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Lead Control #04467

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The following investigation was conducted on May 4, 1995, at San Francisco, California, by Special Agent (SA) THOMAS P. RAVENELLE:

Reference Bureau teletypes to all field offices dated 4/27/95, and 5/1/95.

Referenced Bureau teletypes directed all field offices to review bank robbery files and compare methods of operations (mo's) to mo's outlined in the teletype dated 4/27/95, which are believed to have been used by subject MCVEIGH and his associates.

San Francisco reviewed bank robbery files dating back to 1/1/94, and only located five bank robberies wherein a hoax explosive device was used and all five of these bank robberies occurred between September and December of 1994. PAUL ROBERT FRANKS was arrested for the five robberies, and during the subsequent interview he admitted to acting alone. FRANKS advised that his robberies only began after his wife left him for her lesbian lover. FRANKS has been convicted and is to be sentenced soon. He received approximately sixty to seventy thousand dollars as a result of these robberies.

The San Francisco case agent for these five bank robberies was involved in the interview of FRANKS and that agent is confident that FRANKS acted alone and is in no way connected to the subjects of the Oklahoma City bombing or any militia group. FRANKS' bank robberies occurred in and around Santa Cruz and San Jose, California, and he has been a long time resident of Santa Cruz.

San Francisco was unable to find any other bank robberies with a similar mo as described in the referenced teletype.

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