

**RECORD OF CHARGEOUTS IN SEARCH ROOM**

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JACKSON FORM #2  
Approved 12/8/65

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-~~697~~)

FOIA(b)7 - (D) TE: 3/4/68

FROM : SA BENJAMIN F. GRAVES

SUBJECT:

*Hilton Zumbro*  
RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

## RACIAL INFORMANT INFORMATION DISSEMINATION SHEET

On                     ,                      furnished the following information regarding subject to SA GRAVES & SA; GAMBLIN; the original detailed information is located in Jackson File                     

1. Subject attended meeting of                      Klavern on                     .
2. Subject not known to be Klansman.
3. Subject unknown to informant.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 2/9/68

HILTON M. ZUMBRO, Box 125, Bude, Mississippi, supervisor of District 3 in Franklin County, Mississippi, was advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and the nature of the inquiry.

Mr. ZUMBRO stated he had never been a member of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi (WKKKKOM) or any other Klan organization but had been invited to join the Klan on two occasions during the past. He stated insofar as the WKKKKOM is concerned in Franklin County, they are "dead." He said that he had heard that CLYDE WENTWORTH was the Exalted Cyclops of one unit and CLYDE SEALE had been in the past the Exalted Cyclops of another unit which formerly operated in Franklin County.

Mr. ZUMBRO pointed out that he has not heard of any Klan activity in Franklin County since about 1965. At one time the Klan was strong in Franklin County, but after the death of EARL HODGE the Klan "fell apart."

JN 157-8882

The following is a description of ZUMBRO as obtained from observation and interview:

Name	HILTON M. ZUMBRO
Residence	Box 125, Bude, Mississippi
Occupation	Supervisor, District 3, Franklin County, Missis- sippi
Race	Caucasian
Sex	Male
Age	49
Date of Birth	January 25, 1919
Place of Birth	Route 1, Meadville, Mississippi
Height	67½ inches
Weight	178 pounds

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TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-8882) (C)

DATE: 2/9/68 *Jacc*

FROM : SA GEORGE P. GAMBLIN

SUBJECT: HILTON M. ZUMBRO  
RM (KLAN)

ZUMBRO's residence and employment have been verified. His description of the vehicles he owns has been obtained. At present ZUMBRO denies having ever been a member of the WKKKKOM in Franklin County or any other Klan group.

On 2/5/68 KIRBY SHELL, sheriff of Franklin County, Meadville, Miss., stated he had no knowledge that ZUMBRO is or has ever been affiliated with the KKK in Franklin County.

In view of the foregoing it is suggested that  
this case be closed

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TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-8882)

DATE: 1/29/68

FROM : SA EARL E. BOYD

SUBJECT: HILTON ZUMBRO  
RM (KLAN)

On 1/24/68 J. T. ROBINSON, Chief, Natchez, Miss. PD, advised SA EARL E. BOYD that he could locate no record identifiable with subject.

On 1/24/68 BILLY FERRELL, Sheriff, Adams County, Natchez, Miss., advised SA EARL E. BOYD that he could locate no record identifiable with the subject.

On 1/23/68 ELLA ATKINS, Manager, Credit Bureau of Natchez, Miss., advised SA EARL E. BOYD that HILTON M. ZUMBRO had been known to their files since 12/14/56. At that time he listed his spouse as BOBBIE, his residence as Bute, Miss., and his occupation as grocery.

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TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-8882)

DATE: 12/7/67

FROM : SA CLARENCE G. PROSPERE

SUBJECT:  
HILTON ZUMBRO  
RM - KLAN

This case was assigned on 11/15/67. No investigation has been conducted in connection with this case.

In view of the retirement of SA PROSPERE, it is suggested that this case be reassigned.



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Dictated 10/20/67 to Betty Lou Watkins

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Date of Report 10/19/67

Date(s) of activity 1963 - 1964

Brief description of activity or material

Source furnished information about the

WKKKKOM in Franklin County, Miss.

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File where original is located if not attached

Remarks:

Natchez, Mississippi  
October 19, 1967

WKKKKOM, FRANKLIN COUNTY

Source advised that the WKKKKOM was organized in Franklin County in about 1962. At one time, there were two units of this organization in Franklin County and each unit had about 70 to 80 members. CLYDE SEALE was the Exalted Cyclops of Unit No. One in this county and CLYDE WENTWORTH was the Exalted Cyclops of Unit No. Two in this county.

Unit No. One broke up very shortly after JAMES SEALE was arrested in November, 1964. Unit No. Two broke up shortly thereafter.

Source identified the following individuals as being former members of these units:

LEE HESTER - Member of the Board of Supervisors  
in Franklin County. Member of Unit No. One

CLYDE SEALE - Member of Unit No. One.

JAMES SEALE - Member of Unit No. One.

GENE SEALE - Member of Unit No. One. (Source advised that GENE SEALE was only in this organization for a short period of time.)

DON SEALE

BUFORD ASHLEY - (ASHLEY was in Unit No. One for a short period of time and he transferred over to Unit No. Two.)

ARCHIE PRATHER - Member of Unit No. One.

CHARLES MARCUS EDWARDS - Member of Unit No. One.

MARCUS SHELTON PRATHER