

4. THE DEMANDS

The plane's captain followed the hijacker's instructions and contacted the control tower in Seattle. He informed air-traffic control of the hold-up and the attacker's demands.

The head of Northwest Orient Airlines and the FBI were briefed immediately.

THE ORDERS THE CREW RECEIVED WERE VERY CLEAR: COOPERATE WITH THE HIJACKER AND MAKE SURE THERE REALLY IS A BOMB

5. THE BOMB

Cooper showed the contents of his bag to the flight attendant and convinced everyone that his threat was real. He also provided precise details concerning how he wanted to get the money and the parachutes once the plane had landed at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport.

IF HIS DEMANDS WERE NOT MET EXACTLY, HE WOULD NOT HESITATE TO BLOW UP THE PLANE

6. THE LOOT

Cooper ordered the pilot to fly over Seattle until the \$200,000 in unmarked bills and the parachutes had been obtained.

While those on the ground raced against time, all was rather calm on the plane. The passengers weren't aware of what was actually happening around them, and Dan Cooper was smoking cigarettes and enjoying a whiskey with lemon soda, which he intended to pay for like a perfect gentleman.

7. SEA-TAC AIRPORT

At 5:24 p.m., the sum of \$200,000 and the four parachutes demanded by the hijacker had been gathered. The four parachutes (civilian style with manually operated ripcords) were obtained from the local parachuting school, and the bills had been photographed to record their serial numbers.

COOPER ALLOWED THE PLANE TO LAND. IT TOUCHED DOWN AT 5:39 P.M. AND CAME TO A STOP ON A DARK, QUIET PIECE OF TARMAC, AWAY FROM THE SNIPERS

A Northwest employee was told to deliver the money and the parachutes to one of the plane's flight attendants. After thoroughly inspecting the delivery, Cooper freed the 36 passengers and one of the two flight attendants.

8. AT AN ALTITUDE OF 10,000 FEET

At 7:40 p.m., the Boeing 727 took off once more and left Seattle for Reno, Nevada. Cooper took over the controls for altitude, speed, and the rest of the plane's technical data. He also insisted that the plane's rear door be kept clear.

THE BOEING 727 WAS THE ONLY AIRCRAFT TYPE THAT HAD A REAR DOOR

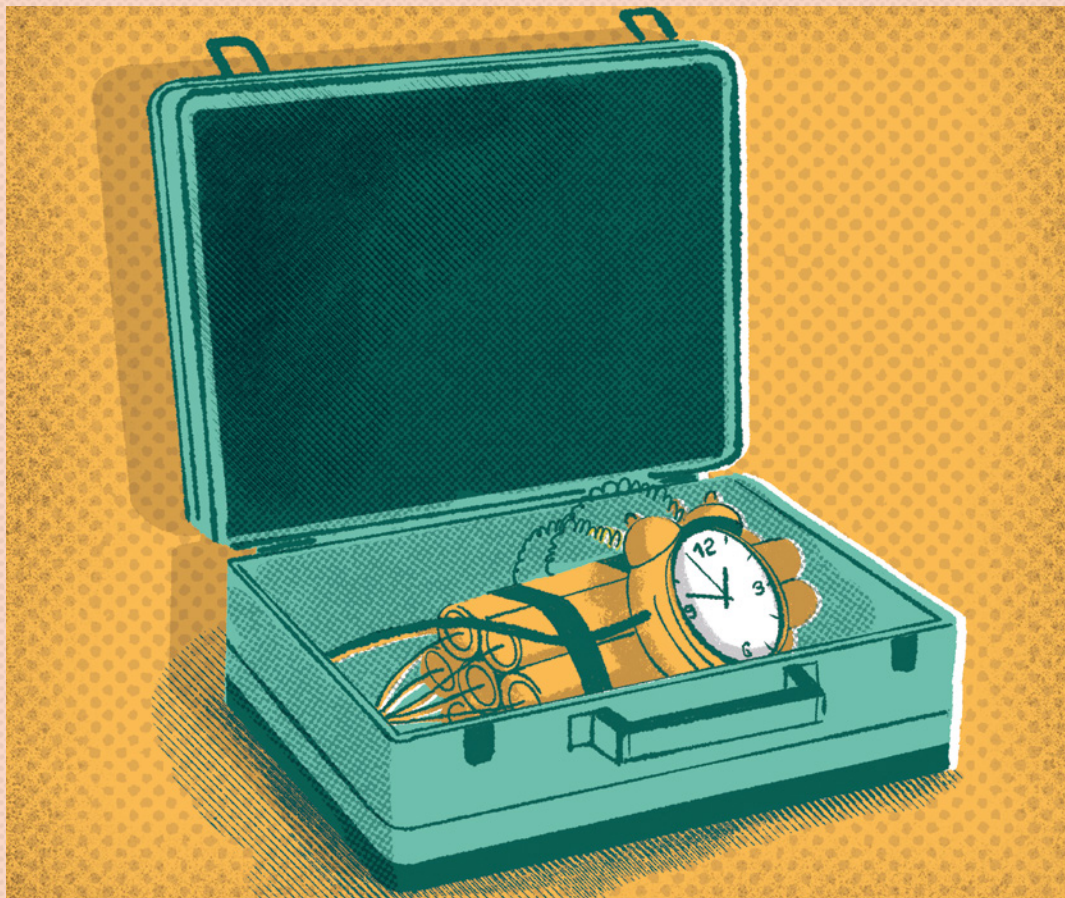
The plane was flying at an altitude of around 10,000 feet in the middle of the night during a fierce storm. Cooper hid the 11 pounds of 20-dollar bills on his body under his clothes and ordered the last flight attendant still on board to lock the cockpit with the rest of the flight crew. The time had come. The daring hijacker was about to complete his mission.

9. THE BIG LEAP

That was when Cooper opened the rear door and jumped out.

BENEATH WERE MOUNTAINS, GLACIERS, AND FORESTS THAT COULD EASILY END HIS HEIST OR NOT ... AND THAT WAS THE LAST ANYONE WOULD EVER KNOW OF HIM

THE SUITCASE COOPER SHOWED TO FLIGHT ATTENDANT SCHAFFNER CONTAINED SIX RED DYNAMITE CARTRIDGES, A BATTERY, AND SOME COPPER WIRE. EXPERTS LATER CONCLUDED THAT THE BOMB WAS A FAKE.



COOPER JUMPED OUT OF THE PLANE VIA THE REAR DOOR. BELOW HIM WERE THE HUGE MOUNTAINS AND FORESTS OF WASHINGTON STATE.