



Sincerely,
yours,
Ted Kaczynski

THE UNABOMBER LETTERS

A YAHOO NEWS SPECIAL REPORT

Conspiracy theories

Since his arrest, conspiracy theorists have written to Kaczynski asking whether he might be the Zodiac Killer. In 2011, Kaczynski submitted a DNA sample to the FBI as part of their investigation into the deadly 1982 Tylenol poisonings.

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TED KACZYNSKI
to

June 21, 2005

0214.0

Dear Mr. ... :

In an envelope postmarked 6/1/05 and bearing your return address, I received an unsigned, undated note that read:

"An individual you correspond [sic] posts on the internet [sic] claims you are Zodiac. I bring this to your attention because they recently befriendened you."

I'm not a bit surprised. There are a lot of abnormal creeps out there who get some kind of perverted kick out of writing to notorious convicts, posting things about them on the Internet, and so forth. For example, there was one of these weirdos who used to write to me while writing to a white supremacist who was confined in this same prison. You could take one of his letters to me, one of his letters to the white supremacist, and put them side by side and compare them. It was hilarious. These creeps are always good for a laugh.

As for any writings I've sent you, including any letters, essays, or articles, any permission I've given you to put them on the Internet is hereby withdrawn. I suppose you realize that if you now put anything of mine on the Internet, it will constitute infringement of copyright and will be legally actionable.

Sincerely yours,

Ted Kaczynski

[OVER]

0214.0

August 17, 2005

Hello Ted Kaczynski,

It was nice to hear from you last month. I just heard that the Federal Appeals court will not grant you a new trial. I wish you success should you appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court.

I have not sold any of the things you have sent to me. Not sure exactly what you meant by your last letter. I'm not involved with law enforcement or the government and they are the ones auctioning off your property. What would lead you to believe that I had access to your personal effects? I don't even know when or where they are going to auction off these items and I certainly would not consider paying some of the prices that newspapers have quoted others have said your items would sell for.

I don't personally believe you are the monster the public and the media want us to believe. Seems like you would of have it made living in a remote area of Montana. Getting to see nature and all that it does, but even then I am sure man screws it up all over from the wilderness to the big cities.

Let me know if I can send you any books to read or if you need a couple of bucks for canteen.

We need to put an end to this war in Iraq. We need to get back to the horse. This killing technology is doing just that.

Best Regards,

Postmark 6/1/05

0214.0

May 2005

Mr. Theodore Kaczynski

An individual you correspond posts on the internet claims you are Zodiac.
I bring this to your attention because they recently befriended you.

Best Regards

From

postmark 6/1/05

[REDACTED]

Theodore J. Kaczynski
04475-046
Admin Max Facility
PO Box 8500
Florence, CO 81226

Mr. Kaczynski:

My name is [REDACTED]. For the past five years I have been researching the similarities between the Unabomber and a world-renowned criminal styled "Zodiac," who became a pop-culture icon in the late 1960s through a series of sensational murders and correspondences with the press.

At this juncture I have uncovered no evidence that would forge a definite link between the activities of the Unabomber and those of Zodiac. Authorities at both the state and federal level have written off the likelihood of any such connection. Nevertheless it is undeniable (even by the detractors of a connection) that many similarities exist.

I have been advised that it would be unfair to suggest such a connection without offering you the opportunity to defend the reputation of the Unabomber and the philosophy for which he stood. To that end I would like to present you with a list of dates and ask that you provide accounts of your whereabouts for as many of those dates as possible. A valid alibi for even a single date, backed by documentary evidence, would be sufficient to prove conclusively that there is no linkage whatsoever between the sordid crimes of Zodiac and the more principled (albeit terrible) activities of the Unabomber.

Here is the list of dates in question:

Month	Day	Year
December	20	1968
July	4-5	1969
July	31	1969
August	1-8	1969
September	27	1969
October	11-13	1969
November	8-9	1969
December	20	1969
April	20	1970
April	28	1970
June	26	1970
July	24	1970
July	26	1970
October	5	1970
October	27	1970
March	13	1971
March	22	1971

Alibis for the following dates, while helpful, would not be conclusive in discounting a connection:

Month	Day	Year
June	3-6	1963
February	3-6	1964
October	30	1966
November	1	1966
April	30	1967
October	22	1969
March	22	1970

Please bear in mind that any alibi should be backed either by documentary evidence or the word of a reliable individual. In the latter case I would appreciate receiving from you a letter or letters of introduction that will establish my credibility to any such person.

It is only fair to state that I do not consider your brother, David Kaczynski, to be a reliable individual for the purpose of establishing an alibi. In 1990, based on conversations with your brother, a friend of his wrote a heretofore unpublished novel about "a Berkeley professor's war with technology." Within that novel the fictional

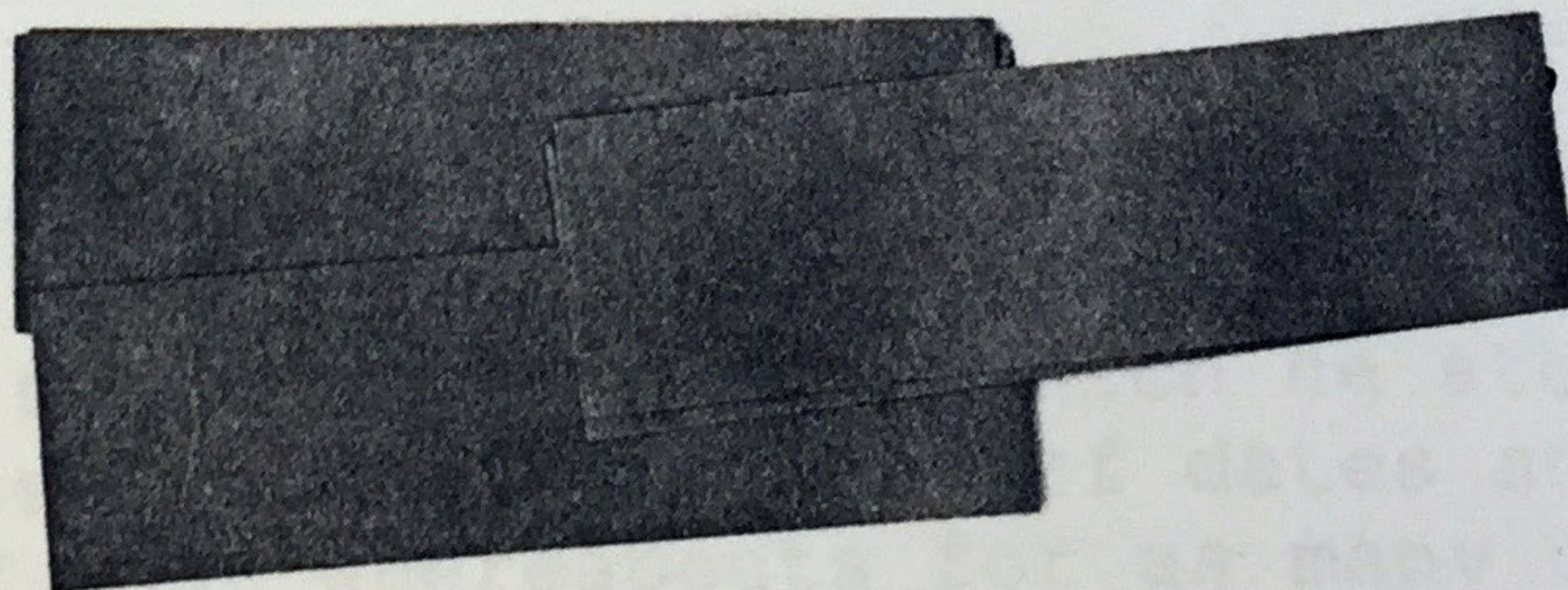
"Berkeley professor" committed murder to promote his worldview, thus anticipating the actual truth long before the Unabomber entered the public imagination.

Whatever the case, I will publish your response in such a way that it may be freely accessed by any interested person.

There is an advantage to you in this. The entire world is aware that you have risked your life to disprove the notion that the Unabomber's actions were not philosophically motivated, but simply the result of a deviant or warped psychology. I must frankly tell you that the postulated linkage between Zodiac and the Unabomber has grown and persisted in the past five years. Indeed, it shows signs of strengthening in the years to come. I fear that if this theory is not thoroughly refuted, posterity will know the Unabomber not for his principled stand against technology, but for his similarity to a sick and sordid criminal who murdered minor children to assuage his sexual frustrations and shore up a foundering ego. The Zodiac Killer is widely known as "America's Jack the Ripper." The Unabomber is fast becoming the "favorite suspect" in a mystery that, because it remains unsolved, will endure for many years to come. You alone can divest him of that distinction.

I thank you for your attention to this matter and encourage you to respond. Enclosed is a small amount of money (\$5.00) to defray the cost of postage and stationery.

Sincerely,



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May 9, 2011

Cop-out to Ms. Krist, SIS

[Corrected first draft]

from Theodore John Kaczynski 04475-046
DO2-208

Today I received a letter from my attorney, John Balazs. On his advice, I say the following:

On 4/27/11 I sent you a brief note with which I enclosed a message to the FBI (Chicago), also dated 4/27/11, which constituted my answer to the FBI's request for a DNA sample. I expected you to transmit that message to the FBI.

On the advice of my attorney, I hereby repudiate my message to the FBI dated 4/27/11. Instead, I will refuse to give any DNA sample unless I receive a court order requiring me to do so, or unless my attorney advises me to give a DNA sample.

Moreover, I will refuse to discuss this matter further with anyone, except through my attorney. Any questions on this subject should be addressed to my attorney:

JOHN BALAZS, ATTORNEY AT LAW

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COP-OUT FROM KACZYNSKI 04475-046

to MS. KRIST

5/9/11

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Please transmit the foregoing information to the Chicago office of the FBI.

Thank you.

cc: John Balazs

ADX Legal Dept.

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