

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

TO : Internal Affairs Bureau

FROM : Philadelphia Branch

SUBJECT: Transcripts of Dale B. Cooper's Field Notes

As Dale Bartholomew Cooper has resigned from his position, this transcript represents his last official correspondence with this office. It is our understanding that Special Agent Samuel Stanley's BLUE ROSE investigation has proven inconclusive, and as such, we trust that our obligations to internal affairs on this matter have now been fulfilled.

Date: 5 April, 1989

Cooper: Diane, it's 7:15 p.m., and I find myself obliged to tell you something which, by the time you receive this, you probably will have already heard: I have resigned from my position at the Bureau.

It is bittersweet not only because I once truly believed that being a federal agent was my vocation, but because over the past few years, this tape recorder, and you on the other end of it, has become almost an extension of my being. My notes to you almost like my own inner monologue.

And one-sided though our correspondence may have been, I must admit to having developed a kind of kinship with you over these years, and recording these daily missives is just one of a million things that I will miss as I re-enter civilian life. But I made the only decision I could, given the circumstances.

And I certainly don't mean to imply that there aren't many things to celebrate about embarking on this new chapter of my life. I'm engaged, Diane, to Annie Blackburn, whom I've remarked upon before, and we're going to have a go at making a life here in Twin Peaks. I've already gotten an earful from Albert about not "rushing into things," so you needn't feel obliged to pile on.

In a lot of ways, I couldn't be happier about my decision to settle down here. I'm not certain what the future of my professional life holds, but I am sure I'll be able to weather whatever comes knowing I'll have Annie by my side.

I wish you well, Diane, in all of your future pursuits, and will hold out hope that we might perhaps strike up written correspondence in a strictly unofficial capacity. I would like that very much.

Be well, Diane. This is Dale Cooper, former special agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, signing off.

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