Text of Notes Warning of Bank Bombs

The special delivery letter stating that "symbolic" time bombs had been planted in banks here and in New York and Chicago spelled out the plot in chilling detail.

Here, from a copy supplied The Examinerby radio station KSAN-FM, is the full text:

Prototype bombs in symbolic banks

During July 1971 nine unusual prototype bombs were planted in different banks across the country. These bombs were placed in safety deposit boxes in the vaults of the banks listed below. Enclosed is one key to one of these boxes.

New York City:

1. First National City Bank — 107 William St. Box No. 6160. Key No. —.

2. Manufacturers Hanover Trust Co.—40 Wall St. Box No. 215. Key No. 59.

3. Marine Midland Grace Trust Co. of N.Y. — 140 Broadway. Box No. 1716. Key No. 372.

Chicago:

4. Continental Illinois National Bank — 231 S. La-Salle St. Box No. E. 396. Key No. E-396.

5. The First National Bank of Chicago — 1 First National Plaza. Box No. 47440. Key No. 305637.

6. The Northern Trust Company—50 S. LaSalle St. Box No. 7936. Key No. 2002.

San Francisco:

7. Bank of America — Market - New Montgomery. Box No. 1508. Key No. R537.

8. Crocker - Citizens National Bank — 1 Montgomery St. Box No. 2511 Key No. —.

9. Wells Fargo Bank — Market - Montgomery. Box No. 3114. Key No. 3114.

Long Range

What makes these demonstration time bombs unusual are the long range timers used in them. Clock timers used in time bombs typically have a cycle of 12 hours and can therefore be set only up to 12 hours in advance.

The timers used in this demonstration bombing have a cycle of 7 months or 217 days with such a functioning timer a bomb can be planted up to seven months in advance of its intended time of detonation.

The principle is simple. Calendar clocks and watches have 7 day weeks and 31 day months. Any given day and date combination repeats itself only once every 217 days.

Let today be any given day and date (e.g., Sunday the 31st), then the time-piece "day" and "date" of any future day can easily be calculated. Every time the target "day" comes up on the time piece one switch is closed for 24 hours.

The same happens to another switch when the target "date" comes up. Only when the target "day" and "date" come up together are both switches closed at the same time completing the detonation circuit.

Cordless Clocks

The prototype timers were made of low quality cordless electric clocks. In future bombings they will be highly reliable nearly silent electronic watches. Similarly, the slow burning powder placed in these safety deposit boxes would instead be a compact plastic explosive.

Kidnaping people and demanding property (or money) in exchange for their lives exemplifies the anti-life property values of our sick and brutal society. The movement in America would do better to kidnap property and offer it in exchange for the freedom of our people.

How would one kidnap a luxury hotel, a corporate office building or a superhighway and demand the release of political prisoners as ransom? Simple again. A seven-month time

bomb could easily be embedded in the structure of a building under construction (e.g., the New F.B.I. building in Washington) or under the roadbed of a highway not yet paved over.

Undetectable

In 3 or 4 months continued construction would make the device virtually undetectable. The authorities and the public would then be told who is to be freed in exchange for the exact location of the device. They would also be told how much time remained on the timer.

In case the authorities should claim not to believe that the threat is real, then planting two devices and telling the media where one of them is located would cure that misconception.

Of course, the power structure could refuse to meet our demands. They would then have the option of sitting around for



At San Francisco radio KSAN-FM, Dave McQueen (seated) and Peter Laufer read bomb threat on air.

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months waiting for some portion of one of their empty toys to blow up. Who will want to vacation in that hotel, meet in that boardroom, or drive on

that super highway for the next few months?

Free all political prisoners.

Remember George Jackson and Sam Melville.

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