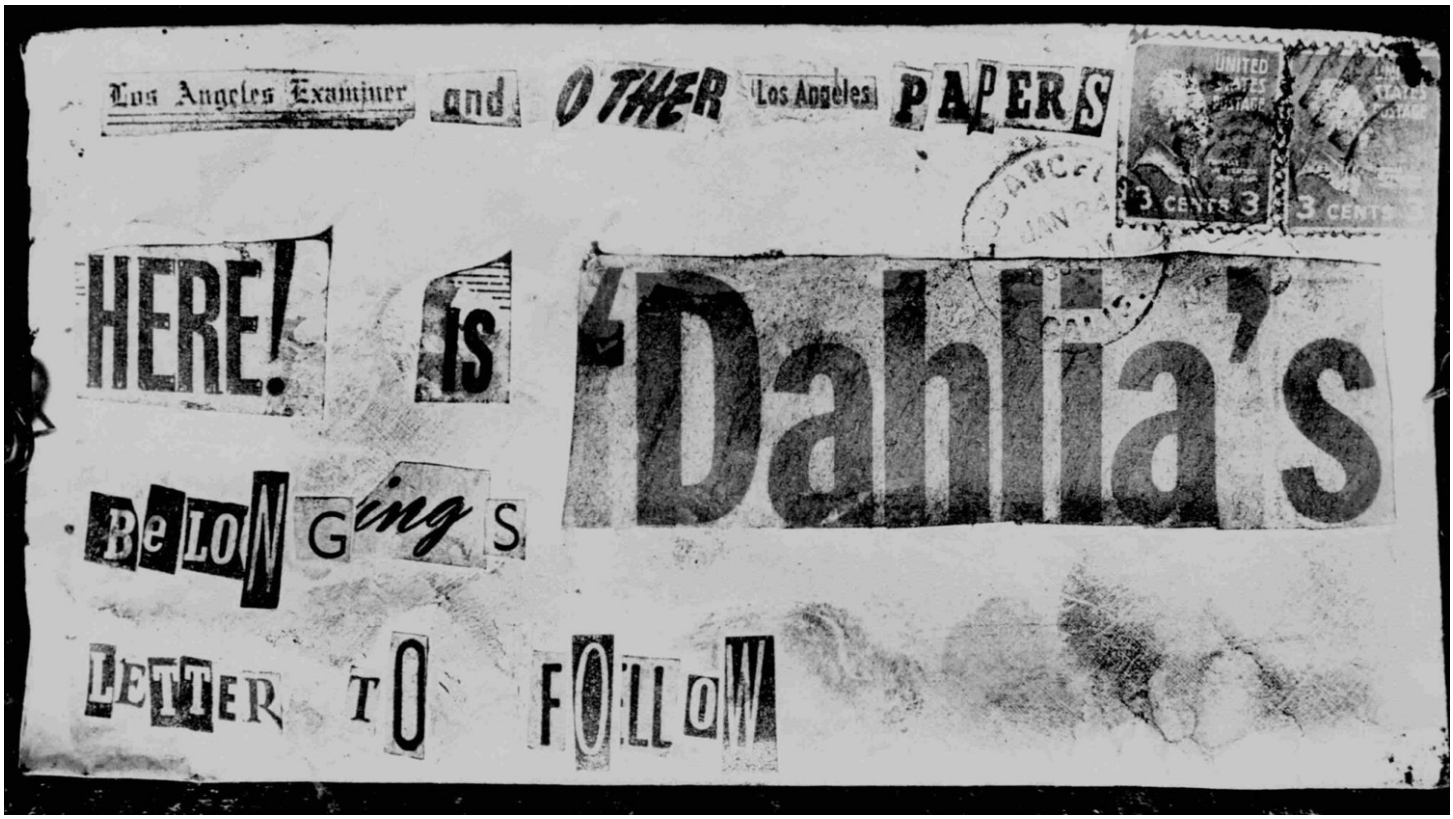
1. “Here is Dahlia’s Belongings, Letter To Follow” Package

L.A Examiner & Other L.A. Papers

1/24/47 at approximate 5:30 pm

(Annex Postal Terminal)




WESTERN UNION
BETTY SHORT
RAILWAY EXPRESS
AGENCY.
DO NOT USE THESE SPACES
Dahlia's
HERE!
BELONGINGS
FOLLOW

On January 24, 1947, approximately 5:30 P.M., a phone call was received from Postal Inspector Wood stating that they had an envelope addressed to the Los Angeles Examiner and other newspapers, containing some miscellaneous papers and photographs, with printing on the envelope reading “This contains the Dahlia’s belongings, letter to follow”. These were cut-outs from newspaper lettering. After contacting the Police Department, Postal Inspector Green called the Times, Daily News, and Herald-Express as it was decided they should be called inasmuch as the envelope had been addressed to the Los Angeles Examiner and other newspapers. The envelope itself was open at one end. The contents were as follows:

(1) A Western Union Telegram date stamped Oct. 6, 1946, 4:00 A.M. Heading: SA 206 space 29 space 3 extra - Chicago, Ill. To Betty Short, 6024 Carlos Ave., Hollywood, Calif. (Body of the message) Replying your telegram of third, trunk in carton, advise by wire date of shipment, where from, If on hand give reference number so we can locate. (signed) J. J. Boylan, Supt. of Claims, Railway Express Agency.

(2) Railway Express Agency Express Receipt Serial #22-34-52 dated 6/1/46, addressed to Miss B. Short 905 (street not legible) Indianapolis, Ind. Declared value $150.00 and from (754) Medford, Mass. On the back of this receipt written in indelible pencil was the address 547 San Pedro Street, Bedding.

(3) Part of a sales slip printed in ink the name Bob Geissinger, in care of Pacific Outdoor Advertising Co., 995 N. Mission Road, CA 8193.

(4) A printed business card, Pacific Outdoor Advertising Company, same party as above.

(5) A printed business card, Office Fitzroy 3014, Residence Sunset 2-7922, Office Hours 12-3 and by appointment. A. E. Brix, MD Physician and Surgeon, 125 S. Lake Street, Los Angeles.

(6) Printed business card E. A. “Jack” Kleinan, Gladstone 3145, 8260 Sunset Blvd. on the strip. House of Hollywood Realtor, Hollywood, Calif. Pencil notation on the back, Jack Kleinan.

(7) Card bearing machine stamped Social Security #022-18-4750, typewritten “Elizabeth Short”, 115 Salem Street, Medford, Mass. Tremont Theater. Signed in green ink “Elizabeth Short”.

(8) A piece of notebook paper and printed in pencil “Dial San Bernardino Army Base 7211 Ext. 3153. Jimmy Harrigan 330-12-18.”

(9) A torn piece of notepaper with pencil notation “Carl Balsiger, Hempstead 4377”.

(10) Notebook leaf printed in pencil “Jimmy Bifulec, 6675 or 6615 Sunset Blvd., Hollywood, Cal. Phone Hollywood 4964.”

(11) Scrap of letter paper written in ink “Wayne Gregg in care of Club Hacienda, University Ave., San Diego, Calif.”

(12) Identification card printed in green ink “Elizabeth Short, 115 Salem Street, Medford, Mass. In case of emergency notify Mrs. P. M. Short, 115 Salem Street, Medford, Mass.”

(13) An abstract of record registry, City of Boston, Mass. “Elizabeth Short, daughter of Cleo A. and Phoebe M. was born in Boston, Mass. on July 29, 1924, dated Aug. 19, 1946, and signed Micheal J. Manning, City register.”

(14) A card printed “Special membership, this is to certify that (typed) Chet Montgomery being complied with all the rules and regulations of the Hollywood Wolves Association is now a full-fledged Hollywood Wolf and is entitled to howl to his hearts content at gorgeous babe that passes by. Signed (blue ink) Harry Revel, President.” On the back of the card in blue ink, Chet Montgomery, Knickerbocker Hotel, Hollywood, Calif. Room 1112.

(15) Business card printed “Dressen Realty Company, Realtors, Inglewood. Brandt Orr, Orchard 72186, 124½ N. Market St., Inglewood, California. On back in pencil almost eligible “I think we have an evening together coming to us. Could you leave word at my office for me to contact you. I’ll apologize for the method, but that looks like the only way we can get together. Don’t you realize it now? Brandt.”

(16) A Pacific Greyhound Lines parcel claim check, stamp dated Jan. 9, serial number F (in black ink) 06-97-79 (in red numerals).

(17) One small snapshot of an aviator and a girl in cockpit of a plane.

(18) One small snapshot of a girl dressed in black fur jacket, black hat, with buildings in background.

(19) Photograph of man dressed in army uniform standing near tree, frame house in background.

(20) Small snapshot of victim and a man.

(21) Small snapshot, aviator in flying suit and parachute, standing in front of plane.

(22) Woman dressed in riding habit standing beside a horse.

(23) One black address and telephone book containing the name of “Mark Hanson” in gold letters, on face of book. This note book contains the names and addresses of acquaintances and intimates of Beth Elizabeth Short. The note book was turned over to the Crime Laboratory, together with the other articles listed, for processing.

Black Dahlia Killer Mails Note To Cops

Envelope Containing Snapshots And Birth Certificate Of Murdered Girl Latest Clue Given Police

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 24 UP—The finding of an envelope containing the birth certificate of slain Elizabeth Short, 22, "The Black Dahlia," was announced tonight by postal inspectors.

The envelope which police immediately decided may have been mailed by the black-haired girl's killer, was picked up by postal authorities because it was unsealed and because it was addressed, collectively, to "The Los Angeles Examiner and other papers."

Inside the envelope were a number of snapshots and other papers, as well as the slain girl's birth certificate.

A note in the envelope said "This contains the effects of the Black Dahlia."

The note also said:

"Another letter will follow."

letters clipped from newspapers

The note was composed from and pasted on a piece of stationery.

The envelope also contained a card of membership in the "Hollywood Wolves Association."

All the effects in the envelope were neatly clipped together with the note on top.

Postal Inspectors, who asked that their names be withheld, said the letter was picked out of seven million pieces of mail passing through the postoffice here because the sorter first noticed it was unsealed.

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The envelope. in various sizes and styles of type clipped from newspapers, read, "Here is Dahlia's Belongings Letter to follow." There was no handwriting either on or in the envelope.

Close on the heels of the receipt of the mystery envelope, police got an anonymous telephone call. "Don't try to find the Short girl's murderer because you won't," the caller said, and hung up.

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