

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION
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August 21, 1973

Federal Bureau of Investigation,
400 U.S. Courthouse Building,
BUFFALO 2, New York, 14202.

Attn: Special Agent Wm. Conroy

Dear Sir:

Re: Murder - Adele KOMOROWSKI

We refer to APB of August 14, 1973, from the State of New York Police in Loudonville, N.Y. ALEW 4700, 2059-08/14/73 1261003 - ALEW ROSQ GHQUTAPTSLETSQCJDGFBI. All referring to the arrest of Robert Francis GARROW Sr., DOB 3/4/36 - DCI 566621X - FBI 121770C, charged with murder August 9, 1973, after extensive manhunt in Adirondack Mountains in New York State on August 9, 1973. He is currently confined to Plattsburg Hospital, Plattsburg, New York, with gunshot wounds. On his release he is to be processed and arraigned in Hamilton County, New York.

Of interest to us is the finding of a map in Garrow's possessions, with cities circled in ink and one of them being Hamilton, Ontario.

We presently have an unsolved homicide in Hamilton, where the M.O. used by the killer is similiar to those used in the past by Garrow. At 11:15 P.M., May 15, 1973, on the campus of McMaster University, Hamilton, Adele Komorowski, 25 years, was accosted by a man, taken to a secluded area and strangled with a length of rope. She was also tied up with this length of rope. Just what the killer intended to do at that time is pure speculation because the alarm had been raised by that time and two uniformed security guards came walking into the darkness with flashlights. By the time the deceased girl was found the killer had fled into the darkness.

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The subject Garrow, does fit the general description of a possible suspect seen in the area before the incident and the deceased could have been lured to an area of danger by the killer showing police identification and impersonating a detective.

We would request your assistance in contacting the officers in charge of this case in Plattsburg, New York and alerting them of this homicide in our city. Perhaps somewhere in Garrow's personal belongings there is mention of the victim, Adele Komorowski, or other references made to this killing.

It would assist us if we could possibly find out where this Garrow was on or around May 15, 1973. If possible, we would like to be supplied with a picture of this man.

At some time in the future, if this could be arranged, we would like to send our detective in charge of this case, Sgt. Clive Paul, to question Garrow. We realize that this could create legal problems and we would be guided by your advice.

We assure you of our continuing co-operation on matters of mutual interest.

Yours truly,

Deputy Chief Albert Welsh
Operations Division

AW/cd
Paul

SUBJECT: UNSUB;
ADELE KOMOROWSKI - VICTIM
HOMICIDE
HAMILTON, ONTARIO, CANADA
MAY, 1973
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(OO: Bureau)

Re Buffalo airtel to Bureau dated 8/24/73.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are six copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above.

Enclosed for the Buffalo Division are two copies of above LHM, two copies of recent photographs of ROBERT FRANCIS GARROW, SR., a possible suspect in captioned matter, and one copy of a New York State Police wanted flyer re GARROW, which contains pertinent descriptive data concerning him.

For the benefit of the Bureau and Buffalo Office, it is noted that Senior Investigator HENRY MC CABE, Bureau of Criminal Investigation, New York State Police, South Glens Falls, New York, who is handling and coordinating the homicide investigations concerning ROBERT FRANCIS GARROW, SR., with regard to the homicide of PHILIP DOMBLEWSKI, in which GARROW is a subject, and the investigation of the murder of DANNY PORTER, in which GARROW is a likely suspect, and the disappearance of SUSAN PETE, who is feared dead, and whose whereabouts are unknown, has requested that subsequent contact with him be made directly from the Hamilton, Ontario

Police Department. As indicated in the LIM, MC CABE feels that the request of Deputy Chief ALBERT WELSH, Operations Division, Hamilton Police Department is nowhere detailed enough with regard to captioned murder for MC CABE to properly inform him.

MC CABE feels it would be of benefit to him to communicate directly with WELSH concerning intricate details of captioned homicide which might fit with information at MC CABE's disposal concerning his investigation. He is willing to be contacted by WELSH or his designated representative at the South Glens Falls Station, New York State Police, telephone number 518-792-2217. MC CABE feels that additional information desired by the Hamilton Police Department would be more efficiently and expeditiously handled in this manner, rather than utilizing the Bureau as a go between.

It is, therefore, requested that the Buffalo Office directly advise WELSH of MC CABE's desire and suggest that he contact MC CABE.

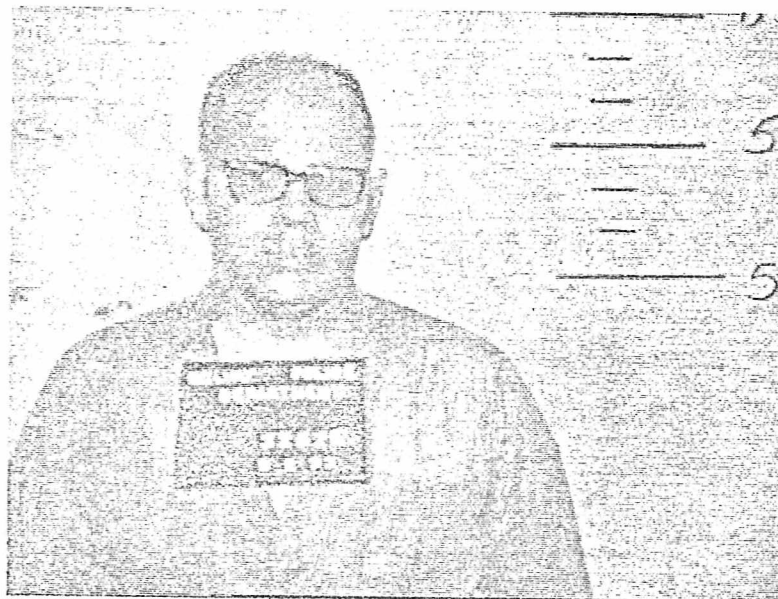
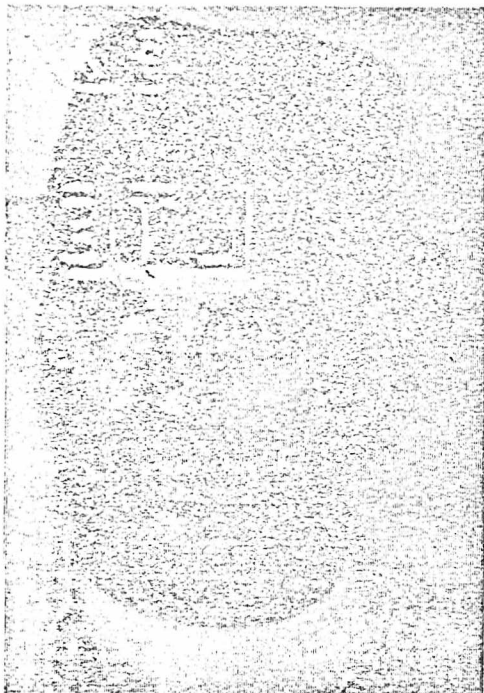
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WANTED BY THE NEW YORK STATE POLICE
FOR
MURDER
(WARRANT ISSUED)



ROBERT FRANCIS GARROW, SR.

Description. white - male - 38 - DOB - March 4, 1936 - 5-11½ - 215 - well built - very muscular - brown hair (bald on top) - blue eyes - ("Foster Grant" type) glasses Varied Density "adjust to light" - brown frames - slight speech impediment - tattoo "Mom and Dad" and a heart on left forearm - scar index finger right hand - tip of thumb left hand - large scar (48 stitches) inside left thigh - small scar left eyebrow to bridge of nose - full upper and partial lower dentures - Habit of Always wearing a Hat and Being Clean Shaven) -

When last seen was wearing forest green workpants and medium blue long-sleeved sport shirt. (Aug. 2, 1973.)
Residence: 111 Berwyn Avenue, Syracuse, N. Y. - has relatives in Witherbee - Port Henry and Mineville (Essex County) and Schenectady, N. Y.

Has extensive record for Rape and various sex crimes usually involving females under the age of 16 - Burglary - Grand Larceny - Attempted Robbery. DCI - 566621X - FBI - 121770C

CAUTION
SUBJECT IS EXTREMELY DANGEROUS

Is known to be armed with a 30-30 cal. Olin lever-action rifle, unknown quantity of ammunition and a knife of, unknown description.

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ANY INFORMATION CONTACT: NEW YORK STATE P
Troop G
Loudonville, New York
Telephone: 518 - 785-51
or ANY STATE POLICE



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Albany, New York

September 11, 1973

In Reply, Please Refer to

File No.

UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
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HOMICIDE
HAMILTON, ONTARIO, CANADA
MAY, 1973

On August 28, 1973, Lieutenant GEORGE MILLS, Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI), New York State Police (NYSP), Malone, New York, advised that to his knowledge, there would be no objection by the NYSP to members of the Hamilton, Ontario Police Department attempting to interview GARROW, however, GARROW's attorney has advised him not to discuss criminal matters with the NYSP and the NYSP was not to attempt to interview GARROW about the criminal charges for which he was arrested. MILLS stated that GARROW has not been talking voluntarily. MILLS stated that Senior Investigator HENRY MC CABE, BCI, NYSP, Troop G, South Glens Falls, New York, would be able to answer other questions regarding effects found on GARROW when he was arrested. MILLS stated that MC CABE or Investigator BECKWITH from the Fonda, New York area, would be able to furnish such information. MILLS noted one of them is usually with GARROW at the Champlain Valley Physicians Hospital at Plattsburgh, New York every day. MILLS furnished two copies of a poster containing photographs of GARROW. He stated to his knowledge these were the only photographs available for GARROW.

On August 29, 1973, JOHN WOOD, Investigator, BCI, NYSP, Troop G, South Glens Falls, New York, who was on duty at the Champlain Valley Physicians Hospital (CVPH) at Plattsburgh, New York, advised that Senior Investigator MC CABE and BECKWITH are not now at CVPH daily with GARROW but at their respective troop headquarters, at South Glens Falls and Fonda, New York.

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WOOD advised that he had spent considerable time with GARROW and during one conversation GARROW talked about the Peace Bridge at Buffalo, New York, and the area in Canada west of the bridge as being a truck farming area where he felt the best vegetables available are grown. WOOD said GARROW did not give details as to particular places in Canada where he has visited but the general impression left on WOOD is that GARROW had been in the area. WOOD said he was not familiar with all of the details of the case but knew that three rope samples from prior criminal acts that GARROW is connected with all are believed to be the same type and attempts are being made to identify the manufacturer of the rope. WOOD said he is sure that MC CABE can answer further questions better than anyone else regarding location of GARROW on May 15, 1973; description; photograph; and advice in regard to any legal problems to be considered if Hamilton Police Department contemplates interview of GARROW.

WOOD noted that MC CABE can also advise whether GARROW had possession of a map with the city of Hamilton, Ontario circled, as well as any other information concerning GARROW's possible connections with the Hamilton, Ontario area.

WOOD described GARROW as a masculine, powerfully built and strong man who is soft-spoken, frequently wore a hat to cover his bald head of which he was very conscious. GARROW also has false teeth and stutters, particularly on the letter "K", when he becomes excited. WOOD also noted that GARROW also finds humor in a variety of subjects and will make sharp and mean comments to someone, look at them a moment and then burst into laughter. GARROW is not known to drink or smoke and keeps himself clean shaven. GARROW reportedly kept himself shaven with his knife while trying to elude the NYSP in their search for him. GARROW was formerly an inmate at Auburn Correctional Facility, Auburn, New York.

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On September 6, 1973, Senior Investigator HENRY MC CABE, BCI, NYSP, South Glens Falls, New York, advised that he has the overall investigative responsibility concerning ROBERT FRANCIS GARROW, SR. GARROW is under indictment at Hamilton County, New York for the murder of PHILIP DOMBLEWSKI, age 18, of Schenectady, New York. This stabbing occurred at Speculator, New York on July 29, 1973. GARROW is also the prime suspect in the stabbing death of DANNY PORTER, age 23, of Boston, Massachusetts on July 20, 1973 near Weavertown, New York. He is also a prime suspect in the disappearance of PORTER's camping companion, SUSAN PETZ, age 21, who has been missing and is feared murdered somewhere in the Adirondack Mountain area. She has been gone since the PORTER murder.

GARROW drove a Volkswagon, orange in color, and recovered from this vehicle was a 1966-67 map in which there were certain penciled notations, routes, etc. This is a New York State map, but it does include Hamilton, Ontario, Canada on it. Next to Hamilton, Ontario, is a penciled question mark.

MC CABE said that he has endeavored to question GARROW about the map and the various notations on it, including the Hamilton reference. GARROW has been questioned about many things and has remains relatively self-controlled but he really flared up when questioned about this map. He accused the NYSP of planting it in his car and thereby trying to frame him and denied any connection with it. MC CABE feels, therefore, that there must be some significance to the map. MC CABE also advised that there have been numerous inquiries from around the country of various police agencies relative to homicides and disappearances which are unsolved in those areas.

MC CABE said that GARROW's modus operandi in the past has been to accost his victim, take them to a secluded area which is usually heavily wooded and swampy, rape and/or sexually abuse them in some manner, sometimes while tied up and sometimes not. Sometimes the victim has been killed and other times released. His killings have been stabbings.

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GARROW was employed as a machinist with the Middlebrook Bakery in Syracuse, New York, and NYSP investigation revealed that he worked the week of May 13, 1973, but had Sunday, May 13 and Wednesday, May 16, as his off days. This is from the records checked recently by the NYSP; however, it is MC CABE's intention to have the actual time cards checked. This is to be done in the very near future, not only with the view in mind that pertinent dates be checked from these cards with regard to MC CABE's investigative responsibilities, but regarding pertinent dates of other homicides and disappearances as well. MC CABE said that he would definitely have the time cards checked for the date of May 15, 1973 for the benefit of the Hamilton, Ontario Police Department as well as on the dates either side of it.

From the Hamilton Police Department, MC CABE does not feel he has sufficient background information concerning the KOMOROWSKI homicide, such as when on May 15, 1973 she was accosted and murdered, and he does not have enough information concerning the rope which she was strangled with. With DOMBLEWSKI, after murdering him, GARROW uncut the rope and took it with him. This was also what occurred in the PORTER murder.

MC CABE is also conducting investigation in conjunction with the Syracuse, New York Police Department concerning several lengths of rope which that department has in its possession and figures that GARROW was involved with. It is from cases where portions of the rope were left behind. The NYSP Crime Lab is doing considerable investigation concerning the ropes, knots, etc. in all of these cases.

MC CABE feels that information of this sort would also be very helpful from the Hamilton Police Department in an effort to determine if the same type of rope, knot, etc. were used there, since GARROW has used an unusual type of knot in the past.

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MC CABE said that he is willing to cooperate wholeheartedly with the Hamilton Police Department and any other agencies with similar unsolved homicides. He stated that he has considerable information which might be of assistance, but he is not in receipt of enough specific information from the Hamilton Police Department to know if it would be pertinent. He definitely feels that Deputy Chief ALBERT WELSH, Operations Division of that department should communicate directly with him at telephone number 518-792-2217, rather than go through the Bureau.

MC CABE noted that GARROW is expected to be moved from the hospital at Plattsburgh, New York within the next week or two, probably to the Hamilton County Jail, at Lake Pleasant, New York. GARROW's attorney has refused to let authorities talk to GARROW about any of the cases involving him. MC CABE said that the Hamilton Police Department may review material found in GARROW's possession at the time of his arrest, placing emphasis on anything which might possibly relate to the KOMOROWSKI homicide; however, much of the evidence is in the State Police Crime Laboratory in Albany, New York at present. NYSP investigation is still in a on-going stage, and pertinent results of interest to the Hamilton Police Department will certainly be made available to them.

MC CABE made available two front view photographs of GARROW, which he said are reasonable likenesses, one of which has him with glasses on, and the other off.



Robert Francis Garrow Jr.

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HAMILTON POLICE DEPARTMENT FOLLOW-UP INVESTIGATION REPORT

Occ. No.	11,800/73
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NATURE OF OFFENCE OR COMPLAINT ▲ Homicide	COMPLAINANT Adela KOMOROWSKI	ADDRESS McMaster University	DATE AND TIME OF REPORT Aug. 14/73
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DETAILS OF FOLLOW-UP — (IF REPORT INVOLVES (a) PERSONS CHARGED AND/OR (b) PROPERTY STOLEN OR RECOVERED THESE ARE TO BE PARAGRAPHEDED SEPARATELY UNDER APPROPRIATE HEADINGS OF PERSONS CHARGED OR PROPERTY)

Information received from State Trooper COURCY at Lewiston N.Y. that they had received a message that Robert FRANCIS GARROW, M, W, 38 ,DOB 3,4,36. 5'11" 215 lbs, Brown hair,bald , wears glasses, Tatoos on arm. had been arrested for a homicide in N.Y. state and was at present in Plattsburg hospital... At the time of his arrest he had in his possession a map with several cities circled. Hamilton Ont. is one of the cities with a circle around it..

This subject wanted in their area for several homicides and ties his victims up. He usually uses a knife.

The trooper states he will forward the message on to us by either telex or letter...

More information forth coming....

Our records checked we have no file on the subject Garrow.

Attention Sgt. Paul...

ASSIGNED BY		REPORTING OFFICER Snelling		D.B.S. CLEARANCE: ▲ CHARGE ☐ OTHERWISE ☐ UNFOUNDED ☐		DATE		INITIALS	
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ATTN NYSIIS - ADD TO MO FILE

ROBERT FRANCIS GARROW, SR. DOB 3/4/36
DCI 566621X
FBI 121770C

ARRESTED FOR MURDER 8/9/73 AFTER EXTENSIVE MANHUNT IN
ADIRONDACK MOUNTAINS BY NEW YORK STATE POLICE AND NEW YORK STATE
CONSERVATION DEPT. SUBJECT SHOT ATTEMPTING TO FLEE CAPTURE
AND IS CURRENTLY CONFINED TO PLATTSBURG HOSPITAL, PLATTSBURG,
NEW YORK IN GOOD CONDITION. HAS EXTENSIVE RECORDS FOR SEX CRIMES
INVOLVING GIRLS USUALLY UNDER AGE OF 16 YEARS OLD. SERVED 7
YEARS IN AUBURN STATE PRISON FOR RAPE 1ST DEGREE FROM 1/9/61
TO 8/12/68 SUBJECT CURRENTLY ON PAROLE. HAS OTHER ARRESTS IN
PAST FOR GRAND LARCENY - BURGLARY AND ATTEMPTED ROBBERY. WHEN
APPREHENDED SUBJECT WAS IN POSSESSION OF 30-30 CALIBER LEVER
ACTION RIFLE AND 4 1/2 INCH HUNTING KNIFE.

MO - THIS ARREST STEMS FROM INVESTIGATION INTO THE HOMICIDE OF
PHILIP A DOMBLEWSKI WHITE MALE. AGE 18 ON 7/29/73 NEAR SPECULATOR,
NEW YORK. DECEASED DOMBLEWSKI ALONG WITH 3 COMPANIONS INCLUDING
ONE FEMALE COMPANION WERE TAKEN AT RIFLE POINT FROM THEIR CAMPING
AREA TO A WOODED AREA NEARBY AND THERE TIED TO TREES BY GARROW.
DECEASED WAS STABBED FATALLY IN THE HEART AND HIS THREE COMPANIONS
ESCAPED BY UNTIEING THEMSELVES AND FLEEING TO SEEK AID. SUBJECT
USED 1/4 INCH WHITE NYLON CORD TO TIE UP VICTIMS.

SUBJECT IS POSSIBLE SUSPECT IN SIMILAR KNIFING INVOLVING
THE DEATH OF DANIEL PORTER, WHITE MALE, AGE 22, ON 7/14 OR
7/15/73 WHERE HIS FEMALE COMPANION SUSAN PETZ, AGE 21, WHITE
FEMALE IS STILL MISSING. THIS INCIDENT TOOK PLACE ON ROUTE 8
TOWN OF JOHNSBURG, WARREN COUNTY, NEW YORK APPROXIMATELY
50 MILES NORTHEAST OF SPECULATOR, NEW YORK AREA. DECEASED
PORTER WAS FOUND IN WOODED AREA WITH STAB WOUNDS TO THE HEART.
GARROW IS ALSO SUSPECTED OF BEING INVOLVED IN NUMEROUS RAPES
AND ASSAULTS ON VARIOUS FEMALES IN THE CITY OF SYRACUSE, NEW
YORK DURING THE PAST TWO YEARS IN WHICH THE MODUS OPERANDI IS
GENERALLY THE SAME - WHEREBY HE TIES HIS VICTIM TO A TREE AND
AFTERWARDS ATTACKS THEM.

GARROW IN THE PAST UPON ACCOUSTING HIS INTENDED FEMALE
VICTIM HAS USED THE ROUSE OF BEING A PLAIN CLOTHES DETECTIVE
IN AT LEAST ONE OCCASION BRANDISHED WHAT APPEARED TO BE A HAND
GUN AND BADGE.

GARROW HAS FORMERLY RESIDED IN THE CITY OF ALBANY, NEW YOK
AND PRIOR TO HIS CONVICTION IN 1/9/61 FOR RAPE HAD BEEN QUESTIONED
CONCERNING AT LEAST TWO OPEN HOMICIDES INVOLVING FEMALES. SUBJECT
GARROW AT THE TIME OF THE DOMBLEWSKI HOMICIDE OPERATED A 1972
VOLKSWAGEN FASTBACK COLOR ORANGE WITH GREY RACING STRIPES,
AUTOMATIC SHIFT BEARING NY REGISTRATION VN8157. SUBJECT BORN
IN DANNEMORA, NEW YORK AND IS VERY FAMILIAR WITH THAT ENTIRE
AREA OF UPPER NEW YORK STATE. PRIOR TO 1972 SUBJECT OWNED BLUE &
BROWN VOLKSWAGONS SEDANS.

W-M-38-DOB 3/4/36 -5,111/2"-215-WELL BUILT-VERY MUSUCLAR
BROWN HAIR(BALD ON TOP) BLUE EYES - WEARS GLASSES - FOSTER
GRANT TYPE VARIED DENSITY, ADJUST TO LIGHT-DARK FRAMES-
RESIDES 111 BERWYN STREET, SYRACUSE, NEW YORK - EMPLOYED
AS MECHANIC IN BAKERY IN SYRACUSE AREA - TALKS WITH
SLIGHT SPEECH IMPEDIMENT - TATOOS "MOM & DAD" AND HEART
ON LEFT FOREARM - SCAR INDEX FINGER ON RIGHT HAND-SCAR
TIP OF THUMB LEFT HAND - LARGE SCAR 48 STICHES LEFT INSIDE
THIGH-SCAR LEFT EYEBROW TO BRIDGE OF NOSE-FULL UPPER PLATE
AND PARTIAL LOWER PLATE. USUALLY WEARS A HAT AND IS
USUALLY CLEAN SHAVEN.

SUBJECT TO BE PROCESSED AND ARRAIGNED IN HAMILTON COUNTY
UPON HIS RELEASE FROM HOSPITAL.

FOUND IN GARROWS CAR WAS A SUNOCO ROAD MAP OF ,N.Y. STATE
WITH FOLLOWING CITY CIRCLED - SIGNIFICANCE UNKNOWN.
SCHENECTADY - ALBANY, KINGSTON, SYRACUSE, BUFFALO, JAMESTOWN
BINGHAMTON, PLATTSBURGH, ROCHESTER, TICONDEROGA, AND HAMILTON
ONTARIO, CANADA.

PRINTS AND PHOTOS ON FILE SP LOUDONVILLE

AUTH MAJOR F. P. STAINKAMP BRODERICK 549PM
TROOP COMMANDER
NY1010200

Attention of Sgt Paul.

3:00pm 8/14/73
Received from
OPP HQ - Burlington
by hand