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TO : SAC JACKSON (157-486)

DATE: 8-18-65

FROM : SA BILLY BOB WILLIAMS

SUBJECT: EDWARD LENOX MC DANIEL

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In connection with the destruction of channelizing memoranda, the information contained on the serials listed below was incorporated in a report dated 5-4-65. The review for this report was made from serial 1 through serial 75.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-471)

SUBJECT: UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.
REALM OF MISSISSIPPI
RACIAL MATTER (KLAN)

ReBulet to Jn dated 4/20/65 entitled "WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI; RACIAL MATTER (KLAN)" and Jn airtel to Bureau dated 4/12/65 captioned "MIBURN".

Enclosed are 8 copies of LHM dated and captioned as above.

The source furnishing the information set out in enclosed LHM is FOIA(b)7 - (D).

Copies of this communication and enclosures are being furnished the Birmingham Office since they are office of origin.

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In Reply, Please Refer to
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April 28, 1965
Jackson, Mississippi

UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INCORPORATED
REALM OF MISSISSIPPI; RACIAL MATTER (KLAN)

A confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised on April 10, 1965 that E. L. McDaniel, Grand Dragon, United Klans of America, Incorporated, Realm of Mississippi, related that the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi is breaking up and that there is a current struggle between Billy Buckles and Samuel Holloway Bowers, Imperial Wizard for control of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi. McDaniel related that if Bowers interferes with United Klans of America operations and gives them any trouble, Bowers would find plenty of trouble, because the United Klans of America has the men, material, and guts. Source related that obligation ceremony was held by McDaniel on April 10, 1965 at which time a former unit of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi headed by W. S. Torrence was sworn into the United Klans of America. Torrence was appointed temporary exalted cyclops until elections could be held.

Source related that McDaniel said that he was interviewed by a "Life" Magazine reporter for about four hours; also that National Broadcasting Company is coming to Mississippi the first week in May, 1965 to film an outdoor rally of the United Klans of America, tentatively scheduled for Natchez, Mississippi. McDaniel said "we like publicity of any kind" as long as they spell Ku Klux Klan right."

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO :

SAC, JACKSON (157-⁵⁷⁴~~454~~) (P)

DATE:

4/27/65

FROM :

SA EDWARD M. HARGRAVE

SUBJECT:

WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI, *Adams County*

On 4/27/65, ODELL ANDERS, Sheriff, Adams County, Mississippi, advised the writer concerning the Klan activities of the below-listed individuals.

RODNEY BRITT - Sheriff ANDERS advised that he had heard of no new information concerning BRITT's Klan activities. ANDERS is familiar with BRITT, as BRITT is from Natchez.

E. L. McDANIEL - ANDERS advised he is aware that McDANIEL is the "Grand Dragon" of the United Klans of America but has had no violent disturbances recently by McDANIEL, or attributable to him.

E. L. "Tiny" LEWIS - ANDERS knew LEWIS to be a Klan member, but stated that he believes LEWIS is in the Klan for business reasons. LEWIS operates a barbeque stand frequented by Klan members. He knows of no Klan violence attributable to LEWIS during his (ANDERS) tenure of office, some eighteen months.

CLAUDE FULLER - FULLER is supposed to be living in Kingston, Miss., according to ANDERS, but has not been engaged in Klan violence that ANDERS can recall.

Sheriff ANDERS advised that the names T. L. TORGERSON and EARL McGAUGHEY are unknown to him in connection with Klan activity in Adams County.

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TO : SAC [REDACTED] (6)

DATE: 4/27/65

FROM : SA BILLY BOB WILLIAMS

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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On 4/10/65, the informant telephonically contacted SA BILLY BOB WILLIAMS and advised he would be unable to keep the appointment which had previously been arranged.

On 4/19/65, contact with the informant was made and a conference held. This conference was approximately five hours in length and at the conclusion the informant had indicated he wished to cooperate with the Bureau and had tentatively agreed to accept compensation for his services. He agreed to come to the Natchez Resident Agency during the evening of 4/21/65 at which time he indicated he would be willing to answer questions regarding his organization.

On 4/21/65, [REDACTED]

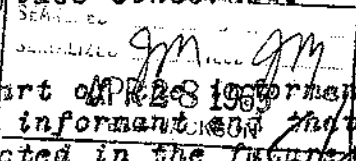
[REDACTED] and he was physically unable to come to the Natchez Resident Agency. He requested that he be contacted in his home. This did not appear in the best interests of the Bureau to contact the informant in his home where he might have the opportunity to record the interview so the interview was delayed on a pretext by the contacting agent. It had originally been the informant's suggestion that he come to the Natchez Resident Agency.

On 4/26/65, the informant was again contacted for a period of approximately two hours and an immediate change was noted in his outlook toward the matter of furnishing information to the Bureau. It became increasingly more apparent that the informant was more interested in what the contacting agent knew than in what he wanted to know. The informant manifested a most cooperative attitude, but it is the evaluation of the contacting agent that he is not sincere in his desire to be of service to the Bureau. He advised he would not accept compensation for his services.

During the course of the above described conversations some information of value was obtained from the informant and this information will be recorded and included in the substantive files concerned.

RECOMMENDATION:

In view of the apparent insincerity on the part of the informant it is recommended that he no longer be carried as an informant and that this file be closed. The informant will be contacted in the future on a careful and ~~if~~ under circumstances favorable to the Bureau. In the event it appears that [REDACTED] can be operated as an informant in the future the file will be reopened.



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Date: April 20, 1965

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To: SAC, Jackson (157-486)

✓ From: Director, FBI (157-2156)

EDWARD LENOX MC DANIEL, aka
Eddie McDaniel
RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)
BUDED: MAY 5, 1965

ReJNlet 4-5-65 advising that above-captioned individual would probably be called to appear before the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

In view of this possible appearance, the Jackson Office should immediately submit a nonprosecutive summary report incorporating information previously submitted in report form and current information developed since the submission of these reports. This nonprosecutive summary report should reach the Bureau not later than May 5, 1965.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-486)

E. L. MC DANIELS
RM (KLAN)

Enclosed for the Bureau is the original and seven copies of an LHM suitable for dissemination, regarding captioned matter. The source listed in the LHM is FOIA(b)7 - (D) who was contacted by SA DONALD J. CESARE on 4/12/65.

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Jackson, Mississippi
April 20, 1965

E. L. MC DANIELS
RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

A source recently advised a Special Agent of the FBI that E. L. McDaniel, Grand Dragon of the United Klans of America, Incorporated, Realm of Mississippi, said that the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi (WKKKKM) are breaking up and that Billy Buckles, Grand Giant of the WKKKKM, wants Sam Bowers' job, who is the Imperial Wizard of the WKKKKM. According to source, McDaniel related that "If Bowers wants trouble, he'll find it in the United Klans, because we have the men, material and guts." McDaniel mentioned informers in the Meridian area and said that when everything quiets down, hunting parties will be organized to include suspected informers and related that "All sorts of accidents happen on deer hunting trips." According to source, McDaniel feels this is a sure way of eliminating informers.

According to source, McDaniel was recently interviewed by a reporter from "Life" magazine and also mentioned that NBC is coming to Mississippi the first week in May, to film an outdoor rally of the United Klans of America, Incorporated, Realm of Mississippi, tentatively scheduled for Natchez, Mississippi. McDaniel has stated "We like publicity - any kind! As long as they spell Ku Klux Klan right!" McDaniel has also talked about getting so well organized that the Klan would then be able to go to Washington, D. C., to march as a unit.

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APPENDIX

ORIGINAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
(LOUISIANA)
(OKKKK)

A source advised on October 25, 1963, that in December, 1960, a group was organized at Shreveport, Louisiana, known as the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (OKKKK). The purpose of this organization was to promote Americanism, white supremacy, and the maintaining of segregation.

This source further advised on October 25, 1963, that the OKKKK continues to be active and that the aims and purposes continue to be the same.

APPENDIX

**UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (UNITED KLANS)**

Records of Superior Court of Fulton County, Georgia, show that this Klan organization was granted a corporate charter on February 21, 1961, at Atlanta, Georgia, under the name United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc.

A source advised on February 27, 1961, that United Klans was formed as a result of a split in U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. According to the source, the split resulted from a leadership dispute and United Klans has the same aims and objectives as the parent group. These are the promotion of Americanism, white supremacy and segregation of the races.

The first source and a second source advised in July, 1961, that United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc., merged with Alabama Knights, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. The merged organization established headquarters in Suite 401, The Alston Building, Tuscaloosa, Alabama. The organization is directed by Robert Shelton, Imperial Wizard, and is the dominant Klan group in the South with units in several southern states.

On August 14, 1961, the second source advised that the organization formerly known as United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc., would be known in the future as United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. The second source said the name was changed by a resolution adopted by the National Klonvocation held July 8, 1961, at Indian Springs, Georgia.

Second source advised that at a meeting at Prattville, Alabama, on October 22, 1961, a majority of the Klaverns of the U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan merged with the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

APPENDIX

WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE
KU KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI

A source advised that on February 15, 1964, approximately 200 members of the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (OKKKK) from the State of Mississippi met at Brookhaven, Mississippi. Those present decided to defect from the OKKKK and to form their own Klan group in Mississippi to be known as the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi.

This source advised that the aims and purposes of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi are to preserve Christian civilization, protect and promote white supremacy and the segregation of the races, to fight communism and to extend the dignity, heritage and rights of the white race of America.

A second source advised on February 4, 1965, that the present membership of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi (WKKKKOM) is between 1,000 and 1,500 members and the organization has continued to operate in the State of Mississippi as an independent Klan organization with the same aims and purposes as when it was created in February, 1964.

APPENDIX

Cover Sheet for Informant Report or Material
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Date received <u>3/23/65, 3/24/65</u>	Received From (name or symbol number) <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">FOIA(b)7 - (D)</div> PROB)	Received By JOHN C. MCCURNIN, II
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Brief description of activity or material <u>Details of UKA State Convention at Alexandria, Louisiana, on 3/20-21/65, and Monroe Womens' Auxiliary Meeting 3/23/65 set out.</u>		File where original is located if not attached <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">FOIA(b)7 - (D)</div>

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1 - 157- (LLOYD HUDDLESTON)
1 - 157- (JACK BUCK)
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2 - Jacksonville (RM) (DON COX)
② - Jackson (RM) (E. L. MC DANIEL)
2 - Tampa (RM) (DON COX)
2 - Miami (RM) (DON COX)
2 - Savannah (RM) (ROBERT SCOGIN)
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A notebook found in the possession of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] United Klans of America, Incorporated, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, State of Louisiana, contained the following information:

United Klans of America Units:

Chatham Hunting and Fishing Club, Box 384, Chatham, Louisiana

Dubach Sportsmen's Club, Box 174 Dubach, Louisiana

Marion Sportsmen's Club, Marion, Louisiana

Bernice Sportsmen's Club, Box 57, Bernice, Louisiana

Darbonne Anglers' Association, Box 177, Farmerville, Louisiana

Ringgold Deer Hunting Club, Ringgold, Louisiana

Junction City Sportsmen's Club

Monroe Hunting and Fishing Club, Box 25, Monroe, Louisiana

Calhoun Businessmen's Association, Post Office Box 616,

Calhoun, Louisiana

The following is a list of Klansmen found in this notebook:

RALPH M. REPPOND, P. O. Box 13, Marion, Louisiana

PETE DAY, P. O. Box 172, Marion, Louisiana

CECIL BROUGHTON, T. V. Service, Dubach, Louisiana

LLOYD HUDDLESTON, 409 First Street, Jonesboro, Louisiana

BILLY LACKY or LACKUS, Route 1, Goldonna, Louisiana

JOHN JOHNSON, Route 2, Box 25, Junction City, Arkansas

GILBERT WALTERS Garage, Calhoun, Louisiana

DENLEY INGRAM, 1918 Illinois Avenue, Kenner, Louisiana,
telephone number 504-729-2692

SUE G. WALTERS, business phone, 644-2612, home phone
644-2647

JACK BUCK, Bogalusa, Louisiana

CHARLES TICHENOR, Texaco Service Station, Jonesboro, Louisiana
LEON SMUDRICK

LOUIE E. THOMPSON, Secretary, Calhoun Businessmen's Association
Post Office Box 616, Calhoun, Louisiana

G. B. WATSON, Route 1, Calhoun, Louisiana

JULIE LA BARLERO, 521 Randoff Street, New Orleans 23, Louisian
Leader, Women's Auxiliary, UKA, New Orleans

Mrs. J. W. LANDIUM, 1641 Warrin Street, Bogalusa, Louisiana,
phone number 1-504-7355034

BOBBY R. GARRETT

[REDACTED] to Alexandria,
Louisiana, and registered at the Bentley Hotel. After arriving at
the hotel with the above group of Klansmen, met with JAMES EDWARDS
who is the Grand Dragon in the State of Louisiana, United Klans of
America, and GIL HARRIS who is the Secretary-Treasurer of the UKA
in the State of Louisiana. EDWARDS stated there would be a banquet
on the night of March 20, 1965 and that each Klansmen would be
expected to pay \$4.00 towards deferment of expenses. EDWARDS

then stated that he had made a ruling that Kleagles who are the organizers in each Klan Unit and also on the Titan and State Board would be permitted to cast one vote in the forthcoming election. EDWARDS was obviously allowing the Kleagles to vote in order to give himself more votes at the election. TOMMY REAGAN and BUTCH COON argued angrily with EDWARDS regarding this permission to allow Kleagles to vote as it was not permitted in the UKA Constitution. However, EDWARDS stated that as Grand Dragon of the State of Louisiana, he had made the ruling and it would then stand.

On March 20, 1965, the United Klans of America delegates met at 9:00 AM in the Louisiana Room of the Bentley Hotel. There were approximately sixty authorized delegates present and close to thirty-five outside visitors in the Louisiana Room.

Recognized Klansmen at this election convention were as follows:

JACK HELM - New Orleans

Reverend A. T. JOHNSON - Alexandria, Louisiana

GIL HARRIS - Bernice, Louisiana

BOBBY GENE KELLY - Bernice, Louisiana

DENLEY INGRAM - New Orleans, Louisiana

Major HICKMAN - Chatham, Louisiana

GLEEN HENSON - Chatham, Louisiana

HEBERT PACE - Jonesboro, Louisiana

BILL WINDAM - Monroe, Louisiana

COY NEAL - Monroe, Louisiana

L. M. HODNETT - Jonesboro, Louisiana

BOB DANIELS - New Orleans, Louisiana

STANLEY CHATMAN - Monroe, Louisiana

DON COX, Grand Dragon, Florida

E. L. MC DANIEL, Grand Dragon, Mississippi

BOB SCOGIN, Grand Dragon - South Carolina

MARVIN BRISTER, Great Titan, Eighth Congressional District,
Alexandria, Louisiana

JAMES EDWARDS, Grand Dragon - Louisiana - Jonesboro

TOMMY REAGAN, Great Titan, State of Louisiana, Monroe, Louisiana

FLOYD COOK, Exalted Cyclops - West Monroe, Louisiana

BOBBY GARRETT

VIRGIL BRADBURY - Monroe, Louisiana

JOHN GAIMS - Monroe, Louisiana

NELSON TEW - Monroe, Louisiana

JIMMY REAGAN - West Monroe, Louisiana

HENRY C. SALLEY - West Monroe, Louisiana

The meeting began with JAMES EDWARDS, Grand Dragon, State of Louisiana, stating that since certain elements of the United Klans, State of Louisiana, had intended to recall him, he thought it best that he step down as chariman and allow the Grand Dragon from Florida, Mr. DON COX, to run the election. DON COX then

spoke and stated that all offices were opened for nomination except that of Grand Dragon and Secretary. At this point, GIL HARRIS stated that he wished to step down from office and also put himself up for election inasmuch as JAMES EDWARD was doing likewise. JAMES EDWARDS then stated to the Klansmen present that he did not wish to put a recall issue before the convention but would voluntarily step down from office and allow a vote to be taken against himself and anyone else nominated by a Klansmen present. DON COX then gave a short speech in which he said that United Klansmen should stick together in order to improve the morale of the Klan throughout the South.

A motion was then made by BUTCH COON, Secretary of the Titan Committee, a member of the West Monroe, Louisiana Unit, regarding increasing the dues per member by the sum of 25¢ a month. COON recommended that the money should go to the State Board in order to be used by the board for the purposes of expenses and also for the purpose of printing Klan literature. At this point another individual from the Jonesboro, Louisiana Unit, made a motion that the dues should be increased 25¢ per man per month, but that the money should not be sent to the State Board to be used at its discretion, but should be sent directly to the Grand Dragon in order to defer his expenses. A general argument then developed among the delegates present regarding sending money to one man or else sending the money to the State Board. DON COX,

the chairman of the meeting, stated to the individual who had proposed the motion from Jonesboro that he should submit his motion in writing by the next day and that a formal vote could then be taken as to which motion should be carried at the convention.

GIL HARRIS, Secretary-Treasurer of the United Klans of America, in the State of Louisiana, stated that the dues would have to be increased because only \$16.00 was in the State United Klan Treasury at the present if checks received from various units throughout the state cleared the bank. Someone then asked on the floor if Kleagles were allowed to vote in the election. COX answered that according to Grand Dragon EDWARDS, Kleagles were permitted to vote and therefore the issue was closed.

The following are the units present at the state convention held at Alexandria, Louisiana:

Monroe Unit

West Monroe Unit

New Orleans Unit

Homer, Louisiana Unit

Kenner, Louisiana Unit

Calhoun, Louisiana Unit - two delegates

Chatham, Louisiana Unit

Jonesboro, Louisiana, Unit

Junction City Unit

DON COX then supervised the seating of the delegates in their proper places from the various units.

JACK HELM, Exalted Cyclops of the New Orleans Unit, then gave a short speech and stated that the Klan was not fighting Negroes but the Communists agitators behind the Negroes.

E. L. MC DANIEL, Grand Dragon, State of Mississippi, gave a speech in which he stated that the State of Mississippi was behind the State of Louisiana any time that they needed help and that Klansmen from Louisiana were always welcome in his state.

ROBERT SCOGIN, Grand Dragon, State of South Carolina, gave a speech to the Klansmen present, in which he stated that the United Klan should come out in the open with their robes, only not wear their masks. He stated that they should stage parades and rallies in which they could pass out literature. He stated that this method has been extremely successful in South Carolina in obtaining new members into the Klan. SCOGIN also stated that the Klan should always attempt to get along with law enforcement officers even though they may be laws against the Klan operating in the open in the state in which the law enforcement officers are attempting to enforce the law. SCOGIN advised the Klansmen that they should remind the officer of the right to free speech and assembly as contained in the United States Constitution and continue with their activities. He stated that should anyone in Louisiana need anything from South Carolina, that they should immediately let him know and he would be most glad to help them.

DON COX, the Grand Dragon from Florida, then stated that the state election in Florida was scheduled for July 3 and 4 and invited all Klansmen present to attend the state convention

and rally to be held following the election. He stated that he would notify the state leaders in Louisiana where the rally would be held. JAMES EDWARDS, Grand Dragon of the State of Louisiana, stated that no rally would be held at this election convention, inasmuch as MARVIN BRISTER, the Great Titan for the Eighth Congressional District, which covers Alexandria, Louisiana, had stated that he was unable to obtain property on which the rally could be held in the Alexandria area.

Following these speeches the following listed individuals were placed in nomination:

Grand Dragon, JAMES EDWARDS and TOMMY REAGAN, who is Great Titan, State of Louisiana, except for the Eighth Congressional District.

Klaliff or Vice President, JACK HELM, New Orleans

Kludd, which is the Chaplain, A. T. JOHNSON, Alexandria

Kligrapp - Secretary, GIL HARRIS, Bernice, Louisiana

Klabee - BOBBY GENE KELLY, Bernice, Louisiana

Klocard- lecturer, DENLEY INGRAM, New Orleans

Kladd - conductor, Major HICKMAN, GLENN HENSON, both from Chatham, Louisiana

Klarago which is inner-guard, HERBERT PACE, Jonesboro
BILL WINDAM, Monroe, Louisiana

Klexter - outer-guard, COY NEAL, Monroe, Louisiana,
LEAMON HODNETT, Jonesboro, Louisiana

Night-kawk- courier, BOB DANIELS, New Orleans, Louisiana,
STANLEY CHAPMAN

Following the nominations, TOMMY REAGAN who is Great Titan, State of Louisiana, stated that following this election, a district convention would be held to elect the Great Titan for the State of Louisiana.

JACK HELM, Reverend A. T. JOHNSON, GIL HARRIS, BOBBY GENE KELLY and DENLEY INGRAM were elected unanimously inasmuch as no one was nominated to run against them. Following the nominations, a banquet was held at the Bently Hotel, Alexandria, Louisiana. The principal speaker was JACK HELM, the Exalted Cyclops of the New Orleans Unit who spoke regarding their work to prevent the spread of Communism. Following this banquet, TOMMY REAGAN, JIMMY REAGAN, BUTCH COON, JULIE LA BARLERO, who is the leader of the Women's Auxiliary in New Orleans, DENLEY INGRAM and LUTHER STANLEY CHAPMAN, and HENRY HEBERT and wife, had a conference in the room of JULIE LA BARLERO. JULIE LA BARLERO stated that she was extremely unhappy regarding the place in which the Women's Auxiliary had been relegated during this election. She said that the women should be given the right to vote in the convention. TOMMY REAGAN stated that the women according to the Constitution of the United Klans of America had no right to vote and the only person who had authority over the women throughout the state was the Grand Dragon. He stated that the women operated separate and alone from the men. JULIE LA BARLERO stated there was a Women's Auxiliary in Monroe, one in New Orleans and also one unit in Bogalusa, Louisiana. DON COX entered in the room and stated that there was a very

good women's auxiliary organization in the State of Florida. DON COX stated that he liked TOMMY REAGAN and hoped that someday he would be Grand Dragon for the State of Louisiana, but at the present he felt that he was too young to hold this office. COX stated that as far as the Women's Auxiliary was concerned the only time that men could come into a Women's Auxiliary meeting was when they were asked to come in for advice.

TOMMY REAGAN stated that he had just learned that Doctor EDWARDS, the Grand Dragon, had chartered two new units around the Alexandria, Louisiana area and that they would be permitted to vote in the forthcoming election on Sunday, March 31, 1965.

TOMMY REAGAN stated that EDWARDS had chartered two new units because of the fact that he felt that he, EDWARDS, might lose the election on March 21, 1965. He said that this was completely illegal inasmuch as the charters had to be forwarded to the Imperial Office of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and there the charters would be signed by ROBERT SHELTON which would recognize a unit as being in existence. He stated, however, that there was nothing he or anyone else could do in the face of the Grand Dragon's authority.

The convention continued at 9:00 AM on March 21, 1965. A general discussion was entered into whether or not the Klansmen should break and go to church. It was finally decided after a long discussion that the Klansmen should go to church and resume the meeting at 1:00 PM. At 1:00 PM, on March 21, 1965, it was

decided on the two motions furnished on March 20, 1965, regarding whether a 25¢ raise per member per month should go to the Grand Dragon personally or go to the State Board. It was decided that each Exalted Cyclops bring up before his individual unit these two motions and have the members vote on whether or not the motions should carry. Those units in which the motion was passed, would then send the money either to the Grand Dragon or the State Board.

The election then began with a secret ballot for the Grand Dragon. These ballots were furnished to three judges, one who was A. G. JOHNSON and two other men from the State of Mississippi. JAMES EDWARDS won the election by a vote of 47 to 29 over TOMMY REAGAN.

Inasmuch as this took up a great deal of time, it was decided that there would have a standing vote for the individuals to be elected for the other offices nominated. The people who were to be elected were requested to leave the room and the following are the results of the election:

Major HICKMAN defeated GLENN HENSON for the position of Kladd, BILL WINDAM defeated HERBERT PACE for the position of Klarago, COY NEAL defeated LEAMON HODNETT for the position of Klexter and BOB DANIELS defeated STANLEY CHAPMAN for the position of Night-kawk.

Prior to the election, TOMMY REAGAN placed a nomination the name MARVIN BRISTER, Great Titan from the Alexandria, Louisiana area for the obvious purpose of splitting the vote between EDWARDS

and BRISTER and therefore committing himself to win the election. BRISTER was a definite supporter of JAMES EDWARDS and when he was nominated stated that he did not wish to run for Grand Dragon but wished all people who were interested in his being elected to vote for JAMES EDWARDS. It is apparent that BRISTER's speech turned the tide for EDWARDS against REAGAN.

Following the election, JAMES EDWARDS did a parting speech in which he called for unity for the various Klansmen throughout the State and then rejoined the convention.

Following en route to Monroe, TOMMY REAGAN made the statement that his brother JIMMY REAGAN was organizing a unit at his present residence in Pinebluff, Arkansas. TOMMY REAGAN also stated that he wished in the future to step down from his position of Great Titan and wanted STANLEY CHAPMAN to take the position over.

On March 23, 1965, the following listed women met at the residence of ANN REAGAN and organized a women's auxiliary in the City of Monroe, Louisiana, and elected officers:

ANN REAGAN, President

POLLY CHAPMAN, Vice President

RUTH ALLEN, Secretary-Treasurer

Also present were MYRA COON, SHIRLEY NEAL, POLLY WINDAM, Mrs. BOBBY GARRETT and Mrs. FLOYD COOK.

ANN REAGAN stated that she had conferred with her husband TOMMY REAGAN and also BUTCH COON regarding the principles and objectives of the Women's Auxiliary of the United Klans of

America. She stated that it had been suggested that all women present should join the Parent-Teacher's Association and therefore keep watch over school activities and also literature which is being furnished to the children. She said that it was their purpose to work in close cooperation with the men and help them in anyway possible in accomplishing their objectives.

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[redacted] met at the Copper Kettle Restaurant in West Monroe, Louisiana and [redacted] stated that he was thinking seriously of dropping his position of Great Titan and resigning from the Ku Klux Klan. He did state, however, that he has received 500 "Firey Crosses" which is the United Klans of America newspaper from Tuscaloosa, Alabama and that he wished to have these papers distributed on Saturday, March 27, 1965, in the Monroe, Louisiana area.

The following listed Klansmen were active in the UKA until the fall of 1964 when they resigned from the Klan:

LOYD C. COON

VERNON R. COON

GRADY WHEELER

FLOYD KELLY, former Exalted Cyclops, West Monroe Unit

DAN JACKSON, works for A & C Music Company

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4-8-65

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EDWARD LENOX MC DANIEL, 2156 Second Street, Natchez, Mississippi, furnished the following information:

MC DANIEL was immediately advised by SA BILLY BOB WILLIAMS who identified himself as a Special Agent of the FBI that he was not required to make any statement and that any statement he did make could become testimony in a court of law. He was further advised that he had the right to consult with an attorney of his own choosing prior to making any statement whatsoever.

MC DANIEL stated he presently holds the position of Grand Dragon, Realm of Mississippi, United Klans of America, Incorporated. He advised he has not sent any of his Klan members to the State of Alabama and has no knowledge of any of the acts of violence recently committed in Alabama and stated he specifically did not have any knowledge relating to the discovery of a number of bombs in Birmingham, Alabama, recently. He stated he also had no knowledge of the murder of a white female civil rights worker in Alabama but stated he does not believe any of these acts were committed by members of the Ku Klux Klan (KKK).

MC DANIEL stated he has given all members of his organization instructions to remain in the State of Mississippi and not to take part in any civil rights activities or segregation activities outside of the State of Mississippi.

The following description of MC DANIEL was obtained through observation and interview:

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Sex	Male
Date of birth	December 12, 1934
Place of birth	Natchez, Mississippi
Residence	2156 Second Street, Natchez
Height	5 feet, 11 inches
Weight	155
Build	Slender
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Medium
Scars and marks	Appendectomy scar

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Details of UKA election convention at Alexandria, La. 3/20 - 21/65 set out. UKA Womens Auxiliary formed at Monroe, La.

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Remarks:

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On 3/19/65, TOMMY F. REAGAN, Great Titan, United Klans of America, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, State of Louisiana, advised that he had received a telephone call from JACK HELM, Exalted Cyclopes of the New Orleans Unit of the UKA, who had advised him that a call had been placed from Montgomery, Alabama, requesting assistance of United Klansmen in the State of Louisiana to participate in a countermarch from Montgomery, Alabama, to Selma, Alabama on 3/22/65. The purpose of this march was to protest the Civil Rights march being conducted by the Negroes from Selma, Alabama, to Montgomery, Alabama. REAGAN stated that he would at the United Klans of America Election Convention, to be held on March 20, and 21, 1965, propose to the members present that they travel to Montgomery, Alabama, on 3/22/65, in chartered busses and therefore participate in this countermarch. REAGAN stated that after he arrived at the convention he would determine the feeling of the Klansmen present and then call ROBERT SHELTON to confirm whether or not SHELTON wanted assistance from United Klansmen in the State of Louisiana.

Alexandria, Louisiana, where they registered at the Bently Hotel,

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Alexandria.

On 3/20/65, COY NEAL, Exalted Cyclopes of the Monroe Unit; SHERMAN ALLEN, Assistant Exalted Cyclopes of the Monroe Unit; VAUGHN LAMBERT; and JOE SMITH, drove to Alexandria, Louisiana, and registered at the Bently Hotel for the purpose of attending the United Klans of America Convention.

The convention was held in the Louisiana Room of the Bently Hotel and began at 9:00 AM on 3/20/65. There was between 60 and 65 individuals present at the beginning of the election convention.

Dr. JAMES EDWARDS, Grand Dragon, State of Louisiana, addressed the Klansmen present and stated that he did not wish to bring a re-call vote to the floor regarding whether or not TOMMY REAGAN could challenge him as Grand Dragon, State of Louisiana. He stated that he would just step down from his office and then have someone place his name in nomination against REAGAN and let the delegates from the State of Louisiana decide who should be the Grand Dragon. EDWARDS asked DON COX, Grand Dragon, State of Florida, to be chairman of the Convention. Also present at this convention was E. L. McDANIEL, Grand Dragon, State of Mississippi, and ROBERT SCOGIN, Grand Dragon, State of South Carolina.

GIL HARRIS, Secretary-Treasurer, United Klans of America, State of Louisiana, also stepped down from his office and stated even though no one was opposed to his re-nomination and election, he felt that he should stand by JAMES EDWARDS and therefore throw the weight of his office and the prestige of his position behind the re-election of JAMES EDWARDS as Grand Dragon.

HARRIS and BOBBY GENE KELLY, both from Bernice, Louisiana, furnished the various delegates present their registration cards which entitled them to vote in the election.

SHERMAN ALLEN, VAUGHN LAMBERT and NELSON TEW were the delegates from the Monroe Unit. BILL WINDAM, HENRY C. SALLEY, COY NEAL voted as State Board Members. TOMMY REAGAN and JIMMY REAGAN, who is the brother of TOMMY REAGAN and holds the position of Kleagel on the Titan Committee, cast their votes as members of this committee.

Following the seating of the delegates, the convention broke up for the lunch hour and a meeting was held in the room of DENLY INGRAM, in which INGRAM stated to klansmen present that between 125 and 130 Negroes took part in a Civil Rights march in the City of New Orleans. INGRAM stated that he and JACK HELM, the Exalted Cyclopes of the New Orleans Unit had called Slidell, Bogalusa, Amite, and Covington Original

Knights of the Ku Klux Klan Units for the purposes of getting help in order to stage a counter-march against the Negroes. INGRAM stated this Negro demonstration march had been held in the early part of March, 1965. INGRAM stated that approximately 250 Klansmen responded to the call but that the New Orleans Police Department would not let them counter-march against the Negroes. He did state, however, that the klansmen present had in their possession picket signs which read "Support Communism" and "Support Communist Youth". He said the Klansmen walked among the Negro demonstrators with these signs in order to make it appear that this was a Communist demonstration and not a Negro Civil Rights demonstration.

Present at the meeting in which INGRAM discussed the Negro Civil Rights march in New Orleans was HENRY HEBERT of the New Orleans Unit; MAJOR HICKMAN; LEAMON HODNETT of the Jonesboro Unit; MARVIN BRISTER, Great Titan, 8th Congressional District; LAVEL TRUELOVE, Exalted Cyclopes of the Chatham Unit, his brother JAMES TRUELOVE and wife, a member of the Chatham Unit; CLYDE BAILEY and JAMES BAILEY his son, also members of the Chatham Unit; JOHN JOHNSON and four or five other individuals from the Junction City Unit. Prior to returning to the Convention Floor in the Louisiana Room of the Bently Hotel, HERBERT PACE, Exalted

Cyclopes of the Jonesboro Unit; and BUTCH COON, Secretary of the Titan Committee appeared at the meeting.

There were no delegates from the Marion, Farmerville, Ruston, and Goldonna Units of the UKA. TOMMY REAGAN, prior to entering the convention floor stated that the Ruston Unit had completely broken up and was no longer active in the United Klans of America in the State of Louisiana.

Upon returning to the convention floor, E. L. McDANIEL Grand Dragon, State of Mississippi, gave a short speech in which he stated that in order for the klan to accomplish its principles and purposes in defeating segregation throughout the South they must remain united at all costs.

JAMES EDWARDS, Grand Dragon, State of Louisiana, also gave a speech in which he stated that if he was elected he would try to come out more in the open in order to set forth the principles of the klan throughout the State of Louisiana.

JACK HELM, Exalted Cyclopes of the New Orleans Unit then gave a short speech in which he denounced communism and stated that the Ku Klux Klan was the only bulwark left to fight the spread of communism which had as its primary carrier in the United States, the Civil Rights movement.

A resolution was made by BUTCH COON of the West Monroe Unit of the United Klans that State dues be raised \$.25 per

member per month, and this money received be sent to the State Board in order for use at its discretion. Another motion was made at this time by a member of the Jonesboro Unit in which he said the State dues should be raised \$.25 per member per month, however, this money should be sent directly to JAMES EDWARDS, the Grand Dragon, in order to be used for his expenses in expanding the klan throughout the State. There was much debate regarding this issue and DON COX, the chairman of the convention, stated to the individual who made the motion from Jonesboro that he should submit his motion in writing and that a final vote would be taken on 3/22/65. Following the discussions on the motions, the following nominations were made from the floor:

Grand Dragon	TOMMY REAGAN
	JAMES EDWARDS
Assistant Grand Dragon	JACK HELM
Treasurer	BOBBY GENE KELLY
Secretary	GIL HARRIS
Chaplain	Reverand A. T. JOHNSON
	MAJOR HICKMAN

It is noted that HICKMAN was disqualified as running for Chaplain inasmuch as he was not an ordained minister. He was renominated to run as conductor against GLENN HENSON, both

being from Chatham, Louisiana.

DENLEY INGRAM was nominated as lecturer, BILL WINDAM and HERBERT PACE were nominated as enter guards and COY NEAL and LEAMON HODNETT were nominated as outer guards. BOB DANIELS from New Orleans, and STANLEY CHAPMAN were nominated as Night Hawk - Courier.

The nominations ended at 6:00 PM on 3/21/65, and a banquet was scheduled for 8:00 PM.

JOE SMITH, COY NEAL, and NELSON TEW drove back to Monroe, Louisiana, in order to contact three more individuals in the Monroe and West Monroe Units in order to bring them to Alexandria for the purpose of voting in the election. It is noted that JAMES EDWARDS, contrary to the constitution of the United Klans of America stated that Kleagels were allowed one vote and therefore NEAL, SMITH, and TEW drove back in order to contact individuals in the West Monroe and Monroe units who held the positions of Kleagel and therefore would be eligible to vote on 3/22/65. Upon arriving in Monroe, Louisiana, the above Klansmen contacted ERNEST HUMPRIES of the Monroe Unit, JOHN GAINES of the Monroe Unit, BOBBY GARRETT of the West Monroe Unit and FLOYD COOK, Exalted Cyclopes of the West Monroe Units; HERBERT BERRY of the Monroe Unit and VIRGIL BRADBURY of the West Monroe Unit. COY NEAL stated to the above klansmen that

they should come back to Alexandria with him on 3/22/65, in which they all agreed. He stated that somehow would be figured out in order to allow them one vote a piece and therefore turn the election in favor of REAGAN over EDWARDS.

NEAL stated that Doc EDWARDS, the Grand Dragon had chartered four new units on the night of 3/21/65, in order to insure his election on 3/22/65. He stated that he chartered these units contrary to the United Klans Constitution without having the signature of ROBERT SHELTON on the charters and therefore giving them the right to vote. He said the units were chartered at Leesville, Homer, Kenner, and one unit in Rapides Parish, Louisiana. NEAL stated that they had had the Calhoun Unit chartered one week prior to the election in order to give REAGAN more votes, however, EDWARDS had seen through this maneuver and had chartered four units, therefore giving them a total of 12 votes against the three votes from the Calhoun Unit.

NEAL stated that ROBERT SHELTON, the Imperial Wizard of the United Klans of America, was scheduled to arrive in Alexandria on the night of 3/21/65, if he was not held up in Alabama with the racial situation at Selma.

On 3/22/65, the convention began at 9:00 AM with the Klansmen present voting on the issue of whether or not to attend

Church. It was decided that the Klansmen present should attend Church and return to the convention at 1:00 PM. HENRY C. SALLEY of the West Monroe Unit did not attend the morning session due to the fact that he was extremely intoxicated.

The convention began on 3/22/65, with the Grand Dragon of South Carolina, ROBERT SCOGIN, stating that the Ku Klux Klan should continue their membership drives and stated that his organization had been extremely successful in South Carolina in obtaining new members by coming out in the open, particularly having open parades with the masks up.

TOMMY REAGAN who was running against Dr. EDWARDS for Grand Dragon nominated MARVIN BRISTER, the Great Titan of the 8th Congressional District as Grand Dragon. REAGAN did this for the sole purpose of splitting the vote between BRISTER and EDWARDS. BRISTER gave a speech in which he declined the nomination but stated that he wished to throw his support and the support of all his followers behind JAMES EDWARDS as Grand Dragon. BRISTER further stated that a concentrated drive should be made throughout the State of Louisiana by the United Klans in order to forward the educational ends of the Klan and to see to it that no communist literature found its place in the schools of Louisiana. TOMMY REAGAN gave a short speech in which he pointed out the fact that he had come completely in the open and also pointed out the fact

that he had had articles printed in the Monroe newspaper stating that the United Klans of America welcomed an investigation by the House Un-American Activities Committee. JAMES EDWARDS then spoke and stated that he would, if elected, continue writing educational articles and also to throw his hat in the political arena in order to get klansmen elected to selected offices throughout the state.

The election was then held for the position of Grand Dragon and JAMES EDWARDS won the election by a vote of 41 to 27 over TOMMY REAGAN.

The following individuals were elected to State Offices in the United Klans:

Assistant Grand Dragon JACK HELM unanimous
or Vice President

Chaplain Reverend A. T. JOHNSON,
Unanimous

Secretary GIL HARRIS, unanimous

Treasurer BOBBY GENE KELLEY

Lecturer DENLEY INGRAM, unanimous

Conductor MAJOR HICKMAN over GLENN
HENSON

Enter guard BILL WINDHAM was elected over
HERBERT PACE as enter guard

Outer Guard

COY NEAL was elected over

LEAMON HODNETT

Night Hawk

BOB DANIELS was elected over

STANLEY CHAPMAN

Regarding the two motions that were proposed on 3/21/65, in which it was moved either to increase dues \$.25 per man were month and send this money to the State board or to Doc EDWARDS, it was voted on 3/22/65, to table this motion and let the individual units throughout the State vote on which way the money should be sent and then notify the Grand Dragon.

The election convention was then terminated at approximately 6:00 PM on 3/22/65, with JAMES EDWARDS giving a short speech in which he promised to do better throughout the coming year and to continue to function as a true klansmen in promoting the ends of the United Klans of America.

On 3/22/65, leaders of the United Klans of America in the Monroe - West Monroe area were notified by TOMMY REAGAN that ROBERT SHELTON had decided against bringing United Klansmen from the State of Louisiana into the State of Alabama for the purpose of participating in a counter-march from Montgomery, Alabama, to Selma, Alabama. REAGAN stated that SHELTON had expressed a desire for the klan to remain on a stand-by status

in case help was needed, but that at the present time the arrival of outside klansmen would probably cause an increase in racial tension throughout the State.

On the night of 3/22/65, a judo lesson was conducted at the residence of LEE HALLORAN, President of the Citizens Council in the Monroe - West Monroe area.

Present at this judo lesson was instructor MARVIN WARD from Jackson, Mississippi; COY NEAL; CHARLES NUGENT, Investigator of the Monroe unit; TOMMY REAGAN; NELSON TEW; BILL WINDHAM; SHERMAN ALLEN; and LEE HAILORAN. Also present at this judo lesson was W. T. KIDD of the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan Unit at Swartz, Louisiana.

On 3/22/65, a meeting of the Monroe Unit of the United Klans of America was held at the residence of COY NEAL, 1712 $\frac{1}{2}$ South 6th Street, Monroe, Louisiana.

Present at this meeting was COY NEAL, SHERMAN ALLEN, BILL WINDHAM, ERNEST HUMPRIES, VAUGHN LAMBERT, and NELSON TEW. The klansmen present discussed the election and particularly the dissatisfaction of TOMMY REAGAN in not being elected Grand Dragon, State of Louisiana. NEAL promised the members present that a concentrated drive would be held throughout the Monroe - West Monroe area over the next 30 days in order to bring in new members into the United Klans of America. NEAL

stated that he did not wish to pull the Monroe Unit out of the United Klans of America, even though TOMMY REAGAN had made the statement that the Monroe and West Monroe Units should pull out of the United Klans since he was not elected and join with the independent klan unit of W. D. GAY of Ruston, Louisiana. NEAL stated that 2,000 cards were being printed in the Monroe area which would be distributed by the United Klansmen which would read "The KKK is watching you, please contact Post Office Box 251, Monroe, Louisiana". NEAL stated that he hoped that the cards distributed would cause individuals to want to join the United Klans of America. NEAL also stated that circulars were being printed which would attack the Paramount Theatre's position in the Monroe, Louisiana, area for allowing Negroes to sit with whites in the theatre. NEAL stated that a picnic was scheduled for the wives and families of the Monroe and West Monroe Units of the United Klans at Forseyth Park in Monroe, Louisiana. He further advised that the unit intended to rent a building somewhere in the Monroe, Louisiana, area to be used as a klavern.

On 3/24/65, a meeting of the Women's Auxiliary of the United Klans of America, was held at the residence of ANN REAGAN, wife of TOMMY REAGAN. The principle purpose of this meeting was to elect officers and to discuss what the

women could do in order to further the principles of the United Klans in the Cities of Monroe and West Monroe, Louisiana.

The following officers were elected:

Exalted Cyclopes	ANN REAGAN
Assistant Exalted Cyclopes	HELEN CHAPMAN
Secretary - Treasurer	RUTH ALLEN
Investigator	SHIRLEY NEAL
Enter Guard	MYRA COON
Outer Guard	Mrs. FLOYD COOK
Chaplain	PAULINE WINDHAM

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Grand Dragon Welcomes Probe Of Organization

NATCHEZ, Miss. (AP) — The Grand Dragon of the United Klan in Mississippi says he welcomes an investigation of the Klan by the House Un-American Committee.

E. L. McDaniel of Natchez said Tuesday he had no qualms about the probe sought by the committee. Rep. Edwin Willis, D-La., announced that his house group would probe the Klan, Black Muslims and other organizations.

"I hope that at the conclusion of the investigation, the Klan can continue to hold his committee in high esteem as a great committee for Americanism," McDaniel said.

He said he knew nothing of the so-called "squads" that have been mentioned as being part of the Klan.

"If such squads existed, I would know about them."

McDaniel heads an organization which has an estimated membership in Mississippi at about 400.

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Grand Dragon To Welcome Investigation

NATCHEZ (AP) — The Grand Dragon of the Mississippi Realm of the United Klans of America said here he "welcomed an investigation of the KKK."

E. L. McDaniel of Natchez made the comment after Rep. Edwon Willis, D - La., chairman of the house UnAmerican Activities committee announced his group would look into activities of the Klan, the Black Muslims and others.

McDaniel said he had no

knowledge of the so-called "squad" that Willis talked about in announcing the probe.

"If such squads existed, I would know about them."

McDaniel said Willis stated that the Klan was not in the best tradition of Americanism. "I would hope that Mr. Willis has not formed an opinion before investigation of the truth."

"I hope that at the conclusion of the investigation, the Klan can continue to hold his committee in high esteem as a great committee for Americanism."

McDaniel said he urged all Mississippians to ignore the agitators who are plaguing the state. He called for calm.

"I have always advocated nonviolence and will continue to do so."

McDaniel heads an organization which has an estimated membership of 400.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-370)
FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-471)
SUBJECT: UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
(UNITED KLANS)
OO: BIRMINGHAM

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 8 copies and for Birmingham one copy of LHM dated and captioned as above. This memorandum sets forth copies of an exchange of letters between E. L. MC DANIEL, Grand Dragon, UKA Inc., Natchez, Mississippi and Sheriff JACK CAUTHEN, Madison County, Mississippi. Copies of Sheriff CAUTHEN's letter were also sent to Governor PAUL B. JOHNSON, Judge L. F. HENDRICK, Hinds County, Mississippi, DAN C. THOMPSON, Chief of Police, Canton, Mississippi, several attorneys, Colonel T. B. BIRDSONG, HISP, Jackson, Mississippi and the FBI of Jackson, Miss.

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April 3, 1965

UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INCORPORATED
EXCERPTS OF THE HY BLUE PLAN (UNITED KLANS)

On April 3, 1965 copies of two letters were received at the Federal Bureau of Investigation Office, Jackson, Mississippi. These letters are self-explanatory and copies of each are incorporated into the memorandum.

A characterization of the United Klans of America, Incorporated is attached to this memorandum.

The two letters referred to above are as follows:

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P. O. Box 1341
Natchez, Miss.
March 30, 1965

Hon. Sheriff Cauthran
Madison County
Canton, Mississippi

Dear Sir:

I take this opportunity to advise you before hand that there will be members of the United Klans of America, Inc., Realm of Mississippi in your city to pass out literature concerning the organization in the near future.

We come as law-abiding, God-fearing men and respect the law in the highest. If there is a City Ordinance prohibiting passing out literature in your City, please advise me immediately in order for me to get permission to do so. You will be notified in advance of the time as we do not want to create any hardships on our law-enforcement officers.

We have copies of the U.S. Supreme Courts ruling on passing out literature and have been advised that it is our Constitutional right to do so.

We commend you for the fine job you are doing. An immediate reply is requested.

Sincerely,



E.L. McDaniel, Grand Dragon
United Klans of America, Inc.
Realm of Mississippi

April 1, 1963

Mr. E. L. McDaniel, Grand Dragon
United Klans of America, Inc.
Post Office Box 1341
Natchez, Mississippi

Dear Mr. McDaniel:

In response to your letter of March 30, 1963, I wish to inform you that there is a city ordinance prohibiting passing out literature in this City and that the same is strictly enforced. In this connection I advise you to contact Mayor L. S. Matthews.

For your information, the law enforcement officers of Canton and Madison County, Mississippi have maintained the peace and dignity of this community and I wish to advise you that we do not solicit nor welcome any outside radical elements and further advise that it is the opinion of the writer that this community will fare well without your presence.

We are enforcing all laws and making every effort to maintain the peace and dignity of our community and advise that anyone entering this County or City must be "law abiding, God fearing men and respect the law", as is recited in your letter.

Very truly yours,

Jack S. Cauthen, Sheriff 157-471
of Madison County, Mississippi

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APPENDIX

UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC. KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (UNITED KLANS)

Records of Superior Court of Fulton County, Georgia, show that this Klan organization was granted a corporate charter on February 21, 1961, at Atlanta, Georgia, under the name United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc.

A source advised on February 27, 1961, that United Klans was formed as a result of a split in U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. According to the source, the split resulted from a leadership dispute and United Klans has the same aims and objectives as the parent group. These are the promotion of Americanism, white supremacy and segregation of the races.

The first source and a second source advised in July, 1961, that United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc., merged with Alabama Knights, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. The merged organization established headquarters in Suite 401, The Alston Building, Tuscaloosa, Alabama. The organization is directed by Robert Shelton, Imperial Wizard, and is the dominant Klan group in the South with units in several southern states.

On August 14, 1961, the second source advised that the organization formerly known as United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc., would be known in the future as United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. The second source said the name was changed by a resolution adopted by the National Klonvocation held July 8, 1961, at Indian Springs, Georgia.

Second source advised that at a meeting at Prattville, Alabama, on October 22, 1961, a majority of the Klaverns of the U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan merged with the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INC.
INSTITUTE OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (UNITED KLAN)

This document contains neither recommendations
nor conclusions of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.
It is the property of the Federal Bureau of Investigation
and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not
to be distributed outside your agency.

DIRECTOR, FBI

4/5/65

SAC, JACKSON (157-486)

EDWARD LENOX MC DANIEL,
aka Eddie McDaniel
RM

OO: JACKSON

Re report of SA BILLY BOB WILLIAMS, Jackson, 2/25/65.

AT NATCHEZ, MISSISSIPPI:

On 4/2/65, EDWARD LENOX MC DANIEL advised SA BILLY BOB WILLIAMS that within the past two days he had received a telephone call from a benefactor in Washington, D. C., who told him he would probably be called to appear before the House On Un-American Activities Committee in the future. MC DANIEL declined to identify this benefactor.

Periodic contacts are being pursued with MC DANIEL and this matter will be followed and the Bureau advised.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC [] (P)

FROM : SA BILLY BOB WILLIAMS

SUBJECT: []

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DATE: 3/29/65

On several occasions during the recent past attempts have been made to contact the informant under circumstances which might give the opportunity for a lengthy conversation. On 3/27/65, the informant was contacted at his home by SA BILLY BOB WILLIAMS and SA LEON ROSS GRABEN. A conversation of three hours duration was the result and at the conclusion of the conversation ~~had~~ the informant had stated his willingness to furnish information to SA WILLIAMS and had agreed to meet with SA WILLIAMS at Jackson, Mississippi on Saturday, 4/10/65 for further discussions in the matter.

The major portion of the conversation on 3/27/65 was made up discussions on racial and other questions and no information which has not been previously reported by informants ~~was~~ obtained, although ~~the~~ the informant did discuss his actions and responsibilities in his position as [] United Klans of America, Incorporated.

The informant appears sincere in ^{his} desire to aid the Bureau and made the statement that he did ^{not} feel he would be violating any of the Klan oaths he has taken by furnishing information since he felt that he would be accomplishing the ~~same~~ ends.

On 3/28/65, the informant telephonically contacted SA WILLIAMS at which time he advised he was attempting to learn who was responsible for the two bombings the night before at Meridian, Mississippi.

The informant stated that if his contacts with Bureau Agents becomes known his immediate death would be the result and added that this would be either a "load of buckshot" or a bomb.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that a new RI file be opened on this informant.

The matter will be given continuing and preferential treatment by the agent assigned.

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Unit. Details of OKKKK rally

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 - 1 - 157-2605 (NEW ORLEANS UNIT, UKA)
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 - 1 - 157-2877 (MARION UNIT, UKA)
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On February 1, 1965, a meeting of the Monroe Unit of the United Klans of America was held at the home of EARNEST BUDDY RHODES, Humble Circle, Monroe, Louisiana. The meeting began at 8:00 PM and the following members were present:

COY NEAL, Exalted Cyclops;

SHERMAN ALLEN, Assistant Exalted Cyclops;

NEALSON TEW;

JOSEPH V. SMITH;

JIMMY THORNHILL;

LEON SMUDRICK, Secretary-Treasurer.

The meeting began with NEAL stating that CHARLES NUGENT, BILL WINDAM and LEON SMUDRICK had attended the Citizens Council meeting held at Alexandria, Louisiana, regarding the State Board of Education receiving Federal funds, based on the ~~desegregation~~ of public schools and institutions throughout Louisiana. SMUDRICK spoke and stated that the Citizens Council, which is made up mainly of Ku Klux Klansmen, were totally against acceptance of Federal funds and stated that they would set up petitions to recall any State or Local Education Board member who signed to this agreement.

COY NEAL then stated that the members were not paying their dues and consequently the Unit was running in the red. He stated that the Unit and other Units throughout the state must pay up their dues in order to vote for TOMMY REAGAN as Grand Dragon in the forthcoming election to be held

in March of 1965. He said that each Unit had one vote and they could not vote unless their dues were paid up. COY NEAL then issued new membership cards, which he had received at Tuscaloosa, Alabama, from ROBERT SHELTON, to the members who had their dues paid up. NEAL stated that the United Klansmen throughout the State of Louisiana would not be able to participate in the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan rally to be held at Rayville, Louisiana, on February 6, 1965; as the constitution of the United Klans of America prevented active participation of United Klan members in other Klan rallies. He did state, however, that members of the United Klans of America could go to the rally in the position of observers if they wished to do so. NEAL stated that the Unit would meet on February 8, 1965 and, prior to the meeting, all members would meet at the S & S Drive-Inn, Monroe, Louisiana, and from there receive directions as to where the meeting would be held. The meeting terminated at 9:15 PM.

Following the meeting, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and stated that a meeting was scheduled for the weekend of February 13-14, 1965 at New Orleans, Louisiana. [REDACTED] advised that three Units of the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan were ready to be sworn in as United Klans of America members. He stated

these three Units were located at LeCount, Louisiana; Bogalusa, Louisiana, and Slidell, Louisiana. [] stated that he would not swear these Units into the United Klans of America until just prior to the election on March 20, 1965 and, therefore,

[]
without EDWARDS knowing that these three Units existed.

[] stated that the New Orleans United Klans of America Unit was using a Private Investigator to check out new members, particularly in view of obvious FBI attempts to penetrate the Unit and also the American Nazi Party attempting to gain membership. He stated that the New Orleans Unit had done very well in the past and had actually sent one hundred dollars in cash to E.L. MC DANIEL, Grand Dragon, State of Mississippi, in order to help the twenty-one arrested white people who are being held for the slaying of the three Civil Rights workers last summer.

On February 4, 1965, [] traveled to Marion, Louisiana, in order to attend a fish fry of the Marion Unit of the United Klans of America. [] advised [] that there were twenty-eight to thirty active members in this Unit and that there were two or three members of the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan located in Marion who were trying to bring this Unit into the Old Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

On [] [] and [] drove to Dubach, Louisiana, in order to attend the Unit meeting of the Dubach Unit. [] drove in [], which is white in color. [] advised [] that ten members showed up at the meeting and were extremely unhappy over their treatment by the State Board and also the Bernice Unit of the United Klans of America. [] said the members of the Dubach Unit wanted to know why they were not getting the United Klans of America literature from the state leadership. They further stated they were not getting their monthly news letter, put out by Doctor EDWARDS. [] stated that they wanted [] to talk to them regarding Doctor EDWARDS and whether he should remain as Grand Dragon of the State of Louisiana. They further advised that, inasmuch as he was not doing anything to further the cause of the Ku Klux Klan, that he should be disposed of and [] placed in his position. [] advised [] that [] had been advised of what the Dubach Unit stated and stated that he would travel to Dubach and try to patch up the disagreement between the Dubach and Bernice Units of the United Klans and also attempt to obtain the Unit vote in the forthcoming election.

On February 5, 1965, at 8:00 PM, a meeting was held at Ruston, Louisiana, of the United Klans of America State Board. Prior to the beginning of the meeting, a search was conducted of the meeting place, located between Ruston and Farmerville, Louisiana, in order to locate a microphone. The reason for this search was that the FBI in Junction City, Arkansas, had contacted two JOHNSONS in the area and interviewed them regarding his attending a State Board meeting at Ruston, Louisiana. The United Klan felt that there was not an informant located at the State Board meeting, but a microphone, inasmuch as the FBI seemed mixed up and interviewed both JOHNSONS. It appears the FBI questioned the wrong JOHNSON regarding the State Board meeting prior to questioning the right JOHNSON. Present at the State Board meeting was JAMES M. EDWARDS, Grand Dragon; DALE GOSS, Assistant Grand Dragon; GIL HARRIS, Secretary-Treasurer; L.M. HODNETT; MAJOR HICKMAN; KLADD; L.L. TRUELOVE, Exalted Cyclops of the Chatham Unit; TOMMY REAGAN, Great Titan; JIMMY THORNHILL; and twelve other individuals. JOHN JOHNSON, Exalted Cyclops of the Junction City Unit, was also present at this meeting.

Doctor JAMES M. EDWARDS, the Grand Dragon, spoke regarding the issuance of new constitutions at the Tuscaloosa, Alabama, meeting of the United Klans of America, held on

January 30, 1965. He stated these new constitutions would be sent to all Units throughout the State of Louisiana. He further stated that each Unit had to increase its dues by twenty-five cents per man and furnish this money directly to the Office of ROBERT SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, at Tuscaloosa, Alabama. EDWARDS then brought up the issue of whether or not the State Board would be re-elected at the forthcoming election on March 20, 1965 in Alexandria, Louisiana. GIL HARRIS stated that he was against the election for the State Board and this issue was not resolved at the Ruston meeting. EDWARDS stated that the State Board would meet at the Blue Grill Cafe, located in Jonesboro, Louisiana, on the night of March 12, 1965. He said that nominations would then be placed regarding election of all state officers.

At this time [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] that he intended to have an Exalted Cyclops meeting at Ruston at the same time that the State Board was meeting at Jonesboro. He planned this in order that the Exalted Cyclopes would not be exposed to EDWARDS campaigning while at Jonesboro. [REDACTED]

EDWARDS stated that Units should start thinking about nominating individuals for the Titan Committee and also nominate individuals for the various state positions. He said these nominations could then be placed in effect at the meeting at Jonesboro on March 12, 1965.

EDWARDS stated that he had just received word from ROBERT SHELTON in Tuscaloosa that DENLEY INGRAM, of the New Orleans Unit, and BILL WINDAM, of the Monroe Unit, had received their Kleagelship Papers.

On Saturday night, January 6, 1965, a rally was held of the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan in Rayville, Louisiana. There were eighty individuals in robes and between two hundred and sixty-five and three hundred spectators at the Rayville Ball Park. Out of this two hundred and sixty-five or three hundred spectators, approximately sixty percent were members of the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. Present at this rally as observers from the United Klans of America were TOMMY REAGAN, COY NEAL, and HENRY CLAYTON SALLEY. Organizers of the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan rally were HOUSTON MORRIS, Imperial Wizard of the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan; ROBERT FULLER, Grand Dragon; JAMES OLIVER; ROBERT ABE ALLEN; RUSSELL PRICE; and JERRY HAYES, Exalted Cyclops of the Monroe Unit of the Old Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. The rally

began at 7:30 PM and terminated at 8:30 PM. The principle speaker was the Reverend DRISKELL, who is not associated with the Ku Klux Klan, but is associated with the Citizens Council of Monroe, Louisiana. His main theme was the Communist takeover in the United States and the virtues of segregation of the white and Negro races. He further spoke on the fact that the State Board of Education and the local school boards located in the various parishes throughout the state should not sign the Federal Compliance Agreement in order to receive Federal funds for the various schools.

Following the rally, COY NEAL and TOMMY REAGAN met with HOUSTON MORRIS, ROBERT FULLER, ROBERT ABE ALLEN and JAMES OLIVER regarding the co-ordination of all Klan activities in the state. FULLER stated that he would like to set up a meeting between the United Klans of America and the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan in the very near future to discuss this issue.

While enroute to Monroe, following the rally, REAGAN stated that LEE HALLORAN, Citizens Council President, Monroe, Louisiana, had been in touch with JACK HELM, Exalted Cyclops of the New Orleans Unit, and JAMES EDWARDS and L.M. HODNETT during the statewide Citizens Council meeting held at Alexandria, Louisiana.

On February 7, 1965, a meeting was held at the residence of TOMMY REAGAN between HOUSTON MORRIS and W.J. KIDD of the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, and TOMMY REAGAN; BUTCH COON, of the West Monroe Unit of the United Klan; LUTHER STANLEY CHAPMAN; TOMMY REAGAN; COY NEAL, and CLAYTON SALLEY.

A general discussion was entered into regarding the co-ordination of Ku Klux Klan activities in the State of Louisiana against segregation. MORRIS stated that a meeting of all the Klans was scheduled at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on the 12th and 13th of March, 1965, following a speech by Governor GEORGE WALLACE of Alabama to the State Citizens Council. He said that he wanted, if possible, to have present the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, the United Klans of America, and the Knights of the White Camelia, who are led by (First Name Unknown) COBB.

On February 8, 1965, a meeting was held at the residence of EARNEST RHODES of the Monroe Unit of the United Klans of America. Present at this meeting was COY NEAL, LUTHER STANLEY CHAPMAN, BILL WINDAM, JIMMY THORNHILL, VAUGHN LAMBERT, JOE SMITH, GRADY BLOCKER, and LEON SMUDRICK. NEAL issued membership cards to those individuals who had paid up their dues and they discussed building a Klavern Building located somewhere on Winnsboro Highway. The

main topic of conversation was the Federal Aid Educational Funds being given to the various parish school boards if and when they sign the Compliance Agreement to desegregate schools. SMUDRICK stated that in order to prevent the school board from signing this Compliance Agreement the Citizens Councils were being reorganized and, consequently, the Klan could work through the Citizens Council to prevent this signing. SMUDRICK stated that a Citizens Council meeting would be held at the Ouachita Parish Library on February 11, 1965 and he wanted all Klan members to be there. He stated that LEE HALLORAN was the individual who was setting this rally up.

The meeting ended at 9:15 PM with NEAL stating that the members of the Unit would meet next on February 16, 1965 at the Crystal Steak House and there receive instructions as to where the next meeting would be held.

[] was advised by [] telephonically to attend the Jonesboro Unit meeting on February 9, 1965 and instruct them regarding the new constitution and membership cards which were issued on January 30, 1965 at Tuscaloosa, Alabama. [] stated that, while contacting Unit 504 of the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, he had been asked by JERRY HAYES regarding what type of a solution could be used to take paint off vehicles. [] stated that a

general discussion was entered into at the Unit meeting, in which it was decided that a solution of hydro-sulphuric acid and water would be effective in dissolving car paint. He said the Unit was discussing the use of fire extinguishers in projecting this fluid on vehicles parked in the Negro neighborhoods of Monroe, Louisiana. [] further stated that FLOYD KELLY, who was formerly Exalted Cyclops of the West Monroe Unit, had formed his own outlaw Unit comprised of three to five members and was attempting to affiliate himself with the outlaw Unit of W.D. GAY, located in Ruston, Louisiana.

On February 9, 1965, [] of the Monroe Unit, met BILL MC GEE, Treasurer of the Jonesboro Unit, at the Tiger Lanes Bowling Alley, located in Jonesboro, Louisiana. MC GEE was accompanied by a white male named WATTS or WATLEY, 155 to 160 pounds, 5'10", dark brown hair, thin face and had acne scars on face. This individual was between 22 and 26 years of age and drove a black 1963 Chevrolet with red upholstery, bucket seats and a standard transmission on the driving post. He stated that this car was a two-door with a chrome extension past the end of the bumper and had dual exhaust pipes.

[] was driven in this vehicle to the Klan meeting place and MC GEE stated that he had a pistol and a cartridge

belt located on the back seat. Directions to the meeting place are as follows:

Drive twelve miles out the Chatham Highway until you reach a mailbox which states "WALTERS FARM", turn left one quarter mile off the road on a gravel road, follow this gravel road until you reach split and keep bearing left and the WALTERS' house is located three hundred yards on top of Little Hill. Approximately twenty-five vehicles were parked outside of the meeting place. [REDACTED] MC GEE and the unidentified individual passed through the outer guards, but could not be admitted into the house until someone, who was a member of the Unit could come outside and recognize him. JAMES M. EDWARDS, Grand Dragon, came outside and recognized [REDACTED] and then invited him inside. Present at this meeting was between twenty-five and thirty individuals, including the Exalted Cyclops, (First Name Unknown) PACE; Secretary, MARVIN HOLLINGSWORTH, Route 1, Box 20, Jonesboro; and BILL MC GEE, Treasurer. Also present was L.M. HODNETT.

Doctor EDWARDS began the meeting by stating that a nomination meeting would be held on 12 March, 1965 at the Blue Grill Cafeteria in Jonesboro, at which nominations for state positions would be placed. He further advised that a state election would be held at the Bentley Hotel

in Alexandria, Louisiana, on March 20, 1965. EDWARDS stated that, in order to vote, all Units must have their dues up to date or would not be able to cast their ballot. EDWARDS stated the following offices would be up for election on March 20:

Grand Dragon, Assistant Grand Dragon, Secretary-Treasurer, Lecturer, Conductor, Sergeant at Arms, and State Investigator.

He stated that all Klansmen who were interested in the election would register at the Bentley Hotel at 2:00 PM on Saturday afternoon and remain at the hotel until Sunday night.

Doctor EDWARDS then introduced COY NEAL to the Klansmen, who explained how the new membership cards work and also explained the constitution of the United Klans of America. Doctor EDWARDS stated that he had to pay five dollars back dues because he had not been present at the Unit meeting for many months. EDWARDS also contributed money to the building fund for the new Klavern Building, presently under construction in the Jonesboro area. NEAL, in explaining the constitution, stated that the Grand Dragon was elected for three years, the Assistant Grand Dragon for two years and the rest of the state officers one year, except for the Night Hawk who was elected for two years. He stated

that the Exalted Cyclopes were elected for one year. NEAL explained that the National dues had been increased by twenty-five cents and that this money must be sent directly to ROBERT SHELTON's office in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and have to be paid in advance. He stated that the new United Klans of America lapel pins would cost two dollars and that the constitution booklet and the Kloran would now cost fifty cents to each individual Unit. He said on the above mentioned items which cost fifty cents, the state, which would obtain the money from the various Units, would then pay ROBERT SHELTON thirty cents per item. REAGAN requested that all members of the Jonesboro Unit be in attendance at the Citizens Council meeting to be held on February 11, 1965 at the Ouachita Parish Library in West Monroe, Louisiana.

[redacted] following the Jonesboro meeting, [redacted] contacted [redacted] via his Citizens Band Radio and requested that they meet in Ruston, Louisiana.

[redacted] stated to [redacted] that he had just contacted GILBERT WALTERS at Calhoun, Louisiana, who had advised him that the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan members who had disaffiliated themselves from this Klan organization were now interested in signing up with the United Klans of America.

[redacted] stated to [redacted] that this Unit should be up to charter strength within the next two weeks, based on the co-operation furnished to the United Klan by WALTERS. [redacted] stated to

[REDACTED] that every time a

church is burned down in Jackson Parish United Klans of America Units gain fifteen to twenty members. [REDACTED] stated to [REDACTED] that he did not think it was United Klans of America members who burned the church and had no idea who might have done so. [REDACTED] stated that the following listed individuals should prepare themselves for a trip to New Orleans in order to set up three Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan Units for membership in the United Klans of America:

COY NEAL, JOE SMITH, BILL WINDAM, LUTHER STANLEY CHAPMAN, TOMMY REAGAN, JIMMY REAGAN and H.C. SALLEY.

REAGAN stated that they would drive in WINDAM's automobile to New Orleans and meet with DENLEY INGRAM and JACK HELM. He stated the above listed Klansmen would stay at the Deep South Motel, located in Kenner, Louisiana. He further advised that the meeting would not be held at the same place that the last state meeting was held in New Orleans, but would be held somewhere else. He stated that a banquet was planned for February 13, 1965, following the meeting.

REAGAN stated that there was approximately eight hundred dues paying members of the United Klans of America in the 5th Congressional District. He said, however, that at most there was three hundred active United Klansmen within this district. He further advised that the Alexandria United Klan organization had about two hundred men in six Units in this area.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-4)

DATE: 3/11/65

FROM : SA BENJAMIN F. GRAVES

SUBJECT: INVESTIGATION OF KLANSMEN
RACIAL MATTERS

Bureau airtel dated 2/24/65 instructed the Jackson Office to submit supplemental nonprosecutive summary reports immediately regarding the following categories of Klansmen:

1. All national officers
2. All state officers
3. Top officials of each klavern or local unit, such as the Exalted Cyclops and Chief Investigator
4. Any individual Klansmen who exert effective influence and leadership within the Klan and/or have a propensity toward notoriety or involvement in racial violence.

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(2 - 157-914) (LOUIS ANTHONY DI SALVO)
(2 - 157-676) (TRAVIS F. AINSWORTH)
(2 - 157-582) (ASA F. WEATHERS)
(2 - 157-1181) (DAYTON HOUSTON GILLESPIE)
(2 - 157-1492) (TOM THRASHER)
(2 - 157-486) (EDDIE MC DANIEL)
(2 - 157-606) (EDWIN LEWIS)
(2 - 157-987) (BILLY WOODS)
(2 - 157-1435) (ROGER SMITH)
(2 - 157-2627) (JOHN NOSSER)
(2 - 157-2179) (L. C. MURRAY)
(2 - 157-14) (DOUGLAS A. BYRD)
(2 - 157-24) (PAUL LAFAYETTE FOSTER)

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(2 - 157-512) (ERNEST PARKER)
(2 - 157-613) (TOMMIE L. JONES)
(2 - 157-787) (ERNEST FINLEY)
(2 - 157-815) (JACK SEALE)
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(2 - 157-1038) (ARCHIE PRATHER)
(2 - 157-1043) (CHARLES EDWARDS)
(2 - 157-17) (BENJAMIN FRANKLIN HINTON)
(2 - 157-1037) (TILLMAN MYERS)
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(2 - 157-1707) (BILLY JOE LEE)
(2 - 157-1750) (WINSTON DUCKSWORTH)
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(2 - 157-2390) (PAUL WEST)
(2 - 157-2121) (RETUS G. BILBO)
(2 - 157-608) (A. C. HERRINGTON)
(2 - 157-450) (GEORGE H. BIRDSONG)
(2 - 157-1113) (PETE (JAMES) HARRIS)
(2 - 157-1226) (JAMES C. RUTHLEDGE)
(2 - 157-19) (JAMES NOLEN FORTENBERRY)
(2 - 157-216) (GORDON MIMS LACKEY)
(2 - 157-946) (JULIUS HARPER)
(2 - 157-571) (HOWARD MC LEMORE)
(2 - 157-1009) (CHARLES SOJOURNER)
(2 - 157-1703) (Q. B. RUTLAND)
(2 - 157-483) (W. R. MANGUM)
(2 - 157-1441) (JASPER BUFORD)
(2 - 157-1719) (J. LESTER PHILLIPS)
(2 - 157-1440) (RALPH EDWARDS)
(2 - 157-458) (EVERETT D. WIGGS)
(2 - 157-470) (WALTER ANDERSON BAILEY)
(2 - 157-1420) (S. T. SHOOK)

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The following format should be used in preparing these nonprosecutive summary reports:

1. Residence
2. Employment
3. Current position in organization
4. Automobile
5. Activity of subject
6. Miscellaneous information concerning subject

In those instances where a summary report has not yet been submitted to the Bureau regarding a Klansman in the above enumerated categories, an up-to-date nonprosecutive summary report should be submitted immediately using the following format:

1. Background
 - a. Birthdate
 - b. Citizenship status
 - c. Education
 - d. Marital Status
 - e. Residence
 - f. Employment
 - g. Military service
 - h. Credit and criminal record
 - i. Physical description
 - j. Make and model of automobile used by subject and description including body style, color and license number.
Description of other vehicles to which subject has access.
 - k. Special abilities of subject, including knowledge of weapons, explosives, radio and electronics
 - l. Associates, both business and social
 - m. Up-to-date picture of subject

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In preparing both the initial and supplemental nonprosecutive reports under these instructions, emphasis should be placed on including pertinent information regarding the individual's present position, his current activities, and his propensity for violence.

This Bureau airtel instructed that by 3/5/65, the Bureau was to be advised of the identities of Klansmen on whom reports will be submitted under these instructions. These reports should be submitted as they are prepared (original and six copies). Bureau has set the deadline of 4/30/65 to complete the submission of these reports.

The names of the subjects of the various files receiving copies of this memorandum were furnished to the Bureau by airtel dated 3/8/65, as coming within one of the above-mentioned categories. Consequently, a summary report or a supplemental nonprosecutive summary report should be written in compliance with above-mentioned Bureau instructions.

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Date 7/31/64

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EDDIE MC DANIELS, 2156 Second St., Natchez, Miss., acknowledged the identities of the interviewers as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). MC DANIELS was advised that he did not have to make any statement; that he had the right to counsel and that any statement that he did make could be used against him in a court of law.

MC DANIELS stated that he had nothing to hide and would gladly talk to the interviewing agents. MC DANIELS denied any knowledge or information concerning the three youths missing from the area around Philadelphia, Miss., and/or the bombing and burning of churches in McComb, Miss.

MC DANIELS advised that he is a law abiding citizen and would not have anything to do with any violence of any kind. He advised that he is a member of the Americans for the Preservation of the White Race (APWR), a "legal organization chartered at Jackson, Mississippi."

MC DANIELS denied knowing anything pertaining to the activities of the Ku Klux Klan except what he reads in the newspapers or sees and hears on the television. He denied ever being approached to join the Klan and denied that he was, or is, a member of the Klan.

The following description of MC DANIELS was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	EDDIE MC DANIELS
Race	White
Sex	Male
Birth data	Age 37, born at Natchez, Miss.
Height	5'10"
Weight	140 lbs.
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Dark Brown
Complexion	Medium

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On 7/23/64 at Natchez, Miss.File # Jackson 157-486-542by SAS WILLIAM F. MARTIN and EDWARD J.Date dictated 7/24/64MULHOLLAND/lla

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Build
Relatives
Residence

Occupation

Military data

Slender
Wife and four children
2156 Second St., Natchez,
Miss.
Truck Driver, Red Ball
Trucking Co., Natchez,
Miss.
None

(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

McDaniel Adds Comments To Malcolm X Death

NATCHEZ, Miss. (AP)—E. L. McDaniel, Mississippi grand dragon of the United Klans of America, Sunday demanded that President Johnson and the Warren Commission order a thorough investigation of the murder of Malcolm X.

"Mississippi surely will be blamed," he said. "I suggest that a commission of Southern professors and lawyers be sent to investigate this terrible act of violence which has happened and that this commission report directly to the President and the Congress.

"Of course, this must be done at the expense of the federal government, like the investigations recently conducted in the sovereign state of Mississippi.

"I further state that the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the KKK, Realm of Mississippi, had nothing to do with this terrible act of violence."

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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Natchez Democrat

Natchez, Miss.

Date: 2/22/65

Edition: Daily

Author:

Editor: J.W. Lambert

Title: KKK Comments to
Malcolm X DeathCharacter: 157-471
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REPORTING OFFICE JACKSON	OFFICE OF ORIGIN JACKSON	DATE 2/25/65	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 11/13/64 - 2/16/65
TITLE OF CASE EDWARD LENOX McDANIEL, aka, Eddie McDaniel		REPORT MADE BY SA BILLY BOB WILLIAMS	TYPED BY js
		CHARACTER OF CASE RACIAL MATTERS	

REFERENCES:

Report of SA BILLY BOB WILLIAMS, at Jackson, 11/5/64, and report of SA JOHN E. O'NEILL, at Los Angeles, 12/16/64.

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LEADS:JACKSON DIVISION:AT NATCHEZ, MISSISSIPPI:

1. Will continue to follow and report on the activities of the subject.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

Copies of this communication are being furnished to Birmingham, Mobile and New Orleans for information purposes, inasmuch as McDANIEL in his position as Grand Dragon of the United Klans of America, Inc., can be expected to travel in the states of Alabama and New Orleans.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: SA BILLY BOB WILLIAMS
Date: FEBRUARY 25, 1965
Field Office File #: JACKSON 157-486
Title: EDWARD LENOX MC DANIEL

Office: JACKSON

Bureau File #:

Character: RACIAL MATTERS

Synopsis:

Subject appeared as principal speaker at United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan rally held Junction City, Louisiana, 12/5/64. Appearance was in place of Imperial Wizard ROBERT SHELTON. Subject seeking assistance of Imperial Wizard SHELTON and National Association of the United Klans of America to defray financial expenses of persons arrested in connection with crimes of violence in Mississippi. Subject actively attempting to recruit members of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi into the ranks of the United Klans of America. Identification record set forth.

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DETAILS:

On November 13, 1964, Mrs. BLANCHE ANDERS, Sheriff's Department, Adams County, Natchez, Mississippi, advised that the files of her organization reflect a 1964 Ford, four door sedan registered to E. L. McDANIEL. The 1965 Mississippi license for this vehicle is 1-7017. Mrs. ANDERS further advised that she knows this automobile to be reddish brown in color.

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December 5, 1964. Jackson T-1 advised the Ku Klux Klan movie, "Birth of a Nation", was shown at the West Monroe, Louisiana, fairgrounds. At this time, ROBERT SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, was scheduled following the showing of the movie but he did not attend. In his place, E. L. McDANIEL, Grand Dragon, State of Mississippi, acted as the principal speaker following the movie. In attendance were approximately one hundred people, including Grand Dragon JAMES M. EDWARDS and State Secretary GIL HARRIS of the State of Louisiana.

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On January 13, 1965, Jackson T-1 advised the Ku Klux Klan movie, "Birth of a Nation", was not shown at the rally to be held at Quachita Parish, Louisiana, on January 9, 1965, inasmuch as this movie was being used in the State of Mississippi by the Grand Dragon of the United Klans of America, in that state, E. L. McDANIEL.

On January 27, 1965, Chief of Police J. T. ROBINSON, Natchez Police Department, Natchez, Mississippi, advised he is aware of a series of conferences between the subject and Mayor JOHN NOSSER of Natchez. ROBINSON advised that he had been told by the Subject that NOSSER is "waking up". ROBINSON further advised that NOSSER has during recent meetings of the Natchez Board of Aldermen voted in favor of the use of public facilities for functions of the Ku Klux Klan.

ROBINSON further stated that the subject hangs around the Natchez City Police Station and talks to the officers on an infrequent basis. The subject recently attempted to obtain a photograph of a Council of Federated Organizations worker who had been arrested the same date.

A characterization of the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan appears in the Appendix of this report.

On November 20, 1964, Jackson ^{T-9} T-2 advised Special Agent G. DARGAN FRIERSON that contained in an Operation Report submitted by Imperial Wizard ROBERT M. SHELTON to the Klansmen and fellow officers of the United Klans of America, Inc., SHELTON made the following comment:

"In a business meeting with the Grand Dragon of Mississippi and his state officers it was brought to my attention of the heavy burden of expenses on the men of Mississippi since the Federal government through its prodding and harassment has brought about the arrest of approximately thirty-five people, charging them with the smallest crime to the larger crime of murder. The Klansmen of Mississippi are to be congratulated for the quick ralling to the defense, financially, for these men, however the financial burden since going into the thousands of dollars is more than can be handled from the local area. The Grand Dragon and his officers through my office is thereby sending to you, the officers and men, a desperate appeal for assistance. It is not possible at this time to send assistance, by all means send them at least a letter and let them know as to how much you might assist them. Send all correspondence to the Grand Dragon, E. L. McDaniel, Post Office Box 1341, Natchez, Mississippi."

On January 18, 1965, Jackson T-3 advised Special Agent CLARENCE G. PROSPERE that one JACK WILLIAMS, an employee of Larco Drilling Company, Prentiss, Mississippi, had advised that the Klansmen in Lincoln, Lauderdale and Jefferson Davis Counties of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi, are talking about withdrawing from the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi and affiliating themselves with the United Klans of America, Inc. The reason given for switching to the United Klans of America, Inc., was the fact that Klansmen in the United Klans of America may come out in the open and state that they are members of the United Klans of America, Inc., whereas a Klansman in the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi cannot tell anyone that he is a member of the Klan without violating the Constitution of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi.

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On February 8, 1965, Jackson ~~T-4~~ advised Special Agents JOHN MARTIN and JOHN H. PROCTOR, JR., that the Lauderdale County, Mississippi, Klan organization held a meeting on Saturday, February 6, 1965, concerning defection from the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi. (WKKKKOM). This meeting was held at the Chunky River Fish Camp near Meridian, Mississippi, and lasted from about 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. The meeting was lead by Reverend DELMAR DENNIS, a Klan official of the WKKKKOM. Also present at this meeting were E. L. McDANIEL, Grand Dragon, United Klans of America, Inc., and a Mr. FOSTER, both of Natchez, Mississippi, and representing the United Klans of America. Ten members were sworn into the United Klans of America. Reverend DELMAR DENNIS was selected Titan for the United Klans of America in the six-county area surrounding Lauderdale Counby and Neshoba County, Mississippi. One BILLY BIRDSONG, Imperial Investigator of the WKKKKOM from Meridian, Mississippi, was selected as Temporary Exalted Cyclops.

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Jackson ~~T-4~~ advised this group discussed their dissatisfaction with SAM BOWERS, the Imperial Wizard of the WKKKKOM and the fact that they would receive no money from the State Klan organization for the defense of those persons arrested in connection with the deaths of the three civil

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rights workers near Philadelphia, Mississippi, in June, 1964. According to the informant, McDANIEL told those at the meeting that they would receive no financial assistance from the United Klans of America.

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Jackson T-4 advised that eight members attending this meeting walked out of the meeting and refused to be sworn into the United Klans of America pending consultation with their individual Klan units (WKKKKOM). At the above meeting, the group seriously discussed selecting a committee which would be instructed to go to Laurel, Mississippi, to beat up SAM BOWERS and attempt to obtain money which they have already paid into the Klan Treasury for dues and assessments.

APPENDIX

UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC. KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (UNITED KLANS)

Records of Superior Court of Fulton County, Georgia, show that this Klan organization was granted a corporate charter on February 21, 1961, at Atlanta, Georgia, under the name United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc.

A source advised on February 27, 1961, that United Klans was formed as a result of a split in U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. According to the source, the split resulted from a leadership dispute and United Klans has the same aims and objectives as the parent group. These are the promotion of Americanism, white supremacy and segregation of the races.

The first source and a second source advised in July, 1961, that United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc., merged with Alabama Knights, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. The merged organization established headquarters in Suite 401, The Alston Building, Tuscaloosa, Alabama. The organization is directed by Robert Shelton, Imperial Wizard, and is the dominant Klan group in the South with units in several southern states.

On August 14, 1961, the second source advised that the organization formerly known as United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc., would be known in the future as United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. The second source said the name was changed by a resolution adopted by the National Klonvocation held July 8, 1961, at Indian Springs, Georgia.

Second source advised that at a meeting at Prattville, Alabama, on October 22, 1961, a majority of the Klaverns of the U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan merged with the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE
KU KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI

A source advised that on February 15, 1964, approximately 200 members of the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (OKKKK) from the State of Mississippi met at Brookhaven, Mississippi. Those present decided to defect from the OKKKK and to form their own klan group in Mississippi to be known as the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi.

This source advised that the aims and purposes of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi are to preserve Christian civilization, protect and promote white supremacy and the segregation of the races, to fight communism and to extend the dignity, heritage and rights of the white race of America.



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Jackson, Mississippi
February 25, 1965

Title	EDWARD LENOX MC DANIEL
Character	Racial Matters
Reference	Report of SA BILLY BOB WILLIAMS dated February 25, 1965

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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Details of National UK meeting held Tuscaloosa, Ala., on 1/30/65, set out.

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Remarks:

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- 1 - 157-3280 (CHARLES E. RAYMOND)
- 1 - 157- 2909 (JIMMY REAGAN)
- 1 - 157- (HENRY HERBERT)
- 1 - 157-2900 (L. M. MODNETT)
- 1 - 157- 2895 (EDWARD ELLIOTT)
- 1 - 105-1057 (OKKKK - State of La.)

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On 1/29/65, TOMMY REAGAN, Great Titan, State of Louisiana, United Klans, advised that the following individuals were now on the United Klan State Board:

Doctor JAMES M. EDWARDS, Grand Dragon

DALE GOSS, Assistant Grand Dragon

GIL HARRIS, Secretary-Treasurer

MAJOR HICKMAN, Conductor

H. C. SOLLEY, Investigator

Inter guard COY NEAL (also known as Night Hawk)

DENLEY INGRAHAM, Board Member, New Orleans.

RED DAVIS, Board Member, Chatham, Louisiana.

On 1/29/65, the following klansmen left from the Monroe, Louisiana, area enroute for Tuscaloosa, Alabama, to attend the National United Klans Meeting to be held at that city:

COY NEAL

BILL WINDAM

TOMMY REAGAN

JIMMY REAGAN

LEON SMUDRICK

JOE SMITH.

The above group drove in BILL WINDAM's 1961 Cadillac. While enroute the above klansmen stopped at the Sheriff's Office in Jackson, Mississippi, and showed their Ku Klux Klan cards to the Deputy on duty. They advised this deputy that if any of the deputies involved in the shooting of a Negro recently in Jackson, Mississippi, needed money they could write to the address enclosed on the card and the United Klans of America would be most happy to furnish money in order for this Deputy or Deputies to have a defense against the charge brought against him or they could wire direct. This Deputy Sheriff advised the visiting klansmen that the Deputy Sheriff who had shot the Negro had done so in the line of duty as this individual was trying to escape and that it had not been done intentionally. He thanked the klansmen for their offer of help, following which the above klansmen departed from the Jackson, Mississippi, Sheriff's Office. They arrived at the Smiths Motel in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, at 3:00 in the morning and stayed in Rooms 3, 4, and 5. As they were checking into the motel they met the Grand Dragon of South Carolina and two more men who were accompanying him. The Grand Dragon from South Carolina stayed in Room 7. The following day at about 9:30 AM, the above klansmen went to the Anderson Building

where the office of ROBERT SHELTON is located and was advised that the National meeting would be at the Kanora Steak House, located outside Tuscaloosa, Alabama. The meeting began in the dinning room of the Kanora Steak House at about 10:00 AM on January 30, 1965. There was approximately 145 klansmen present at the meeting including nine Grand Dragons and their State Board Members. Five of the Grand Dragons who were suppose to be at this meeting did not attend but sent representatives. The nine Grand Dragons who did attend were from the states of Louisiana, Alabama, Georgia, Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina, Mississippi, Tennessee, and Virginia.

The representatives from New Orleans who attended this meeting were HENRY HERBERT and DENLEY INGRAHAM, who is the Kleagel of the New Orleans Unit. There were two members from the Bernice Unit of the United Klans of America, one of which was EDWARD ELLIOTT who drives a red Volkswagon and is the Exhalted Cyclopes of this unit. There were three representatives from Jonesboro, Louisiana, MAJOR HICKMAN; JAMES EDWARDS, Grand Dragon; and L. M. HODNETT. There was a total of 13 delegates from Louisiana present at this meeting. INGRAHAM drives a green and white 1965 Ford and HERBERT drives a 1961 beige colored Ford. The meeting began

with ROBERT SHELTON, the Imperial Wizzard of the United Klans issuing new membership cards to the various Grand Dragons, and also issuing new constitutions, new klan receipt books, klan inaction books, monthly report forms, which are to be submitted in the future from each unit to the State Board. ROBERT SHELTON stated that the klan was in for hard times in the future, particularly from the Internal Revenue Service and the FBI. He said that the Internal Revenue Service would probably check all klansmen's income tax forms in order to prosecute them. He stated that the United Klan must come out into the open in order to develop a public image as a political organization.

MATT MURPHY, an attorney from Birmingham, Alabama, and also the legal counsel for the United Klans of America then spoke regarding the constitutional rights possessed by klansmen in the United States. He said that in order for a klansman to be arrested, the law enforcement officer making the arrest must have in his possession a warrant, and also if a klansman's personal car or home was to be searched a search warrant must be produced. MURPHY then stated that the United Klan was bringing a slander suit against the Saturday Evening Post for its recent article on the United Klan and also against a Birmingham, Alabama, newspaper.

He said the United Klan in each State should determine a list of lawyers sympathetic to the cause and have them available in case a klansman was arrested either by the FBI or local law enforcement officials. MURPHY said that if no lawyers in the various states could be developed which were sympathetic to the cause and if a klansman got into trouble, then the United Klan representative, that is the Grand Dragon, should notify the Imperial Office at Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and he, MURPHY, would see to it that the proper legal defense for the prosecuted klansman was made available.

7 ROBERT SHELTON then spoke and stated that the United Klans should forthwith put anything in the mail relating to United Klans matters. He said that should any mail be delivered it should be hand carried from unit to unit or from unit to the state offices. He said that the Imperial Officers of which there are 11 on the National Staff are elected for two years. He said that the National Dues would be raised from \$.25 to \$.50 and therefore each unit would have to send in \$.25 more to the National level.

ROBERT SHELTON stated that he would place on sale the following items for \$3.25, to the various units:

Cuff links

Tie clasps

Key chains

He also stated that he would make available lapel pins for the price of \$2.00. He said that the United Klans of America was in the red \$6,000.00 two years ago and is now \$150.00 in the black. SHELTON is now driving a green and white Catalina Pontiac either a 1964 or 1965 model. SHELTON stated that he had spent over \$20,000.00 in printing literature for the United Klans to be distributed to the various Grand Dragons over the past two years. He said that over the last 30 days he has had 38 television interviews and one two hour long debate with the secretary of the Congress of Racial Equality Organization. He further stated that the treasurer of the Congress of Racial Equality is a known Communist and that the Congress of Racial Equality has filed bankruptcy proceedings in New York City and is now completely broke. He stated that he has recently traveled to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Maryland; New Jersey; New York, making speeches regarding the United Klans of America.

He said that a bill has recently been passed Number R63-76, setting aside one million acres in Alaska, to be used to erect a \$12,500,000.00 mental institution which can be used to detain individuals such as klansmen for a period

of 60 to 90 days for observation for psychiatric reasons. He said this is obviously another attempt by the Federal Government to harass the Ku Klux Klan.

At approximately 3:00 PM the meeting terminated inasmuch as SHELTON remarked that it was snowing outside and he wanted the klansmen to return home safely before the roads got too dangerous.

Following this meeting [redacted] met with SHELTON at his office at 401 Anderson Building, and was advised by the two Louisiana klansmen that Dr. EDWARDS, the Grand Dragon, of the State of Louisiana, must go inasmuch as he was incompetent and not doing his job properly. Both [redacted] and [redacted] advised SHELTON that EDWARDS refused to come out in the open and therefore was not following the instructions of the Imperial Staff in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. SHELTON remarked "Dr. EDWARDS will never come out in the open because his chiropractor's practice is illegal in the State of Louisiana and this might subject him to possible prosecution by the State authorities." SHELTON stated he did not have the authority to dispose of Dr. EDWARDS, but would personally, along with two of his lieutenants come to Alexandria, Louisiana, on March 20, 1965, in order to supervise the election of the

klan officials in the State of Louisiana. He personally promised [REDACTED] that the Monroe delegation of the United Klan, which had done so well in the past, would be well represented on the State level. SHELTON then held a conference with COY NEAL, TOMMY REAGAN, Dr. JAMES EDWARDS, DENLEY INGRAHAM, and HENRY HERBERT. The New Orleans klansman stated that the New Orleans unit was doing very well and that the Women's Auxiliary was proceeding much better than had been expected. They further stated that within two weeks there would be a meeting in New Orleans in which TOMMY REAGAN and NEAL would attend, which units of the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan would be brought into the United Klan. INGRAHAM stated that the American Nazi Party was attempting to infiltrate the Klan in New Orleans and they felt that two members of the Nazi Party had already gotten into the klan. He said he was personally approached by a member of the American Nazi Party, regarding his joining the Ku Klux Klan and was furnished a card which stated American Nazi Party, Box 5505, Arlington, Virginia. INGRAHAM stated that the American Nazi Member stated to him that all "Niggers should be given a one way ticket back to Africa".

NEAL, REAGAN, and the other Monroe klansmen then

drove to Monroe, Louisiana. While enroute REAGAN stated that the State Board of Education must be notified that Federal Aid to Education in the State of Louisiana, must be denied if it meant segregation of the various schools throughout the state. He stated that a meeting would be held in the near future between the Citizens Council of Louisiana, the United Klans, the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, the Independent Klan, which is now headed by MURRAY MARTIN. REAGAN stated that literature must be printed up and presented to the State Board of Education to show what would happen to them should they sign this clause pertaining to Federal Aid to Non-segregated schools.

On 2/1/65, a meeting of the Monroe Unit of the United Klans was held at the home of EARNEST "BUDDY" RHODES located on Humble Drive, Monroe, Louisiana. The meeting began at 8:00 PM with the following members being present:

COY NEAL, Exalted Cyclopes

EARNEST RHODES

JIMMY THORNHILL

JOE SMITH

NEALSON TEAL

Exalted Cyclopes NEAL had sent LEON SMUDRICK, Secretary

of the unit and CHARLES NUGENT, Investigator of the Unit, who is employed by the Benoit Recreation Center as a Recreational Supervisor for the City of Monroe, and BILL WINDAM, to Alexandria in order to attend a meeting being held there regarding the Federal Aid to Louisiana schools. The main discussion held at the unit meeting was regarding sending men from the Monroe and West Monroe Units to campaign for TOMMY REAGAN as Grand Dragon for the State of Louisiana, as opposed to Dr. JAMES M. EDWARDS. NEAL also stated that dues were dropping behind and wanted the members to get up their dues. New membership cards were issued and also the fact that the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan had asked the United Klans to participate in their rally for February 6, 1965. NEAL stated that no United Klansmen could participate in this rally but could only go as observers.

On Monday, February 8, 1965, all klan members from Monroe Unit would meet at the S and S Drive Inn on Winnsboro Road outside of Monroe and there receive instructions where the meeting would be held. The unit meeting ended at 9:15 PM. Following this unit meeting [redacted] in company with [redacted] [redacted] of West Monroe Unit, met with [redacted] [redacted] residence in West Monroe, Louisiana.

Discussion was entered into how to obtain enough votes to dispose of Dr. JAMES EDWARDS on the forthcoming March 20, 1965, election in Alexandria, Louisiana. [] stated that they had three units of the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan aligned up to join with the United Klan and that these units would be sworn in at the last minute before EDWARDS became aware of their existence as United Klan Units and therefore would not be able to campaign. Consequently it was thought that the three units would then deliver their votes for []. He said one of the Original KKK Units was located in LeCount, Louisiana, which is somewhere near Alexandria, Louisiana. He said one of the other units is located at Bogalusa, Louisiana, and the other at Slidell, Louisiana.

On February 2, 1965, [] met with []

[] in West Monroe, Louisiana.

[] stated that he and [] would go to New Orleans in order to swear in, or to set up the swearing in of OKKK Units in the New Orleans area. He said they would meet with DENLEY INGRAHAM on the 13th of February, 1965, before contacting the OKKKK units. He said he also expected to contact independent units which had broken away from the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan regarding attachment to the United Klans of America. He further stated that the New Orleans Unit of the

United Klan had hired a private investigator to check out all new members. He said this is for the purpose of preventing FBI penetration and also penetration by the American Nazi Party. He said that the New Orleans Unit had sent E. L. McDANIEL, Grand Dragon of the United Klan in the State of Mississippi, \$100.00 in cash in order to help the 21 individuals arrested by the FBI for killing the three civil rights workers in Mississippi. He stated that a State Board Meeting was scheduled for Ruston, Louisiana, on Friday night February 5, 1965.

On February 4, 1965, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] that the Marion Unit had shrank to a total membership of between 28 and 30 active members. He stated he had attended a fish fry on this date at Marion in order to encourage new membership in the United Klans of America. He further advised that the Old Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan were attempting to penetrate this unit and bring it into their fold.

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On 1/8/65, [] met with Chief of Police JOHN MITCHELL, West Monroe PD regarding holding a United Klan Rally within the city limits of West Monroe, La. Chief MITCHELL stated he would not allow the United Klan to hold a rally within the city limits of West Monroe and further would arrest any klansmen attempting to hold such a rally. [] advised MITCHELL that property belonging to FNU CLOYD had been rented at Thomas Street and New Natchitoches Road outside the city limits of West Monroe and in Ouachita Parish, La. MITCHELL advised that he did not care where a rally was held as long as it was not within the city limits of his city. [] stated that BAILY GRANT, Sheriff of Ouachita Parish had given the Klan permission to hold a rally within the parish of Ouachita. [] advised that FNU CLOYD not a member of the Ku Klux Klan.

On 1/8/65, [] drove to Calhoun, La. in order to contact GILBERT WALTERS who formerly was associated with the Old Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (OKKKK) regarding bringing the Calhoun Unit into the United Klan. GILBERT WALTERS appeared skeptical particularly after the unit had been disbanded following a fall out with ROBERT FULLER, who is considered by WALTERS to be highly incompetent. WALTERS

stated it was highly unlikely that former (OKKKK) members could be convinced to resume their Klan activities even with an organization like the UK.

On their return trip [] stated that ROBERT SHELTON would not appear at the rally and further that the movie "Birth Of A Nation" would not be shown at the West Monroe Fairgrounds inasmuch as E. L. MCDANIEL, Grand Dragon of the UK in the State of Mississippi, had the movie tied up. [] further advised that he expected 40 klansmen to appear in robes from outside the Monroe area at the rally. He stated that circulars would be mimeographed and distributed on the night of 1/8/65, in Monroe, La.

[] said that JACK HELM, EC of the New Orleans Unit would be the principal speaker at the rally.

[] advised that the West Monroe Unit now has 7 members including LUTHER S. CHAPMAN, EC, DAN JACKSON who works for the A & C Music Co., Monroe, La., and FLOYD COOK.

On 1/9/65, a rally of the United Klan was held at Thomas and New Natchitoches road, Ouachita Parish, La. The principal speaker at this rally was MAJOR HICKMAN who holds

the position of Kladd in the state leadership of the UK and also the position of Lecturer in the UK unit at Chatham, La. HICKMAN was introduced by TOMMY F. REAGAN Great Titan, State of La. There was approximately 100 people in attendance with 18 Klansmen in robes. Leading the cross burning ceremony following the speeches was COY NEAL, Asst. Great Titan, State of La. Also in a red robe was L. L. TRUELOVE, EC of the Chatham Unit and FNU BAILY from the Chatham Unit. JOHN JOHNSON EC of the Junction City Unit was also robed out. The majority of Klansmen in robes were from the Chatham and Junction City Units. United Klansmen from the Monroe area present at the rally were as follows:

W. K. WINDAM

L. V. LAMBERT

BUDDY RHODEN

JIMMY THORNHILL

BILL DICKENS,

NEALSON TEAL, JR.

LUTHER S. CHAPMAN

JOE SMITH

HERBERT BUDDY BERRY

FLOYD COOK

DAN JACKSON.

HICKMAN spoke for approximately 1 hour stating the UK was a non-violent political organization. He said the UK intended to accomplish its objectives at the polls and not through violence. The rally closed at 9:00 PM with the traditional UK Cross burning ceremony.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-486)

DATE: 1/27/65

FROM : SA BILLY BOB WILLIAMS

SUBJECT: EDWARD LENOX MC DANIEL, aka

RM

On 1/27/65, Chief of Police J.T. ROBINSON, Natchez, Police Department, Natchez, Mississippi advised he is aware of a series of conferences between the subject and Mayor JOHN NOSSER of Natchez. ROBINSON advised that he had been told by the subject that NOSSER "is waking up". ROBINSON further advised that NOSSER has during recent meetings of the Natchez Board of Alderman voted in favor of the use of public facilities for functions of the Klu Klux Klan.

ROBINSON further stated that the subject hangs around the Natchez City Police Station and talks to the officers on an infrequent basis. The subject recently attempted to obtain a photograph of a Council of Federated Organizations worker who had been arrested the same date.

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On 12/11/64, a meeting of Louisiana Titan Committee was held in the home of TOMMY F. REAGAN, Great Titan, State of Louisiana, 600 North 7th, West Monroe, Louisiana. In attendance was COY NEAL EC of the Monroe unit, TOMMY REAGAN, LUTHER STANLEY CHAPMAN, CHARLES EDGAR RAYMOND, Assistant Great Titan who works for the Monroe Plating Co., Monroe, Louisiana, LEON SMUDRICK, CHARLES DE BOY and WAYNE SMITH.

REAGAN stated the United Klans unit had had trouble with a member by the name of HENRY LEE JOHNSON who was attempting to take over the unit without benefit of an election. He stated that an election would be held at 8:00 p.m. on 12/11/64, and NEAL, himself, CHAPMAN and RAYMOND would attend in order to supervise and see that no trouble occurred. REAGAN stated that CHAPMAN and NEAL should appoint committees to plan for a United Klan Christmas party. He said this would give the wives a chance to participate in Klan activity and, therefore, stimulate interest in the Klan.

At 7:15 REAGAN, NEAL, CHAPMAN and RAYMOND drove to Chatham, Louisiana, in NEAL's car. After arriving at the Klan meeting place, the meeting was called to order by REAGAN who advised the 11 Klansmen from Chatham in attendance that an election would take place. MAJOR HICKMAN stated that HENRY LEE JOHNSON had not arrived and HICKMAN assumed that he had quit the Klan after he realized that he could not take the unit over by use of force. The

following unit officers were elected:

Exalted Cyclops	L. L. TRUELOVE
Vice Exalted Cyclops	GLEN HENSON (Temporary as he is organizing his own unit at Columbia, Louisiana.
Lecturer	MAJOR HICKMAN
SEC-Treasurer	DEAN (LNU), age 20, 6'2", 150 pounds, red hair
Nighthawk	JAMES TRUELOVE
Guard of the inner den (Peacemaker)	E. B. BRADOCK

Following the election REAGAN congratulated the new officers and stated there would be a meeting of Exalted Cyclops and Vice Exalted Cyclops at Ruston, Louisiana, on 12/18/64. He said there would be representation from United Klan Units from Alexandria to the Arkansas border. REAGAN stated he had received information prior to his arriving in Chatham that a unit of the United Klan had been chartered in Arcadia, Louisiana. REAGAN further advised that elections on the unit level were being held at Farmerville, Louisiana, on instant date and GIL HARRIS had gone in REAGAN's place to supervise the election.

REAGAN said that a state meeting was to be held in New Orleans, Louisiana, on 12/12/64, and leaders from the Southern and Northern halves of Louisiana would determine future policy of the Klan in Louisiana. He also advised that JAMES EDWARDS, Grand Dragon,

State of Louisiana, had advised him that Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (OKKKK) units in and around New Orleans had contacted JACK HELM EC New Orleans unit of the United Klan requesting permission to charter with the United Klan.

Following the meeting at Chatham, Louisiana, REAGAN on the return to Monroe, Louisiana, advised that NEAL, SOLLEY, LEON SMUDRICK, JAMES EDWARDS, GIL HARRIS, and JIMMY REAGAN would attend the New Orleans meeting. He stated he did not know where the meeting would be held in New Orleans as the FBI was watching the Klan in that section of Louisiana, and consequently, strict security measures were being taken by the New Orleans unit. He did state, however, that visiting Klansmen would stay at the Deep South Motel, Kenner, Louisiana.

At 1:30 a.m. on 12/12/64, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] departed from Monroe, Louisiana, arriving at the Deep South Motel at about 8:00 a.m.

[REDACTED]

At 1:00 p.m. the above Klansmen met with the New Orleans unit organizer whose name is DELENIE (Phonetic) who drives a 1963 or 1964 Chevrolet Corvair with a "B" in the license plate. DELENIE is described as a white male, 180 pounds, black hair, cut short but long enough to comb, 180 pounds, 5'10", stocky build, age about 30. REAGAN, NEAL, SOLLEY, JIMMY REAGAN, DELENIE (Phonetic), and a man

named LOYD HENRY BARRETT, 423 River Drive, Algiers, Louisiana, went to a local restaurant located on Airline Highway and had lunch. DELENIE (Phonetic) and BARRETT stated over lunch that the FBI was interviewing Klansmen and had managed to place an informant in the Klan who held the unit position of Kleagel and was employed as a fireman. DELENIE (Phonetic) stated in view of the heavy pressure being applied by the FBI the Klan in the New Orleans area was going underground. BARRETT stated that the FBI had located his car at the scene of a cross burning and were trying to "pin the cross burning rap on him." BARRETT described as a white male, 5'8", 160 pounds, brown hair, balding in front, age about 50, wears glasses, has small nose and a ruddy complexion.

DELENIE (Phonetic) and BARRETT departed and remainder of the group returned to the motel. At about 6:30 p.m. JAMES EDWARDS and MAJOR HICKMAN arrived at the motel. A meeting was held in the room of TOMMY REAGAN. Present were NEAL, TOMMY REAGAN, EDWARDS, HICKMAN, SOLLEY, and DELENIE (Phonetic). DELENIE advised EDWARDS the New Orleans Unit had determined that an individual who was a Kleagel in the Unit had been furnishing information to the FBI. EDWARDS replied that DELENIE (Phonetic) should have three men go to the residence of this individual and obtain his Kleagel commission papers. He stated that should this individual refuse to furnish the papers they should call him and he would contact

this person. He stated no further contact should be made with this individual and no information furnished to him. Following this discussion DELENIE (Phonetic) stated the New Orleans Unit was attempting to organize a Ladies Auxiliary of the United Klan in New Orleans. He said that he and JACK HELM had discussed one woman who might be ideal for the position of organizer but found that she was unacceptable after investigation of her background. DELENIE (Phonetic) advised, however, that they did have a woman by the name of Mrs. JULIE or JULIUS who is employed by the New Orleans Police Department who might be interested in the job. He said this woman is of good character and reputation and would be ideal for the job. EDWARDS, NEAL, REAGAN, and DELENIE drove to this woman's house which is located in Kenner, Louisiana. The house is yellow brick and the street in front is torn up. The carport is located on the right side of the house. Mrs. JULIE or JULIUS is a white female, age 40-41, 5'8", 125 pounds, red-brown hair. On being contacted by the above individuals she stated that she was flattered by the offer but unable at that time to render a decision as to whether she would organize the Ladies Auxiliary of United Klan. EDWARDS stated he would contact her again in the near future to obtain her answer.

Following this meeting with Mrs. JULIE or JULIUS, DELENIE (Phonetic) advised he would lead them to the meeting. After

picking up JIMMY REAGAN and H. C. SOLLEY they drove to a private club located on Poydras Street, New Orleans, Louisiana. The name of the club is Maysies' (Phonetic).

A meeting was held in the upstairs portion of this club. In attendance was Dr. JAMES M. EDWARDS, MAJOR HICKMAN, TOMMY REAGAN, JIMMY REAGAN, COY NEAL, H. C. SOLLEY, JACK HELM, Exalted Cyclops of New Orleans unit, PETE LE RANT (Phonetic) and 14 other Klansmen. LE RANT (Phonetic) holds the position of Kleagel and works for the railroad. Also in attendance was LOYD HENRY BARRETT. EDWARDS began by stating the United Klan was in need of new members and an all out effort must be made in this regard. He continued along this line of discussion for about an hour concluding by stating that efforts would be made to associate the United Klan in the eyes of the general public as a political organization and not one which is thought of in the traditional sense as a hate group. He said the Klan would in the future approach politicians on all levels of Government to join in order to attain their ends by the use of law rather than by force and violence. HELM then spoke for about four hours. HELM stated that no contact should be maintained with a former Exalted Cyclops of OKKKK in the New Orleans area by the name of (FNU) COBB who has been causing trouble and is completely unreliable. HELM stated investigation by his unit has disclosed an informant in their midst. He said Klansmen must be extremely careful

in all future operations in the New Orleans area as a result of FBI pressure particularly in the area of penetrating the Klan with informants. He said that for the benefit of Klansmen attending the meeting that trouble began with the FBI following cross burnings on the eve of election 1964. At this point TOMMY REAGAN stated that the FBI had not harassed the United Klan in Northern Louisiana although they had talked to several past and present Klansmen regarding Klan matters. REAGAN stated that to the best of his knowledge there were no FBI informants in the United Klan in Northern Louisiana. HELM continued by stating that should the FBI contact a Klansman for interview they should admit being in the United Klan, subject of course to the individual Klansmen wishes in this matter. That is, should the individual Klansman feel that he should not admit his membership this would be perfectly acceptable. However, no Klansmen should furnish any further information to the FBI other than admitting his identity and the fact that he is a United Klan member. HELM stated that he had conferred with ROBERT SHELTON, Imperial Wizard of the United Klan, in recent weeks and determined that the Klan is preparing to come out in the open in the near future in order to shake off any association with what is commonly felt by the general public to be a Ku Klux Klan organization. He said the United Klan is not a Ku Klux Klan organization but a political organization totally against force and violence in a means to obtain its ends. He said Klansmen should keep abreast of

local and national affairs and take positions favored by the Klan so as to increase Klan influence in the political area. For example, New Orleans Klansmen are to take the position that the addition of fluorine to drinking water is wrong and any measure to place same in drinking water in the New Orleans area should be defeated at the polls. He said for the benefit of visiting Klansmen that this is presently an issue in the New Orleans area and he was stating the Klan position on the matter so as to illustrate how the Klan can become a political force to reckon with and thereby counteract the forces of communism and liberalism which are presently taking over the country.

On 12/13/64, NEAL, REAGAN, SOLLEY, EDWARDS, JIMMY REAGAN departed from New Orleans before noon.

On 12/14/64, a meeting of the Monroe unit of the United Klan was held in the upstairs portion of the Paradise Lounge which is owned and operated by COY NEAL, Exalted Cyclops of this unit. In attendance were NEAL, TOMMY REAGAN, LEON SMUDRICK, BILL WINDAM, LUTHER CHAPMAN, WAYNE SMITH, JOE SMITH, BILL DICKENS, BUDDY BERRY CHARLES DUBOY. REAGAN stated the Grand Dragon of Mississippi, E. L. MC DANIEL, had written a rebuttal to DREW PEARSON, the newspaper man, regarding an article recently printed by PEARSON in which he stated the United Klan was a Ku Klux Klan organization and no distinction should be made between the United Klan and any other

Klan organization. REAGAN stated this was completely untrue as the United Klan was a political organization and against force and violence. REAGAN stated NEAL and CHAPMAN were to remain on 12 hour alert as an emergency meeting was scheduled in New Orleans to take in units of the OKKKK in and around the New Orleans area. REAGAN stated JACK HELM, Exalted Cyclops of the New Orleans unit, would call when the meeting was going to take place. HELM had advised REAGAN the 12 hour alert was in force in order to prevent the FBI from learning the whereabouts of the meeting in the New Orleans area.

NEAL stated BAILY GRANT, Sheriff of Ouachita Parish, Louisiana, had given permission to hold a Klan rally outside the city limits of Monroe, Louisiana, on 1/9/65. NEAL said the rally would be held on the Winnsboro road on the far side of the S&S Drive Inn. NEAL advised that JOHN MITCHELL, Chief of Police, West Monroe Police Department, and J. C. KELLEY, Chief of Police, Monroe Police Department, had refused permission to the United Klan to hold the rally within the city limits of the above two cities. NEAL advised that ROBERT SHELTON would be the guest speaker. He also stated that invitations would be sent to ROBERT FULLER, Grand Dragon of the OKKKK in Louisiana. NEAL advised that he and CHAPMAN had been placed on a 12 hour alert regarding a meeting of the Titan Committee in Alexandria, Louisiana.

On 12/15/64, a meeting was held in the residence of TOMMY REAGAN. In attendance was COY NEAL, LEON SMUDRICK, TOMMY REAGAN and LUTHER CHAPMAN. REAGAN advised that a meeting of Exalted Cyclops', Vice Exalted Cyclops', State Investigation Board, and the Titan Committee would be held in Ruston, Louisiana, on 12/18/64. REAGAN advised that there were four members of the United Klan organizing a unit in Winnsboro, Louisiana. He said reports reaching him from all over the State of Louisiana were extremely promising regarding the present United Klan organizational drive. He said the OKKKK was splitting and completely unorganized. REAGAN advised that representatives from units within the 5th Congressional District would appear in Ruston, Louisiana, on 12/18/64, to discuss the progress made in bringing the new members into the United Klan.

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Copies of this communication are being furnished to Birmingham and Mobile for information purposes inasmuch as MC DANIEL, in his position as Grand Dragon of the United KLANS of America, Inc., can be expected to travel into the State of Alabama.

The records of the Los Angeles Police Department and Los Angeles Sheriff's Office were viewed on 11/18/64 by IC MILLARD T. ANDERSON. The Bankruptcy Records, United

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: JOHN C. O'NEILL
Date: December 16, 1964

Office: Los Angeles, California

Field Office File No.: 157-1044

Bureau File No.:

Title: EDWARD LENOX MC DANIEL

Character: RACIAL MATTERS

Synopsis: Background information concerning MC DANIEL's residence and employment in Los Angeles, California, set forth.

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DETAILS:BACKGROUNDPAST EMPLOYMENTS

Mr. CUSTER P. FLETCHER
Pacific Coast Business Manager,
Acme Steel, 4903 Pacific Avenue
Vernon, California
(11/18/64)

Mr. FLETCHER advised that MC DANIEL, who was born December 9, 1934, was employed as a truck driver by Acme Steel from January 15, 1960, to March 2, 1962. Mr. FLETCHER stated

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that MC DANIEL was married to JOAN ROBERTS who was born July 30, 1934, and who started work as a clerical employee on September 8, 1955. FLETCHER stated that MC DANIEL resided with his wife at the residence of his father-in-law, VERNON ROBERTS, 3697 Louise Street, Lynwood, California. VERNON ROBERTS is still employed by Acme Steel. He stated the Social Security number for JOAN ROBERTS is 519-38-3778.

ROBERT CALDWELL, Security Office
General Motors Corporation
9925 Santa Fe Street
South Gate, California
(11/17/64)

EDWARD LENOX MC DANIEL was employed by the General Motors Corporation, 9925 Santa Fe Street, South Gate, California, from November, 1956, to February, 1957, and from July 30, 1957, to October 12, 1959.

CALDWELL stated that the following information appeared in his file:

Sex	Male
Race	White
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Fair
Height	5'11"
Weight	151 pounds
Build	Slim
Social Security Number	428-54-0700
Education	Natchez High School (1948 - 1951)
Residence	7120 Templeton Street Huntington Park, California

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Previous Residence	113 South Canal Street Natchez, Mississippi
Former Employments	Klotz Pharmacy Natchez, Mississippi (July, 1951 - July, 1952) Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company Natchez, Mississippi (August, 1952 - May, 1953) Johns Mansville Corporation Permain Drilling Company Wink, Texas (February, 1955 - December, 1955)
Relatives	BERTHA MAE ENTREKIN (Mother) Born Jena, Louisiana EDWARD MC DANIEL (Father) Born Natchez, Mississippi JANICE LEE QUINN (Wife) Born Wink, Texas
Reference	W. A. BOURNE 202 Lamar Street Natchez, Mississippi
Military Leave	November 23, 1956 - January 4, 1957

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JOSEPH J. SHAPER, Chief Special Agent
Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority
962 West 12th Place
Los Angeles, California
(11/17/64)

MC DANIEL, Social Security Number 428-54-0700,
who resided at 7119 Miles Avenue, Huntington Park, California,
and had resided at 3697 Louise Street, Lynwood, California,
was employed as a bus driver from February 1, 1957, to
July 8, 1957, at which time he resigned in lieu of discharge
for failing to complete assignments, after having a fight
with a passenger, he abandoned his vehicle.

The following background information concerning
MC DANIEL was made available by SHAPER:

Sex	Male
Race	White
Date of Birth	December 9, 1934
Social Security Number	428-54-0700
Height	5'10"
Weight	155 pounds
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Military Service	None
Wife	JANICE Residing Kermit, Texas
Children	EDDIE LEE MC DANIEL (4 years old) KENNETH LYNN MC DANIEL (2 years old)

MARRIAGE RECORD

Bureau of Vital Statistics
Los Angeles, California
(12/14/64)

EDWARD LENOX MC DANIEL, Age 22, 7119B Miles Avenue, Huntington Park, California, born Mississippi, was married on February 9, 1957, at Lynwood, California. His father was listed as ED MC DANIEL, born Mississippi, and his mother, BERTHA MAE ENTREKIN. The bride was listed as ELSIE JOAN ROBERTS, Age 22, born Idaho, 7119B Miles Avenue, Huntington Park, California. The bride's parents were listed as VERNON G. ROBERTS, born Tennessee, IRMA E. LODGE, born Kansas. These records reflect that MC DANIEL was previously married, this marriage ending in divorce. Witness to this marriage was MARGARET JOANNE ROBERTS, 3614B Josephine, Lynwood, California.

Bankruptcy Records, United States District Court, Los Angeles, California, as reviewed on November 19, 1964, revealed that MC DANIEL filed for bankruptcy on October 30, 1961, at Lynwood, California. MC DANIEL, who resided at 3697 Louise Street, Lynwood, California, listed his debts as \$4,522.36, his assets as \$200. On March 7, 1962, he was discharged as bankrupt.

The records of the Los Angeles Police Department and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office, Los Angeles, California, were reviewed on November 18, 1964, for any information concerning MC DANIEL; however, no information identifiable with MC DANIEL was located.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-486)

DATE: 12/11/64

FROM : SA LENARD A. WOLF

SUBJECT: EDWARD LENOX McDANIEL
RM

On 12/2/64, Mrs. ELLA ATKINS, Credit Bureau of Natchez, Natchez, Mississippi, made available the credit file on subject which showed the following information in a report dated 5/25/64:

EDWARD LENOX McDANIEL, 2156 Second Street, Natchez, Mississippi, age 29, wife JOAN, employed for Red Ball Motor Company, previously employed Johns Manville Company, for seven years. Filed Bankruptcy 10/28/51. Also previously employed by Yellow Cab Company, Natchez, Mississippi, for about one year. Previously resided at 79 Auburn, 204 Linton, 3804 Englewood, and 703 State, all in Natchez, and in 1957 resided at 3697 Louise, Lynwood, California.

The records of the Natchez Police Department were checked by SA WOLF on 12/3/64, and the following record was located:

EDDIE LENOX McDANIEL
307 Linton Avenue, Natchez, Mississippi
White, male, born 12/9/34, Natchez, Mississippi,
5'10", 154 pounds, brown hair, brown eyes, ruddy
complexion.
Identification number 7100
3/5/58, investigated for cab drivers license.

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Date October 31, 1964

LEE RUSSELL COTHREN, Patrolman, Natchez Police Department, was interviewed at the above department. He was advised of the identity of the interviewing agents and the nature of the investigation. COTHREN stated that he is not now nor has he ever been a member of the United Klans of America, Inc., Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (Louisiana) or the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi. COTHREN stated that he has never attended any meetings of any Klan-type organization, nor has he ever had any knowledge of others attending such meetings. He stated that no one has asked him to join any Klan nor has he ever observed any Klan robes or hoods in anyone's possession.

COTHREN stated that he does not believe in any individual taking the law into his own hands and that it is the duty of the law enforcement to protect all citizens regardless of race. He stated that he has no knowledge as to persons involved in any Negro beatings, shootings, or bombings. COTHREN stated that if any such information came to his attention that certain persons were involved in such activities he stated that he would notify the FBI.

COTHREN advised that he has read in the local Natchez newspaper certain articles written by ED McDANIELS who has made it known that he is active in the Klan movement in Adams County. He stated that from general conversation on the street he has heard that CHARLES JAMES is a close associate of McDANIELS and is assisting him in his Klan activity. He stated that ED FULLER, JACK SEALE, and ERNEST FINLEY all hang around together and are also close associates of JOE and GEORGE NOSSER.

COTHREN stated that he personally believes that the bombing at the Nosser residence was a result of political overtones as it was more to embarrass the Chief of Police than

On 10/30/64 at Natchez, Mississippi

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SA TIMOTHY M. CASEY, JR.: RLC

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Military Service	Discharged 1946, Army Serial Number 34636910
Automobile	1960 Chevrolet Belair 1964 Ford pickup truck, light green color
Weapons	.38 caliber pistol Browning automatic shotgun
Marital Status	Married; wife ELLOUISE COTHREN, with 3 children

Date October 23, 1964

Sheriff ODELL ANLERS, Adams County, Mississippi, was interviewed at the County Jail at Natchez. He advised that he very recently obtained information from a member of the Klan and that he has promised this person "immunity". He stated that as far as he knows this Klansman was not actually involved in beatings and shootings in the Natchez area, but certain of those persons who are responsible for these acts have admitted to him that they were involved. He stated that there is no way of proving this since the only persons who have knowledge of the acts are the persons themselves. He also added that the victims of the assaults could not identify those involved since in some cases the persons wore hoods.

He stated that his source told him that a Negro, ARCHIE CURTIS, was severely whipped with a "bull whip" about May, 1964. He identified CURTIS as a Negro undertaker from Natchez. According to his source, this was committed by ERNEST FINLEY, ERNEST PARKER and JACK SEALE.

In addition to the above, he stated that the same persons were responsible for the bombing of the Mayor's house on September 25, 1964.

He explained that his source told him that ED McDANIEL, former head of the Natchez Klan was on the political side of the Chief of Police of Natchez in opposition to Mayor NOSSER. After Mayor NOSSER's two sons, JOE and GEORGE NOSSER were taken into the Klan it brought about a split in the Klan, in that many members were opposed to their being accepted.

This opposition group included McDANIEL, EARNEST SEALE, and others believed responsible for the violence in the area. He also stated that at the time of the bombing of

On 10/20/64 at Natchez, Mississippi

by SA ROBIN O. COTTEN and
SA PETER R. DURLAND/rjc

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Mayor NOSSER's house, ED McDANIEL was in the police car about a block away with the Chief of Police.

He also stated that shortly prior to the bombing, NOSSER's two sons were reportedly responsible for passing out leaflets around Natchez accusing the Chief of Police of living with Negro women and other immoral acts. The Mayor and the Chief of Police have been strong political enemies since the last election. He explained that Mayor NOSSER was attempting to abolish Civil Service within the police department.

With respect to other acts of violence he stated that sometime last year, a car operated by "civil rights workers" was fired into at Fayette, Mississippi. He stated that according to his source, the shooting was done by JACK and JAMES SEALE with a .38 caliber pistol. He stated that JAMES SEALE has kept this pistol hidden until recent weeks and at the present time is carrying this pistol. He stated that the gun could also possibly be at his home. According to Sheriff ANDERS, JAMES SEALE presently lives in Franklin County, Mississippi.

With respect to the dynamiting of the "Blue Flame" at Bude, Mississippi, approximately three months ago, his source identified JAMES SEALE and others as being responsible.

He said that JACK SEALE sometime during 1963, attempted to burn a church and a lodge hall in Natchez. He has no details at this time concerning this act.

He stated he would obtain more details and make same available at a later date.

Sheriff ANDERS stated that he has no knowledge whatsoever that any of the above group or any others in the Natchez area have killed any Negroes, as a result of the racial situation.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date October 25, 1964

JAMES KENNETH GREER, Route 4, Box 101, Fenwick, Mississippi, was interviewed while in custody of the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol (MHSP) in the presence of SAM IVY, Identification Officer for the MHSP, in a continuation of the interview conducted by SA EDWARD R. PUTZ. GREER advised that he desired to furnish information pertaining to the organization and members of the various Ku Klux Klan (KKK) groups operating in Adams County, Mississippi.

GREER stated that to his knowledge there are three organizations presently operating in Adams County; one organization being the White Knights of the KKK of Mississippi of which he is an active member; the United KKK and the National KKK. GREER stated that in about June of 1964 the Mississippi KKK was broken into three different Klaverns within Adams County set up basically in the form of districts as to residence. He advised that in June of 1964 ERNEST HENRY AVANTS, who was a member of the Mississippi KKK and an active member of the Americans for the Preservation of the White Race (APWR), took it upon himself to start a feud within the various Klaverns of the Mississippi KKK. He states that at that time AVANTS was dissatisfied inasmuch as certain members of the organization were failing to pay dues and were creating an ill feeling among other members of the KKK, became intoxicated one night and at about 3:00 a.m. in the morning went to the Klavern headquarters located on Morgantown Road, Natchez, Mississippi, and shot the lock off the Klavern headquarters door with a .44 pistol and sprayed numerous bullets throughout the headquarters. He stated that this extremely upset the Klavern and that some of the members of the Mississippi Klan left this Klavern and joined the United KKK which is under the leadership in Natchez of ED McDANIEL.

On 10/22/64 at Jackson, Mississippi

by SA TIMOTHY M. CASEY : RLC

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He stated that the following individuals were dissatisfied, and were dissatisfied because the Mississippi KKK did not advocate forms of violence and as such, joined the United KKK. GREER states that these individuals advocate violence and are extremely strong segregationists

ERNEST FINLEY
FRANK S. GASTON
CHARLES L. JAMES
JEFF LUKE
CECIL ROBERTS

PAUL L. FOSTER
NELSON HANEY
TOMMY L. JONES
ED MC DANIEL
MYRON WAYNE SEALE

He stated that he believes the United Klan Klavern in Adams County consists of less than 100 members; however, the only known active members in the Klavern to him are those mentioned above. GREER stated that he was one of the original members of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi which commenced organizing in about December 1963 in Adams County. He stated that at this time possibly numerous members of his organization were former members of the National KKK of Louisiana, and that a large group decided to withdraw from the National group and form their own organization within the state of Mississippi. He stated that in February of 1964 the KKK of Mississippi was drawn up and recruiting commenced. He stated that it was established that there would be three Klaverns within Adams County and one Exalted Cyclops and nine officers would be appointed for each Klavern. He stated that due to the action of AVANTS in shooting up the Klavern headquarters, he stated that he believes that at the present time there are only two active Klaverns remaining in Adams County and that the membership is less than 100 persons, and that their meetings are no longer held in any one location but at the homes of various individual members. He stated that at the time AVANTS shot up the Klavern headquarters the group was meeting at a block house on Morgantown Road in Natchez. However, to his knowledge, the Klavern has not met at this

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headquarters since that time. He stated that this property on which the Klavern headquarters was located was either leased or owned by NELSON HANEY.

GREER advised that the following individuals are either present or former members of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi:

ERNEST H. AVANTS, former member

JOHN WILLIAM BARBER, active member

J. W. BIRCHFIELD, former member, but left Klan when he obtained position as Constable

JOHN BOSTICK, active member

(First Names Unknown) BRITT, two brothers who were active members at one time but both believed inactive at present time

DOUGLAS BYRD, active member

"PEANUT" CARNELL, former active member who now may be member of United Klan

REGINALD CARTER, former member; no longer affiliated with organization

CALVIN CLARK, former member; no longer affiliated with organization

J. D. CRAWFORD, former member who left organization shortly after joining to take Constable position

(FNU) DeMARCO, active member

JOHN D. DRUETTA, former member who severed his affiliation with the organization

CLAUDE FULLER, active member

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ED FULLER, active member

SIDNEY HANEY, former member, not known to be active at present time

MARIO HERNANDEZ, former member who terminated his membership after two months

M. L. HOUSE, active member

JOE LOUIS, former member, not known to be presently affiliated with the organization

ALLEN MC CALLISTER, former member, not known to be active at present time

MARVIN MC KINNEY, former member, known to be out of Klan at present time

JAMES L. MC KINNEY, active member

CHARLES MARSHAL, former member, not known to be active at present time.

HENRY L. MOORE, active member; however, due to his employment has never been able to attend any of the KKK meetings.

ATLEY MOORE, former member who has left the Natchez area

(FNU) MURRAY, former member who is no longer member due to his employment as a member of the Natchez Police Department

R. L. PARKER III, former member, no longer active and only appeared at two meetings of the Klavern

ERNEST B. PARKER, former member and no longer active; however, may possibly be a member of the United Klan as he is a close associate of MYRON WAYNE SEALE.

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JOE PEOPLES, former member who may be associated with the United Klan

ALTON ROBERTS, former member who is a brother of CECIL ROBERTS

J. R. RANKIN, former member; no longer affiliated, who is a Deputy Sheriff, Adams County

GENE SEALE, former member and may still be member; however, possibly associated with a Klavern in Meadville, Mississippi.

WILLIE STROUD, former member who left membership due to his position on the Natchez Police Department

T. L. TORGERSEN, former member who may have associated himself with the United Klan

JIMMY WHITE, former member

J. G. WISNER, former member

BILLY L. WOOD, may presently be an active member

GREER stated that both the sons of Mayor JOHN NOSSER were former members of the Mississippi KKK; however he has no knowledge of Mayor NOSSER ever associating with this Klan.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date October 24, 1964

ERNEST HENRY AVANTS, Route 1, Box 75-A, Highway 61 North, Natchez, Mississippi, was interviewed by Officer J. Y. THOMAS of the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol (MHSP) and in the presence of SA TIMOTHY M. CASEY, JR., at which time AVANTS, after being advised that any information he desired to furnish would be voluntary on his part and that statements made by him may be used in a court of law and that he had the right to obtain an attorney prior to making any statement, furnished the following information pertaining to his knowledge of the activities of the Ku Klux Klan (KKK) in Adams County, Mississippi:

AVANTS said that he is not a member of the United KKK, the National KKK or the Mississippi KKK and stated that he has never been a member of any of the above organizations. AVANTS stated that he would be willing to furnish the identities of individuals whom he believed possibly members in any of the above organizations and as such advised that the following individuals to his belief are members of one of the above organizations:

ERNEST FINLEY, is now a member of the United Klan and is a close associate of MYRON WAYNE SEALE, also known as JACK SEALE, and is, in AVANTS' opinion, one of the leaders of the United group.

PAUL L. FOSTER, a member of the United group and former member of the Mississippi KKK and considered one of the leaders in the United KKK.

FRANK S. GASTON, former member of the Mississippi KKK, now an active leader in the United KKK.

(FNU) HANEY "OLE MAN", custodian of building where the Mississippi KKK formerly held their meetings on Morgantown Road, Natchez, Mississippi, and believed to be now active in United KKK.

On 10/22/64 at Jackson, Mississippi

by SA TIMOTHY M. CASEY: RLC

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CHARLES E. JAMES, a former member of the KKK who is now one of the leaders of the United KKK; has a brother on the Natchez Police Department.

TOMMY L. JONES, former member of the Mississippi KKK; now one of the active members in the United KKK.

✓ ^{DANIEL} ED MC DONALD, open active leader of the United KKK at Natchez, Mississippi. MC DONALD has written letters to editor of local newspaper at Natchez promoting the organization of the United KKK in Adams County.

CECIL ROBERTS, former member of the Mississippi KKK who about the time of the bombing of Mayor JOHN NOSSER's residence at Natchez, departed from Natchez to the state of Alabama. Roberts was a member of the United KKK prior to his departure for Alabama. ROBERTS was employed by CHARLES E. JAMES, one of the active members of the United KKK prior to his departure for Alabama.

MYRON WAYNE SEALE, also known as JACK SEALE, former member of the Mississippi KKK and one of the most active leaders at the present time of the United KKK in Adams County. SEALE would at present possibly be in possession of dynamite which he (AVANTS) believed to have been received from the United Klan at McComb, Mississippi, in the recent past.

According to AVANTS, the above-named individuals are all active members of the United KKK in Adams County and all are capable, according to him, of utilizing violence to accomplish their ends in the segregation issue at hand.

AVANTS advised that during the Spring of 1964 in a fit of anger while intoxicated he, by himself, went to the Mississippi KKK meeting house on Morgantown Road and shot up the building with a .44 caliber pistol. AVANTS said he does not know the extent of the damage inflicted by his shooting at the Klan house but he feels that this incident

led to all of the above individuals leaving the Mississippi Klan and joining the United Klan. AVANTS stated that he would not furnish the information as to why there was the break-up in the Mississippi Klan and that his shooting up of the Klan house was for personal reasons which he did not wish to discuss.

AVANTS said he has heard from various sources that members of the United Klan have made statements to the effect that "they are going to hang me if they get a chance". AVANTS stated that the members mentioned above of the United Klan are "vicious".

AVANTS advised that although he is not a member of the KKK, "I'll have to fight for what the KKK stands for". He stated that he has a quantity of ammunition and explosions in his possession, however, stated that he would not furnish any information as to their whereabouts to any investigative agency, either Federal or State.

AVANTS advised that he has no knowledge of any individuals involved in any of the acts of violence committed outside Adams County.

In addition to the above information furnished, he furnished the following information when questioned as to various individual names.

CLAUDE FULLER - On one occasion some Negroes shot at him and set his car on fire.

ED FULLER - Operates juke joint, Natchez, Mississippi

EDWIN B. KNOX - member of the Americans for the Preservation of the White Race (APWR)

ALLEN MC CALLISTER - "scared of his shadow"

CHARLES MARSHAL (believed to reside in Meridian), was involved

in automobile wreck near Fenwick which wreck was investigated by Officer Beasley of the MHSP who recovered two Klan robes in MARSHAL's car.

R. L. PARKER III and ERNEST B. PARKER (brothers) - extremely wealthy individuals. Own an island outside of Vicksburg. AVANTS has hunted on several occasions on this island.

J. G. WISNER (Negro) - AVANTS said Negroes killed his brother.

BILLY L. WOOD - Shot a Negro at HAYWOOD DRANE's place.

AVANTS stated that he did not work at the International Paper Company on September 24 or 25, 1964, however, went to work at 7:00 a.m. on September 26, 1964, and worked the 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. shift. He said that he heard about the bombing of Mayor NOSSER's house while at work on September 26, 1964. He stated that he could not recall his whereabouts on the previous evening; however, he believes he was at his residence.

AVANTS advised that he ordinarily reads the newspaper prior to going to work, however, could not recall on this morning of reading about the bombing of Mayor NOSSER's home and as best he recalls, somebody mentioned the bombing to him at work.

AVANTS said he believed the bombing was done by one of the members of the United KKK. He stated he possibly has a good idea who may have done the bombing but declined to furnish any names.

AVANTS stated he would not furnish a signed statement as to the facts set forth above.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date October 22, 1964

ERNEST HENRY AVANTS, Route 1, Box 75-A, Highway 61 North, Natchez, Mississippi, was interviewed at the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol (MHSP) office, Natchez, Mississippi, in the presence of J. Y. THOMAS and N. Z. TROUT, officers of the MHSP, and Mrs. AVANTS. AVANTS voluntarily appeared at the Highway Patrol office, having heard that officers of the Patrol desired to talk to him. AVANTS was advised by SA TIMOTHY MICHAEL CASEY that he did not have to furnish any statement and that any statement he did furnish may be used against him in a court of law. He was also advised that he had a right to an attorney before making any statement.

AVANTS stated that he was born on January 23, 1931 in Lincoln County, Mississippi, and has been employed for the past 14 years by the International Paper Company as a washerman at Natchez, Mississippi.

AVANTS stated that he is not nor has he ever been a member of any of the various Ku Klux Klan (KKK) organizations. He advised that to his knowledge there are three different Klans operating within Adams County; one being the United Klans of America of which one ROBERT SHELTON is the leader; one Klan being the National KKK, and one Klan being the White Knights of the KKK of Mississippi. He advised that also operating in Adams County are representatives of the Minutemen and members of the American Nazi Party of which GEORGE ROCKWELL is leader. He advised that he is a member and is the 12th member of the Board of Governors for the Americans for the Preservation of the White Race (APWR), Chapter 1, Adams County, having assumed this position on June 6, 1963.

AVANTS advised that his wife is the president of the Ladies Auxiliary for the APWR, Chapter 1, Adams County,

On 10/21/64 at Natchez, Mississippi
by SA RAYMOND D. STOELTING and
SA TIMOTHY MICHAEL CASEY/rlc

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Mississippi. He stated that his organization does not "foster any form of violence against anyone, whether white or colored". He stated that he is an avid segregationist and "a good nigger is a dead nigger". He stated that so far, APWR has a membership of approximately 1600 members in Adams County. He said it is not customary or condoned for any member of the APWR to also be a member of any Klan organization. However, he believed that possibly there are members in his organization who may also be members of one of the KKK organizations. He stated that it was embarrassing to his organization when recently at McComb, Mississippi, one of the individuals arrested pertaining to the bombings in that area was found to be carrying a membership card of his organization and that such form of violence is not condoned by his organization. He stated that if it is known to the APWR that a member of APWR is a member of the Klan organization, the Board of Governors would request removal of the individual from the rolls of the APWR and pick up his card.

He stated that he believed in connection with the United Klans of America, that there are possibly as many as 600 members in Adams County. He said that it is his opinion that the White Knights of the KKK of Mississippi are not involved in any bombings. He advised that it is his opinion that the majority of the individuals possibly involved in the various bombings in the State of Mississippi are members of the United Group of the KKK of which SHELTON is their leader.

AVANTS did say that one E. McDANIEL is the active leader of the SHELTON group of the KKK's operating in Adams County, and that McDANIEL is a driver for the Red Ball Truck Lines, Natchez, and to his knowledge has been a member of the West Side Baptist Church at Natchez for the past three years.

AVANTS further advised that he did not desire to furnish the names of any individuals who were involved in

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any of the various bombings. He stated that this group of individuals involved was a small militant group of the United Klan in this area. He said that he knows the identities of these individuals but refused to furnish their identities. He stated that he feels it would be difficult to obtain explosives or dynamite in Adams County; however, he stated that there is available in Pike County all types of explosives which would be readily available to anybody known to the area. He stated that he has no personal knowledge of anyone in Adams County in possession of dynamite or other explosives other than himself.

During the course of this interview he voluntarily expressed an opinion that a small militant group of members of the Klan were responsible for the bombings of the residence of Mayor JOHN NOSSER and the WILLIE WASHINGTON residence at Natchez, Mississippi. He said he has never resorted to the use of any type of explosives for any purpose and possessed no knowledge of the existence of dynamite in this area. However, he added a large quantity of explosives had been entrusted into his custody and care. He pointed out that he was not a member of the organization who furnished these explosives to him and refused to identify this particular organization. He stated that no weapons were included in this armament and consisted entirely of ammunition, hand grenades and a quantity of C-3 explosives.

According to AVANTS, this quantity of ammunition and armaments would be utilized only upon the instructions and command of the Governor of the State of Mississippi or the Sheriff of Adams County. At that time he indicated he would also receive instructions as to the ultimate disposition of these explosives. He described these explosives as being contained in metal containers of unknown sizes and power of detonation. Upon receipt of this ammunition and explosives he stated he personally concealed it in numerous locations in this area. He claimed he acquired knowledge of

the use of explosives through his military service and National Guard association. He identified his wife as the only other person who is in the possession of information as to the specific location of the explosives and ammunition originally concealed by him. He said he was unaware of the fact that this ammunition consisted of stolen U.S. Government property but indicated that the mark "U.S." appeared on a large quantity of this ammunition. He said that he believed that there are other caches throughout the country which contain the weapons to fire the ammunition in his possession, and that in case of an emergency these caches would be joined together for use.

AVANTS advised that he has knowledge as to the delivery and receipt of this ammunition; however, did not desire to divulge how this ammunition or arms had been turned over to him. He stated that he would be most happy to talk to the Governor of Mississippi on a personal basis, of whom he is a personal acquaintance and that if the Governor requested that this ammunition as such be made available to the State Police authorities, he would furnish such information to the State Police at the Governor's request.

AVANTS claimed the reason why he was entrusted with this ammunition was by reason of the fact that he was a member of the Masonic Lodge and he could be trusted completely with this material.

AVANTS stated that he did not desire to furnish a signed statement.

The following descriptive and background information was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	ERNEST HENRY AVANTS
Race	White
Sex	Male
Residence	Route 1, Box 75-A, Highway 61 North, Natchez, Mississippi
Date of Birth	1/23/31
Place of Birth	Lincoln County, Mississippi
Height	5' 11"

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Weight	186 lbs.
Hair	Sandy (crew-cut)
Eyes	Grey
Marital Status	Married; wife GLADYS, two minor children
Relatives	ESTON ALLEN AVANTS, father, Washington, Mississippi BERTHA BEATRICE AVANTS, nee WILLIAMSON, mother, Washington, Mississippi BESSIE ANN CRAWFORD, sister, Brooklyn Sub-Division, Natchez, Mississippi MARY NELL MERRITT, sister, Steam Plant Road, Natchez, Mississippi (employed as school bus driver, Adams County, Mississippi)
Education	12th grade; completed high school, Enterprise, Mississippi
Employment	1954-1958, saw mill operator, self-employed (claimed bankruptcy in this operation) March, 1960 - March, 1963 Farming, Washington, Mississippi 1950 - present, employed by International Paper Company as Washerman, also presently raising saddle stock on his farm.
Physical disabilities	None

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Military Service U.S. Army, Serial Number 53092353,
Enlisted 9/24/51, discharged 6/25/53
from Korean War, honorable discharge
Rank - Master Sergeant in Tank Corps.

Social Security No. 427-48-8842
Selective Service Local Board #47, Brookhaven, Miss.

Organizations Emanuel Baptist Church, LaSalle
Street, Natchez, Mississippi

Masonic Lodge No. 1, Natchez,
Mississippi, Third Degree

AFL-CIO, St. Catherine's Local
699, Paper Mill Workers

Americans for the Preservation
of the White Race (APWR),
Chapter 1, Adams County,
Mississippi, from 6/6/63 to
present, serving as member of
Board of Governors

Scars 1" scar over right eyebrow

Tattoos None

Arrests Admitted Driving While Intoxicated,
Hinds County, Mississippi,
5/21/64, disposition unknown.

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FORD O'NEAL, Investigator, Identification Bureau of the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol, confidentially advised SAs WILLIAM F. DUKES and THOMPSON BERRY WEBB on October 20, 1964 of the results of contact of a confidential informant of the MHSP:

Investigator D. B. CROCKETT of the MHSP reported that on the night of October 13, 1964 the informant reported as follows:

Members of the United Klan of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan are ERNEST FINLEY, JACK SEALE, ~~WILLIE MO~~ DANIEL, L. C. MURRY, LENNIE SCHUCHS, THOMAS YOUNG, TOMMY JONES and PAUL FOSTER, Exalted Cyclops, this group having pulled away from another Klan group as a result of the NOSSER brothers joining the Klan.

Informant reported that MYRON WAYNE "JACK" SEALE, L. C. MURRY and JAMES SEALE bombed MAYOR JOHN NOSSER'S Home, as well the residence of WILLIE WASHINGTON. Further, it was reported that shortly before the NOSSER bombing, a brown 1963 or 1964 Chevrolet and a white Volkswagon were seen circling the block around the mayor's home. Informant reported that his source of this information came from a member of the Klan, who is a friend of the NOSSERS.

Informant reported that a civil rights worker's car was shot into near Fayette, Mississippi about six months ago; that JAMES SEALE did this with a .38 calibre pistol owned by "JACK" SEALE, his brother. JACK was the driver of the car at the time.

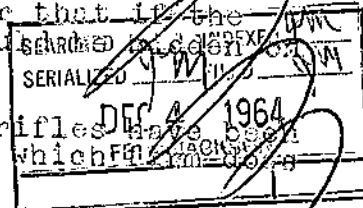
It was informant's information that JACK SEALE had set fire to the Negro Union Hall in Natchez, Miss., after members of SEALE's group learned that COFO workers were meeting in this hall..

Informant advised that ERNEST PARKER, a well fixed financially man in the area, has been flying dynamite or explosives into the area from some place in Texas, via his personal four-place plane. PARKER has a landing strip on an island he owns, and possibly has a place on his farm where he can land also. Machine guns, determined to have defective barrels, can be purchased for \$150 each from the same location as where the explosives are obtained in Texas. Informant was of the opinion he could obtain the location in Texas, and further that if the explosives are stored in Adams County, they would be on the farm of PARKER.

Reportedly a large number of carbine rifles have been purchased at a war surplus store in Vicksburg, which does not maintain record of serial numbers.

Members of the Mississippi National Guard have in the past furnished carbine ammunition as well as some hand grenades, however informant did not know the identity of the Guard unit.

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Informant reported that there are approximately 50 members of the Fayette, Mississippi Klan, each having a Burp gun (grease gun) which they bring to their meetings. Some member of the group allegedly went to Missouri and obtained these guns, returning them in his car.

Approximately 6 months ago a friend of the informants, who he would not identify found a case of 60% dynamite in a junked car and gave it to informant, who in turn gave it to JAMES SEALE. Fifteen of these sticks were used in the bombing of the Blue Flame Cafe in Bude, Mississippi in the Spring of 1964. While informant could not furnish the identity of others in on this bombing, JAMES SEALE was.

JAMES SEALE furnished the dynamite to be used in the bombing of a Negro meeting place in Louisiana, across the Miss. line. The place was guarded by Negroes resulting in a shooting scrape with both Klansmen and negroes being injured.

Investigator O'NEAL contacted the informant on the morning of October 17, 1964 at which time it was reported:

Informant did not know the identity of the owner of the 1963 or 1964 Brown Chevrolet observed circling the block the night of the bombing of the Mayor's home. He reported that JAMES SEALE owns the white Volkswagon.

With reference to the hand grenades previously mentioned, informant explained that several months ago DOUGLAS BYRD brought a suitcase into CHARLES JAMES' Service Station containing Klan robes, left the robes for klansmen to pickup. The suitcase contained two handgrenades which CHARLES JAMES placed in his safe for BYRD.

Informant reported that the night marshal in Fayette is a member of the KKK there, name unknown, meeting place unknown, and identified another member of the group not by name but as the operator of the Shell Service Station north of the Chevrolet company in Fayette.

In addition to the war surplus store in Vicksburg, he stated that there is a similar store across the street from the Heidelberg Hotel garage in Jackson, Miss. that will sell rifles, pistols and ammunition.

Informant reported that while he has never seen the explosives used by klansmen that he understands it is a liquid when poured on the floor of a building and lighted it will explode and leave no odor or other trace. It allegedly is obtained from the paper mill in Natchez.

Imperial Wizard SAM BOWERS, operator of SAMBO MUSIC CENTER

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Laurel, Mississippi stated in a klan meeting about the time of the Philadelphia, Miss. incident "Let's get the heat off Philadelphia" and soon after the churches in Adams County were burned. This statement was made at a county meeting.

A man named DAVIS, full name unknown but who operates a barber shop in Roxie, Miss., has a bad eye, tried to get the informant to help him do away with a Negro around Roxie which he refused to do.

Informant reported that ARCHIE CURTIS, the Negro undertaker, was whipped by JACK SEALE, BARNEST PARKER, BARNEST FINLEY, and DOUGLAS BYRD.

On October 21, 1964, Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol (MHSP) Investigator FORD O'NEAL (NA), advised information had been received from a MHSP source that JACK and JAMES SEALE are close associates of ERNEST HENRY AVANTS, JAMES KENNETH GREER, JOHN WILLIAM BARBER, AND FRANK HYMAN THURMAN. O'NEAL advised that according to his source, AVANTS, GREER, BARBER and FRANK HYMAN THURMAN are allegedly involved in assault of victim PAYNE at Port Gibson, Mississippi, and that AVANTS, GREER and JACK SEALE allegedly are involved in the shooting into the automobile of PAYNE and GREENE near Fayette, Mississippi.

O'NEAL advised that his department was anxious to apprehend and prosecute the subjects involved in both the shooting into the car and the assault at Port Gibson in an effort to stop the bombings and attacks in the Natchez area and specifically to penetrate the hard core Klan group believed responsible for violence in the area. O'NEAL requested any information the Bureau might have which would facilitate their identification of these individuals and the issuance of local warrants. Accordingly, O'NEAL was furnished information as to the involvement of AVANTS, GREER, BARBER and THURMAN as reflected in Jackson file 44-406, including admissions by subjects and photograph identification by victim.

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Date: 11/27/64

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TO: SAC, NEW ORLEANS

FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-63)

SUBJECT: WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI
RACIAL MATTERS

During the course of investigation at Natchez in regard to Klan activities membership, bombings, burnings, etc., the following named persons were developed who have or are believed to have affiliations with the Klan and its activities. 157 classification cases have been opened in the Jackson Division on these individuals.

New Orleans is requested to check indices on these persons and either summarize any information located, or, if circumstances so indicate, forward the file in which the individuals' name appears to the Jackson Division.

BUFORD ASHLEY, white male, residence Meadville, Mississippi, JN 157-957.

ERNEST HENRY AVANTS, white male, Date of birth 1/23/31, Lincoln County, Mississippi, JN 157-958.

BILLY BUCKLES, white male, residence Oldenberg Road, Meadville, Mississippi, Jn 157-945

DOUGLAS A. BYRD, white male, residence Natchez, Mississippi, JN 157-14

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REGINOLD P. CARTER, white male, employed Sel-Rite Grocery, North Pine Street, Natchez, Mississippi, JN 157-293.

CHARLES MARCUS EDWARDS, white male, date of birth 7/17/33, Meadville, Mississippi, JN 157-1043.

LAMAR FELTERS, white male, approximately 30, residence Roxie, Mississippi, JN 157-1040.

ERNEST ROBERT FINLEY, white male, date of birth 3/9/25, Clayton, Louisiana, JN 157-787.

PAUL L. FOSTER, white male, late 30's, residence 3701 Ridgewood, Natchez, Mississippi, occupation, bookkeeper International Paper Company, Natchez, Mississippi, JN 157-24.

CLAUDE W. FULLER, white male, date of birth 9/6/22, Raymond, Mississippi, JN 157-796.

JAMES K. GREER, white male, date of birth 12/30/32, Natchez, Mississippi, JN 157-404.

CHARLES E. JAMES, white male, approximate age 42, wife DOROTHY, residence 3812 Edgewood Road, Natchez, Mississippi, JN 157-879.

EDWIN "TINY" LEWIS, white male, date of birth 12/15/15, Learned, Mississippi, JN 157-606.

EDWARD LENOX McDANIEL, white male, date of birth 9/12/34, Natchez, Mississippi, JN 157-486.

MARVIN BILLY McKINNEY, white male, date of birth 9/11/31, Hamburg, Mississippi, JN 157-986.

DALE McLEMORE, white male, residence Meadville, Mississippi, JN 157-962.

GEORGE J. NOSSER, white male, residence 504 South Union, Natchez, Mississippi, JN 157-1522.

JOSEPH J. NOSSER, white male, residence 13 Brentwood Lane, Natchez, Mississippi, JN 157-1497.

ERNEST B. PARKER, white male, approximately 45, residence Palestine Road, Natchez, Mississippi, JN 157-512.

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ROBERT LEE PARKER, III, white male, approximately 45, residence Route 1, Tallulah, Louisiana, JN 157-690.

ARCHIE PRATHER, white male, approximately 68, residence Route 2, Meadville, Mississippi, JN 157-1038.

F. J. RATCLIFF, white male, employed Armstrong Tire Company, Natchez, Mississippi, JN 157-1451.

L. P. RUSHING, white male, residence Pine Ridge Road, Natchez, Mississippi, JN 157-892.

CLYDE SEALE, white male, approximate age 62, residence Route 2, Meadville, Mississippi, JN 157-951.

CLYDE DONALD SEALE, white male, approximate age 24, residence Route 2, Meadville, Mississippi, JN 157-961.

WILLARD EUGENE SEALE, white male, date of birth 9/12/32, Meadville, Mississippi, JN 157-949.

MYRON WAYNE "JACK" SEALE, white male, date of birth 9/4/26, Brookhaven, Mississippi, JN 157-815.

JAMES FORD SEALE, white male, age 26, residence Route 2, Meadville, Mississippi, JN 157-950.

DENNIS (MNU) SMITH, white male, age 30 to 32, Route 2, Meadville, Mississippi, JN 157-1039.

JOHN (MNU) SMITH, white male, approximately 50, wife LAVERY, employed International Paper Company, Natchez, residence Route 3, Box 9, Natchez, Mississippi, JN 157-1446.

ROLLAND THORNTON, white male, approximately 30, residence Route 5, Brookhaven, Mississippi, occupation, carpenter, JN 157-1445.

CLYDE WENTWORTH, white male, residence, Meadville, Mississippi, occupation, painter, JN 157-955.

BILLY L. WOOD, white male, age 27 or 28, Kingston Road, Kingston, Mississippi, employed Armstrong Corporation, Natchez, Mississippi, JN 157-987.

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THOMAS EDGAR YOUNG, white male, date of birth 6/28/24,
Natchez, Mississippi, employed Armstrong Corporation, Natchez,
Mississippi, JN 157-994.

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
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TO: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (105-722) Date: 11/11/64

FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-471) (P)

PC(AM) - (C)

SUBJECT: UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
RM
OO: Birmingham

ReBHairtel to Director 9/14/64.

On 10/30/64 the following investigation was conducted by IC KENNETH D. KENDRICK:

Miss NELL HINTON, Clerk, Tag Division, Motor Vehicle Comptrollers Office, State Office Building, Jackson, Miss., advised the following information regarding 1964 Mississippi licenses furnished by PCI [redacted] at Birmingham, Ala., relative to vehicles observed at the Tutwiler Hotel, Birmingham, Ala., garage on 9/5 - 6/64 where captioned organization held meeting.

1964 Miss. license ID 1941 issued 10/31/63 by the Adams County SO, Natchez, Miss., to JOHN DAWSON, 3809 Ridge, Natchez, Miss., for a 1961 4-door hardtop Oldsmobile, VIN 618M10205. This car was acquired from Payne Motor, Natchez, Miss., 10/31/63.

2 - Birmingham

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(1 - 157-1642 JOHN DAWSON, Natchez, Miss.)

(1 - 157- RAY SMITH, McComb, Miss.)

(1 - 157- Bramfields Garage)

(1 - 157-211 E.J. THOMPSON)

(1 - 157- DOTIE MORRAY, Natchez, Miss.)

(1 - 157-486 EDDIE McDANIEL)

(1 - 157- JOHN R. MORGAN, McComb, Miss.)

(1 - 157-1062 GEORGE WINBORNE, Bogie Chitto, Miss.)

(1 - 157- JAMES STEWART, Summit, Miss.)

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1964 Miss. license SB 1354 was issued 10/17/64 by the Pike County SO, Magnolia, Miss., to RAY SMITH, no street address, McComb, Miss., for a 1963 Buick, 2-door, VIN 1J4506591. This car was acquired from Lewis Day Motor Company, McComb, Miss.

1964 Miss. license S 8589 was issued 4/27/64 by Pike County SO, Magnolia, Miss., to BRUMFIELDS Garage, 1121 "P.R." Ave., McComb, for a 1964 Chevrolet 4-door, VIN 41669S242816. This car was purchased from Lewis Day Motors, McComb, Miss., 4/25/64.

1964 Miss. license ID 2352 issued 6/26/64 by the Adams County SO, Natchez, Miss., to DOYLE MURRAY, 823 N. Pine, Natchez, for a 1964 Oldsmobile 4-door, VIN 854N250747. This car was acquired from McPhail Olds, Natchez, Miss., 6/22/64.

1964 Miss. license S 5018 was issued 10/23/63 by the Pike County SO, Magnolia, Miss., to JOHN R. MORGAN, Route 1, McComb, Miss., for a 1963 Ford 4-door, VIN 3N62Y139887. This car was purchased from Brumfield Sales, Kentwood, La.

1964 Miss. license 43-1976 was issued 10/16/63 by the Lincoln County SO, Brookhaven, Miss., to GEORGE WINBORNE, Route 3, Bogue Chitto, Miss., for a 1962 Chevrolet, 4-door, VIN 21839SZ01653. This car was acquired from Slay Motors, Brookhaven, Miss.

1964 Miss. license S 8271 was issued 3/14/64 by the Pike County SO, Magnolia, Miss., to JAKE STRINGER, Route 1, Summit, Miss., for a 1964 Chevrolet, VIN 41869A138092. This car was purchased from Lewis Day Motors, McComb, Miss., 3/10/64.

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1964 Miss. license 19635. Miss HINTON advised this license number was allotted to the Adams County SO, however, there is no record of this tag being sold. She advised a check be made at the Adams County SO to definitely determine if tag sold.

LEAD:

JACKSON

At Natchez, Miss.

Will check Adams County SO and identify purchaser of 1964 Miss. license 1-9635, possibly sold to E. J. THOMPSON.

If no record, set forth lead to identify owner of 1964 Miss. license 19-635 at Franklin County SO and attempt to identify E. J. THOMPSON allegedly driving Edsel bearing above license at Klan meeting in Birmingham, Ala., 9/5/64.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
 WASHINGTON, D.C. 20537

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J. Edgar Hoover
 Director.

The following FBI record, NUMBER **none assigned**, is furnished FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY.

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
PD Los Angeles Calif	Edward Lenox McDaniel #129-X	appl. FP 1-31-57		

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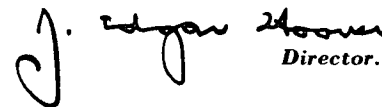
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All descriptive factors (if any) furnished by you match those in our identification file unless herein quoted.

DESCRIPTION AND RELATED DATA:

Race:

Sex:

Height: **5-10**

Weight:

Hair:

Eyes:

Date and Place of Birth:

Scars & Marks: **Unknown**Address: **In 1957, 7119 B. Miles Ave, Htg Park, Calif**Occupation: **Unknown****Fingerprint Classification:**

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INSTRUCTIONS

1. This form may be submitted in legible hand-printing.
2. Use separate form for each individual on whom record is requested.
3. Make effort to furnish FBI Identification Number or Law Enforcement Identification Number.
4. Furnish descriptive data and fingerprint classification only when FBI Number not available.
5. Indicate office for reply in lower-left corner only. Also list in lower-left corner all offices which should receive copies of available records. Include carbon of revised FD-9 for each office receiving copies and forward with original to Bureau.
6. Do not fill in block in lower-right corner.
7. Where available furnish Law Enforcement Identification Number and Military Service Number.

To: DIRECTOR, FBI

Attention: Identification Division

Date 10/31/64

Re Edward Lenox McDaniel.

Furnish The Known Identification Record of the Following:

Name		FBI No.				
Edward Lenox McDaniel		0				
Aliases		Other No. Natchez, Miss. P.D. # 7100				
Eddie McDaniel		Jury # 129 X LAPD LA Calif				
Sex	Race	Birth Date	Birthplace	Residence		
Male	Cav.	12/9/34	Natchez, Mississippi	Natchez, Mississippi		
Height	Weight	Build	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	Age
5'11"	155	Slender	Brown	Brown	Medium	29
Fingerprint Classification				Scars, marks and tattoos		
				Appendectomy Scar		

Also Furnish:

- ☐ Photo
- ☐ Fingerprints
- ☐ Handwriting Specimens

Return Reply to:

SAC: Jackson (157-486)

Send Copies To:

Identification Division's Reply 11/10/64

☐ On basis of information furnished, unable to identify:

☐ Criminal Files ☐ Civil Files ☐ All Files

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In This Area—

Protest Action Highway Patrol

The Adams County Civic and Betterment Association, which was formally organized here a short time ago and which is chartered in Mississippi, has adopted a Resolution deploring the unlawful arrest and search by the State Highway Patrol in Natchez and Adams County and launching a campaign to raise funds to employ necessary legal counsel for their defense. The Resolution also requests the representatives from Natchez and Adams County in the Legislature take the necessary and appropriate action "guarantee our constitutional rights of freedom from unlawful searches and seizures".

The Adams County Civic and

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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Natchez
Democrat

Natchez, Miss.

Date: 11/1/64

Edition: Daily

Author:

Editor: James Lambert

Title: Protest Action
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Betterment Association is reported by its officials as a civic organization which does not condone any type of violence of any nature. The general purpose of the club, they said, is to advance the educational, civic and social interests of Adams County, Mississippi; to promote integrity and good faith among the citizens of Adams County; to acquire, preserve and distribute educational, civic and social statistics and information of value to the people of Adams County; to develop an interest on the part of its members and citizens in Adams County in registering to vote and voting in state, local and national elections; and to encourage and foster the active interest of members in civic, social and moral welfare of this community.

We are taking this means of presenting this petition to the people with the hope that there are others who feel as we do about the activities that are taking place among us today. If you are concerned and want to help, you may send your donation to P. O. Box 1111, Natchez, Miss., and be sure that all of your contribution will be used for the sole purpose of helping those who need financial help. Paul L. Foster, President said.

The Resolution which was adopted by the organization was as follows:

RESOLUTION AND PETITION

WHEREAS, during the past several months, many citizens of Adams County have been arrested in connection with recent bombings and have been illegally harassed and searched by the Mississippi Highway Patrol (acting under recently passed legislation), and a 'Police State' now exists in this section of the State of Mississippi, in direct violation of our fundamental constitutional rights; and

WHEREAS, such action causes tension, turmoil and strife to the people of our state and community and, if continued, will necessarily result in forceful resistance to such unlawful action by the state officials; and

WHEREAS, the undersigned believe in constitutional government, in obeying the laws of our land, and, specifically, that a citizen is innocent until proven guilty in a court of law, regardless of his color, creed or nationality; and

WHEREAS, the unlawful state activities, above, have been brought about through actions and pressures of NAACP, CORE, COFO, SNCC and the National Council of Churches and other communistic organizations not only pressuring

the government, but in spending millions of dollars to create strife within the State of Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, NAACP, COFO and the other above named organizations are spending millions of dollars to create hatred between the Negro and white races in Mississippi and it is necessary that white Americans defend our traditions and race;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the undersigned that in support of our traditional way of life and in support of maintaining law and order and peaceful relations between the white and Negro races, we do pledge ourselves to raise funds for the support of those persons who have been unlawfully arrested by the State Highway Patrol, and urge other citizens to contribute toward their defense.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the undersigned do hereby request our local representatives in the State Legislature to take appropriate action to guarantee our constitutional rights of freedom from unlawful searches and seizures.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we do seek from the public funds for the defense of our white citizens and for the protection of our traditional way of life, requesting that any such funds be sent to the undersigned organization.

This money will be used solely for LEGAL FUNDS ONLY.

ADAMS COUNTY CIVIC
AND BETTERMENT
ASSOCIATION
PRESIDENT:

Paul L. Foster

TREASURER

C. E. James

John D. Druetta

Mail any donations to

Adams County Civic and

Betterment Club

P. O. Box 111

Natchez, Miss.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office JACKSON	Office of Origin JACKSON	Date NOV 5 1964	Investigative Period 1/13/64 - 10/30/64
Title of Case EDWARD LARRY MC DANIEL, aka Eddie McDaniel		Report made by BILLY BOB WILLIAMS	Typed By: MSB
		Character of Case RACIAL MATTERS	

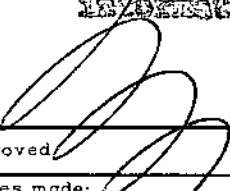
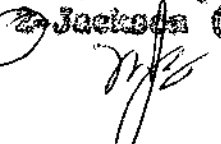

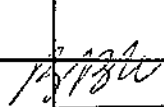
SUMMARY

LEADSLOS ANGELES DIVISIONAT HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIF.

Will verify subject's marriage on 7/23/63 and maiden name ROBERTS of his bride.

AT SOUTH GATE, CALIF.

Will contact the General Motors Corp. Santa Fe Street and review subject's employment record and obtain all background information.

Approved 	Special Agent in Charge	Do not write in spaces below			
Copies made: 5-Bureau (RM) 1-Birmingham (Info) (RM) 3-Los Angeles (RM) 1-Mobile (Info) (RM) 2-Jackson (157-486) 					
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AT COMPTON, CALIF.

Will contact Acme Steel, 4901 Pacific Boulevard and review subject's employment record and obtain all background information.

AT LYNWOOD, CALIF.

Will conduct credit investigation on subject and thereafter set forth leads to obtain the circumstances and details of bankruptcy taken by subject under #133381 on 10/28/61.

Will conduct criminal investigation re subject.

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

Will contact Los Angeles Transit Lines 1056 South Broadway and review subject's employment record and obtain all background information.

JACKSON DIVISION

AT NATCHEZ, MISSISSIPPI

1. Will determine full information regarding vehicles used and owned by subject.
2. Will attempt to determine the nature of any weapons which may be available to the subject.
3. Will report contents of subject's record if any in the files of the Identification Division, FBI.

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INFORMANTS

Identity

Location

JN T-1 is

[Redacted]

JN T-2 is

[Redacted]

JN T-3 is

[Redacted]

JN T-4 is

[Redacted]

JN T-5 is

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JN T-6 is

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JN T-7 is

Instant file

Records Local Board #1,
Selective Service System,
Natchez, Miss. made available
by Clerk GEORGE EYRICH

The following are the neighborhood and business
sources who would be cognizant of the subject's movements:

1 is

[Redacted]

2 is

3 is Sheriff ODELL ANDERS, Adams Co. Natchez, Miss.

4 is Chief of Police J.T. ROBINSON, Natchez PD

5 is ETTA ATKINS, Credit Bureau of Natchez, Miss.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

Copies of this communication are being furnished
to Birmingham and Mobile for information purposes inasmuch as
MC DANIEL in his position as Grand Dragon of the United Klans
of America, Inc., can be expected to travel in the State of
Alabama.

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It is noted that an extended period of time is reflected in the investigative period of this report. This report contains the results of investigation conducted prior to 9/15/64, on which date an individual file was opened on MC DANIEL in the files of the Jackson Division.

A form FD 9 has been submitted to the Identification Division of the FBI to obtain the contents of any criminal record pertaining to the subject.

3 MC DANIEL was interviewed by Bureau Agents at Natchez, Miss. on 10/3/64 at which time he refused to furnish the names of any other Klansmen based upon the oath he had taken when he entered the Klan. Based upon the results of this interview, it would appear that the subject has no informant potential.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: **BILLY BOB WILLIAMS**
Date: **NOV 5 1964**
Field Office File No.: **157-486**
Title: **EDWARD LENOX MC DANIEL**

Office: **Jackson**

Bureau File No.:

Character: **RACIAL MATTER**

Synopsis:

EDWARD LENOX MC DANIEL, white male, born 12/9/34, at Natchez, Miss., presently resides in Natchez, Miss. where he is employed as a freight truck driver. Informants have advised MC DANIEL was expelled from membership in the original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan on 12/28/63 and subsequently became associated with the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan at Natchez, Miss. Informants further advised MC DANIEL withdrew from the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan during mid-1964 and thereafter became associated with the United Klans of America, Inc. MC DANIEL interviewed 10/3/64 and stated he is presently the Grand Dragon of the State of Mississippi of the United Klans of America, Inc. and attended the Klonvocation of the United Klans of America Inc. held at Birmingham, Ala. on 9/6/64. MC DANIEL states he ~~does~~ not advocate or sanction any acts of violence. Background information, and description of MC DANIEL set forth.

+ ident record

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interviewed 3/27/65 and denied any

knowledge of any acts of violence in state of Ala.

DETAILS:

MC stated on 4/2/65 he has a benefactor in W.D.C. who advised him he would be called to appear before HVAAC subsequent to that date.

MC traveling and promoting UKA in states of Miss, La & Ala.

I. BACKGROUND

A. True Name and Aliases

On October 3, 1964, EDWARD LENOX MC DANIEL advised SAs CLARENCE G. PROSPERE and FRANK FORD he is known by no other name except the alias EDDIE MC DANIEL.

On October 29, 1964, HARRY DAWES, Personnel Manager, Johns Manville Products Corporation, Natchez, Mississippi, consulted the past employment file on EDWARD LENOX MC DANIEL and advised this file reflects no additional names for MC DANIEL. DAWES stated MC DANIEL was commonly known as EDDIE MC DANIEL.

B. Residence Address and Mailing Address

On October 28, 1964, Chief of Police J.T. ROBINSON, Natchez Police Department, Natchez, Mississippi, advised EDDIE MC DANIEL resides at 2156 Second Street, Natchez, Mississippi.

On October 30, 1964, BETH THACKER, Service Finance Company, Natchez, Mississippi, advised the address in her files for EDWARD MC DANIEL is 2156 Second Street, and business mail addressed to him at that address is not returned, by the U.S. Post Office.

C. Marital Status

On October 29, 1964, HARRY DAWES, Personnel Manager, Johns Manville Products Corporation, Natchez, Mississippi, consulted the previous employment record for EDWARD LENOX MC DANIEL and advised this record reflects MC DANIEL's ~~date~~ of marriage as July 25, 1953, at Huntington Park, California. DAWES further advised MC DANIEL's wife's name is reflected as JOAN R. MC DANIEL.

X marital record

D. Occupation

On October 28, 1964, ETTA ATKINS, Credit Bureau of Natchez, Natchez, Mississippi, consulted the file in her

records pertaining to EDWARD LENOX MC DANIEL and advised his employment is reflected as that of a truck driver.

E. Employment

On October 28, 1964, ETTA ATKINS, Credit Bureau of Natchez, Natchez, Mississippi, telephonically contacted an unknown individual at the Red Ball Motor Freight Company, South Canal Street, Natchez, Mississippi, and was advised that EDWARD LENOX MC DANIEL has been an employee of that firm since August 1962. He is employed as a freight truck driver at a pay scale of \$3.12 an hour and works 40 or more hours per week.

On October 29, 1964, HARRY DAWES, Personnel Manager, Johns Manville Products Corporation, Natchez, Mississippi, consulted the files of his organization pertaining to the employment of EDWARD LENOX MC DANIEL and furnished the following information:

MC DANIEL first applied for employment on September 16, 1952. He gave his Social Security Number as 428-54-0700. MC DANIEL was hired on June 12, 1953 and subsequently quit his job on October 24, 1956.

A second application was received from MC DANIEL on July 29, 1957. On this application he indicated he had had no prior military service and that he had been married on July 25, 1953, at Huntington Park, Calif. He gave his date of birth as December 9, 1934. He indicated he had a tenth grade education and was a citizen of the United States. He indicated the name of his wife to be JOAN R. MC DANIEL. MC DANIEL stated in this application he had been employed from February 1957 to July 1957 by the Los Angeles Transit Lines, 1056 South Broadway, Los Angeles, California, and from November 1956 until February 1957 by General Motors on Santa Fe in South Gate, California.

DAWES advised MC DANIEL was rehired on July 30, 1957 and dismissed on October 12, 1959, for abuse of plant rules and regulations.

DAWES further advised MC DANIEL had been dismissed for jimmying a milk machine and stealing its contents.

DAWES further stated MC DANIEL is reflected in the files of Johns Manville Products Corporation as a good worker with a poor attitude who created unrest among his fellow employees and was considered an insubordinate agitator.

X- LA employment

F. Education

HARRY DAWES, Personnel Manager, Johns Manville Products Corporation advised on October 29, 1964, the files of his organization indicate MC DANIEL received a tenth grade education.

G. Citizenship Status

On October 28, 1964, Chief of Police J.T. ROBINSON, Natchez Police Department, Natchez, Mississippi, advised EDWARD LENOX MC DANIEL was born on December 9, 1934, at Natchez, Mississippi, and is a citizen of the United States by birth.

H. Military Record

The files of JN T-7, another government agency which maintains personnel type records, reflect that EDWARD LENOX MC DANIEL, born December 9, 1934, Natchez, Mississippi, is registered under Selective Service System and has been given Selective Service Number 22-1-34-198. MC DANIEL is classified 5-A and has previously been deferred from service in the United States Armed Forces because of his dependents. He is now too old to be drafted and has not previously served in the Armed Forces of the United States.

I. Local Criminal Check

On October 28, 1964, Chief of Police J.T. ROBINSON, Natchez, Police Department, Natchez, Mississippi, advised EDWARD LENOX MC DANIEL, born December 9, 1934, Natchez, Mississippi, had applied for a license as a cab driver on April 5, 1958. Chief ROBINSON stated that as a part of this

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application MC DANIEL was photographed and fingerprinted.

On October 30, 1964, Sheriff ODELL ANDERS, Adams County, Natchez, Mississippi, advised he could locate no record pertaining to EDWARD LENOX MC DANIEL in the files of his organization.

X LA check

J. Credit Check

On October 28, 1964, ETTA ATKINS, Credit Bureau of Natchez, Natchez, Mississippi, advised the files of her organization contain a credit report pertaining to EDWARD LENOX MC DANIEL and JOAN R. MC DANIEL, 2156 Second Street, Natchez, Mississippi. The last complete credit check made on MC DANIEL was performed in May 1964, and at this time MC DANIEL owed \$610.00 to Service Finance Company, Natchez; \$460.00 to Home Credit, Natchez; \$174.00 to Dixie Credit, Natchez, and \$1,014.00 to United Credit, Alexandria, Louisiana. ATKINS stated her files indicate a 1957 Plymouth automobile was repossessed from MC DANIEL in February 1963, by the Mississippi Motor Finance Company. MC DANIEL's file further reflects a voluntary repossession of \$539 by Byrne Furniture Company, Natchez, Mississippi. This last transaction was satisfactorily closed in January 1960.

ATKINS stated JOAN R. MC DANIEL indicated she was employed by the Westside Baptist Church, Natchez, Mississippi, in January 1964.

ATKINS advised MC DANIEL's file reflects his employment with Johns Manville Corporation, Natchez, Mississippi as of about September 1959. One entry in the MC DANIEL file reflects his employment in May 1961 at the Acme Steel Company, 4901 Pacific Boulevard, Compton, California. MC DANIEL's file further reflects a bankruptcy settlement on October 28, 1961, at Lynwood, California, under Bankruptcy Number 133381. ATKINS advised she was not familiar with the exact significance of this bankruptcy number. MC DANIEL's address at this time was 3697 Louise, Lynwood, California and the terms of the bankruptcy indicate liabilities

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of \$4,500 and assets of \$300.

X-LA

K. Automobile

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substituted*
On October 29, 1964, BLANCHE ANDERS, Clerk, Adams County Tax Office, advised that due to the disruption of the normal routine of records keeping in her department caused by the sale of new 1965 license plates, she was unable to determine what vehicles, if any, might be registered to EDWARD LENOX MC DANIEL. Mrs. ANDERS stated she should be able to furnish this information at a later date.

L. Physical Description

The following is a description of MC DANIEL as obtained from observation and interrogation on October 3, 1964, by SAs CLARENCE G. PROSPERE and FRANK FORD:

Name:	EDWARD LENOX MC DANIEL
Alias:	EDDIE
Sex:	Male
Race:	White
Age:	29
Date of birth:	December 12, 1934
Place of birth:	Natchez, Mississippi
Residence:	2156 Second Street Natchez, Mississippi
Height:	5'11"
Weight:	155 lbs.
Build:	Slender
Hair:	Brown, wavy and thin over temple
Eyes:	Brown
Complexion:	Medium
Scars and Marks:	Appendectomy scar
Occupation:	Local driver, Red Ball Motor Freight
Marital Status:	Married

Wife: JOAN ROBERTS
2156 Second Street
Natchez, Mississippi

Father: Mr. ED MC DANIEL
79 Auburn Avenue
Natchez, Mississippi

Mother: BERTHA MC DANIEL
79 Auburn Avenue
Natchez, Mississippi

Brothers: JERRY MC DANIEL, age 27
employed Natchez Fire
Department;
JACKIE MC DANIEL, age 25
employed Coca Cola, Natchez;
CLAUDE MC DANIEL, age 21,
residence Compton, Calif.;
BILL MC DANIEL, age 17
resides with parents

Sisters: Mrs. "MARGARET" LEWIS HARVESTER
5th Street, Natchez;
Mrs. "SUE" SONNY ROBERTS
Olla, Louisiana

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M. Photograph

On October 28, 1964, Chief of Police J.T. ROBINSON, Natchez Police Department, Natchez, Mississippi, furnished a photograph of EDWARD LENOX MC DANIEL obtained by the Natchez Police Department on March 1, 1958, and bearing Natchez Police Department Number 7100. Chief ROBINSON advised there is no entry in MC DANIEL's record reflecting a date of March 1, 1958, the only entry being an application as a cab driver on April 5, 1958, and he was unable to explain the discrepancy. He advised that although this photograph is six and one-half years old, it is a good likeness of MC DANIEL.

N. Special Abilities

On October 29, 1964, HARRY DAWES, Personnel Manager, Johns Manville Products Corporation, Natchez, Mississippi advised EDWARD LENOX MC DANIEL is an accomplished

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fork-lift operator and is considered to be a good truck driver. He advised he was aware of no other special abilities known to MC DANIEL.

On October 28, 1964, Chief of Police J.T. ROBINSON, Natchez Police Department, Natchez, Mississippi, advised he was aware of no special abilities known to EDWARD LENOX MC DANIEL.

On October 30, 1964, Sheriff ODELL ANDERS, Adams County, Natchez, Mississippi, advised he was aware of no special abilities known to EDWARD LENOX MC DANIEL.

O. Associates

On October 28, 1964, Chief of Police ROBINSON advised EDWARD LENOX MC DANIEL associates with the following individuals, all of Natchez and all suspected of being members of klan type organizations:

JACK SEALE
ERNEST PARKER
ERNEST FINLEY
PAUL FOSTER

Chief of Police ROBINSON further advised MC DANIEL frequently comes to the Natchez Police Department Headquarters and engages members of the Natchez Police Department in conversation.

X-ident record
weapons

II. CONNECTION WITH THE ORIGINAL KNIGHTS
OF THE KU KLUX KLAN

JN T-1 advised on January 13, 1964 that ROYAL K. YOUNG had issued a notice dated December 28, 1963, which revoked the commissions and expelled Klansman EDWARD L. MC DANIEL, Natchez, Mississippi, from the original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. This notice was made available to JN T-1 at a meeting in Vidalia, Louisiana, on January 11, 1964. The basis of this expulsion was that MC DANIEL, among others, was

guilty of slandering and threatening the heads or leaders of the Klan and also of committing treason by inciting and recommending a revolt to the principals of the old original rules and regulations.

A characterization of the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (Louisiana) (OKKKK) is set forth in the Appendix of this report.

III. CONNECTION WITH THE WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI

A characterization of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi (WKKKK) is set forth in the Appendix of this report.

JN T-2 advised by mail received on March 18, 1964, that a state meeting had been held at Natchez, Mississippi, on March 15, 1964. This meeting had been attended by 75 - 100 men from all parts of the State of Mississippi. JN T-2 indicated these men were members of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (WKKKK).

JNT-2 advised that one of the attending members was one EDDIE MC DANIELS, a group leader.

JN T-2 advised by report dated April 4, 1964, that E.L. (EDDIE) MC DANIELS, 2156 Second Street, Natchez, Mississippi, was the exalted cyclops of the Adams County, Mississippi, group of the WKKKK. In this same report, JN T-2 advised that attendance in the Adams County area at meetings of the WKKKK was falling off due to the high monetary cost of membership.

JN T-2 furnished on April 27, 1964, a typewritten report regarding a meeting of the Adams County Klavern of the WKKKK which was held on April 24, 1964, at Klan Headquarters located on Morgantown Road, Natchez, Mississippi. In attendance at this meeting was EDDIE MC DANIELS, Provincial Investigator.

JN T-2 further advised that at the meeting held on April 24, 1964, one DOUGLAS BYRD reported that a Klansman, not further identified, had told him that during the past week he

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had been stopped by three Klan members on his way home from work. According to this Klansman, the other three told him they had a job to do and he got into their car and they drove to Meadville, Mississippi, and around Franklin County. The three Klan members told this unidentified man that they were just looking for a Negro to whip. According to JN T-2, this matter was referred to EDDIE MC DANIELS, the Provincial Investigator, to look into so that the guilty person or persons could be brought to trial before the Klan.

JN T-2 furnished on May 9, 1964, a typewritten report regarding a meeting of the Morgantown Klavern of the WKKKK which was held on May 5, 1964, at Natchez, Mississippi. One of the twenty members attending this meeting was EDDIE MC DANIELS.

JN T-2 on June 24, 1964, furnished a typewritten report regarding a meeting of the Adams County Klavern of the WKKKK, which was held at Natchez, Mississippi, on June 16, 1964. JN T-2 advised that the meeting was held at the Klan headquarters on Morgantown Road. This meeting was of the Adams County Klavern which had been recently formed and consisted of the Old Morgantown Klavern and the Old Adams County Klavern. One of those in attendance at this meeting was ED MC DANIELS.

JN T-2 advised SA CLARENCE G. PROSPERE on August 4, 1964, that a meeting of the Adams County group was held the night of August 4, 1964, in Natchez, Mississippi. During the course of this meeting, PAUL FOSTER, Exalted Cyclops of the Adams County Group, had advised that he, EDDIE MC DANIELS and others, were to re-organize the Adams County group and that a rescreening process would be initiated.

JN T-3, on September 24, 1964, advised SA PROSPERE that EDDIE MC DANIEL had withdrawn from the WKKKK.

JN T-2 advised SA PROSPERE on September 9, 1964 that the following individuals have all joined the United Klans of America as members of the McComb Unit and have apparently withdrawn from the WKKKK:

ERNEST PARKER
EDDIE MC DANIEL
JACK SEALE

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ERNEST FINLEY
PAUL FOSTER
REGGIE CARTER

A characterization of the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (United Klans) is set forth in the Appendix of this report.

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IV. CONNECTION WITH THE UNITED KLANS
OF AMERICA, INC., KNIGHTS OF THE
KU KLUX KLAN (UNITED KLANS)

JN T-4 advised SA CRAWFORD F. WILLIAMS on October 9, 1964, that according to the minutes of the National Klonvokation, United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Birmingham, Alabama, which was held on September 5, 1964, the Imperial Wizard ROBERT SHELTON, recognized E. L. MC DANIEL as the Grand Dragon of Mississippi.

JN T-5 advised SAA PIERCE A. PRATT on September 10, 1964, that during the national meeting of the United Klans of America, Inc., KKKK, held at Birmingham, Alabama, on September 5, 1964, Imperial Wizard ROBERT SHELTON gave a Certificate of Honor for Outstanding Work Done in Behalf of the Klan to MC DANIEL of Mississippi.

The following article was printed in the September 28, 1964, home edition of "The Meridian Star," Meridian, Mississippi:

"Klansman Denies Bombing Link with State KKK

"Natchez, Miss. (AP) - The top area klansman denied today the Ku Klux Klan was behind any bombings in this area.

"E.L. MC DANIEL, grand dragon of the United Klan of America, Realm of Mississippi, issued the denial in Natchez.

"The Klan of America does not condone nor advocate the bombings which took place on Friday night nor any of the previous acts which created strife and turmoil in our city, although the klan has been accused of them," he said.

"The reference was to two bombings which damaged the home of a Negro and Mayor JOHN NOSSER."

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JN T-6, on October 20, 1964, made available a copy of a letter which he received from ROBERT M. SHELTON, Imperial Wizard of the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. The letter from SHELTON enclosed a letter dated October 22, 1964, reading as follows:

"Esteemed Fellow Klansman:

"Due to the arrest of white Mississippians who have been charged in connection with several of the bombings in the McComb, Mississippi area, we find it necessary to go to the assistance of these men as it has been indicated by the press that they are Klansmen. However, the only thing they had concerning the Klan was a complimentary card of some sort.

"As you know, we do not condone or advocate such acts of violence but we believe these men are victims of circumstances.

"We believe a man is innocent until proven guilty.

"We will be grateful for any financial assistance the Realm of Georgia could offer. Thanking you in advance, I am yours for God and country,

"E. L. McDANIEL
Grand Dragon
Realm of Mississippi
P.O. Box 1341
Natchez, Mississippi"

*add: add
new
add characterization*

V. STATEMENTS OR ACTIONS CONCERNING
VIOLENCE OR ACTS OF VIOLENCE

JN T-3 advised SA CLARENCE G. PROSPERE on September 30, 1964, that in his opinion EDDIE MC DANIEL would be a logical suspect in the bombing of the home of Mayor JOHN NOSSER of Natchez, Mississippi, on September 25, 1964.

On October 2, 1964, JAMES LOUIS MC KINNY, 107 Jackson Avenue, Natchez, Mississippi, advised SAs JAMES W. SAMMON and GERALD W. MURPHY that he operates with others the Plaza Club in Vidalia, Louisiana. He stated the Plaza Club has a bar and gambling for cards and craps.

MC KINNY further stated he is not and has never been a member of the Ku Klux Klan or Americans for the Preservation of the White Race.

MC KINNY said ED MC DANIEL, a local truck driver, is in his mind, responsible for the bombings at Natchez, Mississippi. MC KINNY said at the time of the bombings, September 25, 1964, he heard that MC DANIEL was at the Natchez Police Department. MC KINNY said that although he has no proof, he feels that MC DANIEL set the bombings up and had some other person actually do the bombings. MC DANIEL is an ex-cabbie, and reportedly served time for car theft, according to MC KINNY. MC KINNY said, if by chance, his home is bombed, he would consider MC DANIEL as the man behind it although MC DANIEL would never do it himself.

MC KINNY referred specifically to the bombing of the home of Mayor JOHN NOSSER of Natchez, Mississippi on September 25, 1964.

On October 28, 1964, Chief of Police J.T. ROBINSON, Natchez Police Department, Natchez, Mississippi, advised he was not aware of any acts of violence which had been perpetrated or actually advocated by EDWARD LENOX MC DANIEL.

On October 30, 1964, Sheriff ODELL ANDERS, Adams County, Natchez, Mississippi, advised he was not aware of any acts of violence which had actually been perpetrated or advocated by EDWARD LENOX MC DANIEL.

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VI. INTERVIEWS OF SUBJECT

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date October 7, 1964

EDWARD LENOX MC DANIEL voluntarily appeared at the Natchez Resident Agency of the Federal Bureau of Investigation at which time he was advised of the identity of the interviewing agents; that he did not have to make a statement; that any statement he did make could be used against him in a court of law; that he had a right to consult an attorney before making any statement; that he was not under arrest, and that he could leave the Resident Agency at any time he should so desire.

MC DANIEL advised that he is the Grand Dragon of the State of Mississippi for the United Klans of America, Inc.; that he attended the Klonvocation of the United Klans of America, Inc., held at Birmingham, Alabama, on September 6, 1964, and that the United Klans of America, Inc., does not advocate or sanction violence in any form or fashion.

MC DANIEL refused to furnish the names of any other Klansmen known to him other than ROBERT SHELTON, the Imperial Wizard, who resides at Tuscaloosa, Alabama. MC DANIEL stated his refusal to furnish the names of any other Klansmen was based on the oath he had taken when he entered the Klan.

MC DANIEL stated he had no knowledge of any individual or individuals who bombed Mayor JOHN NOSSER's home at Natchez, Mississippi, on September 25, 1964; WILLIE WASHINGTON's home, Natchez, Mississippi, on September 25, 1964, or resorted to violence in any manner. MC DANIEL stated he would refuse to "swear" to the foregoing statement unless he was advised to do so by legal counsel.

Following is a description of MC DANIEL as obtained from observation and interrogation on October 3, 1964:

Name: EDWARD LENOX MC DANIEL
Alias: EDDIE

On 10/3/64 at Natchez, Mississippi File # JN 157-486
by SAs CLARENCE G. PROSPERE and FRANK FORD/mas/MJB Date dictated 10/5/64

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Sex:	Male
Race:	White
Age:	29
Date of birth:	December 9, 1934
Place of birth:	Natchez, Mississippi
Residence:	2156 Second Street Natchez, Mississippi
Height:	5'11"
Weight:	155 lbs.
Build:	Slender
Hair:	Brown, wavy and thin over temple
Eyes:	Brown
Complexion:	Medium
Scars and Marks:	Appendectomy scar
Occupation:	Local driver, Red Ball Motor Freight
Marital Status:	Married
Wife:	JO ANN ROBERTS 2156 Second Street Natchez, Mississippi
Father:	Mr. ED MC DANIEL 79 Auburn Avenue Natchez, Mississippi
Mother:	BERTHA MC DANIEL 79 Auburn Avenue Natchez, Mississippi
Brothers:	JERRY MC DANIEL, age 27, employed Natchez Fire Department; JACKIE MC DANIEL, age 25, employed Coca Cola, Natchez; CLAUDE MC DANIEL, age 21, residing Compton, Calif.; BILL DANIEL, age 17, lives with parents
Sisters:	Mrs. "MARGARET" LEWIS HARVESTER, 5th Street Natchez; Mrs. "SUE" SONNY ROBERTS, Olla, Louisiana

Has been employed with Red Ball Motor Freight for a little over two years; Headquarters, Dallas, Texas.

APPENDIX

ORIGINAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
(LOUISIANA)
(OKKKK)

A source advised on October 25, 1963, that in December, 1960, a group was organized at Shreveport, Louisiana, known as the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (OKKKK). The purpose of this organization was to promote Americanism, white supremacy, and the maintaining of segregation.

This source further advised on October 25, 1963, that the OKKKK continues to be active and that the aims and purposes continue to be the same.

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UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC. KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (UNITED KLANS)

Records of Superior Court of Fulton County, Georgia, show that this Klan organization was granted a corporate charter on February 21, 1961, at Atlanta, Georgia, under the name United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc.

A source advised on February 27, 1961, that United Klans was formed as a result of a split in U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. According to the source, the split resulted from a leadership dispute and United Klans has the same aims and objectives as the parent group. These are the promotion of Americanism, white supremacy and segregation of the races.

The first source and a second source advised in July, 1961, that United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc., merged with Alabama Knights, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. The merged organization established headquarters in Suite 401, The Alston Building, Tuscaloosa, Alabama. The organization is directed by Robert Shelton, Imperial Wizard, and is the dominant Klan group in the South with units in several southern states.

On August 14, 1961, the second source advised that the organization formerly known as United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc., would be known in the future as United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. The second source said the name was changed by a resolution adopted by the National Klonvocation held July 8, 1961, at Indian Springs, Georgia.

Second source advised that at a meeting at Prattville, Alabama, on October 22, 1961, a majority of the Klaverns of the U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan merged with the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

APPENDIX

WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI

A source advised that on February 15, 1964, approximately 200 members of the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (OKKKK) from the State of Mississippi met at Brookhaven, Mississippi. Those present decided to defect from the OKKKK and to form their own klan group in Mississippi to be known as the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi.

This source advised that the aims and purposes of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi are to preserve Christian civilization, protect and promote white supremacy and the segregation of the races, to fight communism and to extend the dignity, heritage and rights of the white race of America.



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Title	EDWARD LENOX MC DANIEL
Character	RACIAL MATTER
Reference	Report of SA BILLY BOB WILLIAMS at Jackson, Mississippi, dated

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Date: 10/21/64

Transmit the following in _____
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TO: SAC, JACKSON

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (157-193) (P)

SUBJECT: UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
RM

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On 10/20/64, [] made available a copy of a letter which informant received from ROBERT M. SHELTON, Imperial Wizard of captioned organization at Tuscaloosa, Alabama. The letter from SHELTON enclosed a letter dated 10/2/64 reading as follows:

"Esteemed Fellow Klansman:

"Due to the arrest of white Mississippians who have been charged in connection with several of the bombings in the McComb, Mississippi area, we find it necessary to go to the assistance of these men as it has been indicated by the press that they are Klansmen. However, the only thing they had concerning the Klan was a complimentary card of some sort.

"As you know, we do not condone or advocate such acts of violence but we believe these men are victims of circumstances.

"We believe a man is innocent until proven guilty.

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Special Agent in Charge

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"We will be grateful for any financial assistance the Realm of Georgia could offer. Thanking you in advance, I am yours for God and country,

"E. L. McDaniel
Grand Dragon
Realm of Mississippi
P. O. Box 1341
Natchez, Mississippi"

The above is being furnished for your information.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date October 7, 1964

EDWARD LENOX MC DANIEL voluntarily appeared at the Natchez Resident Agency of the Federal Bureau of Investigation at which time he was advised of the identity of the interviewing agents; that he did not have to make a statement; that any statement he did make could be used against him in a court of law; that he had a right to consult an attorney before making any statement; that he was not under arrest, and that he could leave the Resident Agency at any time he should so desire.

MC DANIEL advised that he is the Grand Dragon of the State of Mississippi for the United Klans of America, Inc.; that he attended the Klonvocation of the United Klans of America, Inc., held at Birmingham, Alabama, on September 6, 1964, and that the United Klans of America, Inc., does not advocate or sanction violence in any form or fashion.

MC DANIEL refused to furnish the names of any other Klansmen known to him other than ROBERT SHELTON, the Imperial Wizard, who resides at Tuscaloosa, Alabama. MC DANIEL stated his refusal to furnish the names of any other Klansmen was based on the oath he had taken when he entered the Klan.

MC DANIEL stated he had no knowledge of any individual or individuals who bombed Mayor JOHN NOSSER's home at Natchez, Mississippi, on September 25, 1964; WILLIE WASHINGTON's home, Natchez, Mississippi, on September 25, 1964, or resorted to violence in any manner. MC DANIEL stated he would refuse to "swear" to the foregoing statement unless he was advised to do so by legal counsel.

Following is a description of MC DANIEL as obtained from observation and interrogation on October 3, 1964:

Name:	EDWARD LENOX MC DANIEL
Alias:	EDDIE

On 10/3/64 at Natchez, Mississippi File # JN 157-486 -15
by SAs CLARENCE G. PROSPERE and
FRANK FORD/mas/MJB Date dictated 10/5/64

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Sex: Male
Race: White
Age: 29
Date of birth: December 9, 1934
Place of birth: Natchez, Mississippi
Residence: 2156 Second Street
Natchez, Mississippi
Height: 5'11"
Weight: 155 lbs.
Build: Slender
Hair: Brown, wavy and thin over temple
Eyes: Brown
Complexion: Medium
Scars and Marks: Appendectomy scar
Occupation: Local driver, Red Ball Motor Freight
Marital Status: Married
Wife: JO ANN ROBERTS
2156 Second Street
Natchez, Mississippi
Father: Mr. ED MC DANIEL
79 Auburn Avenue
Natchez, Mississippi
Mother: BERTHA MC DANIEL
79 Auburn Avenue
Natchez, Mississippi
Brothers: JERRY MC DANIEL, age 27,
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(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

Klansman Denies Bombing Link With State KKK

NATCHEZ, Miss. (AP) — The top area klansman denied today the Ku Klux Klan was behind any bombings in this area.

E. L. McDaniel, grand dragon of the United Klan of America, Realm of Mississippi, issued the denial in Natchez.

"The Klan of America does not condone nor advocate the bombings which took place on Friday night nor any of the previous acts which created strife and turmoil in our city, although the klan has been accused of them," he said.

The reference was to two bombings which damaged the home of a Negro and Mayor John Nossner.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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THE MERIDIAN STAR
MERIDIAN, MISS.

Date: 9/28/64
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Editor: JAS. H. SKEWES
Title: KKK Denies Bombing

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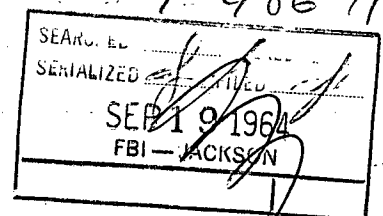
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If orally furnished and reduced to writing by Agent: Date _____ Dictated _____ to _____ Transcribed _____ Authenticated by Informant _____		Date of Report 9/5/64 Date(s) of activity 9/5/64
Brief description of activity or material: Informant on 9/10/64 furnished report of National meeting of United Klans of America, Inc., KKKK, held at Birmingham, Alabama, 9/5/64.		File where original is located if not attached: FOIA(b)7 - (D)

Remarks:

Informant, who has furnished reliable information in
the past, furnished the following report:

- 2 - Atlanta
 - 2 - Charlotte
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 - 2 - Knoxville
 - 2 - Memphis
 - 2 - Miami
 - 2 - Mobile
 - 2 - New Orleans
 - 2 - Savannah
 - 2 - Tampa
 - 4 - Birmingham
- (1 - 105-662) (Tuscaloosa Klavern #5)
(1 - 105-722) (UKA, KKKK)
(1 - 105-653) (Eastview Klavern #13)

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"September 5, 1964"

"A National Meeting of The United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of The Ku Klux Klan, was held in Birmingham, Ala. September 5, 1964. There were Delegates from Ga., Fla., Ala., La., Texas, Tenn., N. C., S. C., Miss. Delegates from Tuscaloosa, Ala. Local 5 were FRED SMITH, LEWIS PERKINS, MARION BRASFIELD, JOE HUGHES, JAMES WHEAT.

"The meeting was held Saturday afternoon. BOBBIE SHELTON was reelected as Imperial Wizard for 3 year. A Constitution was approved. A raise in the amount to be sent to BOBBIE SHELTON office by each local per member was raised from 25¢ to 50¢ Per Month.

"A Banquet was held Saturday night for all Klansmen not just Delegates but everyone who would attend. The Banquet was held at Dinkler-Tutwiler Hotel in the Ball Room. There was about 600 who attended. The following attended from Local #5 of Tuscaloosa, Ala.: JAMES PERKINS, JAMES WHEAT, MELVIN SEXTON, JOE HUGHES, W. D. RHINEHEART, MARION BRASFIELD, OLLIE HAYES, CURTIS GAMBLE, MELVIN MORRIS.

"After everyone had eaten, BOBBIE SHELTON made a talk on returning to State rights. He stated the white race were Superior to the colored Race. But under the way thing were being run all race were losing there Freedom. He stated Congress had passed a law giving the President the right to turn everything over to the U.N. Forces and they would have complete controle over everything here in the U. S. including man power, Lights, water, Railroads, Gas and all other Industry in the U.S.A. He stated the main man in the U.N. was a Russian and if it was turned over to him, then we would be under Red Rule. He urged everyone to write his Congressman and try to get this law repealed. He gave out Certificate of Honor for Out Standing work done in behalf of the Klan, these went to McDANIEL of Miss., B. R. JONES of N.C., BOB CREEL of Ala., RAYMOND ANDERSON of Tenn., R. D. SCROGGINS of S.C., DON COCKRAN of Fla., CALVIN CRAIG of Ga., A. M. EDWARDS of La., these were State Grand Dragons. FRED SMITH of Ala. and R. L. JOHNSON of Ga., who are National officers. A life time membership was given to A. DANIEL of Ga. After BOBBIE SHELTON finished, BOB CREEL presented to BOBBIE SHELTON by all locals of Ala. a Brief Case.

"Next to speak was MATT MURPHY of Birmingham, Ala. He spoke on what was wrong with the U.S.A. and what some of the things needing to be done about it. He stated we were almost at the end of the road now, and if JOHNSON was elected instead of GOLDWATER, then it would be the end. He stated all of the trouble started back in 1913 Dec. 23 when the Federal reserve Banking Act was made into law. He stated The Federal Reserve was not own by the U. S. By by a Group of men with the top one being Russians. He stated they controlled all of the money and Gold in the U.S.A. He stated they were the ones receiving a large Profit and the people of the U.S. were paying it. He stated there was an option in the Bill giving the Federal Government the right to buy it back for 375 Million dollars. But he said instead of buying it back they were paying the Stock holders of the Federal Reserve 13 Billion dollars in inst. each year. He ask everyone to write there Congressman and urge him to have the government to buy the Federal Reserve Back and put it under the control of the Federal Government where it should be. He stated next the U.S. was giving 84 Billion dollars away each in Foreign aide, which each Person in the U.S. was having to help pay with their tax money. He stated if the Government would stop this and pay it on the National debt in a few year they would be out of debt and would not owe anyone. He stated in 1933 the U.S. owned 40% of the world Gold, but now it was a lot smaller %, not enough to keep the U.S. out of going broke if the Federal Reserve pushed down. In closing he stated all white people must work together, and put GOLDWATER in office and not JOHNSON if they wanted to be free."

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
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TO: SAC, JACKSON (157-63)

DATE: 9/15/64

FROM: SA SAMUEL N. JENNINGS

WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
OF MISSISSIPPI
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The informant advised by oral report to SAs CLARENCE G. PROSPERE and FRANK FORD that he had joined the Ku Klux Klan (KKK) at [redacted] about a year ago and had been sworn in by [redacted] both of Natchez, Miss. He said BREELAND is now out of the Klan. Informant stated that he was sworn into the Klan when it was known as the Original Knights of the KKK which is a Louisiana organization headed by ROYAL V. YOUNG who was the Imperial Wizard. Informant

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- (2 - New Orleans) (Information)
- (1 - 157-52) (KKK, Copiah County)
- (1 - 157-343) (KKK, Lauderdale County)
- (1 - 157-253) (KKK, LeFlore County)
- (1 - 157-572) (KKK, Wilkinson County)
- (1 - 157-353) (KKK, Pike County)
- (1 - 44-1) (MIBURN)

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(1 - 157-584) (KKK Activity, Lincoln County)

(7 - 157-new) (KKK Klaverns, Lincoln County)

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(2 - 157-new) (ROYAL V. YOUNG)
(1 - 157-14) (DOUGLAS A. BYRD)
(1 - 157-569) (KKK, Franklin County)
(2 - 157-new) ("SHORTY" BREELAND)
(2 - 157-new) (EDDIE MC DANIEL)
(2 - 157-new) (PAUL FOSTER)
(2 - 157-new) (J. M. FOSTER)
(2 - 157-) (BERNARD JONES)
(2 - 157-) (HORACE JACKSON)
(2 - 157-new) (LOUIS COWART)
(2 - SHELBY BREWER) (157-)
(2 - 157-new) (HOUSTON JORDAN)
(2 - 157-new) (A. C. HARRINGTON) (State Recruiter, Ruth, Miss.)
(2 - 157-new) (SEDGY HARRINGTON)
(2 - 157-new) (Lomax Printing Co., Laurel, Miss.)
(2 - 157-new) (PAUL GRIFFIN, MHSP, Brookhaven, Miss.)
(2 - 157-new) (LLOYD CASE)
(2 - 157-new) (CHARLES SALVEY)
(2 - 157-new) (TINY LEWIS)
(2 - 157-) (BILLY BUCKLES)
(2 - 157-) (HOWARD MC LEMORE, Crystal Springs, Miss.)
(2 - 157-) (JULIUS HARPER) (Ex-Sheriff, Copiah Co.)
(2 - 157-) (GORDON LACKEY, Greenwood, Miss.)

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(2 - 157-new) (WOODY MATTHEWS, Utica, Miss.)
(2 - 157-) (SAM BOWERS)
(2 - 157-new) (MAURICE FLOWERS, Laurel, Miss.)
(1 - 62-5)
(1 - 157-551)
(2 - 157-) (TOMMY BROCK, "a Judge," Utica, Miss.)
(2 - 157-) ((FNU) HENSHAW, Laurel, Miss.)
(2 - 157-) ((FNU) LAND, Bay Springs, Miss.)
(2 - 157-) ((FNU) JACKSON, Owner of Butane Co., Crystal Springs)
(2 - 157-) (CLYDE WENTWORTH, Unit #1, Franklin County)
(2 - 157-) (BERNICE BEASELY, MHSP, Meadville, Miss.)
(2 - 157-) (CHARLES MARSHALL, Meadville, Miss.)
(2 - 157-) ((FNU) (LNU) "TALL MAN", Pure Oil Station,
Meadville, Miss.)

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(2 - 157-) (CLYDE SEALE)
(2 - 157-) (JAMES SEALE)
(2 - 157-) (EUGENE SEALE)
(2 - 157-) (DONALD SEALE)
(2 - 157-) (JACK SEALE)
(2 - 157-) (DALE MC LEMORE)
(2 - 157-) (ERNEST AZANTS)
(2 - 157-) (ERNEST PARKER)
(2 - 157-) (J. K. GREER, Fenwick, Miss.)
(2 - 157-) (BUFORD ASHLEY, Meadville)
(2 - 157-) ((FNU) PHELPS, Phelps Cafe, Raleigh, Miss.)
(2 - 157-) (LUTHER HART, Brookhaven, Miss.)
(2 - 157-) ((FNU) JAMES, Amoco Station on bypass,
Natchez, Miss.)
(2 - 157-) (MARVIN MC KINNY)
(2 - 157-) (BILLY WOODS)
(2 - 157-) (CLAUDE FULLER)
(2 - 157-) (APWR, Lincoln County)
(2 - 157-) (ALTON ALLRED, Grocery Store, Brookhaven, Miss.)
(2 - 157-) (C. C. CLARK, former Postmaster, Ruth, Miss.)
(2 - 157-) ((FNU) SOMMERS, Brookhaven TV & Appliance Store)
(2 - 157-) ((FNU) POSEY, employee of SOMMERS, Brookhaven, Miss.)
(2 - 157-) ("GOOSE" WICHMAN, employee, Telephone Co.,
Brookhaven)
(2 - 157-) (TOBE LEGGETT, Brookhaven)
(2 - 157-) (CHARLIE BRANHAM, Brookhaven)
(2 - 157-) (SAM BRAMLETT, Texaco Station, Brookhaven)
(2 - 157-) (CLYDE SMITH)
(2 - 157-) (CURTIS SMITH)
(2 - 157-) (SHELBY BREWER)
(2 - 157-) ((FNU) (LNU), Manager of either Shainberg Store
or Dollar Store, Brookhaven, Miss.)
(2 - 157-) (CECIL CROSS, Brookhaven)
(2 - 157-) (LEE STAMP, Brookhaven)
(2 - 157-) (Heights Retreat Unit, KKK, Brookhaven, Miss.)
(2 - 157-) ((FNU) (LNU), Operator of Ford Tractor Place,
Brookhaven)
(2 - 157-) (BILLY MACK DONALD)

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stated that in 1963 DOUGLAS A. BYRD was the Grand Dragon of the Original Knights of the KKK in the State of Mississippi. Informant stated that after being sworn into the Klan he learned that the Klan was in need of some place to hold their meetings and finally located a place which was the old Standard Oil place, Brookhaven, Mississippi, which building was recently burned.

Informant stated that when he was sworn into the Klan the following persons were members at Brookhaven, Miss., and vicinity:

PAUL FOSTER, his brother, J. M. FOSTER
BERNARD JONES, who was forced out of the Klan
a little less than a year ago
HORACE JACKSON
LOUIS COWART
SHELBY BREWER
HOUSTON JORDAN
A. C. HARRINGTON, who is presently State Recruiter
for the Klan and resides at
Ruth, Mississippi
SEDGY HARRINGTON, who is the brother of
A. C. HARRINGTON

Informant advised that he wrote the first paper that was distributed by the Klan in Lincoln County, Miss. and this paper was printed by the Lomax Printing Company, Laurel, Miss. The purpose of this paper was to get people together and get them out to vote.

The informant advised that the Lincoln County Klan Organization grew larger and a man named ERNEST S. GILBERT was made the Exalted Cyclops of this group. The Klan Organization at Lincoln County rented the Moose Lodge for the charter meeting and the Lincoln County Unit and the Franklin County Unit of the Klan were chartered on the same day at the same ceremony at Brookhaven, Miss., on 2/2/64.

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The informant said that as a result of the above paper being distributed by the Klan in Lincoln County there was a large recruitment and over 100 individuals came to join the Klan in Lincoln County. It took over four hours to swear these individuals in. Shortly after that the Lincoln County group had over 200 members. About this time it was realized by the Klan leadership that something was wrong with the \$10 initiation fee as it could not be determined what happened to all of this money. It was proposed after this mix-up on the money that the Klan group be broken down into smaller units but DOUGLAS A. BYRD advised that this could not be done since each recruiter got \$4 out of each \$10 initiation fee and the remaining \$6 went to the State Klan Headquarters. The informant said after the charter was obtained in Lincoln County the local group retained \$5 of the \$10 initiation fee and the other \$5 was sent to the State Headquarters. The informant said after the charter was obtained the recruiter of the unit received no money from initiation fees.

The informant recalled that DOUGLAS A. BYRD, each time he attended a meeting in Lincoln County, was always desperately in need of money. The informant learned that BYRD was supposed to turn in each \$6 he received to YOUNG. The informant said the initial forming of the units of the Klan in Lincoln County resulted in DOUGLAS A. BYRD having a woman make the robes for the members and she charged \$10 for each robe. The Klan members complained that the robes did not actually cost \$10 for material and workmanship.

The informant advised that one LOUIS COWART was elected investigator of the original Lincoln County group. COWART was later made a state investigator by DOUGLAS A. BYRD.

Informant advised that after the Lincoln County group was formed he heard through DOUGLAS A. BYRD that ROYAL V.

YOUNG of Louisiana was coming to Natchez and BYRD wanted ERNEST GILBERT to meet him in Natchez. The informant learned that the purpose of this Natchez meeting was so that BYRD could pull away from the original Knights of the KKK of Louisiana which was headed by YOUNG and set up his own Klan group in Mississippi. The informant said he learned that one reason BYRD wanted to do this was because he could not get YOUNG to account for the money which BYRD had given him. The informant learned that the following people were at the meeting at Natchez:

PAUL GRIFFIN, Mississippi Highway Patrol,
Brookhaven, Mississippi
ERNEST GILBERT, Brookhaven, Miss.
LLOYD CASE, Brookhaven, Miss.
HOUSTON JORDAN, Brookhaven
CHARLES SALVEY, Brookhaven

The informant said that the above group of individuals met DOUGLAS BYRD at the Bar-B-Q Pit on Highway 61 North which is operated by TINY LEWIS, who is also a Klan member. After BYRD, YOUNG and the others arrived at the Bar-B-Q Pit they went to the old VFW Building located next to Sarah's Place which is on the Liberty Road and a meeting was held there.

The informant learned that at this meeting YOUNG and BYRD fussed back and forth at each other and then YOUNG finally stood up and began preaching. After YOUNG did this, ERNEST GILBERT got up and told YOUNG to sit down and that the entire group could go to hell as far as he was concerned if this was the way that the Klan operated. GILBERT also told those present that the Lincoln County group did not need the Klan. YOUNG advised those present that the Klan could not be operated this way according to the constitution. YOUNG insisted that the Lincoln County group should have a constitution. GILBERT then told YOUNG that if YOUNG could not speak in a logical manner that the meeting was adjourned. GILBERT told YOUNG as he was leaving that he, YOUNG, should not return to Mississippi and YOUNG left the meeting.

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DOUGLAS A. BYRD did not enter into the above discussion at any time. The informant gathered that impression after this meeting was over that BYRD was attempting to cover up what he had been doing with the Klan money which had been given to him for membership fees and for robes. BYRD tried to explain to GILBERT and the others that this meeting at Natchez had been held to try and get YOUNG to account for the money which had been given to him.

The informant said that the above group who had attended the Natchez meeting returned to the Bar-B-Q Pit and there was a discussion about writing a new constitution for the White Knights of the KKK of Mississippi. The informant learned that DOUGLAS A. BYRD, TINY LEWIS and ERNEST GILBERT had gathered at GILBERT's home and written a new constitution for the Klan organization. GILBERT allegedly told BYRD at this meeting where the constitution was written that he was getting out of the Klan.

The informant advised that at a later meeting BYRD came to Brookhaven, Miss., and invited GILBERT to attend this meeting although GILBERT had previously told BYRD he was getting out of the Klan. GILBERT did go to this meeting but nothing was accomplished there as there was no organization to the meeting. BYRD explained at this meeting about the idea of withdrawing from the Original Knights of the KKK of Louisiana and setting up the White Knights of the KKK of Mississippi. The informant learned that representatives from Wilkinson County and Pike County were in attendance at this meeting in Brookhaven, Mississippi, and these two county groups wanted to stay in the Original Knights of the KKK of Louisiana.

The informant learned that a second meeting was held in Brookhaven, Miss., in less than a month and ERNEST GILBERT was elected head of the White Knights of the KKK, State of Mississippi. DOUGLAS A. BYRD was voted out of office. The following individuals were instrumental in electing GILBERT head of the Klan:

BILLY BUCKLES

HOWARD MC LEMORE, Crystal Springs, Miss.

DALE MC LEMORE, Franklin County, Miss.

JULIUS HARPER, ex-sheriff, Copiah County, Miss.,
presently operator of the J and F
Grill, Crystal Springs, Mississippi

GORDON LACKEY, Greenwood, Miss.

The informant pointed out that JULIUS HARPER, the ex-sheriff of Copiah County, and ERNEST GILBERT were instrumental in saving the life of WAITES MC NEIL of Smith County whom the Klan believes is an informant for the FBI.

Informant said that at a meeting of the White Knights of the KKK a committee was appointed to write a constitution and this committee was headed by ERNEST GILBERT and was comprised of JULIUS HARPER, HOWARD MC LEMORE, both of Crystal Springs, Miss., GORDON LACKEY of Greenwood, Miss., BILLY BUCKLES and WOODY MATTHEWS. The informant said that WOODY MATTHEWS is a cousin of Congressman JOHN BELL WILLIAMS of Mississippi and MATTHEWS resides at Utica, Miss. MATTHEWS acts as a moderator at all large Klan meetings. Informant said DOUGLAS A. BYRD was asked to serve on the committee to write the constitution but he refused to serve. The constitution was written by the above committee and was accepted at Brookhaven, Miss., on 2/2/64 at a state meeting.

The informant learned that prior to the above Brookhaven, Miss., meeting on 2/2/64, DOUGLAS A. BYRD had written a constitution on his own which he presented to the Natchez, Miss., group of the Klan with the idea of getting the entire state to go along with him (BYRD). The Klan group at Natchez was not named at that time and BYRD's meeting was held about two weeks before the Brookhaven meeting. SAM BOWERS from Laurel, Miss., went to the meeting at Natchez, Miss., and BYRD indicated to the Natchez group he wanted to throw GILBERT out of the Klan since his wife was allegedly a Catholic. The informant said he knows

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GILBERT's wife is not a Catholic and she is from Laurel, Miss., originally. Informant learned that one MAURICE FLOWERS, a Klan member from Laurel, Miss., had got up and refuted BYRD's statement about GILBERT's wife being a Catholic and after that the Natchez meeting broke up.

The informant said that two weeks after this Natchez meeting was held there was a big state meeting held at Brookhaven, Miss., in the old Sinclair Building and 'SHORTY' BREELAND of Natchez, Miss., was present and told those at the meeting that the Natchez group had informed DOUGLAS BYRD that he should get out of the Klan and that they wanted ERNEST GILBERT to head up the White Knights of the KKK of Mississippi and pull the state together. Informant learned that the following persons were elected at this meeting at Brookhaven, Miss.:

SAM BOWERS, Imperial Wizard

JULIUS HARPER, Grand Dragon, a position which he still holds

BILLY BUCKLES, Grand Giant and State Secretary

PAUL FOSTER, State Chaplin, who has since resigned and was sworn out of the Klan by ERNEST GILBERT.

ERNEST S. GILBERT, State Investigator

Four Bursars were elected. The head State Bursar for Mississippi is TOMMY BROCK, a "Judge" at Utica, Miss. The Second Bursar is a man named HENSHAW of Laurel, Miss., who lives on Highway 84 East. The Third Bursar is an individual by the name of LAND who resides at Bay Springs, Miss., but who subsequently resigned his position. The Fourth Bursar was from Greenwood, Miss., but informant did not recall his name. Informant said that during this transition period when the above meetings were held at Natchez and Brookhaven, Miss., DOUGLAS BYRD was not elected to any office, however, BYRD acted as a sort of assistant to ERNEST GILBERT for several months prior to 2/1/64.

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Informant stated that after the above meeting the next state meeting of the Klan was held at Natchez, Miss., and the above-mentioned officers were in charge and are still in charge of the Klan in Mississippi.

The informant said the next meeting following the one at Natchez was held at Raleigh, Miss., about June, 1964, and the next state-wide meeting after that, which was the last state-wide meeting, was held at Crystal Springs, Miss., at an individual named JACKSON's place just outside of Crystal Springs, Miss. The informant could not recall JACKSON's first name but stated JACKSON operates a Butane Gas Company in Crystal Springs. The informant said he does not recall seeing GILBERT at the last Klan meeting in Crystal Springs.

The informant stated that the election of any officers in the Klan is scheduled between 9/15/64 and 11/15/64 and that BILLY BUCKLES, who lives on the Oldenberg Road out of Meadville, Miss., is coordinating the election. Each unit will vote for the officers they want which will then be reported through the provinces to headquarters. The new officers of the Klan will be elected to serve for four years in Mississippi.

The informant said that all Klansmen in Mississippi were forbidden to carry guns, pencils, lighters or just about anything else into a state Klan meeting. He said the state meetings are set up so they have snipers stationed in trees surrounding the area of the meeting, as well as armed guards patrolling on foot, horseback and in automobiles. In addition to this, he said they had an airplane flying overhead when the meeting was held at Raleigh, Miss. The informant learned that the Klan is now attempting to train dogs to use as guards around the state meet and also the local headquarters of the various Klan units.

The informant said that during August, 1964, CLYDE WENTWORTH, who is a painter and also Exalted Cyclops of

Unit Number 1, Franklin County, Mississippi, had access to an entire list of this unit of the Klan and this list had been observed by Patrolman BERNICE BEASELY of the Mississippi Highway Patrol stationed at Meadville, Miss. BEASELY allegedly observed this list while he was at Jackson, Mississippi.

The informant pointed out that at one time about 80% of the Mississippi Highway Patrolmen were allegedly in the Klan. However, they have been sworn out. Informant said, however, that many highway patrolmen still pass on information to the Klan and act as lookouts for the Klan. The informant stated BEASELY, who is at Meadville, Miss., was definitely in the Klan at one time and still passes on information to the Klan members at Meadville. The informant learned that an individual referred to as "TALL MAN" at the Pure Oil Station, Meadville, Miss., has been talking about one CHARLES MARSHALL, who resides near Meadville, Miss., and who takes off from work to attend Klan meetings. MARSHALL allegedly owes everyone in the county and is driving a Thunderbird. According to the "TALL MAN", CHARLES MARSHALL is the individual who furnishes names of Klan members to BILL SCARBOROUGH, the Ford dealer at Meadville, Miss. Allegedly, SCARBOROUGH gives MARSHALL \$1,000 a month for information regarding the Klan. The informant was not able to elaborate on the above arrangement.

About the only thing the informant could learn relative to the above was something said by CLYDE SEALE, father of JAMES, EUGENE, DONALD and JACK SEALE, who lives on the Bunkley Road near Meadville, Miss., indicating that CHARLES MARSHALL had gone to Baton Rouge, La., and purchased a wedding ring for \$3,000 which he later had appraised at the bank in Meadville. Informant further learned that MARSHALL had lost his job at the International Paper Company, Natchez, Miss., and had been to Meridian, Miss., trying to get into the Klan Unit there. CLYDE SEALE made the remark that MARSHALL is supposed to be engaged to a girl who lives at Meridian and is using this as an excuse to visit Meridian, trying to obtain names of Klansmen which he allegedly passes

on to BILL SCARBOROUGH. According to the informant, the Klan group which CLYDE SEALE belongs to has voted to whip SCARBOROUGH. The informant emphasized that CLYDE SEALE and/or some of the members of the two Klan units at Meadville, Miss., may do away with CHARLES MARSHALL if the above information regarding MARSHALL is true.

Informant is of the opinion that a young highway patrolman or SAM BOWERS, both of Laurel, Miss., were the individuals who bombed the newspaper there several months ago. SAM BOWERS has refused to discuss this newspaper bombing with other members of the Klan.

The informant could not learn any information regarding the murder of the two Negroes, MOORE and DEE, whose bodies were found a few months ago in the Mississippi River north of Natchez, Miss. The informant was then advised that BILLY BUCKLES was known to have made the statement that DEE was a victim of circumstances and had to be done away with. Informant then stated that with this information he might be able to develop something on the MOORE-DEE killings. The informant was not acquainted with an explosion in a church at Brookhaven, Miss., and knew nothing of an attempted burning or explosion of any churches in that area.

The informant was not aware of the identity of the person described as an electrician from Franklin County, Miss., employed at the International Paper Company, Natchez, Miss., who allegedly burned the juke joint of JAKE FRISHMAN in Natchez, Mississippi.

The informant advised that he knew the identity of several individuals who fired a smoke bomb into the house of KID RUSSELL and they are DALE MC LEMORE, DOUGLAS A. BYRD and possibly ERNEST AZANTS and JACK SEALE. The informant knew that DOUGLAS BYRD was drunk after the first attempt to smoke bomb RUSSELL's house failed and, further, BYRD was the one who obtained the smoke grenade which was fired into the house.

Informant is acquainted with ERNEST PARKER of Natchez, Miss., who is the individual who distributed Klan papers by plane at Brookhaven the first time they were distributed by plane there and PARKER's plane has been used by the Klan even though it was not flown by PARKER on other occasions. Informant knows one J. K. GREER of Fenwick, Miss., who is a pilot licensed to fly both day and night and is the only known member of the Klan who is so licensed. Informant stated that usually GREER rents a plane at the Natchez Airport when distributing papers for the Klan by plane.

The informant said that BILLY BUCKLES and DOUGLAS A. BYRD put out the Klan papers from the plane at Greenwood, Miss., a few months ago. The informant stated that BUFORD ASHLEY of Meadville, Miss., also owns an airplane which the Klan can use but ASHLEY can only fly during the daylight hours.

Informant said that CLYDE SEALE was responsible for the distributing of papers in the Meadville area. Informant recalled that one of these papers merely stated that names would be called if things were not changed and the second paper distributed there actually called names of particular individuals.

Informant advised that the plane owned by ERNEST PARKER was the one used to drop Klan papers over Philadelphia, Miss., about the first part of August, 1964.

The informant said the only information he has regarding a church burning came from an individual named PHELPS who operates Phelps Cafe at Laurel, Miss. PHELPS advised about 6/1/64 that he knew how a church was burned but the informant was not aware of which church PHELPS was referring to but believed it was near Raleigh, Mississippi. Informant said PHELPS claimed the church was saturated with gasoline or kerosene and that a Butane gas line was the line which subsequently ignited the gasoline or kerosene.

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The informant said he had no information about any church burnings in Pike County, Miss., and that all the Pike County Klan Units are members of the United Klans of America with the exception of one unit. The informant was not acquainted with this one Pike County Unit and did not know the identity of the members.

Informant stated that ERNEST GILBERT had allegedly received about \$4,000 in expense money from the Klan between 1/1/64 and 6/1/64 but that the local investigators in the various provinces had claimed mileage expense and that the money to pay this was turned in to the state headquarters. GILBERT allegedly gets the money back from the state headquarters to pay to the local Klan investigators, leaving little money for GILBERT's personal use.

Informant advised that the unit of the Klan at Crystal Springs, Miss., had borrowed money at a local bank and had plans to build a building in which to hold their meetings. All members of the Klan unit supposedly signed the note with the bank. The informant learned that an official of the bank made the statement that he had the names of all the Klansmen in Crystal Springs as he had their names on a note at his bank.

Informant said there was no special account of the Klan at any bank but that the Klan money was handled by a man named HENSHAW who resides on Highway 84 east of Laurel, Mississippi. The money handled by HENSHAW is supposed to be put into the personal account of HENSHAW. The informant recalled that at the state Klan meeting at Raleigh, Miss., HENSHAW was instructed to turn all money of the Klan over to "Judge" BROCK of Utica, Miss., and to the other three Bursars of the State Klan Organization.

Informant learned that DOUGLAS A. BYRD had made a call to ERNEST GILBERT from Natchez, Miss., sometime in

the past few months asking GILBERT to come to Natchez to kill a Negro by the name of WILLIAM DENNIS WARE. The informant said that LOUIS COWART of Brookhaven, Miss., went to Natchez, Miss., shortly after this telephone call and that three others went to Natchez also, HORACE JACKSON and LUTHER HART, both of Brookhaven, Miss., and a fourth individual whose name was not recalled. Informant was not aware of what happened at Natchez on this occasion.

The informant advised that an individual named FULLER came to Brookhaven, Miss., from Monroe, La., and was there to help organize the Klan. FULLER was a very close associate of ROYAL V. YOUNG.

Informant learned that a man named JAMES (first name unknown) who operates the Amoco Service Station at the bypass at Natchez, Miss., a brother of HORACE "ZULU" JAMES, the radio dispatcher at the Natchez, Miss., Police Department, and PAUL FOSTER had called ERNEST GILBERT at Brookhaven to get him to investigate the shooting of RICHARD JOE BUTLER, a Negro male at Natchez, Miss. According to the informant, JAMES and PAUL FOSTER believe that this shooting of BUTLER was done by [redacted] and [redacted]. Informant said that a Klan leader questioned MARVIN MC KINNY about this later and [redacted] denied being involved in the shooting of BUTLER. The informant did not believe any of the Klan leaders had been able to determine which Klansman was responsible for shooting BUTLER.

Informant advised that during August, 1964, [redacted] and CLAUDE FULLER contacted ERNEST GILBERT and tried to get permission to kill some Negro, which permission was denied them by GILBERT. They allegedly were going to kill LEONARD WOODLEY, a Negro preacher who had been stirring up trouble and talking about the Klan. WOODLEY was attempting to organize the Negroes.

The informant advised that SHELBY BREWER was formerly the head of the Americans for the Preservation of the White Race (APWR), Lincoln County, Miss., but has recently resigned. The informant was not acquainted with the officers of the APWR.

Informant advised that ALTON ALLRED, operator of a grocery store near the Amoco Station, just east of the Homco Offices in Brookhaven, Miss., has a contract to furnish all of the robes for Klansmen for the State of Mississippi. Informant stated ALLRED has certain women working for him to do the sewing on the robes but these women are not known.

The informant advised that he learned through a very confidential source that Mr. C. C. CLARK, a prosperous businessman at Ruth, Miss., who is the former Postmaster there, was secretly sworn into the Klan and this information is known by four people only.

Informant advised that A. C. HARRINGTON of Ruth, Miss., is the Exalted Cyclops of the Ruth Unit and that HARRINGTON is also the State Grand Kleagle (State Organizer). The informant offered the opinion that the recent bombing incidents at McComb, Miss., are being done by the Klan group at Ruth, Miss. The informant said the foreman of C. C. CLARK, Ruth, Miss., mentioned above, is a member of the Ruth Unit of the Klan, however, he cannot recall his name at the present time. SEDGY HARRINGTON, brother of A. C. HARRINGTON, is also a member of the Ruth Unit of the Klan.

The informant said there are seven Klaverns of the KKK at Lincoln County, Mississippi. The Exalted Cyclops of Unit #1 is an individual by the name of SOMMERS who is the owner of the Brookhaven TV and Appliance Store. The Assistant Exalted Cyclops is an individual by the name of POSEY who is employed by SOMMERS at the Brookhaven TV and Appliance Store. "GOOSE" WICHMAN is the investigator of Klan Unit #1. WICHMAN is employed by the telephone company

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at Brookhaven. Other members of this same unit are HOUSTON JORDAN, TOBE LEGGETT, CHARLY BRANHAM, SAM BRAMLETT, operator of a Texaco Service Station, CLYDE SMITH, CURTIS SMITH, who may be out of the Klan now, and SHELBY BREWER, who has Klegle Commission and can work anywhere in the state. The informant said another member of this unit is the manager of either the Dollar Store or Shainberg Department Store, Brookhaven. Two other members are CECIL CROSS and LEE STAMP.

The informant said the newest unit of the Lincoln County Klan is the Heights Retreat Unit which is in a community located out toward the Brookhaven airport. The Exaulted Cyclops of this new unit is a man who runs the Ford tractor place in Brookhaven but his name could not be recalled. Another member of this new unit is BILLY MACK DONALD who offered the ground on which a building could be built for Klan meetings but this offer was turned down by the Klan leaders since DONALD would not allow the Klan to purchase the property on which the building would be built.

The informant advised that there is an executive meeting of the Klan officers at JACKSON's place near Crystal Springs, Miss., each Sunday and informant will try to find out what happens at the next meeting.

Recommendation:

The above information sets forth pertinent information regarding numerous organizations and individuals connected with captioned organization and should be considered for inclusion in reports of captioned organization or individuals.

Due to the length of this memo, specific leads are not being set forth herein but agents receiving copies of this memo should review the material and conduct logical investigation.

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Reorganization of Adams County
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On August 4, 1964, [FOIA(b)7 - (D)] advised that a meeting of the Adams County Group was held the night of August 4, 1964 at the old bowling alley located in the first block of Main Street across the street from the fire station.

~~FOIA(b)7 - (D)~~ [FOIA(b)7 - (D)] stated PAUL FOSTER, who is the Exalted Cyclops of the Adams County Group, advised that he, EDDIE MC DANIELS, JACK SEALE, REGGIE CARTER, JACKIE CUPIT, LENNIE SCHUTZ (ph), DOUGLAS A. BYRD, ERNEST PARKER, JEFF LUKE, and ERNEST FINLEY are to reorganize the Adams County Group. He stated that they were advised that they would be contacted individually in person regarding membership in the new group. [FOIA(b)7 - (D)] stated it was pointed out that each member accepted in the new group would be rescreened.

[FOIA(b)7 - (D)] stated that PETE TYER had on August 4, 1964, before the meeting, at Carnelli's Welding Shop, Natchez, Mississippi, exhibited to him a Thompson Sub-machine gun which TYER stated he had bought. [FOIA(b)7 - (D)] stated TYER showed that he had two barrels for this machine gun.

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SA THOMAS E. O'CONNOR

11/16/64

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On, 11/6/64, Mrs. ELLIE B. NICHOLS, Credit Bureau of Hagee, Miss., furnished the following information to SAs THOMAS E. O'CONNOR and FRANCIS X. SHORTT.

She advised that her records reflect a record identifiable with F. J. DICKEY. She advised that the record reflects that DICKEY is a white male, was age 41 in 1958, his wife's name is MARY RUTH and that he has 2 children.

It is also reflected that DICKEY meets all of his obligations in a satisfactory manner and Mrs. NICHOLS stated that there was nothing unfavorable in her records about DICKEY.

She stated that from her own knowledge she knows that DICKEY is a volunteer fire chief in Hagee and that he is a Deacon of the First Baptist Church in Hagee. She advised that DICKEY and his wife have 2 daughters, one of which is 18 and is attending the University of Southern Mississippi.

Mrs. NICHOLS advised that her records reflect a record identifiable with PETE RUSSELL. She advised that the record reflects that RUSSELL is employed as the City Clerk of Hagee, is a white male, was age 32 in 1962. RUSSELL's wife is listed as MARSHA and that he and his wife had either 4 or 5 children.

She advised that the file reflects that RUSSELL meets all of his obligations in a satisfactory manner and nothing unfavorable was reflected in this file.

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Mrs. NICHOLS reflects that she had a record for J. H. MC NAIR, reflects that MC NAIR is a white male, age 64 - 68, owns McNair Cafe in Magee and his wife's name is ANANDA. Mrs. NICHOLS advised that her records reflect MC NAIR has 6 children, who, from her own knowledge are married. She advised that the records reflect that all of MC NAIR's accounts have been paid for in a satisfactory manner and nothing unfavorable is reflected in her file.

Mrs. NICHOLS advised that she had no record identifiable with JOHN MC NAIR, HANK DOZIER, W. R. MANGUM, EDWIN PEARSON or BILLY BYRD.

She advised that BYRD owns and operated Byrd's Truck Stop and Used Car Lot, which is located in Weathersby, Miss. She advised that Weathersby is located on Highway 49, half way between Magee and Mendenhall.

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Brief statement on split in OKKKK
under ROYAL V. YOUNG and statement on
joining of certain klan units with
United Klans of America, Inc., Knights
of KKK. Names of various klan members
and officers of United Klans in La.

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Remarks:

[redacted] stated that he was Imperial Aid to ROYAL V. YOUNG in Original Knights of Ku Klux Klan, but had had no contact with YOUNG since about October, 1963. UNCODED [redacted] furnished photograph of R. E. DAVIS and ROYAL V. YOUNG which is being placed in the 1A of this file. He also furnished a color photograph of a group which he stated was taken of a klan group at Denton, Louisiana, at the organizational meeting. He stated that the man in the purple robe in the color photograph is ROYAL V. YOUNG. He stated that the red robe in the photograph, where the hood is also red and has a white cross, is the robe of an Exhaulted Cyclops. He stated that the red robe in the photograph where the hood is red but does not have a red cross, is the robe of an Assistant Exhaulted Cyclops.

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He stated that the white robe and black hood is the robe worn by the Night Hawk. He stated that the white robe and hood, with a red attachment at the shoulder, is the uniform of an officer of a klan unit.

[redacted] also furnished a book on ceremony and procedure of klan meetings, on titles of klan officers, and on definition of klan terms. He also furnished a sample membership card of United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. These items are placed in the 1A of this file.

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Monroe, Louisiana

The Ruston, Louisiana klan group was the first of the klan groups in Louisiana originally under the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, which broke from OKKKK and in the summer of 1963 joined with the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the KKK.

Among those active in the Ruston klan group were the following:

WALKER D. GAY

E. N. RAGSDALE

T. V. BERRY

W. G. CURREY

RAYMOND L. KNOX

R. D. BALL

JACK BALL

J. E. HOLT

(FNU) NASH

STEWART T. RABB

WILLIAM SUMMERLIN (phonetic)

Members of the Ruston klan group were instrumental in influencing other klan groups in the area to join with the United Klan.

Around November, 1963, a big klan meeting was held in an open field near Olla, La. MURRY MARTIN, Winnsboro, La.,

spoke at this meeting, and at that time about 35 klan units broke from the Original Knights of KKK under the leadership of ROYAL V. YOUNG.

MURRY MARTIN, GRADY WILDER, and CLIFTON BARTON - all formerly very active in OKKKK under ROYAL YOUNG, were instrumental in bringing about this split in OKKKK.

JOHN BATES of Jonesboro, La., also formerly active in OKKKK under ROYAL YOUNG, was at this meeting near Olla and he apparently had been in contact with ROBERT SHELTON of United Klans before this meeting. He made some brief remarks about what United Klans had to offer but MURRY MARTIN dominated this meeting and there was no detailed discussion of United Klans at that time.

Among criticisms of ROYAL V. YOUNG's leadership of OKKKK were his handling of finances, and criticisms of J. D. SWENSON as organizer and JACK YOUNG as chaplain of OKKKK.

From statements made by YOUNG prior to November, 1963, it is estimated that there are about 800 klansmen in the Shreveport, La. area without effective leadership since YOUNG has lost control of Original Knights of KKK.

Around November, 1963, a few of the klan members from Jonesboro, La., met with a few of the klan members from Ruston in RAGSDALE's garage in Ruston and discussed the Jonesboro klan group joining with United Klans. The Jonesboro klan group did join with United Klans shortly after this meeting

in Ruston. At this meeting in Ruston were the following:

Dr. JAMES EDWARDS, chiropractor, Jonesboro, La.;

JOHN C. BATES, Jonesboro, La.;

AUBREY FUTRELL, Jonesboro, PD Officer;

WALTER ROGERS, who operates Rogers Jewelry Store at Jonesboro, La.

WALKER D. GAY, Ruston, La.;

E. N. RAGSDALE, Ruston, La.;

STEWART RABB, Ruston, La.;

T. V. BERRY, Ruston, La.

Around the middle of January, 1964, ROBERT SHELTON of Tuscaloosa, Ala., Imperial Wizard of United Klans, attended a meeting of United Klans in La. held at Jonesboro. Soon after this meeting the klan units of United Klans in La. elected temporary State Officers of United Klans in La. These temporary officers were as follows:

JOHN C. BATES - Grand Dragon

WALKER D. GAY - Assistant Grand Dragon

STEWART RABB - Secretary

WOODY MC DONALD - Treasurer

"RED" DAVIS - One of the guards

LT. C. D. BATES - Night Hawk

GLEN HENSON - Lecturer

This collection of temporary officers was held at Chatham, La., around the last of January, 1964, and the officers were to serve until April 5, 1964.

Klan units in La. now in United Klans are as follows:

Ruston, La. (This klan unit meets in a metal building near the residence of R. D. BALL.)

Chatham, La. (This klan unit meets in a metal building near LEON PARDUE's residence located just south of the Jonesboro Hwy., about 3/4 of a mile from Chatham, La.)

Jonesboro, La. (This klan group has been meeting at the American Legion Hall and other places at Jonesboro, but a building is under construction located on property of WALTER GANDY just off the Monroe Hwy. near J. D. JOHN's Grocery Store.)

Bernice, La. (This klan unit has been meeting at an old residence northeast of Bernice.)

Farmerville, La. (This klan unit has been meeting at an old vacant house near the Negro section, just south of Farmerville.)

Marion, La. (Meeting place unknown.)

Friendship, La. (Meetings are held in an vacant house owned by J. K. MARTIN.)

West Monroe, La. (Meeting place unknown.)

Hico-Dubach, La. (This klan unit was begun by men who broke from the Ruston klan unit. This klan unit reportedly has 50 or 60 members.)

The United Klans expects to have klan units at Castor, Ringgold, Sterlington, and Shreveport, La. within the near future. The United Klan Units in La. have a total membership of approximately 500 men.

The Exhaulted Cyclops of the Ruston klan unit is R. D. BALL. The Exhaulted Cyclops is also frequently referred to as the President of the klan unit. The Assistant Exhaulted Cyclops, or Vice President, of this klan unit is WILLIAM SUMMERLIN (PH), who is a young man and is believed to be a student at La. Tech. STEWART RABB is a member of this klan unit, and prior to April 5, 1964, he was the Grand Secretary of all United Klan units in La. WALKER D. GAY is also a member of this klan unit, and prior to April 5, 1964, he was Assistant Grand Dragon of United Klans in La. Other members of this klan unit are T. V. BERRY, E. N. RAGSDALE, (FNU) NASH, WALTER G. CURREY, RAYMOND L. KNOX. According to the record of R. D. BALL, this klan unit had a total membership of 32 a few weeks ago.

The Hico-Dubach klan unit meets at the American Legion Hall in Dubach. The membership of this klan unit is estimated at 50. The President or Exhaulted Cyclops is a man by the name of (FNU) GREEN, who is about 40 years old, has stocky build and has black, thin, hair. The Vice President of this klan unit is a man by the name of (FNU) BROUGHTON who is about 30 years old and who is employed in the TV business at Dubach.

The Jonesboro klan unit has a membership of 118. The President or Exhaulted Cyclops of this klan unit is WALTER ROGERS. SERCY (PH) FRY, employee of General Gas, is Vice President. DEWITT JONES is Chaplain or Kludd. LOY HUDDLESTON is secretary. FLOYD PEEL is treasurer. Members include Lt.

C. D. BATES, La. State Police, Winnfield, La., who is also a member of the klan organization in which MURRY MARTIN is the leader; L. O. TATE, Mayor of Jonesboro; Sheriff NEWT LOW, Sheriff of Jackson Parish; representative-elect from Jackson Parish, name unknown; attorney DAVID CALDWELL, who joined during the time that the Jonesboro klan unit was affiliated with OKKKK; DAVID STINSON, an officer of the Jackson Parish Bank; BILLY MC DONALD, employee of Jackson Parish Bank; WOODY MC DONALD, employee of Jackson Parish Bank.

The Chatham klan unit was formerly in the Original Knights of KKK under the leadership of ROYAL V. YOUNG, and it did not join United Klan until about February, 1964. This klan unit has about 50 members. "RED" DAVIS, a log hauler, is Exhaulted Cyclops of this klan unit. Maj. HICKMAN, who is now a Grand Officer, is a member of the Chatham unit and was lecturer of that unit. LEON PARDUE is treasurer of the Chatham klan unit. HAROLD PARDUE, who is now a Grand Officer, is a member of the Chatham klan unit. HAROLD PARDUE is employed at Stuckey's Garage in Jonesboro, La. Deputy Sheriff MURPHY TOLAR is also a member of the Chatham klan unit.

The Farmerville klan unit was chartered into United Klans at a meeting in Farmerville on March 20, 1964. There were about 32 klan members present at that time. Temporary officers of that klan unit were elected at that meeting, but they were to be replaced by permanent elected officers at an election to be held within a week or ten days of the date of

that meeting. This Farmerville klan unit expected to draw a great number of additional members from men who had been members of Original Knights of Ku Klux Klan under the leadership of ROYAL V. YOUNG, but more recently under the leadership of ROBERT FULLER of Monroe, La. Temporary officers of this klan unit included DREX ALBRITTON and MICKEY O'BRIEN.

The Marion klan unit was stated by STEWART RABB, Grand Secretary, recently to have over 100 members. J. W. CAUSEY has been a leader of this klan unit and an effort was made to get him to run for Grand Dragon at the election recently held to elect officers for United Klans in La. CAUSEY at one time indicated that he would run for Grand Kaliff, or Assistant Grand Dragon, but he then decided against running for any state office.

(FNU) KELLY (PH) is Exhaulted Cyclops of the W. Monroe klan unit of United Klans. KELLY is believed to be employed in the TV parts or TV service trade. GLEN HENSON, formerly active in the Chatham klan unit, has been active more recently in the W. Monroe klan unit. HENSON has been employed in the TV or radio service trade in W. Monroe, La. He formerly resided near Eros, La.

HOUSTON MORRIS of Monroe, La., presided at the Jonesboro klan organization under the Original Knights of KKK. At the time of this organizational meeting, Deputy Sheriff BAILS from the Jonesboro Sheriff's Office happened to arrive at the meeting place and questioned those present regarding the nature of the meeting.

To gain access to a meeting place of United Klans, the following words of challenge, and pass words, are used:

The guard on duty will challenge anyone approaching by saying the word "NATHAN". When challenged, the pass word in response to the word "NATHAN" is "BEDFORD". After the person challenged has given the pass word "BEDFORD", the guard on duty will then reply "FORREST". This exchange of words completes the pass word and recognition and the person challenged will then be admitted by the guards to pass into the meeting area.

About two months ago there was a meeting of the National Klonvocation of the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, held in Birmingham, Ala., at the Dinkler-Tuckwilder Hotel. Those from the United Klans in La. who attended were as follows:

JOE FUTRELL

LEMON HODNETT

DR. JAMES EDWARDS

MAJ. HICKMAN

JOHN BATES

GLENN HENSON

(FNU) KELLY

Another man from the W. Monroe klan unit, HAROLD PARDUE.

United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan under the leadership of ROBERT SHELTON of Tuscaloosa, Ala., has organized an insurance company operating under the name The

Heritage Insurance Enterprizes, Inc., Tuscaloosa, Ala. 51% of this stock is said to be held by ROBERT SHELTON. There are plans to have similar insurance companies operating in other states in which United Klans are organized.

RICHARD HUMPHRIES, who is employed in the mercantile business in Alexandria, La., is about to organize a klan unit for United Klans in the Alexandria, La. area. HUMPHRIES is about 40 years old and he usually wears sport clothes.

There is an officer in La. State Police, Troop E, at Alexandria, La., by the name of LEMONS, of whom ROYAL V. YOUNG frequently spoke. YOUNG spoke of LEMONS as an important klan leader in the Alexandria area.

WILEY ROACH, JR., who operates a nursery near W. Monroe, La., recently spoke of his participation in klan activities. WALKER D. GAY of Ruston, La., was supposed to meet with ROACH's klan group recently, but there was some misunderstanding and the meeting was not held. ROACH was very critical of certain klan leadership, and particularly of ROBERT FULLER, klan leader at Monroe, La. Details of ROACH's klan group are unknown.

There was a meeting of the Ruston klan group on the night of April 14, 1964. DAVID STINSON of Jonesboro, La., visited at this klan meeting. There were only 8 or 10 klansmen present at the meeting. R. D. BALL and his son, JACK BALL, were present and there was some discussion of some internal klan troubles within this klan unit because of the disapproval of WALKER D. GAY of the present klan leadership.

Also present at this meeting were J. E. HOLT and three or four other men who were guarding the meeting place. HOLT reportedly has some sort of honorary police commission or badge.

Made available was a small note book containing the names of various klan units and klan members under the Original Knights of Ku Klux Klan. It is not known who compiled the information in this book, but it was received at some klan meeting, probably in December, 1963, with the idea that the klan units and klan members listed in the notebook might be of some help in organizing klan units in the United Klans. Notations in the notebook indicate that klan units had been organized at the following places:

Waterproof	Wisner
Ferriday	Holly Ridge
Vidalia	Bastrop
Lake Providence	Oak Grove
Crowville	Tallulah
Winnsboro	Newellton
Monroe	Columbia
Olla	

Names listed in this notebook presumably are klansmen who could be of help to the United Klans. In most instances, no information is known regarding the persons whose names appear in this notebook, but the fact that their names are in the notebook, would indicate that they were klansmen whom it was believed could be of assistance in the organization of United Klans.

Names appearing in this notebook are set forth below with whatever information is indicated from the notebook:

ROBERT HARRIS, Waterproof, La.;

JIMMY FRANKLIN, Marion, La., home telephone CY 24016 and office telephone CY 25125;

MAX CROW, no address shown but believed to be Marion, La.;

L. V. TOWNSEND;

GENE MILLER, Wisner, La., telephone 4072;

MARVIN LONG, Farmerville, La., Long's Garage;

BOBBY TUCKER, telephone 7271, apparently Farmerville, La.;

R. S. WRIGHT (Ferriday), Clayton 2200; it is not known if this is WRIGHT's telephone number or what connection he might have to the name CLAYTON or the number 2200;

ROBERT HARRIS, General Gas (It is noted that a ROBERT HARRIS is listed above at Waterproof, La.);

J. C. COLLIER, Rt. 4, Rayville, La., telephone 728-3820, member of the Holly Ridge klan unit;

Deputy Sheriff LEO LYLES, also listed under this klan unit;

EDWARD L. MC DANIEL, Natchez, Miss., 5-8912, member of the Vidalia klan unit;

ED DUNGAN, Vidalia, La.;

JAMES ROWLIN (No further information);

JOE ENTRICKAN, Bastrop, La., 766 (apparently a telephone number;

GLENN CROSLY, Buatt's Drive-In, 455 (apparently the store phone number), 3799, apparently CROSLY's residence telephone number;

J. W. MADDOX, Lake Providence, La., c/o Sheriff "RED" GILBERT;

JERRY WALLEY, Lake Providence - 2188;

F. E. FORTENBERRY, Amico Service Station, Bus. 253, home 1198;

HOPE ROBERTS, Oak Grove - WA 65171. The additional notation by this name of 'Epps', and also 'Day Oak Grove GA-8-3201';

LLOYD SULLIVAN, Box 325, Forest, La. GA 8-2739;

AARON HERBERT, Rt. 1, Box 164B, Crowville, La. RA2-3545;

A notation also, "Works with DICKSON at Tallulah, see next page";

ARCHIE DICKSON, Tallulah, La., 1749, office - 897W3;

ROY STEVENS, Rt. 1, Box 61, Winnsboro, La. (forester);

MURRY MARTIN, Winnsboro, La.;

PAUL GRAVES, Newellton, Box 426, #3722 (apparently a telephone number);

RONALD P. TEST, 609 Sibley Rd., Minden, La.;

C. J. (PECK) FREEMAN, W. Monroe, La., FA 23455, notation this name is crossed out;

JACK DOUGLAS, W. Monroe, FA 38031;

BARRY (apparently should be BARNEY) TUCKER, Monroe, La., 373-1321;

EARL MORRIS, Monroe, La., 4209 Spurgeon;

BOBBY TUCKER, 7271 Farmerville, La.;

DELHI - Rt. 2, Box 173 - HERBERT MOORE, TR 8-2840;

2764;

Columbia, La. - TAYLOR HODGES, 2658;

Natchitoches, La. - CLARENCE E. NOEL, 512 Sibley, 3703,

Frank TV and Appliance;

E. LEMONS, Pineville, La. - 2-7240;

ORLAND SANDIFER, Jena, La. 2-4210;

DICK ELLIOTT, Olla, La., #5-6200;

ED KELLY, Winnfield, La., 3442;

CECIL JOHNSON (no other information);

B. F. PARKER, 454-0086.

There was also made available notes on the names of four persons believed to be in the klan unit at Farmerville, La. The original source of these notes is unknown, but it is believed that they may have been obtained from some unknown person at a klan meeting at Farmerville, La. The names from these notes are as follows:

MICKEY O'BRIEN, 9289, Rt. 2, Box 321 (presumably Farmerville, La.);

W. B. BEARDEN, 9314, Box 652;

DREX ALBRITTON - 2191, Box 131, Farmerville;

W. T. WHITE, Box 101.

In connection with the above four names, the following information is taken from the Farmerville telephone directory:

JACK MICKEY O'BRIEN, Sterlington Hwy., Farmerville, La.,

9289;

W. B. BEARDEN, 200 Jackson St., Farmerville, 9314;

DREXER ALBRITTON, telephone 2191, Farmerville;

W. T. WHITE, 7651 Farmerville.

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Comments of ROYAL YOUNG re staff meeting
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Vidalia, La. 1/11/64. Comments of YOUNG on
meeting to be held 1/12/64, at Baton Rouge
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The information in this informant report is taken
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1 - 157-1372 1 - 157-1408
1 - 157-E. S. GILBERT, 1 - 157- ALVIN SANSING
Brookhaven, Miss. ① - 157- EDWARD L. McDANIEL, Natchez, Miss.
1 - 157- DOUGLAS BYRD
1 - 157- BILLY JACK CASTON
1 - 157- HAROLD BECKNER
1 - 157- JOHNNY HAROLD SIMMONS
1 - 157- WINFRED R. LOWERY
1 - 157- CHARLIE STRINGER

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Royal V. Young made a few remarks on the Klan staff meeting held at his residence on a Saturday prior to January 11, 1964, and it appeared that the staff meeting to which he referred was probably held on Saturday, December 28, 1963. Young stated that at that staff meeting, there was a discussion of the current troubles regarding the split in the klan. Young stated also, that he had pointed out to the staff members that he expected the three branches of the klan to handle their respective functions: These three branches of the klan referred to were to be headed up by the Grand Dragon, the National or Grand Kleagle, and Chief of the Klan Bureau of Investigation.

Young stated that he had received a letter some time prior to January 11, 1964, and had also received a telephone call from Alvin Sansing of Mississippi, and that Sansing wanted Young to attend a meeting with Mississippi Klan leaders to be held on January 11, 1964. Young stated that Sansing had told him that Douglas Byrd was not speaking for all of the Mississippi Klans when he told Royal Young that Mississippi Klans did not want to stay with the Original

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Ku Klux Klan. Young stated that Sansing had told him that the Mississippi Klansmen did not want to follow the leadership of Douglas Byrd and Edward McDaniel. Young stated also, that Sansing had advised him that E. S. Gilbert, who had been associated with Byrd and McDaniel in connection with the split in the Klan, wanted to apologize to Young and the old original KKK and that Gilbert wanted to stay with the Klan headed by Young. Young did not make it clear who Alvin Sansing is and just what his connection with the Klan has been.

Royal Young and Charlie Pierson arrived in Vidalia, about 7:00 PM on January 11, 1964, for the Klan meeting to be held at the Shamrock Motel. The banquet room at the Shamrock had been reserved for this meeting and there were approximately 25 men present. Young introduced Pierson who was with him as his personal aid. Alvin Sansing was the spokesman for the Mississippi Klansmen at this meeting and the statement was made at the meeting that these men represented six different Klan units in Mississippi, and that they wanted to go forward with Royal Young to build the old Original Ku Klux Klan in Mississippi. The Mississippi group stated to Young that they wanted him to understand

that they were satisfied with his explanation of the financial situation in the Klan and it was pointed out to Young that the trouble that arose was largely because of statements made by J. D. Swenson and Houston Morris in recruiting new members and organizing new units. It was stated that Swenson and Morris had made statements that there were as high as 200 or 250 units in Louisiana and that each unit had about 100 men in it. From statements allegedly made by Swenson and Morris, Klansmen in Mississippi, had concluded that a great deal of money was going into the Klan and that this money was not being properly accounted for. At this meeting, Young admitted that there were only about 1500 men who were in the Klan in Louisiana and were paying dues. It was stated that klan units were required to pay into the National Treasury of the Klan, that is to Royal Young, \$.50 per month for each of the Klan members on the rolls of the various klan units. It was stated that the klan unit treasurer was responsible to see that this \$.50 per month was paid to the National Trearury. Young made the statement to this group that he had records as proof as to how much money he had received in the Klan Treasury and he had expense sheets showing what disposition was made of the funds sent in to him.

There was a discussion at this meeting at Vidalia of the part that Douglas Byrd had played in the split in the Klan and the Mississippi Klan leaders present requested and received permission from Royal Young to take any steps necessary to prevent Byrd from interfering with Klan activities and the Klan leadership in Mississippi. The impression was given by the Mississippi Klan leaders present at this meeting that they would definitely take any action necessary to deal with Byrd.

Following are the names of some of the Mississippi Klan leaders present at this meeting:

Billy Jack Caston, Box 293, Telephone number 657-2431, Liberty, Mississippi, Grand Dragon of Mississippi.

Harold Beckmer, Telephone number 876-2302, Tylertown, Mississippi, Chief, Klan Bureau of Investigation of Mississippi.

Johnnie Harold Simmons, Route 4, Telephone number 876-3348, Tylertown, Mississippi, Grand Giant of Mississippi.

Winfred R. Lowery (a Baptist Minister), Johnston, Mississippi, Telephone number 276-7477, Grand Chaplain of Mississippi; the impression was given that Lowery belongs to a Klan unit at Summit, Mississippi.

Charlie Stringer, 209 Westview Circle, McComb, Mississippi, Telephone number 684-4416, Grand Kleagle of Mississippi.

Al Sibley, 502 Pearl River Avenue, McComb, Mississippi.

E. L. Caston, who apparently is a Sheriff or has recently been a Sheriff in an area of Mississippi near Natchez. Young picked E. L. Caston to be his personal aid in Mississippi. Comments made indicated that E. L. Caston and Billy Jack Caston are cousins. E. L. Caston stated to Young that he, Caston, had talked with the Governor of Mississippi, and that he would get a special permit from the Governor of Mississippi for the Chief of the Klan Bureau of Investigation and for Young and that they could use these permits to travel all over the State of Mississippi in an official capacity for the State of Mississippi.

The statement was made that the personal aid to Royal Young would have the authority to go anywhere at any time on Klan business and that the personal aid would be answerable only to Royal Young. It was said that Charlie Pierson, who accompanied Young to the meeting at Vidalia, was Young's personal aid in the State of Louisiana.

Royal Young had stated that he was worried about Robert Fuller and about Fuller getting money improperly from

the Klan units in the Monroe area. Young indicated that he was suspicious that Fuller was using Klan money for his own personal use, and Young stated that he planned to have Henry Irvin Bayles check on Fuller. Young stated that he was to meet with leaders of the various Klan units in the Baton Rouge area at Baton Rouge on Sunday January 12, 1964. He stated that following his meeting with the leaders with the various Klan units at Baton Rouge, he was holding a staff meeting at Baton Rouge, at which meeting he expected J. D. Swenson, Henry Irvin Bayles, Houston Morris, and Robert Fuller to be present. He stated that he would probably talk with Bayles after that meeting and have Bayles conduct the investigation on Fuller. Young made the statement that he still had not selected the Grand Giant for the Klan in Louisiana.

There were attained copies of official notices over Royal V. Young's signature in which Young notified Klansmen that he had revoked the commissions of Murray Martin as Grand Giant, and Grady Wilder as Provincial Giant. The official notice on Martin and Wilder charged that they were guilty of slandering and threatening the heads or leaders of the Klan and also of committing treason

by insighting or recommending a revolt to the principles of the old original rules and regulations. The notice stated that Martin and Wilder would never again hold an official position with the Old Original KKK. This notice was dated December 28, 1963.

There also was obtained a copy of the notice to all klansmen over the signature of Royal V. Young in which Young revoked the commissions and expelled the following klansmen:

Douglas A. Byrd, Natchez, Mississippi.

Edward L. McDaniel, Natchez, Mississippi

E. S. Gilbert, Brookhaven, Mississippi

The charges set forth in the notice indicated that they were guilty of the same type activity with which Martin and Wilder were charged.

There was obtained also a copy of a letter dated December 12, 1963, addressed to Klansmen over the signature of Mrs. Clotilde M. Young in which Mrs. Young expressed her views regarding Murray Martin and Grady Wilder and their action in opposing Royal Young as leader of the Klan.

Inasmuch as BILLY JACK CASTON, HAROLD BECKMER and JOHNNIE HAROLD SIMMONS have been identified as leaders of OKKKK in Mississippi, it is recommended that 157 cases be opened on these persons so that complete background information can be obtained.