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*'If you don't love me, I'm going to kill the president,'
suspect told Jodie Foster*

From Staff and Wire Reports

WASHINGTON — John W. Hinckley, accused of trying to kill President Reagan, idolized teen-age movie star Jodie Foster and told her in a letter of his plans for the assassination, federal law enforcement sources said Tuesday.

The shooting appeared to be modeled after an attempted assassination in Miss Foster's biggest movie, *Taxi Driver*, the sources said.

Hinckley sent as many as six letters during the last few months to the 18-year-old Miss Foster and phoned her, the sources said.

Some of the letters included threats to kill Reagan. Hinckley indicated he was upset over a real or imagined slight by Reagan of his idol — or was trying to win her attention, sources said.

Hinckley wrote Miss Foster, "If you don't love me, I am going to kill the president," the Cable News Network in Atlanta reported.

He also wrote Miss Foster a letter detailing his plans just before leaving his hotel room for the scene of the shooting Monday — but did not mail it, sources said.

"He did it for her," one source said. "She's the key."

"This guy had her up on a pedestal," another said. "He thought this would impress her so much she would fall in love with him."

Sources said if the FBI "had nothing else except the letter" written Monday, "it would need nothing more to explain his motive. It made it precisely clear what was going to happen and why. It was virtually his last act before stepping out the door."

After FBI agents interviewed Miss Foster in New Haven, Conn., where she attends Yale University, the actress issued this statement:

"The FBI and the U.S. attorney's office

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sources said.

The letter apparently expressed Hinckley's unconcern about his future and his willingness to undertake a bizarre plan to win her love.

The letter indicates Hinckley wanted to "go out and do something to get himself killed," a Justice Department source said.

In *Taxi Driver*, a heavily armed DeNiro went to a political rally where a presidential candidate was to speak, but Secret Service agents kept him too far away to carry out the assassination attempt.

Hinckley "probably saw the movie any number of times" because of his infatuation with Miss Foster, a source said.

In the film, DeNiro went to the rally with three guns. In October, Hinckley was arrested by Nashville police for carrying three handguns and 50 rounds of ammunition shortly before a campaign speech by President Carter.

Hinckley was so obsessed he followed Miss Foster last fall when she enrolled in Yale as a freshman, police sources in New Haven said.

Hinckley checked into the Park Plaza Hotel for several days last October — several weeks after she enrolled — and sent her "heavy fan notes" that were neither threatening nor obscene, the sources said.

Miss Foster never contacted New Haven police or federal authorities about any of the letters until after Reagan was shot, the sources said.

FBI agents had found photographs of Miss Foster in Hinckley's wallet after his arrest. When they interrogated him Monday night he refused to discuss the shooting, the sources said.

Officials also photocopied several

other items in the room — including photos of Miss Foster. There were reports the agents found a photo of Lee Harvey Oswald — the assassin of President John F. Kennedy — holding a gun, and articles on assassinations. Those reports could not be confirmed.

"There hasn't been a pad that he's slept in that we haven't searched," a Justice Department source said.

Investigators planned to take handwriting samples from Hinckley at the Quantico Marine Base where he was jailed in isolation pending a psychiatric examination.

While the saga of Hinckley, a graduate of Highland Park High School, continued to take twists and turns, he remained sedated in an isolation cell at the Quantico Marine Base in Virginia, where he is being held without bond in FBI custody.

Hinckley, reportedly expelled from a neo-Nazi group because of his violent attitude and uncontrollable behavior, was sedated and confined in a Marine brig Tuesday pending a psychiatric exam which was postponed until Wednesday.

Although Justice Department spokesmen said Hinckley had started psychiatric examinations, the tests apparently will not begin until Wednesday morning.

Spokesman Tom Decair said Hinckley's court-appointed attorneys and government prosecutors agreed to delay tests until Wednesday because of the possibility that Hinckley would have different lawyers representing him.

Part of the reason for conducting the psychiatric examination is to determine whether Hinckley is competent to undergo a preliminary hearing, scheduled for Thursday

morning in U.S. district court in Washington.

One of Hinckley's court-appointed attorneys, Stuart Johnson, said the examinations would be a major factor in whether his client would use insanity as a defense to the two federal charges against him.

Miss Foster is featured this week in a stage drama about prison called *Getting Out*.

She started her career at the age of 3, when she bared her bottom for a ~~sustained~~ commercial and subse-

quently made nearly 50 commercials.

The tiny blond actress has appeared in 11 films, the latest *Carny*, in which she plays a reluctant stripper. In *Taxi Driver* she played a 12-year-old prostitute.

An extremely bright young woman, Miss Foster speaks fluent French and graduated as valedictorian from the Lycee, an all-French speaking school in Los Angeles. She applied to and was accepted by Yale, Princeton, Harvard, Columbia, Berkeley and Stanford

have asked me to say nothing about John W. Hinckley. But I do wish to say that I have never met, spoken to or associated with him. I will have no further comment at this time. Inquiries should be addressed to the FBI."

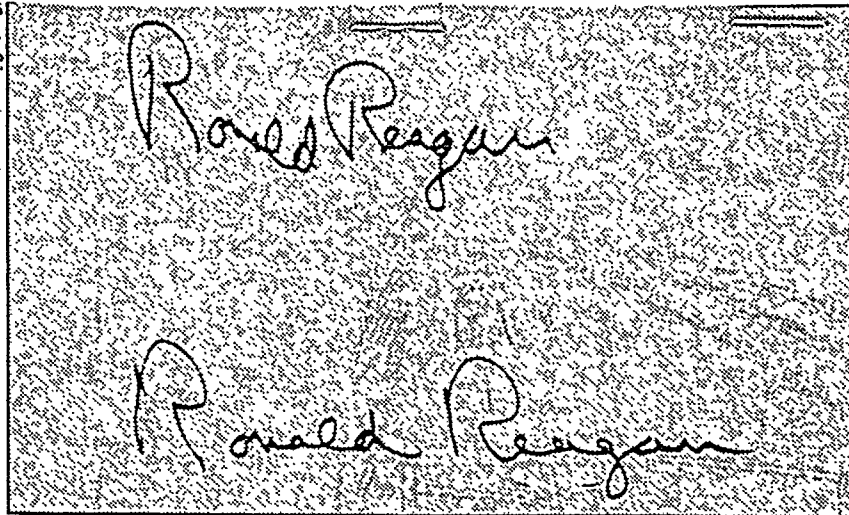
Miss Foster is best known for her role as a 12-year-old prostitute in the movie, *Taxi Driver*.

The letter addressed to Miss Foster and found by FBI agents in Hinckley's hotel room, two blocks from the White House, said "I have killed the president."

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Jodie Foster ... portrayed a 12-year-old prostitute in *Taxi Driver*.



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President Reagan's hand was slightly unsteady Tuesday when he signed legislation in the hospital. The bottom signature appeared on a measure he signed Jan. 20.

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Hinckley believed driven by infatuation with actress



UPI photo

John Warnock Hinckley Jr.

From wire reports

WASHINGTON — The man accused of trying to kill President Reagan may have been driven by an obsessive and imaginary love affair with Jodie Foster, the actress who played a child prostitute in the violent film "Taxi Driver."

"He did it for her," said one source closely familiar with the investigation. "She's the key."

Atty. Gen. William French Smith told separate meetings of Cabinet members and congressional leaders Tuesday that John Warnock Hinckley

Jr., 25, had described his assassination plans in an unmailed letter to Miss Foster.

Quoting sources familiar with the investigation, The New York Times reported in today's early edition that Hinckley wrote "I have killed the President" in an unmailed letter to Miss Foster.

A Justice Department source confirmed that a two-page letter had been found in Room No. 312 in Washington's Park Central Hotel, where Hinckley stayed on the Sunday night before the shooting. According to several sources, Hinckley had written to

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Miss Foster, "If you don't love me, I'm going to kill the President."

One Justice Department source, who like others asked not to be named, said that one unmailed letter to Miss Foster expressed Hinckley's desire to "go out and do something to get himself killed."

The plot of "Taxi Driver" has remarkable similarities to Hinckley's activities in the last few weeks. The hero of the movie, Robert DeNiro, plays an aimless, drifting taxi driver whose major aim in life is to kill a political candidate.

Hinckley himself has been de-

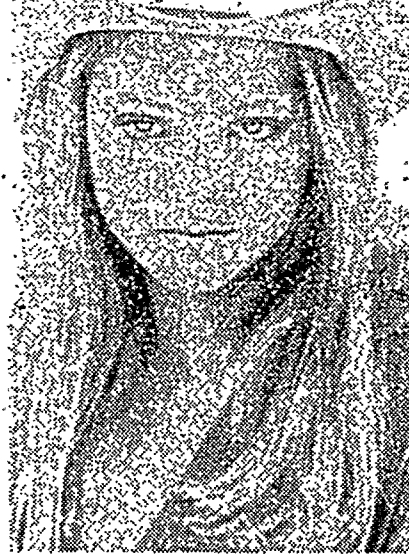
scribed as aimless by his own parents. In the movie DeNiro eventually kills a group of pimps and ends up a hero, although, unlike Hinckley, he never takes a shot at a politician.

In the movie, Miss Foster plays a 13-year-old prostitute who is the object of DeNiro's affections.

In "Taxi Driver," DeNiro tells a woman, "If you don't love me, I'm going to kill the President."

A veteran of 13 movies, Miss Foster is now a student at the Yale University School of Drama. Hinckley, who

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— AP photo

Jodie Foster in movie "Carny"

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was a dropout from Texas Tech, put on his job resume that he, too, attended Yale. Yale officials said he did not.

In a statement, Miss Foster said that she had been asked by the FBI and the Justice Department "to say nothing about John W. Hinckley." Local police sealed off her dormitory, Welsh Hall, and friends and roommates refused to comment.

However, in the statement Miss Foster said of Hinckley, "I do wish to say I have never met, spoken to or associated with him."

In his meetings with the Cabinet and legislators, Smith suggested that

Hinckley's infatuation with Miss Foster may have grown into an obsession. He said that photographs of Miss Foster had been obtained by federal investigators at the Park Central Hotel.

Smith said that Hinckley's letter outlined his plans for what might become a fatal undertaking to prove his love for Miss Foster. Administration and congressional sources, who asked not to be identified, told the Associated Press that the letter spelled out his assassination plans in detail, but they refused to elaborate.

"I'm going to do it for you," Hinckley wrote Miss Foster, according to the AP's sources.

Miss Foster's whereabouts were uncertain. She is currently appearing in New Haven's Educational Center of the Arts. The role, her stage debut, is in a prison drama entitled, "Getting Out."

Police sources in New Haven said Hinckley was so obsessed he followed her there last fall. The sources said Hinckley checked into the Park Plaza Hotel for several days last October — several weeks after she enrolled — and sent her "heavy fan notes" that were neither threatening nor obscene.

Miss Foster did not contact New Haven police or federal authorities about the letters until after Reagan

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was shot, the sources said.

A court-authorized search of the Washington hotel room where Hinckley stayed the night before the Reagan shooting turned up photographs of Miss Foster, UPI said. Secret Service agents who arrested Hinckley also found a photograph of Lee Harvey Oswald, the assassin of President John F. Kennedy, holding a gun, and material on other assassinations, UPI said.

U. S. Attorney Charles Ruff, a former special Watergate prosecutor who was named during the Carter administration, is expected to handle the prosecution of Hinckley, who would face life in prison if convicted on

charges of attempting to assassinate a president. He also is charged with assaulting a federal agent with a pistol.

Hinckley was moved out of Washington on Tuesday and put into a brig at Quantico Marine Base south of Washington under extraordinary security. He is confined in a 6- by 10-foot cell that contains only a cot and toilet. He was given the sedative Valium, officials said.

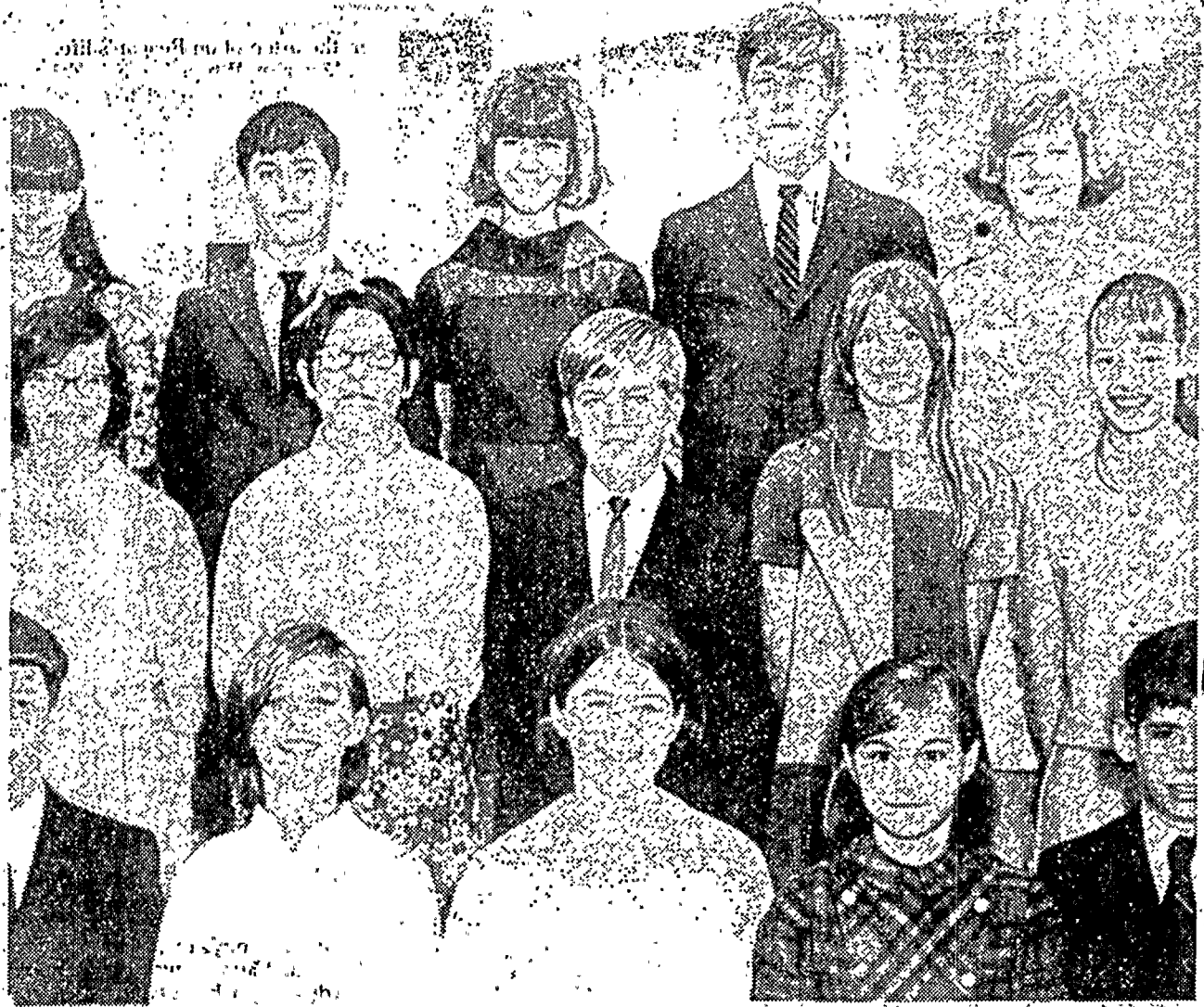
Sources close to the investigation said police and FBI agents who grilled Hinckley for several hours Monday before his court-appointed attorney, Stuart Johnson, arrived on the scene came away with the impression that the alleged gunman was "a screw

loose kind of guy." One investigator said that "for some reason, he just came apart. He just sort of exploded."

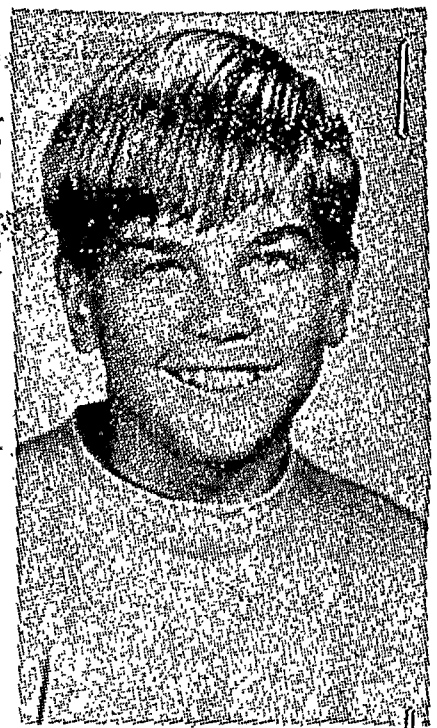
A preliminary examination on the charges that could send Hinckley to prison for life is scheduled for 10 a.m. Thursday. Sources said the suspect, who has a history of psychiatric care, could then be transferred to the federal prison in Springfield, Mo., for an in-depth psychiatric examination.

At a brief hearing Tuesday, U. S. Magistrate Arthur Burnett signed two orders calling for a psychiatric examination of Hinckley and allowing investigators to obtain blood and handwriting samples from him in their investigation.

SEVENTH GRADE



HOMEROOM PRESIDENTS



As eighth-grader



As ninth-grader

As seventh-grade homeroom president, middle row center, at McCullough Middle School

