

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

Los Angeles, California
February 25, 1947

Director, FBI

ATTENTION: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

RE: ELIZABETH SHORT
"BLACK DAHLIA" MURDER IN LOS ANGELES
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Dear Sir:

The manner in which ELIZABETH SHORT's body was dissected has indicated the possibility that the murderer was a person somewhat experienced in medical work. The Los Angeles Police Department has undertaken to develop suspects among the medical and dental schools in the area, as well as among other students who have anything to do with human anatomy.

The University of Southern California Medical School was reluctant to turn over a list of their students to the police department without being assured that the names would not be indexed into police or FBI records as suspects in the case. This assurance has been given them.

I am enclosing two copies of a list of the University of Southern California medical students, giving the name, address, ~~present~~ date and Army or Navy compensation number where known. Those students with "c" numbers are in school under the G.I. Bill of Rights. It is requested that the Bureau search these names through the criminal record indices and in the event any criminal record is determined for any of these men, a copy is requested to be sent air mail to this office.

It will be noted that eight names are preceded with an asterisk. In these cases, if a fingerprint card is located for the individual, it is requested that a photographic copy of fingerprints be furnished to this office by air mail as the Los Angeles Police Department Crime Laboratory has compared the handwriting of these individuals with notes received in the case and has concluded that there is some similarity and they would like to be able to compare latent fingerprints also.

I feel that we can be of much assistance to the Los Angeles Police Department in this case and the Bureau's expeditious attention to this project will be sincerely appreciated by ~~the~~ **RECORDED 62-82627-40**

At the completion of the Bureau's search, it is requested that the list be destroyed or returned to the Los Angeles Office.

Very truly yours,

R. B. HOOD, SAC.



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