FOR INFO RECEIVING OFFICES, AT 3:00 PM, PST, TODAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1980, PRESS CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD IN PORTLAND OFFICE WHICH WILL ANNOUNCE THE FOLLOWING:

ARTHUR G. BARGER, SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE OF THE FBI FOR OREGON, HAS ANNOUNCED A DEVELOPMENT IN A CRIME WHICH BEGAN ON THE NIGHT OF NOVEMBER 24, 1971, AT PORTLAND INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, PORTLAND, OREGON, AND HAS BECOME WIDELY KNOWN SINCE THAT TIME AS THE D. B. COOPER HIJACKING CASE.

ON THE NIGHT BEFORE THANKSGIVING, 1971, A MAN WHO GAVE
THE "NAME DAY COOPER BOUGHT A ONE-WAY TICKET ON NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT 305 FROM PORTLAND, OREGON, TO SEATTLE, WASHINGTON.

Upon departing Portland International Airport, Cooper notified a stewardess that he was hijacking the aircraft and displayed to her what he said was a bomb in his briefcase. The flight proceeded to Seattle, where after maintaining a holding pattern for several hours, it was permitted to land and refuel. After $200,000 and four parachutes demanded by the hijacker were brought on board, he released all of the passengers and all but four members of the crew. The flight then took off and proceeded south through Washington toward Reno, Nevada. The hijacker instructed that the flaps and gear remain lowered and the rear stair door open. As the aircraft passed over Lacey, Washington, cabin pressure fluctuation was observed, which was later determined to indicate his departure from the aircraft through the rear stairwell door. Since that time no trace of the hijacker, the parachutes, or the money has been found until Sunday, February 13, 1989.

On that date while on an outing with their children, Mr.

IT APPEARS LOGICAL THAT THE PACKAGE OF BILLS COULD HAVE BEEN CARRIED DOWNSTREAM ON ONE OF THE WASHINGTON TRIBUTARIES OF THE COLUMBIA RIVER TO THE SITE WHERE THEY WERE FOUND. SPECIAL AGENTS OF THE FBI FROM OREGON AND WASHINGTON HAVE SECURED THE AREA AND COMMENCED AN INTENSIVE SEARCH.