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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (157- ) DATE: 6/22/64

FROM: SA JOSEPH H. KEARNEY, JR.

SUBJECT: BRADLEE M. BACKMAN,  
31 Exchange Street  
Lynn, Massachusetts  
August 14 - August 29

(SAVANNAH)

RACIAL MATTERS

Re Memphis teletype to Bureau 6/17/64, Memphis airtel to Bureau 6/17/64, captioned as above (Me file 157-403) and Memphis airtel to Bureau dated 6/18/64, enclosing LHM captioned "Mississippi Summer Project; Lawyers Constitutional Defense Committee" (157-386).

Referenced communications reported that on June 17, 1964, MELVIN L. WULF, Legal Director, American Civil Liberties Union; CARL BACHIN, General Counsel, Congress of Racial

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FEDERAL BUREAU

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INVESTIGATION

*Earl*

CLASSIFICATION NO.

157-3830

Date

10/28/65

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Title and Character of Case  
EARL HODGES  
RM

Date Property Acquired

Source From Which Property Acquired

Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit

Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same

BULKY CABINET

Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same

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- 2- FOUR COLOR PHOTOS, 8x10, OF KLAN MEETING HOUSE .
- 3- THREE ENLARGED PHOTOS OF KLAN MEETING HOUSE.

Bulky Exhibit - Inventory of Property Acquired as Evidence  
 FD-192 (Rev. 11-18-64)

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, Jackson (157-383e) C

DATE: 6/14/68

FROM : SA Clark, Greta Morgan

SUBJECT: Earl Hodges - Victim  
Rri (Klan)

In connection with the destruction of channelizing memoranda, the information contained on the serials listed below was incorporated in a <sup>memorandum</sup> report dated 6/14/68. The review for this report was made from serial 1 through serial 171.

In accordance with the above, the following serials are to be destroyed:

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC

DATE:

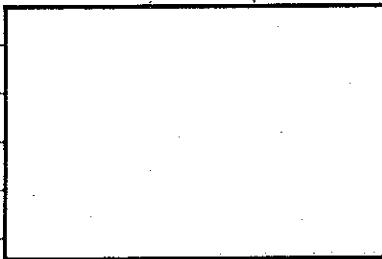
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2/19/68

SAC, JACKSON [REDACTED]

SA. BENJAMIN F. GRAVES

FORMER [REDACTED]

Jackson letter to the Bureau dated 9/28/66 (serial 78) reflects that this case was being placed in a pending inactive status because [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Bureau letter to Jackson dated 10/6/66 (serial 76) reflects that this source was being discontinued in view of the fact the Jackson Office was not operating him.

This letter also reflected that if at some time [REDACTED] source again became active in [REDACTED] with this Bureau,

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ROBERT WILSON  
H. H. HEREDEEN  
BILLY D. BUCKLES  
BILL WATKINS  
HARRY KELLEY  
Two unknown individuals

Source identified the following individuals  
in this group as members of the WKKKKOM:

R  
ROBERT WILSON  
H. H. HEREDEEN  
BILLY D. BUCKLES  
BURRIS DUNN  
BILL WATKINS

FOIA (b) 7 - (D)

Source did not recall HARRY KELLEY by name  
but stated he formerly worked in the office of Secretary  
of State LADNER.

EARL HODGE MURDER  
8/14-15/65

Source claims to have the complete story regarding this murder. He stated the Klan was not responsible for the murder. He stated three individuals were responsible for this crime and one of the individuals is dead, one other is drinking himself to death, and the third individual is a businessman in Bude, Miss.

Source commented that he knew some Klansmen from the Vicksburg, Miss., area and then named HOWARD MILLER, DAVE ELLISON and JASPER BUFORD as former White Knights in that area.

[REDACTED]

however, he did not go into the topic of their conversation. He stated he is in frequent contact with a number of former White Knight associates.

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# Memorandum

DATE: 6/14/68

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-3830) C

FROM : CLERK, GRETA JEAN MORGAN

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
EARL HODGES - VICTIMS  
RM (KLAN)

FOIA(b)7 - (D)

The following is a correlation of information in this file concerning the victim:

157-3830-5 On 8/27/65, BILL SCARBROUGH advised that CARL SCHULTZ felt EARL HODGES was beaten by the Klan for his association with married women.

157-3830-6 On 9/3/65, [redacted] advised in connection with the murder of EARL HODGES at Eddiceton, Miss., [redacted] he had received information that HODGES had just paid all of his Klan dues and was considered in good standing in Unit #1 of Franklin County. [redacted] Co. Unit #1 was generally [redacted] Klavern

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157-3830-11 On 9/3/65, [redacted] advised he knew the victim by sight but not personally. Source stated he had heard that HODGES was a member of the Klan and was supposedly killed because he was going to talk to unknown individuals about the Klan.

[redacted]

157-3830-12 Same as serial 10.

157-3830-20 On 9/5/65, [redacted] advised that ROSIA DAVIS and his son JACK DAVIS, Constable in Roxie, will not discuss anything about EARL HODGES's death. Source stated that he had heard that if anyone attempts to discuss this case in their presence, they immediately change the subject or walk away from the individuals who are discussing the case. [redacted] hated EARL HODGES, although

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157-3830-85 Same as serial 20.

157-3830-88 On 9/6/65,

[REDACTED]

GRIFFIN declined to take part in the beating since he did not regard it as an official Klan beating. GRIFFIN stated the HODGES beating apparently stemmed from HODGES' association with other men's wives and there was no actual intent to kill him.

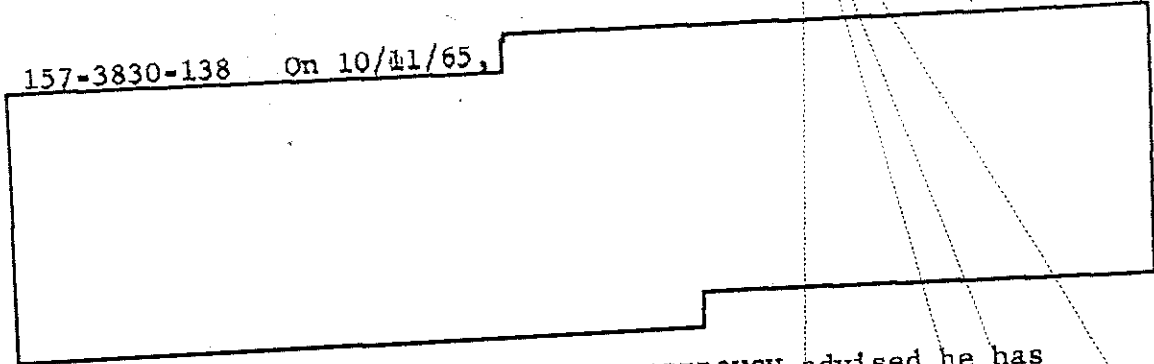
157-3830-95 On 9/24/65,

[REDACTED]

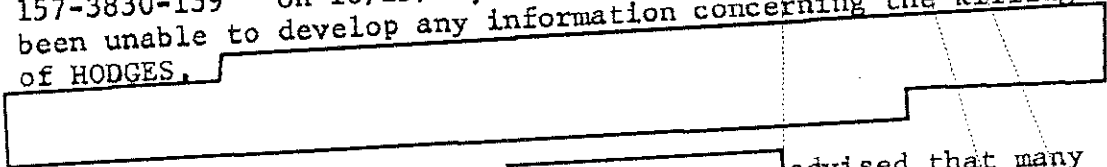
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157-3830-138 On 10/11/65,



157-3830-139 On 10/25/65, BILL SCARBROUGH advised he has been unable to develop any information concerning the killing of HODGES.



157-3830-140 On 10/13/65, [redacted] advised that many Klansmen and others outside the Klan in Franklin County believe the Klan is responsible for the killing of EARL HODGES. Source believes this is going to kill the Klan in Franklin Co.

Source advised that Unit #2, Franklin County, [redacted] not had any meetings

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157-3830-141 On 10/19/65, [redacted] advised that since the victim's death, BOB STOREY of Bude, Miss., has attempted to commit suicide, passed worthless checks, and drank heavily. Franklin County Sheriff WAYNE HUTTO is of the opinion that STOREY may have some information about HODGES' beating and death and his acts may be a result of a guilt complex. Source advised that STOREY has been interviewed on a couple occasions since HODGES' death because of a rumor that STOREY's mother or sister made the statement that STOREY had come home on the morning of August 15, 1965, with his clothes bloody.

157-3830-148 On 2/7/66, [redacted] advised he is convinced that CLYDE SEALE does not know anything about the HODGES killing. [redacted]

157-3830-149 On 2/1/66, [redacted]

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157-3830-153 On 9/14/66, [redacted] advised that HOWARD MC LEMORE has stated that no Klan members from Crystal Springs went on the job, meaning the killing of HODGES. However, MC LEMORE became upset and excited when the job was discussed.

157-3830-160 On 9/13/67, [redacted] advised that VIRGIE GIBBS, owner of Virgie's Beauty Salon, 113 N. Pearl Street, Natchez, dated EARL HODGES sometime prior to the date he was killed. Source stated he had heard that Mrs. GIBBS got quite a bit of money from HODGES during the time that she was dating him.

157-3830-161 On 9/20/67, [redacted] advised he had no information regarding the murder of EARL HODGES.

157-3830-164 On 10/19/67, [redacted] advised he had never heard anything about the murder of EARL HODGES. He stated he did hear that HODGES was bad about drinking and [redacted] different women. Source stated he had



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Source stated that ZUMBRO, since the HODGES incident, has always hung around the courthouse when the Grand Jury was in session. This also leads the source to believe EDWARD EMFINGER is connected with the HODGES murder and NEWMAN knows the details of the murder. EMFINGER is a changed man since the murder as he has begun to drink most of the time.

Source stated he believed CURTIS RAY STOKES could have been connected with the HODGES murder as he was a drunk and associated with NEWMAN and EMFINGER. Source has heard that STOKES killed a man in a fist fight while he was in military service in England during the war.

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The only motive source ever heard of for this murder was over girls or a crap game.

Source stated he did not believe MAXIE PRATHER or ROSIA DAVIS has any knowledge of the murder.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 2/9/68

FRANK ALLEN, Smithdale, Mississippi, Route 1, the president of the Board of Supervisors for Franklin County, Mississippi, was advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and the nature of the inquiry at the outset of the interview.

Mr. ALLEN advised that he joined Unit Number Two of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi (WKKKKOM), Franklin County, sometime during 1963 but never attended a meeting. He pointed out that during this time the Klan was strong in Franklin County, and it was politically expedient to belong to the Klan at this time.

Mr. ALLEN stated that he had no personal knowledge of any violence committed by Klansmen in Franklin County. He stated that he is opposed to violence in any form and said that the WKKKKOM is inactive at the present time.

ALLEN said that he had never heard anything  
August 14, or

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Mr. ALLEN stated that CLYDE WENTWORTH was the Exalted Cyclops of one of the units of the WKKKKOM and CLYDE SEALE was the Exalted Cyclops of another unit in Franklin County.

Mr. ALLEN knows of no recent Klan meetings, has no knowledge of any explosives or gun caches in Franklin County, and to his knowledge the Klan is dead.

Mr. ALLEN stated he was unable to furnish any information regarding the WHARLEST JACKSON case or the GEORGE METCALFE bombings.

Mr. ALLEN was shown the photographs of the principal suspects in the Jackson, Mississippi, bombings and stated that he was not aware of the identity of anyone appearing in the photographs.

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Hair  
Complexion  
Eyes  
Education  
Marital Status  
Automobile

Bald, gray  
Fair  
Brown  
High school and one  
year in college  
Married  
1966 blue Dodge Coronet,  
four-door sedan, bearing  
1968 Mississippi license  
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## 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."

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

Name

Residence

Occupation

Race

Sex

Age

Date of Birth

Place of Birth

Height

HILTON M. ZUMBRO

Box 125, Bude,

Mississippi

Supervisor, District 3,

Franklin County, Missis-

sippi

Caucasian

Male

49

January 25, 1919

Route 1, Meadville,

Mississippi

67½ inches

178 pounds

Brown

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# Memorandum

DATE: 1/23/68

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-3830)

FROM : SA REESIE L. TIMMONS (C)

SUBJECT: EARL HODGES  
RM - KLAN

Extensive investigation during the past three to four months in the Meadville, Miss., area in an effort to locate ETHEL RAE SMITH have proved negative.

Sheriff KIRBY SHELL, MHSP BERNKCE BEASLEY and Deputy Sheriff JACK MEYERS have been contacted on numerous occasions have advised they have conversed with the mother and brother of ETHEL RAE SMITH on many occasions but have been able to learn only that she is someplace in the state of Louisiana with a girl friend. It is known that she did not return to the Meadville area over the Christmas-NewYears holidays, or write her mother during that period.

C.A. WALLACE has been contacted on numerous occasions remains is such poor mental and physical condition that he was unsuccessfully interviewed. He has been contacted in Main County Jail without success. He advised that he would SMITH and

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 11/7/67

EUGENE ROBERT STOREY, contacted at Mississippi State Hospital, Whitfield, Mississippi, was advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents by SA TIMMONS, who also advised him that he would not have to furnish any information, that any information he did furnish could be used in a court of law, and that he could contact an attorney or anyone else at any time.

STOREY advised that he was contacted by one of his doctors and advised that the FBI desired to converse with him. He advised that he knew the reason for the interview would be the death of EARL HODGES in August, 1965, and advised he readily told the doctor he would talk with the FBI.

STOREY advised that during the past two years, he has heard several rumors in the Bude, Mississippi, area to the effect that he in some manner was responsible for the death of EARL HODGES in August, 1965.

He stated that JOHNNY DUNN, who operates the ice house in Bude, told almost everyone in town that his 34-year old mentally retarded sister told him that she cleaned the blood from his boots and clothes the morning following the death of EARL HODGES.

STOREY stated the most recent rumor came from JOHN PAUL JONES of Bude, Mississippi, an electrician, who during mid-October, 1967, told him that he heard the STOREY brothers killed EARL HODGES after he attempted to rape their mentally retarded sister.

He advised that he had been drunk for two or three days prior to the night EARL HODGES was killed and was at his mother's home in Bude sleeping off a drunk the entire night that HODGES was killed.

On 11/6/67 at Whitfield, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-3830 - H66  
Jackson 157-3830 - H66  
 by SAs REESIE L. TIMMONS, DAVID H. PHILLIPS and WILLIAM C. MEARNS/RLT/clm Date dictated 11/7/67



STOREY advised that the rumor indicating he killed HODGES with a meat cleaver undoubtedly came from a statement he made the morning HODGES was found dead when, after viewing the body, he stated "it looks like someone hit him in the face with the blade of a hatchet". STOREY advised that he spent some three to five weeks in Las Vegas, Nevada, with JAMES MIERS of Franklin County, Mississippi, returning approximately October 20 or 21, 1967. He advised that he was drinking heavily for several days thereafter and has no recollection of physically cutting himself on the inside of both wrists, stating that he came to and realized the blood was streaming from both arms, and called his mother and sister, who undoubtedly saved his life.

STOREY advised that he expects to be released from the hospital within the next two or three weeks and hopes to return to Bude and continue his employment at the Acme Body Shop in Bude.

He furnished the following descriptive information:

|                  |  |
|------------------|--|
| Name             | EUGENE ROBERT STOREY   |
| Date of Birth    | August 4, 1937   |
| Place of Birth   | Woodville, Mississippi   |
| Mother           | LILLY WHITE STOREY, Bude   |
| Father           | Deceased   |
| Brothers         | AL STOREY; PAUL STOREY,<br>Bude, Mississippi                     |
| Sister           | GERTRUDE (mentally retarded)                                     |
| Employment       | Mechanic, Bude, Mississippi                                      |
| Military service | None   |
| Height           | 6 feet one inch  |
| Weight           | 210  |
| Eyes             | Blue   |
| Hair             | Brown (crew cut)   |
| Scars and marks  | Large birthmark left hip;<br>two inch scar inside both<br>wrists |

He advised that LYNN SULLIVAN, an employee of the Mississippi Highway Department, who resides in Bude, Mississippi, was present when JONES related the above story and stated he, too, had heard that story.

STOREY advised that he was recruited into the Wentworth Unit of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi (WKKKKOM) some five to six months prior to the death of EARL HODGES or perhaps during the early Spring of 1965. He advised that to the best of his recollection, he attended meetings some four to five months in an old four-room house on the "old WARD farm", that was leased by WARREN NEWMAN of Bude.

He advised that he got tired of the klan meetings when, after some five months, all he could hear was individual members talk about where they could find some Negro they could whip.

STOREY declined to answer when asked if anyone in the unit discussed beating any white people.

He advised that he has known of ETHEL RAY SMITH of Meadville, Mississippi, some five to six years, has never dated her, has never been out with her, and would not go out with her no matter how drunk he might get because he knows of her reputation and is afraid she would kill him or try to as she has two or three other part-time boyfriends.

He advised that he knows her brother, CHARLES RAY SMITH, knows MAXIE PRATHER, and knew CURTIS RAY STOKES prior to his death, but was not with them on the night EARL HODGES was killed, did not go to Leesdale with them and was not with them when they were involved in an automobile accident with EARL HODGES.

STOREY again emphasized that he is positive that he was at his mother's place sleeping from before dark until 7:30 or 8:00 a.m. the next day.

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SCHULTZ made the remark that the people did not intend to kill EARL, that EARL fought back and pulled the hood from the face of two of the men, recognized them, thereby forcing the men to kill him. Mr. HODGES stated that he believes from this statement that SCHULTZ knew far more than he has told about the killing.

Mr. HODGES also advised that he has consulted a fortune teller in Natchez, Miss., who told him how to get to the place where his son was beaten. He stated he went back to Eddiceton, crossed the river behind his house, and following the fortune teller's directions found the place where he believes his son was beaten. Mr. HODGES was unable to explain why, but feels from information furnished him by the fortune teller, that the COTREN brothers, the EMFINGER brothers, and WARREN NEWMAN were responsible for the death of his son.

LEADS:

It is noted that CARL SCHULTZ has moved to Gulfport, Miss., but still owns his home at Meadville and returns there every third or fourth weekend. Efforts will be made to contact and interview CARL SCHULTZ at Meadville re above statements attributed to him by Mr. HODGES.

AT MEADVILLE, MISS.

Will remain in contact with Deputy Sheriff CURBY SHELL, WARREN NEWMAN, and Mr. ZEB HODGES for information regarding the return of ETHEL RAE SMITH and BOB STORY, who is currently in Sacramento, California, according to above individuals. Will upon the return of ETHEL RAE SMITH or when an address for her is determined, interview her regarding statements attributed to her by C. A. WALLACE.