

TO: Memo -- BAKER

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FROM: POC:tls

DATE: April 9, 1986

RE: CONCLUSIONS

The only person that ^{knows} ~~knows~~ that I was coming into Great Falls, Montana on Flight #81, Western Airlines, on Sunday the 23rd of March, was my business partner Mr. Robert Ketchenson. My lawyer informed me that the DEA leaked to her (it was actually Carl Rostad) that the confidential informer was from Canada. Mr. Ketchenson did not show up at the Great Falls airport to pick me up as he was suppose to do. I had him paged by the DEA agents presents at the time of my arrest.

My brother Ken has tried on several occasions since my arrest to contact Mr. Ketchenson, and every time has been told that Mr. Ketchenson has disappeared, which my brother Ken does not believe. Since the call I made to Bob concerning my flight plans, was made less than 24 hours before my proposed departure from Salt Lake. He is the only person that could have notified DEA officials of the flight I was on, which means that he must have known what was in the package and conspired with Dale Peterson to have me arrested and taken out of the prisoner of war issue.

The John Lassard death 7 days later seems too coincidental, as he was our main contact person in Bangkok. Why Bob would have set me up I can only speculate. He might have been given orders by the Canadian government, which seems likely, because of the \$5 billion \$800 million

agreement between Canada and the United States (for acid rain ^{problem} ~~testing~~), which infers that the United States government probably had conditions for the money, that Canada back out of the operation. Another possibility is that Bob was paid off by someone in the United States government, which would explain his sudden disappearance.

In any event, he had knowleged of what was contained in the package, and I did not, and the report of investigation prepared by the DEA states that the informant did know what was in the package.

The main concern that I have is what is going to ^{HARPER} ~~what~~ to the 475 prisoners of war in Yunnan Province and how far this conspiracy really goes in the United States or Canadian government. The one thing that I am sure of is that Mr. Ketchen^{one of}son was the main person behind the plan to take me out of this picture.

It is not possible for me to include every detail and aspect of every negotiation that took place during the period of February 1, 1985 to date. However, I have outlined the main aspects and points of what happened during this time period. I can go into more detail at any point that the reader cares to discuss.

It must be understood that the planning of this project changed many times in the course of attempting to reach a suitable agreement, and the meetings and long distance phone bills incurred by the parties, including Ketchen^{one of}son, will, if provided, reflect this.