

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/PRIVACY ACTS SECTION
COVER SHEET

SUBJECT: HOWARD COSELL

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Date 10/29/73

Transmit in PLAIN TEXT via teletype the attached URGENT message.
(plaintext or code) (priority)

FROM: Director, FBI

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- RUEADWW/ The President
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 - RUEADWW/ White House Situation Room
 - Att.: _____
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 - RUEBWJA/ Deputy Attorney General (By messenger)
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 - and Internal Security Section
 - and General Crimes Section
 - RUEBWJA/ Immigration & Naturalization Service
 - RUEOIAA/ National Security Agency (DIRNSA/NSOC (Att.: SOO))
 - RUEOGBA/ Federal Aviation Administration
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Director Sec'y _____

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Foreign Liaison Unit

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with _____

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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1059PM NITEL 10/26/73 EWL

TO DIRECTOR

NEW YORK

FROM BUFFALO (9-NEW) 3P

~~10/26/73~~
~~TELETYPE~~



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UNSUB; HOWARD COSELL - VICTIM; EXTORTION;
BOMB THREAT OO: BUFFALO

BUFFALO OFFICE 10/20/73

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~~NEW YORK THROUGH ABC TELEVISION NETWORK, LOCATE VICTIM COSELL AND ADVISE HIM OF CONTENT OF POST CARD.~~

END

~~FBIHQ FLC ACK FR TWO ELXX TELS TU AND CLR~~

~~SEARCHED SERIALIZED~~

cc [REDACTED]

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Date: 10/30/73

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Transmit the following in _____

(Type in plaintext or code)

AIRTEL

AIR MAIL - REGISTERED MAIL

Via _____

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
(ATTN: FBI LABORATORY)

FROM: SAC, BUFFALO (9-1173) (P)

UNSUB;
HOWARD COSELL - VICTIM
EXTORTION; BOMB THREAT
(OO: BUFFALO)

105812

Re Buffalo teletype to Bureau and New York, 10/26/73.

Enclosed for the Laboratory is the extortion note in this case.

For the information of the Laboratory, enclosed card was recovered by postal authorities from a mailbox in Lackawanna, New York on 10/26/73. Postal Superintendent, Lackawanna, advised that they have been receiving a large quantity of spurious mail in this box during the recent past where legitimate business reply envelopes were altered by changing the addresses. Along with this card were 85 other pieces of mail which the postal authorities feel were placed there by the same individual who placed the extortion note in the mailbox. The Postal Inspectors have developed a suspect, one [redacted] but have been unsuccessful in locating him for interview.

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- 2 - Buffalo

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ENCLOSURE

Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M Per _____

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BU 9-1173

[REDACTED] arrested by Buffalo, New York Police Department 4/30/66 under their #68590 on a burglary charge.

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[REDACTED] described as white male, 5'7", 165 pounds, brown hair, blue eyes, [REDACTED] three-inch scar left wrist and hand, and Social Security Number [REDACTED]

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The Laboratory is requested to furnish extortion letter to the Latent Fingerprint Section to examine the letter for latents of value and compare with fingerprints of [REDACTED] Buffalo PD #68590.

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BUFFALO

AT BUFFALO, NEW YORK

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Will attempt to locate suitable handprinting samples of [REDACTED] and submit to Laboratory for comparison with handprinting on note.

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Recorded 11-5-73

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet

LATENT

Re: UNSUB;
HOWARD COSELL - VICTIM;;
EXTORTION; BOMB THREAT

File # 174-4669-2
Lab.# D-731105012 PF

OO: Buffalo

Examination requested by: FBI, Buffalo (9-1173)

airtel 10-30-73

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Date received: 11-2-73

Result of Examination:

Examination by: [REDACTED]

"Evidence to be returned by LFP"

[REDACTED]

Received by LFPS
[REDACTED]
11-15-73

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Q1 Hand printed Thank You card bearing address "HOWARD COSELL - ABC - T.V. - ch.7" and message on reverse side beginning " HOWARD COSELL - THE Mouth."

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D. C. 20537



REPORT

of the

IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

YOUR FILE NO. 9-2173
FBI FILE NO. REC-138 274-4669-2
LATENT CASE NO. A-80502

November 28, 1973

TO: SAC, Buffalo

RE: UNSUB.;
HOWARD COSELL - VICTIM
EXTORTION; BOMB THREAT

REFERENCE: Airtel 10-30-73
EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: Buffalo
SPECIMENS: 01, card bearing hand printed message

Specimen described in separate laboratory report.

No latent prints of value developed on enclosed card.

- Assoc. Dir. _____
- Asst. Dir.: _____
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Clarence M. Kelley
Clarence M. Kelley, Director

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
Recorded 11/16/73, 9:30 a.m. tao

Laboratory Work Sheet

Received 11/16/73

Re: UNSUB;
HOWARD COSELL - VICTIM;;
EXTORTION; BOMB THREAT

LATENT

File # 174-4669-2
Lab.# D-731105012 PF
LC # A-80502

OO: Buffalo

Examination requested by: FBI, Buffalo (9-1173)

airtel 10-30-73

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Date received: 11-2-73

Result of Examination:

Examination by: [redacted]

Named Suspect:

[redacted] Buffalo PD # 68590

Noted By:

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*no latent I
sprayed 11/17/73
no latent II
treated*

*Spec enclosed
lab report*

Q1 Hand printed Thank You card bearing address "HOWARD COSELL - ABC - T.V. - ch.7" and message on reverse side beginning " HOWARD COSELL - THE Mouth."

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[redacted] 11/2/73

Examination Completed 11/19/73 2:20 PM Dictated 11/19/73
/Date Time Date

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NOV 26 1973

1059PM NITEL 10/26/73 EWL

TELETYPE

TO DIRECTOR

NEW YORK

FROM BUFFALO (9-NEW) 3P



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CC [REDACTED]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

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To: SAC, Buffalo (9-1173)

Date: November 15, 1973

From: Director, FBI

Re: UNSUB;
HOWARD COSELL -- VICTIM;
EXTORTION; BOMB THREAT
OO: Buffalo

FBI File No. 174-4669

Lab. No. D-731105012

Examination requested by: Buffalo

Reference: Airtel dated 10-30-73

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Remarks: Q1 is being returned separately with results of the latent fingerprint examination.

It will be necessary to have hand printing by suspects, comparable to the questioned hand printing, before an adequate comparison can be made.

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Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

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REPORT
of the



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: SAC, Buffalo (9-1173)
Re: UNSUB;
HOWARD COSELL - VICTIM;
EXTORTION; BOMB THREAT

Date: November 15, 1973
FBI File No. 174-4669
Lab. No. D-731105012 PF

Specimens received 11-2-73

Q1 Hand printed Thank You card bearing address "HOWARD COSELL - ABC - T.V. - 6H.7" and message on reverse side beginning "HOWARD COSELL - THE Mouth."

Result of examination:

Q1 was not associated with material maintained in the Anonymous Letter File, Copies have been added thereto.

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The fingerprint card signature of [redacted] Buffalo, New York, Police Department number 68590 is not sufficientl comparable with the questioned hand printing on Q1 to permit a determination whether [redacted] prepared Q1.

~~A five-cent U.S. Postal Service stamp, torn from a sheet of stamps, is affixed to Q1. Q1 contains no watermarks, indented writing of significance or other characteristics which would aid in determining its source.~~

Q1, which has been photographed, is being returned separately.

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Recorded 11-5-73

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet

LATENT

File # 174-4669-4
Lab.# D-731105012 PF

Re: UNSUB;
HOWARD COSELL - VICTIM;;
EXTORTION; BOMB THREAT

OO: Buffalo

Examination requested by: FBI, Buffalo (9-1173)

airtel 10-30-73

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Date received: 11-2-73

Result of Examination:

Examination by: [redacted]

Q1 was not associated with the material maintained in the ALF
Copies have been added thereto.

A five cent U.S. Postal Service stamp, torn from a sheet of stamps,
affixed to Q1. Q1 contains no watermarks, indented writing
of sig. or other char. which would aid in determining their
source.

The fingerprint of [redacted] Buffalo
NY PD # 68597 is not a copy with Q1
or Q1 to permit a det. with [redacted] fingerprint Q1
Q1 to be used by LFS

TF needs to have up by suspects copy to give
Q1 Hand printed Thank You card bearing address "HOWARD COSELL -
ABC - T.V. - CH.7" and message on reverse side beginning
" HOWARD COSELL - THE Mouth."

Searched ALF, [redacted] and [redacted] files
Nothing sig. noted. Added to [redacted] 11/5/73 [redacted]

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11-15-73

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11-15-73

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Q1 Piece of paper (card type)

color: white

measures: 5.95 x approx 3.74 x .0061

stamp: 5¢ United States Washington stamp (blue) - SHEET

writing medium: black ink (ball point)

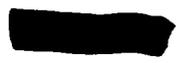
black "MURDER" - address

black "FBI" - "FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION" - "UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE"

black dotted lines along border perforated

no indented writing / watermarks noted

cut along top & bottom



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FBI WASH DC (8-1143)

SELECT 10-20-13

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OF: WASH DC

RECEIVED: BOMB ...
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D.C.

WASHINGTON, DC

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RECEIVED 11-5-73



10/30/73

AIRTEL

AIR MAIL - REGISTERED MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
(ATTN: FBI LABORATORY)

FROM: SAC, BUFFALO (9-1173) (P)

UNSUB;
HOWARD COSELL - VICTIM
EXTORTION; BOMB THREAT
(OO: BUFFALO)

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Re Buffalo teletype to Bureau and New York, 10/26/73.

Enclosed for the Laboratory is the extortion note in this case.

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[REDACTED] was interviewed by Bureau Agents 10/27/73 and admitted placing a large quantity of business reply envelopes and ads cut from newspapers into the mailbox in question on 10/26/73, but he denied placing extortion note in box. [REDACTED] refused to furnish handwriting samples.

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trans. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] arrested by Buffalo, New York Police Department 4/30/66 under their #68590 on a burglary charge.

[REDACTED] described as white male, 5'7", 165 pounds, brown hair, blue eyes, [REDACTED] three-inch scar left wrist and hand, and Social Security Number [REDACTED]

AUSA, Buffalo contacted 10/26/73 and feels the message contains a threat and stated he will consider prosecution if unsub identified.

The Laboratory is requested to furnish extortion letter to the Latent Fingerprint Section to examine the letter for latents of value and compare with fingerprints of [REDACTED] Buffalo PD #68590.

LEAD

BUFFALO

AT BUFFALO, NEW YORK

Will attempt to locate suitable handprinting samples of [REDACTED] and submit to Laboratory for comparison with handprinting on note.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Thompson

DATE: 11-5-73

FROM : W. V. Cleveland ~~XXXXXXXX~~
B. White

LATENT EXAMINATION INVOLVED

Communication:

Agency Submitting: **FBI, Buffalo**

SUBJECT: UNSUB;
**HOWARD COSELL - VICTIM
EXTORTION: BOMB THREAT**

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ CRIMINAL FILES

SEND OVER ALL CARDS

Please search the name of the individual through the records of the Identification Division and return this memorandum with a notation of your findings to -

Employees Security and Special Inquiry Section, Room _____, Justice Building. (In SGE and UN cases, if a record of arrest is found, please enclose, in addition to file copy, 1 copy of the Identification Record for each state in which arrests occurred.)

Laboratory, Att.: _____, Ext. **3785**, re D # **731105012 PF**

The following identifying data are listed for your assistance (Att.: Special Investigative Division only - in addition to the name or names and the Government agency appearing in the title):

Sex <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Race white	Height	Name and aliases (For use of Laboratory) (1)	(2)	(3)
Date and place of birth [REDACTED]		Age	[REDACTED]		
Military Service #	CSC #				
Last known address			[REDACTED]		
Previous Government employment					
Date SGE security form received					
Other pertinent identifying data (Att.: Lab., including FD #s and location) Buffalo, NY PD #68590 (XXXX arrested 4-30-66)					

Identification Division Reply

Based upon information furnished, no record located.

A noncriminal fingerprint record which IS or MAY BE identical was located. This record was searched through the criminal files and no criminal record found.

The enclosed Identification Record IS or MAY BE identical with the record of the employee, applicant, or subject.

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Date: 11/20/73

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL - REGISTERED MAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (174-4669)
(ATTN: FBI LABORATORY)

FROM: SAC, BUFFALO (9-1173) (P)

UNSUB;
HOWARD COSELL-VICTIM
EXTORTION; BOMB THREAT
(OO: BUFFALO)

731123064

Re Buffalo airtel to Bureau, dated 10/30/73 and
FBI Lab Report, dated 11/15/73.

Enclosed for the FBI Laboratory is known handwriting
samples of _____

On 11/19/73, _____
Republic Steel Corp., Buffalo, N. Y., furnished enclosed
employment application of suspect _____

The FBI Laboratory is requested to compare handprinting
on application with previously submitted note in this case.
The FBI Laboratory number is (0731105012PF)

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- 2 - Buffalo

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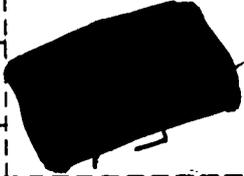
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Lab report
12-12-73

Approved: RHA
Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M Per _____



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11-26-73

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: UNSUB;
HOWARD COSELL - Victim;
Extortion; Bomb Threat

File #174-4669-5
Lab.# D-731123064 PF

OO: Buffalo

Examination requested by: SAC, Buffalo

Date received: 11-23-73

Examination requested: Document

Examination by: [REDACTED]

Result of Examination:

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returned

K1 OneRepublic Steel Corporation and Subsidiaries employment
application bearing the ~~xxx~~ hand printing and signature of
[REDACTED]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

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To: SAC, Buffalo (9-1173)

Date: December 12, 1973

From: Director, FBI

Re: UNSUB;
HOWARD COSELL - Victim;
Extortion; Bomb Threat

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FBI File No. 174-4669-5
Lab. No. D-731123064 PF

Examination requested by: Buffalo
Reference: Airtel, 11/20/73
Examination requested: Document
Remarks:

Enclosures (3) (K1, 2 Lab report)

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MAIL ROOM TELETYPE UNIT

[REDACTED] 714

REPORT
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: SAC, Buffalo (9-1173)

Date: December 12, 1973
FBI File No. 174-4669
Lab. No. D-731123064 PF

Re: UNSUB;
HOWARD COSELL - Victim;
Extortion; Bomb Threat

Specimens received 11/23/73

**K1 One Republic Steel Corporation and Subsidiaries
employment application dated 1/22/71 bearing
writing of [REDACTED]**

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Result of examination:

The conclusion was reached that the questioned
hand printing on Q1, previously submitted, was prepared
by [REDACTED] writer of K1.

K1, which has been photographed, is attached.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory-Work Sheet

Re: UNSUB;
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Date received: 11-23-73

Result of Examination:

Examination by: [REDACTED]

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g hp Q1, prev sub, IDENT, K1
K1, photo'd + returned.

K1 OneRepublic Steel Corporation and Subsidiaries employment
application bearing the ~~mark hand printing and signature of~~

dated 1/22/71

writing of

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Lab report
12-12-73

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photo + negs in serial 2

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

INSTRUCTIONS - Reverse side

TO : Director, FBI (174-4669)
 Att: Special Investigative Division
 FROM : **RHA** [Redacted], BUFFALO (9-1173) (P)
 SUBJECT: **[Redacted]** aka; -Fug
 HOWARD COSELL - VICTIM
 EXTORTION; BOMB THREAT

DATE: 1/9/74

- Initial Submission
- Supplements FD-65 dated _____
- Photograph not needed

- Indicate following:
- Extremist (Black)
 - Extremist (White)
 - Rev. Act.
 - Other Security background
 - None of these

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Caution <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MKE	Name	[Redacted]	NAM	Sex	SEX	Race	RAC
					M		W	
Place of Birth	POB	Birth Date	DOB	Height	HGT	Weight	WGT	
[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	5'7"		165 lbs.		
Eye Color	EYE	Hair Color	HAI	FBI No.	FBI	Skin Tone	SKN	
Blue		Brown						
Scars, Marks, Tattoos, etc.								SMT
3" scar on left wrist and hand								
NCIC Fingerprint Classification	FPC	Other Identifying Number	MNU	Social Security #	SOC			
		Buffalo PD #68590						
Operator's License Number	OLN	Operator's License State	OLS	Year Expire	OLY			
Offense Charged OFF EXTORTION								
U. S. Code, Title and Section Title 18, Section 876								
Warrant Issued By U.S. MAGISTRATE EDMUND F. MAXWELL on 1/9/74 DOW F. O. File # OCA 9-1173								
Date PBV or Bond Default Case Referred to Office _____								
Miscellaneous Including Bond Recommended						MIS Fingerprint Classification (Henry System)		
BECAUSE OF BOMB THREAT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.						13 U OI 15 19 0 WHT.		
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LICENSE PLATE AND VEHICLE INFORMATION								
License Plate Number	LIC	State	LIS	Year Expires	LIY	License Plate Type	LIT	
Vehicle Identification #	VIN	Year	VYR	Make	VMA	Model	VMO	Style VST Color VCB
Aliases	[Redacted]				Additional Identifiers			
					Additional DOB [Redacted] JAN 14 1974			
MCT-11 FUG. SUP.								
NCIC #	54 JAN 2 1974				NIC			
	[Redacted]							

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1 - Bureau
 1 - Buffalo [Redacted] (2)

INSTRUCTIONS

FBI
U. S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE

1. **Caution (MKE)** - Insert "C" in block if caution statement indicated. Basis for caution statement must appear in Miscellaneous block, e.g. armed and dangerous.
2. **Name (NAM)** - Place name in this block. Aliases are not to be entered in this block but are to be placed in Aliases block.
3. **Sex (SEX)** - Sex will be designated by one letter, M (male) or F (female).
4. **Race (RAC)** - Race will be described by one letter, W (white), N (Negro), I (Indian), C (Chinese), J (Japanese), O (all other). Mexicans who are not definitely Indian or other nonwhite should be described as "W".
5. **Place of Birth (POB)** - Indicate city and state or, if foreign born, city and country. Where multiple birthplaces are reported, list verified birthplace or that which appears most logical in this block.
6. **Birth Date (DOB)** - Enter as month, day and year. Where multiple birth dates are reported, enter verified birth date or that which appears most logical in this block. Place other dates of birth in Additional Identifiers block.
7. **Height (HGT)** - Express in feet and inches, e.g., 6' 0". Round off fractions to nearest inch.
8. **Weight (WGT)** - Express in pounds. Omit fractions.
9. **Eye Color (EYE)** - Use appropriate three character symbol.
10. **Hair Color (HAI)** - Use appropriate three character symbol.
11. **Skin Tone (SKN)** - Use appropriate three character symbol.
12. **Scars, Marks, Tattoos, etc. (SMT)** - Place in this block only appropriate NCIC coding for scars, marks, tattoos, birthmarks, deformities, missing body parts and artificial body parts as defined in NCIC Operating Manual. If more than one SMT is to be entered, use Additional Identifiers block for additional appropriately coded items. Use Miscellaneous block to describe all scars, marks, tattoos, etc. which are not defined in the NCIC Operating Manual and to more fully describe SMT's which have been entered in SMT block. For example, an appendectomy scar, not being readily visible, would be described in the Miscellaneous block. A tattoo on right arm, shown as TAT R ARM in block, might be further described in Miscellaneous block as a rose tattoo on inside of lower right arm.
13. **NCIC Fingerprint Classification (FPC)** - Enter NCIC fingerprint classification.
14. **Other Identifying Number (MNU)** - Miscellaneous numbers may be entered with appropriate identifiers (prefixes) as shown below. For first miscellaneous identifying number, use MNU block. When military service number is in fact Social Security Account Number, the number should be entered in both MNU and SOC blocks. Additional identifying numbers are placed in Additional Identifiers block. The identifier (prefix) should precede the number and be separated from the number by use of a hyphen.
 - AF - Air Force Serial Number
 - AR - Alien Registration Number
 - AS - Army Serial Number, National Guard Serial Number or Air National Guard Serial Number (regardless of State)
 - CG - U. S. Coast Guard Serial Number
 - MD - Mariner's Document or Identification Number
 - MC - Marine Corps Serial Number
 - MP - Royal Canadian Mounted Police Identification Number
 - NS - Navy Serial Number
 - PP - Passport Number
 - PS - Post Security Card Number
 - SS - Selective Service Number
 - VA - Veterans Administration Claim Number
15. **Fingerprint classification (Henry System)** - The Henry System fingerprint classification is to be placed in this block, when available. Do not enter in NCIC.
16. **Social Security Number (SOC)** - Place subject's Social Security Account Number in this block.
17. **Operator's License Number** - Place subject's operator's license number in OLN block. Also show licensing state (OLS) and year license expires (OLY).
18. **Warrant Issued By-On-(DOW)** - In Escaped Federal Prisoner cases enter date of escape in DOW block.
19. **Miscellaneous (MIS)** - Enter additional pertinent information in this block. If caution statement used, basis for statement must be set forth as first item in this block.
20. **License Plate and Vehicle Information** - Place information concerning license plate and/or vehicle known to be in the possession of subject in appropriate blocks under License Plate and Vehicle Information heading.
21. **Additional Identifiers** - Enter information concerning additional license plates (number, state, year expires, and where applicable, type); Social Security Numbers; operator's license number, state and year expires; vehicle information (VIN, VYR, VMA, VMO, VST, VCO); MNU's (see list in item 13 above); visible scars, marks, tattoos, etc.; and dates of birth. Clearly identify what data is being set forth; e.g. Social Security # 423-56-3294; Michigan operator's license 234567, expires 1972; DOB's 4/5/32, 5/3/32; etc.
22. Changes and deletions should be so indicated in the appropriate blocks.

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Files & Com.	_____
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Ident.	_____
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Laboratory	_____
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Spec. Inv.	_____
Training	_____
Legal Coun.	_____
Telephone Rm.	_____
Director Sec'y	_____

Steel City Man Held In Threat to Kill Cosell

A Lackawanna man was arrested today on federal charges of threatening to blow up Howard Cosell at Rich Stadium last October.

Charged with making a threat by mail, Michael G. Batko, 27, of 19 Elkhart St. was

brought by the FBI before U. S. Magistrate Edmund F. Maxwell, who freed him on \$500 bail.

Postal officials intercepted a postcard on Oct. 26 and notified federal authorities of the message.

"Howard Cosell — the MOUTH — why don't you drop dead," the message begins. It concludes:

"There's a bomb in Rich Stadium. It will blow you up at 10 Monday, Oct. 29, at Rich Stadium."

Asst. U. S. Atty. Theodore J. Burns said the postcard wasn't signed but was traced to Batko by the FBI over the past 2½ months through handwriting analysis.

Batko, who is unemployed, signed a job application at Republic Steel Corp. in January 1971, and this was compared with the handwriting on the postcard, officials said.

A preliminary hearing will be held on Feb. 5 at 11 AM.

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(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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BUFFALO EVENING NEWS
Buffalo, New York

Date: 1/17/74

Edition: Final

Author:

Editor:

Title:

aka - FUG.
HOWARD COSELL - Victim

Character: Extortion;
or Bomb Threat

Classification: 9-1173

Submitting Office Buffalo

Being Investigated

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

JAN 17 1974

TELETYPE

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Director Sec'y	_____

NR002 BU PLAIN

6:45 PM URGENT 1/17/74 PFS

TO DIRECTOR (174-4669)

(ATTN: EXTERNAL AFFAIRS)

FROM BUFFALO (9-1173) (P) 1P

Memo to Ident

DATE 1-18-74

PER [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] AKA - FUGITIVE; HOWARD COSELL -
VICTIM, EXTORTION; BOMB THREATS, OO: BUFFALO

RE BUFFALO TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU, 1/16/73.

BATKO ARRESTED BY BUREAU AGENTS 1/17/74 WITHOUT INCIDENT.

SUBJECT ARRAIGNED BEFORE U.S. MAGISTRATE EDMOND F. MAXWELL,
BUFFALO, SAME DATE, AND RELEASED ON \$500.00 BAIL.

PRESS RELEASE MADE BUFFALO.

REPORT TO FOLLOW.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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cc - D. Intell

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1/18/74
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE BUFFALO	OFFICE OF ORIGIN BUFFALO	DATE 1/21/74	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 10/26/73 - 1/17/74
TITLE OF CASE [REDACTED] aka -		REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]	TYPED [REDACTED]
FUGITIVE HOWARD COSELL - VICTIM		CHARACTER OF CASE EXTORTION; BOMB THREATS	

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REFERENCE: Buffalo nitel to the Bureau and New York, 10/26/73,
Buffalo airtel to the Bureau 10/3/73,
Buffalo airtel to the Bureau, 11/20/73,
Buffalo teletype to the Bureau 1/16/74,
Buffalo teletype to the Bureau 1/17/74.

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LEADS:

BUFFALO

AT BUFFALO, NEW YORK

Will follow and report prosecution.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED				<input type="checkbox"/> NONE	EQUITALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
CONVIC.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES		
	<u>BU</u>					PENDING OVER ONE YEAR <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
						PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO

APPROVED: RHH SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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- COPIES MADE:
- 1 - Bureau (174-4669)
 - 1 - USA, Buffalo (ATTN: AUSA THEODORE J. BURNING)
 - 1 - New York (Info)
 - 1 - Buffalo (9-1173)

174-4669-8 REC-30

JAN 24 1974

Dissemination Record of Attached Report

Agency	100 USSS
Request Recd.	100 Symant
Date Fwd.	2/11/74
How Fwd.	[REDACTED]
By	[REDACTED]

Notations: **[REDACTED]**, **[REDACTED]**, **[REDACTED]**

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

On 10/27/73, 1/10/74 and 10/15/74, the

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] (protect by request), was instrumental in furnishing
information [REDACTED]

On 10/27/73, subject's mother was interviewed
at which time she denied that the subject was at home, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] that we
were able to determine that the subject was at home and
consented to be interviewed.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, Buffalo
(ATTN: AUSA THEODORE J. BURNS)

Report of: [REDACTED] Office: Buffalo, New York

Date: 1/21/74

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Field Office File #: 9-1173

Bureau File #: 174-4669

Title: [REDACTED]
HOWARD COSELL - VICTIM

Character: EXTORTION; BOMB THREATS

Synopsis: Postcard threatening victim located by postal authorities in mailbox, Lackawanna, New York. Postcard turned over to FBI. AUSA, Buffalo felt postcard contained legitimate threat. Subject's name furnished as suspect by postal authorities. Known handprinting sample compared with printing on postcard were found to be identical. AUSA, Buffalo authorized prosecution of subject charged with violation of Title 18, USC, Section 376. Warrant issued. Subject arrested by Buagents, 1/17/74 and arraigned before U.S. Magistrate, Buffalo, N.Y. same date. Subject released on \$500 bail. Preliminary hearing set for 11:00 AM, 2/5/74. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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DETAILS:

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At approximately 3:40 PM, October 26, 1973, [REDACTED] Postal Inspector's Office, Main Post Office, 1200 William Street, Buffalo, New York, telephone number 342-2770, telephonically advised the writer that he had received a telephone call from [REDACTED] Superintendent, Post Office Station, 683 Ridge Road, Lackawanna, New York. [REDACTED] had intercepted at the Lackawanna Post Office Station, a postcard addressed to HOWARD COSELL containing the message for him to shut his mouth or it will be shut with a bomb on Monday, October 29, 1973, at 10:00 PM at Rich Stadium.

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Date of transcription 10/29/73

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b7C [redacted] Superintendent, Post Office Station, 683 Ridge Road, Lackawanna, New York, telephone number 842-2818, furnished the following information:

He furnished a postcard addressed to "Howard Cosell-ABC-t.V.-Ch.7, 1 Rich St., C/O-Rich Stadium-Buffalo Bills, Orchard Park, N.Y. _____, PERSONAL - ONLY," bearing a cancelled five cent stamp marked Elmsford, New York. On the reverse side the postcard has pre-printed "Thank You" and "For:" and in handprinting contained the following message:

"Howard Cosell-The Mouth. Why don't you drop dead you Homo-Fag Big Mouth. And your Book sucks like you Do. I'll help you, there's A Bomb in the Rich Stadium. It will Blow you up at 10:00 Monday, 10-29-73 at Rich Stadium-Buffalo, N.Y." In addition, on both sides of the postcard was handprinted, "NO JOKE."

b7C [redacted] stated that the postcard was mixed in with approximately 86 cards and letters, all business reply correspondence, deposited in the mailbox located at the corner of Electric and Kirby Streets, Lackawanna, New York. This mail was retrieved from the mailbox by Carrier [redacted] on Postal Route 1827, who cleared this mailbox at approximately 2:30 P.M., October 26, 1973. After the mail had been returned to the Lackawanna Post Office Station, the Assistant Postal Superintendent, [redacted] went through the collection and noticed this card among the bundle of mail taken from the mailbox at Electric and Kirby Streets, all apparently from the same individual. [redacted] made available to the FBI the above-described postcard but the remaining 86 pieces of mail were not made available at this time.

Based on previous experience, [redacted] speculated that this mail was from an individual known to the personnel of the Lackawanna Post Office as [redacted] who

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b7C by SAs [redacted] and [redacted] Date dictated 10/29/73

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resides at [REDACTED] Lackawanna, New York. On a previous occasion, approximately three months ago, [REDACTED] stated he went to the [REDACTED] address in regard to the continuous deposit of similar mail on approximately a monthly basis in the same mailbox at Electric and Kirby Streets. He spoke to a woman he believes was [REDACTED] and inquired regarding [REDACTED]. Immediately, the woman could not speak English and could not furnish any information regarding [REDACTED]. His conversation with the woman was terminated on the basis of no communication. [REDACTED] stated he understands from the Carrier [REDACTED] who delivers mail to the residence located at [REDACTED] Lackawanna, New York, that [REDACTED] is according to neighborhood gossip a late teenager approximately 18 years of age.

Until now, the mail in similar deposits of about one month intervals has all been business reply envelopes and cards, some of which have had the addressee altered making the business reply cards and envelopes not valid mail.

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This deposit of mail containing the above-described postcard was all of a business reply nature. Fifty pieces of mail were sealed, airmail business reply envelopes containing nothing, addressed to the Cleveland Institute of Electronics, 1776 East 17th Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44144. The remaining 36 pieces of mail were business reply envelopes and cards, some of which had the addressee altered. [REDACTED] stated he was turning these envelopes over to the Postal Inspector's Office, Buffalo, New York.

[REDACTED] could furnish no further information at this time.

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On October 26, 1973, Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) THEODORE J. BURNS, Buffalo, New York, was advised of the contents of the above postcard and he stated he thought the message on the postcard contained a legitimate threat, and he would consider prosecution if a subject were developed.

On the same date, the following persons were notified of the threatening postcard:

Deputy [REDACTED]
Erie County Sheriff's Office
Buffalo, New York

Detective [REDACTED]
Lackawanna Police Department
Lackawanna, New York

Patrolman [REDACTED]
Town of Orchard Park Police Department
Orchard Park, New York

Special Agent [REDACTED]
United States Secret Service
Buffalo, New York

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On October 26, 1973, the New York Office of the FBI advised the victim was advised of the information contained in above postcard.

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[redacted] was interviewed in front of his residence by Special Agents of the FBI. He was advised the interview concerned the mailing of a postcard to HOWARD COSELL, the sports broadcaster, which advised a bomb would blow up at Rich Stadium on October 29, 1973. He was advised this postcard was deposited in a mailbox located at the corner of Kirby and Electric Streets, Lackawanna, New York, which is near his residence, and that he was considered a possible suspect. He was orally advised of his rights by SA [redacted] was advised that he did not have to answer any questions; that he had a right to consult an attorney before answering any questions; that if he could not afford an attorney one would be provided for him; and that anything he said could be used against him in a court of law. He stated he understood his rights and indicated a willingness to answer questions concerning this matter.

[redacted] stated he had not written or mailed the postcard in question. He stated he had deposited mail at the mailbox in question on October 28, 1973, but denied mailing anything addressed to HOWARD COSELL.

[redacted] was shown a copy of the postcard in question, and again denied either writing it or depositing it in the mailbox.

[redacted] furnished the following background data:

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Name	[redacted]
Aliases	[redacted]
Date of Birth	[redacted]
Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	5' 7"
Weight	165 pounds
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue
Scars and Marks	Three inch scar on left wrist and hand

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Social Security
Number

[REDACTED]

Marital Status

Single

Education

Junior year-high school

Employment

Unemployed; previously
employed at Republic Steel,
laid off January, 1973,
for periodic absences.

Arrests

Arrested by the Lackawanna,
New York Police Department
on minor charges (not
specified), and by the
Buffalo, New York Police
Department in 1966 on
Burglary charges, which
were subsequently dismissed.

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Date of transcription 10/30/73

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Lieutenant [REDACTED], Lackawanna Police Department (LPD), furnished the following to Special Agents of the FBI:

Records of the LPD Identification Division contain the following:

b7C [REDACTED] a white male born [REDACTED] employed at Bethlehem Steel Corporation, Lackawanna, New York, was arrested on July 8, 1969, by LPD Officers [REDACTED] on charges of violation of 140.05 RPL (Criminal Trespass) on complaint of [REDACTED]. On February 10, 1970, the charge was dismissed with prejudice. LPD number is 101399.

b7C A newspaper clipping in the file indicated [REDACTED] was arrested April 30, 1966, with one [REDACTED] by officers of the Buffalo Police Department (BPD) Tactical Patrol Unit, on charges of second degree Burglary of Junior's Fruit Market, 2431 South Park Avenue. Lieutenant [REDACTED] advised the BPD had a photograph of [REDACTED] available, BPD number 68590. Disposition of these charges were unknown.

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b7C by SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] Date dictated 10/29/73

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Surveillance of
[REDACTED]
Lackawanna, New York
October 29, 1973

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4:00 PM Surveillance instituted in the vicinity of
[REDACTED] Lackawanna, New York.

12:00 PM Surveillance discontinued. No one observed to
enter or depart [REDACTED] during the
course of this surveillance.

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by SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] Date dictated 11/2/73

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By communication dated October 30, 1973, the threatening postcard was submitted to the FBI Laboratory, Washington, D.C. in order that it might be examined for any latent fingerprints of value and also, examination of the handprinting on the postcard to be compared with handprinting of [REDACTED] which would be submitted at a later date.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: SAC, Buffalo (9-1173)

Re: UNSUB;
HOWARD COSELL - VICTIM;
EXTORTION; BOMB THREAT

Date: November 15, 1973
FBI File No. 174-4669
Lab. No. D-731105012 PF

Specimens received 11-2-73

Q1 Hand printed Thank You card bearing address "HOWARD COSELL - ABC - T.V. - CH.7" and message on reverse side beginning "HOWARD COSELL - THE Mouth."

Result of examination:

Q1 was not associated with material maintained in the Anonymous Letter File. Copies have been added thereto.

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The fingerprint card signature of [REDACTED] Buffalo, New York, Police Department number 68590 is not sufficient comparable with the questioned hand printing on Q1 to permit a determination whether [REDACTED] prepared Q1.

A five-cent U.S. Postal Service stamp, torn from a sheet of stamps, is affixed to Q1. Q1 contains no watermarks, indented writing of significance or other characteristics which would aid in determining its source.

Q1, which has been photographed, is being returned separately.

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[redacted] Republic Steel Corporation, South Park Avenue, Buffalo, New York, was contacted and at that time, he furnished an employment application with his company, which had been filled out and signed on January 22, 1971, by [redacted]

This employment application was initialed and dated by [redacted]

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by SA [redacted] Date dictated 11/23/73

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By communication dated November 20, 1973, the above mentioned employment application was submitted to the FBI Laboratory, Washington, D.C. in order that the handprinting on the employment application could be compared with the handwriting on the threatening postcard.

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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: SAC, Buffalo (9-1173)
Re: UNSUB;
HOWARD COSELL - Victim;
Extortion; Bomb Threat

Date: December 12, 1973
FBI File No. 174-4669
Lab. No. D-731123064 PF

Specimens received 11/23/73

K1 One Republic Steel Corporation and Subsidiaries
employment application dated 1/22/71 bearing
writing of [REDACTED]

b7C

Result of examination:

The conclusion was reached that the questioned
hand printing on Q1, previously submitted, was prepared
by [REDACTED] writer of K1.

K1, which has been photographed, is attached.

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Date of transcription 12/29/741

An examination was made of the United States Post Office mailbox located on the corner of Electric Avenue and Kirby Street, Lackawanna, New York. It was determined that this was a mailbox in which mail could be placed and not just storage box. The card attached to the front of this box stated that mail is normally picked up at this box at 12:10 PM daily.

Interviewed on 12/13/73 at Lackawanna, New York File # Buffalo 9-1173

by SA [REDACTED] b7C Date dictated 12/26/74

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] was interviewed at the United States Post Office, Ridge Road, Lackawanna, New York, where he is employed as an Assistant Superintendent.

b7C [REDACTED] was told that he was being interviewed regarding a threatening postcard which had been placed in the mailbox on the corner of Electric Avenue and Kirby Street, Lackawanna, New York on October 26, 1973, and he voluntarily advised as follows:

[REDACTED] stated that on October 26, 1973, the carrier who picks up mail at the above mailbox, [REDACTED] returned to the Post Office that afternoon and threw a package of mail from that mailbox onto a tray in the Post Office, which is utilized for sorting mail. He stated that the carrier often picks up mail from this mailbox in which business reply envelopes had been placed, in which the initial address had been crossed out and the name of another individual and address replaced.

b7C [REDACTED] continued that when the carrier brings in this type of mail, it is usually very noticeable and he generally calls it to the attention of the supervisor when he returns it to the Post Office. [REDACTED] stated that this is what happened on this particular date and as he was going through the mail himself, he found a post card addressed to television sports commentator, HOWARD COSELL and upon noticing this postcard, he saw the word "bomb", which caused him to read the rest of the writing on the postcard.

[REDACTED] stated that the writing on this postcard appeared to him to be identical to the handwriting on the numerous business reply envelopes, which had been placed in this mailbox both on this day and in the past.

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[REDACTED] was shown a Xeroxed copy of this postcard addressed to COSELL and he stated that it appeared identical to the one that he abstracted from the mail. He stated that one of the reasons that he was positive of this, was because the Xeroxed copy showed a pre-cancelled stamp and it had been pre-cancelled at Elmsford, New York.

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[REDACTED] was interviewed at his residence, at which time he advised he is employed as a mail carrier at Lackawanna, New York.

b7C [REDACTED] advised that on October 26, 1973, he picked up the mail from the U.S. Postal mailbox at the corner of Electric Avenue and Kirby Street, Lackawanna, New York at approximately 2:30 PM, as he does every day. He stated that he picked the mail up and bundled it and took it back to the Post Office. When he returned to the Post Office, he threw the mail into a metal tray and left it there for the Assistant Superintendent in the Post Office to sort.

b7C He stated that when the Assistant Superintendent, [REDACTED] started going through the mail, he recognized this whole package of mail as junk mail, and business reply envelopes in which the addressee had been crossed out with a new name and address substituted. He advised that there has been previous trouble with this at this particular mailbox and he was familiar with it.

b7C [REDACTED] continued that [REDACTED] called him over from his sorting and showed him a card which had come from this stack of mail addressed to HOWARD COSELL and contained a threat to place a bomb at Rich Stadium, Buffalo, New York.

A Xeroxed copy of this postcard was displayed to [REDACTED] and he advised that it appeared to be identical to the card coming out of the mailbox.

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