

New Zodiac Letter -- 'Help'

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tenth victim (sic). Please help me I am drownding (sic)

... "But if I hold back too long from No. nine I will lose all control (sic) of my self . . . please help me I cannot remain in control for much longer."

A legal associate flew to Munich to give Belli a reproduction yesterday of the letter, envelope and a picture of the scrap of cloth. Belli is attending a conference of military trial lawyers in Munich.

In October, Belli spoke with a man who identified himself as Zodiac during a televised phone conversation. The attorney described the caller's tone as "pitiful and pathetic" but it was never clear whether he was genuine or a prankster.

According to police, Zodiac's first victims were Bettie Jensen, 16, and her boy friend, Thomas Faraday, 17, in a lovers' lane near Vallejo Dec. 20, 1968.

Last July 5 in another lovers' lane Darlene Ferrin, 22, was shot and killed and her companion, Michael Mageau, 19, was critically wounded. The weapon in both cases

and in the murder of Stine was a 9-mm. automatic.

Fatally Stabbed

Cecilia Ann Shepard, 22, was fatally stabbed 24 times on Sept. 27 by a hooded man while at a picnic at Lake Berryessa. Bryan Hartnell, 21, her boy friend, was critically wounded but has recovered. Zodiac has claimed all these killings.

Investigators have checked out thousands of tips but have been unable to locate the killer.

The Zodiac letter writer has claimed two other slayings but police have discounted these confessions.