

SE 91-4769

TITLE OF CASE (Cont'd)

CHANGED

JOHN WILLIAM SHERMAN;
THERESE ANN COUPEZ;
JANINE DARCY BERTRAM;
RITA DARLENE BROWN;
aka GEORGE JACKSON BRIGADE,
ATTEMPTED BOMBING OF
DIEBOLD COMPANY,
1520 FOURTH SOUTH,
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON
11/2/77
SEfile 174-1323
BUfile 174-7890

CHANGED

JOHN WILLIAM SHERMAN;
THERESE ANN COUPEZ;
JANINE DARCY BERTRAM;
aka GEORGE JACKSON BRIGADE,
BOMBING OF PUGET POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY
SUBSTATION
WEST VALLEY HIGHWAY
RENTON, WASHINGTON
12/23/77
SEfile 174-1331

CHANGED

JOHN WILLIAM SHERMAN;
THERESE ANN COUPEZ;
JANINE DARCY BERTRAM;
aka GEORGE JACKSON BRIGADE,
BOMBING OF RAILROAD CAR
CONTAINING 1978 ZEPHYR AUTOMOBILES
KENT, WASHINGTON
12/24/77
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Nine titles are marked changed to reflect the names
of subjects and the terrorist organization, The George Jackson
Brigade.

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REFERENCES:

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Seattle report of SA [REDACTED]
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ADMINISTRATIVE:

Investigative period in this matter is lengthy; however, this matter (George Jackson Brigade (GJB) bank robberies and bombings) has been kept in constant current status through interoffice and interBureau communications. Due to the complexity of this investigation, Seattle has maintained a control file, SE 91-4769, Bureau file 91-60165, and captioned:

JOHN WILLIAM SHERMAN;
ET AL
PACIFIC NATIONAL BANK OF WASHINGTON
TUKWILA BRANCH
13451 INTERURBAN AVENUE
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON
JANUARY 23, 1976
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Attached to this report is the transcript of a Federal Grand Jury Indictment against JOHN WILLIAM SHERMAN, THERESE ANN COUPEZ, and JANINE DARCY BERTRAM. This indictment was obtained on March 28, 1978, in the Western District of Washington, Seattle, Washington. The Indictment reflects nine counts which includes conspiracy, bank robbery, and bombing activity.

Also attached to this report are three Judgment and Commitment forms from the United States District Court, Western District of Washington, reflecting the sentence received by JOHN WILLIAM SHERMAN, THERESE ANN COUPEZ, and JANINE DARCY BERTRAM.

An information copy of this report is being furnished to Portland and San Francisco.

During the course of the George Jackson Brigade trial at Seattle, Washington, JOHN WILLIAM SHERMAN and THERESE ANN

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IT IS ADJUDGED that the defendant is hereby committed to the custody of the Attorney General or his authorized representative for imprisonment with respect to:

Count I for a period of FIVE (5) YEARS;

Count II for a period of TWENTY (20) YEARS;

Count IV for a period of TWENTY (20) YEARS; and

Count VI for a period of TEN (10) YEARS.

Said sentence in each of Counts II, IV and VI to run concurrently with the sentence in Count I and with each other.

IT IS FURTHER ADJUDGED that the defendant is hereby committed to the custody of the Attorney General or his authorized representative for imprisonment with respect to:

Count III for a period of TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS;

Count V for a period of TWENTY (20) YEARS;

Count VII for a period of TEN (10) YEARS; and

Count VIII for a period of TEN (10) YEARS.

Said sentence in each of Counts V, VII and VIII to run concurrently with the sentence in Count III and with each other, but consecutive to the last of the concurrent sentences in Counts I, II, IV and VI.

The execution of said concurrent sentences of imprisonment as to Counts III, V, VII and VIII of the Indictment are hereby suspended and defendant placed on probation for a period of FIVE (5) YEARS to commence upon the expiration of the longest of the concurrent sentences in Counts I, II, IV and VI, upon the following terms and conditions:

1. That he obey all local, state and federal laws;
2. That he comply with the rules and regulations of the probation department; and
3. That he shall not aid, abet, counsel, command, induce or procure the commission of any crime of violence.

JUDGMENT AND COMMITMENT/SHERMAN - 2

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY
10TH FLOOR - UNITED STATES COURTHOUSE
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON 98104
(206) 442-7970

The Court having earlier orally dismissed Count IX of the Indictment prior to submission of the case to the jury, it is hereby confirmed and ordered that Count IX is dismissed.

IT IS ORDERED that the Clerk deliver a certified copy of this judgment and commitment to the United States Marshal or other qualified officer and that the copy serve as the commitment of the defendant.

DATED this 3rd day of August, 1978.

/s/ LEO BREWSTER

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Presented by:

/s/ JOHN C. MERKEL

JOHN C. MERKEL
United States Attorney

/s/ JERALD E. OLSON

JERALD E. OLSON
Assistant United States Attorney

JUDGMENT AND COMMITMENT/SHERMAN - 3

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

0 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

1 Plaintiff,

NO. CR78-22T

2 v.

JUDGMENT AND COMMITMENT

3 THERESE ANN COUPEZ,

4 Defendant.

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On this 2nd day of August, 1978, came the attorneys for the Government and the defendant appeared in person and pro se; and with the consent of defendant Coupez and the consent of co-defendant John William Sherman, she also was represented by Kenneth E. Kanev, attorney-adviser for co-defendant Sherman, her own attorney-adviser, Gary F. Bass, being absent with her approval.

IT IS ADJUDGED that the defendant, upon her plea of not guilty and a verdict of guilty as to Counts I through VIII of the Indictment, has been convicted of the offenses of violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 371 (Count I); Title 18, United States Code, Sections 2113(a) and (d) (Counts II, III, IV and V); and Title 26, United States Code, Sections 5861(f) and 5871 (Counts VI, VII and VIII), as charged in the Indictment, and the Court having asked the defendant whether she has anything to say why judgment should not be pronounced, and no sufficient cause to the contrary being shown or appearing to the Court,

JUDGMENT AND COMMITMENT/COUPEZ - 1

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY
10TH FLOOR - UNITED STATES COURTHOUSE
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON 98104
(206) 442-7770

1 IT IS ADJUDGED that the defendant is guilty as charged and
2 convicted.

3 IT IS ADJUDGED that the defendant is hereby committed to the
4 custody of the Attorney General or his authorized representative
5 for imprisonment with respect to:

6 Count I for a period of FIVE (5) YEARS;

7 Count II for a period of TWENTY (20) YEARS;

8 Count IV for a period of TWENTY (20) YEARS; and

9 Count VI for a period of TEN (10) YEARS.

10 Said sentence in each of Counts II, IV and VI to run concurrently
11 with the sentence in Count I and with each other.

12 IT IS FURTHER ADJUDGED that the defendant is hereby committed
13 to the custody of the Attorney General or his authorized representa-
14 tive for imprisonment with respect to:

15 Count III for a period of TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS;

16 Count V for a period of TWENTY (20) YEARS;

17 Count VII for a period of TEN (10) YEARS; and

18 Count VIII for a period of TEN (10) YEARS.

19 Said sentence in each of Counts V, VII and VIII to run concurrently
20 with the sentence in Count III and with each other, but consecutive
21 to the last of the concurrent sentences in Counts I, II, IV and VI.

22 The execution of said concurrent sentences of imprisonment as
23 to Counts III, IV, VII and VIII of the Indictment are hereby suspend-
24 ed and defendant placed on probation for a period of FIVE (5) YEARS
25 to commence upon the expiration of the longest of the concurrent
26 sentences in Counts I, II, IV and VI, upon the following terms
27 and conditions:

- 28 1. That she obey all local, state and federal laws;
- 29 2. That she comply with the rules and regulations of
30 the probation department; and

31 JUDGMENT AND COMMITMENT/COUPEZ - 2

32 UNITED STATES ATTORNEY
33 10TH FLOOR - UNITED STATES COURTHOUSE
34 SEATTLE, WASHINGTON 98104
35 (206) 442-7970.

1. That he shall not aid, abet, counsel, command,
2. induce or procure the commission of any crime of
3. violence.

4. The Court having earlier orally dismissed Count IX of the
5. Indictment prior to submission of the case to the jury, it is
6. hereby confirmed and ordered that Count IX is dismissed.

7. IT IS ORDERED that the Clerk deliver a certified copy of this
8. judgment and commitment to the United States Marshal or other
9. qualified officer and that the copy serve as the commitment of
0. the defendants.

1. DATED this 3rd day of August, 1978.

2. /s/ LEO BREWSTER

3. UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

4. Presented by:

5. /s/ JOHN C. MERKEL

6. JOHN C. MERKEL
7. United States Attorney

8. /s/ JERALD E. OLSON

9. JERALD E. OLSON
0. Assistant United States Attorney

1. JUDGMENT AND COMMITMENT/COUPEZ - 3

2. UNITED STATES ATTORNEY
3. 10TH FLOOR - UNITED STATES COURTHOUSE
4. SEATTLE, WASHINGTON 98104
5. (206.442-7870)

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
 FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
 AT SEATTLE

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United States of America
 v.
 JANINE DARCY BERTRAM,
 a/k/a JORI UHURU

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY
 Seattle, Washington 98101
 No. CR78-22T

On this 7th day of August, 1978, came the attorney for the government and the defendant appeared in person and with her counsel, David L. Olson.

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IT IS ADJUDGED that the defendant upon his plea of guilty to Counts I and V of the indictment, and the Court being satisfied there is a factual basis for the plea, has been convicted of the offense of violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 371 and Section 2, as charged in Count I of the indictment; and violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 2113(a) and (d) and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2, as charged in Count V of the indictment.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED:
 JEROME B. LEONARDI
 U.S. District Court
 Western District of Washington
 Seattle, Washington

as charged

and the court having asked the defendant whether she has anything to say why judgment should not be pronounced, and no sufficient cause to the contrary being shown or appearing to the Court,

IT IS ADJUDGED that the defendant is guilty as charged and convicted.

as to Count V of the indictment,

IT IS ADJUDGED that the defendant is hereby committed to the custody of the Attorney General or his authorized representative for imprisonment for a period of TEN (10) YEARS and that the defendant shall become eligible for parole under 18 U.S.C. 4205 (b) (2) at such times as the Parole Commission may determine.

IT IS ADJUDGED that as to Count I of the indictment, the defendant is hereby committed to the custody of the Attorney General or his authorized representative for imprisonment for a period of FIVE (5) YEARS and that the defendant shall become eligible for parole under 18 U.S.C. 4205 (b) (2) at such times as the Parole Commission may determine.

IT IS ADJUDGED that:

Said sentence on Count I to run concurrently with the sentence on Count V.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Counts II through IV and Counts VI through IX of the indictment in Docket No. CR78-22T as to defendant BERTRAM are hereby dismissed upon the motion of the Government.

The Court recommends commitment at Pleasanton, California.

IT IS ORDERED that the Clerk deliver a certified copy of this judgment and commitment to the United States Marshal or other qualified officer and that the copy serve as the commitment of the defendant.

Presented by:

/s/ WALTER T. McGOVERN

Jerald E. Olson
 The Court recommends commitment to
 JERALD E. OLSON
 Assistant United States Attorney

United States District Judge

Clerk

Insert the (name of counsel), counsel or without counsel; the court advised the defendant of his right to counsel and asked him whether he desired to have counsel appointed by the court, and the defendant stated that he waived the right to the assistance of counsel. Insert (1) "guilty" and the court found that there is a factual basis for the plea. (2) "not guilty," and a verdict of guilty. (3) "not guilty," and a verdict of (1) "not guilty," and the court may find "in count (1) number." (4) "not guilty," and a verdict of guilty. (5) "not guilty," and a verdict of guilty. (6) "not guilty," and a verdict of guilty. (7) "not guilty," and a verdict of guilty. (8) "not guilty," and a verdict of guilty. (9) "not guilty," and a verdict of guilty. (10) "not guilty," and a verdict of guilty.

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To: SAC, Seattle

(PERSONAL ATTENTION)

From: Director, FBI (174-7843)

- 1 - Mr. C. A. Long
- 1 - Mr. D. W. Moore
- 1 - Mr. J. O. Ingram
- 1 - Mr. S. S. Mignosa
- 1 - Mr. [REDACTED]
- 1 - UAF

**GEORGE JACKSON BRIGADE;
EXPLOSIVES AND INCENDIARY DEVICES
BUDED 9-15-78**

Re FBI Headquarters airtel to Seattle, 5-17-78, and
FBI Headquarters telephone calls to Supervisor [REDACTED]
Seattle Division, 6-15-78, and 8-21-78.

Referenced airtel noted reporting delinquencies in
the 8 George Jackson Brigade (GJB) Explosives and Incendiary
Devices cases pending in the Seattle Division, and requested
Seattle to submit a brief, multi-captioned report advising
FBI Headquarters of the status of these matters. Referenced
telephone calls also requested submission of report by
Seattle on the status of the GJB cases.

To date, no response has been received from Seattle
Division; and these matters are substantially delinquent.

Seattle is instructed to submit previously requested
reports by Buded 9-15-78. Also submit explanations for
reporting delinquencies in these cases, together with
recommendations for administrative action, if warranted.

han (7) SEE NOTE BELOW
NOTE: Seattle Division is origin in 8 Explosives and Incendiary
Devices cases involving the George Jackson Brigade. Reporting
in each case is substantially delinquent. Above letter setting
Buded of 9-15-78 for submission of reports and requiring
explanations deemed necessary inasmuch as Seattle was requested
by airtel 5-17-78, and telephone calls, 6-15-78, and 8-21-78,
to submit reports and to date, they have not done so.

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GEORGE JACKSON BRIGADE; EXPLOSIVES AND INCENDIARY DEVICES;

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JOHN WILLIAM SHERMAN; THERESE ANN COUPEZ; JANINE DARCY
BERTRAM; PUGET SOUND NATIONAL BANK, NORTHEAST TACOMA BRANCH,
6220 29TH, TACOMA, WASHINGTON, DECEMBER 8, 1977;

JOHN WILLIAM SHERMAN; THERESE ANN COUPEZ; JANINE DARCY
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5738 N. 26TH STREET, TACOMA, WASHINGTON, JANUARY 10, 1978;

JOHN WILLIAM SHERMAN; THERESE ANN COUPEZ; JANINE DARCY BERTRAM; UNION BANK, 99TH AND PACIFIC BRANCH, 9911 PACIFIC AVENUE, TACOMA, WASHINGTON, FEBRUARY 23, 1978;

JOHN WILLIAM SHERMAN; THERESE ANN COUPEZ; JANINE DARCY BERTRAM; PUGET SOUND NATIONAL BANK, UNIVERSITY PLACE BRANCH, 4001 BRIDGEPORT WAY, TACOMA, WASHINGTON, MARCH 1, 1978;

CHANGED; JOHN WILLIAM SHERMAN; THERESE ANN COUPEZ; JANINE DARCY BERTRAM; RITA DARLENE BROWN, AKA GEORGE JACKSON BRIGADE, BOMBING OF RAINIER NATIONAL BANK, 2245 N.E. BELLEVUE-REDMOND ROAD, REDMOND, WASHINGTON, MAY 12, 1977; ATTEMPTED BOMBING OF RAINIER NATIONAL BANK, 815 116TH AVENUE NE, BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON, MAY 12, 1977;

CHANGED; JOHN WILLIAM SHERMAN; THERESE ANN COUPEZ; JANINE DARCY BERTRAM; RITA DARLENE BROWN; AKA GEORGE JACKSON BRIGADE, ATTEMPTED BOMBING OF PUGET POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY SUBSTATION, OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON, JULY 4, 1977;

CHANGED; JOHN WILLIAM SHERMAN; THERESE ANN COUPEZ; JANINE DARCY BERTRAM; RITA DARLENE BROWN; AKA GEORGE JACKSON BRIGADE, ATTEMPTED BOMBING OF WESTLUND BUICK COMPANY, 9600 LST AVENUE NE,

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SEATTLE, WASHINGTON, OCTOBER 6, 1977;

CHANGED; JOHN WILLIAM SHERMAN; THERESE ANN COUPEZ; JANINE DARCY BERTRAM; RITA DARLENE BROWN; AKA GEORGE JACKSON BRIGADE, BOMBING OF S. L. SAVIDGE AUTO DEALERSHIP, 825 LENORA, SEATTLE, WASHINGTON, OCTOBER 13, 1977;

JOHN WILLIAM SHERMAN; THERESE ANN COUPEZ; JANINE DARCY BERTRAM; RITA DARLENE BROWN; AKA GEORGE JACKSON BRIGADE, BOMBING OF BBC DODGE COMPANY, 14650 LST AVENUE SOUTH, BURIEN, WASHINGTON, OCTOBER 15, 1977;

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CHANGED; JOHN WILLIAM SHERMAN; THERESE ANN COUPEZ; JANINE DARCY BERTRAM; RITA DARLENE BROWN; AKA GEORGE JACKSON BRIGADE, ATTEMPTED BOMBING OF DIEBOLD COMPANY, 1520 4TH SOUTH, SEATTLE, WASHINGTON, NOVEMBER 2, 1977;

CHANGED; JOHN WILLIAM SHERMAN; THERESE-ANN COUPEZ; JANINE DARCY BERTRAM; AKA GEORGE JACKSON BRIGADE, BOMBING OF PUGET POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY SUBSTATION, WEST VALLEY HIGHWAY, RENTON,

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WASHINGTON, DECEMBER 23, 1977;

CHANGED; JOHN WILLIAM SMERMAN; THERESE ANN COUPEZ; JANINE DARCY BERTRAM; AKA GEORGE JACKSON BRIGADE, BOMBING OF RAILROAD CAR CONTAINING 1978 ZEPHYR AUTOMOBILES, KENT, WASHINGTON, DECEMBER 24, 1977;

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UNSUBS, AKA GEORGE JACKSON BRIGADE; FIRE BOMBING OF PACIFIC
 GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY (PG&E), CUSTOMER SERVICE OFFICE
 BUILDING, 2111 GROVE STREET, BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA, AUGUST 15,
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ON AUGUST 15, 1978, AT APPROXIMATELY 2:23 A.M., [Redacted]

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CALIFORNIA, POLICE DEPARTMENT THAT THERE WAS A FIRE AT THE [Redacted] AUG 21 1978
 PG&E BUILDING AT CENTER & GROVE STREETS. BERKELEY POLICE
 INVESTIGATED AND FOUND THE FIRE STILL BURNING IN THE FLOWERBED.

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WITH A SPARKLING EFFECT NOTED BY RESPONDING OFFICERS. FLAMES
EXTINGUISHED BY BERKELEY FIRE DEPARTMENT. CRIME SCENE
CONDUCTED BY BERKELEY PD BOMB AND ARSON TECHNICIANS AND
EVIDENCE COLLECTED. DAMAGE ESTIMATED AT LESS THAN \$100 AND
THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

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[REDACTED] THE GEORGE JACKSON BRIGADE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FIRE
BOMBING OF PG&E AT GROVE AND CENTER. [REDACTED]

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BEEN RECEIVED THROUGH PREVIOUSLY UTILIZED NEWS MEDIA IN THE
SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA. BERKELEY POLICE INVESTIGATION AT
THE SCENE DISCLOSED NO EYE WITNESSES OTHER THAN [REDACTED]
WHO GAVE NO LOCAL ADDRESS AND LEFT THE SCENE [REDACTED]
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[REDACTED] WAS ACTING NERVOUS BOTH AT THE POLICE STATION AND AT THE SCENE AND WAS RELUCTANT TO IDENTIFY HIMSELF TO POLICE, ALTHOUGH HE WAS IDENTIFIED BY A CALIFORNIA DRIVER'S LICENSE, NUMBER NOT NOTED.

CALIFORNIA DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBER [REDACTED] WAS ISSUED TO [REDACTED] DATE OF BIRTH [REDACTED] ADDRESS [REDACTED] CALIFORNIA, EFFECTIVE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] IS DESCRIBED AS [REDACTED] [REDACTED] WITH A PRIOR ADDRESS OF [REDACTED] CALIFORNIA, EFFECTIVE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] A CHECK OF SAN FRANCISCO INDICES DISCLOSED NO INFO IDENTICAL WITH [REDACTED] FURTHER CHECKS [REDACTED] DISCLOSED NO OUTSTANDING WARRANTS, NO NCIC WANTS, NO VEHICLES CURRENTLY REGISTERED TO HIM, NO CII WARRANTS. [REDACTED]

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SAN FRANCISCO WILL FORWARD EVIDENCE OBTAINED FROM BERKELEY POLICE TO LABORATORY FOR EXAMINATION. INVESTIGATION IS CONTINUING. LOCAL BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO & FIREARMS

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SECRET SERVICE, AND UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED.

A COPY OF THIS COMMUNICATION HAS BEEN SENT TO BOTH PORTLAND AND SEATTLE DIVISIONS FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES AND REVIEW AS IT WOULD APPEAR THAT THE RESPONSIBLES IN THIS CASE COULD BE CONNECTED TO GEORGE JACKSON BRIGADE IN THOSE AREAS. ANY INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THIS MATTER SHOULD BE FURNISHED BY PORTLAND AND SEATTLE.

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REGARDING THIS FIRE BOMBING OF PG&E.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

DATE January 29, 1979

TO: SAC, San Francisco

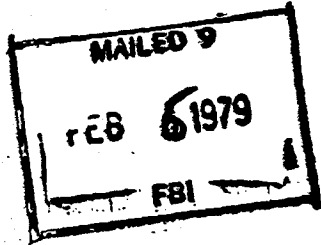
UNSUBS, aka
George Jackson Brigade;
Re: Firebombing of Pacific Gas
& Electric Company (PG&E)
Customer Service Office Building
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(SUBJECT (TEXT BEGINS NEXT PAGE):
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, ALSO KNOWN AS GEORGE JACKSON, [REDACTED] Unit
BRIGADE; FIRE BOMBING OF PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC [REDACTED] for review
COMPANY (PG&E), CUSTOMER SERVICE OFFICE BUILDING [REDACTED] phonically
2111 GROVE STREET, BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA, AUGUST 15, 1978.
EXPLOSIVES AND INCENDIARY DEVICES

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- Dep. AD Adm. _____
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- Adm. Serv. _____
- Crim. Inv. _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
(ATTN: FBI LABORATORY, EXPLOSIVES AND
LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTIONS)

FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (174-1782) (P) (BERKELEY RA)

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SUBJECT: UNSUBS aka George Jackson Brigade,
Firebombing of Pacific Gas
& Electric Company (PG&E),
Customer Service Office Building
2111 Grove Street
Berkeley, California
8/15/78

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OO: San Francisco

Re San Francisco teletype dated 8/15/78. NR

Being submitted under separate cover to the
FBI Laboratory are the following items of evidence recovered
from the scene of the captioned firebombing:

- ITEM #1) Numerous pieces of clear glass
bottle and charred residue.
- ITEM #2) Numerous pieces of clear glass with
metal twist-on cap.
- ITEM #3) Galvanized metal pipe 5" in length
by 1/2" diameter.
- ITEM #4) Charred tape remains with unknown
residue.

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- ITEM #5) Broken clear glass bottle with metal cap.
- ITEM #6) Numerous pieces of clear broken glass and charred residue.
- ITEM #7) Charred residue and whitish material with strong odor.
- ITEM #8) Numerous pieces of clear glass fragments.
- ITEM #9) Soil and debris sample from seat of firebombing.
- ITEM #10) Tin can top.
- ITEM #11) Miscellaneous debris from crime scene collected following cleanup.
- ITEM #12) Charred remains of matchbook.

For the information of the FBI Laboratory and Latent Fingerprint Sections, on 8/15/78, at about 2:23 a.m., a fire was discovered at the PG&E Office building by a passerby who reported this to the Berkeley Police. He described it as looking like a "sparkler" (like on the Fourth of July) with small flames. It did burn brightly and was later extinguished by a resident of the apartment house next door, who said the flames were yellow-orange in color, shooting to an approximate height of 15 feet. The type of fire extinguisher used was a FireMaster, Type II-A, Soda-Acid.

Items #1 - 10 have been sent to the Laboratory in the original containers used by the Berkeley Police Department inasmuch as initial examination indicated various and often pungent odors present in the evidence which could be lost if the materials had been transferred to plastic bags for shipping to the Laboratory.

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The FBI Laboratory is requested to conduct the following investigations and examinations on the items submitted:

- 1) Make analysis of air samples of containers #1, #4, #5, #6, #7 and #9 for appropriate spectroscopic and gaseous analysis and comparisons to one another to determine the nature of the flammable substance utilized in this firebomb. 8a
- 2) Will photograph evidence and retain for future use.
- 3) Will make appropriate analysis of residues in Items #1, #3, #4, #5, #6, #7 (the whitish matter), #9, and logical debris in #11. 9b
- 4) Will determine, if possible, the type and manufacturer of tape in Item #4. 3b
- 5) Will determine from the examination of all the evidence the nature and construction of this device, if possible. It should be noted that the device was probably not thrown as the evidence recovered did not appear to have been scattered over a wide area. 9a
- 6) Will determine if Item #3 was utilized as part of the device and examine for any tool marks. 7
- 7) Will advise if anything can be determined from examination of Item #10.
- 8) Will, from examination of Items #1, #2, #5, #6 and #8, determine, if possible, the type of bottles they represent and which, if any, was utilized as the container in this case. 10b
- 9) Will, from examination of Item #11, determine what specific items could possibly be connected to or be considered part of the incendiary device used. 7d

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COUPEZ admitted taking part in all of the captioned cases, along with other unnamed George Jackson Brigade members. Therefore, the titles of all of the 174 cases has been changed in this report and each case is being placed into a closed status.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Title:

JOHN WILLIAM SHERMAN;
THERESE ANN COUPEZ;
JANINE DARCY BERTRAM;
PUGET SOUND NATIONAL BANK,
NORTHEAST TACOMA BRANCH,
6220 29TH,
TACOMA, WASHINGTON
12/8/77
Seattle file 91-5321

JOHN WILLIAM SHERMAN;
THERESE ANN COUPEZ;
JANINE DARCY BERTRAM;
GREAT NORTHWEST SAVINGS AND LOAN,
WESTGATE BRANCH,
5738 N. 26TH STREET,
TACOMA, WASHINGTON
1/10/78
Seattle file 91-5341

JOHN WILLIAM SHERMAN;
THERESE ANN COUPEZ;
JANINE DARCY BERTRAM;
UNION BANK,
99TH AND PACIFIC AVENUE
TACOMA, WASHINGTON, 2/23/78
Seattle file 91-5363

JOHN WILLIAM SHERMAN;
THERESE ANN COUPEZ;
JANINE DARCY BERTRAM;
PUGET SOUND NATIONAL BANK,
UNIVERSITY PLACE BRANCH,
4001 BRIDGEPORT WAY
TACOMA, WASHINGTON
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TITLE (Cont'd)

JOHN WILLIAM SHERMAN;
THERESE ANN COUPEZ;
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RITA DARLENE BROWN;
BOMBING OF RAINIER NATIONAL BANK,
2245 N.E. BELLEVUE - REDMOND ROAD
REDMOND, WASHINGTON
5/12/77;
ATTEMPTED BOMBING OF RAINIER
NATIONAL BANK,
815 116th AVENUE N.E.,
BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON
5/12/77
Seattle file 174-1289
Bureau file 174-7623

JOHN WILLIAM SHERMAN;
THERESE ANN COUPEZ;
JANINE DARCY BERTRAM;
RITA DARLENE BROWN;
ATTEMPTED BOMBING OF
PUGET POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY
SUBSTATION
OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON
7/4/77
Seattle file 174-1291
Bureau file 174-7700

JOHN WILLIAM SHERMAN;
THERESE ANN COUPEZ;
JANINE DARCY BERTRAM;
RITA DARLENE BROWN;
ATTEMPTED BOMBING OF
WESTLUND BUICK COMPANY,
9600 1st AVENUE N.E.,
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON
10/6/77
Seattle file 174-1314

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TITLE (Cont'd)

JOHN WILLIAM SHERMAN;
THERESE ANN COUPEZ;
JANINE DARCY BERTRAM;
RITA DARLENE BROWN;
BOMBING OF S. L. SAVIDGE AUTO DEALERSHIP,
825 LENORA,
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON
10/13/77
Seattle file 174-1318
Bureau file 174-7854

JOHN WILLIAM SHERMAN;
THERESE ANN COUPEZ;
JANINE DARCY BERTRAM;
RITA DARLENE BROWN;
BOMBING OF BBC DODGE COMPANY,
14650 1st AVENUE SOUTH,
BURIEN, WASHINGTON
10/15/77
Seattle file 174-1319
Bureau file 174-7843

JOHN WILLIAM SHERMAN;
THERESE ANN COUPEZ;
JANINE DARCY BERTRAM;
RITA DARLENE BROWN;
BOMBING OF PHIL SMART
AUTO DEALERSHIP,
BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON
11/1/77
Seattle file 174-1321
Bureau file 174-7869

JOHN WILLIAM SHERMAN;
THERESE ANN COUPEZ;
JANINE DARCY BERTRAM;
RITA DARLENE BROWN;
ATTEMPTED BOMBING OF DIEBOLD COMPANY,
1520 FOURTH SOUTH,
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON
11/2/77
Seattle file 174-1323
Bureau file 174-7890

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TITLE (Cont'd)

JOHN WILLIAM SHERMAN;
THERESE ANN COUPEZ;
JANINE DARCY BERTRAM;
BOMBING OF PUGET POWER AND
LIGHT COMPANY SUBSTATION
WEST VALLEY HIGHWAY
RENTON, WASHINGTON
12/23/77
Seattle file 174-1331

JOHN WILLIAM SHERMAN;
THERESE ANN COUPEZ;
JANINE DARCY BERTRAM;
BOMBING OF RAILROAD CAR
CONTAINING 1978 ZEPHYR AUTOMOBILES
KENT, WASHINGTON
12/24/77
Seattle file 174-1332
Bureau file 174-7975

Character: BANK ROBBERY (A);
EXPLOSIVE INCENDIARY DEVICE (A)

Synopsis:

George Jackson Brigade (GJB) members JOHN WILLIAM SHERMAN, THERESE ANN COUPEZ, and JANINE DARCY BERTRAM were arrested by FBI Agents at Tacoma, Washington, on 3/21/78. On 3/28/78, a nine count Federal Grand Jury (FGJ) Indictment was obtained in the Western District of Washington, Seattle, Washington, against the three subjects, charging them with Conspiracy, Armed Bank Robbery, Bombing Matters, and Possession of an Illegal Bomb Device. On 6/8/78, BERTRAM pled guilty to two counts of the Indictment. A trial for SHERMAN and COUPEZ took place in U. S. District Court, Seattle, Washington, from 6/21/78 through 7/11/78 and both were found guilty of eight counts of the Indictment, while one count was dismissed. SHERMAN and COUPEZ were sentenced on 8/2/78 and BERTRAM was sentenced on 8/7/78. A copy of the FGJ Indictment and a copy of Judgment and Commitment for the subjects is attached to this report.

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DETAILS:

On March 21, 1978, JOHN WILLIAM SHERMAN, THERESE ANN COUPEZ, and JANINE DARCY BERTRAM, all members of the George Jackson Brigade (GJB), were arrested by Special Agents of the Seattle, Washington, Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation at Tacoma, Washington. They were subsequently transported to Seattle, Washington, and afforded an initial hearing before United States Magistrate PHILIP K. SWEIGERT. Following the initial hearing each subject was incarcerated at the King County Jail, Seattle, Washington.

On March 28, 1978

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On the same date a true bill was returned against three members of the George Jackson Brigade, JOHN WILLIAM SHERMAN, THERESE ANN COUPEZ, and JANINE DARCY BERTRAM. The three were charged with nine counts, including one count of Conspiracy, four counts of Armed Bank Robbery, three counts of Bombing Incidents, and one count of Possession of an Illegal, Unregistered Bombing Device.

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On June 8, 1978, Assistant United States Attorney JERALD E. OLSON, U. S. Court House, Seattle, Washington, advised that defendant JANINE DARCY BERTRAM plead guilty to two counts of a nine count Federal Grand Jury Indictment (Counts I and V). He advised that her guilty plea was given before United States District Judge WALTER T. MC GOVERN, Western District of Washington, Seattle, Washington. The sentencing date for BERTRAM has been set for July 11, 1978.

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On 7/11/78, JOHN WILLIAM SHERMAN and THERESE ANN COUPEZ were found guilty in U. S. District Court, Seattle, Washington. They were charged with a nine count Federal Grand Jury Indictment. The counts included one count of conspiracy, four counts of armed bank robbery, three bombing incidents and one count of possession of an explosive device. During the trial which began on 6/21/78, the one count of possessing an explosive device was dismissed. The verdict reached on 7/11/78 found both defendants guilty of each of the remaining eight counts of the Indictment.

The trial was presided over by Federal District Judge LEO BREWSTER.

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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
9 AT TACOMA

10 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

11 Plaintiff,

NO.

12 v.

INDICTMENT

13 THERESE ANN COUPEZ;
14 JANINE DARCY BERTRAM,
a/k/a JORI UHURU; and
15 JOHN WILLIAM SHERMAN,

16 Defendants.

17 The Grand Jury charges that:

18 COUNT I

19 1. Prior to May 1977, the exact date being unknown to the
20 Grand Jurors, and continuing thereafter until on or about
21 March 21, 1978, within the Western District of Washington and
22 elsewhere, THERESE ANN COUPEZ; JANINE DARCY BERTRAM, a/k/a JORI
23 UHURU; and JOHN WILLIAM SHERMAN, did unlawfully, willfully, and
24 knowingly combine, conspire, confederate and agree together and
25 with each other and with others:

26 A. To willfully and knowingly violate Section 2113 of
27 Title 18, United States Code, by committing robberies of
28 federally insured banks and savings and loan associations; by
29 using force, violence, intimidation and firearms in the

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32 Page 1 - INDICTMENT/COUPEZ/BERTRAM
& SHERMAN

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY
10TH FLOOR - UNITED STATES COURTHOUSE
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1 commission of said robberies; and by committing assaults and
2 placing lives in jeopardy during said robberies;

3 B. To willfully and knowingly violate Sections 5861(d)
4 and (f) and 5871 of Title 26, United States Code, by unlawfully
5 receiving, possessing and making firearms (as defined in Title
6 26, United States Code, Section 5845(a), (f) and (i)) which
7 were not registered to them or to anyone else in the National
8 Firearms Registration and Transfer Record as required by law,
9 and without complying with the making provisions of Title 26,
10 United States Code, Section 5822.

11 C. To willfully and knowingly violate Section 844(d), (i)
12 and (j) of Title 18, United States Code by receiving explosives
13 in interstate commerce knowing and intending that they be used
14 to damage buildings, vehicles and real and personal property;
15 and by maliciously damaging and attempting to damage, by means
16 of an explosive, buildings, vehicles and real and personal
17 property used in an activity affecting interstate and foreign
18 commerce.

19 2. Among the means by which defendants would and did carry out
20 the said conspiracy, and as part of the means of carrying out
21 said conspiracy, the defendants:

22 A. Used assumed names and usually non-existent addresses
23 in obtaining automobiles later used and to be used in
24 committing bank robberies.

25 B. Prepared and used bank robbery demand and threat notes.

26 C. Used wigs, mustaches, make-up and various items of
27 clothing to disguise themselves when committing bank robberies
28 and other acts in furtherance of the conspiracy.

29 D. Armed themselves with pistols for use in bank
30 robberies and in furtherance of the conspiracy.

1 E. Used radio equipment to monitor law enforcement
2 personnel (police) movements and keep logs of such movements.

3 F. Made and caused to be made, false reports of crimes
4 and accidents to law enforcement agencies as diversion during
5 bank robberies.

6 G. Made and obtained explosives and explosive and
7 destructive devices and bombs; and used and attempted to use
8 the same to damage buildings, vehicles and real and personal
9 property.

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11 OVERT ACTS

12 The Grand Jury charges that in furtherance of the aforesaid
13 conspiracy and to accomplish the objects thereof, the
14 defendants at the times and places hereinafter set forth did
15 commit overt acts, those acts set forth below:

16 A. On or about May 9, 1977, JANINE DARCY BERTRAM, a/k/a
17 JORI UHURU, was involved in the rental of a safe deposit box at
18 the Bellevue Midlake Office of Rainier National Bank, rented in
19 the name of Karl J. and Carol A. Newland, a bomb being found in
20 said safety deposit box on May 12, 1977, the same day bank
21 records show it was entered by Carol A. Newland.

22 B. On or about November 4, 1977, defendants, at a house
23 at 13746 Roosevelt Way North, Seattle, Washington, possessed
24 bombs, explosives and bomb-making paraphernalia.

25 C. On or about November 11, 1977, defendants acquired a
26 1967 Dodge Dart, Washington license No. CHX 935, for use as a
27 getaway car in the December 8, 1977 robbery of the Northeast
28 Tacoma Branch of Puget Sound National Bank.

1 D. On or about December 8, 1977, **THERESE ANN COUPEZ**
2 disguised as a male, entered the Northeast Tacoma Branch of
3 Puget Sound National Bank, and used a bank robbery demand note
4 and brandished a pistol in robbing said bank.

5 E. On or about December 8, 1977, minutes prior to the
6 robbery of the Northeast Tacoma Branch of Puget Sound National
7 Bank, defendants made and caused to be made to the Police and
8 Sheriff's Office Communications Department, Tacoma-Pierce
9 County Courthouse, a false report of an accident on Lincoln
10 between Maxwell and Thorne in Tacoma.

11 F. On or about November 5, 1977, defendants acquired a
12 1967 Chevrolet, Washington license No. IEM 255, in the name of
13 Nikki Simpson for use as a getaway car in the January 10, 1978
14 robbery of the Westgate Branch of Great Northwest Federal
15 Savings and Loan Association.

16 G. On or about January 10, 1978, **THERESE ANN COUPEZ**,
17 disguised as a male, entered the Westgate Branch of Great
18 Northwest Federal Savings and Loan Association, used a robbery
19 demand note and brandished a pistol in robbing said savings and
20 loan.

21 H. On or about January 10, 1978, minutes prior to the
22 robbery of the Westgate Branch of Great Northwest Federal
23 Savings and Loan Association, defendants made and caused to be
24 made to the Police and Sheriff's Office Communications
25 Department, Tacoma-Pierce County Courthouse, a false report of
26 a robbery at 19th and Jackson.

27 I. Around the early part of November 1977, defendants
28 acquired a 1967 Chevrolet Bel Air, Washington license No. BM
29 324, for use as a getaway car in the February 23, 1978 robbery
30 of the 99th and Pacific Avenue Branch of Union Bank.

1 On or about February 23, 1978, THERESE ANN COUPEZ,
2 disguised as a male, entered the 99th and Pacific Avenue Branch
3 of Union Bank, used a robbery demand note and exhibited a
4 pistol in robbing said bank.

5 K. On or about February 23, 1978, minutes prior to the
6 robbery of the 99th and Pacific Avenue Branch of Union Bank,
7 defendants made and caused to be made to the Police and
8 Sheriff's Office Communications Department, Tacoma-Pierce
9 County Courthouse, a false report of a robbery at 112th East
10 and Vickery.

11 L. On or about January 18, 1978, defendants acquired a
12 1968 Ford, Washington license No. BSB 324, for use as a getaway
13 car in the March 1, 1978 robbery of the University Place Branch
14 of Puget Sound National Bank.

15 M. On or about March 1, 1978, THERESE ANN COUPEZ,
16 disguised as a male, entered the University Place Branch of
17 Puget Sound National Bank, used a demand note and exhibited a
18 pistol in robbing said bank.

19 N. On or about February 8, 1978, JANINE DARCY BERTRAM,
20 a/k/a JORI UHURU, using the name Joanne Mason, purchased and
21 acquired a 1960 Oldsmobile, Washington license No. BDL 110.

22 O. On or about March 21, 1978, defendants parked and
23 caused to be parked a 1960 Oldsmobile, Washington license No.
24 BDL 110, near South 37th and South "L" Street.

25 P. On or about March 21, 1978, THERESE ANN COUPEZ; JANINE
26 DARCY BERTRAM, a/k/a JORI UHURU; and JOHN WILLIAM SHERMAN, were
27 together in Tacoma near the Jubilee Hamburger Restaurant, 858
28 South 38th Street in a 1965 Buick Electra; SHERMAN, disguise
29 as a cleric with a loaded pistol next to him; COUPEZ, disguise
30 as a male, armed with a loaded pistol and possessing a printed
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1 note stating, "This is a stickup! Give me all the money. If
2 no alarm or I'll shoot!"; BERTRAM possessing two loaded
3 ammunition clips that fit COUPEZ' pistol, and sitting next to a
4 third pistol; and the car containing a radio scanner for
5 monitoring police radio calls, a log of police movements, and a
6 written scenario for a diversion report to law enforcement
7 agencies.

8 Q. Before and on or about March 21, 1978, defendants, at
9 a house at 3601 East Grandview, Tacoma, Washington, possessed
10 some bomb-making paraphernalia.

11 All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section
12 371 and Section 2.

13 COUNT II

14 On or about December 8, 1977, at Tacoma, within the Western
15 District of Washington, THERESE ANN COUPEZ, JOHN WILLIAM
16 SHERMAN, and JANINE DARCY BERTRAM, a/k/a JORI UHURU, by force,
17 violence and intimidation, did take from the person and
18 presence of Jean Wyman, a bank employee, approximately Three
19 Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-Six Dollars (\$3,966.00), in money
20 belonging to and in the care, custody, control, management and
21 possession of the Northeast Tacoma Branch of Puget Sound
22 National Bank, a bank as defined in Title 18, United States
23 Code, Section 2113(f); that in committing the offense of
24 robbery hereinabove charged, the defendants, THERESE ANN
25 COUPEZ, JANINE DARCY BERTRAM, a/k/a JORI UHURU, and JOHN
26 WILLIAM SHERMAN, assaulted and put in jeopardy the life of the
27 aforementioned Jean Wyman, a bank employee, by the use of a
28 dangerous weapon and device, to wit, a gun.
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1 All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections
2 2113(a) and (d), and Section 2.

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4 COUNT III

5 On or about January 10, 1978, at Tacoma, within the Western
6 District of Washington, THERESE ANN COUPEZ; JANINE DARCY
7 BERTRAM, a/k/a JORI UHURU; and JOHN WILLIAM SHERMAN, by force,
8 violence and intimidation, did take from the person and
9 presence of Margaret Arruda, an association employee,
10 approximately Two Thousand Five Hundred Eighteen Dollars
11 (\$2,518.00), in money belonging to and in the care, custody,
12 control, management and possession of the Westgate Branch of
13 Great Northwest Federal Savings and Loan Association, a savings
14 and loan association as defined in Title 18, United States
15 Code, Section 2113(g); that in committing the offense of
16 robbery hereinabove charged, the defendants, THERESE ANN
17 COUPEZ, JANINE DARCY BERTRAM, a/k/a JORI UHURU, and JOHN
18 WILLIAM SHERMAN, assaulted and put in jeopardy the life of the
19 aforementioned Margaret Arruda, an association employee, by the
20 use of a dangerous weapon and device, to wit, a gun.

21 All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections
22 2113(a) and (d), and Section 2.

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24 COUNT IV

25 On or about February 23, 1978, at Tacoma, within the
26 Western District of Washington, THERESE ANN COUPEZ; JANINE
27 DARCY BERTRAM, a/k/a JORI UHURU; and JOHN WILLIAM SHERMAN, by
28 force, violence and intimidation, did take from the person and
29 presence of Susan Frees, a bank employee, approximately Eight
30 Hundred Sixty-Five Dollars (\$865.00), in money belonging to and
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1 in the care, custody, control, management and possession of the
2 99th and Pacific Avenue Branch of Union Bank, a bank as defined
3 in Title 18, United States Code, Section 2113(f); that in
4 committing the offense of robbery hereinabove charged, the
5 defendants, THERESE ANN COUPEZ, JANINE DARCY BERTRAM, a/k/a
6 JORI UHURU, and JOHN WILLIAM SHERMAN, assaulted and put in
7 jeopardy the life of the aforementioned Susan Frees, a bank
8 employee, by the use of a dangerous weapon and device, to wit,
9 a gun.

10 All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections
11 2113(a) and (d), and Section 2.
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13 COUNT V

14 On or about March 1, 1978, at Tacoma, within the Western
15 District of Washington, THERESE ANN COUPEZ; JANINE DARCY
16 BERTRAM, a/k/a JORI UHURU; and JOHN WILLIAM SHERMAN, by force,
17 violence and intimidation, did take from the person and
18 presence of Pat Cochrane, a bank employee, approximately One
19 Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety-Nine Dollars (\$1,899.00), in
20 money belonging to and in the care, custody, control,
21 management and possession of the University Place Branch of
22 Puget Sound National Bank, a bank as defined in Title 18,
23 United States Code, Section 2113(f); that in committing the
24 offense of robbery hereinabove charged, the defendants, THERESE
25 ANN COUPEZ, JANINE DARCY BERTRAM, a/k/a JORI UHURU, and JOHN
26 WILLIAM SHERMAN, assaulted and put in jeopardy the life of the
27 aforementioned Pat Cochrane, a bank employee, by the use of a
28 dangerous weapon and device, to wit, a gun.

29 All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections
30 2113(a) and (d), and Section 2.
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COUNT VI

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2 On or about October 6, 1977, at Seattle, within the Western
3 District of Washington, THERESE ANN COUPEZ; JANINE DARCY
4 BERTRAM, a/k/a JORI UHURU; and JOHN WILLIAM SHERMAN, knowingly
5 did make and manufacture a firearm, that is, a destructive
6 device, being more particularly described as an explosive pipe
7 bomb and an incendiary bomb consisting of a glass jug of
8 flammable liquid, without complying with the making provisions
9 of Title 26, United States Code, Section 5822, and without
10 paying the manufacturing and making tax required by Title 26,
11 United States Code, Section 5821(a).

12 All in violation of Title 26, United States Code, Section
13 5861(f) and 5871, and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2.

COUNT VII

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16 On or about October 13, 1977, at Seattle, within the
17 Western District of Washington, THERESE ANN COUPEZ; JANINE
18 DARCY BERTRAM, a/k/a JORI UHURU; and JOHN WILLIAM SHERMAN,
19 knowingly did make and manufacture a firearm, that is, a
20 destructive device, being more particularly described as an
21 explosive pipe bomb and an incendiary bomb consisting of glass
22 jugs of flammable liquid, without complying with the making
23 provisions of Title 26, United States Code, Section 5822, and
24 without paying the manufacturing and making tax required by
25 Title 26, United States Code, Section 5821(a).

26 All in violation of Title 26, United States Code, Section
27 5861(f) and 5871, and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2.
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COURT VIII

2 On or about October 15, 1977, at Burien, within the Western
3 District of Washington, THERESE ANN COUPEZ; JANINE DARCY
4 BERTRAM, a/k/a JORI UHURU; and JOHN WILLIAM SHERMAN, knowingly
5 did make and manufacture a firearm, that is, a destructive
6 device, being more particularly described as an explosive pipe
7 bomb, without complying with the making provisions of Title
8 United States Code, Section 5822, and without paying the
9 manufacturing and making tax required by Title 26, United
10 States Code, Section 5821(a).

11 All in violation of Title 26, United States Code, Section
12 5861(F) and 5871, and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2.

COURT IX


15 On or about November 4, 1977, at Seattle, within the
16 Western District of Washington, THERESE ANN COUPEZ; JANINE
17 DARCY BERTRAM, a/k/a JORI UHURU; and JOHN WILLIAM SHERMAN,
18 knowingly possessed firearms, that is, destructive devices,
19 being a combination of parts designed and intended for use in
20 converting and making explosive and incendiary bombs and from
21 which destructive devices could be readily assembled; and which
22 were not registered to any of them in the National Firearms
23 Registration and Transfer Record, as required by Chapter 53,
24 Title 26, United States Code.

is violation of Title 26, United States Code, Section 2631, and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2381.


A TRUE BILL:

DATED:

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT.
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

JOHN WILLIAM SHERMAN,

Defendant.

NO. CR78-22T.

JUDGMENT AND COMMITMENT

On this 2nd day of August, 1978, came the attorneys for the Government and the defendant appeared in person and pro se, and with his attorney-adviser Kenneth E. Kanev.

IT IS ADJUDGED that the defendant, upon his plea of not guilty and a verdict of guilty as to Counts I through VIII of the Indictment, has been convicted of the offenses of violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 371 (Count I); Title 18, United States Code, Sections 2113(a) and (d) (Counts II, III, IV and V); and Title 26, United States Code, Sections 5861(f) and 5871 (Counts VI, VII and VIII), as charged in the Indictment, and the Court having asked the defendant whether he has anything to say why judgment should not be pronounced, and no sufficient cause to the contrary being shown or appearing to the Court,

IT IS ADJUDGED that the defendant is guilty as charged and convicted.

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