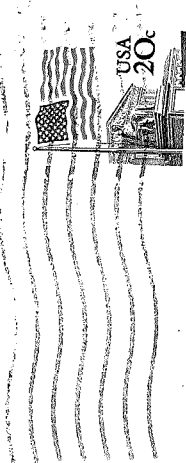


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Dear Bob and Dave,

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 guardry, Pierce County and other possible Pacific Northwest cases which may be related, proactive techniques

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(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 ^{meager} ~~pre~~conceptions out and started fresh. Therefore, I'm 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 ~~just~~ 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 ~~or~~ a clipping she sent me a couple years ago was part of an article about the finds.

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 will no

crime-related articles on the back of clippings he 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 Sacramento 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 Floucla 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 Pinerman 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 Kinkaman 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

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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. Lets 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,
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