

~~SMITH~~ SMITH RELATES THAT HE AND ARNOLD MADE SUBSEQUENT ATTEMPTS TO GO OUT TO MAURI ISLAND WITH CRISMAN AND DAHL ON FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, AUGUST FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD, BUT WERE PUT OFF BY CHRISMAN AND DAHL FOR VARIOUS REASONS, SMITH STATES THAT REPORTER ~~LANTZ~~ LANTZ OF TACOMA TIMES AND ~~MORELLO~~ MORELLO OF UNITED PRESS OFFICE TACOMA INFORMED HIM AND ARNOLD OF THE ANONYMOUS PHONE CALLS, AND FROM ACCURACY OF THE INFO TRANSMITTED BY THESE ANONYMOUS CALLS, SMITH BELIEVES THEY WERE MADE BY EITHER DAHL OR CHRISMAN. SMITH ADMITS CALLING HIS PERSONAL FRIEND MAURICE ~~RODDY~~ RODDY, AVIATION EDITOR OF CHICAGO TIMES, ON FRIDAY, AUGUST FIRST LAST, TO INFORM HIM OF THE TACOMA INCIDENT AS PER A PREVIOUS AGREEMENT BETWEEN THEM THAT SMITH WOULD LET RODDY IN ON ANY FLYING DISC STORIES WHICH HE MIGHT RUN INTO. SMITH ALSO ADMITS THAT HE TOLD REPORTER JOHNSON OF IDAHO STATESMAN IN TELEPHONE CONVERSATION SATURDAY NIGHT, AUGUST SECOND LAST, THAT CAPTAIN DAVIDSON AND LIEUTENANT BROWN WERE CARRYING FRAGMENTS WITH THEM ON THEIR FATAL FLIGHT. SMITH SAYS THAT DAHL TOLD HIM ON SATURDAY NITE AUGUST SECOND LAST THAT HE, DAHL, IF CONTACTED BY THE ARMY OR OTHER AUTHORITIES WAS GOING TO SAY THAT THE ENTIRE STORY WAS A HOAX. SMITH STATES THAT HE TOLD HIS COMPLETE STORY TO MAJOR SANDERS OF MCCORD FIELD, TACOMA, ON SUNDAY MORNING, AUGUST THIRD LAST, AND THAT ARNOLD LEFT TACOMA. UNLESS ADVISED TO CONTRARY, LANTZ AND MORELLO WHO ARE BOTH TACOMA NEWSPAPERMEN MENTIONED ABOVE, WILL NOT BE CONTACTED FOR VERIFICATION OF ~~SMITHS~~ SMITHS STORY ABOVE. UNABLE TO LOCATE FIRE CHIEF OF HARBOR, WN. TO VERIFY INFORMATION ~~RECEIVED~~ RECEIVED BY HIM FROM DAHL AND CHRISMAN. SINCE THIS STORY ORIGINATED IN SEATTLE ~~POST- INTELLIGENCER~~ POST- INTELLIGENCER NEWSPAPER THIS LEAD IS BEING DISCONTINUED UNLESS ADVISED TO CONTRARY. LETTER CONTAINING COMPLETE INTERVIEWS WITH DAHL AND CHRISMAN AS OUTLINED ~~ABOVE~~ ABOVE WILL BE FORWARDED ~~TO BUREAU~~ TO BUREAU.

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