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Attention

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Examination requested by

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Reference

Letter dated April 21, 1983

Examination requested

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Specimens

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accompanying page one of a (front and back) beginning "Dear

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Q5 Page three beginning "eat pepper-mint and ..."

Q6 Page five beginning "you the other ..."

Result of examination:

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The original "Zodiac" case involves numerous letters and cryptograms related to murders in the Sacramento - San Fransico area in the late 1960's and early 1970's. The "Zodiac" case has not been solved to date.

The QI through Q6 material resembles the type of letters and cryptograms involved in the "Sodiac" case.

No indented writing was observed on Q1 through Q6. No watermarks were observed on Q1.

The brand "Conqueror" appears on Q3. This appears to be a brand of the Sloan Paper Co., Doraville, Georgia.

Q2 and Q4 through Q6 bear watermarks of Sheaffer Eaton, Pittsfield, Massachusetts.

Cryptanalysis

Specimens Q2 and Q6 contain substitution system with variants. In such a cryptosystem, each letter of the alphabet is replaced by one or more symbols to make the message unreadable. The letters which occur more frequently in the English language have more than one ciphertext equivalent.

The substitution system is as follows:

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The cryptographic equivalents used in specimens Q2 and Q6 are the same as those used in the original "Sodiac" cipher; both the original ciphertext and its decryption have been published. However, the following differences should be noted between the cryptograms in the submitted specimens and the cryptograms authored by "Zodiac:"

- (1) The longer "Sodiac" ciphers were inscribed into a rectangle. The end of the first ("solved") cryptogram, when deciphered, was unintelligible; the author apparently used the cipher symbols to complete the rectangle. Since the second cipher remains unsolved, it is not known whether any nulls are used to complete the rectangle. The cryptogram in specimen Q2 does not follow the same pattern of inscribing the message into a complete rectangle (i.e., the last line of the cryptogram contains only 3 symbols).
- (2) The "Zodiac" cryptograms contained 17 symbols per row. The cryptogram in specimens Q2 and Q6 contain 13 symbols per row.

The decryptions of specimens Q2 and Q6 follow. Garbled portions of the plaintext have been corrected; these corrections are underlined.

Specimen 02

MUST DIE FOR HER PIPTY MEGAHERTE SCREECH AND HER FLIRTATIOUSNESS SHE IS SO INPOSSIBLY SHALLOW AND STUCK UP

Specimen 06

IF YOU WISH TO KNOW MY IDENTITY YOU WILL HAVE TO PUT SOME REFORT INTO IT NOT FIDDLE AND FART AROUND HERE IS A CLUB AS MISSUS. IF SHE REMEMBERS WHO DRAWS THE SYMBOL THEN YOU WILL HAVE ME GOOD LUCK

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Disposition of the Evidence

The disposition of Ql through Q6 will be furnished with the fingerprint report. The results of the linguistics examination will be furnished separately. Representative photographs of Ql through Q6 are retained.

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