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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 view point 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 ^{point} for ~~understanding~~ ^{gaining} the man. Let me

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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 hard-core 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 several 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.

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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 "scum" were the victims into?

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.

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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, among 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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* the murders of Green River
type victims

Or I am sure you know, Green River
~~type victims~~ ^{victim's murders} are hard to investi-
gate because (1) their disappearances are
usually not reported ~~to~~ ^{till} ~~many~~ 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 valuable
because it seems to be comprised of
young women who are, in some respects,
bolder, 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 into. 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 Irum River victims continue to be vulnerable to this man despite the fact they must know they are targets, potential targets, and they have 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 where 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 guys and any other males they considered "strange". And for a matter of weeks or months they

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developed a 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 faded into their awareness, felt them out, dangled a lure or two, and casually faded out. Nice guy. Easy going. Looked like many of the young men they hangout (safely) with every day. Another fade 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 knew of each other?

It appears to me now but could be wrong as hell. And even if it is right on, it doesn't really get you that much closer to your man.

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*with them when they
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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 precinct 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, gracefully set up a ~~safe~~ rendezvous.)

And this also occurs to me: The Riverman may be interrogative his victims for names of 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 lapse of 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 exiting, 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 stating 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 those 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 Kinsman be abducting more than prostitutes, then obviously his approach, his lure, 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 Pickman 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's 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 (you 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 jigsaw to those seeking answers, the pieces to the puzzle. 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. Here 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~~ ^{more or less} a detailed, ten-page 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} next victim or is 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 landlines. 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 tentative positions to monitor traffic in the area only. Begin recording license plate numbers, make, model and color of all vehicles travelling very roadway near site.

4. Surveillance team members are dressed appropriately, and are driven to posts in old, beatup four-wheelers, pickup trucks and station wagons. Note not so much should officer be surveilling

area from a vehicle. Seek camouflaged 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. Bike in. Be in constant radio contact with traffic monitors. Take zone members with 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 FBI man 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 units 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 ~~cars~~ 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 seemed 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 war ships land or goot.

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 scanning 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 ~~near~~ area of site; and

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

Sister, I have been at this for a couple days, so-so 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 Riverman to come to you;
2. Ways of hunting for his dumps/ burial sites; and
3. my own profile of the Riverman.

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

I hope this gives you something to think
about.

Take care,

Sincerely,
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