

**FBI leaks of UNABOM evidence to
the media**

GREAT FALLS TRIBUNE, APRIL 4, 1996

Page 1 A member of the Unabom task force, speaking to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity, identified the man as Ted John Kaczynski and said he had been using many aliases.

Page 8 A Rick Smith, who retired just on Friday from the FBI in San Francisco, headquarters of the Unabom task force, said the force had half a dozen good suspects in the case in recent months, and all but one of them appeared less likely to be the Unabomber as the investigation continued. The one who became more likely is the man in Montana, he said. "On this particular instance, the further we went along the more likely it was he was a viable suspect. So I think the FBI's fairly certain they have the right man," he said.

BILLINGS GAZETTE. APRIL 4, 1996

Page 1 Sources told The Gazette federal officials have "extremely damaging" evidence against 55- year-old Ted John Kaczynski,...A source close to the case told The Gazette officials have a document of Kaczynski's written years ago that mirrors the Unabomber's 35,000-word manifesto.

THE MONTEREY COUNTY HERALD, APRIL 5, 1996

Page 12A Federal officials said searchers also found two manual typewriters. The Unabomber has sent a sheaf of typed letters over the past few years, and investigators wanted to compare those with the typewriters.

THE BILLINGS GAZETTE. APRIL 5, 1996

Page 2A David Kaczynski was torn between duty to country and loyalty to family before he pointed investigators toward his older brother as a possible suspect in the 18-year series of Unabomber attacks, federal agents said Thursday. Ultimately, Kaczynski got an acquaintance, a Washington lawyer, to relay his suspicions to the FBI in early January, according to agents who requested anonymity.

THE INDEPENDENT RECORD. APRIL 5.1996

Page 4A He [Kaczynski] submitted to lengthy questioning without requesting a lawyer, another federal official [said]...

Noting the lack of electricity at the cabin, agents said the Unabomber could have built his meticulous bombs without power tools, one official said.

Page 5A “ We know he was a smashing success professionally. He graduates from Harvard at the age of 20, gets his Ph.D. in Michigan and then gets a job in the mathematics department at Berkeley,” said Michael Rustigan, a criminologist at San Francisco State University who assisted in crafting the investigative profile used by the Unabom Task Force. “This is absolutely the premier mathematics department in the nation and he gets a job there as an assistant professor. He has one of the most brilliant careers in the country before him, and then he quits after two years. What happened? That’s the question. What happened?” “This kind of success is truly an exception for serial killers,” Rustigan said.

Page 8A The officials denied a CBS News report that alibi evidence for two bombings had been uncovered. “Nothing has been found that precludes him from being the Unabomber,” said a senior federal official in Washington.

BILLINGS GAZETTE. APRIL 6-1996

Page 1 (Headline)	Typewriter is a match, says federal official
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A manual typewriter found in Theodore J. Kaczynski’s shack appears to be the one the Unabomber used to type his letters and his grand manifesto about the evils of technology, a federal official said Friday.

Two manual typewrites were taken from the cabin and were being analyzed at FBI headquarters in Washington, but “it looks like the manifesto and the letters from the Unabomber were typed on” one of them, according to the official in Washington , who spoke on condition of anonymity. “We’ll know for sure after the detailed lab analysis.”

A federal agent speaking on condition of anonymity said the search of the hand-built 10-by-12 foot cabin was going slowly for fear of booby traps.

THE NEW YORK TIMES. APRIL 7.1996

Page 1 Yesterday, investigators trying to connect Mr. Kaczynski to the bombings determined that, as they had suspected, he had frequently ridden intercity buses, which would have allowed him to travel from Montana to both Utah and Northern California, where the bomber had been active since 1981.

Page 13 Federal agents say Theodore Kaczynski lived in Salt Lake City for a while in the early 1980’s — though city and state agencies there say they have no record of him ‘ and the bomber’s activities shifted there then.

HOUSTON CHRONICLE. APRIL 7.1996

ABC News reported late Friday that agents found intricately carved wooden boxes in the shack. Carved videocassette-sized wooden boxes, sometimes made from four different woods, were used in some of the Unabomber's bombs.

The Washington Post Saturday quoted an unnamed official in Washington as saying they were "99.9 percent sure" that Kaczynski is the Unabomber, who began his campaign of terror in 1978 when a person was injured by a bomb that exploded at Northwestern University in Evanston, 111.

In other developments Saturday, U.S. News and World Report reported that, according to U.S. Department of Justice sources, Kaczynski had relied on his family to support him over the years, receiving thousands of dollars from them. That could explain how a man with no visible means of support could have traveled the county planting or mailing bombs.

THE SACRAMENTO REE.
APRIL 7.1996

So far, Kaczynski has been charged with nothing more than a single count of possessing bomb components. But the federal source said investigators who have been hunting the Unabomber are uncovering a wealth of information inside his ramshackle hovel and are "150 percent certain" they have their man.

Investigators looked at the documents, including letters that Kaczynski had written over the years to his mother, Wanda, and were stunned: They read like an introduction to the manifesto. "I said, 'This guy either wrote the manuscript or he is very close to the person who did,' "said a federal investigator.

MISSOULIAN, APRIL 7, 1996

Page B2 (Headline)	Investigators defuse bomb
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Investigators discovered and defused a live bomb in the cabin of Theodore Kaczynski, the former math professor suspected of being the elusive Unabomber, a federal law officer said Saturday.

Agents, who have been warily searching Kaczynski's cabin since he was taken into custody Wednesday believe the bomb they diffused Friday was intended for someone in particular, said the official. Authorities now have little doubt that they have apprehended the man responsible for placing or mailing bombs that have killed three people and injured 23 others over the past 18 years, said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity. "I've been working this case since 1985," he said. "If it isn't him, I don't know who it is."

CHICAGO TRIBUNE, APRIL 7.1996

Search by FBI yields live bomb
(Headline)

The explosive apparently was intended for a specific target, said one federal official, refusing to elaborate.

THE MONTANA STANDARD. APRIL 8.1996

The Chicago Tribune reported Sunday that federal agents in mid-March searched a shed at the Kaczynski family home in the Chicago suburb of Lombard, Ill., and found matches, traces of gunpowder and half-empty containers of compounds used in making explosive devices. The newspaper, citing unnamed sources, said agents also determined that Kaczynski was in the Chicago area when the first four Unabomber devices were planted or mailed from there in the late 1970's and early 1980's.

THE SACRAMENTO BEE. APRIL 8.1996

Federal sources, speaking on a condition of anonymity, said he [Kaczynski] may have stayed in Northern California for months at a time.

Federal sources have told The Bee that they are "150 percent" certain that Kaczynski, 53, is the elusive bomber who has eluded them for almost 18 years.

The sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said they have uncovered a "gold mine" of evidence in his Montana cabin linking him to the bombings, including manual typewriters they believe may have been used for typing his 35,000-word anarchistic manifesto.

MLSSOULIAN, APRIL 8, 1996

Page I Federal agents searching the cabin of former University of California, Berkeley, math professor Theodore Kaczynski have found evidence directly connecting him to at least one of the bombings carried out by the elusive Unabomber, a source familiar with the investigation said Sunday.

Investigators also disclosed Sunday that the bomb discovered in Kaczynski's cabin over the weekend was not only fully constructed, but had batteries attached to it — a key step in the final arming of a bomb.

So linking Kaczynski even to one of the 16 bombs is a significant step toward connecting him to all — a connection that investigators are growing increasingly confident of being able to make, "It's there" said a federal source, who requested anonymity.

AUSTIN AMERICAN-STATESMAN APRIL 9.1996

One official described the similarities between one of the bombs found in the cabin and one used in a fatal attack as striking, akin to two cars of the same make and model. “It was as if once he found the right design, he stuck with it,” the official said.

NEW YORK POST. APRIL 9.1996

Page 4 Law-enforcement officials say the former Berkeley professor is the master-mind behind a 17-year bombing campaign — apparently driven by a hatred of technology — that killed three people and wounded 23.

GREAT FALLS TRIBUNE. APRIL 10-1996

Page 1 Sources said investigators have discovered “something big” in the form of evidence that is more conclusive than anything yet disclosed.

It took 17 years to arrest a suspect in the Unabomber attacks, but the book industry isn’t waiting that long to cash in. On April 25, Pocket Books will rush into publication “Unabomber: On the Trail of America’s Most-Wanted Serial Killer” (\$5.99), by former FBI unit chief John Douglas and Mark Olshaker. The book recounts the FBI’s long pursuit of the elusive Unabomber from the first of the 16 bombings, which have killed three and wounded 23, through suspect Theodore Kaczynski’s capture in Montana last week. The book will include photographs. Douglas, an expert on criminal personality profiling, created the FBI’s first profile of the Unabomber.

THE INDEPENDENT RECORD, APRIL 10.1996

Page 1 Names found in Kaczynski’s papers (Headline)	Victim links
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The names of Unabomber victims have turned up in Theodore Kaczynski’s writings found at his wilderness cabin, and federal agents have discovered possible causal contacts between him and four victims, officials said Tuesday.

“There is a general consistency in the written plans and the physical evidence found at the cabin scene, with the Unabomber’s work,” said a law enforcement official in Washington, commenting only on conditions of anonymity. “The names of some victims were found in the cabin”, he said, declining to disclose them or in what form they appeared.

THE SACRAMENTO BEE, April 10, 1996

Kaczynski is being held on a single charge of possessing bomb components, but federal sources have said they are certain he is the Unabomber and more charges will follow.

Federal sources told The Bee that agents have found a list of categories of individuals who may have been future bombing targets - including executives and social climbers.

"He obviously did not plan to keep his promise (to cease bombing)," a federal source said.

Federal sources have said they are amassing evidence that Kaczynski, who lived like a hermit in Montana, traveled to Northern California and stayed for weeks or months at [a] time.

THE INDEPENDENT RECORD APRIL 11, 1996

Page 7A (Headline)	Report: Kaczynski had clothes that matched famous police sketch
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Federal agents searching the Montana cabin of Unabomber suspect Theodore Kaczynski found aviator sunglasses and a sweatshirt similar to those seen by the only known witness to a Unabomber attack, newspapers in Chicago and San Francisco reported on Wednesday. The Chicago Tribune and San Francisco Examiner, citing an unidentified law enforcement official, said the shirt and glasses were found on Tuesday.

NBC Nightly News reported Wednesday that a live bomb found in Kaczynski's cabin had been wrapped for mailing and given a phony return address. It had not yet been addressed to anyone, the network said.

THE INDEPENDENT RECORD. APRIL 12.1996

Page 4A Information from Justice Department sources indicates that Kaczynski apparently moved from Montana back to Chicago sometime that year, The first bomb detonated at Northwestern University in May 1978.

Page 7A "From IR wire service" The Boston Globe quoted an FBI sources... The source also offered elaboration on evidence already obtained by agents. The manual typewriter reported by some newspapers to have matched the writing on the Unabomber's anti-technology manifesto in fact matched the labels on letters from the Unabomber to his targets, not the manifesto. In addition, a large number of maps with markings consistent with Unabomber attack sites were recovered, the source said.

THE WASHINGTON POST APRIL 13.1996

Reputed 'Manifesto' Recovered

Bomb Suspect's Cabin Yields Draft Version In Search, Officials Say (Headline)

Page 10 Officials this week confirmed that names of some Unabomber victims — and possible intended victims — had been found in unspecified documents inside Kaczynski's cabin.

The increasing evidence against Kaczynski is “overwhelming,” said one senior official involved in the case.

THE NEW YORK TIMES. APRIL 13, 1996

Page 1	BOMBER MANIFESTO IS FOUND IN CABIN, LAW OF- FICIALS SAY WEEK'S HUNT IN MONTANA
Manuscript Adds Crucial Piece to Body of Other Evidence - Tie to 3rd Typewriter (Headline)	

Page 1 Federal law-enforcement officials said today that agents searching Theodore J. Kaczynski's Montana cabin had found the original typewritten manuscript of the Unabomber's 3 5,000-word manifesto, a powerful piece of evidence that has convinced the authorities that they have the long- sought serial terrorist.

“If we lose this one,” one law-enforcement official said, “we'd better close up and go home.” The officials said the manuscript left little room for doubt that Mr. Kaczynski was the Unabomber. The officials said they believed that the manuscript found at the cabin was a master copy. From it, the Unabomber laboriously typed the copies of the manifesto that he sent to The New York Times and The Washington Post in June 1995, they said. Moreover, the officials said that along with the manifesto had been found an original of a letter sent by the Unabomber to The Times last year.

Near the manuscript in the loft of the tiny one-room cabin, agents found a third manual typewriter. The first two typewrites found did not match the typewriting on the manuscripts sent to the newspapers, and officials said today that they were relieved that preliminary tests had confirmed that the type on the third machine matched the typewriting of the manuscripts.

Page 10	Copy of Unabomber's Manifesto has Been Found in Suspect's Cabin Officials Say
(Headline)	

Page 10 The officials said agents had also found handwritten notations that might refer to some of the bomber's victims in a loose-leaf notebook found in Mr. Kaczynski's cabin. The notations mentioned geneticists, airlines and computer technology.

The officials said the discovery of the manuscript in the cabin was a legally significant find in a search that has already yielded much physical evidence.

U.S. NEWS WORLD REPORT, APRIL 15,1996*

Page 30 Wanda Kaczynski didn't even ask the FBI agents to get a warrant, so on a brisk day in the middle of March, the agents conducted what is known as a consensual search of the residence. "That was really a treasure-trove," the senior Justice Department official told U.S. News. "We started analyzing the notes and letters. [Many] looked like the [Unabomber's 35,000-word] manifesto. He wrote about all of the same things in, really, some of the same phrases."

Page 31 ...and after some hurried checking, a confidential memorandum was forwarded to Attorney General Janet Reno saying, in the words of one key official, "this could be the guy."

The evidence was enough for the Unabom task force to authorize the search of Wanda Kaczynski's home. The search, investigators say, iced Kaczynski's identification as the Unabomber. Now all they had to do was arrest him.

Page 32 There was copper pipe of the type the Unabomber had used in his last four explosive devices. There was electrical wiring, C-cell batteries and a box the FBI team was afraid to open; an X-ray machine quickly identified the contents as a partially constructed pipe bomb. U.S. News has learned that a subsequent search of the cabin uncovered a completed bomb, described in a private Justice Department communication as a "fully functional device which is yet to be rendered harmless but which appears to have Unabom characteristics."

Such bomb-making materials alone could not identify Kaczynski as the Unabomber, but other items recovered from the cabin made the identification appear to be more airtight. Ten three-ring binders containing detailed handwritten notes in Spanish and English closely track the evolution of the Unabomber's explosive devices, according to a senior official

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Page 40 But when they finally, carefully entered the cabin, fearing booby traps, they found a whole bomb factory, including a partially built pipe bomb, chemicals, wire, books on bombmaking and hand-drawn diagrams. The cache even included components bearing, a source told Time, the unique signature of the Unabomber.

THE INDEPENDENT RECORD, Anni 13.1996

Page 1 Manifesto Found

Unabomber's original treatise uncovered in cabin

(Headline)

Page 1 What appears to be the typed original of the Unabomber's 35,000-word manifesto has been found in the cabin of suspect Theodore Kaczynski, a law enforcement source said Friday. "We have not yet confirmed it, but it appears to be the original," the source told The Associated Press, speaking on condition of anonymity.

U.S. News and World Report said agents told the magazine the manuscript was indeed the original copy and was prepared on one of three typewriters removed from the cabin.

Page 7 A A senior federal official in Washington disclosed earlier this week that all the Unabomber's communications, including the manifesto, had been typed on the same typewriter. Investigators believe he did that deliberately so authorities could authenticate the letters and rule out copy-cats.

NEWSWEEK. APRIL 15.1996

Page 37 Last week, the investigators were forced to move quickly. From a leak, CBS News had learned about the stakeout and was threatening to break the story.

What they found inside, reportedly after a brief scuffle with the reclusive owner, was a do-it- yourself bomb lab. There were scientific volumes and 10 three-ring binders full of meticulously drawn bomb diagrams; jars full of chemicals useful for making explosives; metal ingots that could be used in explosives; batteries and electrical wiring for detonators. The agents also found a pair of old manual typewriters, one of which the Feds believe matches the typing on the 35,000-word antitechnology screed the Unabomber mailed to The New York Times and The Washington Post last June. G-men also discovered and defused a finished bomb that was all ready to be mailed.

Though Kaczynski has not yet been formally charged in any of the Unabombings, federal officials are confident they have the right guy. At last: federal agents had spent more than \$50 million as well as a million work hours trying to catch the killer.

Page 42 At the Unabom project headquarters in San Francisco last week, the FBI and ATF agents traded high-fives. One ATF agent who's been on the case for three years decided to step out and walk the San Francisco streets by himself. He had seen the shattered office of the forestry- association official, splattered with body parts, and he had talked to more fortunate victims who had merely been injured. Now, as he walked along, he felt "a huge sense of relief, I thought to myself," he told Newsweek, "this guy will never kill anyone again."

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