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Mystery Ciphers Not Decoded Yet

Cryptographic experts were attempting Friday to decipher three cryptograms sent to Gibson Publications in Vallejo, the San Francisco Examiner and the San Francisco Chronicle by a man who described himself as the slayer of two teenagers on Lake Herman Road last Dec. 20 and a young woman at Blue Rock Springs last July 4.

San Francisco homicide officers joined with Vallejo police in searching for clues to the identity of the author of the letters — which were mailed in San Francisco and which were signed with a sketch of a telescopic rifle sight.

The writer threatened to go on a killing rampage if the cryptograms were not

reproduced and published in the Vallejo and San Francisco newspapers.

Vallejo Chief of Police Jack E. Stiltz said he was not convinced the letter was written by the actual killer. He added that if it was, indeed, written by the slayer, he would like the letter to supply more facts to prove it.

Meanwhile, the codes and letters — plus threats —

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