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The FBI gave the case the code name "Unabom" because early targets were universities and airlines. The bombings:

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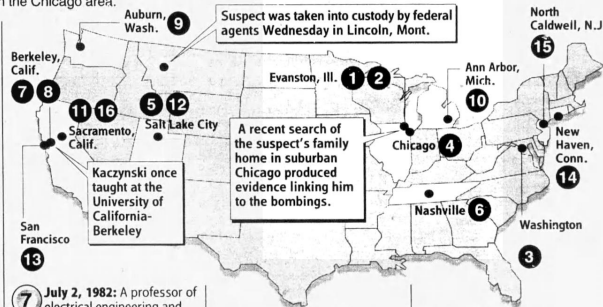
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7 July 2, 1982: A professor of electrical engineering and computer science is injured in a faculty lounge at the University of California at Berkeley.

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11 Dec. 11, 1985: Hugh Scrutton, 38, is killed by a bomb near his computer rental store in Sacramento, Calif.

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13 June 22, 1993: A geneticist at the University of California at San Francisco is injured by

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14 June 24, 1993: In New Haven, Conn., a Yale University computer scientist is injured in an office.

15 Dec. 10, 1994: Advertising executive Thomas Mosser, 50, is killed by a bomb sent to his North Caldwell, N.J., home.

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