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The search for the Unabomber — who is thought to be responsible for three deaths and 23 injuries over nearly 18 years — appeared to have no connection to the standoff between federal agents and the anti-government separatists known as Freemen near the town of Jordan, 350 miles to the east.

Butch Gehring, a neighbor, said the cabin being searched was the home of a Ted Kaczynski, described as being a resident since 1971.

"He was real shy, real quiet. His conversations were short," he said.

"We like the looks of this guy as the Unabomber, but we don't have make-or-break evidence yet," one federal law enforcement official told The Associated Press. "We have some writings that match up, but we don't have his tools yet. We want the irrefutable mother lode of evidence."

Rick Smith, who retired on Friday from the FBI in San Francisco, headquarters of the Unabom task force, said the force had six good suspects in recent months, and all but one of them appeared less suspicious as the investigation continued.

"In this particular instance, the further we went along the more likely it was that he was a viable suspect. So I think the FBI's fairly certain they have the right man," he said.

Theodore J. Kaczynski was born May 22, 1942, in Chicago. After finishing high school in three years, he attended Harvard University, graduating in 1962 when he was barely 20.

Crash

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But residents in Velji Dol said Brown's plane crashed during one of the worst storms in decades.

The head of Croatia's civilian air traffic control, Miljenko Radic, told Croatian state TV that the plane had been cleared to land at Dubrovnik airport. It approached "left of the usual route," he said. "It should not have been there."

Radic said it went off radar screens at a height of 800 yards.

Helicopters searching for Brown's plane turned around in heavy fog, but more than 100 special Croatian police managed to reach the hill, known locally as Sveti Ivan, or St. John.

Maj. Bryan Holt of U.S. European Command in Stuttgart, Germany, said a U.S. search-and-rescue team was at the scene, about an hour's walk from the village.

Ivo Djuricic, 53, was on the hill behind his house when he heard the plane overhead. "It was very strange to hear it," he said, "because planes never fly above here."

He climbed up the hill until he saw the plane was "in large pieces, loosely together." Then he ran back, jumped in his car and raced to the village to call police.

Brown's aircraft disappeared from radar screens at 2:52 p.m. (7:52 a.m. EST) between the tiny island of Kalamota, a few miles southwest of Dubrovnik, and the Cilipi airport, Croatian security sources said. Visibility in the area

was no more than 100 yards, they said.

The plane was a T-43 — the military version of a Boeing 737. According to the Air Force public affairs office, it was the same plane used earlier this week in Bosnia by Defense Secretary William Perry and for the recent trip to the Balkans by First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton and her daughter, Chelsea.

The 23-year-old plane was last inspected and cleared for service in June 1995 at Ramstein Air Base, Germany.

Officials said the plane's path took it over Zupski Bay, and it apparently crashed into the hill as it crossed over land on the south side of the bay. The airport, 10 miles from Dubrovnik, lies just over the hill.

The airport is situated in mountainous terrain about three miles inland from the Adriatic Sea. Planes usually approach it from over the water to avoid the mountains inland, but the approach from the sea is tricky as well. Planes encounter hills 300 to 600 feet high before a quick descent to the sole two-mile-long runway.

Croatian President Franjo Tudjman announced a top-level commission of inquiry into the plane crash and cabled President Clinton that he was "deeply shocked" by the news.

"Mr. President, I and the entire Croatian nation are feeling our deepest sympathies in this moment of pain," Tudjman said. The text of the cable was read on Croatian state television.

Hall students can vote for RHA officers today

By Heidi White
Staff Reporter

Students living in UNL residence halls have a chance for their voices to be heard today in the elections for officers of the Residence Hall Association.

Jason Harb, presidential candidate for the FOCUSED party, is a sophomore agricultural education major. He took over as vice president of RHA after president Philip Cilliers left the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Then-vice president Eric Vander Woude took over as president in December.

Harb said he was running for RHA president because he wanted to make a difference in students' lives.

"People need to focus on some issues at UNL, and my main goal is to keep the residents informed," Harb said.

Running for vice president from the FOCUSED party is Alan Nietfeldt, a junior agricultural business major. He was president of Burr Hall this year.

Nietfeldt said he would like people to become more of a part of the residence halls.

"If people enjoy the experience more, then I think they'll be more

likely to stay in school," Nietfeldt said.

A main goal of the FOCUSED candidates is establishing more of a community and breaking down stereotypes between East and City campuses, Harb said.

Jennifer Griffin, a sophomore pre-med major, is running for president on the PROGRESS ticket. She served this year as president of Neihardt Hall and has been chairwoman of the Residential Enhancement committee for the last two years.

Her vice-presidential running mate is Michael Valerien, a senior philosophy, political science and psychology major. He started out the year as a senator for Pound Hall and speaker of the senate, but resigned because of scheduling conflicts.

Griffin said she saw a lot of changes RHA could make to serve students in the residence halls.

"RHA can be a real resource for students," Griffin said.

Valerien would like to make the structure of hall government more efficient, with stronger ties between the complexes and RHA.

Griffin said the main goal of the PROGRESS party was to address both policy and facility issues within the residence halls.

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