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November 6, 1979

Capt. Ronald Conway
Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office
180 West Hedding Street
San Jose, California 95100

Dear Capt. Conway:

Enclosed please find a copy of a letter I received from David Berkowitz.

As I indicated during our conversation of November 2, 1979, I am not Mr. Berkowitz's lawyer.

It would further appear Mr. Berkowitz has some additional information regarding the homicide he made reference to in his letter and it is for this reason that I am forwarding his entire letter to you.

I will also acknowledge receipt of the letter from Mr. Berkowitz and inform him that I had a conversation with your office.

Very truly yours,

Felix T. Gilroy

FELIX T. GILROY
Associate Attorney

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Enclosure

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Mr. Felix Gilroy
Attorney At Law
116 Rome Avenue,
Statan Island, New York

October 25, 1979

Dear Mr. Gilroy,

Along time ago we met in the Central New York Psychiatric Center because of a Court Order which required you to question me. I was evasive then and I still am. I always will be.

To be honest, you did shock me with how much information you had. You didn't do too bad of a job. However, you still have along way to go.

Another thing which you said to me continues to haunt me until this day. I don't remember it word for word, but it was in reference to helping society - protecting others who might be harmed.

I could honestly tell you that a great many people are suffering because of their evil indulgences. There are certain powerful persons who are able to gain entrance into other peoples minds and souls.

You asked about Satanists. I'm not talking of thrill seekers who hang onto and join every anti-establishment group which comes along. I'm not talking about those who remain on the fringe of such groups. My letter is in reference to the elite and dedicated hardcore members of Occult groups.

You see, Mr. Gilroy, these people cannot be taken lightly. Please try to understand their philosophy of life and society. They have no fear of man made laws nor the laws of God. To them, murder comes easy. Being anti-God, they'd love nothing better than a good kill.

These people will stop at nothing in order to fulfill their desires. They have the complete ability to elude the police and to cover their tracks completely.

Many members of these hidden and secret groups are participating of their own free wills. Others aren't. Yet, they are there to obey every command and complete every task without question - lost souls, half mad zombies they are.

Mr. Gilroy, there is a very important key that cannot be overlooked - it ALL ends in tragedy! So many people who have followed the Left Handed Path have met either sudden death via accident, suicide or murder. Or they have suffered financial loss, the ruination of their reputations, or they just ended up totally insane. It is the same sad story!

John and Michael are dead. My life is ruined too. And I also came close to death several months ago.

Personally, I think it best that you leave all this alone - you or whoever else started this investigation. Just drop it! Its for your own good. It is you who started all this, right?

Look, Mr. Gilroy, there are people out there who are animals. There are people who are a fearless lot. They HATE God! I'm not talking about common criminals. You know who I am talking about.

There are ople who will follow a "Chose Lamb" throughout the ends of the earth. If they feel that this person is the "next" one - well, they have money. They have brains and hate.

They will even kill in a church. Do you think I'm joking? Do you think that I am just bending your ear? Well, do this - do this quickly: (I'm serious)!

CALL the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office (California). This is by Santa Clara University and close to Stanford University. Please ask one of the sheriff's who have been there since Late 74, what happened to ARLISS PERRY. Remember this name: Arliss Perry!

Please don't let them give you this "Psychopathic Homicidal Maniac" line or something similar. They know how she was murdered. They cannot tell you who did it or why. No, they cannot fully grasp why. It was NO sex crime, No random murder.

Ask them where she was killed. Ask them how. Ask them how often she wandered into that building of gold, purple and scarlet.

Please ask them for the autopsy report. Let the police provide you with everything - every little detail. Make them tell you what she went through. Don't let them skip one single perverted atrocity that was committed on her tiny, slender, little body. Let the Santa Clara Police tell you all.

Ask them if they've had any burglaries there. Was anything of a religious nature ever stolen from there a short time after her death. Like about four months later.

Oh, yea, lastly (and this is important), make sure you ask them where she lived - I mean where she came from. Doing this will solve the whole case. Back in little tiny B_____. This is where the answer lies. The place (state) with the lowest crime rate of anywhere!

Some areas are accessible only by horseback and four wheel drive. Plenty of open land and fresh clean air. No crime. No death penalty. Rugged terrain. Buffalo. Grizzly bear. Rattlesnakes. Badlands. Tiny cities. Big lakes, etc. Few police are ever visible. Rarely to be seen. Open plains. All wheat and oats.

I'm serious about all this. There is no reason why I shouldn't be.

Sir, Satanists (genuine ones) are peculiar people. They aren't ignorant peasants or semi-illiterate natives. Rather, their ranks are filled with doctors, lawyers, business men, and basically highly responsible citizens. They are normal on the outside at least.

They are not a careless group who are apt to make mistakes. But they are secretive and bonded together by a common need and a desire to mete out havoc upon society. It was Aleister Crowley who said, "I want blasphemy, murder, rape, revolution, anything bad..." Surely you will agree that death literally followed Crowley's footsteps.

Do you still doubt me? Well, listen to this because I'm not through yet. Someone said that I and another individual went to a dog pound shortly before my arrest. Well, to be honest, I didn't go there. Obviously, someone used my name. Yes, I will agree with this.

At one time, think around late 1976 or ear 77, I was suppose to get a job at the Yonkers Animal Shelter. With regards to this alleged visit by me with someone else, I don't know which dog pound or shelter this was. There is a place on Saw Mill River Road that sells guard dogs. Was this the one? Anyhow, the shelter I was at was the one near the Motor Vehicle Bureau in Yonkers.

To show you how much I know, this place is a small one story building. There is a yard attached and north of the main building in which the dogs are exercised in. Some dogs are left out there all day long, but their few in number. There are very few parking spaces in front of the building. Most of the people who drive to the shelter have to park their cars haphazardly along the front of the building because of only few spaces. Usually, the dogs are let out in the morning for excercise.

Across the street (and this spoiled everything) there is a truck yard. Well, it was some type of yard with vehicles in it. The problem was with the guard who was there. A guard was present every twenty-four hours around the clock. Often, he sat in a chair right by the fence. When I went to the shelter the guard who was there was an older man (probably retired from other work) who wore glasses. I believe they were dark black rimmed glasses. Let me make it clear, this guard didn't work for the shelter but across the street.

The street in which the pound is located is a deadend street. I can't remember the name of it for anything. Am I correct in saying that it begins with an "F." I can't be certain. Facing north, it is on the right hand side of the street and the last building on the block - right at the end.

Inside the building, as soon as you walk in, you can see the individual cages. They are housed one on top of the other like an apartment building. Make it more like a prison. Several dogs have been taken on as pets by the staff. These dogs roam free on the inside of the place. There were two dogs which I became friendly with when I first came there. One was a small shaggy dog, sought of a terrier. He was grey in color. He sat on the bosses desk. This is the main desk where all the paper work is done. The other dog, a fat german shephard, was sleeping in the corner of the main office. It was a she. But the keepers wouldn't let me pet her because they said she was very temperamental.

The staff of the shelter was mainly made up of young people (men). One of the guys gave me a tour. He showed me the machine in which they put the dogs to sleep. It looked almost like a washing machine. I believe he told me that they use it everyday. Suprisingly, the machine wasn't too far from the main entrance, but it was sought of in a cubicle.

Just about as soon as you walk into the building you turn right to get to the main office. The main office was almost barren. The desk was by the window. There were some file cabinets. The female german shephard slept in the corner. And the boss was out on a call when I first got there. He had a truck and with him went a young helper. They go out on calls often it seemed. His helper was young, he had black hair, and he was thin. If I'm not mistaken, he also wore glasses. Both of them, the boss and the helper (I might be wrong).

The inside was ugly and dirty. It stank and it was noisey.

Too explain all this, my job was going to be cleaning out the cages in th morning and letting the dogs out - feeding them, etc. It wasn't going to pay well. Not more than an amount slightly more than minimum wage. But I believe that every

six months or year yo arn a raise. Certainly I wa t going to be able to pay my rent and bills with it. But there was another way in which I was going to get paid. You know what that was - somebody needed dogs! I guess you understand what I'm trying to say. This whole letter isn't to bend your ear or waste your time. I'm only trying to show you how much of certain facts I know. To prove authenticity, I must show you that I possess some knowledge of certain things.

Without providing you with names (I'll never do this) I could safely tell you that I was going to supply the dogs for obnoxious religious purposes. But you were going in this direction beforehand, weren't you?

I filled out the application for the job providing them with former employers, and all other information they asked for on the form which was kept in a file cabinet by the desk in the main office. This is where the blank forms were kept. However, despite the application, someone from the inside was suppose to vouch for me. It was all set up for me to get the job. Perhaps they chose some-one else. You see, being that I was older then most of the other workers, the idea was that I was quickly going to advance in responsibility and seniority. Soon I would have possessed many of the main and important keys. This was to let a few dogs out at night. I mean take them out. Of course this wasn't going to happen during business hours. This is where the problem was. That guard across the street sitting on his silly black wooden chair. The area, consisting of factories and warehouses, was too desolate and remote for this operation. That guard would have busted us easy. In fact, the possibility of abducting the guard was also considered. But at night the fence was closed. The guard was on the other side of the fence, a telephone must have been close by for him, and perhaps he was armed. Anyhow, it never went through. Plans were changed.

Since this was about three years ago, obviously, things have changed. Perhaps there is a new guard for one or all of the shifts. These were uniformed guards. I believe their uniforms were blue. But I can't claim 100 % accurracy on any of this. The passing of time has blurred my memory. But you'll find all this extremely close. I can guarantee this at least.

There is a slight chance that my application form is lying around somewhere. I don't know how long the shelter keeps this stuff. But getting back to this report that I was seen at a dog pound shortly before my capture, well, is isn't quite true. But.....! You figure out the rest.

This letter is coming via certified mail. However, let me make it clear that this communicating <u>will</u> <u>not</u> become a habit. Your on your own. Whatever you find out, then its yours. But truthfully, I wouldn't recommend probing. Don't forget what I told you earlier in this letter.

Yours Truly
David Berkowitz
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P.O. Box 149,
Attica, N.Y. 14011

dling drugs on Sunset Strip, Hell's Angels, and a frantic search for anything to relieve the monotony of living. A city now, to quote one authority, "celebrating death".

What more natural spot, then, for those who would seek a new avenue of experience through the practice of evil, to settle? Here, where no-one looks surprised at anything and "doing your own thing" was less extraordinary than not doing it; where the propagandists of drugs like Timothy Leary and Alan Watts have stated that real beauty can be found only in the horrors which accompany the bad trip. If the acid vision can bend good into evil, white into black with no apparent change, they argued, why should the attraction of Satan be any different from that of Christ?

Seeking this new experience in typical California-style, the citizens of Los Angeles added their own special brand of exhibitionism to the magic, their own love of ceremonial to the practice of evil for evil's sake. The shade of Aleister Crowley looms large in the area, but his excesses pale into insignificance compared to today's devil worshippers.

The views of observers on this scene vary, from the moderates who see it as just another symptom of California's overall sickness carrying its people headlong into perdition, to those who feel it to be part of a monstrous conspiracy. A city councillor in L.A. put it to me this way: "The Second Coming has already arrived—only it was Satan that arrived not Christ. It hit Los Angeles first, naturally, we being the city of lost angels. Now there is a huge league of people, 'Devilmen' I've heard them called, who have let the Devil into themselves and who work for the Devil."

As for the world at large is concerned, this whole movement towards evil and black magic was symbolised in 1969 by the terrible butchery of the film star Sharon Tate and her friends by Charles Manson, self-proclaimed "God and Devil" and his male and female disciples, widely referred

to as "Satan's Slaves". The story of their hideous killings has been well documented but there are certain salient points which need repeating here.

There can be no doubt that Manson exerted complete authority over his followers and when he preached to them that evil was good and that nothing he, as their Christ/Devil asked them to do could be wrong, they accepted it without question. Their lives were his for whatever purpose he chose.

At the time of the killings "The Family", as the group became known, had settled on an old ranch once used for movie making and named after its owner, a former wrangler George Spahn. There they lived in commune style, sleeping together indiscriminately and foraging for food outside supermarkets and restaurants; devoting themselves to drugs, music and magic, while following the dictates of Manson.

The murders began before the Tate case. The first victim was a musician named Gary Hinman. He was killed on August 6, 1969, when three of Manson's followers went to his house and asked for money. They were two girls and a man named Robert K. Beausoleil. The girls were holding a gun on Hinman, while Beausoleil ransacked the house. When Hinman threatened to get away from the girls, Beausoleil took over. By accident the gun went off and the half dead Hinman was then stabbed to death. Beausoleil's fingerprints were found on the murder scene and he was arrested later in San Jose.

Drug-crazed and seemingly inspired by their first foray with death, another group of disciples then went out two days later, under orders, to strike at society again—this time against the very epitome of California wealth, its film stars. So followed the massacre of Sharon Tate and her four friends at Roman Polanski's palatial home in Bel Air.

Two days later they struck a third time, killing a Mr. and

Nov. 9, 1979 — Received copy of letter that David Berkowitz wrote to Mr. Felix Gilroy.

1. Satanists
2. "They will even kill in a church"
   a. Call Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office
   b. Ask what happened to Arlis Perry
   c. All the details/autopsy report
   d. Anything of a religious nature ever stolen from there a short time after her death (like 4 months later)
   e. Ask where she lived-came from
   f. Doing this will solve the whole case. Back in Little Tiny B_____. This is where the answer lies.

Nov. 9, 1979
1330 hours — Telephone contact with Mr. Felix Gilroy tape recorded. Verified letter was written by David Berkowitz. Tape recorded.

Nov. 9, 1979
1400 hours — Received telephone call from Tom McCarthy, Queens New York, D. A.'s office. Tape recorded.

1. How does Berkowitz know about Arlis Perry Case?

Nov. 9, 1979
1645 hours — Telephone contact with Tom McCarthy. Lt. Terry Gardner, Ward County S/O Minot, North Dakota received book in mail "The Anatomy of Witchcraft" page 114 written on margin: "Arlis Perry, hunted, stalked and slain. Followed to California, Stanford University."

1. Unofficial above writing is by David Berkowitz

Nov. 9, 1979
1800 hours — Telephone contact with Capt. Niemeyer. Niemeyer received call from Lt. Terry Gardner who will mail copy of book he received.

Nov. 12, 1979
1300 hours — Obtained copy of material received by Capt. Niemeyer.

Nov. 15, 1979
1045 hours

Telephone contact with Lt. Terry Gardner tape recorded.

1. Questions validity of connection between Berkowitz, Arlis Perry and the Occult aspects.

Nov. 15, 1979

Summary of Arlis Perry case and copies of newspaper articles sent to Queens, New York D.A.'s office.

Nov. 16, 1979

Telephone contact with Charles Groenthal, F.B.I. Washington, D.C. Latent Print Section (202) 324-5165

1. Request fingerprints be compared against latents obtained in Arlis Perry Case.

   a. David Richard Berkowitz
   DOB 6/1/53

   b. John Charles Carr
   DOB 10/12/46

Nov. 16, 1979
1600 hours

Received telephone call from Lt. Gardner advised his office received call from Berkowitz's girlfriend, tape recorded.

1. Said Berkowitz did not kill Arlis Perry but he knows who did.

2. Berkowitz did not kill anybody, wants to clear his name.

Nov. 20, 1979
0800 hours

Received telephone call from Leroy Walton F.B.I. Washington, D.C.

1. No match-Need full case prints

2. Impossible to get on John Carr (deceased 2/16/78)

Nov. 21, 1979
1130 hours

Telephone contact with Mr. Harold Smith, Supt. Attica State Prison, New York (716) 591-2000 Tape recorded.

1. Smith has no problems with us talking to Berkowitz

2. Berkowitz asked if he would talk with us, He said no.

3. Smith advised lady in Oregon has been mailing Berkowitz all kinds of articles out of Detective Magazines

Dee Channel
P. O. Box 43747
Las Vegas, Nevada 85104
(702) 457-3780

4. Attorney representing Berkowitz Mr. Felix G. Fullroy (?) 116 Rome Avenue Staten Island, New York

   a. Address same as Gilroy

5. Conservetor for Berkowitz
   Doris Johnsen
   50 Court Street
   Brooklyn, New York

Nov. 21, 1979
1400 hours

Telephone contact with Capt. Niemeyer eight (8) students besides Bruce and Arlis Perry enrolled at Stanford fall 1974 from North Dakota

1. Theodore Chapman Nance
   39 W. 4th. Street
   P. O. Box 507
   Dickenson, North Dakota

2. Robert Dean Neugebauer
   349 15th. Avenue South
   Fargo, North Dakota

3. Richard Karlgarrd
   1229 Coulee Rd.
   Bismarck, North Dakota

4. Kristi Jo Gorde
   222 Main Street
   Cando, North Dakota

5. Steven John Johnson
   P. O. Box 602
   Jamestown, North Dakota

6. Susan Emma Herbst
   814 Southwood Drive
   Fargo, North Dakota

7. Gary Alan Hamblet
   3607 Elm Street
   Fargo, North Dakota

*8. Chris Alex Carlson
   800 N. 28th. Street
   Bismarck, North Dakota
   1 or 2 streets away from where Arlis lived

SUPP/Sgt. Kahn
IR74-14949 HOMICIDE V-ARLIS PERRY

PERSONS CONTACTED:

1: MR. HAROLD SMITH, Superintendant Attica State Prison, Attica, New York, Phone 716-591-2000.

2: DAVID ICHARD BERKOWITZ, DOB 6-1-53, Attica State Prison #78A1976, P.O. Box 149, Attica, New York 14011.

3: HERBERT J. LEIPER and GEORGE BYRD, Queens County District Attorney's Office, Queens, New York, Phone 212-520-2098.

4: MR. and MRS. MARVIN DYKEMA, 1111 North First Street #A5, Bismark, North Dakota, Phone 701-223-6090.

5: KAREN DYKEMA, 421 North Mandan #9, Bismark, North Dakota, 701-222-0073.

6: DR. and MRS. DUNCAN PERRY, 1246 West Highland Acres, Bismark, North Dakota, 701-223-3381.

Monday, 12-3-79, 1130 hours, Sgt. Beck K27, and I (Sgt. Kahn #K40) traveled to Attica State Prison, Attica New York, where we met with MR. HAROLD SMITH. We explained the nature of our investigation and requested MR. SMITH'S assistance to allow us to interview DAVID BERKOWITZ, who is presently incarcerated at Attica.

Arrangements were then made to bring BERKOWITZ to one of the interview rooms. We then met with BERKOWITZ and after identifying ourselves, explained the nature of our contact. At first, BERKOWITZ was reluctant to talk with us, however, we were able to interview him for approximately thirty minutes. This interview was tape recorded without BERKOWITZ' knowledge, and the tape is in possession of the investigating officers.

During the interview with BERKOWITZ, he advised that the only information he had concerning the ARLIS PERRY murder is from what he had read in newspaper articles sent to him by an individual named DEE CHANNEL, however, later BERKOWITZ stated that he had heard about the murder from someone.

BERKOWITZ denied being involved in the ARLIS PERRY murder and alluded to the fact that DEE CHANNEL had initiated the information to our office as well as to the information to Lt. Terry Gardner of Minot, North Dakota. BERKOWITZ said he thought DEE CHANNEL meant well but the situation has gotten out of hand.

BERKOWITZ expressed his concern for the safety of his father and himself if it were known or thought that he might be a police informant.

BERKOWITZ was asked about the letter he had written to FELIX GILROY regarding Satanist and the occult groups. BERKOWITZ denied being a member of any such group, however, it appeared to us that he did have considerable knowledge of the occult activities.

BERKOWITZ became very nervous during the interview when we asked him whether or not he had talked to the individual who allegedly killed ARLIS PERRY. BERKOWITZ evaded answering this question and would not confirm nor deny having this knowledge. It was at this point during the interview that BERKOWITZ told us the other inmates would think he was a snitch because he was talking to us for thirty minutes and wanted to return to his cell. The interview was then terminated. During the interview with BERKOWITZ, it was learned that the anonymous newspaper clippings sent to the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office from New Orleans had been mailed by DEE CHANNNEL.

Monday, 12-3-79/2110 hours, I made telephone contact with MAURY TERRY who advised that the book "Anatomy of Witchcraft" that had been sent to Lt. Terry Gardner allegedly belonged to JOHN CARR. It was later learned that BERKOWITZ told DEE CHANNEL the book belonged to JOHN CARR. DEE CHANNEL then provided this information to Lt. Terry Gardner.

MAURY TERRY advised that he did not have any additional information concerning our investigation, however, would contact us in the event he does receive any new information.

Tuesday, 12-4-79, 1030 hours, we met with HERBERT LEIFER, Assistant Deputy District Attorney and GEORGE BYRD, District Attorney Investigator at the Queens County District Attorney's Office. The purpose of this meeting was to exchange information concerning their reopening the investigation of the "Son of Sam" killings in New York in so far as whether or not BERKOWITZ had an accomplice and recent information concerning BERKOWITZ' knowledge of the ARLIS PERRY murder. During the two and one half hour meeting, it was learned that their investigation has as yet not determined if BERKOWITZ was ever in California nor do they have any information to substantiate any direct link between BERKOWITZ and JOHN CARR. It was also learned that they had sent two investigators to Minot, North Dakota concerning the investigation of JOHN CARR'S death. In their opinion, they expressed doubts that the deceased believed to be JOHN CARR may not really be JOHN CARR and were clearly convinced that a positive identification had not been made of the deceased.

Furthermore, it was learned that the Queens District Attorney Investigators have not communicated directly with BERKOWITZ and their investigation thus far has not revealed any leads in the ARLIS PERRY murder.

Thursday, 12-6-79, 0840 hours, we contacted MR. and MRS. MARVIN DYKEMA (the Victim's parents) at their residence in Bismark North Dakota. We explained the nature of our contacting them and then spent several hours discussing the investigation concerning the death of their daughter and getting background information.

The DYKEMA'S advised they were a close knit Christian family and were very strict with their children in teaching them a proper set of values. It was felt that ARLIS never had any intentional contact with anyone connected to any occult group. During the conversation, it was learned that ARLIS had