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shortly thereafter there was another explosion that went off, and he was told by Lieutenant [] to leave the area. He states he did so. He states that he feels that bomb was stronger than the first bomb. He states that it had a "acrid, more putrid smell" to it. He states that he did not actually see the explosion because he was around the corner, but he heard the explosion and could feel the force of the explosions. [] states he did not see any flame, as he was not in a position to see the explosion itself. I asked if he had ever seen [] before and he stated that he had not seen [] before this date, when he saw him on the floor in the hotel. [] states that he has worked with explosives before for a seismographic company, and is sure that the first explosion smelled like gunpowder.

At 1653 hours we interviewed [] [] states that she is the manager of the hotel, and was sleeping at the time of the explosion. She states that she was sleeping in room 215 when called by [] and told to come to the front desk as there was a problem. She states that as she arrived at the front desk, she saw [] on the floor, went over and looked at him and can say that she did not know who this man was and had

never seen him before. She states that by his dress she knew he was not a member of the Rajneesh. She states she then went to the fourth floor and there were fire bureau personnel venting the floor with fans. She ~~saw~~^{stayed} people coming and going out of the room, both fire and police personnel. She states she then went back down to the main desk and called the Rajneeshpuram and notified the personnel there of the problem. She states she went outside and saw the two boys mentioned in Officer [] special report. She states she told them to leave the porch and was told by the two boys that they were told to wait there. She states that she then went back up to the fourth floor and asked the police and fire bureau personnel to check the entire floor for any further devices. She stated that during this whole time she was going up and down from the fourth floor to the first floor trying to coordinate and get people taken care of. She states that while on the first floor she felt and heard the second explosion. She states she felt and heard the third explosion. She also states that she then evacuated the building of all personnel and told them to go across the street and get out of the hotel.

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Detective [] and Special Agent [] [] of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms went to Emanuel Hospital in an attempt to contact and talk to the suspect in this case one [] []. Upon arriving at Emanuel Hospital, we went to the intensive care unit and contacted []. I advised [] as to who I was and to who Special Agent [] was and asked if he understood who we were and he stated that he did. He stated it was difficult to talk and to hear what we were saying so I had to speak more slowly and take my time so that he could answer the questions back. I asked him if he had been to the Rajneeshpuram ranch on the 27th and then leaving on the 28th. He stated that he had been at the ranch with two friends and gave the name of the two friends that were allegedly there with them as [] and []. He states they arrived there, took a meditation course, stayed overnight and then left. I asked what kind of vehicle they went there in and he stated it was a yellow Volkswagen. I asked him how he arrived at the Hotel Rajneesh on the early morning hour on the 29th. He stated that he was dropped off at the hotel by [] and []. At this point I felt we were getting near the discussion or area of the bombing at the hotel and so I advised him of his Miranda warning.

Upon completion of the advice of Miranda I asked if he understood his rights. He stated that he did. I then asked if he wished to discuss the matter with us any further, and he stated he'd rather discuss the matter with his attorney. The time he was advised of his rights was 1609 hours. We concluded interviewing [] at this point in time. I returned back to the Hotel Rajneesh, to continue our interviewing.

Upon arrival back at the hotel, we contacted [] at 1719 hours. She states that she was a receptionist at the Rajneeshpuram ranch on the 27th of July 1983. That two white males and a black male arrived at the ranch in a yellow Volkswagen, what appeared to be a station wagon in good condition. She states that they got out and told her they wanted to take the 24 hour meditation course. She states that she did not believe that the University offered such a course but she would call the University and check. She said that the men told her they'd called ahead from Eugene and were told they could come. She contacted the University and was told that no such course was offered, that the men had called from Eugene and were told there was no such course. She states that since they called ahead the University told her to go ahead and let them register and stay the night. She

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was further told to tell them they could partake in the meditation course that is normally done at the campus. She states that she had them fill in the registration for the vehicle, the search consent by each person and the overnight guest register form. All these things are listed on Property/Evidence Receipt 176903. She stated that they told her something about trying to fly there but had to drive instead. They told her that they had driven to the ranch from Eugene, from a friend's home. She called for someone to assist her in searching them, however, was unable to obtain any other receptionist to help. She states she then called the security office and requested somebody from the security force to come out and assist her. She states that [redacted] arrived with a dog to assist in the search. She states that she generally checks and verifies the license plate number on a car, she states, however, that she did not get out of the booth to go check it but is 99% sure that she checked the license plate. I asked if this plate was California license [redacted] and she stated that it was. I asked if this was the old style plate, the black with gold letters or the newer style blue with gold letters or if it was indeed the newer type of plate, white with blue letters. She states that it was the

blue with goldish colored letters similar to Oregon. She states that when the men were searched, there was no problem, she states that she remembers a couple of the bags they had in particular a tan shoulder bag with long straps, measuring approximately 10"x3"x7". She states that she can't remember all the items they had but there was not very much for men travelling cross country. She states that the men were very polite and courteous, had no problems whatsoever with these individuals. I asked her to describe the individuals to me. She described 1 as a [redacted] male, [redacted], over [redacted] pounds, [redacted] build, [redacted] hair, [redacted] skin, [redacted] facial hair, blue jeans with cuffs, and black shoes. He was also wearing a white T-shirt and had a brown sarape, she describes like an african poncho, on. She states it was a loose brown weave fabric. She described 2 as the driver, [redacted]. His description is a [redacted] male, [redacted] pounds, [redacted] build, [redacted] hair, [redacted] glasses, wearing blue jeans that looked new, a shirt with two pockets in the front and a collar. She describes the third individual, this being the one that registered as [redacted], now know to be [redacted]. As a [redacted] male, [redacted] hair, [redacted] skin, a [redacted]

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blue jeans with heavy black boots, similar to combat boots, a white T-shirt and he seemed shy. He states that the other two would poke fun at him and call him what she believed was "the Titanic". She states the men stated they had driven from Eugene to the ranch, however, had come originally from Los Angeles, California. She states that later that evening at approximately 11:10 p.m. she observed the [redacted] male use the pay phones in the area, and feels that it must be a long distance call as there was no one else to call in that area that is not long distance. She states that they parked their cars, locked it and left it for the night. She states she saw them leave approximately 1500 hours on the 28th of July, 1983.

We next interviewed [redacted] at 1808 hours.

He states that he is a reserve police officer at the ranch and is also [redacted]. He states that approximately 1945 to 2015 hours he was called to the reception area to search three individuals, he states he felt this was fairly strange as most of the guests arrive prior to that time. He said upon his arrival he met a [redacted] male approximately [redacted] years, [redacted] pounds, [redacted]

had [redacted] hair, had a [redacted] face and was [redacted] in complexion. He states that the man wore blue jeans and a white T-shirt and also had a serape on which was brown with some lighter brown stripes running through it. He states that he seemed to be the center figure of the three. He describes the other two as [redacted] males, [redacted], [redacted], casually dressed, sloppy looking, wearing blue jeans and one of them had [redacted]

[redacted] hair. He states he does not really recall any large luggage in the vehicle which he feels is strange since they told him they started their trip from Los Angeles, California via either Eugene or Salem he couldn't remember which. He states the car was very dirty and the inside was sloppily kept. I asked if he checked the car for any contraband and he stated he did not. He states that he had with him the guest register list showing the license number to the vehicle on it, this license number being [redacted] California. This is the same form listed on Property/Evidence Receipt 176903.

We next interviewed [redacted] at 1831 hours. He states that he is a reserve police officer at the Rajneeshpuram and that he was on patrol approximately

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1930 hours when he received a call that a yellow VW station wagon with three males was coming out to the ranch. He states this is not unusual as many vehicle come out to the ranch and he is notified of it. He states that he observed the station wagon pull onto a private drivg off of the county highway, and he stopped them and told them they were going the wrong way and had to go to registration before they could go anyplace else. He states that what they had been doing apparently is following one of the busloads of their members and were simply lost. He states he then followed them over to the reception area and while enroute he noticed that the vehicle was a yellow Volkswagen station wagon with California [redacted]. He states that the license plate was blue with yellow lettering and is the older style plate. He states that he talked to the driver and that the driver was a [redacted] male, [redacted] hair, [redacted] glasses and very friendly. He states that later that evening he saw the three again. He states it was approximately 11:45 p.m. and the three were walking along the road. He states that the [redacted] male was wearing a light colored poncho and he asked how they were doing. He stated that the [redacted] male told them they were doing fine and just going home. He states they were

very friendly and he had no problem with them whatsoever. I asked if he has attended a police acadamy since he is a reserve police officer and he stated he had not attended the Oregon State Police Academy at this time, and does not have a BPST number nor did he know what one was.

At 1843 hours we interviewed [redacted]. She states that she received a phone call at the University regarding a meditation course. She states that she told the individuals on the phone there is no such thing as a meditation course, only meditation weekend. She states they advised her they were in Eugene and were coming to the ranch. She states that she feels they were in a telephone booth as there was quite a bit of background noise like vehicular traffic. The next time she heard about and/or from these individuals was when she received a call from [redacted] regarding three individuals wanting to take a meditation course. She states that she told [redacted] that they had called her and that it was okay for them to stay the night. She then went off duty. She states the next morning at approximately 0800 hours she met the three individuals as they were filling out their registration cards (Property/Evidence Receipt 176905) She states that they took the dynamic meditation course and walked back,

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which she states is quite strange as it is a very exhausting course and most of the members take the bus back. She states that she told them they had missed breakfast and asked if they were hungry and wanted something to eat. She states they advised her that they were not hungry and did not need anything to eat at this time. She states that the men told her they may stay another night, however, were only going to pay for one night at this time and did pay for the one night. She states they were very pleasant and had no questions of her as she explained the operations of the ranch. She stated they did ask how they get back to their car as they had food in there and wanted to get it out. She stated she advised them it was not very easy to get back into the car, however, if they needed to they could go back to where they registered the car into the ranch and obtain the keys and an escort to go back to their car. She does not know whether or not they ever went to the car. She states that she advised them there was no need for the food they had in the car as the registration fee also included meals on the ranch. They then asked if meat was allowed on the ranch and the [redacted] male thought it was quite funny as he had to throw away some meat sandwiches because they were not allowed on the ranch.

She stated that they asked questions about what it's like to be a vegetarian, and that she had to explain that they do eat some meat byproducts such as milk and eggs, however, they do not eat meat itself. I asked her if it would be very difficult to do something illegal or out of line on the ranch or if it would be easy to do something like this at the hotel. She stated that the ranch would be very difficult to do something out of the ordinary as not being a member they'd be watched and observed by other members. She stated that there would be much more opportunity to do something illegal or out of the ordinary at the hotel as there is not as much chance to be observed. She states that it appeared as though they walked everywhere and did not use the bus service on their ranch, even though the bus service is free. She stated that she would describe the [redacted] male as [redacted], a [redacted] build, [redacted] hair, [redacted] shaven, [redacted] "wearing a creamy yellow poncho-type thing with a V neck". She states one of the [redacted] males had [redacted] hair, a [redacted] was [redacted] in height, had [redacted] glasses or [redacted] glasses (she is unsure which), [redacted] build, and not very well dressed. The other [redacted] male was [redacted], with [redacted] hair, may have had a [redacted], approximately [redacted], wearing blue jeans and a yellow shirt. He is

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also [] than the other [] male. The three were very friendly and polite. They also obviously knew each other and were friends. She states to stay the night in the tent on the ranch costs \$30 a person, that the three did not want to stay in a hotel which was \$50 a person, and were satisfied to stay in a tent.

We next interviewed [] at 1905 hours. She states that she was the night person on duty at the university. That she arrived on duty at approximately 2000 hours on Wednesday, the 27th of July. She was told that three men would be coming down to have lodging in tents. They arrived between 2020 and 2030 hours, and she escorted them to their tent. She describes them as being one [] male and two [] males, no real suitcases-- just bags and a dirty blanket, and it appeared as though the blanket was what they were camping in. She states that the [] male is approximately [] to [], has a [] face, [] hair, no [] wearing a yellow poncho, and was very loose physically--not uptight. She states that the [] males were similar in stature, that one was slightly [] than the other, but they were both [], that one had glasses, however, they were all three very polite and cooperative. She states after she took them to the tents where they were

staying, they asked where the toilets were. After she showed them where the toilets were and the refreshment trailer was, they mentioned they were trying to take a 24 hour meditation course. I asked how much the registration fee is per person to take the meditation weekend, and she stated \$40. She stated the men told her that they had come to the ranch from Eugene that evening. She states later that evening, she saw the three individuals in the kitchen, they had apparently come down for a cup of coffee. She states that the next time she saw them was at 0800 hours on the 28th of July, and they had told her they had just come from the Dynamic Meditation course. They stated that their legs were very tired as it's quite a strenuous course. She states that's the last time she saw these individuals.

I next interviewed [] at 1930 hours. She states that she was at the cash register and each of the three individuals paid separately. She states that the [] male was wearing a brown colored poncho, and had [] hair. One of the [] males had [] hair and a [] face, that the other [] male was [] and [], but the [] male was definitely [] shaven. She states that during their stay there, they had all purchased red

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clothing. She states that they told her they'd like to get back to the car and asked how they could do it. She stated that they would have to go back to the place where the car was turned in to get the key and an escort to go back to the car. She did not know whether or not they ever got back to the car. I asked her if she could identify these subjects and she stated she could. I then asked if they could buy all the red clothing at the ranch. She stated that you could buy all the red clothing at the ranch if you wished. I then asked if they could purchase the mala, which is the necklace worn around the the neck of the members with the picture of the BHAGWAN. She stated that the mala may not be purchased, it is given to you by the BHAGWAN and is something they consider sacred.

We next interviewed [] at 1949 hours. He stated that he had come back from a disco at midnight with his girlfriend, and they went to room 420. He states they heard a large blast and someone yelling for help. He went out into the hallway and started down towards room 405. He saw smoke coming from the door, then the man yelling behind the door. He then kicked the door in and went into the bathroom and found the individual []. He

states that [] was laying on the floor in the bathroom, and that he grabbed him by the arm and dragged him out of the bathroom. He states that another individual helped him to take him to the elevator [] to the first floor. He states that the man continued saying, "Get me to the hospital", "the pain, the pain". I asked him about the smoke and what color it was and if he could detect any kind of an odor. He states it was dark gray in color and had a sulpheric odor. He states they took [] to the lobby and waited for an ambulance. I asked if he had ever seen [] before and he stated no. I asked if [] was a member of their church or if he knew, and he stated that as far as he was concerned, he wasn't because he was not wearing all red. He further states that later, during the interview between myself and him, there was another large explosion followed by another explosion about 30 to 60 seconds after that. He states there was nothing further he could offer to the investigation at this time. I then asked him about the shape of the bathroom door when he entered, and he stated that the bathroom door was off the hinges when he entered the bathroom.

On July 30, 1983 at 1903 hours, I interviewed a gentleman by the name of [] again. This was at the Hotel Rajneesh.

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He states that he was watching television this evening, when he saw the victim/suspect of this explosion being carried out to the hospital and felt he knew the face. When the news media mentioned the yellow Volkswagen, he knew for sure in his mind that this was the individual that he had talked to in a bar on Tuesday, the 26th of July, 1983. He states that he was at Chuckles Bar when he saw two males and went over to engage them in conversation. He states that they were very down and out against the Rajneesh group and that they stated things something like, "We're going to get them", "They've had it". He states this occurred on the 26th of July between 7:00 and 9:00 p.m. I asked him to describe the individuals. He described one of the individuals as a [redacted] skinned, possibly [redacted] age between [redacted] to [redacted] years, [redacted] to [redacted] lbs., hair being [redacted] and the individual smoked, and was drinking mixed drinks. The other person described as a [redacted] male, late [redacted] to early [redacted] to [redacted] build, [redacted] hair, a [redacted] this individual also smoked. He had a tie-dyed T shirt and dark jeans. I asked if the individuals appeared to be homosexual and he stated that they did not appear to be, that they were out for a "fast buck". He stated later, while

talking with these two individuals, a third person entered the bar and joined this group, describing him as a [redacted] male possibly [redacted] to [redacted] years, [redacted] to [redacted] lbs., [redacted] hair, [redacted], light colored sweatshirt with cords. I asked if he had a [redacted] and he stated that he didn't have a [redacted], but had [redacted] like [redacted] or so. Later when questioned by [redacted] of the Rajneesh security, he stated that the man was between [redacted] to [redacted] and possibly had a beard, however, he later stated he didn't know whether he had a beard or not. He stated that they left the bar approximately 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. on the 26th of July, and got into a faded yellow Volkswagen bug, a two door, that had a sharp piercing dent on the driver's side rear fender and on the bracket around the license number, the letters [redacted]. He states these individuals did mention something about California, but he could not give any further information.

On July 29, 1983, after having talked with the suspect [redacted] at the hospital, we contacted Emanuel security and took custody of [redacted] wallet, giving hospital security receipt #176901. In this wallet was a California driver's license to [redacted] and a [redacted] employee's card. Later

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that evening, I was called back to Emanuel Hospital at the request of a nurse, and went to the surgical section of the hospital. There I was given a small white container containing three small fragments of metal removed from [redacted] face. I gave the nurse property receipt #176904 for these items. On July 30, 1983, I returned to the Hotel Rajneesh where I was given the registration cards filled out by [redacted] and [redacted]. Also at this time, I was given the computer telephone log for the day before, the day of, and the day after the explosion. These are all listed on receipt #176905.

It should be noted that on July 29, 1983, when I arrived back at the hotel, I was contacted by Detective [redacted] of the Homicide section and he gave me numerous books and files that had been seized by Lieutenant [redacted] and put on receipt #197833. These contained the registration forms and other information concerning the personnel staying at the hotel. I was advised by Detective [redacted] that these items were seized at the direction of Deputy Chief Schwartz.

On the registration forms listed on Property/Evidence Receipt #176905, they have a section where it mentions persons to be notified in case of injury. On the card filled out by [redacted] the person to be notified in case of

injury is listed as a [redacted]. This individual shows a phone number of [redacted]. I called this phone number in an attempt to contact anybody that would know the suspect [redacted], and was advised this phone had been disconnected with no new number. On the card filled out by [redacted], the person to notify in case of injury is [redacted] in Los Angeles with a phone of [redacted]. A call was placed to that phone number and again I was advised that the phone had been disconnected and there was no new number assigned. Under the card listed for [redacted], the person to notify in case of injury is a [redacted] with a phone of [redacted]. Upon calling that number, there was a person of Spanish descent on the other end of the line who could speak very poor English. I then waited while they obtained an interpreter to come in and, upon questioning these people, I am satisfied that they probably do not know anybody by the name of [redacted] or [redacted] and were very concerned that the police would even bother to call them.

This investigation is being made in conjunction with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms. The local agent working this case with us is Special Agent [redacted] and also the agent in charge [redacted]. Contact will be made with the Los Angeles branch of the Bureau

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of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms in which an administrative search warrant was served on the residence listed for [redacted] on his driver's license, this being the address on [redacted].

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city attorney that more devices may have been planted at the ranch and since there was such a large area to cover, asked if it would be possible to contact the suspect [redacted] in this case and determine whether or not devices had been set up at the ranch. I advised them that he had exercised his rights to an attorney and that he had that right prior to being talked to again about this case. They stated that they did not want to discuss the case, but simply wanted to know whether there were devices at the ranch. I was under the impression that the Oregon State Police and members of the Rajneesh security force had searched the area of the ranch, and was informed that the only place checked by the state police was the area that the individuals stayed in. I contacted Deputy District Attorney Errol Carlsen by phone and apprised him of the situation and it was jointly agreed that I would return to the hospital, contact [redacted], advise him that we would not discuss the bombing situation at the hotel, but did need to discuss the situation at the ranch, as human life was at stake. I returned to the hospital, contacting [redacted] and advised him that I was honoring his rights to an attorney prior to discussing the bombing at the hotel, however, that I did need to discuss with him of a situation at the ranch. I advised him at

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I was in contact with the people at the Rajneeshpuram. Their chief of police called and was concerned as was their

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this point in time, he was charged with three counts of Arson I. He stated he remembered that I had advised him of this the day before. I advised him that if any devices have been planted at the ranch, this is the time to tell me as we were not going to charge him and simply wanted to deactivate the devices and make it safe. I further advised him that, should a device go off at the ranch and cause injury or death, he could be involved in a higher and more serious charge. [redacted] stated, "There is nothing planted at the ranch, you have my word on it". After this, I left and advised the chief of police at the Rajneeshpuram that he states no devices were planted on the ranch.

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2. Classification
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2. Type Report
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1. Cir. By Arrest
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5. Pending
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COMPUTER ENTRY
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Date _____ Op: _____

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Central Dets OA
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 North WPD Prod. Room
 Traffic Vice O.S.B.

1. Original Report Date: 07-29-83
2. Time: 0122
3. This Report Date: 07-29-83
4. Time: 1750
5. Location of Occurrence: 1115 SW 11th Ave.
6. Computer Entry #

7. Victim or Complainant: Hotel Rajneesh
8. Residence Address: S/A #5
9. Res. Phone: 222-5800
10. Sex:
11. Race:
12. O.O.B.

13. Subject of This Report: Post Blast Investigation of Room 405/Hotel Rajneesh
14. Total Value of Recovered Prop. (Itemize Below)

5. Details:

Search Team Members and Make-up

[redacted] - Coordinator (PPD - EDU)/Blast Scene Rm. 405
[redacted] - Coordinator (BATF)/Blast Scene Rm. 405
(BATF)/Blast Scene Rm. 405
[redacted] (BATF)/Crime Scene Sketch Rm. 405
[redacted] (BATF)/Evidence Log

Sifting Crew - Street

[redacted] (PPD - EDU)
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[redacted] (GPD - EDU)
[redacted] (OSP - EDU)

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EVIDENCE:

46 pieces of evidence - see attached evidence log
NOTE: All evidence except item #25 sent to B.A.T.F. Laboratory for analysis
Item #25 turned over to OSP Crime Lab and frozen

Notified by Dispatch Coordinator, Portland Police Radio, at 0155 hours this date that a blast had taken place at the Hotel Rajneesh and that Explosive Disposal Technician Moroney was requesting my assistance in a post blast investigation and a search for possible secondary devices at the Hotel Rajneesh. Radio informed me that Officer [redacted] was standing by in the basement of Central Precinct awaiting my arrival. While proceeding into town from my residence and monitoring Police radio, I was made aware of the fact that at approximately 0245 hours there was a series of events that were taking place at the Hotel Rajneesh. On arrival at Central Precinct, Officer [redacted] informed me that apparently a second device

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had detonated in the hotel. Officer [] further advised me that he had viewed the room prior to the second blast and had noted where the original blast had taken place in the vicinity of the medicine chest in the bathroom. He further advised that a subject had been injured and taken to the hospital. [] stated that there were two bags in the room, one a blue nylon type carrying bag and the other a brown bag of some type, and that both bags did contain property and possibly one of them had contained a secondary device.

0210 hours, arrived at the hotel and found the fourth floor, north side of the building, emitting smoke and could see where there was an active fire being fought by the Portland Fire Department.

Lt. [] greeted [] and I on our arrival and informed us of the following. He stated that during the time [] had departed the hotel to await my arrival and gather the necessary equipment needed, he, Sgt. [], and [] of Central Precinct, had been in the fourth floor hallway, and that at approximately 0256 hours a second device had detonated. Lt. [] described this blast as being loud and that it shook the floor. He stated that also a low fire flash came out of the room. He stated that he was knocked back somewhat by this blast as he was standing in the hallway next to one of the room on the fourth floor they had been using as a command post. He stated that approximately 30 seconds after the first blast, a second blast detonated and that it threw a great deal more flame into the hallway and alot of smoke ensued. He stated that after the first blast, there had been noted a fire in the room, and after the second blast, the fire accelerated even more.

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As the fire department was currently fighting the fire and there was no way that we would gain immediate access to the crime scene, it was decided that we would concern ourselves with finding a possible automobile that the subject who had rented this room had arrived in. The neighborhood was checked for vehicles with negative results. As soon as the fire department had knocked down the fire sufficiently for us to gain access, we did go to room 305, which is directly below room 405, and noted that a hole had been blown in the floor of room 405 and that this hole had evidenced a blast of some type from the fragmentation and the way the hole was punched in the floor from above. The fire was still burning in this area and with the help of the firemen we pulled some of the burning boards down and sprayed this area from a hose from the bottom, extinguishing the fire. It was noticed at this time that there was debris on the beds in room 305 that appeared to have been blown there from above.

Proceeded to the hallway, fourth floor, into room 405, which was still burning somewhat, to examine the blast damage. Noticed at this time that room 405 had been badly damaged by fire, the fire having been extremely quick and hot in certain places due to the charing effect of the wood. Noted also that by the first bed as you enter the room, there was a hole blown in the floor and also damage to the bed springs where apparently a bomb had detonated and had bent a lower portion of the bed spring support. Checked further around the room and found that the linen closet, located on the east side of the room, near the door bore evidence of a blast. This was in the form of a piece of electrical conduit that was bent out into the hall portion of the entryway. I also noticed that directly across the hall from room 405 was

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a hole punched into the wall which apparently had been made by a fragment of some type hitting at high speed. Went on to examine the bathroom and found it to be in a shambled mess, the area where the medicine cabinet had been being completely blown and debris scattered about the room and burnt.

Various members of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms arrived and [redacted] and myself sat down and made a list assigning different personnel who were present to different post blast investigative positions. These post blast investigative positions are listed. Basically, we divided up into a blast scene investigation team, an evidence technician who would maintain the evidence log, a crime scene sketch person, and a sifting crew. It was decided, due to the poor light and the bad air in the building and the amount of space needed, that the sifting job would be accomplished in the street below and that we would take the fire department tubs, load a certain portion of the room at a time, and take it down in the street and dump it to correspond with that area of the room above. The room was blocked out into approximately 15 small squares that are 3 X 3. These individual squares were loaded into tubs and handed to either bomb technicians or firemen and they were told what area they came from, such as area A, B, or C. These tubs were then taken down into the street and put into a corresponding grouping on the street below. As you look at the evidence log, you will note that in the evidence log itself it lists the areas from which evidence was found in this manner.

An extremely large amount of debris had fallen onto the floor from the walls and roof and was partially wet and some still on fire. These materials consisted of the plaster board, some of the furniture that had been in the room. The floor was shovelled clean down to the wooden portion and from each section these items were placed in the metal tubs and taken down to the street for sifting. It should be noted that the first area that was searched, however, was area O, where the blue bag, which had been mentioned earlier as possibly containing a secondary device, was believed to be located. This item was found where it was said to have been sitting on the floor and was found to contain what was left of the blue bag, some clothing, what appears to be the spring and slide switch for a flashlight, and some other materials which were immediately identified.

The room was systematically emptied of all contents and everything was taken to the street below where it was sifted. During the course of moving these items, any items that were found that were obviously of an improvised explosive device were collected by the finder and turned over to AFT Special Agent [redacted], who was in charge of evidence logs and was taking care of the evidence at the scene. He, in turn, would list who found the evidence and where it was found.

After everything had been sifted and the room emptied of its contents, the items first listed on the evidence log were those found by the immediate search scene party inside room 405. After we were through searching the room, the items were brought up from the street below by the various officers who had found them and they were turned over to the evidence log keeper in the order they were found and by the officers having found them.

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From the immediate search at the scene we determined that there were three individual pipe bombs involved. The first blast occurred in the medicine cabinet in the bathroom and injured the occupant of room 405. The second blast occurred under the first bed or south bed in room 405; and the third blast occurred in the linen closet of room 405. In each instance we have found a main portion of the pipe bomb body that caused these blasts in the vicinity where they occurred. In each case, the pipe bomb in question appeared to have been loaded with some type of filler that is a low explosive, such as black powder. We have also found in each vicinity the remnants of six volt lantern batteries. Also, in each location we have found what appears to be AA flashlight batteries, and in one location what appeared to be the remnants of a quartz electric clock.

We noted a distinct absence of common clock parts that are normally found in this type of a blast, however, if quartz clocks were used that are mostly electronic with plastic bodies it would explain the lack of clock parts, as obviously each of these devices had some type of timer.

A small sketch was done of room 405 by Officer [redacted] that depicts the search pattern used and the location of objects in the room as we know them. In the original evidence log we had listed the area where the desk, which is sort of a writing nook, had been located as a closet, because we did not know at the time what type of a closet this was. The linen closet, we have found out, did contain a built in dresser of some type prior to the fire.

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During the course of searching the material moved from the bathroom, Officer [redacted] found a single digit off the end of a finger in the material that had been removed from the bathtub. This finger was placed in a small glass jar and transported to the crime lab by Lt. [redacted] and turned over to the Oregon State Police Crime Lab for freezing in case we needed it for further use.

With the exception of the finger, all evidence in this case has been retained by ATF and will be transported to one of our laboratories for examination. Special Agent [redacted] will include a request with the evidence as to what we want the lab to do and also a list of items that were found and known to be in the room prior to the detonations and burning.

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After all of the materials had been sifted through, and room 305 had been searched by us, we secured from the scene, having first swept and cleaned the streets and reopened them to traffic. We concluded our investigation at approximately 1435 hours.

In summary, after reviewing all of the evidence that was found at the scene and discussing it among ourselves, we feel the following is the sequence of events that took place. Subject that entered room 405, after having gained access to the room, did take from the materials he brought in with him, a pipe bomb and place it under the south bed of the room, hiding it and placing around it some type of incinerary material commonly referred to as a fire fudge.

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Subject then placed inside the linen closet of room 405 a second pipe bomb which he also placed an incendiary mixture around. Subject had placed a third pipe bomb into the medicine cabinet inside the bathroom and was in the process of arming it when it detonated in his face. The third pipe bomb did not have an incendiary mix placed around it, however, an incendiary mix of the type we believe were used in the previous two was found in the area where the brown carry-in bag was located and last seen on the floor. The material that was found in the remnants of the brown bag appears to be some type of paste substance that smelled extremely strong of a petroleum product such as gasoline. The Fire Bureau an explosive meter over the material found and it pegged the instrument. This material was placed inside of a one gallon paint can and sealed for further examination by the lab. This item is listed in the evidence log as Item 14.

Although we can't say for certain which one of the explosive devices was planted first (the one under the bed or the one in the linen closet), it was thought that the one under the bed was the first one planted as it detonated first according to witness descriptions. Lieutenant [redacted], who was in the hallway when the number 2 device detonated, stated that it threw a very low fire flash out into the hall and appeared to be inside the room, as compared to the number 3 blast which completely engulfed the doorway and sent a large blast into the hall. The discrepancy in timing would be in the setting of one clock and then the other.

It should also be noted that the pipe bomb that detonated in room 405 under the south bed was recovered in room 305 on top of the south bed in that room.

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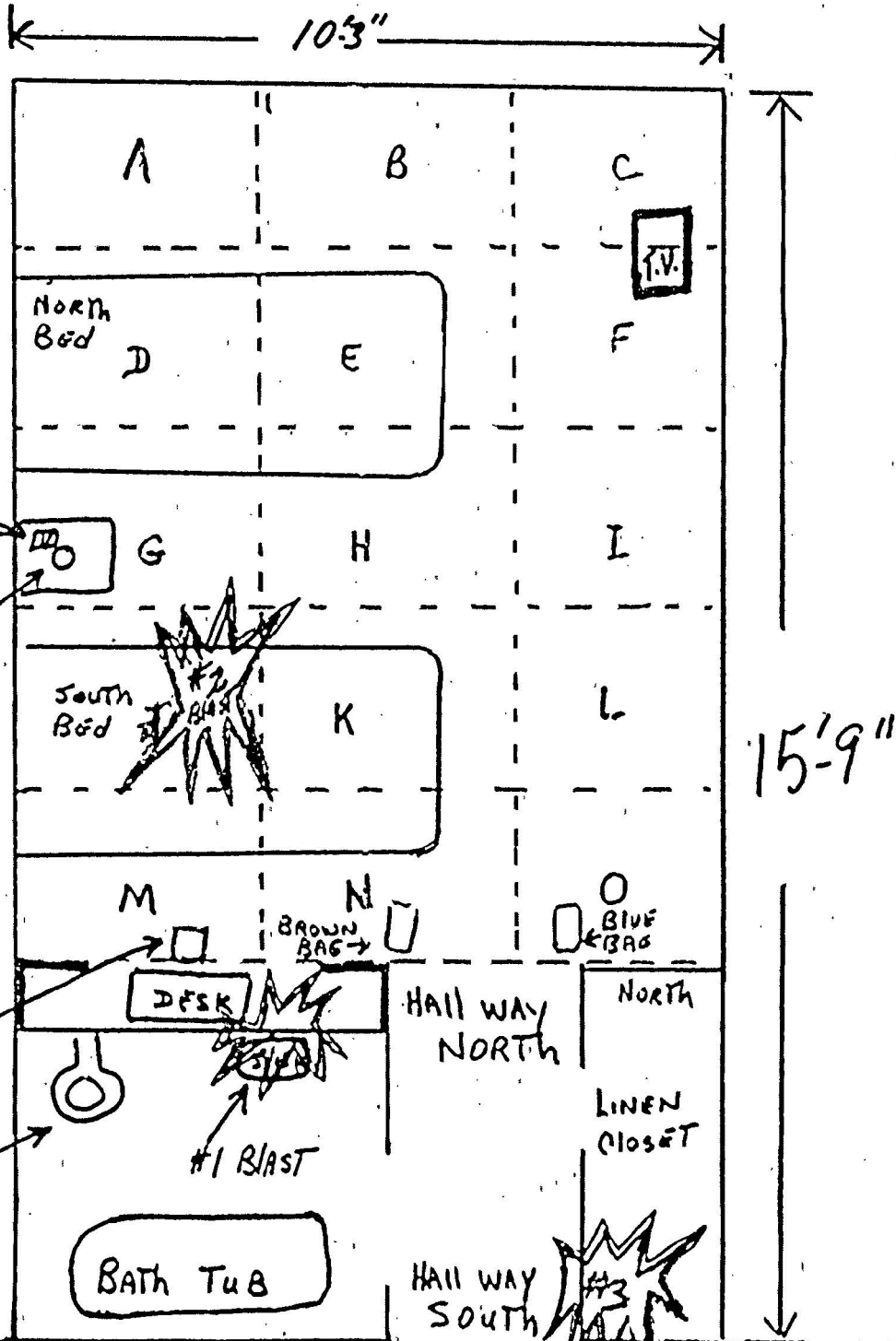
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SEARCH PATTERN
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PORTLAND, OR.

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PHONE
NIGHT STAND
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COMPUTER ENTRY

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DISTRIBUTION

Central Dets QA
 East Youth Ident
 North SID Prop Room
 Traffic SFO/SS Crime Prev.

1. Original Report Date **072983** 2. Time **0122** 3. This Report Date **080283** 4. Time **2136** 5. Location of Occurrence **1115 SW 11th** 6. Computer Entry #

7. Victim or Complainant **HOTEL RAJNEESH** 8. Residence Address **1115 SW 11th** ZIP CODE _____ 9. Res. Phone **222-5800** 10. Sex _____ 11. Race _____ 12. O.O.B. _____

13. Subject of This Report **Continue investigation.** 14. Total Value of Recovered Prop. (Itemize Below) _____

15. Details:

CONNECT INFORMATION

Person arrested positively identified as:

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Address:
Los Angeles, California

Description of possible suspects:

1. male, lbs., build, hair with some complected, shaven and seen wearing a serape, tan in color with some lighter tan stripes.

2. male, lbs, build, hair , a glasses.

NONCONNECT INFORMATION

Released property to of the Hotel Rajneesh.

All items listed on property receipt #197833.

Persons interviewed:

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Phone:
Willamette Week newspaper

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Dundee, Oregon

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Persons interviewed (continued):

4. [redacted]
AKA/ [redacted]
M F DOB [redacted]
Address: Rajneeshpuram

5. [redacted]
AKA/ [redacted]
M F DOB [redacted]
Address: [redacted]

6. [redacted]
AKA/ [redacted]
M F DOB [redacted]
Address: [redacted]

Persons mentioned:

- 1. [redacted]
Los Angeles Police Department
Phone: [redacted]
- 2. [redacted]
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms
Los Angeles
Phone: [redacted]
- 3. [redacted]
FBI, Portland
Phone: [redacted]

7. [redacted]
AKA/ [redacted]
M F DOB [redacted]
Address: [redacted]

8. [redacted]
AKA/ [redacted]
M F DOB [redacted]
Address: [redacted]

- 4. [redacted]
(Not the same person listed in persons interviewed under [redacted] #6.)
Address: Rajneeshpuram
Phone: [redacted]
- 5. [redacted]
Address: Rajneeshpuram
Phone: [redacted]

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Persons mentioned (continued):

6. [redacted]
(Last name may be misspelled.)
Address: [redacted]
Oak Creek, Wisconsin 53154

9. [redacted]
Portland Police
Criminalistics Division

7. [redacted]
Airport Police
Phone: [redacted]

10. [redacted]
[redacted] San Francisco Police Dept.
Arson Unit
Phone: [redacted] extension [redacted]

8. [redacted] Sgt.
Fresno Police Department
Phone: [redacted]

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NARRATIVE

Sir: On July 29, 1983 at 1300 hours, [redacted] came to the Arson Office. He had numerous newspaper articles that were anti-Rajneesh in nature and stated that he feels the Rajneesh may have set the bombs off, themselves, for publicity. He stated this is the things they did in India and other places prior to being "run out". He gave me some of the articles and I thanked him for his interest in the case. Due to the fact he had no hard, fast evidence that the Rajneesh personnel are involved in this bombing, no action will be taken on this information at this time.

On July 29, 1983, I was contacted by [redacted] and advised of a [redacted] male who had made a phone call from a phone booth at the Rajneeshpuram Ranch. He states that there are three phones in the area and the most probable one would be the second number given. He states the phone call was made on 27 July, 1983 between the hours of 2230 and 2330. The numbers given are [redacted] and [redacted]. I contacted Telephone Security for Pacific Northwest Bell, and requested they check the toll records for the listed phone numbers, paying particular attention to phone number [redacted]. I advised them I wanted any phone calls made from those phones and particular interest in phone calls made to Los Angeles or the California area.

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On August 1, 1983, I contacted Airport Police and requested they check their parking lots for a yellow Volkswagen with license similar to California [redacted] or [redacted] or Oregon plate [redacted] (last unknown), or any plate in any order that resembles those numbers, that might be on a yellow Volkswagen. [redacted] called back at 1430 hours and stated they had checked all the parking lots with negative results.

On August 1, 1983, Inspector [redacted] of the San Francisco Arson Squad called and stated that they had had an arson fire involving rocket motors and gasoline in the area of San

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Francisco. He states a [redacted] male or males were responsible and they believe they were Black Muslims. [redacted] states he does not know whether or not the two cases are connected, however, would send the information of his fire bombings and bombings to me for comparison.

On August 1, 1983, [redacted] (this person listed line #4 under Persons mentioned) and [redacted] came to the Detective Division to discuss this case with myself and Lieutenant [redacted]. They stated that they wished to offer all systems they could give, and requested that a flow of information be both ways so that they could keep their people and their law enforcement personnel advised. They were advised that point of contact would be Deputy Chief [redacted], and that my point of contact in dealing with this case would be with members of their Peace Force.

On August 2, 1983, I contacted [redacted]. He stated that he was at Rajneeshpuram on 28, July. He stated that he and a friend, [redacted] took a bus tour between 1100 hours and 1300 hours. He states that while on this tour they had conversation with three individuals on the bus. These individuals were two [redacted] males and a [redacted] male. He gave the following descriptions of the individuals.

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1. [redacted] male, [redacted] to [redacted] years old, [redacted] to [redacted] hair, [redacted] shaven [redacted] to [redacted] lbs., wearing a red shirt and levis. This individual stated he was from Southern California.

[redacted] length hair, red shirt.

3. [redacted] male, [redacted] to [redacted] years, [redacted] to [redacted], thin, [redacted] to [redacted] lbs., [redacted] hair and a [redacted] wearing a red top.

2. [redacted] male, [redacted] to [redacted] years old, [redacted] to [redacted] to [redacted] lbs., [redacted] and [redacted], [redacted] shaven (uncertain) [redacted]

He states that while on the bus, the conversation he had with these individuals centered around Southern California and the fact that they were up here on a vacation, visiting. He also stated that the person listed as #2 was carrying a brown pack similar to that as a small backpack.

I contacted [redacted] by phone. He stated that he had helped prepare and serve the Search Warrant and that he felt that there was much evidence that would help our case

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here in Portland. He stated there such things as books on bombings, diagrams on pipe bombs, wires, receipts, etc. He states that the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms would probably want to take some of this evidence to compare with the fragments that we have from the bombing here in Portland. I asked the name of the resident agent that was handling the Los Angeles end of the investigation. He stated it was Agent [redacted].

I contacted Agent [redacted] at his office. He stated he was present during the service of the Search Warrant, and that he also felt there was much information taken from the residence that would help us. He states that there were photo albums taken, tape recordings taken, wires, receipts, and numerous other items that would be of great help to us in our investigation. He states that from the evidence he observed, both inside the house and that had been seized, there is no doubt in his mind that we are dealing with a Muslim group.

I again checked the registration on California license [redacted], and found that it is registered on a 1964 Volkswagen stationwagon to a [redacted], address [redacted] in Fresno, California. I contacted Fresno Police Department and talked to Sgt. [redacted]. I advised him of the investigation that was going on in Portland, and asked if he would assist us. He said he would be willing to go out and check the residence to see if the car was there, and to contact the occupants and see if they have had or have a yellow Volkswagen with that license number. [redacted] returned the phone call and stated that [redacted] has said that he did not have a yellow Volkswagen, however, his son did have a red Volkswagen bug. He states his son works in Huntington, California. He further stated that the boy's name is [redacted] M, DOB [redacted] lbs., [redacted] hair, [redacted] eyes. The father stated that the son was a drifter and that he thought that the license plate on the red Volkswagen was [redacted] California. [redacted] states he will drive the 64 miles to [redacted] where [redacted] works, and attempt to obtain a Polaroid photograph of him for us.

For information, it should be noted that the license number, California [redacted], has been cleared totally in this investigation. This registration is to a 1982 Mercury sedan to a [redacted], a [redacted] with an address of [redacted] Lakewood, California 90700. On July 30, 1983, members of the Bureau of Alcohol,

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I contacted Officer [redacted] in the Criminalistics Section. He stated that he had gone inside the room and taken numerous photographs prior to the second and third explosion. He states he arrived and was not told that there was a secondary device in the room, and that when he got there, there were numerous fire and police personnel rummaging around in the room, looking things over. He states that he took numerous photographs of the bathroom, the blue bag and other areas in the room. [redacted] states that he did not take extensive photographs of the brown bag, which he states he saw, as he could see it was open and there was nothing inside of it. I advised [redacted] that I would like a special report on his actions and what he saw in the room and in the brown bag and he stated he would be more than happy to make a report. For details, see [redacted] report.

At my request, Detective [redacted] contacted California Motor Vehicle Division by phone. He asked whether or not [redacted] who had California driver's license [redacted], had turned in another state driver's license. He was advised that [redacted] had turned in a Virginia State driver's license, this driver's license number being [redacted]. Detective [redacted] then contacted the Motor Vehicle Division in Virginia and found that [redacted] license had been returned from California and that [redacted] lived at [redacted] Norfolk, Virginia. This driver's license would be valid until November, 1984. This driver's license was made out to a [redacted] M, [redacted] hair, [redacted] eyes, [redacted] lbs., issued 11/12/80. There is a photograph, and Motor Vehicle Division in Virginia stated they would send a copy of the original application along with a photograph to our office.

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I interviewed [redacted] (tape #5, side #1). He stated he did go to Good Samaritan Hospital on August 2, 1983 in an attempt to locate [redacted] as he had been moved from Emmanuel Hospital. He states that he did not go to the sixth floor at any time and, although being a member of the Rajneesh, did not have a mala (the beaded necklace) or any red clothing on at this time.

I next interviewed [redacted] (tape #5, side #1). He states he was in his room on the second floor when he heard the explosion which occurred on July 29, 1983 at approximately 0130 hours. He states when he heard the explosion, he also heard someone yelling. He states he ran from his room out to the foyer of the lobby, where he was advised by the desk clerk that there had been an explosion. He states he then ran outside, ran

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