in
front of a firing-squad, your conscience will eat at you for the
rest of your life. The spectre of retribution will dog your every
day. Could John Dillinger have found happiness in tranquil retire-
ment? Could Al Capone have found peace in the Florida sun? Of
course not. And your sins against your country are much more
serious than theirs. Their victims were few, but you and your ilk
have victimized a nation.

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Copies: Networks
A few hundred others.

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