

(12/31/1995)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: PRIORITY

Date: 08/13/1997

To: CID
WMFO

Attn: VCMO Section

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From: Charlotte
Squad 6
Contact: SA

Approved By:
Drafted By:

Case ID #: 89A-CE-NEW (Pending)

Title: UNSUB;
THREAT AGAINST U.S. SENATOR JESSE HELMS;
AFO;
OO:CE

Synopsis: Set lead to WFO. A threat was made against U.S. Senator Jesse Helms on the Internet from a person using the name

Ascertain the identity of

ADMINISTRATIVE
Reference: Facsimile sent to WFO on Friday, August 8, 1997 to
 WFO from FBI Charlotte Division.

Enclosure: One copy of the message on the bulletin board of WSOC-TV for CID and and one copy for WMFO.

Details: On Friday, August 8, 1997, this office was contacted by Special Agent U.S. Secret Service, Charlotte Field Office. SA received a phone call at approximately 4:00 p.m. from WSOC-TV in Charlotte. On the bulletin board of WSOC-TV, a threat was made against Senator Jesse Helms. The person who made the threat uses the identifier, with the online address

The threat reads: "won't somebody put him out of his misery? If I wasn't so afraid of becoming a sex slave in prison, I'd put a bullet in him myself. Surely there has to be some ultra left-wing thinker like myself who'd do it. Any takers? I'm not kidding. Somebody MUST assassinate him. SOON. An ignorant inbreed redneck like him must be shot, for the good of the people. "

A message very much like this, if not identical, also appeared on the Internet Bulletin Board of radio personality but he erased the message and no copies or printouts were made.

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Senator Helm's North Carolina office has been notified of the threat.

To: All FBIHQ Divisions From: Charlotte
Re: 89A-CE-NEW, 08/13/1997

LEAD (s):

Set Lead 1:

WMFO

AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

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Contact [REDACTED]

Obtain identity and address of [REDACTED]

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Set Lead 2:

AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

Contact U.S. Capital Police and inform them of the threat against U.S. Senator Jesse Helms. Contact U.S. Senator Jesse Helms office in Washington, D.C. and advise of the threat.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: PRIORITY

Date: 09/03/1997

To: FBI Headquarters
Charlotte

Attn: CID-VC/FU

Attn: Squad 6

SA [redacted]

From: WFO

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Contact: SA [redacted]

Approved By [redacted]

Drafted By [redacted]

Case ID #: 89A-CE-79556 (Pending)

Title: UNSUB;
THREAT AGAINST U.S. SENATOR JESSE HELMS;
AFO;
OO: CE

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Synopsis: Lead status report.

Details: Reference CE EC to WFO, dated 08/19/1997.

The WFO Threat Assessment Liaison to the United States Capitol made appropriate notifications to the United States Capitol Police pertaining to the captioned threat.

In reference to the remaining lead set forth to WFO in referenced EC, WFO conducted a preliminary on-line search for the America On-Line (AOL) screen name [redacted] with negative results. For information of CE division, [redacted] requires a Federal Grand Jury subpoena in order to release any information pertaining to their subscribers to the FBI for investigative purposes.

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The Grand Jury subpoena should be addressed to:

[redacted]

Leads set forth in the referenced EC for WFO are considered covered, unless otherwise advised by CE division.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 11/07/1997

To: FBI Headquarters
WMFO

Attn: CID-VC/FU

Attn: SA [redacted]

From: Charlotte
Squad 6

Contact: SA [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: 89A-CE-79556 (Closed)

Title: UNSUB;
THREAT AGAINST U.S. SENATOR JESSE HELMS
AFO;
OO:CE

Synopsis: Decline of United States Attorney's office to prosecute.

Reference: 89-CE-79556 Serial 2

Details: Contact was made with United States Attorney's Office. After a discussion of events leading up to this point, it was decided not to pursue this case any further. However, if new evidence should come to light, this case will be reopened and pursued.

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CITE: //3920//

PASS: FBIHQ CID-VC/FU; FBIHQ OPCA.

SUBJECT: UNSUB, AKA [REDACTED] STATES SENATOR

JESSE HELMS (NC) - VICTIM; CCSCAKA; OO: WFO.

REFERENCE CE EC'S TO WFO, DATED 08/19/1997 AND
11/07/1997; WFO EC TO CE, DATED 09/03/1997..

ON 08/19/1997, THE CE DIVISION INITIATED AN INVESTIGATION
(89A-CE-79556) UPON NOTIFICATION FROM THE UNITED STATES SECRET
SERVICE (USSS) CHARLOTTE FIELD OFFICE. CE DIVISION ADVISED
THAT THE USSS REPORTED THAT A TELEPHONE CALL WAS RECEIVED ON

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THE SAME DATE AT APPROXIMATELY 4:00 P.M., FROM [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WSOC-TV, WHO INDICATED THAT A

THREAT WAS MADE BY AN INDIVIDUAL USING THE IDENTIFIERS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND INTERNET E-MAIL ADDRESS [REDACTED] THREAT

WAS DESCRIBED AS STATING THE FOLLOWING IN PART, "...WON'T SOMEBODY PUT HIM OUT OF HIS MISERY? IF I WASN'T SO AFRAID OF BECOMING A SEX SLAVE IN PRISON, I'D PUT A BULLET IN HIM MYSELF. SURELY THERE HAS TO BE SOME ULTRA LEFT-WING THINKER LIKE MYSELF WHO'D DO IT. ANY TAKERS? I'M NOT KIDDING. SOMEBODY MUST ASSASINATE HIM. SOON. AN IGNORANT INBREED REDNECK LIKE HIM MUST BE SHOT, FOR THE GOOD OF THE PEOPLE..."

CE DIVISION EC TO WFO, DATED 08/19/1997, REQUESTED WFO TO MAKE APPROPRIATE NOTIFICATIONS PERTAINING TO THIS THREAT AT THE UNITED STATES CAPITOL IN WASHINGTON. CE DIVISION FURTHER REQUESTED WFO TO CONTACT AMERICA ONLINE AND OBTAIN IDENTITY AND ADDRESS OF [REDACTED]

UPON RECEIPT OF THIS COMMUNICATION, WFO MADE APPROPRIATE NOTIFICATIONS AT THE U.S. CAPITOL. WFO ALSO DETAILED IN REFERENCED EC TO CE DIVISION, [REDACTED]

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PROVIDED CE DIVISION [REDACTED]

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CE EC, DATED 11/07/1997, DETAILED, "CONTACT WAS MADE WITH UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE. AFTER A DISCUSSION OF EVENTS LEADING UP TO THIS POINT, IT WAS DECIDED NOT TO PURSUE THIS CASE ANY FURTHER. HOWEVER, IF NEW EVIDENCE SHOULD COME TO LIGHT, THIS CASE WILL BE REOPENED AND PURSUED. CE DIVISION CLOSED THIS INVESTIGATION ON 11/27/1997.

WFO MAINTAINS LIAISON WITH THE UNITED STATES CAPITOL AND THE UNITED STATES CAPITOL POLICE (USCP) PERTAINING TO CONGRESSIONAL THREAT MATTERS INVESTIGATED BY THE FBI. THE CHIEF OF THE USCP HAS MADE AN INQUIRY THROUGH THE FBI THREAT ASSESSMENT LIAISON TO THE UNITED STATES CAPITOL (WFO), AS TO WHY THE FBI DID NOT ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY THE ORIGINATOR OF THE AFOREMENTIONED E-MAIL MESSAGE THREATENING TO KILL SENATOR HELMS, WHEREAS THE UNITED STATES CAPITOL SERGEANT AT ARMS OFFICE AND THE USCP ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PROTECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS.

IN RESPONSE TO THIS INQUIRY, WFO HAS DECIDED TO INITIATE A CONGRESSIONAL THREAT INVESTIGATION IN EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY THE UNKNOWN SUBJECT, SET APPROPRIATE LEADS AND PRESENT THE

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RESULTS OF THIS INVESTIGATION TO THE USAO FOR A PROSECUTIVE
REVIEW AND OPINION. WFO HAS CONTACTED THE USAO IN THE
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA AND [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] WILL ALSO CONTACT THE USSS CHARLOTTE

FIELD OFFICE AND OBTAIN ANY ADDITIONAL DETAILS PERTAINING TO
THE CAPTIONED MATTER AND/OR SUBJECT.

LEADS

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AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING AT THE UNITED STATES CAPITOL.

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CITE: //3920//

PASS: FBIHQ CID-VC/FU; FBIHQ OPCA; CE (SA [redacted]).

SUBJECT: CHANGED; [redacted] AKA [redacted]

STATES SENATOR JESSE HELMS (NC) - VICTIM; CCSCAKA; OO: WFO.

ADMINISTRATIVE: TITLE CHANGED TO REFLECT TRUE NAME OF

SUBJECT, PREVIOUSLY CARRIED AS, "UNSUB, AKA RADICAL UNITED STATES SENATOR JESSE HELMS (NC) - VICTIM; CCSCAKA; OO:

WFO."

REFERENCE CE EC'S TO WFO, DATED 08/19/1997; 11/07/1997;

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WFO EC TO CE, DATED 09/03/1997; AND WFO TELETYPE TO CE, DATED 01/12/1998.

FOR INFORMATION OF SALT LAKE CITY DIVISION, ON 08/19/1997, THE CE DIVISION INITIATED AN INVESTIGATION (89A-CE-79556) UPON NOTIFICATION FROM THE UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE (USSS) CHARLOTTE FIELD OFFICE. CE DIVISION ADVISED THAT THE USSS REPORTED THAT A TELEPHONE CALL WAS RECEIVED ON THE SAME DATE AT APPROXIMATELY 4:00 P.M., FROM [REDACTED] [REDACTED] WSOC-TV, WHO INDICATED THAT A THREAT WAS MADE BY AN INDIVIDUAL USING THE IDENTIFIERS [REDACTED] [REDACTED] AND INTERNET E-MAIL ADDRESS [REDACTED] THREAT WAS DESCRIBED AS STATING THE FOLLOWING IN PART, "...WON'T SOMEBODY PUT HIM OUT OF HIS MISERY? IF I WASN'T SO AFRAID OF BECOMING A SEX SLAVE IN PRISON, I'D PUT A BULLET IN HIM MYSELF. SURELY THERE HAS TO BE SOME ULTRA LEFT-WING THINKER LIKE MYSELF WHO'D DO IT. ANY TAKERS? I'M NOT KIDDING. SOMEBODY MUST ASSASINATE HIM. SOON. AN IGNORANT INBREED REDNECK LIKE HIM MUST BE SHOT, FOR THE GOOD OF THE PEOPLE..."

CE DIVISION EC TO WFO, DATED 08/19/1997, REQUESTED WFO TO MAKE APPROPRIATE NOTIFICATIONS PERTAINING TO THIS THREAT AT

THE UNITED STATES CAPITOL IN WASHINGTON. CE DIVISION FURTHER
REQUESTED WFO TO CONTACT [REDACTED] AND OBTAIN IDENTITY

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AND ADDRESS OF [REDACTED]
UPON RECEIPT OF THIS COMMUNICATION, WFO MADE APPROPRIATE

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NOTIFICATIONS AT THE U.S. CAPITOL. WFO ALSO DETAILED IN
REFERENCED EC TO CE DIVISION, [REDACTED]

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CE EC, DATED 11/07/1997, DETAILED, "CONTACT WAS MADE WITH
UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE. AFTER A DISCUSSION OF EVENTS
LEADING UP TO THIS POINT, IT WAS DECIDED NOT TO PURSUE THIS
CASE ANY FURTHER. HOWEVER, IF NEW EVIDENCE SHOULD COME TO
LIGHT, THIS CASE WILL BE REOPENED AND PURSUED. CE DIVISION
CLOSED THIS INVESTIGATION ON 11/27/1997.

WFO MAINTAINS LIAISON WITH THE UNITED STATES CAPITOL AND
THE UNITED STATES CAPITOL POLICE (USCP) PERTAINING TO
CONGRESSIONAL THREAT MATTERS INVESTIGATED BY THE FBI. THE
CHIEF OF THE USCP HAS MADE AN INQUIRY THROUGH THE FBI THREAT
ASSESSMENT LIAISON TO THE UNITED STATES CAPTIOL (WFO), AS TO

WHY THE FBI DID NOT ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY THE ORIGINATOR OF THE AFOREMENTIONED E-MAIL MESSAGE THREATENING TO KILL SENATOR HELMS, WHEREAS THE UNITED STATES CAPITOL SERGEANT AT ARMS OFFICE AND THE USCP ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PROTECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS.

IN RESPONSE TO THIS INQUIRY, ON 01/12/1998, WFO INITIATED A CONGRESSIONAL THREAT INVESTIGATION IN EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY THE UNKNOWN SUBJECT, SET APPROPRIATE LEADS AND PRESENT THE RESULTS OF THIS INVESTIGATION TO THE USAO FOR A PROSECUTIVE REVIEW AND OPINION. WFO CONTACTED THE USAO IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA [REDACTED]

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THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED BY WFO FROM

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WFO CONDUCTED A SEARCH OF THE FBI ACS/UNI, WHICH PRODUCED NO IDENTIFIABLE RECORDS ASSOCIATED WITH A [REDACTED] IN THE STATE OF UTAH.

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WFO HAS CONTACTED THE USSS CHARLOTTE FIELD OFFICE AND IS ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN ANY ADDITIONAL DETAILS PERTAINING TO THE AFOREMENTIONED E-MAIL MESSAGE AND/OR SUBJECT.

LEADS

SALT LAKE CITY DIVISION

AT LOGAN, UT

CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION. ATTEMPT TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW SUBJECT AND ASCERTAIN HIS EXACT INTENTIONS PERTAINING TO THE AFOREMENTIONED THREATENING E-MAIL MESSAGE. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS REQUIRED IN ORDER TO CONDUCT A COMPREHENSIVE THREAT ASSESSMENT OF THE SUBJECT: OBTAIN THE SUBJECT'S IDENTIFYING INFORMATION, CRIMINAL AND MENTAL HISTORY, OWNERSHIP AND ACCESS TO FIREARMS, FINANCIAL STATUS (I.E. MOBILITY), INTERVIEW OF FAMILY MEMBERS OR OTHER INDIVIDUALS PERTAINING TO THE SUBJECT'S PROPENSITY FOR VIOLENCE, AND OBTAIN A PHOTOGRAPH OF SUBJECT FROM LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT, DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES OR OTHER LOGICAL SOURCE, IF AVAILABLE. ADVISE WFO OF ANY INVESTIGATIVE DEVELOPMENTS FOR A PROSECUTIVE REVIEW BY THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AND DISSEMINATION TO THE UNITED STATES

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CITE: //3920//

PASS: FBIHQ CID-VC/FU; FBIHQ OPCA; CE (SA [REDACTED]).

SUBJECT: CHANGED; [REDACTED] AKA [REDACTED]

STATES SENATOR JESSE HELMS (NC) - VICTIM; CCSCAKA; OO: WFO.

ADMINISTRATIVE: TITLE CHANGED TO REFLECT TRUE NAME OF

SUBJECT, PREVIOUSLY CARRIED AS, "UNSUB, AKA [REDACTED]
UNITED STATES SENATOR JESSE HELMS (NC) - VICTIM; CCSCAKA; OO:
WFO.".

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CAPITOL AND THE USCP.

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AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING AT THE UNITED STATES CAPITOL.

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