

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

DATE: 5/2/72

FOIA (b) 7 - (D)

SUBJECT: Elden Glen Hester
Em-Klan

In connection with the destruction of channelizing memoranda, the information contained on the serials listed below was incorporated in a ☐ report ☒ ~~channelized~~ memorandum dated _____. Where the serial is accompanied by the file and serial number of the original informant report, the information was not used because it was of no value to the report. The review for the communication checked above was made from _____ 36 through _____ 75.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-1617) (C)

DATE: 5/2/72

FROM : STENO PAULA J. BARRETT

SUBJECT: ELDEN GLEN HESTER
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The following is a correlation of information contained in the file concerning captioned subject:

Serial #54: On 7/27/67 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He was questioned as to whom might be the mechanic coordinating the collection and distribution of funds. He stated he could only guess that it would be ELDEN GLEN HESTER, however it could be the tall mechanic he has seen, but not yet identified, who has been seen talking with GLOVER at work.

Serial #58: On 7/17/67 [REDACTED] advised that he knows ELDEN HESTER as a fellow employee at Armstrong but does not know anything about him.

Serial #71: On 11/18/68 [REDACTED] advised subject is no longer active in any Klan or hate type organization.

Serial #75: On 4/11/70, 4/17/70 and 4/20/70 [REDACTED] advised that ELDEN GLEN HESTER was one of a group of individuals who met at the Temple Auto Parts, Vidalia, La., at the request of RALEIGH JACKSON GLOVER and proceeded to the Good Hope Hunting Club near the levee between Ferriday and Vidalia, La.

Serial #73: On 4/22/69 [REDACTED] advised that R. J. GLOVER said he gave the 25-gallon container, which container was built for dynamite and was made from steel pipes, that E. D. MORACE furnished him to ELDEN GLEN HESTER and that HESTER had explosives in it.

Serial #74: On 12/16/69 [REDACTED] advised that E. D. MORACE was observed to go to J. B. Temple Auto Parts at Vidalia, La., and ELTON HESTER of near Meadville, Miss., was at the

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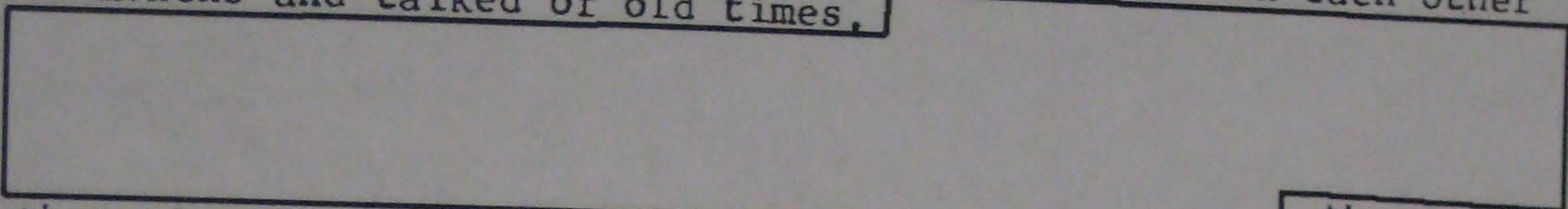
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business. MORACE and HESTER obviously had not seen each other in months and talked of old times.



that time J. B. TEMPLE, an ex-klansman but not an SDG member, walked up and the two men quit talking. About

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TO : SAC, Jackson (157-1617)

DATE: 1/7/69

FROM : SA James Charleta L. Malone

SUBJECT: Elden Glen Hester
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-7433)

DATE: 11-26-68

FROM : SAC, JACKSON (157-1617) (C)

SUBJECT: ELDEN GLEN HESTER
RM - KLAN
(OO: JACKSON)

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Subject continues to reside at Rt. 3, Meadville, Miss., and is employed by the Armstrong Rubber Co. in Natchez, Miss. He drives a 1966 GMC blue pickup, and a 1967 Ford blue over white bearing Franklin County, Miss. license.

A review of the file fails to disclose any recent Klan activity on the part of HESTER.

Former [redacted] has advised there is no Klan activity in Franklin County, Miss.

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On 11/25/68, [redacted] advised the Klan in Franklin County, Miss. is inactive, and not aware of any current activity on the part of HESTER.

Inasmuch as the subject no longer meets the criteria as set forth in Section 122A, Manual of Instruction, no further investigation is being conducted at this time.

In the event HESTER again becomes active in Klan or hate-type organizations, the case will be re-opened.

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TO : SAC JACKSON [REDACTED] (P)

DATE: 11/26/68

FROM : SA GEORGE P. GAMBLIN

☐ CI ☐ SI ☒ R (Prob)☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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Dates of Contact

11/21/68

Titles and File #s on which contacted

KKK Activities, Franklin County, Miss.

157-569

CLYDE SEALE; RM (KLAN)

157-951

JIMMY HOUSTON WHITE; RM (KLAN)

157-2177

JAMES HOWARD JACKSON; RM (KLAN)

157-7569

ELTON HESTER; RM (KLAN)

157-1617

UKA, Inc., Adams Co., Miss. (RM-KLAN)

157-1519

SILVER DOLLAR GROUP; RM (KLAN)

157-5206

IRLAN JOHN BUDISTILL; RM (KLAN)

157-6724

Purpose and results of contact

CHARLES DAVID SMITH; RM (KLAN)

157-6142

EARSEL BOYD; RM (KLAN)

157-7737

☐ NEGATIVE☒ POSITIVE☐ STATISTIC

157-569: On 11/21/68 source advised there has not been any Klan activity in Franklin County, Miss., for years and heard both units of the Klan in Franklin County are now defunct.

157-951: Source stated CLYDE SEALE is no longer active in the Klan in Franklin County, Miss., or elsewhere.

157-2177: Source advised JIMMY HOUSTON WHITE is completely inactive in any Klan or hate-type organization, and source is not aware of any active Klan unit in Adams or Franklin County, Miss.

<input type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating	Coverage
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1- [REDACTED]	1-157-1519
1-157-569	1-157-5206
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157-7569: Source stated JAMES HOWARD JACKSON is a former member of Unit 800, UKA, Inc., but no longer active in any Klan unit.

157-1619: Source stated he is not aware of any current Klan activity on the part of HESTER.

157-1519: Source stated Unit 800, UKA, Inc., Adams County, Miss., is now defunct and no activity or plans are contemplated in the future for this group.

157-5206: Source advised to his knowledge the Silver Dollar Group in Natchez, Miss., is inactive.

157-6724: Source stated IRLAN JOHN RUDISTILL is not active in any Klan or hate-type group.

157-6142: Source advised CHARLES DAVID SMITH, a former member of Unit 800, UKA, Inc., Adams County, Miss., is not active in any Klan group.

157-7737: Source advised EARSEL BOYD is identical with E.M. BOYD, Ferriday, Louisiana. He lives and works in Ferriday, La., and to his knowledge he is not active in any Klan or hate-type organization in the State of Mississippi.

OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO: SAC, JACKSON (157-63)

Date: 10/19/64

FROM: SA CLARENCE G. PROSPERE

FOIA(b)7 - (D)

SUBJECT: WHITE KNIGHT KU KLUX KLAN
OF MISSISSIPPI
RM

Informant: [REDACTED]

Date of report: 10/12/64

Dates of activity: 10/6-11/64

Date received: 10/12/64

Location of original
information: [REDACTED]

On 10/12/64 [REDACTED], who has furnished
reliable information in the past, furnished the following
to SA CLARENCE G. PROSPERE:

EXTREME CARE SHOULD BE USED IN DISSEMINATING
THIS INFORMATION SINCE IT MIGHT DISCLOSE THE INFORMANT'S
IDENTITY AND PLACE HIS LIFE IN JEOPARDY.

90 - Jackson (Informant report to each file)

- 1 - [REDACTED]
 - 2 - 157-471 (United Klans of America, Knights of KKK)
 - 1 - 157-54 (KKK, Hinds County, Miss.)
 - 1 - 157- (KKK, Franklin Co., Miss.)
 - 2 - 157-1251
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- 1 - 157-(LEE PARKER)
- 1 - 157-(Greenwood Province #2)
- 1 - 157-(HORACE McCARTY, LeFlore Co.)
- 1 - 157-(JOHN WINSTEAD)
- 1 - 157-(GORDON LACKEY)
- 1 - 157-(WESLEY KEARSEY)
- 1 - 157-(C.L. JOHNSON, Kilmichael, Miss.)
- 1 - 157-(MR. JONES, runs grocery store, Kilmichael, Miss.)
- 1 - 157-(GERALD WHITEHEAD)
- 1 - 157-(J.N. or J.M. (NOLAND or MOLAND) FORTENBERRY, Jackson)
- 1 - 157-(HOLMES (former Klan investigator), Jackson, Miss.)
- 1 - 157-(DR. BENNY HENNINGTON)
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- 1 - 157-(WALTER HALL, Roxie)
- 1 - 157-(WILLIE B. ORR, McComb, Miss.)
- 1 - 157-(FRANK PRIEST, Roxie, Miss.)
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- 1 - 157-(HARVEY M. PRATHER, Roxie)
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- 1 - 157-(TROY PRIEST, Roxie)
- 1 - 157-(M. S. PRATHER, Meadville)
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- 1 - 157-(DENNIS DAVIS, Smithdale)
- 1 - 157-(EVERETT JACKSON, Roxie)
- 1 - 157-(RANDOLPH TRAVIS, Brookhaven, Route 5, Box 173A)
- 1 - 157-(BUFORD ARNOLD, Roxie)
- 1 - 157-(J. SWAZYE, Natchez)
- 1 - 157-(JIMMY D. MITCHELL, Meadville)
- 1 - 157-(BOYD A. WILLIAMS, Smithdale)
- 1 - 157-(GEORGE LEWIS, McCall's Creek)
- 1 - 157-(NELSON DAVIS, McCall's Creek)
- 1 - 157-(BILLY W. SULLIVAN, Meadville)
- ① - 157-(ELDEN HESTER, Route 3, Meadville)
- 1 - 157-(M. H. ZIMMERMAN, Roxie)
- 1 - 157-(JOHN ZIMMERMAN, Roxie)
- 1 - 157-(W. H. DOUGLAS, Roxie)
- 1 - 157-(BEN FAIRCHILDS, Roxie)
- 1 - 157-(CURTIS DAVIS, Roxie)

R.F.D., Natchez, Miss.
10/12/64

Informant advised he had received no information regarding the theft of 80 sticks of Hercules Vibrogel #3, 60% dynamite from the Continental Oil Co., Monroe, La., on or about 9/23-29/64.

Informant advised that he had received no positive information as to the identity of the individual or individuals who might have shot SILAS MC GHEE of Greenwood, Miss., on 8/15/64. Informant stated that GORDON LACKEY of Greenwood, Miss., made the statement that LACKEY swore DE LA BECKWITH into the Klan in the trailer of LACKEY following the trial of BECKWITH in Jackson, Miss., where he was tried for the murder of MEDGAR EVERS. Informant advised he has received no information that BECKWITH was responsible for the shooting of SILAS MC GHEE. Informant stated he does not know BECKWITH well enough to talk to him to see if BECKWITH would furnish any information regarding this matter.

Informant advised that in connection with the shooting of SILAS MC GHEE, he would personally suspect GORDON LACKEY, JOHN WINSTEAD and WESLEY KEARSEY as these individuals appear to be most active in the Greenwood Klan. Informant pointed out that KEARSEY is employed by Stribling Brothers.

Informant advised that recently one night the Mississippi Highway Patrol was following TOMMY JONES who resides in the Cloverhill section, Natchez, Miss., and that a group of Adams County Klansmen, which included ERNEST PARKER, JACK SEALE, ERNEST FINLEY, ERNEST AVANTS and others were following the Highway Patrol unit which was following TOMMY JONES and that it was the plan of the Klansmen if TOMMY JONES was stopped by the Highway Patrol for the Klansmen to disarm the Highway Patrolmen and "beat the hell out of the patrolmen."

Informant advised that GRANT STEWART who operates the Crossroads Gulf Service Station at the corner of Highways 84 and 51 in Brookhaven, Miss., is presently attempting to get into the Klan. Informant advised that he is of the opinion that STEWART wants to get into the Klan to be an informant for PAUL B. JOHNSON, the governor of Mississippi.

Informant advised that the following individuals are members of the Franklin County Unit #2:

CLYDE SEALE, Bunkley Community, Meadville, Miss.

JAMES SEALE, Bunkley Community, Meadville, Miss.

DON SEALE, Meadville, Miss.

GENE SEALE, Meadville, Miss.

WALLACE HAVARD, Roxie, Miss.

WAYNE PARKER, Smithdale, Miss.

ROXIE DAVIS, Eddiceton, Miss.

ROBERT E. HUDSON, Natchez, Miss.

BILLY BUCKLES, Roxie, Miss.

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JOHN ZIMMERMAN, Roxie

W. H. DOUGLAS, Roxie

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On 10/6/64 informant advised that he was at Natchez, Miss., at which time he talked to ERNEST PARKER and his brother, LEE PARKER. Informant inquired of ERNEST PARKER if he had gotten any of his \$1,100 owed to him by the Klan and ERNEST PARKER advised that he had received no money from the Klan. The general discussion was then held about the FBI's questioning LEE PARKER in Louisiana and about the FBI's questioning JACK SEALE of Natchez, Miss. The discussion was also held about the State Police who are presently assigned to Natchez and a discussion was also had of literature which was distributed against the Chief of Police at Natchez. Informant advised that no significant information was developed as a result of this meet other than that which has previously been reported.

Informant advised that on Thursday, 10/8/64, ERNEST GILBERT, CLYDE SEALE, and BILLY BUCKLES drove to Greenwood, Miss., and attended a province meeting of Province #2, Greenwood. The meeting was held approximately 2 and ½ miles of Itta Bena, Miss., on Highway 7. To reach the meeting place one would proceed out of Itta Bena on Highway 7 and cross the first concrete bridge after which one would turn right on a field road which would have a power line on the left side of the field road. One would go to the end of the field road where there would be a small tin building with a large pile of gravel in front of the building. This place belongs to HORACE McCARTY.

At this meeting of the Greenwood Province #2 on 10/8/64, HORACE McCARTY was elected Province Giant replacing JOHN WINSTEAD. McCARTY is in the LeFlore Unit #2 and JOHN WINSTEAD is in the LeFlore Unit #1. GORDON LACKEY was elected Province Investigator to replace WESLY KEARSEY. Both of these individuals are in the LeFlore Unit #1.

At this meeting a delegate was present from Winona who was not Mr. SHOOK, however, the name of this

individual was not obtained. There were 2 delegates present from Kilmichael; namely, Mr. C. L. JOHNSON, Kilmichael phone 2481 and a Mr. JONES who runs a grocery store at Kilmichael. There were several more delegates present, however, their names were not obtained. Another meeting of this group will be called in the near future.

Informant advised that everyone at this meeting seemed to be very well satisfied and at this meeting ERNEST GILBERT spoke and asked everyone to forget about violence and harrassment and to concentrate on worthwhile members whom he described as people with influence. GILBERT stated that the battle would be won with ballots and not bullets. He stated the future program must be to get strong enough to elect county, district, and state politicians and also to have men on every jury, both petty and grand, and that it is also time to stop using propaganda. GILBERT suggested that everyone be very silent as far as using the Klan in the State of Mississippi.

On 10/9/64 ERNEST GILBERT was observed picking up CLYDE SEALE in Franklin County, Miss., and they were followed to a province meeting of Province #1 of Franklin County Unit #2. The meeting place is reached by turning north at the hospital in Meadville and staying on the blacktop until it ends. One turns left at the end of the blacktop and follows the main gravel road until one comes to a sign pointing to Meadville, Bude and Fayette. At this sign turn right and follow this road until one sees another sign pointing to Fayette. Follow the same road about 3 miles where there will be 2 wooden gates, one on each side of the road. There will also be a large oak tree on one's left. Turn left at this point through a cattle gap and go to an old house at the end of the road. To reach the house one has to go through a locked gate.

At this meeting CLYDE SEALE was elected Province Giant for Province #1 to replace GERALD WHITEHEAD of Crystal Springs. WHITEHEAD had asked to be relieved immediately and this was done.

J.M. (NOLAND or MOLAND) FORTENBERRY of Jackson, Miss., was elected Province Investigator to replace Mr. (FNU) HOLMES who was previously Province Investigator and who resides in Jackson, Miss.

DR. BENNY HENNINGTON was appointed Propaganda Chief.

Another meeting of this unit will be held the 28th of October at Brookhaven, Miss., to appoint a chaplain and district officer for the 2 provinces, including the office of bursar and judge.

The Wesson Unit of this province wants to disband. It was agreed that ERNEST GILBERT and GERALD WHITEHEAD will meet with the Wesson group on Thursday night, 10/15 to discuss this matter.

At the province #1 meeting of the Franklin County Unit #2, everyone was talking about the FBI and state police. Some appeared scared and some seemed mad. In the opinion of the informant, if everything was handled correctly at this time, more violence may well be avoided from the Klan. Informant advised that a move has been started by ERNEST GILBERT to stop throwing dynamite, burning churches and crosses and to discontinue the dissemination of literature. Informant stated there is much support from members as to these ideas but that they have not been accepted by everyone.

Informant advised that Mr. (FNU) HOLMES, formerly investigator at Jackson, Miss., made the comment at this meeting that a 1950 ½-ton Ford pickup truck had delivered two Thompson submachine guns and a case of ammunition to a Negro Masonic Temple on Lynch St. in Jackson. HOLMES also stated that 12 cases of rifles with 10 to a case and 13 cases of ammunition for them are somewhere in Jackson. HOLMES stated that these boxes of guns and ammunition will

be found. He also stated that rifles and ammunition have gone to McComb, Miss. HOLMES stated that these guns and ammunition were brought in by a white man and possibly on a Red Ball Express Truck.

HOLMES went on to say that the detectives in Jackson, Miss., want to take the guns but that he refused to let them. Informant pointed out that this makes no sense whatsoever, not even if the individuals involved are Klansmen.

On 10/10/64 informant advised that he went to a Klavern meeting with CLYDE SEALE at which CLYDE SEALE advised him that he, SEALE, had destroyed all records and that everyone was on a merit system to pay his dues and to come to meetings.

At this meeting, the 2 DAVIS brothers were sworn out.

A talk was given by ERNEST GILBERT, who again stated that the Klan will finally win with ballots and not bullets. It appeared that the talk by GILBERT was generally accepted and a large number in attendance were very much in favor of GILBERT's talk.

It was brought at this meeting that all dues would be held until a full accounting is given at the next state meeting as to how the money will be handled.

On 10/11/64 informant attended an officers meeting at Crystal Springs, Miss. BILLY BUCKLES and A. C. HERRINGTON were both absent from this meeting. A resolution was made to put out no more literature and an order will also be passed down to commit no more felonies. At this meeting ERNEST GILBERT attempted to have this order state there would be no more violence.

When the subject of the Vicksburg bombing came up, both SAM BOWERS and JOHN MCGREGOR smirked very noticeably and both BOWERS and MCGREGOR stated that no one would find out anything about this bombing.

Informant advised that at this meeting it was pointed out that the man picked up in Meridian, Miss., with explosives was highly criticized and it appears doubtful that this individual will get any help from the Klan.

It was also brought out at this meeting that money is being sent to a man in Philadelphia and this man was identified as the man with the bulldozer. It was brought out this man needed \$1,000 so that he would not lose his bulldozer. It was also brought out at the meeting that it appeared that Governor JOHNSON was bringing pressure on this individual in that he could obtain no jobs to do with his bulldozer. The meeting was then adjourned.

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-1617)

DATE:

FROM : SA Benjamin F. Graves

FOIA(b)7 - (D)

SUBJECT: Elton Hester
RACIAL MATTERS - KLANRACIAL INFORMANT INFORMATION DISSEMINATION SHEET

On 3-2-67, , furnished the following information regarding subject to SA Graves & Webb; the original detailed information is located in Jackson file

1. Subject attended meeting of Klavern on
2. Subject not known to be Klansman.
3. Subject unknown to informant.
4. Subject recruited as member on
5. Subject sworn into Klavern on (date)
6. Subject elected to office of
7. Subject is member of Klavern.
8. Subject resides at
9. Subject employed at
10. Other information or remarks:

11. See informant file for additional information.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC NEW ORLEANS [REDACTED]

DATE: 3/10/67

FROM : SA JOHN A. PFEIFER

☒ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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KLAN COMMUNICATIONS

157-2634

J. D. RICHARDSON, ET AL, dba

The Marville Lounge; ITAR - GAMBLING-Prost.

166-233

Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE

☒ POSITIVE

☐ STATISTIC

All information of possible Federal violations within Bureau jurisdiction, contained herein, were furnished on 3/10/67 to Inspector JOSEPH A. SULLIVAN, who is in charge of the WHARBOMB special in Natchez, Miss., and is coordinating follow-up violations of interest to the Bureau in the Concordia Parish-Adams County area. Information concerning illegal fish being sold by FRANK DE LAUGHTER was furnished to Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries office at Lake Concordia by telephone on 3/10/67 to DEWEY WILLS who advised he notify HERMAN GREENE, Investigator.

SINCE MUCH OF THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS REPORT WAS FURNISHED ONLY TO INFORMANT, ANY INFORMATION IF DISSEMINATED OR USED IN INVESTIGATIVE CONTACTS, SHOULD BE CAREFULLY PARAPHRASED TO AVOID DISCLOSURE OF INFORMANT.

☒ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

Rating

Excellent

Coverage Klan, gambling, prostitution, police corruption.

No change in personal status of informant.

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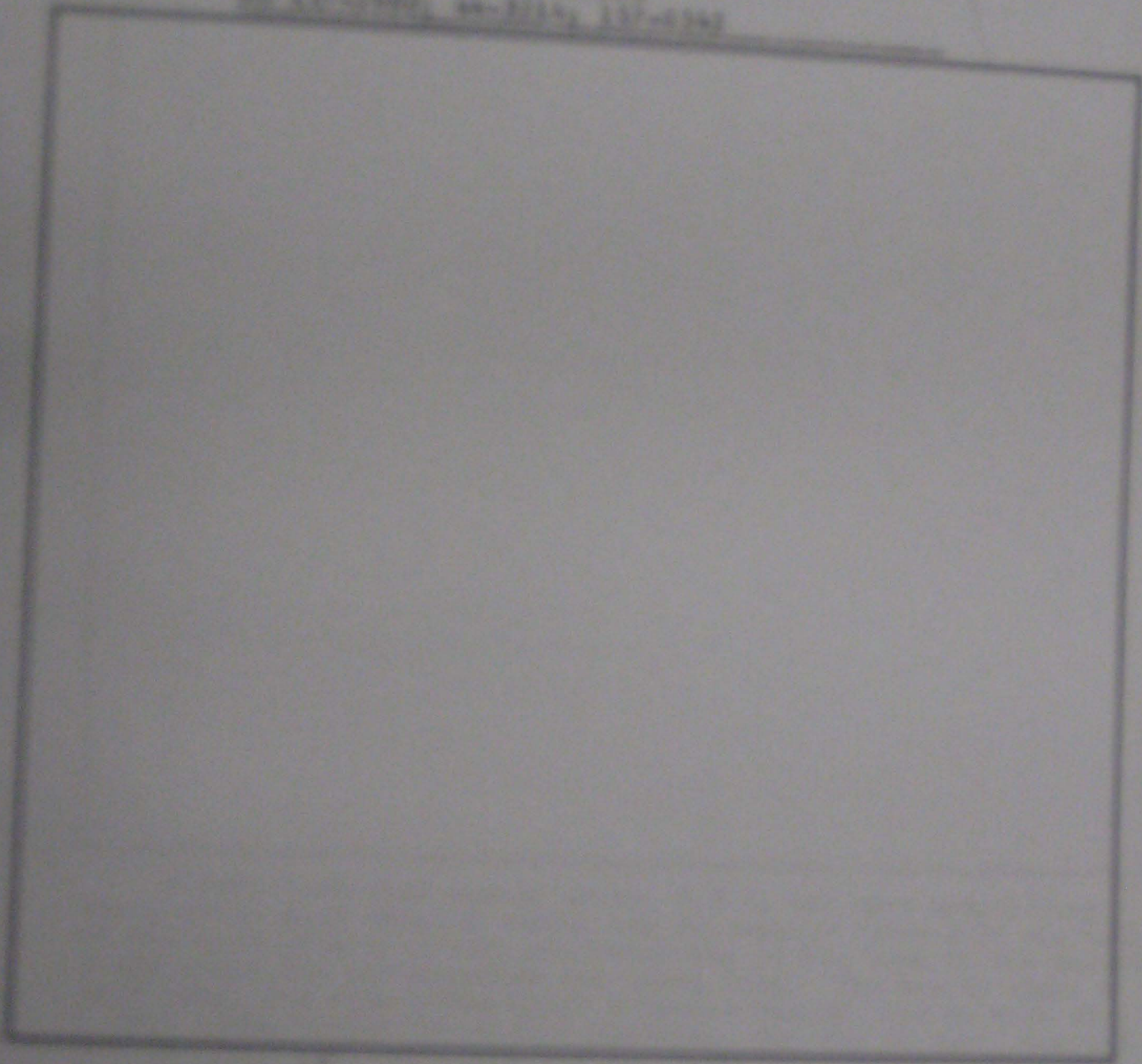
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LIST OF ITEMS OF WEAPONS AND EXPLOSIVES OF THE
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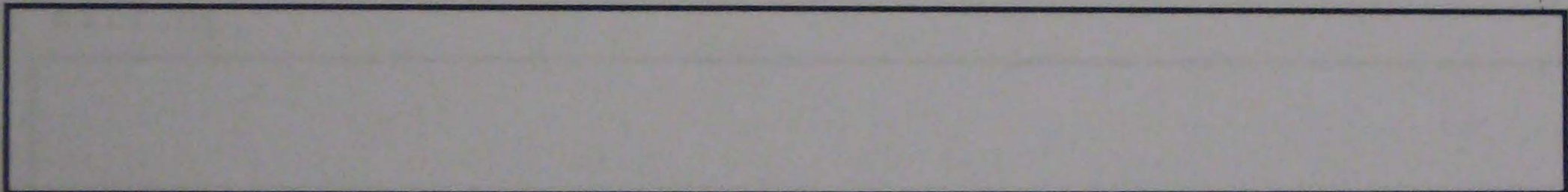


GLOVER said that Agents of the F.B.I. had been questioning him a great deal about a wooden box he usually carries in the back of his Ford pick-up truck, and which was in the back of the pick-up truck while the conversation was being held. The box is about 4 feet long, its ends being about 5 inches square, and is made of 1 inch lumber which looks like cypress. One end is open, and the box is lined with tar paper and the holes and cracks in the lumber are covered with patches of tar paper stapled to the box. GLOVER said the Agents had inspected and handled the box but had not seen

what was hidden in it, which he claimed was his sawed-off shotgun and his automatic carbine. He claimed during the conversation that these guns were still in the box, but MORACE did not see them.

GLOVER is known to carry one or both of these weapons with him at all times when he takes trips to see various klansmen, particularly at night. GLOVER explained he was going to use the box to bury these guns at an undisclosed place, but he usually will carry one or both of these guns in paper bags in the cab of his pick-up or on the floor of the pick-up. He also always carries a .38 calibre Smith and Wesson snub nosed revolver while on the above type of trips. He has a shoulder holster and a side holster for this pistol.

GLOVER stated the same Agents had been asking him about a great many klansmen and that he thought it would be a good idea to invite about 15 of these men to his home one night, then phone the Agents and ask them to visit him, and when the Agents arrived, confront them with the men they had asked him about.



In early 1966 or late 1965, a long, cylinder shaped bomb was thrown at a Negro house in Ferriday, Louisiana, but failed to explode. JAMES "SONNY" TAYLOR, member of the Silver Dollar Group, JAMES FREDERICK LEE, formerly of Wildsville, Louisiana, and now of Natchez, Mississippi, and a member of the Silver Dollar Group, were involved in this attempted bombing, and possibly GERALD FORD, another klansman, from Sicily Island, Louisiana. Another person believed involved in this attempted bombing was a man named FREEMAN, first name not known, who works the evening shift at Armstrong Tire Plant, Natchez, Miss., drives a red and white 1964 Pontiac, and who lives just outside the city limits in Ferriday. His house can be reached by driving toward Jonesville from Ferriday on the highway for about 1/2 mile, then taking the first gravel road to the right that joins up eventually with the Doty Road. His house is on the left of the gravel road as one drives toward the Doty Road and has a large amount of farm implements in the yard.

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About the same time, JAMES SCARBOROUGH had two large cans of gunpowder and stated he had purchased them from an undisclosed source in Monroe, Louisiana. This gunpowder was supposed to have been used for re-loads by another klansman, JOHN MC CLERKIN, who at that time had a re-loading machine.

[REDACTED] FREEMAN stated that the person willing to pay the money was a Mr. PARKER, a rich man from Natchez who had attended the UKA rally near the drive-in theatre. FREEMAN did not identify the intended victim except to state that he was "that damn lawyer in Natchez who represents all them niggers." FREEMAN gave no further details about the plans for the killing nor how much would be paid for the killing.

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FERRIDAY-CLAYTON UNIT, OKKKK
NO 157-2714

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GEORGE SEWELL, who is a policeman for the Ferriday Police Department and who had attended two or three meetings of the Ferriday-Clayton Unit, OKKKK a couple of years ago. TALEBERT said that F.B.I. Agents had visited WALTER WAYNE REED, another member of the Ferriday-Clayton Unit, OKKKK and next door neighbor of JAMES

SCARBOROUGH, another member of the Unit, a number of times and that SEWELL was friendly with the Agents. SEWELL also visits REED frequently, and for this reason, SCARBOROUGH and his friends think that SEWELL is "pumping" REED for the F.B.I.

KLAN COMMUNICATIONS
NO 157-2634

In early 1965, before SCOTTIE WRIGHT became Exalted Cyclops for the Ferriday-Clayton Unit, OKKKK, the Unit was concerned because the Negroes were beginning to hold meetings on the NAACP at a church just above Ferriday. JOE WHEAT, who was a member of the Unit, was employed then, and still is, as a technician for the Southern Bell Telephone Company in Ferriday. He and some of the other Unit members installed a "bug" in the Negro church. This was done by using the listening piece of a phone as the microphone, which was placed on a piece of foam rubber under the first step leading up to the pulpit. A hole was drilled through this step, and a wire run out from the listening device, through a window of the church, to an amplifier outside the church. A wire from the amplifier connected with a barn about half a mile away. The klansmen would gather in this barn each Sunday and listen to the Negroes, but since most of the talk concerned only a need for funds and vague plans, they soon tired of this. The klansmen then removed the "bug" from this church, re-installed it in other Negro churches, all with the same results. They removed the "bug" from the last church and discontinued operations of this sort.

In early April 1966, E. M. BOYD, who was Kleagle for the Ferriday Unit, UKA, at that time, was reported to have rented the room at the Patricia Motel next to the room being occupied at that time by two F.B.I. Agents conducting investigations in the Concordia Parish area. JOE WHEAT was not friendly with BOYD, nor known to be a member of the UKA, but a telephone company truck was seen regularly parked at the room BOYD rented at the Patricia Motel. There is another technician who looks like JOE WHEAT but is heavier and is employed by Southern Bell Telephone Company in Ferriday. He does not belong to the OKKKK.

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THE MARVILLE LOUNGE
ITAR - GAMBLING, PROSTITUTION
NO 166-233

FRANK DE LAUGHTER, member of the Ferriday Unit, UKA, and operator of The Chicken House in Clayton, Louisiana has a large quantity of illegal white perch he caught in the old river near Lake Concordia. He is to sell them to his customers at a free fish fry he is giving 3/10/67 at The Chicken House. Earlier in the week, customers at the Magnolia Motel, Ferriday, La., which is run by the sister of Sheriff NOAH CROSS, were heard to comment favorably concerning some white perch they had eaten the previous day at the Magnolia Motel.

In the late summer 1966, klansmen in Ferriday were discussing that the crosses burned earlier that year at the Marville Lounge were supposed to have been burned by a group of men from Brookhaven, Mississippi. These men were supposed to be friends of the husband of a blond girl who was working at the Marville Lounge as a prostitute. Their chief protest was supposed to be that she had one or two children by their friend, and had these children living with her at the Marville Lounge.

DAVE HANEY
RM (KLAN)
NO 157-7873

DAVE HANEY remains as officer of Province 5, UKA, and continues to drive a white over blue 1965 Chevrolet Sedan, and to live in one of the small shacks on Mississippi Avenue in Ferriday, Louisiana, across the street from E.D. MORACE. HANEY is a farmer, rents out similar shacks, which are located next to his shack, but he has no other employment.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date March 15, 1967

ELDEN GLEN HESTER, of Route 3, Meadville, Mississippi, was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents, in the conference room of the Armstrong Tire and Rubber Company, the nature of the investigation, and that any statement he might make could be used in a court of law. He stated he had no objection to interview and would cooperate in this investigation in any manner he could, with facts - not rumors.

HESTER stated he worked during the day shift at Armstrong, went home after 4:00 p.m. and remained with his family until he returned the following morning to work. He was at work when he heard of WHARLEST JACKSON'S death. This was the first occasion he had heard of JACKSON. He stated he had known who GEORGE METCALFE was since the explosion involving him, but had no suspects in either matter. He stated he rides back and forth to Meadville generally alone but on occasion has gotten a ride with JOHN BOLAN who lives in the country at Meadville.

HESTER stated he has never been invited to join any Klan type organization, has never belonged because he is a member of the Holiness Church which is against belonging to secret organizations, which he understands the Klan is. He stated he knows the SEALE family of Bunkley Community near Meadville but is not a close associate. He knows BUFORD ASHLEY of Meadville, very casually pointing out that he married a COWART girl. He thought possibly ASHLEY had accidentally run over a Mr. TYNES (phonetic) on the highway in the past but was not sure.

HESTER stated he had lived in the rural area of Winnsboro, Louisiana, for only a short time and did not recall having known a "SONNY" TAYLOR in the area.

He stated he had known EARL HODGES who had been murdered in Ediston, Mississippi, as EARL had been an excellent mechanic who had done who had done work for HESTER. He had no information pertaining to the latter case, nor did he have any information concerning the bombing of GEORGE METCALFE in 1965.

On 3/14/67 at Natchez, Mississippi

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date March 15, 1967

Mr. JOHN LONG, Assistant Personnel Manager of the Armstrong Tire and Rubber Company, advised that ELDEN GLENN HESTER, SSN 427-46-3222, born July 23, 1928, in Franklin County, Mississippi, was employed April 25, 1964, as a "scrap man" and presently is a Millwright A, qualified for top rate in this grade. His application reflects he is 6 feet, 170 pounds, brown hair, blue eyes, no military service, 12th grade education, married to EMMA JANE HESTER, a housewife and has four children, ages 16, 14, 13 and 6. Father was listed as OTIS G. HESTER and mother JULIAN M. of Route 3, Meadville. Past employments were listed as follows:

International Paper - December 1963 to April 1964;

American Bridge, Gonzales, Louisiana, September 1963 to December 1963;

Mississippi Steel, Jackson, Mississippi, June 1963 to September 1963;

Willhoitt Steel, Columbia, South Carolina, March 1963 to June 1963;

Penick Erection Company, Jackson, Mississippi, February 1963 to March 1963.

His friends were listed as working at Armstrong - BARNEY GRAVES and GEORGE MYERS, at the time he filed his application.

There was a notation in pencil that he claimed to have worked 12 years in iron work at Johns-Mansville, and that he would take any employment to get to move back to the Natchez area.

on 3/14/67 at Natchez, Mississippi

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC NEW ORLEANS [] (P) DATE: 4/5/67

FROM : SA JOHN D. BRADY

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SUBJECT: []

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CI advised that the person employed by the telephone company at Ferriday, Louisiana, who was probably involved in checking on FBI Agents at the Patricia Motel several months ago was O. C. HOUSE and not JOE WHEAT. Source stated that HOUSE is similar in appearance to WHEAT and is known to be secretly on the payroll of Sheriff NOAL CROSS of Concordia Parish, Louisiana. JOE WHEAT was a member of the Ferriday Unit of the OKKKK. HOUSE lives on the Doty Road in Ferriday, Louisiana.

Concerning packages taken across the river into Mississippi by the source, source related that he could not recall ever taking a package across into Mississippi other than the one he had previously mentioned, [REDACTED]

Source stated that in viewing a picture of a group of individuals in Natchez, Mississippi, on September 18, 1965, the person in the photograph with the straw hat and glasses was known to him as R. B. SHARP of Deer Park, Louisiana. Source stated that SHARP is an elderly, well-to-do farmer, who is not known to have any Klan affiliation.

Source further referred to this same photograph and indicated that the person standing in the center with a blue plaid sports shirt was known to him as an individual who formerly worked in Natchez, Mississippi, for the Aetna Finance Company and who is now employed at the Armstrong Tire Plant. Source stated that he does not know the name of this person but knows he is a member of the Silver Dollar Group and was one of the unknown persons at the fish fry at

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the home of JAMES LEE in Wildsville, Louisiana, in June of 1965.

Source further viewed four color photographs and stated that the three photographs of a light blue GMC pickup truck with a cattle rack on the bed and bearing Louisiana license 583-332, was the truck belonging to the junkman. Source stated that the junkman is known to him as ELTON HESTER from Meadville, Mississippi. Source stated that the photograph of the man walking toward this pickup truck appeared similar in height, weight, and appearance to HESTER; however, he could not make a positive identification from this particular photograph.

Source advised that it is his personal impression that the junkman acquired his name due to the fact he was a person in the Klan who possessed explosives. Source stated he has heard several persons refer to the junkman as also being the scrapman. [REDACTED]

Source also related that he has heard members of the Silver Dollar Group refer to the junkman, these being SONNY TAYLOR, JAMES LEE, RED GLOVER and BLUE HOLLOWAY.

Concerning the fishfry at the home of JAMES LEE in Wildsville, Louisiana, on June 26, 1965, source stated that JAMES and JACK SEALE were present at this fishfry. When source was questioned further about the fishfry and in reference to what ingredients were used to make black powder, source stated that SONNY TAYLOR and JAMES LEE left the fishfry at one point in the truck of TAYLOR and subsequently returned with a large stick of dynamite, two empty dummy hand grenades, and two rolls of fuse, one roll being dynamite fuse and the other was pink in color and similar in diameter to a cigarette. Source stated that the stick of dynamite was large, about two feet in length.

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Source stated that JACK SEALE touched a match to the dynamite fuse and it slowly burned out, this being a section of about one foot cut from the roll. Later SEALE tried to put a match to the pink colored fuse and immediately TAYLOR told him that if he lit this fuse "We'd all be blown up."

Source stated that an attempt to make black powder was had by cutting up the dynamite, mixing the ingredients with charcoal, sulphur and borax. Source stated that this mixture was then placed in the dummy grenades with a dynamite fuse stuck in the end. This fuse was lit and the mixture did not explode. The ingredients of the black powder and the fuse were taken from the fishfry by GLOVER and source has not seen these items since that time.

Source stated that RED GLOVER has a girl friend in Vidalia, Louisiana, who works with GLOVER at the Armstrong Tire Plant. This girl works as a panner at the plant and is known to be a widow. Source stated that the girl's name is unknown to him, however, [REDACTED]

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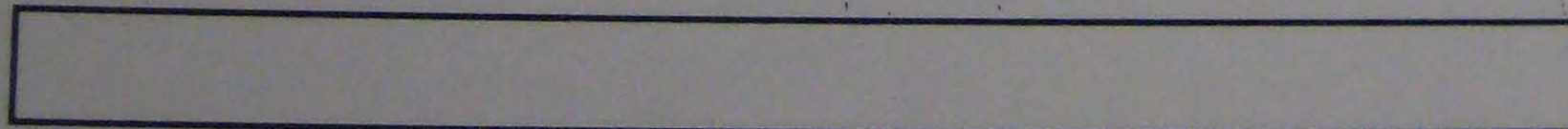
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Source also related that when JAMES SEALE and RED GLOVER were talking previously SEALE wanted GLOVER to make contact with LEEANDER PEREZ of Plaquemine Parish, Louisiana, concerning PEREZ making some bumper stickers captioned "Perez for Governor". GLOVER indicated that he would think about this but did not state he would definitely contact PEREZ.

Source advised that all the members of the Silver Dollar Group feel that RED GLOVER is the leader and inspirational force of this group. Even the Mississippi members have this same feeling, however, at one time JACK SEALE was thought to be the next in command under GLOVER. Source now has the impression that JAMES SEALE currently holds the next in command position. Source further stated that he had personally seen RED GLOVER give silver dollars to BUCK HORTON of Vidalia, Louisiana; E. D. MORACE of Ferriday, Louisiana; SONNY TAYLOR of Harrisonburg, Louisiana; and JAMES LEE of Wildsville, Louisiana.



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 4/12/67

Mr. KIRBY SHELL, Chief Deputy Sheriff of Franklin County, advised license records indicated that ELDEN GLEN HESTER of Route 3, Meadville, has not purchased a 1967 Mississippi license for his GMC pickup truck, nor for any other vehicle. SHELL indicated Sheriff WAYNE HUTTO is aware of this, but has requested no action on this matter. SHELL advised that he is aware that HESTER is a native of the area is about 37 years of age. He pointed out that DONALD HOLLAND of the Holland Feed Mill resides near HESTER and his parents, but he did not know the degree of association, if any, between the HESTERS and HOLLANDS.

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by SA BENJAMIN F. GRAVES
SA THOMPSON BERRY WEBB/raj Date dictated 4/11/67

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date April 17, 1967

JAMES EDWARD WATTS was contacted at his residence, which is 134 Lee Avenue, Vidalia, Louisiana. He was advised as to the identity of the Agents by SA BENJAMIN F. GRAVES. He was advised that he did not have to furnish any information and that any information he did furnish could be used against him in a court of law. He was advised that he could contact his attorney prior to furnishing any information. He advised that he would talk with the Agents without his attorney being present and thereafter furnished the following information:

He advised RALEIGH JACKSON GLOVER of 113 Lee Avenue, Vidalia, Louisiana, is his stepfather. He denied having any information that GLOVER is, or has been in the past, a member of any Klan group. He denied having any information about the Silver Dollar Group, or having ever heard of this group. He denied having ever seen GLOVER with any silver dollars.

WATTS stated he first learned about WHARLEST JACKSON's death when he arrived for work at the Armstrong Rubber Company, Natchez, Mississippi, about 11:00 PM on the night of February 27, 1967. Many of the employees at the plant were discussing the explosion, which had occurred earlier that night. He could not recall any particular individuals who were discussing the explosion. The talk was general in that there had been an explosion and that a Negro had been killed.

WATTS stated he stopped at GLOVER's residence about 9:00 AM on the morning of February 27, 1967, and while there GLOVER asked him to help him bleed the brakes on a 1956 GMC pickup truck. WATTS got into the truck, depressed the brakes, and when he learned there was no

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resistance in the brake pedal, he assumed the master cylinder was "gone." He related his opinion to GLOVER and GLOVER commented he, GLOVER, was ill and he would not work on the brakes at that time. He stated GLOVER did have a head cold on that date.

WATTS stated after this he visited with his mother a few minutes and then went to his home.

He stated he does not know anything about GLOVER's whereabouts on the night of February 27, 1967, but he assumes GLOVER was home asleep because he had to report for work at the Armstrong Rubber Company for his 12 midnight to 8:00 AM shift.

WATTS stated GLOVER purchased the above-mentioned blue truck about nine months ago from one of his friends in Kentwood, Louisiana. WATTS does not know the identity of this individual, however, he did recall that GLOVER paid \$165.00 for the vehicle.

He stated that in January, 1967, he helped GLOVER put new wiring in this truck. The new wiring went to the coil, generator, distributor, and the starter or ignition. This vehicle had stopped on GLOVER one day as he was en route to Ferriday, Louisiana, and GLOVER discovered the problem as being poor wiring, so they added the new wire as indicated above.

He stated GLOVER painted the truck inside and outside with a spray can about four months ago. This is the reason the paint job is of poor quality.

GLOVER sold this truck to an unknown individual in the Vidalia area a few weeks ago.

WATTS could not recall having ever done any other work in connection with the wiring system on this vehicle and to his knowledge, GLOVER had not done any other wiring work on this vehicle.

He stated that about 10½ years ago GLOVER quit his job at Armstrong Rubber Company and operated a dairy which was located on the Gilsberg Road near Magnolia, Mississippi. This life did not work out and he returned to the Armstrong firm.

At the present time his mother and GLOVER are buying about ten acres of land in Kentwood, Louisiana, and they plan to move there when GLOVER retires. His mother's relatives live in the Kentwood area and his mother would like to return to that area.

WATTS advised he knows JAMES FREDERICK LEE as the Shop Steward at the Armstrong Rubber Company. He helped LEE move from Wildsville, Louisiana, to Selma, Mississippi, a few months ago.

He stated he knew nothing about a fish fry which supposedly occurred at LEE's Wildsville residence in the Summer of 1965.

He knows ELDEN GLEN HESTER of Meadville, Mississippi, as an individual who works at the Armstrong firm in the capacity of a scrapman. During the Summer of 1966, he saw HESTER at GLOVER's residence on one or two occasions. He thought HESTER had been driving an old cream or beige Buick when he visited at GLOVER's residence.

WATTS denied having any information regarding the murder of WHARLEST JACKSON.

He stated he would be willing to talk with the Agents at any time.

He denied that he is, or has ever been, a member of any Klan-type group; however, he stated a couple of years ago he inquired at the office of the United Klans of America, Inc., in Natchez about joining that organization and he was advised he would have to join the organization in Louisiana. He stated he did not make any further efforts to join this organization.

The following description was obtained by observation and interrogation:

Name:	JAMES EDWARD WATTS	
Alias:	Pete Watts	
Race:	White	
Sex:	Male	
Age:	23	
Date of Birth:		
Place of Birth:		
Height:	5 feet 9 inches	
Weight:	170 pounds	
Hair:	Brown	
Residence Phone No.:	335-5004	
Residence:	134 Lee Avenue, Vidalia, Louisiana (2 years)	FOIA(b)6
Former Residence:	109 Lee Avenue, Vidalia, Louisiana	
Education:	Graduated Vidalia High School, Vidalia, Louisiana, in 1963; attended 9th and 10th grades at Washington, Mississippi; attended 11th grade at the Natchez, Mississippi High School.	
Employment:	Machine No. 20, Department 23, Armstrong Rubber Co., Natchez, Mississippi, as a tire builder. (since May, 1963).	

Marital Status: Married
Immediate Relatives:
Wife: BARBARA ANN TAYLOR (Married
by a Justice of the Peace
in Washington, Mississippi,
on October 21, 1962). Wife
graduated from Washington,
Mississippi, High School.

Mother: Mrs. RALEIGH JACKSON GLOVER,
113 Lee Avenue, Vidalia,
Louisiana.

Father: JAMES ETHAN WATTS (deceased) -
Killed in Korean War.

Stepfather: RALEIGH JACKSON GLOVER,
113 Lee Avenue, Vidalia,
Louisiana.

Children: Son - JAMES RUSSELL (age 4)
Daughter - six months of age.

Military Service: None
Draft Status: 3-A, Local Draft Board No. 1,
Natchez, Mississippi

Social Security No.: FOIA(b)6

Arrests: Denies any
Weapons: Ruger Carbine, .44 Magnum,
(Serial No. 59976);
.12 gauge Browning Automatic;
.22 Marlin Automatic.

Automobile: White 1966 Pontiac bearing
1966 Louisiana license
46E593.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/20/67

BERNICE BEASLEY, Mississippi Highway Safety Patrolman, advised he recently stopped a GMC pickup truck bearing a Louisiana license plate driven by ELDEN HESTER of rural Franklin County, Mississippi.

BEASLEY advised that he knew HESTER to be a resident of Rural Franklin County for approximately six to eight months and stopped him and instructed him to purchase a Mississippi license plate the following date.

He advised that HESTER had a Mississippi driver's license, number 636087, which expires June 30, 1968.

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Date 4/20/67

MALCOLM M. JONES, Route 3, Box 195, Meadville, Mississippi, located at his rural residence, voluntarily furnished the following information:

JONES advised that he has known both DONALD HOLLAND and ELDEN HESTER all their lives. He stated that they were approximately the same age, went to the same high school together and were very close friends to his knowledge until they completed high school. He stated that he does not know the degree of their association since they finished high school. He stated that DONALD HOLLAND has three brothers, MONROE, CHARLIE and JOE who, to his knowledge, reside in the immediate vicinity of the residence of DONALD HOLLAND. He stated that DONALD HOLLAND is a member of his "Holiness Church," but attends very infrequently. He stated ELDEN HESTER, to his knowledge, does not attend any church in that area.

JONES stated he could furnish no information regarding any klan activity on the part of either ELDEN HESTER or DONALD HOLLAND. He stated that he did not know if there was now or had been an active klan unit in his (the Berryville) community. He stated he had no knowledge of any trouble either HESTER or HOLLAND has been in in Franklin County, Mississippi.

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JAMES D. DANIELS, Director of the Head Start Program of Mississippi For Action in Progress (MAP) for Franklin and Claiborne Counties, was contacted on Highway 84 a few miles east of Meadville, Mississippi. DANIELS was asked if he knew ELDEN GLEN HESTER and DONALD HOLLAND in view of the fact he resides in their immediate area. DANIELS stated he has known these individuals for the past 20 years and furnished the following information regarding them:

ELDEN GLEN HESTER and his family which consists of his wife, three sons and one daughter, reside across the street from HESTER's father, OTIS HESTER, whose residences are located on Route 3, Meadville, Mississippi, in the Berryville Community. DANIELS stated HESTER married a girl from Amite County, Mississippi, but he could not recall her maiden name at that time. He stated that HESTER has no sisters and the only brother he had died a number of years ago after losing a leg in some type accident.

He stated he had no information regarding any klan affiliation on the part of HESTER. He stated HESTER did not practice any particular religion that he knew of.

He stated HESTER and DONALD HOLLAND grew up in the same area and had, as youngsters, played together quite frequently. He stated he did not know there was any particularly close association at the present time; however, they only lived a short distance from each other at the present time.

He advised that DONALD HOLLAND married a woman from Rural Amite County whose name he cannot now recall. He advised that HOLLAND has three brothers, MONROE and CHARLES currently residing in the immediate vicinity of his (DANIEL's and HOLLAND's) residence and a brother, JOE, whose current residence is unknown to him.

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He stated that HOLLAND was a carpenter by trade and worked throughout the Mississippi-Louisiana area until approximately four years ago when he and his brother, JOE, purchased "The Feedmill" in Meadville, Mississippi. He advised JOE HOLLAND sold out to DONALD HOLLAND after approximately one year.

He stated he had no knowledge of any klan activity or association on the part of DONALD HOLLAND. He stated HOLLAND formerly, regularly attended the Holiness Church in the Berryville Community; however, during the past two or three years it is his understanding that he no longer regularly attends.

DANIELS stated that he knows BUFORD WILLIE ASHLEY who resides in Rural Meadville. He did not know any close association between ASHLEY and ELDEN GLEN HESTER and DONALD HOLLAND. He did not know any klan affiliation which ASHLEY might have.

He stated that on Saturday, April 15, 1967, he was in the City Cafe in Meadville and while there BUFORD ASHLEY asked him if he were still teaching the "pickaninnies." DANIELS stated he told ASHLEY he was not actually teaching the Negro children, but he was in charge of the local Head Start School. He stated that ASHLEY is employed at International Paper Company in Natchez and he and other men commute to this plant in some type small bus. He stated ASHLEY did not, to his knowledge, drive his own vehicle to and from his place of employment.

DANIELS stated that on Sunday, April 16, 1967, at 11:45 p.m., his telephone rang and when he picked up the receiver there was no one on the other end of the line. He stated he did not know if ASHLEY had made the call to his residence after their conversation on April 15, 1967. He stated he is aware that ASHLEY gets off from work at International Paper Company at 11:00 p.m., and and he would arrive in Meadville about the time he received the telephone call. DANIELS pointed out that he had no knowledge as to who might have telephoned his home at that particular time.

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Date May 9, 1967

Mrs. RALEIGH J. (LAVONIA) GLOVER, contacted at her rural residence, Route 3, Kentwood, Louisiana, was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents by SA REESIE L. TIMMONS who also advised her that she did not have to furnish any information, that any information she did furnish could be used in a court of law and that she could contact an attorney or anyone else at any time.

Mrs. GLOVER advised that she did not desire to talk with the FBI about anything. She stated that she had furnished the interviewing Agents at Vidalia, Louisiana, some two or three months ago all she knew about the activities of her husband on February 27, 1967.

She advised that if the FBI did not have a warrant for her arrest, she had nothing more to say.

Mrs. GLOVER advised that she was aware that the FBI had searched the residence of her son, "PETE" WATTS, in Vidalia, Louisiana. She stated that she has never seen the painting that the FBI mentioned in connection with the search of her son's residence and is certain that it was never there.

She advised she is also certain that there has never been explosives of any type at the residence of her son.

She advised she has never seen any explosives of any type in the possession of her husband. She advised that there have never been any guns in her residence at Vidalia or Kentwood, Louisiana. She advised that to her knowledge the only gun in their house is a .38 caliber pistol that she keeps for protection as her husband works the "graveyard shift" and is now staying in Vidalia, Louisiana, through the week, returning home on Saturday morning and remaining until late Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. GLOVER advised that she has no reason to believe that her husband has ever been associated with any

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Klan type organization, the Silver Dollar Group, or any other organization. She advised that she has never seen him in possession of a silver dollar or a bag of silver dollars.

Mrs. GLOVER advised that RALEIGH J. GLOVER's 83 year old mother has resided with them for the past 12 to 13 years. She advised that during the past 2 or three weeks she stayed with a "grand niece" until they got settled in their new residence and she has now moved in with them. She advised that she and her husband's mother are alone at the residence from Sunday night through Saturday morning.

Mrs. GLOVER advised that she was born and raised in the Kentwood, Louisiana area. She stated that her mother's maiden name was BLADES, she married a BURT from the Brookhaven, Mississippi area, and divorced him when she, Mrs. GLOVER, was an infant.

She stated she moved to the Natchez, Mississippi area when she was a teenager, met her first husband and RALEIGH JACKSON GLOVER at the same time when both of them were in a "C.C.C. Camp" in Southwest Mississippi. She stated her first husband was killed in World War II and thereafter she married RALEIGH JACKSON GLOVER.

Mrs. GLOVER viewed photographs of the following individuals and made the following comments concerning each:

- (1) ERNEST B. PARKER - Unknown
- (2) E. D. MORACE - a close friend of her husband. She has known him four or five years, and his family often visited the GLOVER residence in Vidalia, Louisiana.
- (3) JAMES SEALE - Unknown
- (4) JAMES LEE SCARBOROUGH - Her husband has known him some three to five years; he is a welder by occupation. Her husband tried to get him to do some work for him in the past. He has visited the GLOVER residence in Vidalia several times.

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- (5) JAMES F. LEE - She has known him for three to five years; he works at Armstrong Rubber Company, and is a friend of her husband. She did not go to a fish fry at his residence in 1965. She stated she has never accompanied her husband or anyone else to a fish fry.
- (6) WOODROW HOLLOWAY - Unknown
- (7) ERNEST AVANTS - Unknown
- (8) T. L. TORGERSEN - She has known him three to five years, met him and his wife with TOMMIE LEE JONES and his wife at the Moose Lodge in Natchez, Mississippi. He has visited the GLOVER residence in Vidalia on occasions.
- (9) MYRON WAYNE SEALE - Unknown
- (10) JOE DANIEL HAWKINS - Unknown
- (11) "BUCK" HORTON - a good friend of her and her husband. His family visited at the GLOVER residence in Vidalia frequently. His wife worked with her at the Ben Franklin Store in Natchez, Mississippi.
- (12) TOMMIE LEE JONES - a good friend of her husband. She met him and his family at the Moose Hall in Natchez, Mississippi. He has visited the GLOVER residence in Vidalia, Louisiana, on occasions.
- (13) L. C. MURRAY - Unknown
- (14) JAMES E. BLANEY - Unknown
- (15) O. C. POISSOT - Unknown
- (16) ELDEN GLEN HESTER - a good friend of her husband who did live near Baskin, Louisiana. He and his family have visited the GLOVER residence in Vidalia, and the GLOVERS have visited at his residence near Baskin, Louisiana, on several occasions.

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- (17) WALTER GENE HALL - Unknown
- (18) DONALD HOLLAND - Unknown
- (19) JAMES H. TAYLOR, JR. - She advised he lives "way out in Louisiana," and is a good friend of her husband. She has known him some four to five years. Her husband hired him to help them move to the Kentwood, Louisiana area as he had a commercial driver's license and could drive the "U-Haul It Truck."
- (20) KENNETH NORMAN HEAD - a friend of the GLOVER family whom she has known some six to seven years. They have visited "back and forth" many times in the past.
- (21) RAYMOND SCOTT WRIGHT - Unknown
- (22) JEWEL LEE BURT - her uncle who resides near Fayette, Mississippi. She and her husband are not close to JEWEL LEE BURT and his family.
- (23) W. G. WILSON - Unknown
- (24) E. L. McDANIEL - Unknown
- (25) JOE LEE HARDY - Unknown

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Mrs. RUBY LEE advised that she and OTIS HESTER, the father of ELDEN GLEN HESTER, are first cousins. She stated that OTIS HESTER had two sons and one daughter. She stated one son, HAROLD HESTER, was drown about 12 years ago when he fell off of a showboat in Vicksburg, Mississippi. HAROLD's widow, BERTIE MAE, married an E. HALFORD. The HALFORDs reside between Bude and Eddiceton, Mississippi.

Mrs. LEE stated she knows ELDEN GLEN HESTER and is aware of the fact that he formerly lived across the street from his father in a small community south of Eddiceton. She stated she thought he had moved to Louisiana about a year ago and she was not certain if he had returned to Franklin County. She stated he has three or four children and she could not recall the givenname of ELDEN GLEN HESTER's wife.

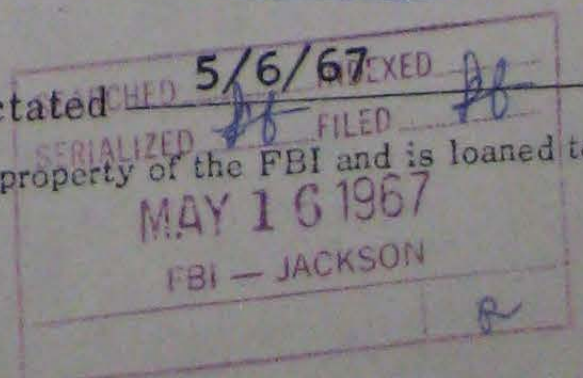
Mrs. LEE stated she had never heard that ELDEN GLEN HESTER was in any way connected with any klan group.

She stated that OTIS HESTER is a habitual liar and one could not believe any statements that he might make.

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DOUGLAS H. LEONARD, Route 3, Meadville Mississippi, advised he talked with ELDEN GLEN HESTER in Meadville on April 28, 1967, and HESTER told him about being interviewed on a couple of occasions by Agents of the FBI. He stated HESTER told him the interviews were concerning the death of a Negro in Natchez, Mississippi, on February 27, 1967. He stated that HESTER told him that he did not know WHARLEST JACKSON even though he and JACKSON both worked for the Armstrong Tire and Rubber Company in Natchez.

LEONARD stated he has known HESTER for many years and feels confident if HESTER had any information regarding the death of WHARLEST JACKSON that HESTER would tell him about it.

He stated that he will have HESTER perform some work on his farm in the near future and he will at that time engage HESTER in conversation about this crime and attempt to determine if he has any knowledge regarding the crime.

LEONARD advised that he is a candidate for State Representative of Position Number 2 which is made up of Amite, Franklin and Wilkinson Counties and he would like any information which he furnished to the FBI to be kept confidential.

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	SAs WILLIAM E. DENT, JR., and JOSEPH G. PEGGS 4/11/67 and 4/4/67	
JN T-3 is	SAs JOHN A. PFEIFFER and JOHN D. BRADY 3/9/67	
JN T-4 is	SAs THOMPSON BERRY WEBB and BENJAMIN F. GRAVES 3/17/67	
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JN T-5 is	SAs THOMPSON BERRY WEBB and BENJAMIN F. GRAVES 3/28/67	
JN T-7 is	SAs JOHN D. BRADY and JOHN A. PFEIFFER 3/20/67; 3/29/67 and SAs WILLIAM E. DENT, JR. and JOSEPH G. PEGGS 5/3/67	
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RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

Synopsis:

ELDEN GLEN HESTER, born 7/23/28, in Franklin County, Miss., employee of Armstrong Tire and Rubber Company, Natchez, Miss., in 1964 reportedly was a member of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. HESTER reported to be member of the Silver Dollar Group, a hard-core action group made up of present and former members of the WKKKKOM, United Klans of America, etc., upon invitation of RALEIGH JACKSON GLOVER. HESTER reported by sources to be close associate of GLOVER and to have stored explosives for GLOVER, et al. HESTER claims has no knowledge of WHARLEST JACKSON's death via bombing at the Armstrong Tire and Rubber Company area; maintains he is not a member of klan-type organization and refused to be further interviewed.

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DETAILS:

Characterizations of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi (WKKKKOM), Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (OKKKK) and the United Klans of America, Inc., (UKA) are contained in the appendix section of this report.

I. BACKGROUND

(A) Residence

EIDEN GLEN HESTER resides on Route 3, Meadville, Mississippi. This residence is located by traveling south on Highway 98 from the intersection of Highway 28 to the first paved road south of the Homochitto River. One would proceed about four and one-half miles in an easterly direction, or to the third house on the right-hand side of the road. HESTER, his wife and four children reside in this residence, with his father and mother residing directly across the road from him.

(B) Employment

Employment records of the Armstrong Tire and Rubber Company, Natchez, Mississippi, reflect HESTER is presently a Millwright A having been rehired as a "scrapman" on April 25, 1964.

(C) Vehicles

HESTER, from observation and from records of the Sheriff's Office of Franklin County, Meadville, Mississippi, drives a 1966 blue GMC pickup truck, VIN 1001PD19224A. 1967 Mississippi license F/6 32562.

(D) Weapons

HESTER did not identify weapons he may possess upon interview.

(E) Explosives Training

HESTER has not indicated to interviewing Agents he has had any explosives training.

(F) Military Service

None.

(G) Credit and Criminal

There is no credit reporting agency in Franklin County, Mississippi, and no record has been located for him at the Credit Bureau of Natchez. Likewise, no arrest record identifiable with him has been located.

(H) Physical Description

Name	ELDEN GLEN HESTER
Aliases	"Scrapman;" "Junkman"
Race	White
Sex	Male
Born	July 23, 1928, Franklin County, Mississippi
Residence	Meadville, Mississippi, RFD #3
Height	6'
Weight	170
Build	Medium
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Medium
Arrest record	Denies any
Identification record	On April 1, 1967, FBI Identification Division reported on basis of information furnished, no criminal file was located.
Military service	None
Photograph	Taken April, 1967
Marital status	Married, Wife, EMMA JANE HESTER Children, ages 16, 14, 13, and 6
Father	OTIS G. HESTER
Mother	JULIAN M. HESTER, both reside Route 3, Meadville, Mississippi

Employment

Millwright A, Armstrong
Tire and Rubber Company,
Natchez, Mississippi, from
April 25, 1964 to present;
also farms own land and
leased land from JAMES
WENTWORTH, Hominy Ridge
Community, RFD, Meadville
Farming, 1966, Baskin, Louisiana;
Johns-Manville, 12 years as
ironworker, dates not
furnished; International
Paper Company, December,
1963, to April, 1964;
American Bridge, Gonzales,
Louisiana, September, 1963,
to December, 1963;
Mississippi Steel, Jackson,
Mississippi, June, 1963, to
September, 1963; Willhoitt
Steel, Columbia, South
Carolina, March 1963, to
June, 1963; Pennick Erection
Company, Jackson, February,
1963, to March, 1963

Former employments

Vehicles

1966 blue GMC pickup truck
with aluminum colored
cattle guards, VIN 1001PD-
19224A; 1967 Mississippi
license F/6 32562

Telephone number
Social Security No.
Education

384-2603
427-46-3222
12th grade

II. AFFILIATION WITH KLAN OR HATE-TYPE ORGANIZATIONS

JN T-1 advised that in 1964 ELDEN HESTER of Route 3, Meadville, Mississippi, was a member of Franklin County Unit #2 of the WKKKKOM.

JN T-2 advised that ELDEN GLEN HESTER, also known as "The Junkman," who formerly lived near Winnsboro, Louisiana, in 1966, an employee of the Armstrong Rubber Company, Natchez, Mississippi, who presently resides on a farm out of Bude, Mississippi, is a member of the Silver Dollar Group.

JN T-2 in April, 1967, identified the truck and furnished the name of JUNKMAN as ELDEN HESTER of Meadville, Mississippi. He reported that HESTER is also nicknamed SCRAPMAN. This source further advised that HORACE "SONNY" TAYLOR, JAMES LEE, RED GLOVER and BLUE HOLLOWAY, whom he has known in the past to be members of the Silver Dollar Group, refer to HESTER as "JUNKMAN."

JN T-3 has reported that ELTON HESTER in 1966 who lives outside of Meadville, Mississippi, first belonged to the WKKKKOM then the UKA at Meadville. This source was of the opinion that HESTER has the reputation of being easily led.

JN T-4 advised on March 17, 1967, that he could not recall ELDEN GLEN HESTER.

JN T-5 advised on March 22, 1967, that HESTER was unknown to source.

JN T-6 advised on March 28, 1967, that the name of ELDEN GLEN HESTER is not familiar to him.

JN T-7 advised that The Scrapman, in his forties, 5'11", brown hair, lean build, who did live on a farm between Archibald and Baskin, Louisiana, according to R. J. "RED" GLOVER, is a member of the Silver Dollar Group. He became a member of this group according to GLOVER when he returned to his employment at the Armstrong Tire and Rubber Company, after leaving the farm in Louisiana. SCRAPMAN had worked on the same shift as GLOVER and they used to travel together during off duty hours. SCRAPMAN now lives in Mississippi.

JN T-8 on May 5, 1967, advised that ELDEN GLEN HESTER is a very close associate of RALEIGH JACKSON GLOVER, but that he does not know of any klan activity on the part of HESTER. This source advised that HESTER and GLOVER have worked together at Armstrong Tire and Rubber Company for many years.

On April 4, 1967, JN T-2 and on May 3, 1967, JN T-7 described the "Silver Dollar Group" as a hard-core action group made up of present and former members of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, United Klans of America, Inc., and the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan from Louisiana and Mississippi. No formal organizational format has been adopted by the group. Membership is attained by invitation and upon receipt of a silver one dollar coin from the group organizer, RALEIGH JACKSON GLOVER.

III. ACQUISITION OF WEAPONS AND EXPLOSIVES

JN T-2 advised that it had come to his attention in that ELDEN GLEN HESTER had a portable closet sitting in his living room. In the bottom of this closet there was a drawer which contained a large number of cans, some red and others were white. The cans were threaded and appeared to be capable of being screwed together to form a long pipe. The pipes or cans had been marked with "powder" and a word which appeared to be "Nytromone" (phonetic). There were also five or more cylinders wrapped in brown unmarked paper about 3" in diameter and about 2 feet long, in the bottom of this cabinet. JUNKMAN reportedly was to bury the above items on his farm. Source did not learn JUNKMAN's purpose in having these items which source believed to be explosives, nor did he learn of their origin. No weapons were observed.

Mr. O'NEAL BROWN, Lane-Wells Oil Field Service, Natchez, Mississippi, advised SA JAMES R. MC GEE that from the description furnished he would guess that the cans are generally referred to as capsules used by oil field companies.

These and related facts were discussed with Adams County Attorney EDWIN BENOIST and District Attorney LENOX FORMAN, of Meadville, who advised that there was insufficient basis for the obtaining of a local search warrant.

JN T-2 advised in March, 1967, that RED GLOVER identified ELDEN HESTER as a klansman called "The Junkman" and that HESTER was meeting with one or two klansmen about the "stuff." The source believed GLOVER was referring to seismographic explosives.

JN T-2 subsequently advised RED GLOVER had been overheard making a statement about the explosives that had been in the JUNKMAN's house that they had been taken care of, indicating they were no longer in the home of JUNKMAN, but GLOVER offered no suggestion as to their present whereabouts.

JN T-7 has advised that RED GLOVER and HESTER have a reputation for breaking into Negro homes and stealing guns from these homes.

JAMES EDWARD WATTS, 134 Lee Avenue, Vidalia, Louisiana, on April 12, 1967, advised he is the stepson of RALEIGH JACKSON GLOVER of 113 Lee Avenue, Vidalia. WATTS

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advised that OLIVER, ELLEN GLEN WATTS and he work at the Armstrong Fire and Rubber Company in Hatcher. During the summer of 1944, he saw WATTS at OLIVER's residence on one or two occasions. WATTS has subsequently advised that OLIVER is now residing with the WATTS family.

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advised that GLOVER, ELDEN GLEN HESTER and he work at the Armstrong Tire and Rubber Company in Natchez. During the Summer of 1966, he saw HESTER at GLOVER's residence on one or two occasions. WATTS has subsequently advised that GLOVER is now residing with the WATTS family.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date March 15, 1967

ELDEN GLEN HESTER, of Route 3, Meadville, Mississippi, was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents, in the conference room of the Armstrong Tire and Rubber Company, the nature of the investigation, and that any statement he might make could be used in a court of law. He stated he had no objection to interview and would cooperate in this investigation in any manner he could, with facts - not rumors.

HESTER stated he worked during the day shift at Armstrong, went home after 4:00 p.m. and remained with his family until he returned the following morning to work. He was at work when he heard of WHARLEST JACKSON'S death. This was the first occasion he had heard of JACKSON. He stated he had known who GEORGE METCALFE was since the explosion involving him, but had no suspects in either matter. He stated he rides back and forth to Meadville generally alone but on occasion has gotten a ride with JOHN BOLAN who lives in the country at Meadville.

HESTER stated he has never been invited to join any Klan type organization, has never belonged because he is a member of the Holiness Church which is against belonging to secret organizations, which he understands the Klan is. He stated he knows the SEALE family of Bunkley Community near Meadville but is not a close associate. He knows BUFORD ASHLEY of Meadville, very casually pointing out that he married a COWART girl. He thought possibly ASHLEY had accidentally run over a Mr. TYNES (phonetic) on the highway in the past but was not sure.

HESTER stated he had lived in the rural area of Winnsboro, Louisiana, for only a short time and did not recall having known a "SONNY" TAYLOR in the area.

He stated he had known EARL HODGES who had been murdered in Ediston, Mississippi, as EARL had been an excellent mechanic who had done who had done work for HESTER. He had no information pertaining to the latter case, nor did he have any information concerning the bombing of GEORGE METCALFE in 1965.

On 3/14/67 at Natchez, Mississippi File #

by SA THOMPSON BERRY WEBB and
SA BENJAMIN F. GRAVES TBW/acp Doc

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JN 157-(BUFORD ASHLEY)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Date March 15, 1967

Mr. JOHN LONG, Assistant Personnel Manager of the Armstrong Tire and Rubber Company, advised that ELDEN GLENN HESTER, SSN 427-46-3222, born July 23, 1928, in Franklin County, Mississippi, was employed April 25, 1964, as a "scrap man" and presently is a Millwright A, qualified for top rate in this grade. His application reflects he is 6 feet, 170 pounds, brown hair, blue eyes, no military service, 12th grade education, married to EMMA JANE HESTER, a housewife and has four children, ages 16, 14, 13 and 6. Father was listed as OTIS G. HESTER and mother JULIAN M. of Route 3, Meadville. Past employments were listed as follows:

International Paper - December 1963 to April 1964;

American Bridge, Gonzales, Louisiana, September 1963 to December 1963;

Mississippi Steel, Jackson, Mississippi, June 1963 to September 1963;

Willhoitt Steel, Columbia, South Carolina, March 1963 to June 1963;

Penick Erection Company, Jackson, Mississippi, February 1963 to March 1963.

His friends were listed as working at Armstrong - BARNEY GRAVES and GEORGE MYERS, at the time he filed his application.

There was a notation in pencil that he claimed to have worked 12 years in iron work at Johns-Mansville, and that he would take any employment to get to move back to the Natchez area.

On 3/14/67 at Natchez, Mississippi F

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File # JN 157-(ELDEN
GLEN HESTER)

by SA BENJAMIN F. GRAVES and
SA THOMPSON BERRY WEBB TBW/acp Date dictated 3/14/67

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Date April 6, 1967

ELDEN GLEN HESTER was recontacted on Highway 84 about 15 miles east of Natchez, Mississippi. He refused to be interviewed. He used obscenities and was belligerent and told Agents not to contact him again unless they had a warrant for his arrest. At this point he put his GMC truck in gear and drove away.

On 4/5/67 at Highway 84, Franklin Co., Mississippi File # JN 44-2044
JN 157-1617
by SA THOMPSON BERRY WEBB and
SA BENJAMIN F. GRAVES BFG/acp/raj Date dictated 4/5/67

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APPENDIX

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

A source advised on October 25, 1963, that an organization known as the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (OKKKK) had been organized in the State of Louisiana at Shreveport, Louisiana, in December of 1960.

A second source advised on August 12, 1966, that the OKKKK continues to be active within the State of Louisiana, and that the aims and purposes of this organization continue to be to promote Americanism, the supremacy of the white race, and the furtherance of segregation between the races.

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

Records of Superior Court of Fulton County, Georgia, reflect 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 the 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, 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.)

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

Third source advised on May 25, 1966, that the UKA is currently an active organization, with Klaverns in several states. This source said that ROBERT M. SHELTON is the Imperial Wizard of this organization and was elected to this position on September 5, 1964, at a National Klouvoation in Birmingham, Alabama. Source stated that during April, 1966, the National office was moved from Suite 401, Alston Building, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, to the carport of SHELTON's residence, #18 Lake Sherwood, Star Route, Northport, Alabama, which space he had converted into a room.

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WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
OF MISSISSIPPI (WKKKKOM)

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 August 10, 1966, that the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi is an unincorporated secret organization existing in the State of Mississippi and dedicated to the preservation of white supremacy at any cost, including the use of force and violence. The official constitution and other directives of the organization do not show any advocacy of force or violence, but it is generally conceded among the members that in the end force and violence will be the only salvation of the white man with regard to his relationships with the Negro race. The White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan is controlled by the Imperial Wizard and other State Officers and the State is divided into districts and provinces. There is an estimated membership, as of August 10, 1966, of 800 to 1000 dues-paying members of this organization. The aims and purposes of the organization continue to be the same as when the organization was created in February, 1964. Sam H. Bowers, Jr., Laurel, Mississippi, continues to be the Imperial Wizard.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Jackson, Mississippi
May 22, 1967

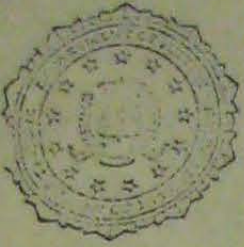
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Reference Report of Special Agent Thompson
Berry Webb dated May 22, 1967,
at Jackson, Mississippi.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

May 22, 1967

In Reply, Please Refer to
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Director
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Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

Dear Sir:

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

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
3. ☐ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.
4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.
5. ☒ Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:
 - (a) ☐ Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior;
 - (b) ☐ Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
 - (c) ☒ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.
6. ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

Photograph ☐ has been furnished ☐ enclosed ☐ is not available
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Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 5/24/67

JACK MEYERS, Constable of Franklin County, Mississippi, and who resides in Eddiceton, Mississippi, advised he has known ELDEN GLEN HESTER for a number of years. He advised that he has no knowledge that HESTER is or was connected with any klan group.

MEYERS stated that HESTER and DONALD HOLLAND, who runs the feedmill in Meadville, Mississippi, would know each other quite well in view of the fact that they were reared in the same neighborhood in Franklin County and they at the present time reside in the same rural neighborhood. He stated he has no knowledge of any klan affiliation on the part of HOLLAND.

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by SA THOMPSON BERRY WEBB
SA BENJAMIN F. GRAVES/raj

Date dictated 5/24/67

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date June 28, 1967

ODIS HESTER, father of ELDEN GLEN HESTER, was interviewed at his residence, Route 3, Meadville, Mississippi. He identified a photograph of RALEIGH JACKSON GLOVER and thereafter furnished the following information:

His son, ELDEN GLEN, and GLOVER are in his opinion associates but not close friends. When his son resided in Louisiana about a year or so ago he and GLOVER rode to work together when they worked the same shift at the Armstrong Tire and Rubber Company in Natchez, Mississippi. He stated he had seen GLOVER at his son's residence on about three occasions and the last time he saw GLOVER at his son's residence in Meadville was about eight months ago when GLOVER visited his son and his family.

HESTER stated that he and his son had talked about the bombing of WHARLEST JACKSON and his son professed to have no knowledge regarding this crime.

HESTER stated he would encourage his son to tell the FBI everything he knows about GLOVER but he added he doubts that his son will talk to the Agents because he knows very little about GLOVER.

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by SA BENJAMIN F. GRAVES and
SA THOMPSON BERRY WEBB/BFG:bgj Date dictated 6/26/67

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date July 25, 1967

RALPH HALL DAY, interviewed at his used car lot, Highway 550, Brookhaven, Mississippi, on July 18, 1967, at his own request, furnished the following information.

DAY advised that during the past few weeks, he has been in touch with ELDEN GLEN HESTER of rural Meadville, Mississippi, on two occasions, the last being the afternoon of July 4, 1967.

DAY advised that he introduced himself at the HESTER residence by telling him that he has heard of him through his wife, who was born and reared some three miles from his residence and has known HESTER all her life.

DAY advised that he offered to sell HESTER an automobile, should he need one in the near future, at a very good price. DAY advised that he was unable to get HESTER to converse with him at all on either occasion.

He advised that on the afternoon of July 4, 1967, HESTER dragged an old pickup truck from the front of his house across the highway to the rear of his father's house with his tractor. He stated that "Try as I may, I could not get HESTER to converse with me."

DAY advised that his father-in-law, who resides in the rural Meadville, Mississippi, area, is currently working for ROSS BARNETT in the forthcoming Gubernatorial race in Mississippi. He advised that his father-in-law told him that JAMES FORD SEALE is going to be elected Sheriff in Franklin County. He stated that according to his father-in-law, SEALE has attached himself to the BARNETT forces in Franklin County and is going to be elected Sheriff in that county.

On 7/18/67 at Brookhaven, Mississippi File # Jackson 44-2044;
157-4024; 157-5200;
157-1406; 157-950;
157-1617; 157-938
by SA REESIE L. TIMMONS /blw Date dictated 7/21/67

DAY advised that some two or three months ago, when SA REESIE L. TIMMONS and another Special Agent went to the residence of CHARLES DENVER FALVEY, after leaving the used car lot and found only Mrs. FALVEY at home, the Agent accompanying Agent TIMMONS made some remark to Mrs. FALVEY regarding her husband "going fishing" that upset Mrs. FALVEY. When her husband and sons came home, they were extremely upset, came to his place of business with the intention of telephoning SA TIMMONS at his Summit, Mississippi, residence and "straightening him out."

DAY advised that he convinced FALVEY and his sons that the comment of the Agent was merely a sociable observation, that there was no basis for taking offense since none was intended. He told FALVEY that they had nothing now to be concerned about from FBI interviews but should they telephone the residence of Agent TIMMONS, they could very well create problems for themselves for ever.

DAY advised that he convinced FALVEY he should not telephone the residence of Agent TIMMONS and that should FBI Agents contact him in the future, he should go ahead and talk with them since he has nothing to hide

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Reporting Office JACKSON	Office of Origin JACKSON	Date 7/18/68	Investigative Period 5/11/67 - 6/25/68
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SUMMARY

NON-PROSECUTIVE SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMARYREFERENCE:

Report of SA THOMPSON BERRY WEBB, 5/22/67, at Jackson.

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Will follow, through informants and sources, the activities of subject.

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Report of: SA GEORGE P. GAMBLIN
Date: July 18, 1968

Office: JACKSON

Field Office File #: JN 157-1617

Bureau File #:

Title: ELDEN GLEN HESTER

Character: RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

Synopsis: Subject continues to reside Rt. 3, Meadville, Miss. He is employed by the Armstrong Rubber Co., Natchez, Miss. HESTER owns and drives a 1966 GMC pickup truck, blue in color, bearing Franklin Co. license F/6 34302. His wife owns and operates a 1967 Ford, blue over white, which was purchased 5/25/68, bearing 1968 Miss. license 19-2173. HESTER borrowed chain saw from SDG member JAMES "SONNY" TAYLOR, failed to return it, and TAYLOR subsequently recovered the chain saw at HESTER's residence. One source identified HESTER as former member, WKKKKOM, Franklin Co., in CLYDE SEALE's unit. He reportedly associates with D. C. GRIFFEN, who allegedly heads a small unit in east Franklin Co. of the WKKKKOM.

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DETAILS:

Characterizations of the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (Louisiana)(OKKKK), United Klans of America, Inc. (UKA), White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi (WKKKKOM) and the Silver Dollar Group (SDG) appear in the appendix of this report.

I. RESIDENCE

Subject resides at Route 3, Meadville, Mississippi.

II. EMPLOYMENT

Subject is employed as a millwright with the Armstrong Company, Natchez, Mississippi.

III. AUTOMOBILES

Subject drives a 1966 GMC, blue in color, pickup truck, VIN 1001PD19224A, bearing 1968 Franklin County, Mississippi, license F/6 34302.

His wife, Mrs. ELDEN HESTER, owns and operates a 1967 Ford, blue over white, purchased May 25, 1968, VIN B7MG146760, bearing 1968 Franklin County license 19-2173.

IV. CURRENT POSITION IN KLAN OR HATE-TYPE ORGANIZATION

JN T-6 advised on February 21, 1968, that ELDEN GLEN HESTER was a member of the WKKKKOM and belonged to the CLYDE SEALE unit, Franklin County, Mississippi.

JN T-6 advised on May 8, 1968, that CLYDE SEALE, former Exalted Cyclops (EC), Unit 2, WKKKKOM, Franklin County, believed D. C. GRIFFEN had taken over Unit 1 and stated there is a possibility that a few members of this unit are meeting on an irregular basis. JN T-6 said ELDEN GLEN HESTER is a close associate of GRIFFEN.

V. ACTIVITIES OF SUBJECT

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Date 5/24/67

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On 5/23/67 at Meadville, Mississippi File # 157-7514; 157-957;
157-5206; 157-1617
SA THOMPSON BERRY WEBB
by SA BENJAMIN E. GRAVES/raj 5 Date dictated 5/24/67

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On Feb advised on May 17, 1967, RALPH JACKSON
STON, head of the Silver Dollar Group (SDG), gave the
code name of CLARENCE STON's place as "Big Mike".

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JN T-1 advised on May 17, 1967, RALEIGH JACKSON GLOVER, head of the Silver Dollar Group (SDG), gave the code name of ELDEN HESTER's place as "Big Nuts".

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JN T-1, on May 31, 1967, advised that JAMES "SONNY" TAYLOR, on May 30, 1967, visited the farm owned by SDG member ELDEN HESTER and found his chain saw, which TAYLOR had previously loaned to RALEIGH JACKSON GLOVER. GLOVER subsequently loaned TAYLOR's saw to HESTER and then told TAYLOR that his saw had been stolen by another SDG member by the name of WALTER GENE HALL. TAYLOR recovered his saw.

JN T-2, on June 3, 1967, advised that he had noted ELDEN GLEN HESTER in conversation with RALEIGH JACKSON GLOVER, head of the SDG, during the previous week.

JN T-3 advised on June 13, 1967, that JAMES "SONNY" TAYLOR had loaned his chain saw to ELDEN HESTER and later was told by HESTER and RALEIGH JACKSON GLOVER that his saw had been stolen by SDG member by the name of HALL. TAYLOR stated that he repeatedly attempted to obtain his saw from HESTER through GLOVER, and GLOVER continually lied to him concerning this saw. TAYLOR continued that he recently discovered that HESTER and GLOVER had been lying and that his saw was in possession of HESTER. JN T-3 stated that TAYLOR proceeded to the residence of HESTER and recovered his chain saw.

JN T-3 stated that TAYLOR was extremely angry over this incident and suggested that E. D. MORACE contact other SDG members about HESTER's and GLOVER's lying and stealing and determine whether or not members of the SDG wanted to associate with HESTER.

JN T-4 advised on June 15, 1967, that subject approached MILTON SMITH, an employee of the Armstrong plant, and asked him in front of several other employees how he would kill a "nigger". SMITH replied that he had no reason for killing a "nigger", and everyone laughed at this.

JN T-4 advised that a portrait of JEFFERSON DAVIS was stolen from the Jefferson Davis Memorial Hospital in Natchez, Mississippi, and suggested that the portrait may be hidden on the farm of ELDEN GLEN HESTER.

JN T-5, on June 27, 1967, advised that after JAMES "SONNY" TAYLOR recovered his chain saw from the residence of ELDEN HESTER, HESTER's father, ODIS HESTER, presented TAYLOR with a \$6.00 plus bill for the purchase of a new sprocket for the saw and told TAYLOR he would have to pay the bill before he could get the saw.

JN T-5 stated that TAYLOR indicated he had cut less than a load of logs with the saw and did not intend to keep the saw up for HESTER's use; however, he paid the bill and left.

Date June 28, 19671

ODIS HESTER, father of ELDEN GLEN HESTER, was interviewed at his residence, Route 3, Meadville, Mississippi. He identified a photograph of RALEIGH JACKSON GLOVER and thereafter furnished the following information:

His son, ELDEN GLEN, and GLOVER are in his opinion associates but not close friends. When his son resided in Louisiana about a year or so ago he and GLOVER rode to work together when they worked the same shift at the Armstrong Tire and Rubber Company in Natchez, Mississippi. He stated he had seen GLOVER at his son's residence on about three occasions and the last time he saw GLOVER at his son's residence in Meadville was about eight months ago when GLOVER visited his son and his family.

HESTER stated that he and his son had talked about the bombing of WHARLEST JACKSON and his son professed to have no knowledge regarding this crime.

HESTER stated he would encourage his son to tell the FBI everything he knows about GLOVER but he added he doubts that his son will talk to the Agents because he knows very little about GLOVER.

Route 3,

6/20/67

at Meadville, Mississippi

File # Jackson 44-2044;

157-5206; 157-1617

SA BENJAMIN F. GRAVES and

SA THOMPSON BERRY WEBB/BFG:bgj

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JN T-5, on June 30, 1967, advised that RALEIGH JACKSON GLOVER denied having any knowledge regarding a chain saw which had been recently located in the possession of ELDEN GLEN HESTER and recovered by "SONNY" TAYLOR.

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Date July 25, 1967

RALPH HALL DAY, interviewed at his used car lot, Highway 550, Brookhaven, Mississippi, on July 18, 1967, at his own request, furnished the following information.

DAY advised that during the past few weeks, he has been in touch with ELDEN GLEN HESTER of rural Meadville, Mississippi, on two occasions, the last being the afternoon of July 4, 1967.

DAY advised that he introduced himself at the HESTER residence by telling him that he has heard of him through his wife, who was born and reared some three miles from his residence and has known HESTER all her life.

DAY advised that he offered to sell HESTER an automobile, should he need one in the near future, at a very good price. DAY advised that he was unable to get HESTER to converse with him at all on either occasion.

He advised that on the afternoon of July 4, 1967, HESTER dragged an old pickup truck from the front of his house across the highway to the rear of his father's house with his tractor. He stated that "Try as I may, I could not get HESTER to converse with me."

DAY advised that his father-in-law, who resides in the rural Meadville, Mississippi, area, is currently working for ROSS BARNETT in the forthcoming Gubernatorial race in Mississippi. He advised that his father-in-law told him that JAMES FORD SEALE is going to be elected Sheriff in Franklin County. He stated that according to his father-in-law, SEALE has attached himself to the BARNETT forces in Franklin County and is going to be elected Sheriff in that county.

Jackson 44-2044;
157-4024; 157-5206;
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157-1617; 157-938

7/18/67 at Brookhaven, Mississippi

SA REESIE L. TIMMONS

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DAY advised that some two or three months ago, when SA REESIE L. TIMMONS and another Special Agent went to the residence of CHARLES DENVER FALVEY, after leaving the used car lot and found only Mrs. FALVEY at home, the Agent accompanying Agent TIMMONS made some remark to Mrs. FALVEY regarding her husband "going fishing" that upset Mrs. FALVEY. When her husband and sons came home, they were extremely upset, came to his place of business with the intention of telephoning SA TIMMONS at his Summit, Mississippi, residence and "straightening him out."

DAY advised that he convinced FALVEY and his sons that the comment of the Agent was merely a sociable observation, that there was no basis for taking offense since none was intended. He told FALVEY that they had nothing now to be concerned about from FBI interviews but should they telephone the residence of Agent TIMMONS, they could very well create problems for themselves for ever.

DAY advised that he convinced FALVEY he should not telephone the residence of Agent TIMMONS, and that should FBI Agents contact him in the future, he should go ahead and talk with them since he has nothing to hide.

JN 157-1417

JN T-3 on May 7, 1948, advised that "PEANUTS" CURRY had been arrested in Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana, on a rape charge. JN T-3 stated RALPH JACKSON GLOVE obtained a list of the jury panel for the next jury in Calcasieu Parish and said he would give the list to ELMER WINTER, formerly from that area, to talk to the potential jurors about CURRY.

JN 157-1617

JN T-3 on May 7, 1968, advised that "PEANUTS" CURRY had been arrested in Caldwell Parish, Louisiana, on a rape charge. JN T-3 stated RALEIGH JACKSON GLOVER obtained a list of the jury panel for the next jury in Caldwell Parish and said he would give the list to ELDEN HESTER, formerly from that area, to talk to the potential jurors about CURRY.

A P P E N D I X

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

A source advised on October 25, 1963, that an organization known as the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (OKKKK) had been organized in the State of Louisiana at Shreveport, Louisiana, in December of 1960.

A second source advised on August 12, 1966, that the OKKKK continues to be active within the State of Louisiana, and that the aims and purposes of this organization continue to be to promote Americanism, the supremacy of the white race, and the furtherance of segregation between the races.

A P P E N D I X

SILVER DOLLAR GROUP

A source on April 4, 1967, and a second source on May 3, 1967, characterized the Silver Dollar Group as a hard-core action group made up of present and former members of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi (WKKKKOM); the United Klans of America, Inc. (UKA); and Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi and Louisiana.

On August 15, 1967, a third source advised that the Silver Dollar Group was formed approximately in May or June, 1964. The secret group within the Klan was formed to further Klan activities involving the promotion of Americanism, white supremacy, and maintaining total segregation. Klansmen were dissatisfied with the inactivity in their respective Klan groups. The members of the new secret action unit had to be trusted Klansmen and had to vouch for each other.

No formal organization format has been adopted but group membership is obtained by invitation only and upon receipt of a silver dollar coin from the group organizer Raleigh Jackson Glover.

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

Records of Superior Court of Fulton County, Georgia, reflect 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 the 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, 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.)

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

Third source advised on May 25, 1966, that the UKA is currently an active organization, with Klaverns in several states. This source said that ROBERT M. SHELTON is the Imperial Wizard of this organization and was elected to this position on September 5, 1964, at a National Klonvocation in Birmingham, Alabama. Source stated that during April, 1966, the National office was moved from Suite 401, Alston Building, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, to the carport of SHELTON's residence, #18 Lake Sherwood, Star Route, Northport, Alabama, which space he had converted into a room.

APPENDIX1WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
OF MISSISSIPPI (WKKKKOM)

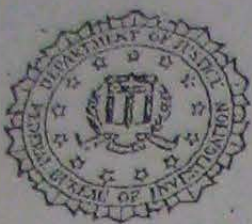
A source advised that on February 15, 1964, approximately 200 members of the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan from the State of Mississippi met at Brookhaven, Mississippi. Those present decided to defect from the Original Knights and to form their own Klan group in Mississippi to be known as the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

This source advised that the aims and purposes of the WKKKKOM 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.

The same source advised on May 23, 1968, that the WKKKKOM is an unincorporated, secret organization existing in the State of Mississippi and formed for the sole purpose of preserving white supremacy regardless of the cost and including the use of force and violence. The official constitution and other directives of the organization do not openly advocate the use of force or violence; however, it is generally conceded among the members that in the end force and violence will be the salvation of the white man regarding his relationship with the Negro race. The WKKKKOM is controlled by the Imperial Wizard and state officers. The state is divided into districts and provinces. There is an estimated membership as of May 23, 1968, of 400 to 600 dues-paying members of this organization. The aims and purposes of the organization continue to be the same as when the organization was created in February, 1964. L. E. Matthews, Jr., of Florence, Mississippi, was elected February 11, 1968, at a state meeting to succeed Sam Holloway Bowers, Jr., as Imperial Wizard.

APPENDIX

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Jackson, Mississippi

July 18, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Title ELDEN GLEN HESTER

Character RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

Reference Jackson report of SA
George P. Gamblin, dated
July 18, 1968

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

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

July 18, 1968

Dear Sir:

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

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
3. ☐ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.
4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.
5. ☒ Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:
 - (a) ☐ Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior;
 - (b) ☐ Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
 - (c) ☒ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.
6. ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

Photograph ☐ has been furnished ☐ enclosed ☐ is not available
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Very truly yours, *157-1617-66*

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover

Special Agent in Charge

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U. S. Secret Service

1 - Jackson (157-1617) **JACKSON**

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 8/12/68

JAMES SEALE, Route 2, Meadville, Mississippi, was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and the nature of the inquiry at the outset of the interview. SEALE advised that to his knowledge there is no Klan activity in Franklin County, Mississippi. He said there are former klansmen in the eastern part of Franklin County who see each other frequently but they are not organized or having any meetings. SEALE stated some of these individuals are neighbors and fellow employees either of the International Paper Company or the Armstrong Company in Natchez, Mississippi.

SEALE said that he has lost contact with his brother, MYRON WAYNE (JACK) SEALE, but heard that he was in Natchez recently. JAMES SEALE said he is looking for his brother JACK SEALE inasmuch as the City Bank and Trust Company at Natchez is attempting to repossess SEALE's Dodge pickup truck. JAMES SEALE stated that JACK defaulted in his payments to the bank.

SEALE stated that his father, CLYDE SEALE is no longer affiliated with the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (WKKKK) and that his unit is defunct.

SEALE pointed out that CLYDE WENTWORTH, the Exalted Cyclops of one unit of the WKKKK in the eastern part of Franklin County, has been out of the klan for years. SEALE stated that WENTWORTH never did anything anyway.

JAMES SEALE identified D. C. GRIFFIN, MONETTE RATCLIFF, ELDEN HESTER, CLAUDE SPRINGS, BILLY D. BUCKLES as former members of the WKKKK in Franklin County. SEALE stated that BILLY D. BUCKLES was a state officer believed by him to have been a Grand Titan in the WKKKK.

On 8/7/68 at Natchez, Mississippi

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by SA GEORGE P. GAMBLIN/brh

Date dictated 8/9/68

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SEALE stated that there has been no organized activities of the WKKKK in Franklin County for several years.

He said he knows S. E. MOORE, JR., known to him as JUNIOR MOORE who lives in Roxie, Mississippi and expressed the opinion that MOORE had nothing to do with the burning of the Roxie Headstart Center or the other church burnings in Franklin County such as the Spring Hill Baptist Church.

SEALE stated he believed that LLOYD FORMAN, JR., DAVID WAYNE WILLIAMS, and JESSE SMITH and JACKIE ARNOLD were responsible for the burning of the Roxie Headstart Center and described them as youths who were never affiliated with the Klan.

He remarked that the WKKKK actually ran the Congress of Racial Equality and the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee out of Adams County, Mississippi and committed numerous other acts of violence which he would not be specific, but stated they had been blamed for a number of things which they were "not guilty".

JAMES SEALE denied knowledge or participation in the bombing of WHARLEST JACKSON in Natchez, Mississippi. He stated he could honestly state that he had no personal knowledge of the WHARLEST JACKSON bombing.

SEALE remarked that he is trying to make a living, is no longer affiliated with the WKKKK and has no desire to become affiliated with any klan group in the future.

SEALE appeared friendly and cooperative but did not want to be contacted at his home if contacted by a Special Agent of the FBI.

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-7433)

DATE: 11-26-68

FROM : SAC, JACKSON (157-1617) (C)

SUBJECT: ELDEN GLEN HESTER
RM - KLAN
(OO: JACKSON)

FOIA(b)7 - (D)

Subject continues to reside at Rt. 3, Meadville, Miss., and is employed by the Armstrong Rubber Co. in Natchez, Miss. He drives a 1966 GMC blue pickup, and a 1967 Ford blue over white bearing Franklin County, Miss. license.

A review of the file fails to disclose any recent Klan activity on the part of HESTER.

Former [redacted] has advised there is no Klan activity in Franklin County, Miss.

On 11/21/68, [redacted] advised there is no Klan activity in Franklin County, Miss.

On 11/25/68, [redacted] advised the Klan in Franklin County, Miss. is inactive, and not aware of any current activity on the part of HESTER.

Inasmuch as the subject no longer meets the criteria as set forth in Section 122A, Manual of Instruction, no further investigation is being conducted at this time.

In the event HESTER again becomes active in Klan or hate-type organizations, the case will be re-opened.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC JACKSON [REDACTED] (P)

DATE: 11/26/68

FROM : SA GEORGE P. GAMBLIN

☐ CI ☐ SI ☒ R (Prob)☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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Dates of Contact

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Titles and File #s on which contacted

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CLYDE SEALE; RM (KLAN)

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JIMMY HOUSTON WHITE; RM (KLAN)

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JAMES HOWARD JACKSON; RM (KLAN)

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ELTON HESTER; RM (KLAN)

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UKA, Inc., Adams Co., Miss. (RM-KLAN)

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SILVER DOLLAR GROUP; RM (KLAN)

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KLAN JOHN RUDISILL; RM (KLAN)

157-6724

Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE

CHARLES DAVID SMITH; RM (KLAN)

157-6142

☒ POSITIVE

EARSEL BOYD; RM (KLAN)

157-7737

☐ STATISTIC

157-569: On 11/21/68 source advised there has not been any Klan activity in Franklin County, Miss., for years and heard both units of the Klan in Franklin County are now defunct.

157-951: Source stated CLYDE SEALE is no longer active in the Klan in Franklin County, Miss., or elsewhere.

157-2177: Source advised JIMMY HOUSTON WHITE is completely inactive in any Klan or hate-type organization, and source is not aware of any active Klan unit in Adams or Franklin County, Miss.

☐ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

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Excellent

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157-7569: Source stated JAMES HOWARD JACKSON is a former member of Unit 800, UKA, Inc., but no longer active in any Klan unit.

157-1619: Source stated he is not aware of any current Klan activity on the part of HESTER.

157-1519: Source stated Unit 800, UKA, Inc., Adams County, Miss., is now defunct and no activity or plans are contemplated in the future for this group.

157-5206: Source advised to his knowledge the Silver Dollar Group in Natchez, Miss., is inactive.

157-6724: Source stated IRLAN JOHN RUDISILL is not active in any Klan or hate-type group.

157-6142: Source advised CHARLES DAVID SMITH, a former member of Unit 800, UKA, Inc., Adams County, Miss., is not active in any Klan group.

157-7737: Source advised EARSEL BOYD is identical with E.M. BOYD, Ferriday, Louisiana. He lives and works in Ferriday, La., and to his knowledge he is not active in any Klan or hate-type organization in the State of Mississippi.

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