



# FINDERS



An Actual treasury department report describing a world wide network of child kidnapers involved in Satanism and sexual exploitation of children. See how the CIA has covered it all up under National Security.

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Security and Anti-Terrorism Consultant
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| 1977-79 | Senior Special Agent-in-Charge, Los Angeles, California                                  |
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| 1973    | Chief Inspector  |
| 1965-73 | Assistant Special Agent-in-Charge, New Haven, Connecticut and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania |
| 1960-65 | Special Agent Supervisor, FBI Headquarters, Washington, D.C.                             |
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MISSING CHILDREN

# MISSING: 100,000 Children a Year

The figures are estimates. But the few known facts are appalling: thousands are murdered annually, the number of missing children is rising and *no one* is keeping an accurate count

Condensed from KIWANIS MAGAZINE  
GARY TURBAK

ABOUT 8:30 A.M. on January 7, 1980, Katherine Mancil drove her daughter Marian Bacon to school in Inverness, Fla. "See you tonight," Katherine called about 25 miles from the school. She had joined the swelling ranks of children simply labeled missing. Sheila and Katherine Lyon, ages 13 and 11, journeyed to a suburban



1. Jason Manuel Tomassi, W. Va., Missing: 1016179 Age: 1; 2. David Marcus Tomassi, W. Va., Missing: 1016179 Age: 2; 3. Rene Dawn Wild, Pa., Missing: 813178 Age: 3; 4. Matthew Lawrence Lopez, Colo., Missing: 3117181 Age: 6; 5. Adrian Van Tibon, R.I., Missing: 3127181 Age: 7;

as the petite, blue-eyed 16-year-old stepped from the car. shopping center on March 25, 1975, and were never seen again. In early

But she did not see Marian that night. Or the next. Or the next. October 1980, two-year-old Brandy Barlow vanished from her front

No one remembers seeing Marian after she left her mother's car. yard. The list goes on.

The day after her disappearance, her purse was found in a trash can Probably the most publicized missing-child case of late has been that of six-year-old Egan Parz. On

May 25, 1979, Etan walked alone for the first time to his Manhattan school-bus stop and has not been seen since. Methodical searches with bloodhounds, helicopters, psychics, and phalanxes of police have failed to turn up any clues.

These are not isolated cases. Everyone close to the missing-child problem agrees that it is a large one—and growing. Statistics, however, are tough to come by. Boundaries between runaways, parental kidnap victims and children stolen by strangers tend to blur.

The best estimates are that about a million American youngsters leave home each year, with 90 percent returning in two weeks. Approximately 100,000 children are thus unaccounted for. Add another

Yet no single U.S. agency concerns itself exclusively with missing children on a national scale. Automobiles, handguns and silverware can be registered, traced and recovered more easily than children. "Our priorities are mixed up," says Ken Wooden, director of the National Coalition for Children's Justice. "If someone steals a car, he can be traced and caught because we have a computer system for tracing stolen cars. But children apparently aren't that important to us."

Each missing-child case has its own poignant drama and irony. In July 1976, 12-year-old Dee Scofield disappeared while running an errand at a Florida shopping center. Two days later, a classmate reportedly saw Dee looking out a van



6. Tamara Farrow Buck, Minn., Missing: 2/4/81 Age: 5; 7. Jamie Marie Duke, Mo., Missing: 2/22/81 Age: 5; 8. Ryan Nicole Burton, Texas, Missing: 9/6/81 Age: 3; 9. Kristie Michelle Norris, Ala., Missing: 5/15/81 Age: 5; 10. Rebecca Ruth Clippis, N.J., Missing: 9/11/78 Age: 4;

25,000 to 100,000 stolen by divorced or separated parents, and the total becomes significant. "Kids who just disappear present a big problem that people had better start opening their eyes to," says Det. Sgt. Dick Ruffino of the Bergen County, New Jersey, Sheriff's Office.

window, desperately forming the word "help" over and over with her lips. Dee Scofield has never been found.

On October 18, 1981, Jimmy Rogers, 14, left his Hanson, Mass., home for a friend's house. He may have hitched a ride. He has not

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been seen or heard from since. "Child snatching, kidnapping and the ugly things that happen to these kids are so horrendous that people refuse to deal with them," explains Stan Patz, father of missing Eran. "Trying to handle cases like ours on a local level is a tremendous impediment. We need a centralized, national clearinghouse with information about which children are missing and how they can be identified."

But most cases fall to local police, against whom some parents of missing children raise a litany of complaints. Because so many children do run away from home, police label most missing kids runaways. And unless the child is very young or evidence of foul play exists, police

course, occurs when the child is not a runaway and could possibly have been helped if immediate action had been taken.

On the morning after Christmas, 1974, 13-year-old Janna Hanson went to a friend's house. A short time later, Doreen Hanson drove by to pick up her daughter; Janna wasn't there. Doreen immediately went to the police, but they wouldn't search for 24 hours.

When police did finally begin an investigation, it was too late. Janna's body was found after several months, and evidence indicated she had been murdered on December 26.

Parents also complain bitterly about the FBI's refusal to help find missing children. The FBI becomes involved in a missing-child case



11. Shannon E. Zeller, N.Y., Missing: 1111182 Age: 11; 12. Michelle Lee Oglesby, Calif., Missing: 1012181 Age: 10; 13. Tamela Lynn Hall, W.Va., Missing: 11112180 Age: 9; 14. Taj Narbonne, Mass., Missing: 3131181 Age: 9; 15. Eran Patz, N.Y., Missing: 5125179 Age: 6;

commonly will not act on a missing-child report for 24 hours. The reason: sheer work volume. A surfeit of violent crimes—most with injured victims and plenty of evidence—takes priority over the "maybe" crime of a missing youngster.

The heart-rending tragedy, of

only when there's proof of a kidnapping—such as a ransom note—or evidence that the child was taken across state lines.

"The first-time disappearance of a minor should be prima facie evidence that a kidnapping has taken place," says John Clinkscales, whose

son Kyle disappeared six years ago. "The FBI could then become immediately involved, and there might be a chance of finding some of these children. We need help."

And answers. Parents always ask the inevitable: *Why? Why would someone steal a child? Why my child?* There are many answers, yet no answers.

A million couples a year divorce in the United States, and many of these cases result in child snatchings. For love, hate, spite or revenge, one parent steals a child from the other.

In December 1974, Gloria Yerkovich said good-by to her four-year-old Joanna as the girl left to spend the weekend with her father. She didn't want to go, but

school, grow up and lead a more or less normal life.

When a stranger steals a child, anything can happen. Parents of missing children hope that their child will end up in a loving, caring family, perhaps through black-market adoption. The cruel truth is that a missing child stands a fair chance of being murdered. Each year an estimated 2500 children in the United States disappear and later are found murdered.

While the abduction and murder of a child is a senseless, psychotic act, many children are used for much more calculated reasons. Says Ken Wooden, "Kids are constantly being sought for the lucrative child-prostitution business. Most police departments and public officials

aren't doing anything about it."

If fear about what may be happening to a missing child is the parents' primary emotion, frustration is the second. Of-



16. Sabrina Raynell Drake, Okla., Missing: 8/15/80 Age: 6;  
 17. Tommy (Landau) Perlstein, N.Y., Missing: 12/26/81 Age: 9;  
 18. Marian Wavie Batsou, Fla., Missing: 1/7/80 Age: 16;  
 19. James W. Rogers, Mass., Missing: 10/18/81 Age: 14.

a court order had said she must.

Joanna never returned. The separation that was to last a weekend has stretched to 7½ years.

Despicable as parental kidnapping is, these children may be more fortunate than others. At least there's a chance they will go to

ten, little more is done once local police exhaust all leads. Teleprinted missing-child reports from one city do not carry a high priority in another. Verbal descriptions alone are often useless.

Out of desperation, parents turn to posting fliers and driving by

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parks and other areas frequented by children. "It's a totally helpless feeling," says Stan Patz. "There's just nothing more we can do."

In the past few years, however, various groups have been formed—usually by parents or relatives of missing children—to advise and comfort distraught parents. One such organization is Child Find, Inc., Box 277, New Paltz, N.Y. 12561. It maintains a toll-free number (800-431-5005) to be used by children searching for their parents or parents trying to identify missing children. Another organization is SEARCH, which publishes *The National Runaway/Missing Persons Report*, a magazine containing photos, descriptions and personal data that can help identify the missing. The report is distributed about every three months to 22,000 agencies and individuals in law enforcement, security, medicine and social service. SEARCH's address is 560 Sylvan Ave., Englewood Cliffs, N. J. 07632. (All correspondence should include a stamped, self-addressed envelope.) Phone: 201-567-4040.

But such efforts are not likely to solve the problem overnight. At present, hope is a parent's most sustaining weapon.

For some families, that hope does not cease even after a child's body is found. Says Doreen Hanson: "After our daughter's remains were discovered, we still kept searching, at least in our minds. For weeks after, I would see a girl on the street who resembled my daughter and I would hope in my heart that it was Janna.

"No one on the outside can understand the trauma taking place in a family that has a child missing. The frustration, the not knowing, the agony are beyond explanation."

*If you have information regarding children Nos. 1-17, contact Child Find, Inc. (800-431-5005); No. 18, contact Dee Scofield Awareness Program, Inc. (813-839-5025 or 813-681-4357); No. 19, Hanson, Mass., Police Dept. (617-294-8081).*

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*The following organizations are also interested in the missing-child problem:*

Find Me Inc., P.O. Box 1612, LaGrange, Ga. 30241; National Coalition for Children's Justice, 1214 Evergreen Rd., Yardley, Pa. 19067; Dee Scofield Awareness Program, Inc., 4418 Bay Court Ave., Tampa, Fla. 33611; Family and Friends of Missing Persons and Violent Crime Victims, P.O. Box 21444, Seattle, Wash. 98111



KIDNAPPINGS/DISAPPEARANCE OF CHILDREN BY MONTHS  
 Source: NATIONAL CENTER FOR MISSING AND EXPLOITED CHILDREN.

TOTAL 94 CASES:

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>NUMBER OF CHILDREN</u>
JANUARY	4
FEBRUARY	6
MARCH	3
APRIL	3
MAY	4
JUNE	18
JULY	8
AUGUST	9
SEPTEMBER	3
OCTOBER	15
NOVEMBER	7
DECEMBER	14

This is a small fraction of the missing children in the U.S.A. The statistics illustrate the high percentage of missing children in June, October and December, the months when three of the major Satanic Holidays occur.

MAJOR SATANIC HOLIDAYS

February 2	CANDLEMASS	The Catholic Festival of the Virgin Mary.
March 21	EQUINOX	The sun crosses the celestial equator and the length of day and night are approximately equal.
April 30	BELTANE	Major Celtic festival celebrated with bonfires and fertility rites ceremonies. One of the most important dates in Satanism.
June 22	SOLSTICE	Two times a year the sun has no apparent Northward or Southward motion.
August 1	LAMMAS	Feast of the Sun God.
September 21	EQUINOX	When the sun crosses the equator.
October 31	HALLOWEEN	Witches celebrate the dead.
December 22	CHRISTMAS	
Individual's personal BIRTHDAY		

THE  
'FINDERS'

**Dear Ted,**

I was listening to Part 2 of the Ted Gunderson telephone interview, and when you mentioned the US Customs report about The Finders, I entered US Customs Report and Finders into the Google Search Engine [www.google.com](http://www.google.com) and that is how I found the web page about The Finders.

I then sent an e-mail to: <[geminwalker@yahoo.com](mailto:geminwalker@yahoo.com)> and asked him/her if he/she had any more information on the Finders.

In a few minutes, I received a reply which stated that he/she didn't have any more info.

**David Parsons  
Denver, CO**

**Ted Gunderson Interview**  
<http://www.us-government-torture.com/aaviforembiase.html>

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<http://www.us-government-torture.com/aaviforembiase.html>

**Part 2 [ 3115k ]**  
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**Part 3**  
<http://www.us-government-torture.com/Caviforembiase.html>

**Part 4**  
<http://www.us-government-torture.com/Daviforembiase.html>

**Part 5**  
<http://www.us-government-torture.com/Eaviforembiase.html>

**The Finders**  
<http://www.geminwalker-ink.net/HellFinders.html>

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On February 7th of 1987, the Washington Post ran an interesting story that did not at first seem to have any particularly national significance. The article concerned a case of possible kidnapping and child abuse, and material discovered in the Washington area that they say points to a 1960s style commune called the Finders, described in a court document as a "cult" that

conducted "brainwashing" and used children "in rituals." DC police who searched the Northeast Washington warehouse linked to the group removed large plastic bags filled with color slides, photographs and photographic contact sheets.

Some showed naked children involved in what appeared to be "cult rituals," bloodletting ceremonies of animals and one photograph of a child in chains.

Customs officials said their links to the DC area led authorities into a far-reaching investigation that includes The Finders - a group of about 40 people that court documents allege is led by a man named Marion Pettie - and their various homes, including the duplex apartment in Glover Park, the Northeast Washington warehouse and a 90 acre farm in rural Madison County, VA.

It was the US News and World Report that would ultimately provide the follow-up to the Finders story, noting that there is a certain Customs Service memorandum that was written at the time of the original investigation, written by Ramon J. Martinez, Special Agent, United States Customs Service, describing two adult white males and six minor children ages 7 years to 2 years. The adult males were Michael Houlihan and Douglas Ammerman, both of Washington, DC who had been arrested the previous day on charges of child abuse. The children were covered with insect bites, were very dirty, most of the children were not wearing underpants and all of the children had not been bathed in many days. The men were somewhat evasive under questioning and stated only that they were the children's teachers and were en route to Mexico to establish a school for brilliant children. The children were unaware of the functions of telephones, television and toilets, and stated that they were not allowed to live indoors and were only given food as a reward.

A Detective Bradley had initiated an investigation on the two addresses provided by the Tallahassee Police Department during December of 1986. An informant had given him information regarding the cult, known as the "Finders," operating various businesses out of a warehouse located at 1307 4th Street, N.E., and were supposed to be housing children at 3918/3920 W St., N.W.

The information was specific in describing "blood rituals" and sexual orgies involving children, and an as yet unsolved murder in which the Finders might be involved.

Cursory examination of documents revealed detailed instructions for obtaining children for unspecified purposes. The instructions included the impregnation of female members of the community, purchasing children, trading and kidnapping. There were telex messages using MCI account numbers between a computer terminal believed to be in the same room, and

others located across the country and in foreign locations.

There were pictures of nude children and adult Finders, as well as evidence of high-tech money transfers.

There was a file called "Pentagon Break-In," and references to activities in Moscow, Hong Kong, China, Malaysia, North Vietnam, North Korea, Africa, London, Germany, "Europe" and the Bahamas.

There was also a file labeled "Palestinian."

One such telex specifically ordered the purchase of two children in Hong Kong to be arranged through a contact in the Chinese Embassy there. Other documents identified interests in high-tech transfers to the United Kingdom, numerous properties under the control of the Finders, a keen interest in terrorism, explosives, and the evasion of law enforcement.

There was also a set of instructions that appeared to broadcast via computer an advisory to the participants to keep the children moving through different jurisdictions and instructions on how to avoid police detection.

A photo album contained a series of photos of adults and children dressed in white sheets participating in a blood ritual. The ritual centered around the execution of at least two goats. The photos portrayed the execution, disembowelment, skinning and dismemberment of the goats at the hands of the children. This included the removal of the testes of a male goat, the discovery of a female goat's "womb" and the "baby goats" inside the womb, and the presentation of the goat's head to one of the children.

There was also a large amount of data collected on various child care organizations.

The warehouse contained a large library, two kitchens, a sauna, hot tub and a "video room." The video room seemed to be set up as an indoctrination center. The organization had the ability to produce its own videos. There appeared to be training areas for the children and what appeared to be an altar set up in a residential area of the warehouse. Many jars of urine and feces were located in this area.

Group leader Marion Pettie spoke in an interview in Steamshovel Press in 1998, noting that in World War II he kept house mainly for intelligence people in Washington and OSS people passing through.

Official US Customs investigation reports which have been completely authenticated by the investigating officers who wrote them and by a well

respected investigator who personally knows these Customs officials are irrefutable evidence that

1. A case of obvious child neglect/abuse involving child pedophile sexual abuse/child pornography/Satanic cult ritualistic abuse wherein the perpetrators were caught directly in the act by law enforcement, arrested on the basis of irrefutable evidence at the scene, and faced serious charges which typically bring sentences of decades in prison.

2. Search warrants were obtained for the "Finders" cult office in Washington, DC and a complete search was enacted by law enforcement which provided irrefutable pictures, movies and documents of such abuse/neglect evidence and access to the confidential arrest reports on the "Finders" cult from the arrests in Tallahassee which occurred only a day earlier (suggesting very high level connections to US Intelligence in and of itself.)

3. All investigation of the "Finders" cult by the FBI, US Customs and local law enforcement was ordered stopped by the US Justice Department on the grounds of "national security" and the matter of the "Finders" cult was turned over to the Central Intelligence Agency as an "internal security matter," since the "Finders" is and has been a domestic and international covert operation of the Central Intelligence Agency.

4. Any and all investigation of the "Finders" was immediately stopped, all evidence was suppressed and denied, and the abused children were released back to the adult perpetrators who had been arrested "in the act" and the CIA resumed its ongoing covert operation of the "Finders" cult which is used to procure and produce.

The story of the Finders cult is the story of the development of child/assets to be used to entrap politicians, diplomats; corporate and law enforcement officials; to sell child/victims to wealthy perverts to raise money for covert operations, to train some of the child/victims to be professional operatives and assassins of a totally cold, multiple personality, mind control nature.

To date only one media outlet has dared publish anything about this (US News).

In the last few years there have been more "smoking guns" proving that US intelligence agencies traffic in children, sell them and abuse them. Some of these covert operations have been tied to long term and massive importation, and distribution of narcotics into the US by the same intelligence agencies.

1. Why Johnny Can't Come Home...Noreen Gosch, The Johnny Gosch

Foundation, West Des Moines, (c)2000

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## "THE FINDERS"

"The Finders" is a CIA Front established in the 1960's. Members are specially trained Government Kidnappers with top clearance and protection in their assigned task of stealing children, torturing and sexual abusing them, sometimes involving them in satanic orgies, bloody rituals and murder of other children with the slaughter of animals.

The Finders are known sexual degenerates who use a fleet of unmarked cars to grab targeted children from parks and schoolyards. Many times using their own child members as decoys, they lure the innocent children away from the crowd close to their vans. The adults inside grab the children, drug them and transport them to a series of safe houses where they await their ill fated end. They are then used in ceremonies. The children are either murdered and sacrificed for body parts, or they are sold as sex slaves, auctioned off at various locations in the northern hemisphere. In the past they have been auctioned off near Las Vegas, Nevada and Toronto, Canada, Lincoln, Nebraska, Michigan and Houston, Texas. Marion David Pettie, the leader of the cult is an identified pedophile, homosexual and CIA officer. His son was a former employee of a CIA proprietary firm, Air America, which was notorious for smuggling drugs, destined for the United States out of the Golden Triangle into Saigon during the Viet Nam War.



The Treasury Department Report on the  
**'FINDERS'**

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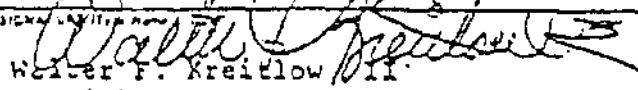
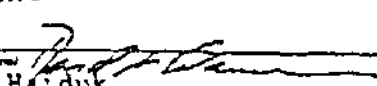
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This office was contacted by the Tallahassee Police Department on February 5, 1987, who requested assistance in attempting to identify two adult males and six minor children, all taken into custody the previous day. The men, arrested and charged with multiple counts of child abuse, were being very evasive with police in the questions being asked of them pursuant the children and their condition.

This agent contacted SS/A, Bob Harrold, RAC/Reston, Virginia, and requested telephone numbers and names of police persons in area police departments in an attempt to follow-up on two leads which were a Virginia license number and that the children had commented about living in a Washington, D.C., commune.

Subsequently, this office received a telephone call from the Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Police Department inquiring about the men and children. This office put the MPD and the TPD in contact with each other.

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DETAILS OF INVESTIGATION:

On Thursday, February 5, 1987, this office was contacted via telephone, by sergeant, JOANN VANMETER of the Tallahassee Police Department, Juvenile Division. Sgt. VANMETER requested assistance in identifying two adult males and six minor children ages 7 years to 2 years.

The adult males were tentatively identified by TPD as Michael HOULIHAN and Douglas AMMERMAN, both of Washington, D.C., who were arrested the previous day on charges of child abuse.

The police had received an anonymous telephone call relative two well-dressed white men wearing suits and ties in Myers Park, (Tallahassee), apparently watching six dirty and unkempt children in the playground area. HOULIHAN and AMMERMAN were near a 1980 Blue Dodge van bearing Virginia license number XHW-557, the inside of which was later described as foul-smelling filled with maps, books, letters, with a mattress situated to the rear of the van which appeared as if it were used as a bed, and the overall appearance of the van gave the impression that all eight persons were living in it.

The children were covered with insect bites, were very dirty, most of the children were not wearing underwear and all the children had not been bathed in many days:

The men were arrested and charged with multiple counts of child abuse and lodged in the Leon County Jail. Once in custody the men were somewhat evasive in their answers to the police regarding the children and stated only that they both were the children's teachers and that all were enroute to Mexico to establish a school for brilliant children.

The children tentatively were identified as Mary HOULIHAN, white female, age 7; Max LIVINGSTON, white male, age 6; Benjamin FRANKLIN, white male, age 4; HoneyBee EVANS, white female, age 3; B.B., white male, age 2; and John Paul HOULIHAN, white male, age 2. The children initially indicated that they lived in tents in a commune in the Washington, D.C., area and were going to Mexico to go to a school for smart kids.

This office contacted the Office of the RAC/DC and spoke with SS/A, Bob Harrold. This agent requested telephone numbers and names of police persons in area departments that might be aware of said activities described by the children and to follow-up on the leads which were the Virginia license number and a check on the men's names with local law enforcement.

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A short time later this office was contacted by Detective, Jim Bradley of the Washington, D.C., Metropolitan Police Department. Bradley indicated that the case here in Tallahassee appeared to be strongly related to a case he was currently working in the Washington, D.C. area.

He stated that the actions of the two men in custody in Tallahassee relative the children just might give his case enough probable cause for search warrants to search premises occupied by a cult group called the FINDERS.

This agent directed Bradley to telephone TPD and discuss with police directly any activities forthcoming relative the instant case.

At this time it was determined that there was no Customs violations found to exist and therefore, this case is being closed pending receipt of additional information.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN BY LESD/TECS: Create a permanent DRR/TECS record.

IDENTIFYING DATA/TECS-FIN QUERIES:

AMMERMAN, Douglas Edward  
(CF-23B attached)

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FBA: Negative  
PAIRS: Negative

HOWELL, James Michael  
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To : Resident Agent in Charge Date: 02/07/87  
From : Special Agent *[Signature]*  
Subject: Customs cooperation/interest in  
Tallahassee/Washington MPD child abuse investigation.

On Thursday, 2/5/87, the duty agent, SS/A Bob Harrold, received a call from SS/A Walter Krietlow, USCS, Tallahassee, Florida. SS/A Krietlow was seeking assistance in contacting an appropriate local police agency to coordinate a child abuse investigation in with the Tallahassee Police Department. SS/A Krietlow further requested assistance in checking some names, addresses and a vehicle through the Customs Child Pornography Unit data base, and stated there was some suspicion of the subjects being involved in supplying children for the production of child pornography. Further, he was informed by the Tallahassee Police Department that the children may have been enroute to Mexico from the Washington, D.C. area. The possibility of Customs interest in the investigation due to possible violations of the Child Protection Act of 1984, and the alleged nexus with the U.S./Mexican Border were discussed and agreed upon. SS/A Krietlow related the following background information. SS/A Krietlow was contacted by the Tallahassee Police Department for assistance in identifying six children and two adults taken into custody in the Tallahassee area. U.S. Customs was contacted because the police officers involved suspected the adults of being involved in child pornography and knew the Customs Service to have a network of child pornography investigators, and of the existence of the Child Pornography and Protection Unit. SS/A Krietlow stated the two adults were well dressed white males. They had custody of six white children (boys and girls), ages three to six years. The children were observed to be poorly dressed, bruised, dirty, and behaving like animals in a public park in Tallahassee. The police were notified by a concerned citizen and all eight persons were taken into custody. The subjects were living out of a white 1979 Dodge van, Virginia license no. XHW 557. Upon being taken into custody, the adult white males refused to cooperate, one of whom produced a "business" card with a name on one side and a statement on the other. The statement indicated that the bearer knew his constitutional rights to remain silent and that he intended to do so. Upon interviewing the children, the police officers found that they could not adequately identify themselves or their custodians. Further, they stated they were enroute to Mexico to attend a school for "smart kids." SS/A Krietlow was further advised the children were unaware of the function and purpose of telephones, televisions and toilets, and that the children had stated they were not allowed to live indoors and were only given food as a reward.

After receiving the request from Tallahassee, SS/A Harrold contacted me while I was on official business at Customs Headquarters. He requested that I conduct computer checks on the Customs Child Pornography Unit data base. The checks were to be conducted on the names, addresses, and a vehicle provided by SS/A Krietlow. After conducting the computer checks, I made direct contact with SS/A Krietlow to inform him that all the checks were negative. At that time I was informed by SS/A Krietlow that the Tallahassee police had discovered large quantities of records, to include computer discs and a U.S. passport in the van. From some of these records the police had obtained tentative identification of the two adults, and partial identification of the children. Furthermore, the two Washington, D.C. addresses had been discovered through these documents, one of which was verified through the vehicle registration. I advised SS/A Krietlow I was leaving Headquarters and he would be receiving a response to the remainder of his request from SS/A Harrold. I then left as stated and proceeded to conduct other business in the District.

A short time later, at approximately 11:30 a.m., SS/A Harrold contacted me by radio, and advised me that a Detective Jim Bradley of the Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) was interested in the information provided by SS/A Krietlow, was in contact with Tallahassee, and would very probably be conducting search warrants in the area later in the day. He also informed me that U.S. Customs was invited to participate due to the continuing possibility of violations of law enforced by the Customs Service. As I was already in Washington, I terminated my other business and proceeded to make contact with Detective Bradley, Intelligence Division, MPD.

Upon contacting Detective Bradley, I learned that he had initiated an investigation on the two addresses provided by the Tallahassee Police Dept. during December of 1986. An informant had given him information regarding a cult, known as the "Finders" operating various businesses out of a warehouse located at 1307 4th St., N.E., and were supposed to be housing children at 3918/3920 W St., N.W. The information was specific in describing "blood rituals" and sexual orgies involving children, and an as yet unsolved murder in which the Finders may be involved. With the information provided by the informant, Detective Bradley was able to match some of the children in Tallahassee with names of children known alleged to be in the custody of the Finders. Furthermore, Bradley was able to match the tentative ID of the adults with known members of the Finders. I stood by while Bradley consulted with AUSA Barry Benner and obtained search warrants for the two premises. I advised acting RAC SS/A Tim Holloran of my intention to accompany MPD on the execution of the warrants, received his permission, and was joined by SS/A Harrold. SS/A Harrold accompanied the team which went to 1307 4th St, and I went to 3918/20 W St. 55  
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During the execution of the warrant at 3918/20 W St., I was

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able to observe and access the entire building. I saw large quantities of children's clothing and toys. The clothing consisting of diapers and clothes in the toddler to pre-school range. No children were found on the premises. There were several subjects on the premises. Only one was deemed to be connected with the Finders. The rest were renting living space from this individual. He was identified as Stuart Miles SILVERSTONE, DOB/061941, U.S. Passport No. 010958991. SILVERSTONE was located in a room equipped with several computers, printers, and numerous documents. cursory examination of the documents revealed detailed instructions for obtaining children for unspecified purposes. The instructions included the impregnation of female members of the community known as Finders, purchasing children, trading, and kidnapping. There were telex messages using MCI account numbers between a computer terminal believed to be located in the same room, and others located across the country and in foreign locations. One such telex specifically ordered the purchase of two children in Hong Kong to be arranged through a contact in the Chinese Embassy there. Another telex expressed an interest in "bank secrecy" situations. Other documents identified interests in high-tech transfers to the United Kingdom, numerous properties under the control of the Finders, a keen interest in terrorism, explosives, and the evasion of law enforcement. Also found in the "computer room" was a detailed summary of the events surrounding the arrest and taking into custody of the two adults and six children in Tallahassee, Florida on the previous night. There were also a set of instructions which appeared to be broadcast via a computer network which advised participants to move "the children" and keep them moving through different jurisdictions, and instructions on how to avoid police attention.

One of the residents was identified as a Chinese National. Due to the telex discovered referencing the Chinese Embassy in Hong Kong, he was fully identified for future reference: WANG/Gengxin, DOB/092747, POB/Tianjin, People's Republic of China Passport No. 324999, entered the U.S. on January 22, 1987, admitted until December 31, 1987. He is in the U.S. as a graduate student in the Anatomy Department of Georgetown University. His Visa was issued on November 10, 1986, in London, England, number 00143.

During the course of the evening, I contacted Sector 4 to initiate a TECS check on SILVERSTONE, and initiate an archives check on him for the last four years. I also contacted SS/A Holloran to keep him advised of the proceedings and asked for and received permission to contact SS/A John Sullivan of the CPPU to query some names through the CPPU data base. SS/A Holloran told me he would call Southeast Region Headquarters to keep them posted on the proceedings as well. I later contacted SS/A Sullivan for the stated purpose, and in the discussion that followed, I gave him some background on the purpose of the request. I advised him that the information was not for dissemination at Headquarters, that Region was being notified,

and that Region would probably contact Headquarters later if deemed necessary. SS/A Sullivan assured me that the information would go no further until official notification was made by Region. No positive matches were obtained from the CPPU data base. I was later joined at the W Street address by SS/A Harrold. SS/A Harrold advised me that there were extremely large quantities of documents and computer equipment at the warehouse, and that MPD was posting officers inside the building there and sealing the building until morning, in which a second warrant for that premises would be obtained and executed. SS/A Harrold also advised me that the news media had been notified and had been waiting for the execution of the warrant at the 4th Street address. Detective Bradley later stated that the MPD Public Information Officer had been contacted by a Tallahassee reporter. When it became apparent the PIO had no information on the search warrants, the reporter contacted local media representatives and a check of public records containing the affidavits for the search warrants disclosed the locations and purpose of the warrants. Detective Bradley surmised that someone on the Tallahassee Police Department was the original source of information for the press. I advised SS/A Bolloran of the involvement of the press, and he stated that he would, in turn, relay the information to Region. SS/A Harrold and I assisted in the transport of the evidence seized pursuant to the warrant and cleared MPD after the press left the area.

On Friday, 2/6/87, I met Detective Bradley at the warehouse on 4th Street, N.E. I duly advised my acting group supervisor, SS/A Don Blutworth. I was again granted unlimited access to the premises. I was able to observe numerous documents which described explicit sexual conduct between the members of the community known as finders. I also saw a large collection of photographs of unidentified persons. Some of the photographs were nudes, believed to be of members of finders. There were numerous photos of children, some nude, at least one of which was a photo of a child "on display" and appearing to accent the child's genitals. I was only able to examine a very small amount of the photos at this time. However, one of the officers presented me with a photo album for my review. The album contained a series of photos of adults and children dressed in white sheets participating in a "blood ritual." The ritual centered around the execution of at least two goats. The photos portrayed the execution, disembowelment, skinning and dismemberment of the goats at the hands of the children. This included the removal of the testes of a male goat, the discovery of a female goat's "womb" and the "baby goats" inside the womb, and the presentation of a goat's head to one of the children.

Further inspection of the premises disclosed numerous files relating to activities of the organization in different parts of the world. Locations I observed are as follows: London, Germany, the Bahamas, Japan, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Africa, Costa Rica, and "Europe." There was also a file identified as



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"Palestinian." Other files were identified by member name or "project" name. The projects appearing to be operated for commercial purposes under front names for the Finders. There was one file entitled "Pentagon Break-In," and others which referred to members operating in foreign countries. Not observed by me but related by an MPD officer, were intelligence files on private families not related to the Finders. The process undertaken appears to have been a systematic response to local newspaper advertisements for babysitters, tutors, etc. A member of the Finders would respond and gather as much information as possible about the habits, identity, occupation, etc., of the family. The use to which this information was to be put is still unknown. There was also a large amount of data collected on various child care organizations.

The warehouse contained a large library, two kitchens, a sauna, hot-tub, and a "video room." The video room seemed to be set up as an indoctrination center. It also appeared that the organization had the capability to produce its own videos. There were what appeared to be training areas for children and what appeared to be an altar set up in a residential area of the warehouse. Many jars of urine and feces were located in this area.

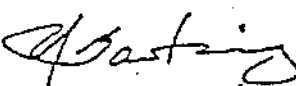
I should also mention that both premises were equipped with satellite dish antennas.

I discussed the course of action to be taken by MPD with Detective Bradley. He stated he was only interested in making the child abuse case(s). I was assured that all of the evidence would be available to U.S. Customs in furtherance of any investigative/criminal action pursued. MPD personnel were to begin around the clock review and sorting of the evidence until completed. Customs will have access after this is accomplished. This will include several U.S. Passports discovered during the search.

Upon leaving the 4th Street premises, I encountered a news media representative and was asked the reason behind U.S. Customs involvement in the investigation. I advised the reporter that I could not discuss anything and referred her to the RAC/DC. I left immediately thereafter.

There is no further information available at this time. It should take three to five days for all the information to be sorted, reviewed, logged by the MPD. I will maintain contact with Detective Bradley until the evidence is again accessible.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Ramon J. Martinez  
Special Agent, USCS

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

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On Thursday, February 5, 1987, Senior Special Agent Harrold and I assisted the Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) with two search warrants involving the possible sexual exploitation of children. During the course of the search warrants, numerous documents were discovered which appeared to be concerned with international trafficking in children, high tech transfer to the United Kingdom, and international transfer of currency.

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DETAILS OF INVESTIGATION:

On March 31, 1987, I contacted Detective James Bradley of the Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Police Department (MPD). I was to meet with Detective Bradley to review the documents seized, pursuant to two search warrants executed in February 1987. The meeting was to take place on April 2 or 3, 1987.

On April 2, 1987, I arrived at MPD at approximately 9:00 a.m. Detective Bradley was not available. I spoke to a third party who was willing to discuss the case with me on a strictly "off the record" basis.

I was advised that all the passport data had been turned over to the State Department for their investigation. The State Department in turn, advised MPD that all travel and use of the passports by the holders of the passports was within the law and no action would be taken. This included travel to Moscow, North Korea, and North Vietnam from the late 1950's to mid 1970's.

The individual further advised me of circumstances which indicated that the investigation into the activity of the FINDERS had become a CIA internal matter. The MPD report has been classified secret and was not available for review. I was advised that the FBI had withdrawn from the investigation several weeks prior and that the FBI Foreign Counter Intelligence Division had directed MPD not to advise the FBI Washington Field Office of anything that had transpired.

No further information will be available. No further action will be taken.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN BY LESD/TECS:

No action to be taken on the basis of this report.

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I filed formal complaints on six occasions with the FBI demanding an investigation of the FINDERS and the international trafficking of children who have been kidnapped or obtained through subterfuge (orphanages; and on occasion the agency known as the Child Protective Services) but the FBI refused to contact me.

I have received two complaints from airline employees that airplanes containing several hundred children were flown to Paris , France from Denver Colorado and Los Angeles, California. Two hundred and ten children were reportedly on the manifest of the Denver plane. In addition Paul Bonacci told me about children who were auctioned off in the early 1980's outside Las Vegas, Nevada and Toronto, Canada. These children were auctioned off in their underwear with a number on a card around their necks, some for \$50,000. each (see the Franklin Cover up Investigation).

One hundred and ninety one children assigned to the Child Protective Services in Florida are missing with no indication of their whereabouts. One hundred thousand children disappear each year in America (Readers Digest, July 1982).

News Articles on the  
'FINDERS'

# Through a glass, very darkly

*Cops, spies and a very odd investigation*

**T**he case is almost seven years old now, but matters surrounding a mysterious group known as the Finders keep growing curiously and curiously.

In early February 1987, an anonymous tipster in Tallahassee, Fla., made a phone call to police. Two "well-dressed men" seemed to be "supervising" six disheveled and hungry children in a local park, the caller said. The cops went after the case like bloodhounds — at least at first. The two men were identified as members of the Finders. They were charged with child abuse in Florida. In Washington, D.C., police and U.S. Customs Service agents raided a duplex apartment building and a warehouse connected to the group. Among the evidence seized: detailed instructions on obtaining children for unknown purposes and several photographs of nude children. According to a Customs Service memorandum obtained by *U.S. News*, one photo appeared "to accent the child's genitals."

The more the police learned about the Finders, the more bizarre they seemed: There were suggestions of child abuse, Satanism, dealing in pornography and ritualistic animal slaughter.

None of the allegations was ever proved, however. The child abuse charges against the two men in Tallahassee were dropped; all six of the children were eventually returned to their mothers, though in the case of two, conditions were attached by a court. In Washington, D.C., police began backing away from the Finders investigation. The group's practices, the police said, were eccentric — not illegal.

Questions. Today, things appear to have changed yet again. The Justice Department has begun a new investigation into the Finders and into the group's activities. It is also reviewing the 1987 investigation into the group to determine whether that probe was closed improperly. Justice officials will not elaborate, except to say the investigation is "ongoing" and that it involves "unresolved matters" in relation to the Finders.

One of the unresolved questions in-

volves allegations that the Finders are somehow linked to the Central Intelligence Agency. Customs Service documents reveal that in 1987, when Customs agents sought to examine the evidence gathered by Washington, D.C., police, they were told that the Finders investigation "had become a CIA internal matter." The police report on the case had



February 1987, D.C. police seize evidence.

been classified secret. Even now, Tallahassee police complain about the handling of the Finders investigation by D.C. police. "They dropped this case," one Tallahassee investigator says, "like a hot rock." D.C. police will not comment on the matter. As for the CIA, ranking officials describe allegations about links between the intelligence agency and the Finders as "hogwash" — perhaps the result of a simple mix-up with D.C. police. The only connection, according to the CIA: A firm that provided computer training to CIA officers also employed several members of the Finders.

The many unanswered questions about the Finders case now have Democratic Rep. Charlie Rose of North Carolina, chairman of the House Administration Committee, and Florida's Rep. Tom Lewis, a Republican, more than a little exercised. "Could our own government have something to do with this Finders organization and turned their backs on these children? That's what all the evidence points to," says Lewis. "And there's a lot of evidence. I can tell you this: We've got a lot of people scrambling, and that wouldn't be happening if there was nothing here."

Perhaps, but the Finders say there is nothing there — at least nothing illegal. The Finders have never been involved in child abuse, pornography, Satanism, animal slaughter or anything of the kind, says the group's leader, Marion David Pettie. Pettie, too, says the group has

never been connected to the CIA. In an interview with *U.S. News*, Pettie described the Finders as a communal, holistic-living and learning arrangement. The group numbers some 20 members, Pettie says; they do freelance journalism, research and "competitor intelligence" for a variety of mostly foreign clients. The Finders work for no foreign governments, Pettie says. Their duplex, in a residential Northwest Washington neighborhood, is decorated with global maps and bulletin boards. Residents of Culpeper, Va., 90 minutes from Washington, say the Finders have operated an office there, too, from time to time. That office contained computer terminals and clocks reflecting different time zones around the world.

CIA officials say they referred all matters concerning the Finders and the police investigation to the FBI's Foreign Counterintelligence Division. FBI officials will not comment. Law enforcement sources say some of the Finders are listed in the FBI's classified counterintelligence files.

None of this fazes Pettie. He says the CIA's interest in the Finders may stem from the fact that his late wife once worked for the agency and that his son worked for a CIA proprietary firm, Air America. Overall, says Pettie, "we're a zero security threat. When you don't do much of anything, and you don't explain, people start rumors about you." To judge from the latest case, some of the rumors can last an awfully long time. ■

BY GORDON WITKIN AND PETER CARY  
WITH ANSEL MARTINEZ

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# Members of satanic cult 'gave children away'

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (UPI) — Police said six filthy and confused young children, taken from two men charged with child abuse, had been given away by their parents as part of a satanic cult ritual.

Authorities in Tallahassee and Washington were trying today to learn the identities of the six children, locate their parents and learn more about an unidentified "satanic cult" apparently based in Washington.

Meanwhile, two men who identified themselves as Michael Houlihan and Doug Ammerman — names police believe are phony — were being held in lieu of \$100,000 bond on child abuse charges.

The men were arrested in a city park Wednesday after someone called police about two well-dressed men in a blue van watching over six "filthy" children.

It is our belief these kids were not kidnapped, but that their parents gave them away because one of the rites of passage into this satanic organization is that you have to give up your rights to your

children, and that the leaders of this organization can do what they want to with your children," police spokesman Scott Hunt said Friday.

"I believe what you're going to find when this all shakes down is that the kids' parents belong to this organization."

"Until we can figure out where everything is, we can't say a whole lot," said Walt Ferguson, a police spokesman in Washington.

The Washington Post reported today that the U.S. Customs Service is helping with the investigation and that pictures found at a Washington, D.C., warehouse linked to the group include those of children engaged in what appeared to be "cult rituals."

The newspaper said the group was known as The Finders and was made up of about 40 people who lived in the District of Columbia and a farm in rural Virginia, the remains of a popular 1960s hippie refuge that evolved into a satanist society.

Hunt said a 6-year-old girl in the group showed signs of sexual abuse.

The children — four boys and two girls ranging in age from 2 to 6 — were put in state custody.

Merrill Moody of the state health department said the youngsters were "confused" but were doing well and will remain in state care until relatives can be found who are able to provide a safe and healthy home.

Hunt said the children, who had not bathed in days and were covered with scratches and insect bites, told police they had not eaten in 24 hours. He said they had "bizarre" names like "Benjamin Franklin," "Honey Beg" and "B.B."

A check of the Virginia license plate on the van of the two men showed it belonged to a man matching Houlihan's description, but with a different name, Hunt said.

The men initially told police they were taking the youths to Mexico to begin a school for "brilliant" children. When they could not explain the children's condition or name their parents, Hunt said, the men refused to answer further questions.

The children told police they had not seen their mothers since before Christmas. One girl said the men fed them mostly fruit and all of them had been sleeping in the van or in a tent.

# to cult accused of abuse

## Justice probes links to Finders

By Paul M. Rodriguez  
The Washington Times

A Justice Department special task force is investigating whether the CIA used a suit called the Finders as a front organization to provide computer training to intelligence agents in the 1980s.

The task force is also trying to determine whether the CIA — in an effort to hide any links with the Finders — impeded local law enforcement probes of the Washington-area communal group for child abuse in 1987.

"The central question being asked is: Did the CIA have an association with this group and did it try to shut down their [state and local officials'] investigations of child abuse for purposes of protecting one or more of its operations?" said a senior federal law enforcement official familiar with the probe.

A senior CIA official yesterday denied that the agency was involved with the Finders or tried to impede police probes of the cult.

"Most days we expect our share of unusual questions, but this one is clear off the wall," a CIA spokesman told The Washington Times.

"Any claim that we obstructed justice in this case is nuts," the spokesman said.

"In fact," he said, reading from a prepared statement, "we cooperated with law enforcement authorities when questions arose in 1987."

A Washington computer-training company that employed Finders members said it trained CIA personnel, but the firm's president denied it was owned by the Finders. He said he was unaware of any use of the training for covert activities.

Justice Department officials have declined to discuss what, if anything, their probe has uncovered. "We are still in the review process," a senior official said.

The Finders, a group that has dwindled from about 40 members to fewer than a dozen, made front-page

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news in February 1987 when two of its members were arrested in Tallahassee, Fla., on charges of child abuse.

The case received close media scrutiny partly because of accusations that the group was involved in satanic rituals, but the charges were dismissed by a Florida judge.

The Justice Department formed the task force in mid-November after several members of Congress received copies of previously confidential U.S. Customs Service records suggesting a cover-up in the Finders case to protect the CIA.

The Times has obtained these Customs records and documents from both federal and local law enforcement agencies and the intelligence community that characterize the investigation of the Finders.

One of the key documents that have prompted the Justice Department and members of Congress to question what happened six years ago is a report dated April 13, 1987, that was written by a former Customs Service agent who was on the original team that tracked Finders' group

activity in Washington and Virginia.

"The investigation into the activity of the Finders had become a CIA internal matter. . . . (The Metropolitan Police Department report has been classified Secret and not available for review," the agent wrote in his memo to superiors.)

"I was advised that the FBI had withdrawn from the investigation several weeks prior and that the FBI Foreign Counter Intelligence Division had its exiled MVP not to advise the FBI Washington Field Office of anything that had transpired," the memo says.

"No further information will be available. No further action will be taken."

Other Customs Service documents and records from the FBI and Metropolitan Police provide indications that the CIA had links to the Finders or at least to some of the group's members.

A Metropolitan Police document dated Feb. 19, 1987, quotes a CIA agent as confirming that his agency was sending his personnel to a Finders Corp., Future Enterprises, for training in computer operations.

And a later Customs Service report says that the CIA "submitted in writing the Finders' organization as a front for a domestic computer

training operation but that it had "gone bad."

A senior Customs Service official confirmed the control of the agency and said the agency "only had a small role in the case."

A CIA official who asked not to be named confirmed that the agency had sent personnel for computer training to a company called Future Enterprises Inc.

But he emphasized, "I'm not sure if that was a Finders organization" as suggested by the Metropolitan Police and Customs Service reports.

Joseph Macintosh, the president of Future Enterprises Inc., said he once had a contract to train CIA employees in computers.

few years ago and no longer lives in the Washington area, could not be reached. But a friend confirmed that he worked for Future Enterprises while a member of the Finders.

Current and former members of the group said Mr. Terrell's work for Future Enterprises was separate from the group's other activities.

Current members of the Finders said they did not have any interest in Future Enterprises and denied working for the CIA or any other intelligence organization.

"I guess you could say we're odd," said Steve Udano, a freelance writer associated with the Finders. "But we're not criminal."

Mr. Macintosh said that when the news reports in the Finders broke in February 1987, he discovered that his tax accountant, R. Gordon Terrell, was a member of the group.

"It was a total surprise to us," and Mr. Terrell's employment was ended, Mr. Macintosh said.

Mr. Terrell, who is the Finders' a



# Stolen Children

Thousands of youngsters are abducted by strangers—and only a few are ever found

**H**as anyone seen Kevin Collins? Kevin is 10 years old and 4 feet 6 inches tall, with brown hair, green eyes and a cheerful disposition. When he vanished without a trace after basketball practice at St. Agnes School in San Francisco on Feb. 10, the assumption was that he had been abducted, and the city responded with all the shocked, if usually short-lived, attentiveness such outrages provoke. While San Francisco police conducted a massive, round-the-clock search for the missing boy, volunteers distributed more than 100,000 fliers carrying his picture, the school offered \$2,000 for information leading to his return and Mayor Dianne Feinstein posted an additional reward of \$5,000.

Kevin's parents, meanwhile, offered the only thing they could, a public appeal to his abductor that seemed all the more wrenching for the self-control it must have required. "We are not interested in seeking justice or punishment," said David and Ann Collins on local TV. "We are only interested in his safe return. We love our son and we need him." A month has passed without a hint of the boy's whereabouts.

**Predatory Cruelty:** Of the approximately 1.8 million children who are reported missing each year, 90 to 95 percent are likely to be runaways or youngsters abducted by a parent involved in a custody fight. By widely varying estimates, anywhere from 6,000 to 50,000 missing children are, like Kevin Collins, presumed to be victims of "stranger abduction," a crime of predatory cruelty usually committed by pedophiles, pornographers, black-market-baby peddlers or childless psychotics bidding desperately for parenthood. Only a few cases are solved. Even fewer stranger-abducted children are recovered alive.

Though they constitute the smallest portion of the missing-children phenomenon, they can be weighted at 10 times their number for the emotional havoc they leave in their wake. Noreen Gosch, of West Des Moines, Iowa, whose 12-year-old son, John David, vanished from his paper route on the morning of Sept. 5, 1982, recalls the sheer "physical pain" of the vigil. "Our hearts hurt, our stomachs hurt. We thought of him being tortured or murdered," she says. Eighteen months later Noreen still holds whispered conversations with her son's picture to steel herself for public talks about him: "Johnny, I know the percentages," she murmurs. "... But I also know you might be alive



Ann and David Collins: "We are not interested in punishment, only in his safe return."



Gosch's parents in his bedroom: "Johnny, I know the percentages, but you might be alive"

—and I'm *doing* something about this." Until recent years it was one of the secondary shocks for parents of stolen children that they were alone in their crisis—and often nightmarishly thwarted by foot-dragging police departments, jurisdictional tangles and an FBI unable to enter a case unless there was clear evidence of an abduction. But things began to change about five years ago, when the disappearance of six-year-old Etan Patz from Manhattan's Soho neighborhood brought the considerable force of the New York media into play. Since then, interest in the subject has snowballed.

**Fingerpoint:** To counteract what they regard as law-enforcement dawdling, self-help organizations—some of them founded by parents of victims—have sprung up to provide information and educational programs and lobby for stiffer laws against abductors; some communities have begun to fingerprint children and teach them how to protect themselves against potential abductors (page 80). On the national level, the case of Adam Walsh added to the growing public awareness. Adam, six, disappeared from a Sears store in Hollywood, Fla., on July 27, 1981; two weeks later his severed head was found in a canal 100 miles away. Last October, after NBC aired "Adam," a two-hour dramatization of the tragic case, the network showed pictures and data on 55 missing children. As a result, 14 of the children have since been found. (The program will be rebroadcast next month, with 41 new cases appended.)

It was the anguished testimony of Adam's father, John Walsh, before two Senate subcommittees that helped lead to the Missing Children's Act of 1982, which allows local police and parents appealing to the FBI to log local cases into the bureau's National Crime Information Center (NCIC) computer. (Public pressure has

also forced the FBI to change its policies—they now enter cases after 24 hours on the assumption that the child has been transported across state lines.) Last month a Senate subcommittee began hearing testimony on a bill to strengthen the '82 act by providing funds for a national resource center on missing children, buttressed by a toll-free hot line. "Millions of children remain at risk, vulnerable to exploitation, abuse and murder," said Sen. Arlen Specter, the bill's cosponsor, as the hearings opened. "It is imperative that the federal government assume a more active role."

But in spite of increased legislative activity, the law-enforcement effort remains erratic and confused. Because the overwhelm-

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ing number of the missing turn out to be runaways, police often avoid taking vigorous action until 24 to 48 hours have elapsed—long enough for an abductor to have escaped to another jurisdiction, where the search is apt to get low priority. Richard Ruffino, supervisor of the missing-persons bureau of the Bergen County (N.J.) Sheriff's Department (and himself a kidnapping victim when he was nine), says that overburdened police departments "will play the percentages if they have to. Up to age nine, I can't conceive of any agency that wouldn't go all out, immediately, for a missing child. But when it gets into the age of the so-called runaway zone, perhaps more of an individual determination comes into play."

**False Leads:** On the whole, police dread such cases. Kidnappings of children are distressingly easy to commit and notoriously difficult to solve: a stranger or a vaguely familiar neighborhood figure talks a child into accompanying him on some ruse, without attracting the suspicions of passers-by. The trail, if there is one, soon goes cold and the police investigation sinks under a crushing number of false leads. Says Jay Howell, a consultant to the Justice Department on missing- and exploited-children's cases: "The abduction of a child is often a friendly encounter leaving no evidence behind to suggest the nature of the disappear-



The Morts, where their son disappeared: "The nightmare begins with chilling suddenness"

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# The Simple Rules of Safety

Dr. Spock's bible on child-rearing doesn't mention it, and parents usually avoid it entirely or never venture beyond the old axiom: "Don't talk to strangers." In fact, child psychologists agree that next to sex the most difficult subject for parents to discuss with children is kidnapping. But the need for a more sophisticated approach to the possibility of child abduction seems clear.

Experts believe that the best way to talk to youngsters about the problem without instilling undue fear is to give them "simple, direct messages" delivered straightforwardly and geared to individual age levels. "This should be like telling your child to finish all his vegetables," suggests Dr. C. Tomlinson Keasey, a professor of developmental psychology at the Univer-

sity of California, Riverside. To demonstrate what can be done in a potentially dangerous situation, parents can engage children in role playing or make a game of exercises in precaution. But adults should avoid giving children postabduction details. "It's the fire-drill syndrome," says Nancy McBride, an instructor at the Adam Walsh Child Resource Center in Plantation, Fla. "You teach kids what to do but not what would happen to them if they are caught in a fire."

**Right:** Most important, children need to know that they have rights where adults are concerned, that the stranger who towers over them doesn't necessarily have the authority to tell them what to do. Ken Lanning of the FBI's Behavioral Science Unit calls this "assertiveness training for kids—teaching children that they have the right to say 'no!'"

Many tips provided by missing-children organizations and law-enforcement agencies seem obvious. But authorities stress that parents will often convey incomplete information. It is common, for example, for children to know their home-phone number but not their area code; they may have their street address down cold, but if asked where that is, they might just as easily say Minneapolis, Massachusetts or Milwaukee. To help increase a child's awareness of potential danger, parents should consider these general rules:

- Make sure your child knows his full name, address (including state) and telephone number (including area code) and how to reach the operator or make a long-distance call.
- Teach your child that a

stranger is someone that he or you don't know or don't know very well. "Bad" strangers are people who want kids to go somewhere with them or want to give them a present, like candy or a puppy, or want to take their picture. Tell your child that if he meets any bad strangers he should tell you about them. Many experts offer even stronger advice: they say children should avoid strangers entirely.

- Tell your child that it is unusual for adults to ask children for help or for directions and that it is best to ignore them. If a stranger calls your child to a car, he shouldn't go near it. If he is followed by an automobile or on foot, he should run home, to the nearest public place or yell, "Help!" Children should not run and hide in a deserted place.

- Keep a copy of your child's fingerprints and be able to locate dental records. Take photographs every year (four times annually for children under two).

- Don't buy items with your child's name on them, such as T-shirts or lunch boxes. Children will respond more readily to a stranger if they are addressed by name.

- Instruct your child never to answer the door when home alone or tell anyone over the phone that he is home alone.

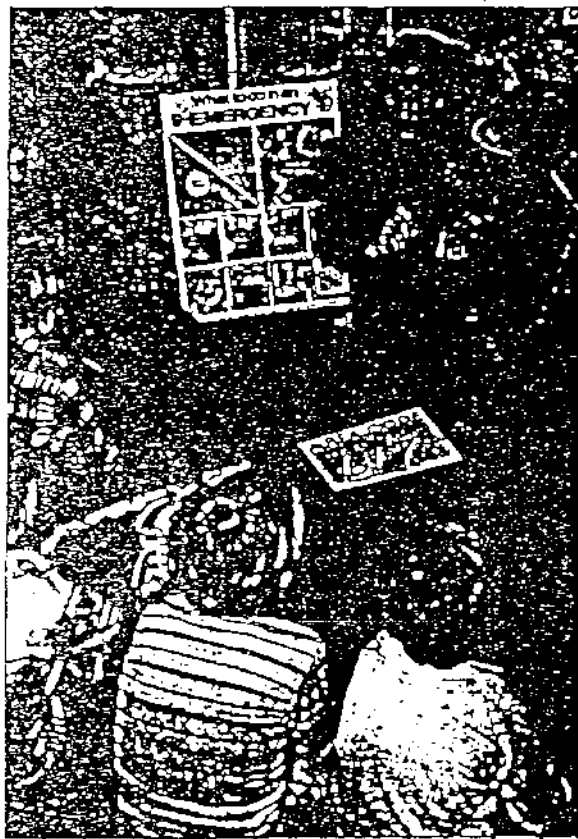
- Outline what your child should do if he becomes separated from you. If separated while shopping, the child should not look for you but go immediately to the nearest checkout counter and ask a clerk for assistance. Tell him never to go to the parking lot.

- Never leave a child unattended in a car. Advise him to walk and play with other children if you are not around.

- Be sure your child's school or day-care center will not release him to anyone but you or someone designated by you. Set a code word with your child to be used as a signal if you send an unfamiliar adult to pick him up.

- Tell your child that no one has the right to touch him or make him feel uncomfortable or ask him to keep a secret from you.

Often, spurred on by tragic incidents in their own areas, parents are organizing outside the home as well. After a three-month-old infant girl was abducted from a day-care center in Grand Prairie, Texas, last September, the city council passed



Police in a Massachusetts class: Knowing whom to call

ance. It is unique in law enforcement."

The nightmare can begin with chilling suddenness: Adam Walsh vanished during the eight minutes in which his mother says she left him alone in the toy department of a Sears store while she shopped for a lamp nearby. A security guard remembered throwing a rowdy group of older boys out of the store and admitted six-year-old Adam might have been among them. Beyond that, there was nothing but vague recollections of witnesses, including a 10-year-old who un-

derwent hypnosis, of seeing Adam with a mustached man with a blue van. Two weeks later fishermen found Adam's head in a canal near Vero Beach.

Two-and-a-half-year-old Russell Mort disappeared on May 5, 1982, some time between 12:20 p.m., when his mother sent him to play outside their trailer in a Wheatfield, N.Y., mobile-homes court, and 12:25 p.m., when she poked her head out the door to check on him. By 5 p.m. around 500 people, plus the police, the volunteer fire

department and a bloodhound were searching for him. The bloodhound traced his scent to a road leading out of the trailer park, and police have since followed leads in 21 states and Canada. But Russell is still missing, and Ruth Mort says she tries, at this stage, to keep her weeping down to "three times a week."

Kevin Collins finished basketball practice at San Francisco's St. Agnes School at 6 p.m. on Feb. 10. Then he and some schoolmates headed toward a truck driven by Paul



Max Wilson—Picture Group

### Fingerprinting in Iowa: Record keeping

stringent day-care-center regulations that are the model for state legislation, now pending. In Salt Lake City, where Arthur Gary Bishop is on trial, charged with the murder of five boys, ages 4 to 13, elementary schools have launched a program called "You're in Charge" to teach children about street safety and the ploys of would-be abductors.

Law-enforcement officials are convinced these measures can make a difference. "We need to make children comfortable about reporting situations when someone has approached them or touched them inappropriately," says Jay Howell, a former Senate investigator now serving as a consultant to the Justice Department on missing and exploited children. "If we can get that single message across to America, we will see a mushrooming in the investigation of these cases." If legislation now before Congress is passed, a national hot line will be established to assist in missing-children cases. Until then, parents interested in finding out about local programs should call Child Find Inc.'s toll-free number (800-431-5005) or contact their local school or police.

NIKKI FINKE GREENBERG with HOLLY MORRIS in Atlanta and bureau reports

Fontana, the sixth-grade basketball coach, for a lift home. But Kevin never got to the truck, parked only a block away, and neither Fontana nor the other children have any idea what happened to him. One witness claimed to have seen him 15 minutes later at a bus stop, a block to the south. Two other witnesses say they saw him 15 minutes after that, on a corner two blocks north standing near a man and a large black dog.

Since then, searchers have questioned around 2,000 people who live along the bus

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route Kevin sometimes took home. There have been scores of tips—some from psychics who are often called in on missing-person cases. One took them to an abandoned brewery, where they searched all 33 vaults. There were three sightings in the Sacramento area: one woman saw a child resembling Kevin seated in a frozen-yogurt shop between two men; another saw him with two men in an old Chevrolet sedan loaded with camping gear. Police actually tracked the car down—none too swiftly, Kevin's parents complained—but the child was not Kevin. Meanwhile, David and Ann Collins sit at home, with their eight other children, waiting for news.

The wait can be excruciating. Almost five years and thousands of dashed hopes after their son Eitan Patz disappeared on his way to his Manhattan school one spring morning, Stan and Julie Patz are in therapy, trying to regain some perspective on their lives. The once ubiquitous posters of Eitan have disappeared, public interest has long since subsided, and although the police still check out leads (more than 1,000 in the past year alone, including one that took them as far as Israel), there has never been a real clue to his fate. "Don't think we're bricks," says Stan. "We're getting counseling and I think some kind of therapy is needed in a situation such as ours. What makes it more difficult than a mugging or a homicide is there is no resolution. We have no evidence he is dead and no evidence he is alive. The first week we couldn't eat, we didn't think we could survive one month without him. That in May it will be five years is something that when it started would have been inconceivable."

**Blue Sedan:** It is always inconceivable, the more so because it can begin, as Stan Patz says of Eitan's disappearance, "with a very ordinary occurrence. He is late—very late coming home from school." John David Gosch still hasn't come home from the paper route he went out on in West Des Moines, Iowa, on Sunday morning, Sept. 5, 1982, although his miniature dachshund, Gretchen, did—"the only living thing," his mother believes, "that saw what happened to Johnny." There were no other direct witnesses to the event, but as private detectives pieced it together, the boy may have been seized by one of two men who approached him, one in a blue sedan and one on foot. "I grew up watching 'The FBI Story' with Elmer Zimbalist Jr. blazing across the screen as he solved all those kidnappings," Noreen Gosch says. "It was hard for us to realize we wouldn't get an answer soon."

Noreen and her husband, John, have done about all that is humanly possible to find the answer themselves. They have held

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garage sales, auctions, pancake breakfasts, even horse shows, and sold 100,000 candy bars with wrappers carrying his picture and the legend "Help Find Johnny Gosch"—all to raise around \$80,000, most of which has gone to private-detective agencies. They have conducted 200 "abduction awareness" programs for schools, PTA's and service organizations. On alternate Friday nights they meet with 20 or 30 supporters to discuss possible leads in the case. They send out a monthly newsletter and, with the help of two pizza chains and several other businesses, they have blanketed the country with 1 million fliers seeking information on Johnny. "It's the kind of effort you have to make," explains Noreen. "You're just one of a thousand good causes."

**Crank Calls:** Casting the net so wide inevitably has brought up some strange fish. The Gosches have received around 700 crank calls since Johnny's disappearance. Most unnerving was a September 1983 call from a



Neil Vallboom—For North Star-Telegram

### Cherie Kennedy (foreground), family: Rare outcome

man who said, "I've got Johnny. He's alive and you're never going to get him back. Mrs. Gosch, never." The Chicago detective agency now working for the family says there have also been hundreds of well-meaning but erroneous reports.

One seemingly near miss has tormented the Gosches. According to Noreen, early last year a teenage boy approached a woman leaving a convenience store in a Southwestern city and urgently said, "My name is

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# A Stranger Comes Home

Steven Stayner has come home, in a way. In 1980 Steven's parents and the media celebrated the blessed return of a boy who had been kidnapped at seven in Merced, Calif., and escaped to freedom seven years later, with a tattoo on his arm but otherwise seemingly undamaged. As he told the story then, he bore no grudge against the abductor he had learned to call "Dad"—48-year-old Kenneth Parnell—who he said had never sexually abused him and had enrolled him in various schools around the state. Even District Attorney Joe Allen, who eventually won a kidnapping conviction against Parnell, acknowledged: "The two developed a close relationship. Apparently the man was kind to him."

It was something like that, and it was nothing like that. Recently, after some counseling sessions with Gary Hewitt of the Center for Missing Children, Steven gave a more candid account to NEWSWEEK's Susan Agrast. According to Steven, Parnell—a man whose own father deserted him at five and who once served time for molesting an eight-year-old boy—became both his daytime father and his nighttime sexual abuser. Parnell sodomized him on their first day together, threatened him with beatings, convinced him he wasn't wanted at home and gradu-

ally demoralized him into half-willing captivity.

It had begun in December 1972, when Parnell and a male companion got Steven into their car on the pretext that they were going to drive him home and ask his mother to make a church donation. Instead, Parnell got out and pretended to phone Mrs. Stayner, then said he had gotten her permission to keep Steven overnight. He learned that Steven had been punished by his father the day before and played on it, telling Steven later that his parents didn't want him. "I wondered if it was true," recalls Steven. "For the first 10 days I cried and said I wanted to go home. But shortly after that I began to play in his house. It was also fear—he didn't like to see me cry." Parnell, says Steven, had a terrible temper and would whip him when he was angered.

A week after the abduction, Parnell said he had court papers to change Steven's name to Dennis, and he asked the boy to call him Dad. "I had hopes some day my parents would want me back," says Steven. "I used to have fantasy thoughts of family life, but as time went on they dimmed and dimmed."

Chums: At about the age of nine, he began to realize "things weren't right—my parents wouldn't have hired a guy to pick me off the street." Afraid of being beaten, he made no attempt to run away even when Parnell was out of the house working. But he would scan newspapers and TV to see if his parents were seeking him. "I'd ask myself, 'Mom and Dad, where the hell are you?' It somehow reinforced the lie that Parnell told me they didn't want me."

Despite the constant fear and sexual abuse, Steven settled into a semblance of family life as Parnell's son. He created a

fictional family history to answer ordinary questions school chums asked about his life. He got Christmas presents and birthday gifts, made friends and went to school—though he was repeatedly in trouble for setting fires and fighting.

At times he attended some of the very same schools that his family had sent others to in search of their missing son, but apparently no one had looked hard enough at the Stayner photograph to realize that "Dennis Parnell" was the missing child.

"Congratulations": On Valentine's Day 1980, Parnell brought home a fresh captive—a five-year-old boy named Timmy White—and began taunting Steven that he was growing too old. Timmy kept crying and asking to go home, painfully reminding Steven of his own first days with Parnell. "I couldn't see Timmy suffer," he says. "It was my do-or-die chance—and I also

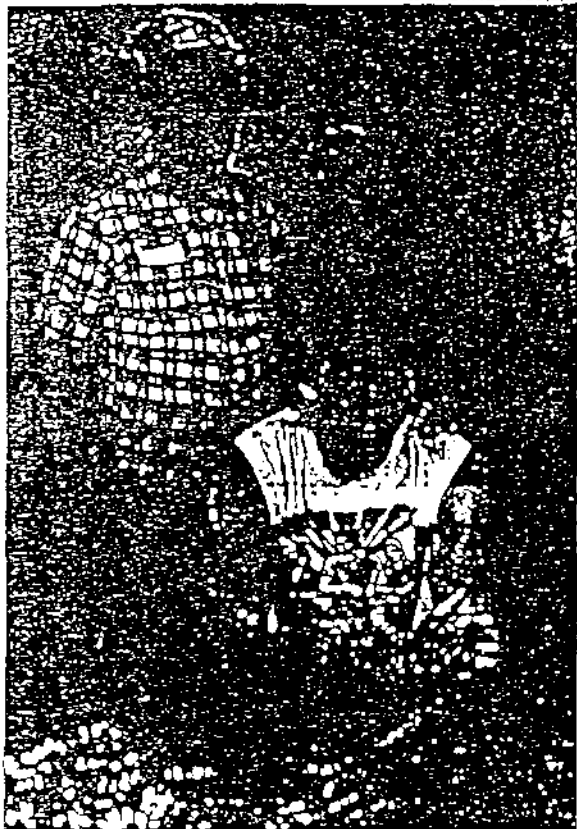
would be coming home for doing something positive, maybe get some congratulations."

Sixteen days after Timmy had been kidnapped, Steven brought him to a Ukiah, Calif., police station, and was himself reclaimed. (Parnell was subsequently tried and convicted of kidnapping charges. Currently he is imprisoned at Soledad, and will be eligible for parole in September 1985.) But the homecoming has been a troubled one, as Steven evokes it in a stream of anguished, contradictory reflections. "I returned almost a grown man, and yet my parents saw me at first as their seven-year-old," he says. "After they stopped trying to teach me the fundamentals all over again it got better. . . . Why doesn't my dad hug me anymore? I guess seven years changed him, too. We used to go to the lake fishing. He just sits in the house. Everything has changed. . . . Sometimes I blame myself. I don't know sometimes if I should have come home. Would I have been better off if I didn't?"

His parents say "absolutely not," though last year they ordered him out of the house twice after quarrels. "Small arguments get out of hand," he says. "We're all emotionally strained. I don't cry—in seven years I built a wall around myself. If I could, I might not be able to sleep." At 18, he is planning to go off to a junior college, and worried that his departure will upset his parents again. But in a sense, the boy the Stayners lost never came all the way home.



With Timmy: 'Do or die'



Steven, his parents: "Why doesn't Dad hug me?"

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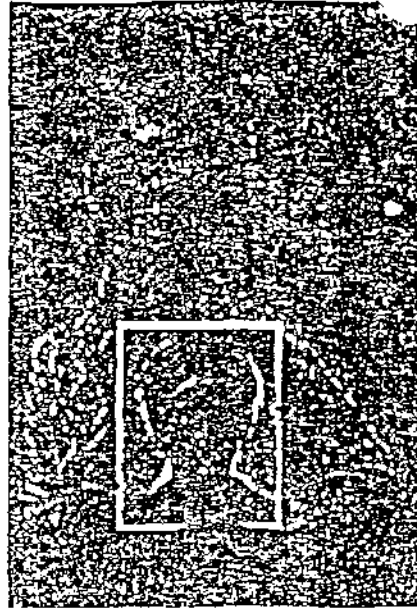
John David Gosch—please help me, lady!" Before the woman could do anything, two men appeared from around the corner, twisted the boy's arm behind his back and dragged him off. She followed them to an apartment complex, then called the police, who dismissed the incident as probably a family problem. Seven months later she recognized Johnny's face in a gallery of missing children shown at the end of the "Adam" dramatization on NBC, and she got word to the Gosches.

**Damage Suits** The detective agency is now concentrating its search in the area of that sighting. But the Gosches are bitter at the indifferent police response. "The feeling of coming that close and not getting him just runs a knife through me," says Noreen. The family's relations with the West Des Moines police soured shortly after Johnny's disappearance and deteriorated into name-calling as the weeks and months wore on. At one point the Gosches threatened a \$15 million damage suit against the city. "It became our burden to prove Johnny was in danger," Noreen complains.

The relations with police are almost unavoidably rancorous in missing-children cases—much as they often are in a mugging case. The frantic families of victims understandably want an all-out effort, but what they encounter are the routine, sometimes enigmatic, processes of the law. Despite the massive hunt for her son, Ruth Mort is still furious that police only searched *under* the 186 trailers in her mobile-home park and never got warrants to search *inside* the trailers—although they did tear apart her own. Once, she recalls, she even bawled out the federal lawmen. "When I start praying to the FBI, then I'll believe you make no mistakes," she told an agent. Typically, the families vent "displaced anger," says Gary Hewitt, executive director of the Center for Missing Children in Rochester, N.Y., which counsels victims and their relatives. "Like in suffering a death, they go through denial, anger, grief—but there is no funeral, no funeral director to take care of their needs."

**No Man's Land:** In any case, the problem is not so much the local police department, which may keep track of a case for years, but the difficulty of getting the same degree of interest from other departments. Unfortunately, missing children fall almost immediately into the jurisdictional no man's land—across state lines and bureaucracies—that is one of the weakest areas of the justice system. It would seem the natural place for the FBI to step in, but the bureau is not required to do so and the onus of investigations still falls on local police.

The Justice Department itself lobbied vigorously against the missing-children act because it feared the new law would thrust the bureau into the free-fire zone between police and parents and that parents would



Bernard Gotthard—AP/Wide World

### The Police: Pursuing a thousand leads

misinterpret it to mean the FBI was always obliged to become involved. Some federal agents, moreover, believe that when a child vanishes, chances are he has run away, or succumbed to enticement, owing to trouble at home. "What has to be recognized," says Ken Lanning of the FBI Academy's Behavioral Science Unit in Quantico, Va., "is that it's relatively rare to have a family with Mr. and Mrs. All-America and—boom—the kid's gone. By and large, in most of these cases, there's something there."

Indeed, the parents, because of the statistics, are often the first suspects when a child disappears. It is one of the many insults added to their injury—along with the whisperings of friends and total strangers about



Walsh talks to reporters: Fueling new laws

**"P**arents are often suspects. It is another insult added to their injury, along with whisperings about their competence."

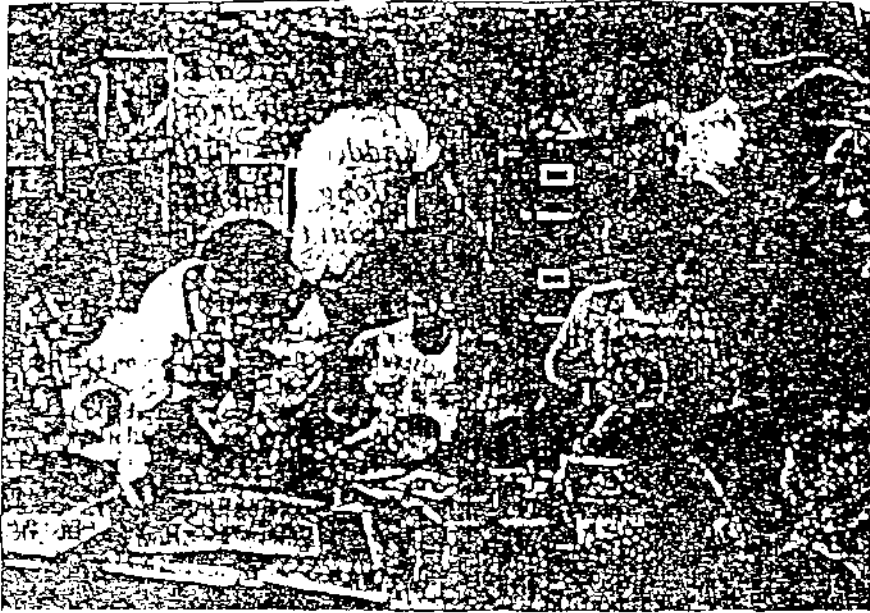
their parental competence. Many are made to submit to lie-detector tests and intensive investigation of their past. Noreen Gosch had to produce her first husband's death certificate when rumors circulated that he was alive and had abducted Johnny. Where there were no answers, Julie Patz told a Senate subcommittee in 1981, people "made up their own." Blaming the victims, apparently, satisfies some perverse public need.

About the abductors themselves, relatively little is known because there has been so little coordination of investigative data from around the country. The FBI Academy's Behavioral Science Unit broadly categorizes them as:

- **The psychotic:** Usually a woman who has lost a baby or cannot conceive and steals a child to fill the maternal void.
- **The profiteer:** A criminal exploiter who sells babies to pornographers or adoption rings. Another type under this heading is the kidnapping for ransom, but far fewer of those have occurred in recent years.
- **The pedophile:** Perhaps the largest category. Often an otherwise respectable community member who abducts a child primarily for sexual purposes. A pedophile may abduct a child for only a day or a few hours or he may try to keep him indefinitely—and murder him when he demands to be taken home.
- **The "serial" killer:** The best known case in recent history was in Atlanta when 29 young blacks—ages 7 to 27—were abducted and killed. Wayne Williams was convicted for the murders of two of the older victims.

The FBI has a considerable file of manual and other materials on child seduction that have purportedly been produced by and for pedophiles. And some authorities corroborate the unit's categorizations. "There are people out there looking for surrogate children, there are people who steal kids to sell them, there are people who want to exploit them sexually or kill them," says Tacoma detective Roger Price. "It's sad but true."

Price is working on a tragic case of his own at the moment. A little over a year ago a Tacoma man named Stanley Guido went strolling in a neighborhood park with his two-year-old son, Wallace, and encountered a couple with a small blond girl. While the children played together, the adult struck up a friendly conversation and, presently, the two men went off to have a quick beer, leaving the toddlers with the woman. On the way back, Guido's companion



Keeping hope alive: The Collins family and local volunteers work to find Kevin

took off in another direction and he returned to the park to retrieve his son, but the woman and the children were gone. Wallace has not been found. His father, stricken with guilt, took an overdose of sleeping pills two days later and had to be hospitalized.

Leaving Wallace with a stranger may have been a careless act, but no parent is always on guard. Guidroz thought he was dealing with a wholesome family group; Detective Price thinks it may have been a preplanned abduction. Seven-week-old Cherie Kennedy was stolen from her mother's arms in a Ft. Worth outpatient clinic last May by a "woman in white" who asked if she could show the baby to "the other nurses." Six months later, on a tip from her sister, federal agents arrested a woman named Linda Gomez, and recovered the Kennedy baby. Gomez, described by relatives as "a very sick person" who wanted a child of her own so badly that she used to stuff pillows under her blouse and pretend she was pregnant, is scheduled to be tried for kidnapping next month.

**Disarmed Parents:** Parents of older kidnap victims often berate themselves bitterly for raising their children to be too submissive to adults. "If I had taught him to scream, he might be alive now," says John Walsh in NBC's "Adam" docu-drama. It is a sentiment that has been echoed in almost precisely those words by the others. Yet, as the Guidroz and Kennedy cases demonstrate, parents themselves can be disarmed just long enough to be victimized. And it would take an uncommonly alert child—or a very skittish one—to run screaming from an encounter with a friendly stranger.

Self-help groups counsel parents against the lacerating guilt that destroys so many of their marriages after a child disappears. But

the main educational effort is aimed at teaching children to be more self-possessed, even aggressive, with adult strangers who approach them. It is a notion that many parents find heretical, and some worry that it will make their children needlessly fearful. But others believe it is the lesser evil. "I'd rather have Meghan a little paranoid than have to identify her body in the morgue," says John Walsh, referring to the daughter who was born after Adam was killed.

The self-help groups have become a vigorous force not only in educational programs but lobbying for legislation and national networks of information that have led to the recovery of missing children. The Society for Young Victims, based in Newport, R.I., circulates photos of the children and assists police and parents in the searches. In the wake of the murders of five children, Salt Lake City's SLAM (Society's League Against Child Molestation) helped push through a new state law—billed as the country's toughest—that mandates minimum, indeterminate prison terms for persons convicted of kidnapping or sexually abusing a child under 14. "We're just shouting a little louder out here," says Dorothy Williams, head of Salt Lake City's chapter of Child Find.

The Adam Walsh Child Resource Center, headed by Adam's father, John, fingerprints young children and monitors courtroom trials of sexual molesters. Child Find itself, the oldest (1980) and perhaps largest of the self-help groups, puts out an annual directory of missing children, with monthly supplements. In Connecticut and New Jersey the directories are distributed statewide in the public schools, and the organization is aiming at national distribution by next year.

Yet for all their efforts, the self-help groups are barely able to cover the terrifi-

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tory. Most of them are overextended. The Center for Missing Children, for example, operates on a shoestring; since last June it has spent just \$20,000, raised from loans, donations and a benefit party. "The problem is bigger than any of us," says Child Find founder Gloria Yerkovich. "We refer and refer and refer."

The principal burden still rests with the police, and it is a measure of the fuzziness of the law-enforcement effort that there are still no reliable statistics on child abduction. The figure that is most often heard is 50,000 abductions a year, but that number, argues the Center for Missing Children's Gary Hewitt, is "not even a best guess. The numbers came out of the sky." Based on his own research, Hewitt says, a more accurate estimate is 6,000 to 8,000.

Part of the problem, clearly, is that most police-department records don't distinguish between runaways and abductions or adult and juvenile missing persons. In most cases, a missing child is simply missing. For activists in the field, and in the absence of clarifying evidence, that conundrum underscores the importance of funding the national resource center and clearinghouse proposed in the pending Missing Children's Assistance Act. Besides coordinating specific local data, it could furnish vital information "patterns" on typical abductors, typical victims or places and circumstances in which abductions happen.

**Moment's Notice:** Meanwhile, for some parents, the data on missing children are all too precise. Ruth Mort still fantasizes that her son, Russell, has somehow, miraculously, landed with loving foster parents. The Patzes still cling to the hope that Etan is alive, after five years. At the Gosches' home in West Des Moines, Johnny's room remains as he left it, except for his bed, upon which sits a suitcase packed with his clothing, ready to go at a moment's notice should he be found.

The bed also holds greeting cards and presents meant for their son for every holiday since his disappearance. The marks of their grief are everywhere, yet they keep it muted. "Sometimes it's tough—oh, is it difficult for us," says Noreen. "But we took a vow never to forget who the victim is. The victim is Johnny."

\*DAVID GELMAN with SUSAN AGREST in New York; JOHN MCCORMICK in Chicago; PAMELA ABRAMSON in San Francisco; NIKKI FINKE GREENBERG in Washington; MARSHA ZABARSKY in Boston; HOLLY MORRIS in Atlanta; and JESSA NAMUTH in Illinois

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## Homosexual prostitution probe ensnares officials of Bush, Reagan

By Paul M. Rodriguez  
and George Archibald  
Washington Post Staff Writers

A homosexual prostitution ring is under investigation by federal and District authorities and includes among its clients key officials of the Reagan and Bush administrations, military officers, congressional aides and U.S. and foreign businessmen with close social ties to Washington's political elite, documents obtained by The Washington Times reveal.

One of the ring's high profile clients was so well connected, in fact, that he could arrange a middle-of-the-night tour of the White House for his friends on Sunday July 3, of last year. Among the six persons on the extraordinary tour were two male prostitutes.

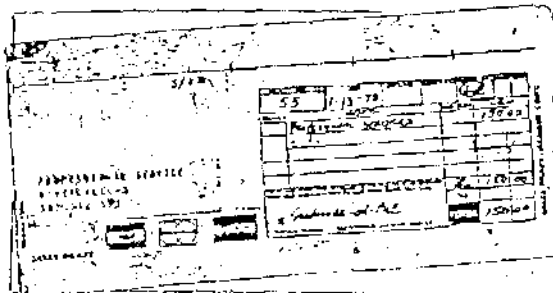
Federal authorities including the Secret Service are investigating

### 'Call boys' took midnight tour of White House

criminal aspects of the ring and have told male prostitutes and their homosexual clients that a grand jury will deliberate over the evidence throughout the summer, The Times learned.

Reporters for this newspaper examined hundreds of credit-card vouchers, drawn on both corporate and personal cards and made payable to the escort service operated by the homosexual ring. Many of the vouchers were run through a so-called "sub-merchant" account of the Chambers General Home by a son of the owner, without the company's knowledge.

Among the client names contained in the vouchers — and identified by prostitutes and escort operators — are government officials, locally based U.S. military officers,



businessmen, lawyers, bankers, congressional aides and other professionals.

Editors of The Times said the newspaper would print only the

names of those found to be in sensitive government posts or positions of influence. "There is no intention of publishing names or facts about the operation merely for titillation,"

said Wesley Pruden, managing editor of The Times.

The office of U.S. Attorney Jay B. Stephens, former deputy White House counsel to President Reagan, is coordinating federal aspects of the inquiry but refused to discuss the investigation or grand jury action.

Several former White House colleagues of Mr. Stephens are listed among clients of the homosexual prostitution ring, according to the credit-card records, and those persons have confirmed that the charges were theirs.

Mr. Stephens' office, after first saying it would cooperate with The Times' inquiry, withdrew the offer late yesterday and also declined to say whether Mr. Stephens would recuse himself from the case he

case of possible conflict of interest.

At least one highly placed Bush administration official and a wealthy businessman who procured homosexual prostitutes from the escort services operated by the ring are cooperating with the investigation, several sources said.

Among clients who charged homosexual prostitution services on major credit cards over the past 18 months are Charles K. Datcher, former associate director of presidential personnel in the Reagan administration, and Paul T. Blatch, Labor Secretary Elizabeth Dole's political personal liaison to the White House.

In the 1970s, Mr. Datcher was a congressional aide to former Rep. Robert Bauman, Maryland Republican, who resigned from the House after he admitted having engaged in sexual liaisons with teen-age male

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## Power broker served drugs, sex at parties bugged for blackmail

By Michael Heogins and Jerry Seper  
4 THE WASHINGTON TIMES

Craig J. Spence, an enigmatic figure who threw glittery parties for key officials of the Reagan and Bush administrations, media stars and top military officers, bugged the gatherings to compromise guests, provided cocaine, blackmailed some associates and spent up to \$20,000 a month on male prostitutes, according to friends, acquaintances and records.

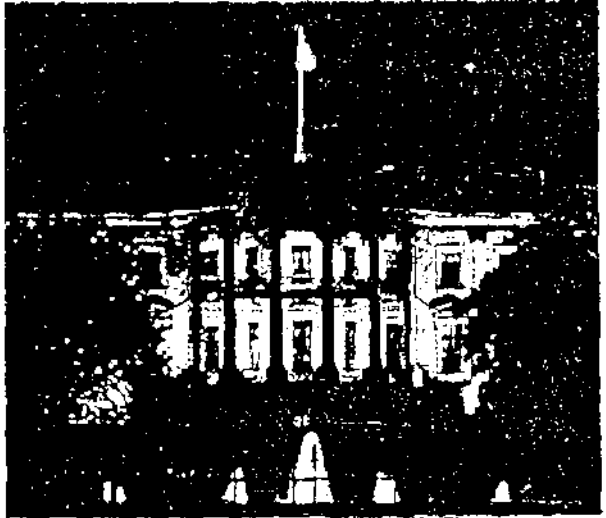
The 48-year-old D.C. power broker has been linked to a homosexual prostitution ring currently under investigation by the U.S. Attorney's Office. Its clients included several top government and business officials from Washington and abroad.

Among the clients identified in hundreds of credit-card vouchers obtained by The Washington Times — and identified by male prostitutes and escort operators — are government officials, locally based U.S. military officers, businessmen, lawyers, bankers, congressional aides, media representatives and other professionals.

Mr. Spence's influence appeared unlimited, aptly demonstrated by his ability to arrange multiphase tours of the White House, according to three persons who said they took part in those tours.

"It was... show the flag time for Craig Spence," said one person who went on a July 3, 1988, tour that included two male prostitutes. "He just wanted everyone to know just how damned powerful he was," said the person. "And when we were strutting through the White House at 1 o'clock in the morning, we were belayers."

One man who was on the tour but asked not to be named for fear it would damage his business said it was cleared by a uniformed Secret Service guard whom the man had seen attending Mr. Spence's parties as a bodyguard.



Powerbroker Craig J. Spence demonstrated his influence by providing late night strolls through the White House for groups of selected friends.

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## RNC calls scandal a 'tragic situation'

By George Archibald and Paul M. Rodriguez  
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

Republican and conservative political leaders reacted cautiously yesterday to a report in The Washington Times that key Reagan and Bush administration officials were involved in a federal probe of homosexual prostitution.

"There's no reason for clearing anybody out of office because they used homosexual prostitutes!" said Leslie Goodman, a spokeswoman for

Republican National Committee Chairman Lee Atwater.

"It's a personal situation. It's a tragic situation if people have to resort to prostitutes," the GOP spokeswoman said. "But there's no standard for people in the federal government that's different than for the average Joe on the street."

However, a top Labor Department adviser to Secretary Elizabeth Dole resigned yesterday after acknowledging to The Times that he

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## Top Japanese politician linked to Spence Press 'watchdogs' forgot to bark

By David Braaten  
Special to the Times

Craig J. Spence—lobbyist, party-fixer, late-night White House tour director and patron of homosexual all boy services—was accepted veridically by most of the Washington media establishment during his years of influence peddling.

Evidently beguiled by his levithal hospitality and perhaps his back round as a television reporter who ad covered the Vietnam War, reporters who might have been expected to know better treated Mr. Spence with a cordiality that sometimes bordered on adulation.

In a city where bringing down the high and mighty can be the ticket to a Pulitzer Prize, it apparently occurred to no one to question Mr. Spence's free-spending operations—or the propriety of sharing in his largesse. The media watchdogs were no more suspicious of the mysterious Mr. Spence than were the celebrities he so successfully cultivated.

His press clippings must make embarrassing reading today for some of the famous personalities who befriended him—and the reporters who idealized him.

Mr. Spence's first link was the work of veteran gossip columnist

Maudie Cheshire, and it was a veritable poem of fruity, overblown prose.

"Not since Fanchon Kennedy used to give her famous Hickory Hill seminars for great artists of our times during the days of Camelot has anyone staged seminars so successfully on a continuing social basis in Washington," she gushed in the Los Angeles Times on May 12, 1980. "That's what Craig Spence has been doing."

The star of Mr. Spence's black-tie dinner that set off the Cheshire tribute was none other than Eric Sevareid, described as "an old friend and colleague." The bash at

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## Tokyo's trade chief urges party to quit

Special to the Times

TOKYO — Minister of International Trade and Industry Seiroku Kajiyama said yesterday Japan's beleaguered Liberal Democratic Party should relinquish power to the opposition.

"Speaking not as a minister but as mere lawmaker, I think it's better to transfer power to the opposition to peace," Mr. Kajiyama said reports amid growing opposition demands for the ruling party to step

The conservative LDP, which has ruled the country uninterrupted for more than three decades, suffered a serious setback in Tokyo municipal elections Sunday.

Most political analysts expect it to lose strength in the July 23 upper house election because of the unpopular national sales tax the party forced through the national Diet in April. The Recruit insider-trading and bribery scandal that led to the resignation last month of Prime

"woman problem" that has dogged his successor Sosuke Uno ever since.

Opposition parties say the LDP has lost popular support and that the lower house should be dissolved for a general election.

As if the scandal-plagued party didn't have enough troubles, the mass circulation Mainichi Shimbun reported yesterday that six top LDP politicians, including former Prime



Craig J. Spence, in his former residence on Wyoming Avenue NW during the

## Considered LDP choice for premier

By Michael Hedges  
and Jerry Soper  
Special to the Times

A Japanese politician considered an inside favorite to succeed Prime Minister Sosuke Uno has been embroiled in a highly questionable real estate deal with the Washington lobbyist linked to a Washington homosexual prostitution ring under investigation by U.S. authorities, The Washington Times has learned.

The real estate in question—a two-story Victorian showpiece in the fashionable Kalorama neighborhood, valued last year by Realtors at \$1.15 million—was "planted" with electronic bugs by lobbyist Craig J. Spence and used for blackmail purposes, according to homosexual call boys and others who routinely visited the house on Wyoming Avenue NW.

Mr. Spence has told several current and former friends that he obtained the money to buy the house by blackmailing Moton Shima, a leading Liberal Democratic Party mem-

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Dear people:

Nebraska Revised statutes 28-711 impose specific duties, with criminal penalty for those who fail to follow the mandates of the law, upon all individuals having "reasonable cause to believe that a child has been subjected to abuse or neglect...."

I believe that under this law I have an obligation to provide information I have received from an individual named Paul Bonacci to the proper authorities for appropriate action. Further, Mr. Bonacci himself has, as he has in the past when he first provided information to public officials, made it clear to me that he also wants to comply with all terms of the child abuse laws of the state of Nebraska.

The information has come to me as a result of agreeing to act as attorney for Mr. Bonacci in conjunction with indictments issued against him by the Douglas County Franklin Grand Jury for allegedly lying to the Grand Jury about certain aspects of child abuse he had either witnessed or been a victim of.

Mr. Bonacci has been diagnosed by at least two court appointed psychiatrists as having multiple personality syndrome or disassociative behavior syndrome, which is a form of mental illness but which is not insanity. A third legislatively ordered psychiatrist nationally recognized for her specializing in multiple personality syndrome has also

thoroughly examined this young man.

As I understand it from all of them, they have concluded that the ailment Mr. Bonacci suffers is a direct consequence of very serious trauma caused by child abuse over a prolonged period of time. Another characteristic the Court ordered psychiatrist Mead of Omaha and Legislatively ordered nationally recognized psychiatrist Dr. Densen-Gerber have identified as a characteristic of this MPD syndrome is that the individual characteristically tells the truth about the abuse. At least the truth so far as they know it or perceive or understand it. The records of the third psychiatrist are sealed by Judge Mullen, but I presume law enforcement or proper investigative authorities would have the ability to obtain these results which I am not at liberty to discuss here as per Judge Mullen's order.

Both of these highly competent psychiatrists mentioned have repeatedly examined this young man and concluded that they believe his complex tale of abuse is essentially accurate and that this individual, Paul Bonacci, is accurately reporting what he experienced.

However, each of them have also repeatedly emphasized the fact that BECAUSE OF THE MULTIPLE PERSONALITY FACTOR the true story of abuse and individuals involved in the abuse CAN ONLY BE UNDERSTOOD IF ONE PIECES TOGETHER OR CREATES A COMPOSITE OF THE STORIES TOLD BY THE VARIOUS PERSONALITIES.

Needless to say, this was not done at the time of the Grand Jury investigation and the purpose of this letter is NOT TO DEAL WITH MR. BONACCI'S CRIMINAL INDICTMENTS OR ANY GRAND JURY MATTERS. I FEEL COMPLETELY COMFORTABLE IN SAYING THAT THESE MATTERS WILL BE HANDLED IN THE COURTS AND, HOPEFULLY, DUE PROCESS WILL OCCUR AND JUSTICE WILL OCCUR.

It is the purpose of this letter, however, to now provide, as per the above cited Nebraska law, information from Mr. Bonacci which has been obtained relative to child abuse of the past--involving not only Mr. Bonacci but a host of others--which information IS THE COMPOSITE OF HIS STORY OF CHILD ABUSE AS PRESENTED BY THE VARIOUS PERSONALITIES. This is the first time this composite has been available and is being provided to authorities immediately upon transcription.

Mr. Bonacci has agreed that he wants to comply with Nebraska law and wants this information presented for investigation and examination as required by law. Further, he wants it made available so that the situation can be corrected so that others do not experience what he has been a victim of.

For the protection of other individuals identified in the transcripts provided with this letter, I have taken the liberty of obliterating the names of certain individuals

whose name, because of national attention, would be immediately recognizable and would put those individuals at risk for their life.

However, there is no intent to keep this information from law enforcement. Quite the contrary. There is every intent to share this information along with a wealth of other information received from Mr. Bonacci. In the interest of protecting others, however, we would provide this information only under controlled circumstances to authorities specifically conducting the investigations as required by law.

Again, as stated, the purpose of this letter and this transcript of many hours of tapes which reflect the gradual piecing together of the Bonacci abuse story via the different personalities is simply to comply with Nebraska Child Abuse laws.

There is a second package of tapes which are being transcribed at this time. The moment they are available, I will provide them to the proper authorities for further investigation.

Paul Bonacci has instructed me that he does not want to see these abuses occur to others. Towards that end, and of course in compliance with Nebraska law, he feels this information should go to the proper law enforcement authorities and any other proper entities who can assist in stopping child abuse activity. In accordance with those instructions, I am making this information available to you and will provide whatever other assistance or information you request.

Finally, Mr. Bonacci would cooperate with authorities in any way possible including further medical exams, polygraph exams or use of other scientific tools or investigative methods for determining and verifying the accuracy of Mr. Bonacci's stories.

John W. De Camp, Attorney



Mr. Ted Gunderson wrote to Nebraska Attorney General Don Stenberg on January 3, 1992, alerting him to possible misconduct by various law enforcement agencies in the state of Nebraska.

Mr. Stenberg responded January 28, 1992. These letters in their entirety are included in this report.

Also included are copies of letters to the FBI, copies of letters to the U.S. Attorney General, and their responses.

January 3, 1992

Honorable Don Stenberg  
State Capitol, Room 2115  
P.O. Box 98920  
Lincoln, NE 68509-4906

Dear Mr. Stenberg:

I have been asked by the Nebraska Leadership Conference to work as a consultant on the Franklin Credit Union investigation. During my review of the case I noted the following:

1. Pornographic material has been seized as follows, with no known follow-up investigation:
  - a) FBI raid on Franklin Credit Union November 4, 1988.
  - b) Omaha Police Department arrest of Peter Citron in February 1990.
  - c) Sarpy County Sheriff's Office raid on residence of Mike Heavrin.
  - d) Omaha Police Department investigation of Walter Carlson and Joe Burke.
2. During the summer of 1990 the FBI reviewed the Senate Franklin Credit Committee investigation files without the permission or knowledge of Senator Loran Schmit. It was later learned that a number of items are missing.
3. Alisha Owen's first attorney, Pam Vuchetich, provided privileged attorney-client information to the FBI. She also failed to file a timely appeal in Miss Owen's conviction on bad check charges. Ms. Vuchetich has reportedly been romantically involved with an FBI agent.
4. The Nebraska Leadership Conference has developed information that the FBI has not only leaked information to Omaha TV stations, but asked for and received money for this.
5. Larry King and others were never subpoenaed to the Douglas County Grand Jury. Although this was an apparent judgment decision, King and others should have been subpoenaed.

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Honorable Don Stenberg

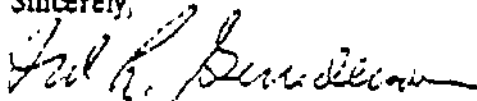
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6. Numerous individuals identified as perpetrators have never been interviewed by law enforcement officers.
7. Instead of conducting follow-up interviews, law enforcement officers, particularly the FBI, have attempted to discredit and harass the victims (claims made by Alisha Owen, Paul Bonacci and Troy Boner. Boner advises that the FBI, U.S. Attorney's Ron Lahners and Tom Thalkin threatened him that "if he didn't recant his testimony they'd bring him up on perjury charges and send him to jail").
8. Paul Bonacci has new information about the Johnny Gosch kidnapping case in Des Moines, Iowa, yet law enforcement officers refuse to interview him or to consider further investigation of the matter. Parents of the victim advise that based on their interview with Bonacci they are confident he is telling the truth.
9. In February 1990 Robert Fenner, General Counsel for the National Credit Union Association, was advised by the FBI not to cooperate with the Franklin Credit Committee's investigator, Gary Caradori.
10. On March 9, 1990 the FBI attempted to entrap Owen by taping an arranged phone call from Boner to her.
11. A deposition by former Omaha Chief of Police Robert Wadman disappeared during the Owen trial.
12. Wadman lied under oath claiming he was not carrying a gun during the period Owen says she was involved with him.

I hope you will look into the above matters.

Sincerely,



Ted L. Gunderson

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cc: Mr. Ed Weaver  
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Dear Mr. Gunderson:

The Attorney General's Office received and reviewed your letter of January 3, 1992, regarding your impressions as a consultant on the Franklin Credit Union investigation.

Many of the issues and allegations you raise have either been addressed, are rumor, or are so vague and nebulous as to defy resolution by diligent investigation.

Nevertheless, we desire to comment as follows:

1. We note the allegation that the FBI sold information to Omaha t.v. stations. Please provide all of the information and leads you have available on this particular allegation. We will then review and follow up as necessary;

2. We also note the allegations regarding new information on the Johnny Gosch kidnapping case. Please provide all details on this that are available to you. We would particularly like to know when Mr. Bonacci initially disclosed this new information and to whom and whether there is any written record of the same in either a statement by Paul Bonacci or a transcribed record of his remarks or interview. It also would be helpful were you to provide us with names, addresses and rank of any law enforcement officials who refused to interview him or to consider the information.

We are assuming, Mr. Gunderson, that in the preparation of your letter of January 3, 1992, you have done more than simply parrot unsubstantiated allegations made to you orally or which you may have picked up in written material reviewed, and therefore, have specific information to back up your concerns. Hence, the above requests.

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We will keep certain other matters under advisement. In the meantime though, you are encouraged to send us any specific, substantiating material available to you regarding any one or more of the other items mentioned in your correspondence.

Sincerely yours,

DON STENBERG  
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March 10, 1992

Honorable Don Stenberg  
Attorney General  
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Dear Mr. Stenberg,

Thank you for your response to my letter. Your reference to my "impressions" indicates to me that you do not place much importance on the issues outlined by me. Regardless, I hope you will review the enclosed report with fair minded professional and responsible judgement.

There is a high level of frustration and animosity building among concerned citizens in Nebraska who are either victims or who have seen enough through time to prove that there may be a conspiracy of sorts to cover up a series of indisputably disgraceful, scandalous crimes.

You may not want to address their concerns, but you must agree that they deserve the attention such allegations require without being flippantly disregarded.

It is because of their frustrations that I was hired as a consultant by the Nebraska Leadership Conference. As you can see by my resume I am more than qualified to investigate this matter. I expect your level of professionalism predisposes your office to do the same.

Cordially,

TLG/lkh

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CC: Senator Loran Schmit  
Attorney John DeCamp  
Governor Ben Nelson

GUNDERSON REPORT

March 10, 1992

## ALLEGATIONS

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## DOCUMENTATION

Since writing you January 3, 1992 I have learned about a raid in the spring of 1989 by the Douglas County Sheriff's Office at the home of Bob Andreen at Ralston, Nebraska.

The Omaha Police Department, Nebraska State Police and Douglas County Sheriff's Office have pornographic pictures, taken during this raid, of Troy Honer, Danny King and others (this information is from a reliable source).

Why wasn't this used to discredit Honer at the Alisha Owen trial? More importantly, why is this being ignored?

### LARRY KING

Immediately prior to the FBI Larry King raid, King removed pornographic material from his home and office and placed it in the trunk of his automobile. Regardless, the FBI did confiscate a porno movie containing "local children". Why haven't efforts been made to identify the children?

### PETER CITRON

Two counts of sexual assault on a child were filed against Citron on February 23, 1990. He pleaded "no contest" in Douglas County District Court. A vast quantity of pornographic material was confiscated when he was arrested. Since he plead no contest, none of it was ever introduced into evidence. What happened to the material? No one seems to know. In addition to the pornographic material Citron had computer discs which contained the names of all his victims with their addresses and dates they were abused.

### WALTER CARLSON AND JOE BURKE

Walter Carlson and Joe Burke were among thirteen men arrested in Omaha in connection with a large pornography/pedophile case. Joe Burke had a library of 2,000 videos and 10,000 photos which were confiscated. Convicted in December of 1985, Carlson was paroled in February of 1989. What happened to this material?

### ALISHA OWEN

Alisha Owen was taped on video during a formal interview while she was incarcerated. The purpose of the interview was to furnish detailed information known to her concerning kiddie pornographic activity by Larry King, Peter Citron, and others. This interview was played on December 16, 1989 in the presence of Judge Deacon Jones, Harold Le Grande, Nebraska State Patrol, Dick Roth, Douglas County Sheriff's Office and Bill Howland, Nebraska Attorney General's Office.

### TWIN TOWERS

One of the jurors in the Alisha Owen trial decided to check out the much vaunted security system of the Twin Towers. The prosecution tried to prove that it would have been impossible to gain entrance as easily as the kids had said they did. So unannounced, the juror went to the Towers and found no guard at the door. He opened the door, went in and proceeded unhindered to the fourth floor.

Coincidentally, Alan Baer had some problems with a security guard at the Towers who complained to Baer about all the traffic Baer was getting. The guard subsequently began videotaping arrivals and departures at Baer's apartment. The FBI picked up the tape the first part of March 1990 and it was never seen again.

If you are interested, detailed documentation of the above information and the identity of the more than 80 victims in the Franklin investigation are available through Senator Schmit's office. A responsible agency should review the above seized pornographic material and attempt to match the pictures with the victims of the Franklin case.

I am confident you have the contacts to document and confirm the above raids and incidents relating to seized pornographic material.

### ALLEGATION

2. Material was missing from Senator Schmit's office after FBI agents reviewed his records. Senator Schmit was not in his office at the time.

### DOCUMENTATION

This can be documented by contacting Senator Schmit and his staff.

### ALLEGATION

3. Pam Vuchetich provided privileged attorney - client information to the FBI, failed to file a timely appeal for Alisha Owen and reportedly has been romantically involved with an FBI agent.

### DOCUMENTATION

On March 9, 1990 the FBI and Nebraska State Patrol searched Alisha Owen's cell. They were looking for a red file "Alisha Owen VIP" (very important papers) Prison officials asked that an inventory be made of all articles taken. When the articles were returned several were missing and simply had been scratched off the list. Apparently, through error the FBI returned eight letters postmarked after March 9, 1990. (Did the FBI illegally intercept this mail?) At the time of the raid Miss Owen told the investigators that the red file had been given to her attorney Pam Vuchetich for safe keeping. The investigators contacted Mrs. Vuchetich the next day and she voluntarily gave them the file without the permission of Miss Owen.

After Miss Owen dismissed Mrs. Vuchetich as her attorney, Mrs. Vuchetich refused to return evidence to Miss Owen. Among this material was a personal note from Jeff Hubbell to Miss Owen.

Hubbell introduced Miss Owen to former Chief of Police Robert Wadman. Hubbell testified at the trial that he didn't know Owen. This note would have refuted Hubbell's testimony.

#### NEBRASKA STATE BAR

Mrs. Vuchetich was subsequently charged with two counts of violating attorney - client privileges and one count of not filing a timely appeal on Miss Owen's behalf.

Two weeks later a FBI agent appeared before the bar association on her behalf and the charges were dropped. The bar association files have been sealed.

#### MRS. VUCHETICH'S INVOLVEMENT WITH THE FBI

From December 1989 to April 1990 Mrs. Vuchetich spent more than 1,166 minutes (177 phone calls) talking to someone at the FBI office.

On April 25, 1990, Alisha's parents were approached by Mrs. Vuchetich who at that time was Miss Owen's attorney. Mrs. Vuchetich advised that the FBI asked her to approach Miss Owen and have her claim that a journalist, Mike Casey, had gone to Miss Owen and given her seven hours of testimony to memorize. Miss Owen was to claim that this case involved a scenario made up by Casey to create material for a TV movie.

Vuchetich told them if Alisha would tell the FBI that this was true, then they could help Alisha and the plot would be uncovered and everybody could go home. She refused.

Mrs. Vuchetich possible romantic involvement with an FBI agent is not significant to these allegations.

Documentation for the above is available through the Nebraska Legislative Committee and the Nebraska State Bar.

#### ALLEGATION

4. The Nebraska Leadership Conference developed information that the FBI has not only leaked information to Omaha TV stations, but asked for and received money in exchange for information.

#### DOCUMENTATION

Michael McKnight of WOW-TV reportedly told Alisha Owen that he bought the taped Caradori interviews of Owen, Troy Boner and Dan King from the FBI. He apparently is the only reporter who has these tapes. They were initially furnished to the FBI by the Franklin Senate Investigative Committee. McKnight also reportedly told this to Donna Owen, Dan and Stephanie Gruber and other members of Concerned Parents Group. Their names are available through the Grubers.

#### ALLEGATION

5. Larry King and others were never subpoenaed to the Douglas County Grand Jury.



### DOCUMENTATION

This can be verified from a review of records. Others who were not subpoenaed before the Grand Jury include Peter Citron, Alice King, Jeff Hubble, and Mike Casey, the person who, according to the Grand Jury, is responsible for the carefully crafted hoax. How can the Grand Jury blame this scenario on Casey and not have him testify? Is it because they didn't want his testimony on record? Alan Baer was subpoenaed but never appeared.

Most of the victims did not appear before the Grand Jury including Rod, Tony and O'Dell Evens who were known by the police to be close associates of Larry King. Wouldn't a Grand Jury normally be interested in the victims of a crime, particularly when their testimony would be pertinent to the investigation? This information can be verified through court records.

### ALLEGATION

6. Numerous individuals identified as perpetrators have never been interviewed by law enforcement officers.

### DOCUMENTATION

Larry the Kid was never interviewed. The Grand Jury decided that this individual mentioned by numerous victim/witnesses was a fictitious character. In fact he was the same individual identified by several witnesses as "King's Horses" who was named as being in attendance at satanic rituals on several occasions.

The official of the Fort Calhoun School system was never interviewed.

Other names can be obtained from a review of the Franklin Committee Files, copies of which are in your possession.

### ALLEGATION

7. Instead of conducting follow-up interviews, law enforcement officers, particularly the FBI, have attempted to discredit and harass the victims.

### DOCUMENTATION

These claims were made by Allisha Owen, Paul Bonacci and Troy Boner. Boner advised that the FBI, U.S. Attorney's Ron Lahners and Tom Thalkin threatened him that "if he didn't recant his testimony they'd bring him up on perjury charges and send him to jail" (this is exactly what happened to Miss Owen). Boner's taped interview is available for review. Lisa and Tracy Wabb were among the first victims to claim they were sexually molested. Following interviews by the FBI and Nebraska State Patrol, Lisa stated she was unwilling to testify. The allegations made by the Wabb girls, as well as the 15-year old patient at Richard Young Hospital, would ultimately be corroborated, even expanded upon, by numerous children who also claimed to be victims of King and others. A witness for the prosecution at the Owen perjury trial, Steve Solburg admitted under cross examination that when the FBI interviewed him he felt intimidated and that all the Grand Jury's questions asked of him were designed to discredit Owen.

Shawnetta Moore, Dan King, James Christopher Davis and Mike Holmes have reputedly been intimidated by law enforcement officers.

The reports of feeling intimidated were common among victims/witnesses who were interrogated by OPD, NSP, and FBI. As a result some victim/witnesses refused to testify.

On December 14, representatives of the FBI and the State Patrol contacted the Foster Care Review Board, and began to question the children's reliability and credibility even though one of them had passed four polygraph tests administered by the State Patrol.

Other names can be obtained from the Franklin Senate Investigation Committee.

#### ALLEGATION

6. Paul Bonacci has new information about the Johnny Gosch kidnapping case in Des Moines, Iowa, yet law enforcement officers refuse to interview him or to consider further investigation of the matter. Parents of the victim advise that based on their interview with Bonacci they are confident he is telling the truth.

#### DOCUMENTATION

Documentation concerning this along with transcripts of interviews with Mr. Bonacci were furnished to you by Mr. John W. DeCamp on 5/7/91. (See attached letter.)

This information was also furnished to the following individuals and agencies:

Nebraska Department of Social Services  
Douglas County Attorney  
Omaha Police Department  
Nebraska Foster Care Review Board  
Nebraska Legislature Health and Welfare Committee  
Nebraska Legislature Judiciary Committee  
Douglas County Sheriff's office  
U.S. Attorney for State of Nebraska  
Nebraska Leadership Conference  
Dr. Beverly Mead, Creighton University  
Dr. Judianna Densen-Gerber  
Dr. Lilly Stroller, Immanuel Medical Center  
Judge Patrick Mullen/Douglas County District Court

In answer to your questions:

1. Mr. Bonacci disclosed this information to private investigator Roy Stephens on 1/19/91.
2. His transcribed interview was furnished to you on 5/7/91.
3. There has been no response from any of the agencies, including yours. After the information was developed by Mr. Stephens there was a delay until Mr. and Mrs. Gosch could travel from Des Moines to Lincoln and discuss the matter with Bonacci.
4. The Gosches released the following statement after their interview with Bonacci:
  - Bonacci's statements were credible.
  - He has information about details of the case that have never been made public.

- Information developed by Mr. Stephens indicate a child sex ring of four men planned and carried out the abduction of their son.
5. Bonacci claims he participated in the abduction of Johnny Gosch who was taken for child pornography.
  6. Noreen Gosch, Johnny Gosch's mother, said that Bonacci knows "some incredible things about the case".
  7. Mrs. Gosch stated "there were photos taken of Johnny prior to the kidnapping. We know because a woman reported it to police. We're convinced Bonacci saw those photos. He accurately described the location which is not far from our home. He described many things about the photos which we have never talked about."

Lt. Garry Scott who is in charge of the investigation for the West Des Moines police said the Gosch family has shared some of the information with investigators. He said police have no plans for interviewing Bonacci. "We are aware of what's going on. We're not going to re-invent the wheel. This has been investigated in Nebraska. When things need investigating here, they will be investigated."

The above information appeared in the Lincoln Star in March 1991.

Bonacci claims that during his 5th grade year at Carter Lake School, he met a man named Emilio while at a park near Carter Lake. There was a 13 year old boy name B---- with him, who told Paul that Emilio kidnapped young boys and sold them to men for use in kiddie porn, snuff films, or for personal sexual use. "Emilio told me how much fun I could have going with him and B----." Emilio told Bonacci that he could get rich and then showed him a bag with a lot of money in it.

Emilio was described as Mexican with a slight accent. He was about 5'9", 190 pounds with a mustache and a beard. He had brown eyes, black, curly short hair and a tattoo of a naked lady on his left arm. He had a scar from a knife wound under the tattoo. Bonacci later went with Emilio to Des Moines in September of 1982 when he was 15. Bonacci claims he was present when Emilio abducted a 12-year-old paperboy, Johnny Gosch.

Paul Bonacci was later to see Emilio in California while on a trip for Larry King in 1984. Emilio tried to get him to go with him to help "snag" kids so they could be sold near Las Vegas for \$5,000 to men who would use them as sex slaves. He saw him once in '86 but not since then.

There has been no contact with Mr. Bonacci concerning this matter by either Iowa or Nebraska authorities.

The above can be confirmed from a review of information in your files (see John DeCamp's letter of 5/7/91) and an interview with Mr. and Mrs. Gosch.

#### ALLEGATION

9. In February 1990 Robert Fenner, General Counsel for the National Credit Union Association, was advised by the FBI not to cooperate with the Franklin Credit Committee's Investigator, Gary Caradori.

#### DOCUMENTATION

This information can be documented from the Senate Franklin Committee files.

ALLEGATION

10. On March 9, 1990 the FBI attempted to entrap Owen by taping an arranged phone call from Boner to her.

DOCUMENTATION

On March 9, the FBI arranged for Boner to phone Owen from their office to try to entrap her while taping the conversation. The tape was played in court. Owen kept telling Boner to just "tell the truth" but the media reports made it sound like Boner was telling that to Owen.

Miss Owen claims the tape has been altered.

This can be verified by examination of the tape by an expert. The tape is available at the office of the Senate Legislative Committee.

ALLEGATION

11. A deposition by former Omaha Chief of Police Robert Wadman disappeared during the Owen trial.

DOCUMENTATION

A deposition by Attorney Jerry Spence taken from Robert Wadman in a 1980 lawsuit had been introduced into evidence by the defense. It was important because it proved that Wadman had lied about not carrying a gun since 1973. When the jury requested that evidence during their deliberations, a 40 minute search was made of the Evidence Room. The evidence had disappeared and was not available.

School records for Dan King were introduced as evidence in the trial. The records showed that King was enrolled in school at Grandview, Texas for 16 weeks during the fall of 1983. During this 16 week period he missed 8 weeks plus the holidays. Out of 16 weeks he was only in school for 5 weeks. When the jury requested these records during deliberation it was learned that they had disappeared.

This can be documented from a review of court records. If the records have now reappeared the incidents can be verified through the Franklin Senate Investigative Committee.

ALLEGATION

12. Wadman lied under oath claiming he was not carrying a gun during the period Owen says she was involved with him.

DOCUMENTATION

One of the counts on which Owen was indicted for perjury concerned Wadman showing her a gun. Wadman testified that he had not carried a gun since '73. Attorney Jerry Spence was taking a deposition from Wadman in 1980 in connection with a Utah lawsuit. He asked Wadman if he were carrying a gun to which Wadman replied "yes". Wadman lied to the Grand Jury!

This can be documented by reviewing court transcripts and the Spence deposition.

MISCELLANEOUS

In addition to the above I have learned that the Legislative Committee gave videotaped interviews of Troy Boner, Alisha Owen and Dan King to the FBI and Nebraska State Patrol.

The FBI synopsisized the interviews in a 45 page document. The purpose of the synopsis was to brief judges and the Attorney General's office. I have been informed that there was information in the synopsis that was not in the tape.

Troy Boner's tape, which had been in the control of the FBI, was played to the Grand Jury. I have been informed that the tape was altered. Miss Owen claims that everything Boner said that corroborated her statements were deleted. In one instance there was no break in the tape yet Boner's shirt was different from the previous scene.

These tapes are available for review at the Senate Investigative office.

I have been informed that in the spring of 1984 Troy Boner, Larry King, Larry the Kid, Dan King, a fat man from a French restaurant, a pilot named David Hughes, Alisha Owen and a 10- to 13-year-old boy made a trip to Los Angeles. The boy cried during the trip from Omaha to Los Angeles. The boy did not make the return trip to Omaha.

Troy Boner and Danny King were never polygraphed as reported by the Lincoln Star and the Omaha World-Herald. None of the kids were except Lisa Wabb. And she passed. Paul Bonacchi is willing to take one. Miss Owen was polygraphed and passed.

Karen Orminston, Gary Caradori's associate, took a polygraph test. She wanted to refute the charges that Caradori had scripted or led the witnesses. She passed.

I trust you will give these matters the attention they obviously deserve.



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RE: Franklin Credit Union

Dear Mr. Gunderson:

The Attorney General's Office received and reviewed the latest material sent regarding the Franklin Credit Union investigation and the Alicia Owen's case. Thank you for sending the information.

We note the updated information consisted of certain affidavits purportedly signed by jurors who served in the Alicia Owen's case. We note these issues were addressed by Judge Raymond J. Case, in response to a new trial motion filed by Alicia Owen's legal counsel. An order was entered by the court, a copy of which we enclose for your reference, although I suspect you are already aware of the document.

Perusal of the Judge's Order indicates the Motion for New Trial was overruled. At that stage, legal counsel for Alicia Owen had the option of pursuing the matter further by appealing the case, in which event the matter would be reviewed and reconsidered by either the Nebraska Court of Appeals or the Nebraska Supreme Court. So the issues raised by the affidavits have already been addressed by the trial court and could, depending upon timely filing of appeal, be further considered. Consequently, opportunity existed within the scope of the litigation to address the affidavits.

Please understand, Mr. Gunderson, that we are not unmindful of the problems of child abuse both sexual and physical and our people, as they work on cases, have been instructed to watch for any indication of cults or clandestine groups or organizations that traffic in children for sexual purposes.

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We certainly intend to follow up on any information called to our attention which is specific and reliable enough to constitute suitable leads.

Sincerely yours,

RON STENBERG  
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**ALLEGATIONS AND DOCUMENTATION  
CONCERNING POSSIBLE COVERUP**

Copies of the above documents were forwarded ~~1992~~ 1992 to:

- William Barr, U.S. Attorney General, Washington, D.C.
- Judge William Sessions, Director, F.B.I., Washington, D.C.
- Ron Labners, U.S. Attorney, Omaha, Nebraska
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March 11, 1992

Judge William Sessions  
Director of F.B.I.  
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Dear Judge Sessions:

The enclosed report contains information which indicates that FBI personnel have been in violation of the Obstruction of Justice Statute.

This report also contains information concerning the Johnny Gosch kidnapping case in Des Moines, Iowa. There appears to be an organized kidnapping ring operating in this country within the jurisdiction of the FBI that is not receiving the proper attention. I would appreciate your checking into this matter.

Cordially,

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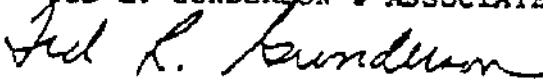
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Dear Mr. Gunderson:

The letter and enclosures that you recently sent to Attorney General Barr have been referred to this office.

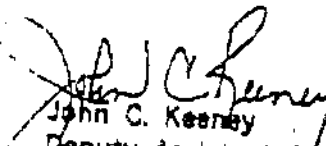
Your letter alleges that personnel of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) have obstructed justice and states that you have information concerning kidnapping within the jurisdiction of the FBI.

Having reviewed your enclosures, however, there is no evidence of misconduct by FBI personnel that would justify your charge of obstruction of justice.

If you have any new evidence about kidnapping, please provide it to your local office of the FBI.

Sincerely,

Robert S. Mueller, III  
Assistant Attorney General

by   
John C. Keeney  
Deputy Assistant Attorney General  
Criminal Division

May 26, 1992

Mr. Robert S. Mueller, III  
Assistant Attorney General  
U.S. Department of Justice  
Criminal Division  
Washington, DC 20530

Re: Your letter dated April 20, 1992

Dear Mr. Mueller:

Thank you for reviewing the material I sent you March 11, 1992.

I did not state that FBI personnel were in violation of the Obstruction of Justice statute. I only advised that there was an indication of this. I thought you would want to at least check into the matter. I am sorry to learn you do not feel it deserves further attention.

I have enclosed the book *The Franklin Cover-up*, by former Nebraska State Senator John W. DeCamp. Your attention is directed to Chapter 14, "Cover-up Phase III: The FBI," which makes additional allegations of FBI misconduct and possible violations of the Obstruction of Justice statute.

Sincerely,



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April 6, 1992

Honorable Ron Lahnens  
U.S. Dept. Of Justice  
P.O. Box 1228 DTS  
Omaha, NE. 68101

Dear Mr. Lahnens:

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CC: FBI - Omaha, NE  
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U.S. Dept of Justice, Washington, D.C.  
Governor Ben Nelson, NE

March 23, 1992

Special Agent In Charge  
215 North 17th Street  
Omaha, NE 68102

Dear Sir:

On March 11, 1992, I wrote to William Barr U.S. Department of Justice in an effort to draw his attention to the Obstruction of Justice Statute which I believe is being violated in the State of Nebraska and what appears to be an organized kidnapping ring operating within this nation.

On January 3, 1992 I wrote to Nebraska Attorney General Don Stenberg alerting him to possible misconduct by various law enforcement agencies in the State of Nebraska. Mr. Stenberg responded on January 28, 1992 through one of his assistants and the documents enclosed are in response to Mr. Stenberg's letter.

I am sending copies to you because the evidence clearly shows that there is a problem in Nebraska and a national problem that must be cleaned up if the citizens of this country are to enjoy justice and safety. As a leader in your community I felt sure that you would want to be informed.

If you have questions or comments please contact me at your earliest convenience.

Cordially,

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Documentation of Coverup by FBI

Chapter 14 of the book

*The Franklin Coverup*

by Former Nebraska State Senator John DeCamp

(For a copy of this book, send \$9.70, check or money order, to A.W.T. Inc., P.O. Box 85461, Lincoln, NE 68501. The book contains numerous references to President George Bush.)

COVER-UP  
PHASE III: THE FBI

In a deposition taken October 13, 1989, John Stevens Berry, counsel for the Franklin committee, was grilling OPD Chief Wadman about the lack of OPD follow-up on the child abuse when it was first reported. In exasperation, Wadman replied:

The tough thing with this, Mr. Berry, is that we have the FBI who conducts an investigation and basically says the same things that we have said. If the FBI, are they now linked to this cover-up in some way? Should the Justice Department be investigated as somehow or another assisting in this "cover-up?"

Wadman said it, but in this case it's true. The Justice Department, acting through the FBI and the U.S. Attorney's Office in Omaha, emerges from the record of the Franklin investigations not so much as a party to the cover-up, but as its coordinator. Rigging grand juries, harrassment of witnesses, incitement to perjury and tampering with evidence—federal personnel were seen to apply all of those techniques in the Franklin case.

In a case full of reported trips across state lines for sexual exploitation purposes, involving prominent persons from the national political parties, where was the Federal Bureau of Investigation? It was running interference, and worse.

Maybe Senator Schmit and I got the message in its purest form, when we met with Omaha FBI head Nick O'Hara in his

office in early 1989. O'Hara, who kept Wadman's picture on his desk, threatened, "You f--- with Bob Wadman, you f--- with the FBI!"

There was a hint of trouble from the Bureau already in the summer of 1988, as OPD Officer Lt Carmean recollected in a memo to Deputy Chief Charlie Parker, dated December 20, 1988. A fellow officer had just reminded Carmean of a meeting back in July or August, where

Lt. [Bill] Goodrich spoke of the Larry King investigation and stated that he (Goodrich) had been in contact with a federal agency that was also investigating King. To the best of Officer Berney's recollection, Lt. Goodrich said that the federal agency was concerned that our child pornography/abuse investigation might hamper their investigation. Officer Berney told me that although he wasn't sure, it was either directly stated or he (Berney) got the impression that we were to either "slow down or back off" in our investigation so as not to impede the federal case.

In 1988 and 1989, according to testimony to the Legislature's Franklin committee, the FBI claimed to be interested in Franklin money issues, but not child abuse. Dennis Carlson of the Foster Care Review Board testified to the Franklin committee, citing state Assistant Attorney General William Howland, that U.S. Attorney Tom Thalken had said "that the federal authorities were investigating Mr. King. . . . But he said basically their investigation was confined to the money issues, and they were not specifically investigating allegations of child abuse."

Howland's part-time investigator, Vlahouffis, told the Franklin committee that it was his impression the FBI had information on private charter flights, something Gary Caradori would confirm in a dramatic way.

Moreover, as advertised in a May 12, 1990 article in the *World-Herald*, the FBI had been looking at Franklin since 1987, for over a year before it was closed! The FBI men could hardly have been unaware of the Franklin ambience, not to mention the bedroom in the new addition, and the evidence shows that they were not. It was reported in the *Lincoln Journal*



in December 1988, as summarized by Jerry Lowe for the Franklin committee, that "an ex-employee who is not identified said that when FCU shut down, FBI agents immediately began asking questions regarding child pornography, drugs and the lifestyle of Larry King."

Caradori's notes of March 14, 1990 record that on the day of the federal agents' raid, he was told by a member of the accounting firm that was auditing Franklin, that

a large amount of pornographic material was taken out of the credit union, including videos and photographs depicting sexual acts. I was told that if Friedrichs\* or any of the other people working for the CPA firm that was contracted by the government would say anything, that they would automatically lose their jobs.

That evidence was never made available to the Franklin committee, nor its existence publicly acknowledged by the FBI. All warrants concerning the raid were sealed by U.S. Magistrate Richard Kopf.

The Douglas County grand jury proclaimed on July 23, 1990, that the allegations and evidence of Franklin-linked child abuse were a "carefully crafted hoax." Its report implied that the perpetrators were Alisha Owen, journalist Michael Casey, and the late Gary Caradori. According to testimony of Alisha Owen and her parents before the Franklin committee, the FBI had this line already in March of 1990, *before the grand jury even started sitting.*

Alisha testified to the Franklin committee on June 11, 1990, before promulgation of the grand jury report, that her former lawyer Pam Vuchetich had come to see her in the spring,

giving a proposal from the FBI that if I recanted my story then nothing would happen to me, I could possibly get out of prison and no charges would ever be brought against me. Such as, if I recanted my story, they wouldn't charge me with perjury, they wouldn't charge me with lying, they would just drop the

whole thing, they would write letters to the judge asking for my sentence reduction so I could get out of prison. And if—and in this deal I would have to say that Gary Caradori and Mike Casey came to me, they set this whole thing up, they told me what to say, we got scripts, we were promised monetary values. And I would be taken care of.

On June 21, 1990, Donna and Alvin Owen told the Franklin committee about that incident.

DONNA OWEN: My concern is that Pam came to us and said that the FBI wanted Alisha to say this, to drop it.

SENATOR LYNCH: You testified that your husband was there?

ALVIN OWEN: Sitting in the living room, I remember.

SENATOR LYNCH: You heard her say that? . . . Did she tell you who in the FBI made that deal, made that offer to her?

DONNA OWEN: Mickey Mott. . . .

SENATOR LYNCH: Was Mickey Mott—was there anybody else with this Mickey Mott?

DONNA OWEN: He works closely with Rick Culver and John Pankton.

SENATOR LYNCH: Okay. Well, for the record, do you remember the date at which time she told you about the FBI deal when your husband was present?

DONNA OWEN: This would have been on Tuesday, I believe. If Tuesday is April 25, then it would have been Tuesday, April 25, 1990. It would have all—that was brought up then, but it was also brought up earlier, in March. Because at that time, I called Senator Laboitz and I said, do you realize that this is what is happening and I want to tell you this because I think when all is said and done it's not going to just be this man Mike Casey, they are going to say that Gary Caradori was in on it and that members of the legislative committee were in on it. And she was very concerned and she immediately went to get Senator Schmitt and I talked with him about it also. And that would have been in March.

SENATOR SCHMITT: I recall that.

In order for the FBI to claim that all of the Franklin committee's evidence was a hoax, they had to break one or more of the witnesses Caradori had taped. Troy Boner and Danny King recanted; what happened with Troy shows the hand of the FBI.

On the evening of July 11, 1990, the day her husband crashed to his death, Sandie Caradori received several phone calls from Troy Boner. She wrote up her notes on the calls:

I need to preface this writing by explaining that in the course of the Franklin Credit Union investigation, many calls were received at our home from Troy Boner. I was familiar with the individual's voice and can be 100% assured that I did, in fact, receive the telephone calls from him.

In the early evening of Wednesday, July 11, 1990, several telephone calls were received at our home by an individual identifying himself as "Troy." Different individuals answered the telephone and took the message from him. I was either talking to other visitors at our home or in no shape to come to the telephone. In any event, if necessary I can supply names of the parties who can attest to the fact that a "Troy" called for me during that evening.

Later in the evening, Troy again called and I was able to go the telephone. It should be noted that I did not initiate the call, nor did I know what, if anything, he wanted to speak to me about.

The following is a synopsis of the conversation:

sc: This is Sandie Caradori. . . . Troy, what do you want to say?

tb: First, you have to be careful.

sc: Troy, that is the least of my worries. How are you?

tb: I am so sorry. I am so sorry. He shouldn't have died.

sc: What are you saying Troy? What are you trying to tell me.

tb: Gary wasn't lying. He didn't tell me what to say. What I told him was the truth. (He spoke rapidly as if fighting

back tears.) They made me take it back. They threatened me.

sc: Troy, you should tell someone. . . . Do you want me to call Senator Schmit? You need to come out with the truth once and for all. Troy, what has happened?

tb: You don't understand, they threatened me. They made me take it back. I was so scared.

(At this point I felt I needed someone else to hear this so I asked Troy to tell what he had just told me to our son, Sean.)

sc: Troy, I want you to talk to Sean, Gary's 16-year old son. Please tell him, alright?

tb: Yeah, sure.

SEAN: Yeah, man what do you want?

I, along with the ten to 15 other people in our kitchen family room heard Sean's portion of the conversation as follows:

SEAN: Okay buddy, you need to do it for my Dad, man. Okay . . . Okay . . .

I got back on the telephone and told him I would try to contact Senator Schmit or Karen [Ormiston]. He said he'd be at [phone number] but only for a short time. He said he was going to be "on the move" or something to that effect. He further stated, "I'll go to anyone who'll listen. I'll go without my lawyer. I'm gonna come clean."

He then asked if I would talk with his mother. She wanted to talk. I said, "Of course."

Troy's mother's voice was familiar. She had called our house several times for Gary. . . . Troy's mother related the following:

MRS. BONER: Mrs. Caradori, I am so sorry, I'm so sorry. This is such a tragedy. I knew something happened to Troy. He got so scared just before he changed his story. They were threatening him. I knew he shouldn't have backed away from the truth. . . .

Troy then got back on the telephone and I repeatedly asked that he would promise me that he would come through for me, for Gary, and for A.J. He said, "I promise . . .

tomorrow. . . . To anyone who will listen . . . the FBI, the news—anyone."

The next day I did not hear anything on the television or the radio and I really felt that Troy had probably backed away. That evening he called me again. He said, "Sandie, I tried, I tried. I went to Mickey Mott and . . . . . (FBI agents). They laughed at me. They said they spent too much time and money on this case now for me to change my story. I also went to Frank Brown (Channel 7 TV) but he said he didn't want to take a statement because of my Grand Jury testimony."

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The next day, Sandie Caradori arrived at the offices of her husband's firm for the first time since his death, to find two FBI agents already there, with a subpoena for all of Caracorp's records. Mrs. Caradori recalled:

I was extremely upset because the timing certainly left much to be desired. I opened the closed door and noted two FBI agents, Karen Ormiston, and our security director, Joe Hebenstreit. They were all seated in the office. I said, "I don't think I need to introduce myself. What are you doing here? I can't believe this."

The smaller individual stammered a bit and looked at Karen and said, "Who . . . who is this?" "She's Gary's widow." He then halfway stood up and extended his hand as if to shake mine and expressed his/their sympathy. The whole ordeal was extremely unprofessional. He then looked over his shoulder at the other agent, gave him a smirk, and shook his head. He identified himself as Mickey Mott. . . . I then asked them directly whether Troy Boner had tried to speak with them on the previous day. Mr. Mott said, "I can't confirm or deny that." I indicated that I did deserve an answer. Mr. Mott then said, "Yeah, he came to the office but we can't waste our time with him. He has lost all credibility."

Troy Boner did attempt to come clean. He went not only to the FBI office, but to Senator Schmit's—and then pretended he had not. The *World-Herald* reported July 27, 1990:

State Senators Lorin Schmit of Bellwood and Bernie Labedz of Omaha said Troy Boner told blatant lies when he said he did not come to Schmit's office last week and when he said he didn't recant what he told a Douglas County grand jury. . . . Schmit said at least eight people were in his office last week when Boner, in essence, recanted his recantation and said that what he had originally told Caradori was the truth.

Six of the eight appeared at a press conference Thursday including four—Schmit, Sen. Labedz, Caradori associate R.J. Nebe and Jody Gimisa, an attorney who works in Schmit's office—who said they heard Boner's comment directly. . . . The six at the press conference Thursday said Boner was in Schmit's office both July 16 and July 17, the day of Caradori's funeral.

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Under pressure, Boner reasserted that what he told Gary Caradori was not true. His new lawyer, Marc Delman, insisted that his client *had* lied to Caradori. A specialist in child abuse cases when he worked in the Douglas County Attorney's Office, Delman was now better known for defending pornographers. Since Boner was penniless, many people in Omaha wondered if Alan Baer or another patron had given him the money to hire Delman.

On Sept. 25, 1990, a federal grand jury returned findings almost identical to those of the Douglas County jury:

There is no credible evidence for us to believe that funds or individuals connected with the Franklin Community Federal Credit Union were involved in the sexual exploitation of minors, the interstate transportation of minors, the interstate transportation of minors for sexual purposes or the trafficking in controlled substances.

All of the big shots named in the Caradori investigation were cleared:

There is no credible evidence for us to believe that any prominent individuals in the Omaha community were in-

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involved in any ring of organized activity to sexually exploit minors, transport minors in interstate commerce for sexual purposes, or to traffic in controlled substances.

Alisha Owen was indicted again, on eight counts of perjury.

The FBI, as Boner said, had threatened Boner into recanting his videotaped statement, which enabled the Douglas jury to return its "carefully crafted hoax" verdict, and set the pattern for the federal grand jury. Federal officials in charge of the latter, in particular Assistant U.S. Attorney Thomas Thalken, attempted to terrorize Alisha Owen into recanting as well.

In testimony to the Franklin committee on June 21, 1990, Owen told about her experience with the federal grand jury, in an exchange with committee counsel.

BERRY: Now, I do not want to know what questions were asked and what answers you gave. But you told me earlier that your life hasn't been easy and the worst three days of your life were in front of the county grand jury. Was the federal grand jury a more pleasant experience or—

OWEN: Well, now I have to clarify that statement. No longer—the worst three days of my life were not in front of the county grand jury but they were in front of the federal grand jury. . . .

Imagine if you were woken up at 5:00 in the morning, told to take a shower and get dressed. You were not told where you were going. I mean, if somebody came to your home at 5:00, did not tell you where you were going, they had the authority to drag you out of bed. After you got dressed you were then taken outside your home and wrapped in chains and driven two hours to another city, all—you were still not told where you are going and what is actually happening. Officially you are not told.

Then once you get to this other city, you're put into an actual cage. I mean, I have seen kennels look nicer than where I was held. And five minutes before 9:00, you are given a subpoena telling you that you have to testify at 9:00 in front of a grand jury. Now, that—I mean that in itself is suspect. Okay. Especially if you are the witness. I might be able to understand it if you are the perpetrator. . . .

I am in a room and it's a cage, okay, it's—it really is a

cage like a zoo cage. The whole front is just a cage. And there is a hallway and there is—there is an open door so I can hear what's going on in the hallway because it's just a cage, there is no sound barrier. I heard Mr. Thalken repeatedly and repeatedly in a very disrespectful—what I consider dis—I wouldn't talk to anybody like that, disrespectful tone, saying things repeatedly, over and over, if she gets up there and she doesn't tell the truth I'm going to charge her with perjury. Over and over and over and over again. I have not heard the word perjury so many times in my entire life than that day. . . . He was saying this to my attorney, saying I'm going to put her on the stand and if she doesn't, you know, if she doesn't tell the truth I'm going to charge her with perjury.

Alisha's attorney Henry Rosenthal confirmed her account:

Well, I don't know Tom Thalken. . . . He came at me like a little grizzly bear. . . . And he had a finger about two inches from my nose and kept yelling about perjury. And I didn't even know what he was talking about. Over and over about this and that and this and that. I said, let me tell you, if you think you have got any evidence of perjury when she's done, please charge her, just please do that. And that's—every time there was a recess, yelling about perjury. . . . This was before the evidence even started.

Long before Thalken's behavior in dealing with Owen, his name had surfaced in Gary Caradoni's investigation, as an alleged pedophile who frequented adult book stores in Council Bluffs, Iowa. Moreover, a confidential informant told Caradoni that Thalken was key to the cover-up in progress. In a February 22, 1990 report, Caradoni transcribed an interview with this confidential informant.

GC: Are the federal people still putting me down, have you heard? I mean they want me off this case.

CI: Well, they don't want anybody to get too close to it. . . . This thing is way bigger than Nebraska. . . . You get one of those dominoes to fall I think it could reach to the White House and back so fast. That's why it's just almost hopeless.

GC: What have you heard that they're doing [sic] to do to try to squash this case?

CT: Well, their ace in the hole is the assistant prosecutor.

GC: That's all.

CT: Yeah. And the term was a year ago, finger in the dike.

Rosenthal was Alisha's second lawyer. He succeeded Pamela Vuchetich, who had conveyed to Alisha the FBI's offer of a deal, from Vuchetich's friend Mickey Mott. In her Franklin committee testimony of June 11, 1990, Owen reported another incident involving Vuchetich and the FBI, which appeared to be an attempt to craft some evidence of the "carefully crafted hoax":

They had Troy call me in the beginning of March. He called me in the afternoon and I got on the phone. . . . Pam had told me that Troy had recanted his statement about Danny. She never told me he recanted his statement about me. And you know, maybe I was naive, maybe I was just dumb, but I never once thought he could do that because, I mean, I had all this evidence, you know, and I mean, I'm the one that—you know, that told them about Troy and others. It never dawned on me that he would ever do that, recant about Danny.

So we—I got on the phone and I—one of the first things I asked him was, why are you doing this to Danny, he's one of your best friends, how could you do this, what are you doing? And he said, something, Alisha, I'm scared. And his voice—the FBI has this tape—His voice is just really scared.

And I know Troy sleeps until 4:00 or 5:00 at night, so I started to think oh, my God, he's in Omaha for a week, it's 3:00, 2:30 in the afternoon, somebody must be at his house making him do this. And I thought this must be a taped phone conversation. I was—I was literally scared. I thought either they sat down a lot of money in front of him or else somebody has got a gun to his head making him say this. I

mean, I never thought—it never dawned on me the FBI would be so, you know, devious as to try and do something like that.

So I asked him, why are you doing this? And he—and he said, Alisha, I'm scared, I don't know what to do, tell me what to do. And then he asked me, quote, unquote, do you think we're going to get any money? And I—I stopped for a second and I said, I don't give a damn about any money, you know, just tell the truth. That's what I said, quote, unquote. Excuse my French. But I just—just tell the truth. He said, what should I do? And I said, just tell the truth.

And he kept trying to make these leading statements, Alisha, what should I do? And that's when I realized at that point in time that whoever was listening was probably law enforcement, trying to do entrapping statements. . . . And after I got off the phone, I tried to get hold of Pam. Well, Pam is sitting down in the FBI's office with them making that call. Tried to get hold of Pam, Pam is not around. So I was upset enough and I was worried enough that possibly somebody was sitting there with a gun that I called Gary. And I thought, okay, if anybody is going to be able to do anything or know anything, Gary will know or he'll be able to find out.

I called Gary. And Gary said, Alisha, Troy is sitting down at the FBI's office right now. So okay, I knew that the FBI was the one that prompted him to that call. . . . So Gary told me that it was the FBI. And Gary said to me at that time, Alisha, maybe you should start wondering why your attorney is spending so much time with the FBI.

Against Alisha Owen's specific instructions, she reported, Vuchetich turned over to the FBI a file that Alisha maintained on acquaintances from her past. Vuchetich had suggested she assemble this information. In it were the names of some people, like former boyfriends, who could be expected to be bitter toward her.

Alisha Owen told the Franklin committee, that the FBI also directly advised her to tell a lie—to say that she had lied on the videotapes.

SENATOR SCHMITT: In other words, they advised you to say that you had lied on the tapes?

ALISHA OWEN: Uh-huh.

SENATOR LABEDZ: The FBI?

OWEN: The FBI had advised me that I should say that not everything on the tapes is true, just a blanket statement, and say not everything on the tapes is true, and that I should forget all about the tapes because they can come back to hurt me.

SCHMITT: I want to interrupt there because that is almost an identical statement that we heard in the press made by Troy, that not everything on the tapes was true.

OWEN: That's what they told me to say. . . . And there were times when they tried to get me to say that Gary Caradori was withholding evidence from them, there were times when they—they basically really rammed Gary into the ground.

Caradori wrote in his daily notes of April 20, 1990:

At approximately 1415, this writer received a telephone call from Alisha Owen. She talked about the FBI hinting to her that if she changed her story that they would insure that they would "go after" this writer and Mike Casey for "fabricating" an investigation. She informed me that she had not fabricated any part of any story and that she was sticking to the story she told me, and that she wished me well. For my own protection, I tape recorded the telephone conversation which lasted approximately 30 minutes.

According to an associate of Caradori, Franklin committee counsel John Stevens Berry alerted Caradori that he should get a lawyer, since he would likely be indicted.

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Alisha was not the only witness the FBI was reported to have harassed or told to lie. At a Franklin committee session on June 22, 1990, Senator Labedz related her discussion with former Franklin employee Noel Seltzer:

One of the most important things that I thought he told me was the fact that when they first went into the investigation of Larry King, he was talked to by the FBI and he told them mostly everything that he told me about the sexual abuse and so forth. And then he said he was told by the FBI, we're going to advise you it's best for you that you keep your mouth shut. And I said, say that again, and he repeated it so I could write it down.

Gary Caradori interviewed a victim-witness named Terry Muller\*. In his daily report of April 20, 1990, Caradori wrote:

Further this writer received a telephone call from Sue Tompkins\*, sister of Terry Muller. Briefly, Sue told this writer that the FBI and a member of the State Patrol were harassing her brother and trying to get him to talk about things that he just didn't know about. She stated that her brother is extremely scared. He wants to tell the truth, however, he felt extremely uncomfortable with the FBI and State Patrol investigators. She stated that a Phillips and FBI Agent Coulter were very harsh with her brother.

On May 4, 1990, Caradori added:

Following this meeting, this writer placed a telephone call to Sue Tompkins, who is the sister of Terry Muller. She advised me that Terry had retained an attorney to protect him from the FBI. I told her that I wished him well and hoped that everything worked out for him.

Caradori's investigative notes for February 19, 1990 record his talk with Joanie Gregory, a Department of Social Services social worker who screened families applying for foster care licenses:

Approximately 2.5 years ago she was inspecting the home of Jarrett and Barbara Webb for a renewal of their license. She felt the environment was not right and wrote a letter to DSS in Lincoln. She received no response. After a couple of months, she wrote a letter to the Omaha Police Department regarding this same situation with the Webbs. She was then contacted by the FBI. In the meantime she had tried to do some research on her own, but evidently files were missing.

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To this writer's knowledge, a letter was not written to the FBI. The FBI informed Joanie Gregory that it would probably be in her best interests if she "forgot this information."

Caradori recorded in his notes for December 1, 1989:

At approximately 4:00 PM Senator Schmit arrived at (committee counsel) Steve Berry's office, during which time he advised me that within the last 48 hours the FBI were scrutinizing several of his businesses such as his gambling machines in southeastern Nebraska and other related matters.

On his own bitter experience with the Bureau, Caradori commented to the Franklin committee, on June 22, 1990.

CARADORI: I think the (Douglas Co.) grand jury is being misled information.

SEN. LYNCH: By who, can you tell?

CARADORI: I think they are being misled by the influence of the State Patrol investigator and various people in the FBI.

BERRY: Do you think the FBI and the State Patrol are deliberately misleading the grand jury?

CARADORI: I do, but I can't—you know, I have nothing to base it on. You know, the people . . . in law enforcement say, we checked every lead you got, every lead that you have and it's nothing. And it's like, you know, all the work that you have done is not worth a damn. . . . (The most frustrating thing in this whole case, and no sense dwelling on it, has been that you produce a work product, not every lead is going to be in gold but you produce a work product and then one of the aspects of your investigation is the State Patrol and right away it goes to them, goes to the FBI and—and then they just tear you apart. And yeah, it's been really frustrating. . . .

SEN. LYNCH: So the impression that we talked about being left with the grand jury wasn't an impression that this committee or witnesses that we had or any staff in addition to you, our counsel, misled us with information, but the fact that information we developed that we shared with the FBI and the police department was in fact used by them to—

CARADORI: Work against us.

SEN. LYNCH: Discredit us.

CARADORI: I go on record and say I—I didn't want to give them our data. . . .

BERRY: Mr. Creager and I, and following our advice the chairman and the committee members, have instructed you that everything you have must be turned over to both the grand juries, federal and county, you feel that sometimes your investigative effort has been sabotaged, is that—is that the source of your frustration?

CARADORI: That's right.

The legislative investigator found that the FBI interfered with material even before he got to it. One afternoon in late 1989, Caradori and Karen Ormiston spent several hours at YNR Airlines in Sioux City, Iowa, photocopying flight manifests of Larry King's charter flights. At other airlines, staffers had already confirmed to Caradori, that King took underage boys and girls with him on charter flights. At YNR, children's names were listed for the flights—proof that King was transporting children around the country as the Webb girls, Alisha Owen, Paul Bonacci, and others had charged.

The owner of YNR made a phone call, and prevented Caradori from leaving with the records, some of which had yellow FBI tabs attached to them. Since the Franklin committee had only limited, in-state subpoena power, Caradori requested the NCUA to subpoena the records, turn them over to him, and not mention this to the FBI. NCUA general counsel Robert Fenner agreed.

Caradori never got the records, but someone else apparently did. Caradori told a friend, that he saw some of the FBI stickers from YNR, in a notebook carried by FBI agent Mickey Mott. The FBI maintained that there was no proof whatsoever that King had transported children; the Douglas County grand jury lamented, that it was a pity charter companies did not keep flight manifests, so no trips could be verified.

In a September 25, 1990 letter to Senator Schmit, Ormiston summed up the FBI's activities:

There must be *some* kind of provision which allows the State of Nebraska to retain its information so that there is not a probable cover-up when this stuff is turned over to the federal level. It is my sincere hope that the federal agencies cannot just walk all over the state agencies, especially since we have given them everything we have yet we have been allowed to see nothing that they have. This in itself has not only prolonged the investigation, but it has also been a major factor in that the FBI does seem to get to our leads since they do have a lot of manpower. I do feel that the leads turned over to the FBI have effectively been stonewalled as it pertains to this investigation.

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The FBI's eagerness to discredit the victim-witnesses may be based on more than just an institutional commitment to protect former Omaha FBI chief Nick O'Hara's friend Chief Wadman, or Assistant U.S. Attorney Thalken, or higher-ups in Washington. A look at life inside the Bureau, including its Omaha branch, shows why.

In August 1990, black FBI agent Donald Rochon settled his suit against the FBI for racial discrimination. A highly decorated veteran of the Los Angeles Police Department, Rochon joined the FBI in the early 1980s. According to the settlement, Rochon, who worked in the Omaha FBI office in 1983 and 1984, will receive more than \$1 million over his lifetime, and have his \$500,000 in legal expenses paid.

In his suit, Rochon charged Omaha FBI personnel with sexual perversion. Some of the details are recorded in a "Motion of the [U.S.] Attorney General for Summary Judgment as to Plaintiff's [Rochon] 'Chicago Claims,'" filed on September 13, 1989 in Washington, D.C. After his Omaha assignment, Rochon had moved to Chicago, where the harassment continued.

Subhead II of that motion, "The Sexual Deviance Complaint and Investigation," reads in part:

In response to his telephonic complaint, a signed sworn statement was taken from Rochon on July 3, 1984. In his

statement, Rochon described a series of acts or events which he alleged were evidence of sexual deviance by SA [Special Agent] Dillon and other SAs assigned to the Omaha office. Specifically, Rochon alleged that he had "personally observed" Dillon "French kissing" SA Agent Terry J. Bohle, a male, at a going-away party for SA Bohle, and that he likewise had "personally witnessed" Dillon "exposing himself in the Omaha office during a regular work day to numerous Omaha employees, both male and female." In addition, Rochon said that he had heard reports that Dillon had allowed Bohle to urinate into his mouth and to "urinate into a beer bottle. [from] which he subsequently drank;" and that Dillon had been observed "picking out the deodorant block in [the] men's urinal and placing this block in his mouth." Rochon further alleged that Dillon appeared preoccupied with homosexual sex, kept homosexual pornography at his desk, and had frequently spoken in the office of homosexual acts.

Another agent backed up Rochon's account of Dillon's allowing Bohle to urinate into his mouth. In an official response, Dillon protested that SA Bohle only "accidentally" did urinate on him on one occasion. He added that he, Dillon, had not exposed his penis in the office, as Rochon charged, but merely his buttocks. The Bureau defended Dillon's possession of pornographic homosexual literature, as necessary for his investigation of homosexual prostitution. But Rochon's claims of discrimination and harassment were so well substantiated, that the FBI chose to settle.

In October 1983, the FBI announced it had investigated a male prostitution ring in Omaha. Apparently one of the agents on the case was none other than SA Dillon. U.S. Attorney Ron Lahners commented privately at the time, "This thing is so big and involves so many prominent people around this state." The investigation was expected to bring high-level indictments, but never did. One Nebraska insider said recently, "There is no doubt that the pedophile networks investigated in 1983 overlapped those of Larry King; in fact King himself was probably looked at at that time."

Special agent Dillon, who was investigating homosexual prostitution in those years, was "real close to some priests at



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Boys Town," according to a law enforcement source who knew Dillon then. Years later, Caradori received allegations that some priests associated with Boys Town, in particular Father Pat Henry and Father Fiala, were pedophiles; Father Henry was sent to Bolivia when child abuse scandals surfaced at Boys Town in the mid-1980s.

Donald Rochon was a successful agent, part of whose responsibility while in Omaha was to find missing children. He once was commended for finding a kidnapped girl within one day of beginning work on the case. Inevitably, as a black agent, he would have developed ties in the black community in north Omaha, where Larry King's pedophilia was notorious. Many of the boys King used as prostitutes were black, and were recruited from Boys Town, where the alleged pervert SA Dillon seemed to have friends. Would it have been just a matter of time until Rochon found himself investigating SA Dillon, and others in Dillon's clique? One thing was established for certain by Rochon's court documents: Dillon was the ringleader of the harassment operation which drove Rochon from Omaha, and most of the rest of the Omaha FBI office covered up for Dillon.

Letters of Response from the FBI  
and the U.S. Attorney General



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Dear Mr. Gunderson:

The letter and book that you recently sent to Assistant Attorney General Mueller have been referred to this office.

The Public Integrity Section is responsible for prosecuting public officials who are shown to have violated federal criminal law. The Section can initiate an investigation only in those instances where it receives specific and sufficient information that federal criminal laws have been violated by public officials or certain other persons.

Based upon the information that you have provided, there is not sufficient evidence indicating that such a violation of federal criminal law has been committed.

Thank you for bringing this matter to our attention.

Sincerely,

William A. Keefer  
Deputy Chief  
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Dear Mr. Gunderson:

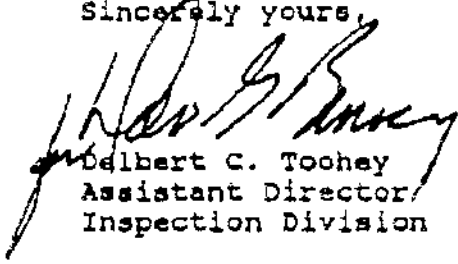
This letter will acknowledge receipt of your March 14, 1992, letter to Director William S. Sessions, which has been forwarded to the Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR), FBI Headquarters (FBIHQ), Washington, D. C.

As you are aware, OPR has the responsibility of investigating all allegations of serious misconduct or criminality on the part of FBI employees.

OPR has reviewed your letter of March 14, 1992, as well as the enclosed information and has determined your allegations lack specificity. Should you have information relative to the specific, verifiable acts of serious misconduct or criminal behavior on the part of FBI employees, I would encourage you to provide this information so that it may be reviewed by OPR.

Thank you for your interest in providing this information for review.

Sincerely yours,

  
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February 25, 1999

To Whom It Concerns:

The trial on February 5, 1999 resulted in a million dollar judgement. I believe that judgement, completely independent of the Default Judgement in the case because the singular issue was damages, makes it clear that the evidence presented was credible and Judge Urbom acted on that basis and to send a message to a number of individuals (both clean and dirty) who were a part of the Franklin saga. I believe the U.S. Attorney has no choice but to either CHARGE THE WITNESSES WITH PERJURY HAVING TESTIFIED UNDER OATH IN A FEDERAL COURT ON VERY MATERIAL MATTERS (From Murder to Bribery to Perjury to the most vile corruption involving young people) OR, THE U.S. ATTORNEY HAS AN OBLIGATION TO INVESTIGATE FURTHER INTO THE FRANKLIN SAGA AND REOPEN MATTERS. This time there ARE PICTURES. This time RUSTY NELSON exists and testified completely contrary to Chief Wadman's testimony under oath to the legislature. This time Noreen Gosch validated the credibility and story of Paul Bonacci... and a lot, lot more. At a minimum, some Federal or State authority (Whether it is a Judge, Attorney General, Prosecutor, etc.) has an obligation to re-open particularly the Alisha Owen case. If my witnesses in Court on February 5, 1999 are telling the truth then Alisha Owen is also. If Alisha Owen is LYING, as a jury said, then my witnesses are lying. It appears to me to put the U.S. Attorney and Nebraska Attorney General and Judicial System on the horns of a dilemma - and failure to act would, to me at least, appear to be deliberate obstruction of justice at a minimum.

Respectfully,

John W. DeCamp  
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PAUL A. BONACCI,

Plaintiff,

vs.

LAWRENCE E. KING,

Defendant.

) 4:CV91-3037

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) MEMORANDUM OF DECISION  
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On February 27, 1998, I found that default judgment should be entered against the defendant Lawrence E. King in favor of the plaintiff, Paul A. Bonacci. A trial on the issue of the damages due the plaintiff by that defendant was had on February 5, 1999.

Two counts are alleged against the defendant King in the complaint. Count V alleges a conspiracy with public officers to deprive the plaintiff of his civil rights, designed to continue to subject the plaintiff to emotional abuse and to prevent him from informing authorities of criminal conduct. Count VIII charges battery, false imprisonment, infliction of emotional distress, negligence and conspiracy to deprive the plaintiff of civil rights. Between December 1980 and 1988, the complaint alleges, the defendant King continually subjected the plaintiff to repeated sexual assaults, false imprisonments, infliction of extreme emotional distress, organized and directed satanic rituals, forced the plaintiff to "scavenge" for children to be a part of the defendant King's sexual abuse and pornography ring, forced the plaintiff to engage in numerous sexual contacts with the defendant King and others and participate in deviate sexual games and masochistic orgies with other minor children. The defendant King's default has made those allegations true as to him. The issue now is the relief to be granted monetarily.


The now uncontradicted evidence is that the plaintiff has suffered much. He has suffered burns, broken fingers, beatings of the head and face and other indignities by the wrongful actions of the defendant King. In addition to the misery of going through the experiences just related over a period of eight years, the plaintiff has suffered the lingering results to the present time. He is a victim of multiple personality disorder, involving as many as fourteen distinct personalities aside from his primary personality. He has given up a desired military career and received threats on his life. He suffers from sleeplessness, has bad dreams, has difficulty in holding a job, is fearful that others are following him, fears getting killed, has depressing flashbacks, and is verbally violent on occasion, all in connection with the multiple personality disorder and caused by the wrongful activities of the defendant King.

Almost certainly the defendant King has little remaining financial resources, but a fair judgment to compensate the plaintiff is necessary. For the sixteen years since the abuse of the plaintiff began I conclude that a fair compensation for the damages he has suffered is \$800,000. A punitive award also is justified, but the amount needs to be limited because of the small effect

that such a judgment would have on the defendant King, given his financial condition and his presence now in prison. I deem a punitive award of \$200,000 to be adequate.

Dated February 19, 1999.

BY THE COURT

  
United States Senior District Judge





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Government bureaucrats and politicians have refused to recognize a satanic cult problem exists in the United States today. The FBI has the responsibility to protect the internal security of America and must take a leading roll in coordinating and investigating this movement.

The satanists claim they are a religion. This may be true, but it does not give them immunity from investigation for kidnapping, murders and other crimes. Write your national and local politicians, write the bureaucrats, write your local and state law enforcement agencies and, most of all, write to the FBI:

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