

FBI Reportedly Looking for Man in Bombing

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The FBI is looking for a man they believe sought a remote hide-out in the Ozark mountains of Missouri with Oklahoma City bombing suspects Timothy McVeigh and Terry Nichols, CNN and Time magazine reported yesterday.

The FBI wants to question Robert Jacques to help agents reconstruct McVeigh's and Nichols' activities leading up to the April 15, 1995, bombing. The network released a sketch of a man believed to be Jacques.

William Maloney, a Cassville, Mo., real estate broker told CNN that in the fall of 1994, Jacques came to his office with Nichols and a man who identified himself as Tim.

Jacques did most of the talking and did not say why they were interested in buying land Maloney advertised as ``In the middle of nowhere, at the end of a rough road, at the bottom of a hollow . . . there may be a cave."

``I asked the question, `Were they looking for a place to hide?' and he didn't respond to that," Maloney said. The three men left the same day and never returned, Maloney said.

Several months earlier, Maloney said he got a phone inquiry about the land and asked the caller's name.

``He says `McVeigh,' and I said, `M-C-V-E-Y' and he said, `That's close enough,' " Maloney said.

McVeigh's trial on federal murder and conspiracy charges is set for March 31 in Denver. Nichols will be tried separately later.

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