

October 2, 1984

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Dear Tom,

Would you please see that the enclosed letter to the Green River Task Force is delivered to someone in that organization who can be trusted to treat it with the utmost in confidentiality?

I ask you not to allow knowledge of the existence of the enclosed letter to go beyond you, the Task Force, and me.

I ask you to forward the enclosed letter because it would be unwise to write the Task Force directly from where I am, and because you are the only person I know and can trust to handle it properly.

Thanks for helping out.

Take care of yourself.

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P.S. - Please feel free to read the enclosed letter before you give it to the Task Force.

P.P.S. - Please drop me a line, if it is nothing
more than a postcard, to let me
know that this got out of here and got to
you. Thanks.

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Green River Task Force
Pierce County Sheriff's Department, et al.
Burien, Washington

October 1, 1984

Dear Task Force Members,

I have some information which I think could prove useful in apprehending the person or persons responsible for what are referred to as the Green River murders. Before I provide such information, however, I need your assurances that this letter, as well as any subsequent communications we may have, will be held in the strictest of confidence. I do not want anyone outside your Task Force, especially members of the news media, to become aware of my offer to help and the nature of the help, should you accept it.

My offer of assistance is made sincerely and honestly. I would hope that those

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sentiments will characterize any relations
you have with me.

For many months, like other people in
this part of the country, I have occasionally
read and heard about the Green River murders.
Coverage here has not been nearly as complete
and extensive as it undoubtedly has been in
the Pacific Northwest. Coverage here has been
on the sensational side, superficial and
sporadic.

I did not have any special or exceptional
reactions to the news of the Green River cases,
beyond what most other people in this part
of the country would have, except that by
being from the Seattle/Tacoma area my
interest was, perhaps, keener than most.
And I did not have access to daily media cover-
age out of Seattle or Tacoma, until recently.
The lack of any detailed accounts precluded me
from developing any valuable insights into the
Green River murders, again, until recently.

What happened recently was that a
couple of months ago I began receiving a
subscription to the Tacoma News Tribune,

and a couple of weeks ago I received a copy of the TNT that reported the discovery of the body of a young woman in a remote area of Pierce County. The descriptions of the area and scene, general though they must have been, were far more detailed and evocative than any I had read before. It was without any conscious effort on my part that the TNT's accounts of this latest possible Green River murder site aroused some vivid impressions about the behavior of the person or persons responsible for this series of murders, assuming that this latest victim does in fact become firmly linked to the other Green River murders.

I don't know if you want or need any of the information I am able to provide. And it may turn out that you have developed similar impressions, observations, and hunches. (After all, you have access to an enormous amount of facts about these crimes that I do not.) But even if I knew you would be interested in what I have to give you, I would have to wait until I received your promise that no one outside the Task Force

will be made aware that I have offered to do what I can to assist you.

I am not sure what the best way go from here is. For instance, if you indicate you are interested in having more from me, I would be reluctant to put it in writing and mail it from within the prison because the mail here passes through many hands before the postal authorities get it. (I am apprehensive about mailing this letter even though I have taken the precaution to sending it to you through Judge Swayze.) Again, not only don't I want anyone outside the investigation to be aware of me trying to help you, but I feel it could be detrimental to your investigation if my comments related thereto were publicized somehow.

Admittedly I am being cautious, but I am being so because I know that the name Ted Bundy elicits a lot of curiosity, especially among news media types.

Another approach is for you to send an investigator to come talk to me. I would talk to such a person but only about the Green River matter. I am playing no games

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with you. We will handle this thing in a straight forward manner or we don't handle it at all. I think I can make a contribution that will be useful to you in the Isrun River cases. That is all!

If you decide to come see me, I suggest you work through F.B.I. people here in Florida so prison authorities will not get wind of what you are coming to discuss.

It may be presumptuous of me to believe that you would be at all interested in anything I can provide. Even so, I have let you know that I have something that may help you. That is all I can do at this point. The next move is up to you. Please let me know what you would like to do, if anything.

Good luck.

Sincerely,
Ted Bundy

P.S. - Communicating with me will be a problem for the same reason it is a problem for me to write to you directly. If you write, please don't write on Jack Force stationery. Instead, please send word through official

legal channels, such as a prosecuting attorney or judge, for example. Make sure the letter is clearly marked "legal mail". This is because legal mail is only opened by prison authorities in my presence and is not read by them.

The alternative would be to relay an initial reply to this letter through a local agent of the F.B.I..

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Green River Task Force
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Burien, Washington

October 15, 1984

Dear Task Force Members,

On October 1, 1984, I wrote a letter to you and sent it via Superior Court Judge Thomas Swayze in Tacoma. I asked Judge Swayze to give me some kind of indication that he had received and forwarded that letter to you. During the intervening two weeks I have heard nothing from Judge Swayze nor you. I don't know what the problem is, or even if there is a problem, but I thought I had better try another means of contacting you in case, for whatever reason, the first failed. Therefore, I sent this letter through John Henry Browne, a Seattle criminal defense lawyer who I know and trust.

I must admit that I am being cautious in approaching you. It would not look good to my fellow prisoners if it became known that I offered to help in and provide information for your invest-

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igation. This is one reason I do not want to let it be known that I am writing you. Mail passes through many hands before it leaves this place and there are too many curious minds for me to address a letter to you directly.

A broader concern of mine is ~~that~~ my offer of information and whatever other assistance you determine I can provide not be made known outside the Task Force, especially not to the news media, in part because of the reason I stated above, and in part because such publicity could hamper your investigation in some way.

Okay, with that in mind, I will tell you now, as I told you in my October 1, 1984, letter, that I have information which I believe would be useful to your investigation. I have a unique perspective on the Green River case, which, while I may not provide you with anything you haven't thought of before, ~~it~~ may cause you to refocus ^{on} and re-examine things you may have neglected or dismissed for some reason or other.

Let me explain how I came to realize I had something of value to offer you at this late date.

While I gather that the Green River matter has been a source of concern in the Pacific Northwest for a couple

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years or so, news of those murders did not begin to filter down to this far corner of the country until maybe a year ago as far as I recall. Even then news accounts here were infrequent and very brief. I am sure the news coverage here was microscopic compared to what has been seen in the Seattle-Tacoma area.

Not having access to regular, detailed, and comprehensive news coverage I did not have an opportunity to gain any kind of feel for the Green River situation. I had no basis for developing any ideas or insights. I had no reason to go out of my way to learn more about the cases. There were other things on my mind.

Then two or three months ago, I began receiving the Tacoma News Tribune (TNT). It was the first time in over five years I have received a daily newspaper from the Northwest. It was about a month ago that I got my first real taste of local coverage of the Green River investigation when the body of a woman, believed to be linked to the Green River cases, was discovered in a remote area of Pierce County. The news coverage of that discovery and subsequent and related articles were something of a revelation. I got a feel for what was happening, albeit tentative and based on pitifully few facts.

But I know your man in a way that facts alone cannot accomplish. I do not

know his face, but I have some pretty good ideas on where you can look to see him for yourselves.

There are many reasons why I want to see if I can be of some help to you. I won't claim some noble, civic-minded motivation. Basically, the case has really begun to intrigue me. But I am sure it intrigues lots of people. The difference is I have knowledge and a point of view to add to your case investigation like no one else does. I may simply have reached the point where I realized I have something of value and the chance to use it productively.

I would like your assurance that this letter and any other communications we may have will be kept strictly confidential, and that no one outside the Task Force will be made aware of what I have said here or will say should we enter into a dialogue.

If you wish to communicate with me by mail, please do so by sending a letter through a prosecutor, lawyer or judge that is clearly marked "Legal Mail". Such mail is opened in my presence and not read. Other mail is opened in the mailroom and may be read.

If you would rather send someone to talk with me, I would welcome the opportunity. Eventually, I think you stand to gain more if you meet with

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me personally. If you do decide to send someone to Florida, I suggest that you have someone from a local office of the F.B.I. help you gain entrance to the prison without divulging the exact reason for your visit.

Well, there you have it. I have no way of knowing if you need or want anything I have to offer. All I can do is let you know I am willing to help any way I can. The rest is up to you.

Good luck.

Sincerely,

Jack Bundy



OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

October 16, 1984

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Dear Ted:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter to the Green River Task Force dated October 1, 1984. Your request that any communications we may have be kept in "strictest of confidence" is absolutely honored. I, too, am concerned that any comments made by you could be detrimental to the Green River investigation.

I am interested in what information you have that could prove useful in apprehending the person(s) responsible for the Green River murders. In order to assess the immediacy of your assistance, could you provide just some facts about the nature of your help? I could, tentatively, visit Florida in the middle of November in conjunction with other investigative duties. I have made inquiry to your local FBI to arrange a possible visit. You may hear from them. The sensitivity of this matter was emphasized.

I respect your statement of "playing no games," and, frankly, playing games with you is presumptuous on my part and a waste of my time. I am interested in what is useful in resolving the Green River killings and what your contribution

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is. We will communicate at your request only about the Green River murders and "nothing else."

Let me hear from you and I hope to see you in November.

Very truly yours,

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October 19, 1984

Dear Mr. Hagerty,

Thanks for coming to see me yesterday. The hour passed quickly. While our conversation was impromptu and rambled across a variety of subjects, ideas, and observations, there is no doubt in my mind that a continuing and systematic dialogue of that kind could prove very beneficial to law enforcement people, and I am referring to a lot more than personality profiles and lists of common characteristics.

However, today I have been giving more thought to the news you relayed to me from the Green River Task Force than I have been to our general discussion.

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I have had mixed feelings about the news that Detective Kezzel may drop by to see me a month or so from now after attending some conference in Atlanta. On the one hand, I can imagine how busy an organization like the Green River Task Force (G.R.T.F.) can make itself. There must be priorities. I cannot blame them if they didn't feel I was ~~not~~ one of them. Caught up in an investigation like that, there are many things crying for, demanding attention. The value of my offer of information could easily strike them as unclear, even dubious. That I might strongly believe my offer has considerable value is only a matter of opinion at the present time, and time will tell. My offer is at least novel but law enforcement is more often prone to be conventional than novel.

The decision to have Kezzel see me in a month could, however, be due less to the busy schedule of the G.R.T.F.'s investigators and attributable instead to a cynical rejection that I could help them in anyway. Let's face it, such cases bring all kinds out of the woodwork, and Ted Bundy may be seen as another one of the bugs. I would hope that they'd be more open-minded but I can understand that the presence of such a case may force them to be otherwise.

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I do not, in fact, know that the J.R.T.F. has taken this or any kind of an attitude on the basis of my letter to them. I, too, must be careful to keep an open mind. But the delay of a month certainly doesn't signal an urgent interest. If someone in this part of the country wrote J.R.T.F. and said he wanted to confer to some crime or he thought he had seen someone pick up a Green River victim shortly before her death, I wonder if he would be told to expect Bob Keygel in a month? Of course, I have known such task forces to do far stranger things.

In any event, I hope that if someone ~~from~~ ^{honest} J.R.T.F. does come to see me that ~~he~~ ^{he} doesn't do so to patronize me or humiliate me as a means of getting "a goat in the door" on discussing matters not related directly to the Green River case. That would be a shame and a waste. I know I have the ability to make a significant contribution to that case, even if I have not yet given anyone a reason to believe me.

Bill, I would rather not let a month slip by without making any progress on this matter. It's the first time in over nine years that I have attempted to help the police in any

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meaningful way. The time is right. It is a significant step, whether or not some people are willing to see it that way. So since it appears that it will be a month before anyone gets down here, I would like to use it to prepare for such a meeting.

Remember, we talked some about the use (and possible misuse) of computers in police investigations. I'll bet the F.R.T.F. is paying a pretty penny to computerize different aspects of its investigation. Anyway, the point I'd like to make is that I have a computer and numerous programs uniquely designed to digest facts produced by a Green River type case. What I need now is some data. I've run the few sparse facts I have and come up with some interesting results. The more facts I have, the more numerous and reliable the computed insights.

The kind of discussion we had yesterday was interesting but it doesn't yield the kind of understanding, specific understanding useful in finding the Green River guy (or guys), for example. The delay in getting someone from the F.R.T.F. could be advantageous, if I can use the time to ~~see~~ collect and assimilate some facts on the Green River cases, so that when I do talk to some-

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one, the discussion, the questions and answers can begin on a level that will be far more applicable, useful and practical to the investigation of the case.

My proposal, then, is to ask you to get in touch with the J.R.T.F. and see if they will, without delay, send you the following types of material:

1. A collection of magazine and newspaper articles that accurately and comprehensively treat/covers the Green River case from their beginning to the present;
2. A list of the alleged Green River victims which includes the following information for each victim:
 - a. name,
 - b. age,
 - c. general area believed to have disappeared from,
 - d. date of disappearance,
 - e. location where body found, and
 - f. date body found;
3. Regional map showing sites where remains/bodies found;
4. More detailed topographical maps of sites themselves showing back roads, trails, ~~the~~ structures, etc.;

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remains/ 5. General descriptions of sites where bodies found, including vegetation, distance to nearest road, and any known legitimate activities in area, if any (i.e., logging, hunting, biking, etc.);

6. Photos or photocopies of photos of sites and nearby roads or trails;

7. And anything else of value they are willing to send.

Now I sure as hell don't want to make it appear that I want to see anything confidential or classified, because I don't want and am not asking for anything of the kind. I know they would not send it anyway. However, if there is something they wouldn't want me to have in my possession, but would allow you to bring to the prison and show me in the Colonel's office, such would be an alternative. I don't know. It's all up to them.

Would you be willing to have the G.R.T.F. send the material I've requested to you, so you could either mail or bring it to me, whichever would be more convenient?

Anyway, I'd ask that you call the G.R.T.F. as soon as possible to forward my request and get things moving, if they're

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receptive to the idea. Also, would you please forward the enclosed carbon copy of this letter to them? I would appreciate it.
Thanks.

Well, that's about it for now. I guess what I am looking for here is a good faith gesture that the I.R.T.F. is willing to take me seriously. It would be more than a gesture, however, since the material they provide me with would serve as the basis for a new and valuable look into what makes the Green River killer (or killers) tick, and where and how he ticks.

We have an opportunity here. Let's use it.

Thanks for your help.
Take care.

Sincerely,

Jed Bureky

cc: Green River Jack Force
Bill

P.S. - When you came to see me Thursday, I was informed of your visit by an officer, standing at the end of the six-man

tier I line on and calling out loudly, "Burdy, F.B.I. callout," for everyone to hear. I don't need that kind of announcement. That is how unpleasant I am now. get started. I know you about responsible for how a wing officer call to me, but you could see that the incident isn't repeated.

The next time you come would you ask Mr. Dugger or Mr. Barton or whoever you work through at the prison to make sure the wing officer is only informed that I have a callout to the Colonel's office and nothing more.

Thank you.

P.P.S. - I thought I should explain briefly my interest in the site where the bodies have been found. They are undoubtedly the most important source of information about the Green River guy anyone has access to, and I am referring to much more than the bodies themselves and related trace evidence. The site give an invaluable look into how this man's mind works. It is a place he chose with some care and has... I would say they are place he chose with some care and has returned to many times. We know he's been there, obviously, and this fact has an importance that can't be underrated.

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October 27, 1984

Dear Bob,

This is the continuation of a letter I wrote to you on October 22, 1984. I trust you have received that letter and a copy of a letter I wrote to Bill Hagerty on October 19, 1984, both of which were forwarded to you via the F.B.I. I wanted to start work on this letter earlier this week but several disturbances in the area where I live made it difficult to concentrate. Now with things relatively quiet again I can take my time and mail this out tomorrow night.

To begin with, I want to make it clear I welcome your questions. If you have any questions concerning my thoughts on the Green-River cases generally, or if you have

questions about matters I raise in my letters, please don't hesitate to ask and I will do my best to answer them fully. Such questions would be very useful in helping me complete and clarify my thoughts on the things I have written to you about.

When you read these comments of mine please keep in mind that I have no desire or intention of playing detective. I am not and do not want to be a detective. That is not the role I feel capable of playing. All I am is someone with a different point of view of the Green River murders and the person or persons responsible for them. It is a valid and potentially valuable point of view in practical terms of hunting for and catching this person. I realize the real work is up to you. What I ask for is that what I offer be taken seriously and that when possible you allow me access to information that will enhance the reliability and effectiveness of the viewpoint I give you.

In my October 22 letter I said that the information I received about the sites where the bodies were discovered aroused in me some strong insights into and feeling for what was going on in the mind of the man responsible for placing the bodies ^{in those locations} there. For several reasons I feel that these sites offer the best opportunity to understand how and why the man did what he did.

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note again here that I use the term "Green River man" advisedly, and as a kind of shorthand. I realize that there is a possibility of more than one person being involved.) Obviously, there's much more that this person is doing than disposing of his victims' bodies. How, where and when the Green River man hunts for, approaches, makes contact, lures and eventually abducts his victims intrigues me; even though I know that this part of the investigation is far more puzzling, complex, speculative, time consuming and less likely to yield the kind of concrete results that will lead you to your man.

What is more disconcerting is that even if you have some firm answers to how, when and where the Riverman abducts his victims (and he may well have such approaches and variations of approaches depending on the circumstances), those answers could easily leave you a long way from finding and arresting the man himself. But it is definitely a part of the investigation that must be undertaken. Endless hours of inquiry focused on.

Countless leads checked out. If you get lucky, it is call sound police work. If not, it is a wild goose chase. Either way, there is no doubt that it is the most challenging and demanding way to attempt to solve the case.

So, before I discuss in detail some of my ideas for putting a newly discovered dump/burial site under surveillance, I would like to pose a few of the questions I would seek answers to that, I believe, would not only reveal more about how the Riverman selects and takes possession of his victims but would reveal much about the man himself.

Along with the following questions about the victims, circumstances surrounding their disappearances, and related matters, I will provide some commentary ^{on} why I think the questions and their answers are pertinent.

Many of the questions may strike you as elementary. The commentary, I hope, will prove less so. Again, please keep in mind that I am working with precious few facts.

1. What kind of "seme" were the victims in to?

I have heard the Green River victims characterized as teenage prostitutes. Is this really true? Was every single one known to have been

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an active prostitute? Or are there exceptions to that rule? (I will discuss later why anomalies concerning the type of victim may give valuable insight into the Riverman's method of operation.) Is it possible that some of the girls/victims were called or suspected of being prostitutes because they had "reputations", were party girls, runaways, school dropouts or delinquents, but were not actually prostitutes? What I am wondering is if the victim class may be a bit broader than I have been lead to believe.

The Riverman has, from the time he started pursuing his victims, a sensitivity to and knowledge of the "scene" (the life style, habits, movements, hangouts and likes and dislikes) of the women he was hunting and eventually killing. How he obtained such knowledge and understanding is anyone's guess but there is a good possibility that he was and is very much a part of that "scene" or the fringes of such a scene. And his knowledge and understanding can only have increased in the past couple years.

Let me get into more about what I mean by the word "scene". First, I am going to assume that the victim class includes more than prostitutes, but also women with backgrounds and life styles similar to prostitutes of the kind involved here. If this is an erroneous assumption, please bear with me. By "scene" I mean a cultural milieu, or more accurately a subcultural milieu that may involve prostitutes, delinquents, runaways, party girls, and their friends and peers who hangout arcades, malls, taverns, and clubs, or any other places, and who may also be into drugs and partying and generally being free-spirited and mobile. Please forgive the stereotypes.

My point is that somehow the Riverman came to know his class of victims and their life styles in an intimate way that allows him to manipulate and lure them into his custody.

The better one understands that whole "scene", the better one understands how the Riverman works and who he is.

(It seems appropriate for me to discuss here some thoughts I have related to what I call the "victim class". From the Riverman's point of view this class could not be better; from law enforcements, it could not be worse.

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As I am sure you know, ~~Green River~~ ~~type victims~~ ~~murders~~ are hard to investigate because (1) their disappearances are usually not reported ~~to~~ ^{till} ~~several~~ days or weeks after they actually disappeared, (2) their movements are often hard to trace, (3) a comprehensive list of their friends and associates is difficult to compile, and (4) in the beginning at least, neither the news media nor the police paid the disappearances much attention. All of these conditions are ideal for the Riverman who probably wants attention as much as he wants to get caught, which is not at all.

Also working in the Riverman's favor, and one of the reasons he continues to work in the face of an intense investigation and intense publicity, is that his victim class continues to provide him with ample candidates. (How many times have you seen a young girl hitchhiking shortly after the well publicized discovery of another victim?) His victim class is vulnerable because it seems to be comprised of young women who are, in some respects, weaker, harder to intimidate and control,

more mobile than most people as well as being inclined to adopt the it-can't-happen-to-me attitude people have about crime.

The fireman continues to work his territory in part because he is confident of his abilities, he knows the police are close, he may not have the time or money to go elsewhere, but most important, he still has ready access to his potential victims.

2. What kind of people, especially men, were the victims most often associated with? What kinds of men were their customers? What kinds of men were their friends and boy friends? What age? How did they dress and wear their hair? Were they into drugs? What kind? What kinds of cars did they drive. What were their socio-economic and educational backgrounds? What kind of music did they like? And much more.

This question is related to the one about the "scene" the victims were in. Part of that "scene" were their male friends, lovers, customers and friends. If some kind of coherent profile emerges here, it may well also be the profile of the fireman.

I say this because the Green River victims continue to be vulnerable to this man despite the fact they must know they are targets, virtual targets and they are undoubtedly

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taken some kinds of precautions concerning the kinds of men they will allow to approach them and the kinds of men they will go somewhere with for whatever reason.

The Riverman could theoretically be using many different ways to approach and abduct his victims, and, in fact, probably has several he uses. You may very well be surprised by the simplicity of his technique. The kind of thing which you will say, "Why didn't we think of that before?" For example, he could be playing the role of cop along the lines of Bianchi and his cousin. He could be stalking and physically carrying off his victims. He could be doing lots of things.

However, my initial sense of what is going on is this: The victims, like the public, are looking for the stereotypical, Henry Lucas type, the grizzled, older, drifter type with the sunken eyeballs and the lewd demeanor. These girls took steps to avoid such people and any other males they considered "strange". And for a matter of, weeks or months they

developed ^{ed} confidence they had been "successful" in coming up with defenses adequate to the threat of the Riverman.

Until they met the Riverman, who fit none of their preconceptions.

The Green Riverman doesn't fit the image. He puts the victim at ease. He's one of the crowd, maybe a queer, which is why he is so effective and hard to find. No one remembers him. He doesn't stand out or come on strong in a heavy, intense or threatening manner. I will bet that lots of girls he never abducted were approached by him. He lured into their awareness, felt them out, dangled a lure or two, and casually lured out. Nice guy. Easy-going. Looked like many of the young men they hang out (safely) with every day. Another face in the crowd. Nothing memorable, threatening or unusual. That is one and only one scenario.

3. Did any of the victims know each other or know of each other?
It appears to me now but could be wrong as well. And even if it is right on, it doesn't really get you that much closer to your man.

3. Did any of the victims know each other or know of each other?

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Since the Riverman is working a relatively small geographic area, the fact that ~~the~~ some of the victims may know each other may be coincidental. But he may be focusing in on more than an area or hangouts or a "scene" generally. He may have specific victims in mind, in which case some of the following questions occur to me: Did any of the victims carry address books? Did they have telephones or ready access to telephones where they lived or worked? (The telephone being the perfect way to anonymously, gradually set up a trap or rendezvous.)

And this also occurs to me: The Riverman may be intercepting his victims for ransom or other possible victims and for places where other victims might be found in order to supplement his existing knowledge of the "scene", which he is always looking to expand.

4. Is it possible to determine in the case of any one or more of the victims what the ~~approximate~~ time was between the disappearance and the time the body was dumped or buried?

Any clues here could yield some insight into the Riverman's living situation. If several days elapse between the disappearance of any of the victims and the time when their bodies are disposed of, then a strong inference can be made that he lives alone in an apartment that affords some privacy, especially for entering and editing, or a house.

I could go on for many pages like this. I have many questions and reasons for wanting to know the answers. However, I have no idea if any of this interests you at all. So let me finish this up with a couple more questions and move on to the matter of staking out the site where a victim's body has just been discovered.

5. Are there any girls the Riverman has killed who don't fit the mold of his typical victim?

If there are such victims, they pose a number of interesting possibilities. Maybe his tastes change occasionally? Maybe he simply made a mistake and thought one of these exceptional victims was something she wasn't. (Nobody is perfect.) The Riverman may be looking for a general type, rather

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than someone who is actually a prostitute. Of course, it is possible that he is hunting for young women who exhibit a certain range of characteristics, within which range are included prostitutes but may also include hitchhikers of a certain type or runaways or bar flies. Anyway, he may be focusing on a kind of place or situation, as well as specific known types (i.e., prostitutes), and occasionally a hapless victim strays into a situation or place and she is close enough to his profile to move on her. Should the kidnapper be abducting more than prostitutes, then obviously his approaches, his lures, his m.o. is flexible and not tailored specifically to prostitutes.

It is likely that some day he will expand the kinds of women he is interested in, but for now, he will continue to go with what he knows.

6. How are the disappearances of the victims distributed over time?

The questions involved here involve

internal and external factors. When and how often he abducts his victims is in part related to his need to do so which may vary. ~~It~~ That is an internal type factor. External factors such as demands of family, job or school interact with the internal factors.

Generally speaking the distribution or the frequency of the disappearances looked at over a long period of time tends to reveal internal drives. Whether the disappearances occurred in the day or nighttime, during weekdays or weekends are factors more likely to reveal work schedules and family responsibilities.

Much can be learned from a close study of question of when the Riverman abducts his victims which can give insight into his mind and life style.

7. Where have the disappearances occurred?

I am not referring to exactly where he encountered his victims, but generally speaking. What little I know tells me he had an amazingly limited geographic range.

This may be due to restrictions on his time or money or both. And he obviously doesn't need to range further... yet.

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What really intrigues me about looking at his territory and seeing where the victims have disappeared from is what it can tell you about his home base. Where is this guy working out of? Where does he live? Given what little I know about this, I have a surprisingly strong impression for the area he is working out of. It is conjecture and it is something more, but we can discuss that once I have had the chance to review more information.

That is all on this for now. I may have already gone on for too long. I hope I haven't bored you. I have many more related questions and comments, but I can give those to you another day.

This whole business about when, where and how (etc. notice I consistently avoid the question of why) he abducts his victims is what I think of as the "front end" of the process. Basically, it is a massive and complex juggle to those seeking answers, the pieces to the juggle. The questions, hypotheses, speculation

and lines of investigation and possible clues are mind-boggling. But the investigation of the sites where the bodies were discovered, the "back end" of the process, is just the opposite. Now you know, or have a good idea of, where, when, how and why in terms of the site. That is why I like to focus on these sites. The sites are much less of a mystery and, not coincidentally, give you the best chance to catch your man, redhanded.

Staking out a newly discovered site. Let me get right into some of the things I would do to stake out such a site. I have a ~~rough~~ ^{rough} year-a-detailed tin-plate outline of how I would go about staking out the site. I don't feel like it would be appropriate here. If you are interested, we can go into it later. For now I will just list some of the major features I see involved in such a stake out. Quite frankly, I cannot think of any objection to this tactic that cannot be compensated for and overcome.

I know I have belabored this point but I want to emphasize it again, the discovery of such a site offers an enormous opportunity to apprehend the Riverman because, if it is ~~the~~ ^{his} victim of his located at the site, he will be there, and if you handle things right

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there is no reason why you cannot be waiting for him when he does.

Okay, now for a few ideas I have about site surveillance:

1. Control initial report of newly discovered body. Keep in custody and sequester those who found body. Use bandoliers. Avoid alerting news media at all cost.
2. Have surveillance teams and equipment ready to be rapidly deployed to area. Go first to a location where those who found body can be debriefed. Review detailed maps of area with witnesses. Identify initial surveillance positions.
3. Surveillance teams take up strategic positions to monitor traffic in the area only. Begin recording license plate numbers, make, model and colors of all vehicles travelling key roadway near site.
4. Surveillance team members are dressed appropriately; and are driven to posts in old, beatup four-wheelers, pickups and station wagons. (Note not so time should, officer be surveilling

area from a vehicle. Use camouflage cover. Leave no vehicles parked in area. Taxi people in and out.)

5. An initial site survey team, including civilians who discovered body, should first drive by site. Park a couple miles away. Like in. Be in constant radio contact with traffic monitors. Task force members will examine site and body or bodies to make determination if it is a Green River type site. Take photos. Leave as they came in.

If after some consultation, it is determined to be a Green River site, institute full scale stake out.

6. Fullscale stake out of site will take shape depending on the unique demands of site and area and roadways around it. If you show me maps of the areas around sites already discovered, I would be happy to show you where I would have placed officers to detect the presence of the Riverman, as well as counter any evasive and precautionary tactics he undoubtedly employs when approaching one of ~~at~~ his active dump/burial sites.

Basically, a fullscale surveillance of such a site includes:

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a. Officers who monitor and record descriptions of vehicles moving through area of site.

b. a team that is positioned to observe the site as best as it can be from a distance;

c. a high ground position where officers can observe as much of area as possible, including anyone on foot in vicinity;

d. 24 hour surveillance;

e. all positions connected by radio;

f. reserve unit dispatched to stop any suspicious vehicles or question anyone seen on foot in area. (Note. Any one stopped by officers in area would be told they were being stopped as part of a search for robbery suspects or some similar justification.)

7. Protection of body or bodies and or remains is high priority. The body can be protected from degradation by several means but if it is decided to surreptitiously remove the remains, this can be done too. By the time the

Riverman is close enough to see the body and/or remains are gone, you already have him in your sights anyway.

8. As I noted earlier, some means must be used to record the license plate numbers, makes and models of all ~~see~~ vehicles passing through area. Of course, special attention must be paid to vehicles that slow down near site, or pass back-and-forth near it or park anywhere in area. You can follow up on the vehicle data later to determine if any of the vehicles slowed out of place or were registered to owners who live in the Riverman's hunting territory.

9. Have search and dog teams on call in case your man slips away or frots.

10. Some of the things you can expect from the Riverman as he approaches and reconnoiters the site may include:

- a. drive by of general area of site;
- b. parking some distance from the site and hiking in; ~~and~~
- c. closely observing all activity and vehicles in area before moving in;
- d. if he has a body, driving as close to the site as he can at a time when there is the least amount of activity ~~at~~ area of site; and

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e. otherwise, he can be expected at any time, probably on foot.

Sister, I have been at this for a couple days, on and off. It is now Sunday night. I want to get this in the mail tonight. There is much, much more I could write on the matter of, staking out a site, but what I have written should give you a general idea of how I would set it up. I would be happy to answer your questions on this and compare notes with you. We could sit down and go over maps of other sites and set up hypothetical stake outs.

I have some other ideas, too, and they involve:

1. A method of getting the Rivisman to come to you;
2. Ways of hunting for his dumps/serial sites; and
3. my own profile of the Rivisman

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I am sending this through Bill Cagerty of
the F.B.I. in Jacksonville, Florida.

I hope this gives you something to think
about.

Take care.

Sincerely,
Ted

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November 18, 1984.

Dear Bob and Dave,

I appreciate you taking the time and coming to talk with me. I hope you found it worthwhile in some way. Your dedication to your work and your knowledge of the cases were impressive. It is not the volume of your knowledge of the cases that struck me, but it was that you knew enough to be asking a lot of vital questions, insightful questions.

You managed to give me a glimpse of the massiveness and complexity of the investigation. I can see how easily people in your position can be overwhelmed by it all. It was a humbling experience in that you showed me what an inflated notion I had of my ability to help you in some meaningful way. I got the feeling that despite the months of being wrapped up in these cases, despite the pressures and frustrations, the reporters and the politicians, you two have managed to maintain a creativeness and openness about the investigation essential to making some sense out of the otherwise bewildering mass of information the Task Force has accumulated.

On the other hand, there is an advantage to not being in the midst of the investigation; burdened and contaminated by all the data, theories, profiles, and organizational limitations that seem like they can confuse and distract as much as they facilitate finding the man who killed the girls in the Green River case. Toward that end, I hope I was in some small way able to give you a new perspective, a fresh view of things here and there.

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Let me again urge you to send me any and all questions that you would like me to send you written answers to. It needn't be anything fancy. In place and ~~answer~~ ask the same questions you asked while you were down here plus any additional questions that may come to you. My written answers are bound to be somewhat more coherent, concise and thorough than the ones you have on tape, and besides, with time to digest and assimilate the information I obtained in the last couple days, my view of the case is bound to change and expand.

During our meeting today and immediately after I returned to my cell, I jotted down a number of ideas, topics, and questions I wanted to follow up on in the near future by reducing my thoughts on them to writing and sending them to you. Such topics as 410 dump sites and surveillance, questions to ask prostitutes, my profile of Riverman, computer lists, the Foster quarry, Pierce County and other possible Pacific Northwest cases which may be related, proactive techniques

(i.e., reward, supercop, slasher movie, fresh site surveillance, etc), and many others that will surely occur to me from time to time.

Regarding the letters I send to you, when I mail a letter to you at the Office of the Attorney General will you open it personally or will someone else open it?

And when you do hear from me by mail, please do drop me a line letting me know it reached you. I remain paranoid about a letter to you falling into the wrong hands.

As I told you, there are a couple letters I wrote in late October (October 23 and October 27), and sent through Bill Haggerty of the Jacksonville office of the F.B.I., that have not reached you yet. In light of what I've since learned in the past week from the list of victims (on the Special Bulletin) and the map you sent me and from our discussions of the last couple days, I have thrown my ~~older~~ ^{meager} preconceptions out and started fresh. Therefore, I am not sure what value my earlier letters will have. Very little, I should think. I suggest you view the letters I wrote to you as in October, 1984, as ~~flat~~ basically uninformed speculation which can serve as a basis ~~to~~

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against which to view subsequent evolution of ideas on the topics I wrote about.

There's a related matter you asked me about, Dave, that I don't think I responded to adequately. (It may be only one of many, I'm afraid.) You asked me when I first learned about the Green River murders, and what did I learn about them over the last couple years.

As I said, I first learned about the cases shortly after the discovery of the bodies in the Green River in 1982.

A friend of mine in Seattle has been sending me clippings from the Seattle Times for many years. On the back of, as a clipping she sent me a couple years ago was part of, an article about the findings. From time-to-time over the next year or so I would see bits and pieces of articles, but nothing coherent really. Nothing more than a paragraph here and a column there. My friend ^{never} ~~now~~ sent me a clipping about the murders, in fact she steadfastly avoided such news, and in late 1983 when things intensified she went out of her way to make sure that there were no

crime-related articles on the back of clippings she sent me. For all practical purposes, my news about the murders was censored.

I asked for no one to send me any news about the murders and none sent any. I received no daily papers from the Pacific Northwest until August, 1984, when I began to receive the Tacoma News Tribune.

One paper I did receive during this period was the Weekly from Seattle which only ran one article about the murders that I recall and the bulk of that article focused on teenage prostitution, with little I can remember now that involved meaningful facts about the cases.

As I explained in my letter of October 1, 1984, the local Florida media and occasionally the national media would carry a superficial sensational blurb about the murders. I don't know why exactly, but on the basis of that news, I concluded that not only ~~was~~ ~~there~~ had the Pinelawn been very active over the past year but all the reports of bodies involved recent murders and whole, fresh bodies. Like most people I assumed too much and knew too little.

The only other noteworthy fact I picked up I picked up off the back of one of my Seattle friends' articles a couple years ago and

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and that involved some guy who had become a suspect of some kind and had been giving the cops hell.

The fact is until this week what I knew was of very little value in truly understanding, truly beginning to understand the Hinaman and his murders. Then on Tuesday your Special Bulletin and map showed up and yesterday, you arrived

When you have time, would you please send me the following:

① Information on related cases in Pierce County;

② The information you showed me on those two Thurston County cases, plus any other related Thurston County cases.

③ A road map that shows King and Pierce Counties, or maybe all of Western Washington. It doesn't have to be as detailed as the one you had with you today of King County.

I'll wait and see if they can find those newspaper clippings before asking

you to send more.

I feel good about our discussions. They
laid a foundation for trust and understanding
between us. You're not some depersonalized
hostile characters. We made contact on a
personal level, beyond suspicion and antipathy.
Let's build on it and see where it takes us.
We're definitely moving in the right direction.

Thanks again for coming.
Good luck.
Take care of yourselves

Love,
Ted



OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

November 30, 1984

Ted Bundy
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Dear Ted:

Thank you for your letter of November 18. After talking with you, both Dave and I realize that your particular knowledge of these types of cases is unique and enlightening. Naturally, we cannot expose you to all the investigative details. As we correspond, more information about the cases well come to you.

We realize the necessity for a special kind of trust between us that will have to be built over time. As this trust solidifies, more information will become available to you.

Per your request, you will find enclosed additional information. the first is a newspaper article about our latest victim, Martina Authorlee. The second is a list of victims indicating the significance of missing dates vs. found dates. It gives a slightly different perspective to victim lists. Wilcox, Taylor, Reed, and Kline are not "official" victims but could be. Reames, Rule and Anderson disappeared during our "list" times and could also be related. But as we discussed, confirmed victims are very difficult to determine. These named victims are all prostitutes.

The third list is female deaths 1973 through 1983. It is unknown how many of these are Green River related.

The fourth list is a summary of victims since 1969. This list is incomplete and was developed in 1975 after months of contacts. Police communications being what they are, you can imagine the difficulty experienced in 1975 at accumulating this list. Perhaps some day you may be able to shed some light on this list.

Due to your interest in lists of names and using a computer to manage the lists, I have included the list of codes we used in June 1975. As I recall, the name Ted Bundy had 2 "A's", 3 "Y's", and 1 AD. You also indirectly had a AB that I'll discuss with you at

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some appropriate time. With your insight and creativity, you could assist us in the Green River case with potential lists you think the "Riverman" might appear in so we could do a similar computer matching of names.

As of this writing, I am as yet to receive your two mentioned letters. I have been informed of their existence and have been assured they are on their way. Others priorities conflict at times.

The letters you mail to me are not opened by anyone else. My secretary receives our mail and she is trustworthy. She is currently transcribing the tapes of our talk. When she is finished, I intend to go over our discussions and come up with more questions for you that didn't come up at the time of our interview.

Currently, I would ask that you consider your profile of the "Riverman". Be as detailed as you can about his actions at the pick up points; transportation to dump sites and dump site activity. What's he doing while he's there? Post mortum behavior? Ante mortum behavior? Employment activities? How does he treat his vehicle? Souvenir saver? Evidence preserver?, etc. Basically, the what, where and when of prediction are more important than the why.

I, too, feel good about our discussions. The suspicions we may have had initially have been eliminated by your sincerity and openness.

When I receive your letters I'll respond to them individually with additional questions and observations.

Very truly yours,



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December 14, 1984

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Dear Ted:

At last, I have received your letter dated Oct. 27, 1984. As of this writing I am as yet to receive your letter of Oct. 22.

You'll find enclosed recent newspaper articles regarding the identification of two Green River victims who were previously classified as Bones 6 and 11.

Kelly Ware was in the same area as Mary Meehan and Connie Naon. [REDACTED] was a Star Lake Road discovery. You can appreciate our previously discussed problems of identifying victims. These were bone finds of the past and were just identified recently.

The remainder of this letter will be a response to your letter of Oct. 27th and the questions you posed.

Your first question was "what kind of scene were the victims into?" You make reference to the fact that they are characterized as teenage prostitutes and ask is this really true. Most of the victims are definitely prostitutes and have arrest records for prostitution. The last 4 girls (Bello, Authorlee, Ware, and [REDACTED]) that were identified have kept this pattern. We have very few girls who were what you would classify as having had reputations, that is, party girls, school dropouts, runaways, and delinquents. It is clear that the prostitute is also a runaway, school dropout, etc. We have about two victims where their prostitute background is uncertain. In any event all the victims were street people.

I like your idea about the killer being very much apart of the scene or the fringes of the scene. This is as you would state elementary but is a very plausible theory that has previously been considered.

From your description of the riverman's behavior, I get the feeling that you believe how the riverman classifies his victims is not necessarily how we would classify them.

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Specifically, how do you think the victims are selected? Do you feel the riverman has stereotyped women as "the only good one is a dead one?"

You mention the victims are women who are in some respects bolder, harder to intimidate, control and more mobile than most people as well as being inclined to adopt the "it can't happen to me" attitude. Does this statement mean that the Green River killer thinks these types of women are more provocative, therefore, his main challenge?

The riverman has continued to work in his own territory, and, as you state, in part because he is confident of his abilities and he knows the police aren't close. How does he really blend in? And what kind of friends do you think the killer has?

Your question, "what kind of people, especially men, were the victims most associated with?" I believe we have discussed this when we spoke in Florida. Your suggestion of pursuing a profile of the people who are in the scene with the victims has been accomplished in the past.

Your question #3, "did any of the victims know each other or know of each other?" The answer is yes depending on your definition of know. I think it is most closely stated that some knew each other but not to the extent of knowing phone numbers, addresses, etc. They probably had come across each other near 1st and Pike or on Pacific Hwy. South. Your comments about the victims address books are well taken and have been pursued.

Your question, "Is it possible to determine in the case of any one or more of the victims what lapse of time was between the disappearance and the time the body was dumped or buried, has been discussed when we met with you. But our evidence to this point would not indicate that we would tell one thing from another about this question.

"How are the disappearances of the victims distributed over time?" Initially, you can see by the lists provided to you, some of the first gaps in time have been filled with more subsequent identifications and discoveries.

You state that the sites are much less a mystery and give us the best chance to catch the killer redhanded. I almost get the impression that you have some specific ideas on what the killer does when he goes back to the body or site. If you could focus on the specifics of when he goes back; at what stages; how often; under what conditions; does he return on foot or by car; why does he come back; would he come back to bones or fresh bodies; does he have some kind of morbid need to watch the

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decomposition process; does he masturbate around or on the bodies; what do you think he is actually doing while there?

In your letter you mention methods for site surveillance and refer to protection of the body as a high priority. You state that the body be protected from degradation by several means. Could you go into more detail on how this could be accomplished rather than surreptitiously removing the remains?

I have a meeting with the FBI tomorrow and will discuss the whereabouts of your remaining letter.

Thank you for your time to consider these questions. Take Care.

Sincerely,

Bob

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Please excuse the typo - my secretary was skiing -