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Part Of Cipher Code Enclosed With Anonymous Letter

## Note Tells Of Killings In Vallejo

A threatening letter written by a person who identified himself as the killer of three young persons in two separate shootings here and demanding publication of a cipher code message was received by Gibson Publications today.

Although the letter aroused skepticism, it was not completely discounted by authorities and this newspaper. Until proved a hoax, it is being investigated by authorities.

The letter demanded that one-third of the purported cipher code message be printed on the front page this afternoon. Publication of the other two portions was demanded of the two San Francisco newspapers in similar letters.

### THREAT TOLD

If the cipher is not printed, the claimed murderer wrote, "I will go on a kill rampage" tonight and during the weekend.

## SENATE OKEHS BCDC BILL

SACRAMENTO (UPI)—The Senate today passed 24-9 a bill to strengthen the Bay Conservation and Development Commission to insure orderly development of San Francisco Bay.

The bitterly contested measure returned to the Assembly for concurrence in major amendments that beefed up the anti-fill control powers of the agency.

Sponsors of the measure said they were certain the lower house would send the bill to Gov. Ronald Reagan.

Senate approval came despite last ditch attempts by opponents to block a final vote. Senate leader Howard Wray, R-Exeter, ruled them "out of order."

Sen. Ralph C. Dills, D-Gardena, who led the assault on the "tough" bay fill bill, assailed proponents for "neglecting" local property owners.

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He threatened to kill more than a dozen people.

Vallejo Police Chief Jack E. Stiltz said "we're not satisfied the letter was written by the murderer, because numerous persons could have learned of the facts. However, it could have been written by the killer."

If it is the killer, we would like for him to write more facts to prove it."

Police planned to get a Navy cryptographic expert to examine the cipher, similar to those worked by puzzle fans, to see if it does contain any message. San Francisco police also picked up the other two letters for that purpose. All three were also being checked for fingerprints.

### TEXT OF NOTE

The letter received here reads exactly as written:

"Dear Editor:  
"I am the killer of the 2 teenagers last Christmas at Lake Herman and the girl last 4th of July. To prove this I shall state some facts which only I & the police know.

"Christmas  
"1. Brand name of ammo Super X  
"2. 10 shots fired  
"3. Boy was on back feet to car  
"4. Girl was lying on right side feet to west  
"4th of July  
"1. Girl was wearing patterned pants  
"2. Boy was also shot in knee  
"3. Brand name of ammo was Western

"Here is a cypher or that is part of one. The other 2 parts have been mailed to the S.F. Examiner & the S.F. Chronicle.

"I want you to print the cypher on your front page by Fry afternoon Aug. 1-49. If you do not do this I will go on a kill rampage Fry night that will last the whole week end. I will cruise around and pick off all stray people or couples that are alone, then move on to kill some more until I have killed over a dozen people."

The letter was "signed" with what appeared to be a sketch of the cross-hairs in a telescopic rifle sight.

The envelope, posted in San Francisco Thursday and carrying 24 cents postage, read "Please Rush To Editor" on

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## CITY SIRENS WILL HERALD SUB CALHOUN

A one-minute test sounding of Vallejo's civil defense sirens timed to coincide with the arrival of the submarine USS Calhoun, SSN 599, at Mare Island Saturday will be conducted, police said today.

The sounding will occur when the Calhoun, scheduled for arrival between 2 and 2:30 p.m., is opposite a special military battery to be set up on city-owned property at the foot of Sonoma Boulevard near the seawall just north of Bob's Tow Service on the Celestine leasehold land.

The battery will fire a military salute when the submarine arrives.

## Kennedy Inquest Refused

NEW BEDFORD, Mass. (AP)—Chief Justice G. Joseph Tauro of the state Superior Court rejected today a request for an inquest into the death of Miss Mary Jo Kopechne.

Miss Kopechne, 28, was the secretary who drowned when Sen. Edward M. Kennedy's car plunged off a bridge on Chappaquiddick Island off the Massachusetts coast July 18.

Tauro's secretary said the justice based his decision on the contention that jurisdiction in the matter rests with the District Court system, rather than the Superior Court.

The District Court is one step below the Superior Court in the makeup of the Massachusetts judicial system.

The inquest had been sought by Dist. Atty. Edmond Dinis.

Justice Tauro said Thursday night that he first heard of the request from newsmen, and he described Dinis' announcement of the request as "bad judgment at the very least."

Tauro's decision today was announced through his office in Boston.

Earlier today in Washington Kennedy told newsmen that he would "cooperate in any way" possible with the request.

"It's still rather unclear as to the nature of it," Kennedy said. "It's a legal matter," the senator added. "I plan to cooperate in any way."