

# Identify victim as Hollywood resident

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A definite suspect has been established in the brutal murder of 22-year-old Elizabeth Short, whose mutilated body was found dumped in a vacant lot in southwestern Los Angeles Wednesday morning.

Identification of the girl was made last night by police from copies of her fingerprints on file with the FBI in Washington.

Elizabeth was a Massachusetts girl who recently lived at a hotel at 1611 N. Orange Dr. in Hollywood. In 1943 she was a civilian employee at a post exchange at Camp Cooke, near Lompoc, and more recently was working at the same place.

Two informants, who said they were withholding the name of the suspect for the present, declared that he might be the man of whom Elizabeth told friends she was "deadly afraid."

That Elizabeth lived in fear of a suitor was substantiated in San Diego by Mrs. Vera French and her daughter, Dorothy.

The Frenchs, who live at 2750 Camino Tadaro, Pacific Beach, said Elizabeth lived with them from last Dec. 12 until Jan. 8, when she hurriedly left for Hollywood.

Mrs. French told officers that Elizabeth, whom she had met in San Diego, was very popular with men and had many dates. The girl, she said, often spoke, however, about a boy friend from whom she was always hiding because of an unexplained fear.

Harold Frank Costa, 31, and Donald Leyes, 22, who lived in the same Hollywood hotel last October as Elizabeth, described her as being a very attractive girl who liked to see and be seen in Hollywood nightspots.

Two other persons who reported to police they knew Elizabeth when she lived in Hollywood were Marvin Margolis, 27, and William Robinson, 25.

The two men said they had often been in places Elizabeth frequented. The last time they saw her, they said, was the latter part of November.

On the night before the body was found, a Los Angeles policewoman said, a girl answering the description of the pretty, dark-haired victim asked for protection against a man who had threatened to kill me.

The policewoman, Myrtle McBride, told homicide investigators late last night that the girl had

approached her at the Sixth and Main Sts. bus terminal, sobbing with terror.

The policewoman said the girl told her she had just run into a former boyfriend, who once had threatened to "kill her if he ever found her with another man." She had left him that day.

Mrs. McBride, who at first believed the girl who appealed for aid was Elizabeth, was not as certain after viewing photos of the slain girl.

Mrs. Phoebe M. Short of Medford, Mass., mother of the slain girl, said last night she had received a letter from her daughter from San Diego about two weeks ago.

"As far as I know she was working in a naval hospital there," said Mrs. Short.

"I just can't believe my daughter is dead."

Identification was made from fingerprints which the FBI had on record from Sept. 1943, when the girl was arrested in Santa Barbara.

She had been a clerk at the Camp Cooke post exchange near Santa Barbara and was picked up for drinking with soldiers in a cafe there.

Policewoman Mary Unkefer of the Santa Barbara police department took the girl to her own home to live with her for nine days.

"She was very good looking," said Miss Unkefer, "with beautiful dark hair and fair skin. She dressed nicely and was a long way from being a barfly."

Miss Unkefer said the girl had a rose tattooed on her left leg. "She loved to sit so that it would show," the policewoman recalled. The killer gouged the identifying mark from the body.

"We put her on the train for her home, and several times later she wrote to me from there," Miss Unkefer recalled. One of her letters said:

"I'll never forget you—thank God you picked me up when you did!"

FBI records described the girl as 5 foot 6, 121 pounds, brown hair, green eyes, medium build and with moles on the back of her neck.

The description tallies almost exactly with that given by the coroner's office here of the body found Wednesday morning on Norton Ave. between 59th St. and Coliseum St.

Yesterday an autopsy showed the girl had been tortured with sharp metal weapons before she died, then trussed up and butchered.

Dr. Frederick D. Newbarr, chief autopsy surgeon, listed the cause of death as hemorrhage from face and head wounds after examining the body of the victim for three hours.

He ruled out the possibility that the pretty young girl had been strangled.

Rope burns about the wrists and ankles indicated that the girl was bound and gagged before being hung up for torture and post mortem mutilation, the surgeon said.

Other grotesque findings of the autopsy gave evidence of the fiendish mind of the slayer, and whose identity and capture the full force of the Los Angeles homicide squad was turned to.

To spur apprehension of the criminal, city officials planned to post a \$10,000 reward. City Councilman Lloyd G. Davies said he would propose the reward before the City Council today.

Automobiles gave their only early clues to the killer. One car which date indicated he may have been used by the slayer was a 1949 Ford V-8 sedan convertible which was found abandoned on a gas station lot at 951 Manchester Ave.

The car had bloodstains on the door, and inside were copies of three newspapers with detailed accounts of the slaying.

The registered owner of the vehicle told police the car was stolen from him, but he had failed to make a report.

He was called to headquarters for further questioning.

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# Grisly L. A. murder similar to sex slaying of seven San Diego women

Southern California police officers last night noted the striking similarity between the mad butcher murder of Elizabeth Short, 22, whose body was found here Wednesday, and other unsolved San Diego sex crimes.

Officers in the border city immediately feared that San Diego's sadistic woman killer, already believed responsible for at least seven unsolved murders, was on the prowl again.

For 15 years, police and psychologists have agreed that the killer was a sexual sadist whose crimes increased in brutality.

By studying the records of unsolved cases, they conjectured that Miss Short, who worked and lived in San Diego, could well be the mad killer's latest victim—in the most brutal crime of them all.

The string of unsolved crimes began in Feb., 1931, when Virginia Brooks, 10-year-old schoolgirl, was found strangled, raped and murdered. Her body, trussed in a gunny-sack, was found months later.

On April 25 of the same year, the body of Dolly Bibbens, attractive, well-to-do widow, was found in her apartment. She had been viciously beaten after first being raped.

Two weeks later, Hazel Bradshaw, beautiful 22-year-old telephone operator, was found mur-

dered in the Indian Village, Balboa Park. She had been stabbed 17 times.

While still investigating these three murders, police were called to the apartment of Maud Detwiler, attractive divorcee. She, too, had been raped and sadistically slain.

There was a three year lull before the sex fiend struck again. Then, on the morning of March 4, 1934, police found Mrs. Wesley Adams dead, the victim of a killer following a similar pattern to the first three crimes.

A month later, San Diego was shocked by one of the most baffling of all sex crime cases. Hanging from a tree on Black Mountain was the nude body of pretty Louise Teuber, 17-year-old clerk.

A rope around her neck was tied to the limbs of two trees, but an autopsy indicated she had been raped and murdered elsewhere, before being tied to the trees.

Before the summer ended, the sadist struck again.

Celia Cota, 16-year-old high school beauty, was murdered just

before she entered her home after attending a movie.

She had been raped several times, tortured and strangled.

So incensed was San Diego that the entire police administration was replaced, but still no clues to the mad slayer were found.

Next, and perhaps most spectacular in the series, was the brutal murder of Miss Ruth Muir, Riverside YWCA secretary, and daughter of a prominent Phoenix banker.

Visiting her vacationing parents in La Jolla, Miss. Muir walked along the moon-lit shore of La Jolla on the night of Sept. 25.

She had paused behind a low bench, near the Casa Marques Hotel, when the killer struck her.

Police said they had never known a murder in which the victim's head was so hysterically beaten. She, too, had been raped and slashed.

But the most vicious killing of all—and perhaps No. 8 in the series—was the murder of Miss Short, whose mutilated and dissected body was discovered here Wednesday.

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# EXAMINER IDENTIFIES

GIRL

TORTURE

SLAYING

VICTIM

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Mr. Tolson...  
Mr. E. A. Tamm...  
Mr. Coffey...  
Mr. Gandy...  
Mr. Ladd...  
Mr. Nichols...  
Mr. Rosen...  
Mr. Tracy...  
Mr. Carson...  
Mr. Egan...  
Mr. Garneau...  
Mr. Harbo...  
Mr. Hendon...  
Mr. Pendleton...  
Mr. Quinn...  
Mr. Nease...  
Miss Gandy...

## 'Beth Broke and Hungry' During Stay in Hollywood

Jobs were few and money was scarce for Elizabeth Short during her residence at a Hollywood hotel last year, two youths and the hotel's clerk told police last night.

Harold Costa, 31, and Donald Leyes, 22—both residents of the hotel at 1611 North Orange drive—said they had been boy friends of Elizabeth's two roommates, Margery Graham and Lynn Martin.

"Whenever we took the girls out to dinner, they always asked us if they might bring Beth along," Costa recalled. "They said the kid was broke and hungry."

Leyes added that the three girls occasionally worked as waitresses.

"Miss Short was always getting behind in her rent," James McGrath, clerk at the hotel remembered. "Whenever she did, a short, dark man—about 35 or 40—came in and paid her bill. He used to drive a black Ford sedan and park it in front."

McGrath said the victim of the Hindish torture slaying last Tuesday had been a chronic

bronchitis sufferer and once underwent a chest operation.

"When Beth and the other two girls checked out of the hotel last October," the clerk added, "they piled their baggage in the short, dark man's car and drove off."

Costa and Leyes remembered a date they had had with the three girls when Elizabeth asked to be excused because "her hair needed another henna rinse."

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 Mr. E. A. Tamm ✓ Mr. Nease  
 Mr. Clegg ✓ [REDACTED]  
 Mr. Glavin ✓ [REDACTED]  
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 Mr. Carson ✓ Reading Room  
 Mr. Cartwright ✓ Mail Room  
 Mr. Hendon ✓ [REDACTED]  
 Mr. Jones ✓ [REDACTED]  
 Mr. Leonard M ✓ [REDACTED]

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Send File

For Appropriate Action  
Prepare Reply

Excellent ✓

Stories ✓

Mr. Ladd ✓  
Mr. Nichols ✓  
Mr. Rosen ✓  
Mr. Tracy ✓  
Mr. Carson ✓  
Mr. Nease ✓  
Mr. Tolson ✓  
Mr. Pennington ✓  
Mr. Glavin ✓  
Mr. Nease ✓  
Miss Gandy ✓  
L. B. Nichols  
Room 5640, Ext. 691

## Office Memorandum

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON ✓  
 FROM : L. B. NICHOLS  
 SUBJECT: IDENTIFICATION OF ELIZABETH SHORT

DATE: January 17, 1947

✓  
 Mr. Tolson  
 Mr. E. A. Tamm  
 Mr. Clegg  
 Mr. Glavin  
 Mr. Ladd  
 Mr. Nichols  
 Mr. Rosen  
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 Miss Gandy

At 6:10 p.m. yesterday I received a call from [REDACTED] of the Los Angeles Times. He stated he was inquiring regarding our identification of the murdered girl found in Los Angeles day before yesterday, that the Los Angeles Examiner had sent her prints to Washington via wirephoto and that the Bureau had identified the girl and informed the Examiner and the Los Angeles police. I told him this was correct, that we had made the identification, that since it involved a local case any further comment would have to come from the Chief of Police. He asked for the girl's name and I told him. He was very appreciative.

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At 7:00 p.m. [REDACTED] of INS called. He asked if we could give them a statement at 9 o'clock, as he would be smack in the middle since they had received a previous inquiry from the Herald Express, the day paper, and he had deliberately declined to answer this inquiry and it would be very embarrassing unless they carried something on their wire. Of course, at 9 o'clock the Examiner was on the street.

At 8:40 p.m. I received a call from the Associated Press stating that their Los Angeles Bureau was making inquiry regarding the case, that the Los Angeles Examiner had the full details, the Times had a story. I also ascertained that United Press had a similar inquiry. Accordingly, at 8:50 p.m. I issued the following statement to INS, which was given to the AP at 8:55 and to UP at 9:05. All were appreciative.

"J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the FBI, announced that fingerprints sent to the FBI by wire photo of an unidentified murdered girl whose body was located by local authorities in Los Angeles were identified when searched through the fingerprint files of the FBI, containing some 104 million sets of fingerprints."

HANDLED BY [REDACTED]

"The fingerprints, taken by Los Angeles Police, were transmitted to Washington by the Los Angeles Examiner today over the facilities of the International News Photos. Upon receipt in Washington they were delivered to the FBI Identification Division by a representative of the Los Angeles Examiner.

"Only 8 fingerprints appeared on the card and 3 others were badly blurred, yet it was possible for fingerprint experts to search them through the files and effect identification with two fingerprint cards previously on file bearing the name of Elizabeth Short.

"One of the fingerprint cards was submitted by authorities at Camp Cooke, California, on January 30, 1943, indicating that

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Lis Short was an applicant for a position as a clerk in the Post Exchange. The other set of fingerprints was submitted by the Santa Barbara, California, Police Department reflecting the girl's arrest on September 22, 1943, on charges of violating Juvenile Court laws after which she was released to the Probation Department. Her residence at that time was recorded as 281 S. E. Montecito Street.

"Both cards reflected her date of birth as July 22, 1924, at Hyde Park, Massachusetts."

"All details on the identification were promptly communicated to the Los Angeles police authorities."

I also furnished copies of the girl's picture pursuant to requests from Acme News Photos and the Art Photo Service.

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[REDACTED] of the Los Angeles Examiner was wondering if the Director today could give them a brief quote along the lines that the action of the Examiner in forwarding the fingerprints by wire photo was an excellent illustration of public service. I told [REDACTED] we would think about this. I see no objection to this. [REDACTED] wanted a letter, although I do not think the Director should write a letter. The Examiner should be thanking us. However, I would suggest the Director give out the following statement:

"The action of the Los Angeles Examiner in transmitting to the FBI the fingerprints of the unidentified murdered victim is an excellent illustration of the cooperation of the press with law enforcement, and it is such cooperation that aids law enforcement in curbing the increase in crime."

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Room 5744

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TO: Director  
 Mr. Edward Tamm  
 Mr. Clegg  
 Mr. Glavin  
 Mr. Ladd  
 Mr. Nichols  
 Mr. Rosen  
 Mr. Tracy  
 Mr. Harbo  
 Mr. Hendon  
 Mr. Jones  
 Mr. Nease  
 Miss Gandy  
 Personnel Files Section  
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See Me      For Appropriate Action

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Clyde Tolson

# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson ✓  
 FROM : L. B. Nichols  
 SUBJECT: IDENTIFICATION OF ELIZABETH SHORT

DATE: January 21, 1947

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 b7d To recount the happenings on Thursday, January 16, involving the identification of Elizabeth Short and the possible interest of [REDACTED] of the Los Angeles Times, I wish to advise as follows:

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 b7d Shortly after 10 a.m. on the morning of January 16, [REDACTED] of the local Hearst bureau, which represents the Los Angeles Examiner, called and related the murder and stated that in cooperation with the Los Angeles Police the Los Angeles Examiner was sending the fingerprints of the girl to Washington via International News Photos wire service. They were sending them at considerable cost and as soon as they arrived [REDACTED] asked if we could check them. I made the arrangements with Mr. Quinn Tamm in Ident.

The pictures arrived at approximately 11 o'clock. Quinn Tamm called me on the phone and stated that he doubted they would be able to identify the prints since two of the fingerprint impressions were missing entirely and three others were badly blurred and they would start making reference searches but that it would be better if they had better impressions. Accordingly, I called [REDACTED] back and told him that we were having difficulty and it would be much better if he could have a full set of the fingerprints transmitted and if the transmission could be clear. This request was cancelled when [REDACTED] made the ident.

At approximately 1:30 p.m. [REDACTED] of the Los Angeles Times called Quinn Tamm and in my absence was referred to Mr. Jones. [REDACTED] referred to the unidentified girl and stated that she had a wire from her paper furnishing the fingerprint classification. Mr. Jones told [REDACTED] that it would be extremely difficult to identify a set of fingerprints with only the fingerprint classification and of course with no name. However, Mr. Jones stated he would check on the matter. Mr. Jones checked with Quinn Tamm, who informed him of the search that was then underway and referred Mr. Jones to me. I told Mr. Jones to do nothing and to sit tight.

The identification was made [REDACTED] of the afternoon and the full details were furnished to [REDACTED] of the Los Angeles Examiner. Obviously, from a newspaper standpoint the Examiner by its enterprise and initiative had a clear stand on this matter and of course was entitled to such protection and be given them. At that time we decided that we would not furnish the information to anybody, that if they [REDACTED] called back we would of course refer them to the Los Angeles Police but furnish the name of the girl. It was also decided if they did not call by 7 o'clock that we would call them.

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Mr. Tolson  
 Mr. E. A. Tamm  
 Mr. Clegg  
 Mr. Glavin  
 Mr. Land  
 Mr. Nichols  
 Mr. Rosen  
 Mr. Tracy  
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At 5:40 [redacted] called Mr. Jones' office and [redacted] in Jones absence talked to Supervisor [redacted] and also gave [redacted] the fingerprint classification. [redacted] stated he would get hold of Mr. Jones and have him call [redacted] back. Mr. Jones was out and [redacted] was unable to get hold of Mr. Jones until shortly after 6 o'clock, and at that time [redacted] called back. On this occasion he was perturbed and stated that another paper had received a reply, that it looked like the Bureau was playing favorites and indicated that he was being given a run-around. At this moment Mr. Jones came in. Mr. Jones talked to him and told him I was handling the matter. Mr. Jones, in accordance with my instructions, then referred [redacted] to my office. When [redacted] called he obviously had a chip on his shoulder and he immediately went into a tirade that he had called Jones and was being given a run-around and he demanded to know what the score was, stating that his paper had a deadline to make.

I told him the score simply was that the Los Angeles Examiner, which he in turn had mentioned by name as having the story, had furnished the fingerprints to us by wire photo, that we had made the identification, that since it was a local case it was suggested that his people contact the Police Department in Los Angeles. He was very gracious at this point and thanked me. He then asked for the girl's name and I furnished him with the girl's name. This satisfied him completely.

I noted in the Los Angeles Times story that the Times stated that the Times had been informed of the identity of the girl by the FBI after the Times had sent the fingerprint classification to Washington.

Shortly before 6 o'clock INS had a query from the Los Angeles Herald Express. They of course were fully informed as to the developments in the case by [redacted] the Herald Express is a day Hearst paper and INS stalled on making any reply.

At about 7 o'clock that evening [redacted] called me and asked if we would give out a short statement around 9 o'clock which would protect him since the Examiner would then be on the street. At 8:40 p.m. I received a call from the AP, advising that the Los Angeles Times and the Los Angeles Examiner had the story. I told the AP that I would check on the matter and call them back. I then issued a short statement to INS and called the AP back and issued a short statement to them and to the UP. The statement issued is attached, included in my memorandum of January 17.

[redacted] has the reputation of carrying a chip on his shoulder. I would not be the least bit surprised that he might not protest against our handling of the matter. I do not think he

Memorandum to Mr. Tolson

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has a leg to stand on since the Examiner was entitled to the protection that they had. I recall very distinctly that during the smear campaign of 1940 [REDACTED] exhibited an unfriendly attitude toward the Bureau. With my recollection serving me correctly, I was informed confidentially that at one of the AG's press conferences [REDACTED] asked questions indicating an unfriendly attitude toward the Bureau.

[REDACTED]

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LBN: [REDACTED] SUMMARY  
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## Office Memorandum

• UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. E. A. Tamm  
R. A. RosenFROM : SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT  
ELIZABETH SHORT, VICTIM  
MURDER; MISCELLANEOUS  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

DATE: 2/18/47

Call 2:25 pm

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 Mr. Tolson  
 Mr. E. A. Tamm  
 Mr. Clegg  
 Mr. Glavin  
 Mr. Ladd  
 Mr. Nichols  
 Mr. Rosen  
 Mr. Tracy  
 Mr. Carlson  
 Mr. Keay  
 Mr. Gurnea  
 Mr. Harbo  
 Mr. Hendon  
 Mr. Pennington  
 Mr. Quinn, Tamm  
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 Mr. Mease  
 Miss Beale  
 Miss Gandy

SAC R. B. Hood, Los Angeles, called and stated he had been advised by [REDACTED] of the "Examiner", the newspaper in Los Angeles which has been giving so much publicity to this case, that the Mayor of Los Angeles intended to call Mr. Hood this afternoon and request Bureau assistance in this investigation. Mr. Hood stated he was sure the Mayor knew the Bureau could conduct no actual investigation in this case but would ask for whatever assistance which could be rendered, his main purpose probably being that he could state publicly that he had asked the FBI for assistance.

Mr. Hood stated, if he was called by the "Examiner", which is a friendly paper, he would explain the Bureau's lack of jurisdiction in matter of this kind and point out to the Mayor that the Laboratory facilities and personnel available to the Bureau could be used if they were desired, but that no actual investigation could be conducted. It was pointed out that even though Hood states the Bureau's position, the story would probably leave the impression that the Bureau was actually conducting some investigation, because any comment concerning the Laboratory facilities would probably be near the end of the story. In the event he is called by the newspapers, Hood felt that he should probably issue a statement setting out the Bureau's exact position in this matter. I told him I agreed.

**ACTION TO BE TAKEN:** No action is to be taken by Hood until he receives a call from the Mayor or a call from the newspapers. If he receives a call from the Mayor he is going to explain the Bureau's position. If he receives a call from the Newspapers he is going to explain the Bureau's position.

SAC: [REDACTED]

cc - Mr. Nichols  
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AR: [REDACTED]

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# RE

Wire Answer !!!!

Re: ELIZABETH SHORT  
INFORMATION CONCERNINGFile #  
Lab. # PC-19260 BN

Examination requested by: Los Angeles (62-2928)

Date of reference communication: let 2-13-47

Date received: 2-18-47

Examination requested: Micro. b7D

Result of Examination:

Examination by: b7C

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specimens submitted for examination

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICELaboratory Work SheetRECORDED  
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Wire Answer!!!!

Re: ELIZABETH SHORT  
INFORMATION CONCERNINGFile #  
Lab. # PC-19260 BB

Examination requested by: Los Angeles (62-2928)

Date of reference communication: Let 2-13-47

Date received: 2-18-47

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Examination requested:

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Examination by:

Result of Examination:

Specimens submitted for examination

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Enclosure returned  
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DIRECTOR URGENT ----- ATTENTION MR. ROSEN

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ELIZABETH SHORT, INFORMATION CONCERNING [REDACTED] POLICE [REDACTED] G. R. - 6.  
[REDACTED] PERSONALLY ADVISED ME ON FEBRUARY EIGHTEENTH THAT [REDACTED]  
FOLLOWING BRIEF TALK WITH MAYOR FLETCHER BOWRON, NO REQUEST WOULD  
BE FORTHCOMING FOR ACTIVE ASSISTANCE IN MURDER CASE INVOLVING [REDACTED] 62-3262-70  
SHORT AS VICTIM. LOS ANGELES EXAMINER THIS DAY STATES CHIEF  
MORRALL MADE OFFICIAL REQUEST OF ME FOR ASSISTANCE WHICH STATEMENT  
HAS BEEN DENIED BY HIM TO THE EXAMINER AND INQUIRIES FROM TWO  
OTHER PAPERS HAVE BEEN MET WITH RESPONSE THAT WE ARE NOT CONDUCTING  
ACTIVE INVESTIGATION IN THIS CASE IN ABSENCE OF JURISDICTION  
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Mr. Tolson  
Mr. E. A. Tamm  
Mr. Clegg  
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Mr. Pennington

Mr. Rosen

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February 20, 1947

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[REDACTED]  
Los Angeles 13, California

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I have received your letter dated February 15,  
1947.

You may be assured I am appreciative of your  
courtesy and interest in furnishing such information to  
us.

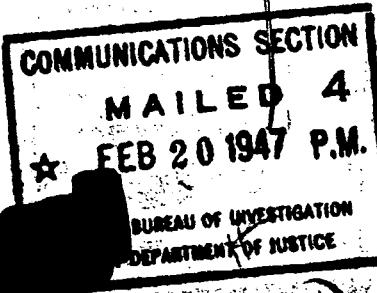
Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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cc: Los Angeles (With copy of incoming letter)

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Mr. Pennington  
Mr. Quinn Tamm  
Mr. Nease  
Miss Candy

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Los Angeles, I3, California  
Feb. 15, 1947

J. Edgar Hoover,  
Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington.D.C.

Dear Sir:-

I had occasion once before to write you - April 10, 1944 and feel impressed to do so again now. That other was a personal matter; this one is of grave public importance which is being grossly neglected - if not abetted - by the police.

On the night of the 14th, of January there was an awful rumpus [REDACTED] whom everybody used to call the Old Policeman - has lived there for a long time. I was told that [REDACTED] heard it all - the terrible obscene language the man was using and the woman screaming, [REDACTED] He at [REDACTED] reported it to [REDACTED] once called policemen. Twelve - I was told - came and took old [REDACTED] covered with blood - to jail. Later an ambulance came to get the girl's body. It was all cut up and terribly mutilated. Her mouth cut from ear to ear. The lady [REDACTED] fainted when she saw it. The next morning the body of the Black Dahlia was found dumped out into a lot on Norton. [REDACTED] all cleaned up was let out by the sheriff [REDACTED] as though nothing had happened. He's been going and coming ever since - so I'm told - and the second murder in L.A. within the past week - Feb. 10th - has all the earmarks of his dirty work.

Now, I do not know whether or not this matter has been taken care of by any investigators. The police appear to be doing nothing in regard to it. Maybe no one has reported it for fear of the police - as they already know all about it; having been here twelve strong that night of B.D.'s murder. She was alive a few minutes before they got here. The first paper in the Times mentioned a \$10,000 reward involved.

We women are beginning to live in mortal terror of these conditions that are happening around us, for this corner was once a highly respected neighborhood. We have no place to move to, and cannot get out. [REDACTED] has been involved before in other questionable affairs. Everybody [REDACTED] could give evidence in regard to this matter.

[REDACTED] - and many I do not know by name. The matter is being hushed up. Everybody is afraid of the police. I am giving you this information in case you have not been informed. L.A. needs cleaning up. If the matter is being taken care of - to your knowledge - please drop the matter here. If not; I would like to see [REDACTED] picked up at once for he is to have until the 18th, Tuesday, Feb. 22nd, 1947.

(If you should answer, please answer in the envelope.)

Let add  
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A rectangular stamp with a decorative border. The words 'ESTIMATION' and 'U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE' are at the top. In the center, it says 'COMM-FBI-LAB'. A large, bold 'X' is stamped across the bottom right corner.

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**DIRECTOR URGENT**

RE UNKNOWN SUBJECT, ELIZABETH SHORT, VICTIM, MURDERED, MIS.

~~INFORMATION CONCERNING, VICTIM AKA QUOTE BLACK DAHLIA UNQUOTE,  
MURDERED JAN. FIFTEEN LAST. RETEL FROM L.A. JAN. TWENTY-FOUR~~

NAMELY, EMPLOYMENT RECORD OF SHORT THROUGH SOCIAL SECURITY AS  
MATTER OF COOPERATION WITH LOCAL POLICE. LATEST DEVELOPMENTS  
IN POLICE INVESTIGATION INCLUDES RECEIPT OF SEVERAL LETTERS TO  
NEWSPAPERS AND AUTHORITIES HERE BY WRITER WHO CLAIMS TO BE

MURDERER WITH PROMISE TO SURRENDER. FIRST LETTER INTERCEPTED BY POSTAL AUTHORITIES AND ADDRESSED TO NEWSPAPERS CONTAINED FOLLOWING ARTICLES DEFINITELY BELONGING TO VICTIM.

BIRTH CERTIFICATE, BAGGAGE CHECK, PHOTOGRAPHS, PERSONAL CORRESPONDENCE. NO SUBSEQUENT MAIL OR COMMUNICATIONS CONTAINED ANY MATERIAL TO INDICATE WRITERS HAVE ANY KNOWLEDGE OR CONNECTION WITH INSTANT CASE. NO DEVELOPMENTS TO DATE TO INDICATE UPAD

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: February 23, 1968

FROM : LAD : Los Angeles

Attention: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH SHORT  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

RE: [REDACTED] SUSPECT

Attached hereto are fingerprints of captioned suspect in connection with the mutilation murder of ELIZABETH SHORT. Please forward results of examination of these fingerprints to this office Air Mail Special Delivery. b6 b7c

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**AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY**

March 6, 1947

SAC, Los Angeles

Director, FBI

ELIZABETH SHORT  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Reference is made to your letter of February 28, 1947, submitting the fingerprints of [REDACTED] in connection with the above-entitled matter, your file #62-2928.

You are advised that the fingerprints submitted were compared with the latent fingerprints previously forwarded in connection with the instant case, but no identifications were effected.

A search of the fingerprints of [REDACTED] through the Bureau's main fingerprint files has failed to disclose any prior record for this individual.

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Single Fingerprint Report

Case: RE: ELIZABETH SHORT  
INFORMATION CONCERNING [REDACTED] b7c  
[REDACTED] SUSPECT

Number: 62-82627-33-

Specimens: Fingerprints of suspect, [REDACTED] b7c  
with the unidentified latents in this case. [REDACTED] submitted for comparison

Examination requested by: SAC, Los Angeles

Date received: 3-4-47 [REDACTED] b7c

Date of reference communication: 2-28-47

Examination requested: Fingerprint

Examination by: [REDACTED] b7c

Result of examination:

Comparisons made - no  
Prints to tech 3-4  
No prior record  
Dictated 3-6-47 [REDACTED] b7c

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UNSUB, ELIZABETH SHORT, AKA BLACK DAHLIA, VICTIM, MUTILATION

INFO. CONCERNING [REDACTED]

*Sparr*

[REDACTED] ENLISTED

[REDACTED] CONSIDERED LIKELY SUSPECT IN SHORT MURDER. INFO. AVAILABLE  
FBI-LAPD INDICATES [REDACTED] DESERTER AND RECORDS [REDACTED] INDIGESTIVE

THIS OFFICE. REQUEST BUREAU ADVISE WHETHER OR NOT [REDACTED]

SUBJ OF DESERTER FUGITIVE CASE AND IF SO WHAT OFFICE IS ORIGINALLY  
HANDLED. ALSO WHETHER OR NOT [REDACTED] LISTED RESIDENCE ADDRESS

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEBRUARY 26, 1967

TO: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

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 Transmit the following message to:  
~~SAC, LOS ANGELES~~  
**DISUB, ELIZABETH SHORT, AKA BLACK DAHLIA, VICTIM BRUTAL MURDER,**  
 INFORMATION CONCERNING. REBUTEL TODAY. WAR DEPARTMENT HAS NOT  
 REQUESTED BUREAU'S ASSISTANCE IN LOCATING [REDACTED] ALIAS [REDACTED] AS A  
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CC: Mr. Rosen

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: Director, FBI

DATE: March 3, 1947

FROM: SAC, New York

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;  
ELIZABETH SHORT - VICTIM;  
MURDER - INFORMATION CONCERNING

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Reference is made to the conference teletype from the Los Angeles Field Division to the Bureau and New York, dated January 25, 1947.

Since all pertinent facts were submitted by teletype to the Los Angeles Field Division and the Bureau on January 25, 1947, no report is being submitted and this matter is being Referred Upon Completion to the Office of Origin.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: February 20, 1947

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Los Angeles

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH SHORT  
Information Concerning

b7c On February 18, 1947, [REDACTED] Los Angeles Examiner, advised me that in all probability I would receive a request from Mayor FLETCHER BOWRON on February 18th for this Bureau's assistance in connection with the murder case in which ELIZABETH SHORT is the victim. The Bureau will recall that this individual was murdered and her body dissected and it is referred to as the "Black Dahlia" case.

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b7c [REDACTED] went on to state that Mayor BOWRON had been friendly to the Examiner and that he personally was friendly to the Mayor but that there are now rumors of incompetency in the police department and that citizens are terrorized in view of the recent murders in this city - there having been four unusual cases in the past six weeks. He stated that within the last several days the Police Commission has asked Chief of Police T. H. MORRALL for a report on these cases and in [REDACTED] opinion if there another murder of this type in the near future, it is going to be most unfortunate for the Los Angeles Police Department.

[REDACTED] He stated many people believe that the FBI should join forces with the local department in this case and they do not know that our jurisdiction will not permit it. He mentioned that if the FBI did join the local authorities and nothing became of the investigation, there obviously would not be so much unfavorable reflection on the local agency and likewise if the Bureau were to solve the case and make its own independent release and ignore the police department, it would destroy all public confidence in the police organization.

[REDACTED] states that he has many good friends on the Homicide Squad and they have been very cooperative with his paper but it is known that many of them are not experienced homicide investigators, the having been taken over from other squads in the last year or so.

[REDACTED] I was with [REDACTED] on February 18th and without my mentioning this situation, he stated he wanted me to know confidentially that on February 17th the Mayor had called [REDACTED] and asked him that he did not request assistance of this Bureau and [REDACTED] informed him that we had no jurisdiction to enter the investigation but for the Mayor's own information and not for publication, this office had been of considerable

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TO: Director  
FROM: SAC, Los Angeles  
SUBJECT: ELIZABETH SHORT  
Information Concerning

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assistance in the investigation. This is true, as we have made records available to the local officers which they were not in a position to obtain and have rendered them assistance in contacting the Veterans Bureau, Navy Department and other similar organizations. No actual investigation has been made of the murder case and none is contemplated. [REDACTED] wanted me to know that if the Mayor did make any statement about the Bureau's participation in this case that it was entirely the Mayor's and over the objection of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] could take the criticism that might be directed to them [REDACTED] under no circumstances [REDACTED] do anything that might give the appearance of attempting to pass it on to this Bureau. He stated that the Mayor meant well but that when the newspapers put the pressure on him his judgment is not good and he might say something that would appear to involve this Bureau in the investigation. I informed [REDACTED] that I understood the Mayor was going to call upon me for assistance but that if he did so, it would be explained that [REDACTED] Federal jurisdiction for us to enter the case but [REDACTED] facilities would be available at any time as they have always been in the past.

For the Bureau's information, reporters were at the scene of the murder before the law enforcement officers arrived and had the evidence in their possession before the officers, and throughout the entire investigation the reporters have talked to witnesses and published facts which were bound to hinder the investigation of the local department. Reporters are in the office of the Detective Bureau and it is not possible for the investigators to have confidential telephone conversation or even read mail without having some new reporter looking it over to see if it relates to this case.

As Mr. ROSEN of the Bureau was informed February 18th, the Mayor, if he requests assistance from us, would be informed of the Bureau's lack of jurisdiction in the case and newspaper inquiries will be met with a direct statement that we have no investigative jurisdiction, and if any statement the Mayor might make calls for a clarification, the matter will be discussed with the Bureau immediately before any comment is made.

Since dictation of the above material, [REDACTED] has telephonically advised me that he had another talk with the Mayor and he believes the entire situation is taken care of and he does not anticipate that anything further will be heard on it.

# **REPORT of the**



**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON D. C.**

February 26, 1947

To: SAC, Los Angeles

To: Following is the report of the FBI Laboratory giving the results of examinations conducted on evidence received from your office. This report serves to confirm and supplement the Bureau's wire of February 20, 1947.

Elizabeth Short  
Information Concerning

**Re:**

J. Edgar Hoover  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

**John Edgar Hoover, Director**

**Examination requested by:**

### **Addressees**

#### **References:**

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**Examination requested:**

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Miss Gandy

J. Edgar Hoover, Esq.,  
Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Inclosed is a tearsheet from The Los Angeles Examiner, in which I thought you might be interested.

The near-miracle which is the FBI's identification division was lauded in big stories in all our papers in connection with the Elizabeth Short identification. I presume you are receiving clippings.

Your comment in the inclosed story was particularly appreciated by [REDACTED] of The Los Angeles Examiner.

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

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Yours very truly.

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Times-Herald Building, Room 607  
Washington 5, D. C.

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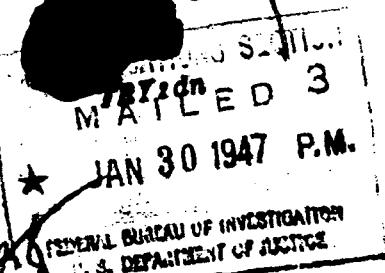
Dear [REDACTED]  
Your letter dated January 23, 1947,  
has been received and I want to thank you for  
making the enclosed tearsheet from the Los  
Angeles Examiner available to me. I am in-  
deed pleased that my comments were gratifying  
to [REDACTED] because the Examiner de-  
serves real commendation for its cooperative  
service in this case.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: [REDACTED] letter.  
of the Los Angeles Examiner-per



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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

Los Angeles, California  
February 25, 1947

Director, FBI

ATTENTION: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

RE: ELIZABETH SHORT  
"BLACK DAHLIA" MURDER IN LOS ANGELES  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Dear Sir:

The manner in which ELIZABETH SHORT's body was dissected has indicated the possibility that the murderer was a person somewhat experienced in medical work. The Los Angeles Police Department has undertaken to develop suspects among the medical and dental schools in the area, as well as among other students who have anything to do with human anatomy.

The University of Southern California Medical School was reluctant to turn over a list of their students to the police department without being assured that the names would not be indexed into police or FBI records as suspects in the case. This assurance has been given them.

I am enclosing two copies of a list of the University of Southern California medical students, giving the name, address, ~~parent~~ date and Army or Navy compensation number where known. Those students with "c" numbers are in school under the G.I. Bill of Rights. It is requested that the Bureau search these names through the criminal record indices and in the event any criminal record is determined for any of these men, a copy is requested to be sent air mail to this office.

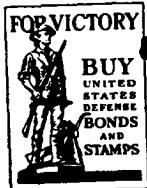
It will be noted that eight names are preceded with an asterisk. In these cases, if a fingerprint card is located for the individual, it is requested that a photographic copy of fingerprints be furnished to this office by air mail as the Los Angeles Police Department Crime Laboratory has compared the handwriting of these individuals with notes received in the case and has concluded that there is some similarity and they would like to be able to compare latent fingerprints also.

I feel that we can be of much assistance to the Los Angeles Police Department in this case and the Bureau's expeditious attention to this project will be sincerely appreciated by ~~RECORDED~~ 62-82627-40 b

At the completion of the Bureau's search, it is requested that the list be destroyed or returned to the Los Angeles Office.

Very truly yours,

R. B. HOOD, SAC.



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SAC, Los Angeles

February 28, 1947  
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Director, FBI

ELIZABETH SHORT

"BLACK DAHLIA" MURDER IN LOS ANGELES

INFORMATION CONCERNING

Your File #62-2928

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

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AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

March 6, 1947

REGISTERED MAIL

SAC, Los Angeles

Director, FBI

ELIZABETH SHORT  
"BLACK DAHLIA" MURDER IN LOS ANGELES  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Reference is made to your letter of February 25, 1947, submitting a list bearing the names of students enrolled in the Medical School of the University of Southern California and requesting that these names be searched through the criminal indices of the Identification Division in connection with the above-entitled matter, your file #62-2928.

You are advised that no criminal records were located for the individuals whose names are marked with an asterisk. However, non-criminal fingerprint cards were located for nine of these individuals, photographic copies of which are enclosed as requested.

A search of the remaining names on the list has resulted in the location of criminal records for three individuals who may be identical with the persons named in your letter. Transcripts of their records are enclosed.

Non-criminal fingerprint records were also located for 217 other individuals and their fingerprints, as well as those mentioned above, were compared with the five latent fingerprints previously submitted in connection with the instant case, but no identifications were effected.

For your information, red check marks appear on the returned lists before the names of individuals for whom fingerprint cards were located. It should be noted that no fingerprints are available for 28 individuals.

Enclosures b7c

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Mr. Tolson  
Mr. E. A. Tamm  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Tracy  
Mr. Carson  
Mr. Egan  
Mr. Gurnea  
Mr. Harbo  
Mr. Hendon  
Mr. Pennington  
Mr. Quinn Tamm  
Mr. Nease  
Miss Gandy

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Date recorded: 3-5-47 2:00 PM

## Single Fingerprint Report

Case: RE: ELIZABETH SHORT  
"BLACK DAHLIA" MURDER I - LOS ANGELES  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Number: 62-82627-40

Specimens: One list of approximately 300 individuals submitted. (With copy)  
It is requested that the fingerprints of the individuals listed  
in instant letter be compared with latents previously submitted in this case.

Examination requested by: SAC, Los Angeles

Date received: 3-5-47 [REDACTED] b7C

Date of reference communication: 2-25-47

Examination requested: Fingerprint

Result of examination:

Examination by [REDACTED] b7C

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Gpts. of 254 indir compared with latents  
further - 2nd & [REDACTED] b7C  
Dictated 3-5-47 [REDACTED]

COPY:

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SAC, Los Angeles

February 27, 1947

Director, FBI

UNKNOWN SUBJECT  
ELIZABETH SHORT - VICTIM  
MURDER

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62-82627-41

Enclosed is a transcript of an anonymous communication received at the Bureau which makes reference to the murder of the captioned victim. You should submit such information to the Los Angeles Police Department for such action as that agency deems advisable.

Attached with a copy of this letter for the Boston Field Division is a transcript of this anonymous communication which also makes reference to the disappearance of Paula Welden. In view of the nature of the anonymous communication, it is not believed advisable for the Boston Field Division to initiate any investigation on the basis of this letter.

cc: Boston (enclosure)

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*Anonymous Communication*

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Paula Weldon Bennington, Vermont disappeared

[REDACTED]  
alias [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
killer of Elizabeth Short  
Los Angeles

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Los Angeles, 13 California  
Feb. 26, 1947

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John Edgar Hoover,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D.C.

Elizabeth Sherr

Dear Sir:-

As you know, the Black Dahlia case has been quickly hushed up, and apparently all covered up. No effort was really made to bring the culprit to justice. His name [REDACTED] and his room number [REDACTED] and all of his dirty work, are well known to the police but the rascal is still [REDACTED] begging [REDACTED] to stay! He was supposed to have left by the 18th - by order of the sheriff. As for any material evidence being now available, that is possibly out of the question. For the firemen and police have been here many times "cleaning" up after [REDACTED]. I saw an old mattress being brought into the house here from a truck - marked M 62 on the back left corner - on the first of Feb. about 12:30 p.m. [REDACTED] says the firemen have found an enormous amount of old papers between this house and the next - corner restaurant and saloons - and that they have been clearing them out. The strip is only a couple of feet or so wide and directly under [REDACTED] fourth floor windows.

[REDACTED] know about these goings-on

of [REDACTED] and tried to evict [REDACTED] whom they accused of talking too much. They are almost as kind to [REDACTED] as are the police. This was not [REDACTED] first offense. I heard on good authority

from several sources [REDACTED] that a woman who had been with the "Old Policeman" - as they call [REDACTED] was shoved when drunk from the roof or 4th floor and taken to the hospital - probably the same ambulance that took the Black Dahlia. Another affair that took place in his room and ended down in a book-store or Magazine shop [REDACTED] on 5th, st.

and which was quickly hushed up - and the store vacated; now being used to store liquor - was more than suspicious. I will never forget that poor store-keeper's wife's screaming and being suddenly choked still, as long as I live! The old man with the white dog called Michel, that used to live [REDACTED] who talked too much about this affair, has now disappeared. I am told he is in a hospital from liquor poisoning!

Hoping this information may be of service,

Sincerely

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Los Angeles 13, California

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March 4, 1947 b7C

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter dated February 20, 1947,  
has been received and I want to thank you for  
making this information available to me. The  
matter you mention does not come within the  
investigative jurisdiction of this Bureau but  
I am referring your comments to appropriate  
local authorities.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

cc: Los Angeles, with two copies of incoming.  
Attention, SAC: For your information and referral  
to appropriate local authorities.

NOTE: No record on this correspondent located in  
general indices. b7C

Mr. Tolson  
Mr. Tamm  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Tracy  
Mr. Carson  
Mr. Egan  
Mr. Gurnea  
Mr. Harbo  
Mr. Hendon  
Mr. Pennington  
Mr. Quinn Tamm  
Tele. Room  
Mr. Nease  
Miss Beach  
Miss Gandy

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MAR 4 1947 P.M.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

62 MAR 18 1947

# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

**b6**

TO : THE DIRECTOR  
 FROM : MR. EDW. A. TAMM  
 SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;  
 ELIZABETH SHORT - VICTIM  
 MURDER.

DATE: 1-31-47

Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Miss Glavin
Mr. Gandy
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Carson
Mr. Egan
Mr. Gurnea
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Hendon
Mr. Pennington
Miss Quinn Tamm
Mr. Tele. Room
Mr. Nease
Miss Beahm
Miss Gandy

You will recall we addressed a letter to the Social Security Administration requesting their assistance by furnishing record information in their possession to assist in locating a suspect in the very vicious murder of Elizabeth Short which occurred just recently in California and has received so much publicity. We are now in receipt of the reply which is a rather verbose declination based on a regulation prescribed by the Social Security Board. It is attached.

During the war, Social Security furnished us information on cases directly concerned with the "successful prosecution of the war". You will recall that just recently they wrote to the Attorney General and stated since the President's proclamation terminating hostilities, this cooperation could now be honored only when we certify that the case in question grew out of the war. We accordingly directed a memorandum to the Attorney General protesting the lack of cooperation on the part of Social Security and pointing out that we now have cases which are of at least as grave concern to the security of the country as during the war and asking him to make every effort to effect arrangements whereby we could secure this invaluable information.

There are attached for your approval a teletype to Los Angeles advising that Social Security has refused to furnish the information needed by the police and a memorandum to the Attorney General advising of this incident to supplement our previous memorandum.

Attachments

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cc-Mr. Ladd  
 Mr. Rosen

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58 MAR 20 1947

FEDERAL SECURITY AGENCY  
SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C.  
Zone 25

January 31, 1947

Mr. John Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am replying to your letter of January 28, 1947, which [REDACTED]  
delivered to us, in which you request information from our records  
concerning the employment of Elizabeth Short.

The subject of such requests has been previously discussed with the Department of Justice; you may recall that early in 1937, your department requested access to our records for the location of individuals suspected of criminal acts. At that time, every consideration was given to the request but because of the Social Security Board's often-repeated public pledge that information furnished would be used only for the purposes of the Social Security Act, and after consulting with other governmental agencies, representatives of organized labor, and others, the request was denied. Since that time we have followed the policy of refusing to furnish confidential information from our records except for the purposes of administering the Act. An exception was made, however, in our agreement whereby your department has been furnished information when such disclosures would be in the interest of the successful prosecution of the war.

Supporting this policy Congress, in the 1939 amendments to the Social Security Act, enacted Section 1106 which provides that the records of the Social Security Board (now the Social Security Administration) shall be regarded as confidential and that no disclosures thereof may be made except as the Board may by regulations prescribe. Regulation I, adopted in conformity with this statute, prescribes what information may be disclosed and to whom.

Although I appreciate entirely your desire for such information I regret that the request, in accordance with this Regulation, is not one for which an exception may be made.

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Sincerely yours,

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W. L. Mitchell  
Acting Commissioner

37 MAR 1947

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J. EDGAR HOOVER

## FBI Head Lauds Examiner for Slaying Case Aid

By RAY RICHARDS  
Los Angeles Examiner Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—Congratulations and thanks of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in the identification of a girl murder victim were extended to the Los Angeles Examiner today by the agency's director, J. Edgar Hoover.

Hoover said:

"The action of the Los Angeles Examiner in transmitting to the FBI the fingerprints of the unidentified murder victim was an excellent illustration of cooperation of the press with law enforcement.

"It is such cooperation that aids law enforcement in curbing the increase in crime."

In a news release announcing the identification late last night the FBI gave the Los Angeles Examiner sole credit for bringing about the identification in record time.

The release explained that the Examiner, cooperating with the Los Angeles Police Department, sent the girl's 10 fingerprints to Washington over the instantaneous Sound-photo system of International News Photos.

They were sent to the FBI's identification section by the Washington Bureau of the Hearst Newspapers, where, among 104,000,000 separate fingerprints, they were identified as those of Elizabeth Short, former clerk in a military post exchange at Camp Cooke, Calif.

Thus California authorities were enabled to take up

the pursuit of the slayer, an individual so brutal that he had hacked the girl's face and torso and cut the body in two.

In the FBI Washington records the case was entered as a "spectacular identification," meaning one achieved under extraordinary circumstances.

Only rarely in the past has an attempt been made to transmit fingerprints by telegraph or telephone wire, and never so successfully as in the case of Elizabeth Short.

FBI officials said the perfect clarity of INP transmission alone made it possible for FBI identification experts to reconstruct the blank spots and other defects in prints offered by the dead girl's fingers.

FROM

## OFFICE OF DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

TO  
OFFICIAL INDICATED BELOW BY CHECK MARK

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_ *K* ( )  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_ ( )  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_ ( )  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_ ( )  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_ ( )  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_ ( )  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_ ( )  
Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_ ( )  
Mr. Carson \_\_\_\_\_ ( )  
Mr. Gurnea \_\_\_\_\_ ( )  
Mr. Harbo \_\_\_\_\_ ( )  
Mr. Hendon \_\_\_\_\_ ( )  
Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_ ( )  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_ ( )

See Me \_\_\_\_\_ ( )  
Note and Return \_\_\_\_\_ ( )  
For Your Recommendation ( )  
What are the facts? ( )

Remarks:

*Set me know  
result of present  
reconsideration  
this outfit is  
giving a one re-  
quest.*

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FROM

OFFICE OF DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

TO  
OFFICIAL INDICATED BELOW BY CHECK MARK

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_ *V*

Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_ *( )*

Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_ *( )*

Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_ *( )*

Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_ *( )*

Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_ *( )*

Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_ *( )*

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Mr. Hendon \_\_\_\_\_ *( )*

Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_ *( )*

Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_ *( )*

See Me \_\_\_\_\_ *( )*

Note and Return \_\_\_\_\_ *( )*

For Your Recommendation *( )*

What are the facts? *( )*

Remarks:

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case? It is a  
flagrant one &  
must be wanted  
some cases cited*

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

February 1, 1947

In addition to the attached Memorandum from Mr. Tamm to Mr. Hoover and the letter from Mr. W.L. Mitchell, Acting Commissioner of the Social Security Administration, is a copy of the Memorandum which was sent to the Attorney General per the Director's instructions.

The wire mentioned in Mr. Tamm's memorandum was sent to SAC Hood Miss Gandy pursuant to the Director's instructions.

Mr. Hoover asked that this memorandum and the copy of the memorandum to the Attorney General be left on his desk.

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This is outrageous. I want careful memo prepared which I can use before Appropriations Com.  
on this.

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J. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

MAR 21 1947

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DIRECTOR AND SAC, PHILADELPHIA URGENT

UNKNOWN SUBJECT, ELIZABETH SHORT, ~~MAX~~ AKA BLACK DAHLIA, VICTIM,  
INFO CONCERNING VICTIM'S MUTILATED BODY FOUND LA JAN. FIFTEEN  
LAST. INFO DEVELOPED BY LAPD INDICATING THAT

ASN [REDACTED] IS LIKELY SUSPECT

IN THIS MURDER. AS COOPERATIVE MEASURE AND UNLESS ADVISED TO  
CONTRARY BY BUREAU, IT IS REQUESTED PHILADELPHIA INTERVIEW

[REDACTED] TRANSFERRED FROM [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] TO [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND PRESENTLY [REDACTED] BELIEVED THERE [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] MEDFORD, MASS., WHICH IS ALSO HOME  
TOWN OF VICTIM, RECEIVED TWO ~~MAX~~ POST CARDS POSTMARKED SEPT

TWENTYONE LAST FROM [REDACTED] ONE CARD

SIGNED BY VICTIM BETTY SHORT [REDACTED] STATING THAT SHE WAS

MARRIED TO [REDACTED] WHO WAS A FRIEND OF

[REDACTED] AND THAT WAS AT THAT TIME LIVING IN HOLLYWOOD AND

VERY HAPPY. SECOND CARD TO [REDACTED] SIGNED BY [REDACTED] IN WHICH

HE STATED THAT HE HAD MARRIED A FORMER GIRL FRIEND OF

WAS HAPPILY MARRIED AND LIVING WITH HER IN HOLLYWOOD. RECEIPT OF

CARDS BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES WAS FIRST INDICATION THAT [REDACTED] WAS

EVER ASSOCIATED WITH VICTIM. TEL FROM [REDACTED] STATES THAT

OFFICIAL MORNING REPORTS [REDACTED] REFLECT [REDACTED]

Present [REDACTED] EACH DAY FROM JAN. ONE TO JUN. TWENTY EIGHT. IN SPITE

OF THIS APPARENT ALIBI OF [REDACTED] LOCAL AUTHORITIES DESIRE THAT HE

BE ~~MAX~~ INTERVIEWED EXTENSIVELY AS FOLLOWS. WHEN, WHERE AND

END PAGE ONE

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PAGE TWO

CIRCUMSTANCES OF MEETING VICTIM. DATE, PLACE AND LENGTH OF MARRIAGE AND HONEYMOON. RESIDENCE AND ALL FRIENDS OR [REDACTED] ACQUAINTANCES SHE MAY HAVE HAD. CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE WRITING OF ABOVE MENTIONED POST CARDS TO [REDACTED] ALSO WHETHER OR NOT VICTIM HAD EVER EXPRESSED FEAR OF ANY ONE TO [REDACTED] IN VIEW OF NATION WIDE PUBLICITY. ASCERTAIN WHY [REDACTED] DID NOT VOLUNTEER

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EITHER HIS MARRIAGE TO OR ACQUAINTANCE WITH SHORT. VICTIM'S WHEREABOUTS NOT ACCOUNTED FOR FROM JAN. NINE LAST UNTIL HER BADLY MUTILATED BODY FOUND IN SOUTH END OF LA IN EMPTY LOT. ASCERTAIN FROM [REDACTED] WHEN HE LAST SAW AND HEARD FROM SHORT AND ANY AND ALL INFO THAT MIGHT BE OF ASSISTANCE IN INSTANT INVESTIGATION.

SUTEL INFO REQUESTED.

HOOD

END ACK PLS

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. E. A. TAMM  
 FROM : A. Rosen  
 SUBJECT:

UNKNOWN SUBJECT; ELIZABETH  
 SHORT, a.k.a. Black Dahlia, Victim  
 INFORMATION CONCERNING

DATE: 3-22-47

Call: 9:15

Mr. Tolson  
 Mr. Clegg  
 Mr. Glavin  
 Mr. Land  
 Mr. Nichols  
 Mr. Carson  
 Mr. Egan  
 Mr. Durza  
 Mr. Harbo  
 Mr. Hendon  
 Mr. Pennington  
 Mr. Quinn Tamm  
 Miss Room  
 Mr. Nease  
 Miss Beahm  
 Miss Gandy

Based upon the request which was made by the Los Angeles Division of our Philadelphia Office to conduct investigation in connection with the "Black Dahlia" case, I called Philadelphia and instructed them that upon the basis of the information available to the Bureau, we did not desire any additional inquiries made in this case.

The attached wire reflects that the Los Angeles Police Department desires our cooperation. They have found out through their own inquiries that the victim in the "Black Dahlia" case, Betty Short, was married to one [REDACTED] is in the Army, and although the Army reports reflect that [REDACTED] was present each day during the pertinent period, the Los Angeles Police Department still desires that he be interviewed.

We have not conducted any investigation in this case and I do not think we ought to enter it at this late date. The Philadelphia Office was instructed not to conduct any investigation and unless advised to the contrary, they will hold. If approved, a wire should be sent to our Los Angeles Office advising that inquiries are to be conducted in this case as previously instructed and that, if necessary, our Laboratory facilities are available. There is no reason to change these plans at this time.

THINK WE SHOULD  
 STAY OUT OF THIS — I think we might  
 well do this.  
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

MARCH 24, 1947

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Transmit the following message to: SAC, PHILADELPHIA URGENT

RE: CASE, ELIZABETH SHORT, LA, VICTIM, INFORMATION CONCERNING. CONDUCT INVESTIGATION  
AS REQUESTED LOS ANGELES WIRE MARCH TWENTIENE.

HOOVER

CC LOS ANGELES

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r. Nease  
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION, MAR 24 1947, WASH. D. C.  
MAR 24 1947, WASH. D. C.

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Mr. Torsom  
Mr. E. A. Tamme  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Coffey  
Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Nichols  
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Mr. Tracy  
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Mr. Quinn Tamme  
Mr. Nease  
Miss Gandy

## Benzedrinist Hops Up New 'Dahlia' Confession

By United Press

ST. LOUIS, March 24—A blood-stained handkerchief and a revised "confession" which may link 23-year-old Melvin Bailey with the mutilation-murder of Elizabeth (Black Dahlia) Short were en route to Los Angeles police today.

The handkerchief, given police by Bailey, was found yesterday to have been stained with human blood several weeks ago. Bailey claims it is Miss Short's handkerchief and her blood and that he carried it as a "keepsake" after slashing and cutting her body in two with an eight inch Marine combat knife.

### TO CHECK BLOOD STAINS

Bailey, who made his first confession March 18, changed his statement adding more details to the gruesome story he told of mutilating the girl's body because she refused to accompany him from Los Angeles to St. Louis.

His new statement did not correct the original discrepancy in the dates. Miss Short's body was found January 15, and police said she was dead less than 12 hours. Bailey claims he killed the girl January 13.

Los Angeles police will attempt to determine if the blood on the handkerchief is the same type as that of Miss Short.

Bailey said on the night of Jan-

uary 12 he and Miss Short began a round of nightclubs. She drank liquor, he said, while he consumed benzedrine and coffee "for a lift."

Later, Bailey said, he and Miss Short took a drive in a stolen auto. During the ride, he said, they argued about the St. Louis trip.

### BURNED HIS CLOTHING

Bailey said he stopped the car along the Long Beach road near the shore. After more arguments, he knocked Miss Short unconscious and carried her body down to the beach, slashed her repeatedly across the breasts, abdomen and groin, and then cut her body in two.

He used a blanket, he said, to wash the body, dipping it in the ocean several times and returning to sponge off her skin.

Bailey said he returned to Los Angeles and drove around until he reached the intersection of a "rather broad street" and Santa Barbara. There he found a vacant lot where he placed the body, putting a white flower from her hair into her hands.

Later that morning, Bailey said he went to San Francisco and obtained an auto ride to St. Louis. He said he burned his blood-soaked clothing near Oklahoma City, but did not remember what he had done with the girl's clothing.

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[REDACTED] HIS FILE REFLECTS A LETTER DATED NOVEMBER TWELFTH, FORTY SIX, FROM THE HONORABLE DANIEL J. FLOOD, MEMBER OF CONGRESS, REQUESTING THE COOPERATION OF THE WAR DEPARTMENT IN THE TRANSFER OF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO DETERMINE WHERE [REDACTED] WAS ASSIGNED IN JANUARY. THE LATEST ASSIGNMENT CARD IN FILE DATED NOVEMBER THIRTY, FORTY SIX, SHOWS [REDACTED] ASSIGNED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HOWEVER, THERE IS A LETTER DATED FEBRUARY TWENTY FOUR, FORTY SEVEN, SIGNED BY [REDACTED] FROM THE [REDACTED] HEADQUARTERS, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ADVISING THAT THIS WAS NOTIFICATION OF CHANGE OF ADDRESS. AN ATTEMPT WAS MADE TO VERIFY THIS AS PRESENT STATION BUT THE ROSTERS FOR THIS ORGANIZATION HAVE NOT BEEN RECEIVED. BORN [REDACTED]

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