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TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-950)

DATE: 5/1/69

FROM : ~~SA~~ STENO CAROL SMITH

SUBJECT: JAMES SEALE
RM (KLAN)

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Franklin Negro Killed By Truck

MEADVILLE — A Franklin County Negro died late Wednesday afternoon when he was struck by a truck on a county road near Meadville.

Bailey Odell, 74, was killed about 5 p.m. Wednesday on Bunkley Road about five miles southwest of Meadville.

L. L. Forman, District Attorney of Franklin County, said Odell was stepping out of his vehicle to cross the road to talk to a friend when a truck driven by James Seales struck him.

Forman said the accident was unavoidable and no charges have been filed.

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THE CLARION-LEDGER

JACKSON, MISS.

Date: 6/9/66

Edition: HOME

Author:

Editor: T. M. HEDERMAN

Title: JAMES FORD SEALE

Character:

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TO: DIRECTOR (157-3676)

FROM: JACKSON (157-950)

JAMES SEALE, RM - KLAN.

JAMES SEALE KNOWN UKA MEMBER.

ROBERT KING, COLORED MALE, AGE SEVENTY-THREE, INTERVIEWED AT FRANKLIN COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICE, MEADVILLE, MISS THIS DATE BY BUAGENTS AND FURNISHED SIGNED STATEMENT THAT AT ABOUT FIVE P.M. ON JUNE EIGHT SIXTY-SIX HE WAS TALKING WITH BAILEY ODELL, COLORED MALE, AGE SEVENTY-FOUR WHO WAS STANDING ON SIDE OF BUNCKLEY ROAD FIVE MILES SOUTH OF HIGHWAY EIGHTY-FOUR WHEN A PICK-UP TRUCK HIT ODELL. HE STATED THAT HE LATER LEARNED THAT TRUCK WAS DRIVEN BY JAMES SEALE. ODELL DIED APPROXIMATELY THREE HOURS LATER IN FRANKLIN COUNTY HOSPITAL, MEADVILLE, MISS.

KING ADVISED HE KNOWS OF NO PAST TROUBLE BETWEEN ODELL AND SEALE, AND THAT ODELL WAS NOT ACTIVE IN CIVIL RIGHTS MATTERS IN THE AREA.

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PAGE TWO

PATROLMAN BERNIESE BEASLEY MHSP WENT TO SCENE ABOUT SIX FIFTY P.M. AND TALKED TO SEALE; AT WHICH TIME SEALE TOLD HIM HE WAS DRIVING DOWN BUNCKLEY ROAD SIXTY TO SIXTY-FIVE MPH AND AS HE PASTED BAILEY ODELL, WHOSE BACK WAS TURNED TOWARD THE ROAD, ODELL TURNED AND STEPPED INTO THE SIDE OF TRUCK HITTING HEAD ON LEFT FRONT CORNER OF WINDSHIELD. BEASLEY STATED HE TALKED WITH JIMMY DEAN BYRD, AGE EIGHTEEN WHO WAS RIDING WITH SEALE AND STATED SEALE WAS DRIVING FIFTY-FIVE MPH AND THEREAFTER FURNISHED SUBSTANTIALLY THE SAME INFORMATION AS SEALE.

BUAGENTS OBSERVED SEALE'S NINETEEN SIXTY-FIVE WHITE CHEVROLET PICK-UP TRUCK AT HIS RESIDENCE IN BUNCKLEY COMMUNITY AND NOTED LEFT FRONT WINDSHIELD CRACKED, LEFT DOOR DENTED AND SIDE VIEW MIRROR MISSING.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY LENOX FOREMAN ADVISED THAT FROM HIS CONVERSATION WITH WITNESS ROBERT KING ~~HE~~ HE CONTEMPLATED NO PROSECUTIVE ACTION TO BE TAKEN.

JACKSON INDICES RE KING AND ODELL NEGATIVE.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-569)

DATE: 5/25/66

FROM : SA REESIE L. TIMMONS

SUBJECT: KKK ACTIVITY FRANKLIN COUNTY
RM - KLAN

Deputy Sheriff, KIRBY SHELL, Franklin County, Meadville, Mississippi, on 5/12/66 furnished the following information re Klan activity in that area:

SHELL advised that there is no current Klan organization meeting in Franklin County to his knowledge. He advised that JAMES SEALE, JACK DAVIS (Constable at Roxie), WALTER GENE HALL and one or two others have started attending UKA meetings in the Natchez, Miss. area.

He advised that DALE MC LEMORE and two or three of his friends are going to meetings at the Unit of Preacher MC LEMORE (brother of DALE) in the Hazelhurst, Crystal Springs area. He advised these meetings are WKKKKOM.

SHELL advised that CLYDE WENTWORTH, the local Dodge auto dealer is not now currently attending Klan meetings, is however concerned that the Federal Government will remove him from the local Selective Service System as they did JACK HELM in New Orleans.

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SHELL advised that WALTER GENE HALL and DON SEALE are currently driving tank trucks for Miller Transportation in Natchez, Miss., hauling gas and oil from the area oil fields. He advised that JAMES SEALE is currently working at the Moran Tank Company, along the Miss. River just below Natchez. He does not know just what type of work he is doing.

SHELL advised that he has heard nothing of the APWR in the Franklin County area in many months and does not believe it is actually meeting now. He assumes it will start just before school begins in September as they have in the past years.

SHELL advised that CLYDE SEALE, comes into Meadville for the Little League ballgames, does not now attend Klan meetings of any type in the Franklin County area. He advised he may go to Jackson or Natchez for such, but does not attend in Franklin County, from what he can determine. He advised that CLYDE SEALE will not discuss going over to the UKA as two of his sons apparently have.

SHELL advised that ARCHIE PRATHER is still very close to CLYDE SEALE, but to his knowledge has not attended Klan type meetings in several months. He advised that most of the older Klan members stopped going to meetings during the period when so many FBI Agents were in Franklin County investigating the death of EARL HODGES.

SHELL advised that to his knowledge BERNICE BEASLEY does not associate with any current known Klan members in the Franklin County area, other than JACK DAVIS, the constable in Roxie, and possibly one or two other local constables. He advised that BEASLEY is very careful not to be seen conversing with any known Klansmen.

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SHELL advised that he has heard nothing of BILLY BUCKLES being active in the Klan in the Franklin County area during the past several months. He advised that he has heard that BUCKLES is now active in the Natchez area, but does not know if he is now active in the WKKKKOM or the UKA.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, Jackson, (157-950)

DATE: 4-26-66

FROM : SA Clarence G. Prospero

FOIA (b) 7 - (D)

SUBJECT: James Ford Seale
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April 27, 1966

Chief
 United States Secret Service
 Department of the Treasury
 Washington, D. C. 20220

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

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Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
 John Edgar Hoover
 Director

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		CHARACTER OF CASE RACIAL MATTERS - (KLAN)	

Supplementary Summary

REFERENCE:

Report of SA CLARENCE G. PROSPERE, Jackson, 7/14/65.

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LEAD:

JACKSON

At Natchez, Mississippi

Will maintain contact with informants for information regarding JAMES FORD SEALE.

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Report of: SA CLARENCE G. PROSPERE
Date: April 27, 1966

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Title: JAMES FORD SEALE

Character: RACIAL MATTERS - (KLAN)

Synopsis:

JAMES FORD SEALE still resides at Route 2, Box 94, Meadville, Mississippi. On or about February 1, 1966, SEALE lost his job with JOHN MC PHAIL for whom he drove a truck. Informant on April 12, 1966, advised JAMES FORD SEALE was supposed to go to work for Red Ball Truck Line, Natchez, Mississippi. SEALE resigned from WKKKKOM and on or about November 29, 1965, joined the UKA, Inc., at Natchez, Mississippi. SEALE holds no office in UKA, Inc. Informant reports JAMES FORD SEALE has made statement to him that he was going along with policy of UKA, Inc., to have no violence.

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DETAILS:

RESIDENCE

On April 25, 1966, Sheriff WAYNE HUTTO, Franklin County Sheriff's Office, Meadville, Mississippi, advised that JAMES FORD SEALE still resides at Route 2, Box 94, Meadville, Mississippi, in the Bunkley Community, next door to his father, CLYDE SEALE.

EMPLOYMENT

On February 1, 1966, AUBREY LINDSEY, Patrolman, Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol, McComb,

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Mississippi, advised SA CLARENCE G. PROSPERE that he had arrested JAMES FORD SEALE three times for speeding and reckless driving in the truck of JOHN MC PHAIL and that as a result of these arrests, SEALE has lost his job as truck driver for JOHN MC PHAIL.

On April 12, 1966, JN T-1 advised that JAMES FORD SEALE told him that he, SEALE, was supposed to go to work for Red Ball Truck Line, Natchez, Mississippi.

CURRENT POSITION IN ORGANIZATION

On November 29, 1965, JN T-2 advised that in conversation with JACK SEALE at the home of CLYDE SEALE, he was told by JACK SEALE that his brother JAMES SEALE had now joined the United Klans of America, Incorporated. This source further advised that recently CLYDE SEALE had advised him that his son JAMES SEALE was going to join the United Klans of America, Incorporated.

On November 30, 1965, JN T-1 advised that JAMES SEALE has been officially inducted into the United Klans of America, Incorporated, but this source stated he does not know what effect this will have on CLYDE SEALE, the father of JAMES and JACK SEALE, coming into the United Klans of America, Incorporated.

On April 12, 1966, JN T-1 stated that JAMES SEALE holds no position either in the state or in the local Klavern of the United Klans of America, Incorporated.

AUTOMOBILE

On April 25, 1966, Sheriff WAYNE HUTTO, Franklin County, Meadville, Mississippi, advised his

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records show JAMES F. SEALE, Route 2, Box 94, Meadville, Mississippi, has the following 1966 Mississippi registrations for the vehicles indicated:

19-746, 1965 Oldsmobile F85.

F/5 26060, 1965 Chevrolet half-ton pickup truck.

ACTIVITY OF SUBJECT

On July 20, 1965, JN T-3 advised that on Saturday, June 26, 1965, a fish fry was held at the home of JAMES LEE on the Lismore Road south of Wildsville, Louisiana. There were about 20 persons in attendance at this fish fry and all that were present were believed to be members of the Ku Klux Klan in the State of Louisiana or Mississippi. It is further believed that each person present was a member or was being considered for membership in the "Silver Dollar" group. It is believed that members of the "Silver Dollar" group are the ones responsible for most of the acts of violence that have occurred in the Natchez, Mississippi, and Ferriday-Vidalia, Louisiana, areas.

Present at this fish fry were JIMMY SCARBROUGH, E. D. MORACE and WOODROW "BLUE" HOLLOWAY, all known to be Klan members at Ferriday, Louisiana; "BUCK" HORTON, NORMAN HEAD and R. J. GLOVER of Vidalia, Louisiana; T. L. TORGENSON, ERNEST FINLEY (deceased), ERNEST PARKER, ERNEST AVANTS, JACK and JAMES SEALE of Natchez, Mississippi, and "SONNY" TAYLOR, Harrisonburg, Louisiana.

Those in attendance attempted to make black powder; however, they were not successful.

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On September 5, 1965, JN T-4 advised there are two separate Klan groups in Franklin County, Mississippi. He stated that one of these groups is referred to as the "River Group" and the other is referred to as the Meadville Group. This source stated that among the individuals in the "River Group," of which CLYDE SEALE is the Exalted Cyclops, that JAMES SEALE, the son of CLYDE SEALE, is a member.

On September 21, 1965, MYRON WAYNE "JACK" SEALE advised SA JAMES O. INGRAM that his brother, JAMES SEALE, said he would never submit to an interview unless the agency had a warrant because he did not trust any law enforcement officer.

On October 8, 1965, JN T-5 was exhibited a photograph of JAMES FORD SEALE, and this source remarked that SEALE appeared familiar. This source stated he believed he may have observed SEALE or a person resembling SEALE within the Varnado, Louisiana, area or at stock car races in Neil, Mississippi, in the past.

On October 26, 1965, JN T-2 advised that JAMES FORD SEALE is an active member of the Number Two unit of Franklin County, Mississippi, of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi (WKKKKOM). This source pointed out that JAMES FORD SEALE's father is CLYDE SEALE, who is the Province Giant and also Exalted Cyclops of the Number Two unit in Franklin County, Mississippi. This source stated that he strongly suspects that JAMES FORD SEALE has been involved in acts of violence, but that he has no definite information or evidence which would substantiate this suspicion.

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On October 21, 1965, JN T-1 advised that to his knowledge, JAMES FORD SEALE has received a subpoena to appear before the House Committee on Un-American Activities in Washington, D. C., on October 10, 1965.

On November 30, 1965, JN T-1 advised that JAMES FORD SEALE has been officially inducted into the United Klans of America, Incorporated (UKA), but that he does not know what effect this will have on his father, CLYDE SEALE, coming into the organization.

On November 29, 1965, JN T-2 advised that he had been informed by JACK SEALE, brother of JAMES SEALE, that JAMES SEALE had now joined the UKA, Incorporated.

On January 25, 1966, JN T-1 advised that he had heard of no Klan activity on the part of JAMES SEALE since he swung over to the UKA, Incorporated, but that JAMES SEALE had told him that he was going along with the policy of the UKA, Incorporated, to have no violence.

On March 10, 1966, JN T-6 advised that on March 5, 1966, the State Election Convention of the UKA, Incorporated, for the State of Louisiana began at approximately 10:00 a.m. at the Francis Hotel, Monroe, Louisiana. There were 75 delegates present who had voting rights and there were approximately 110 individuals in all present.

The following day on March 6, 1966, the convention began at approximately 9:00 a.m. and terminated at 3:30 in the afternoon. This source stated that among the individuals he recalled as being present at this convention was JAMES SEALE.

This source stated that JAMES SEALE and (First Name Unknown) GILBERT have been accused by Mississippi

