SRL’s Mark Pauline interviewed by FBI in Unabom case

The mystery surrounding an incident that took place on Nov. 28th 1995 following the SRL “Crimewave” show has finally been solved. After the event, police and fire dept. officials surrounded and cordoned off the show area. Mark Pauline and Mike Dingle were questioned by assorted representatives of these two departments. One plainclothes officer, Mike Mahoney, introduced himself to Mark Pauline as an agent of the SFPD’s “Environmental Crimes Unit”. He requested an interview with Mark Pauline and suggested that it take place in his unmarked car. He also suggested it would be convenient to tape record the conversation for ease of review at a later date. A lengthy interview took place which included queries about the Unabom puppets used in the event, explosives, machines, personal details about Mark Paulines life history, and the nature and purpose of SRL and its activities. Strangely enough, no mention was ever made of environmental crimes. The following day, as SRL crew was clearing the last remnants of the show, “Mysterious Mike” as we had taken to calling him, returned to the site in a new Ford Taurus fitted with “gov” plates. He had another man with him. Both wore grey suits and sunglasses. The SRL crew cheerfully waved to Mike and his friend but were greeted with blank stares. The following article, in which the “environmental crimes unit” is described published in the SF Chronicle, sheds some light on the true nature of the situation. See also Mike’s business card.

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Sacramento Bombing Yielded Telling Clues

Fatal blast at timber industry office painted Unabomber as Pro-environment.

Sacramento

At the office of the California Forestry Association where lobbyist Gilbert Murray was killed in the most recent attack attributed to the Unabomber workers said yesterday that they believed evidence left by the killer contributed to the arrest of Theodore Kaczynski. The staff of the trade association was making plans Wednesday afternoon for commemorating the one year anniversary of Murray's death on April 24 when news arrived that an arrest had been made in Montana. Don Zea, vice president of the association, said the explosion in the one-story brick building three blocks north of the state Capitol provided the FBI “a whole new set of experiences and clues.” Zea said the association was the first clearly environment-related target of the bomber, who had previously sent his carefully crafted parcels to computer technicians, academics, engineers and airlines. One day after the Sacramento blast, a Unabomber letter to the New York Times spelled out an anti-technology, pro-environmental agenda. The letter explained for the first time that a fatal bomb had been sent to a New Jersey public relations executive in December 1994 because his firm “helped Exxon clean up its public image after the Exxon Valdez incident.” Zea said that after the Sacramento explosion, the FBI added an “environmental crimes unit” to the investigation. The FBI did not return phone calls yesterday about Zea’s comments. Zea said the explosion at his office “started to make sense” when the letters were printed because his organization lobbied for the timber industry and used a computer study in an attempt to rebut studies showing that the spotted owl was endangered in Northern California forests.