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SUMMARY

NON-PROSECUTIVE SUPPLEMENTAL

REFERENCE:

Report of SA CLARENCE G. PROSPERE at Jackson dated April 29, 1966.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

This case is being closed in the Jackson Division since information has been received from a reliable source that EMMETT SUTHERLAND HAZEN sent a written notice of his resignation as State Grand Elector to a state OPA meeting which was held on August 14, 1944, at Natchez, Mississippi.

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Report of: SA CLARENCE G. PROSPERE
Date: OCTOBER 28, 1966

Office: JACKSON

Field Office File No.: 157-512

Bureau File No.: 157-3437

Title: ERNEST BUCHANAN PARKER

Character: RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

Synopsis: ERNEST BUCHANAN PARKER still resides at Route 1, Box 43, Natchez, Miss., and is still self-employed in the cattle and oil business. PARKER held the position of Grand Klexter (Outer Guard), UKA, Inc.; however, informants advise that PARKER sent a written notice of his resignation as State Grand Klexter to a state UKA meeting held on 8/14/66 at Natchez, Mississippi.

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DETAILS:

A characterization of the United Klans of America, Incorporated (UKA), is enclosed in the appendix section of this report.

I. RESIDENCE

On October 4, 1966, Chief of Police J. T. ROBINSON, Natchez, Mississippi, advised that ERNEST BUCHANAN PARKER still resides at Route 1, Box 43, Natchez, Mississippi.

A check of the current telephone directory for Natchez, Mississippi, discloses that Mrs. E. B. PARKER resides on the Palestine Road, Natchez, Mississippi.

II. EMPLOYMENT

On October 4, 1966, Detective CHARLES BAHIN, Natchez, Mississippi, Police Department, advised that ERNEST BUCHANAN PARKER is still self-employed in the cattle and oil business. Detective BAHIN pointed out that he has known ERNEST PARKER since PARKER was a child.

III. CURRENT POSITION IN ORGANIZATION

On September 29, 1966, JN T-1 advised that ERNEST BUCHANAN PARKER had sent a written notice of his resignation as State Grand Klexter to a state meeting of the UKA, Realm of Mississippi, said meeting being held on August 14, 1966, at Natchez, Mississippi.

IV. AUTOMOBILES

On October 26, 1966, Mrs. AGNES LINDLEY, Clerk, Adams County Sheriff's Office, Natchez, Mississippi, advised from records that ERNEST BUCHANAN PARKER, Route 1, Box 43, Natchez, Mississippi, has the following 1966 Mississippi license plates registered to him for the vehicles indicated:

License 1-1278 for a 1964 Ford Galaxie 500;

License 1-7953 for a 1966 Plymouth Fury, two-door hardtop.

V. ACTIVITIES OF SUBJECT

On April 27, 1966, JN T-3 advised that on April 23, 1966, a rally of the UKA was held at a point four miles west of Tallulah, Louisiana, off of U. S. Highway 80. Among those recognized as being present from Mississippi was ERNEST PARKER. This rally began at approximately 7:20 p.m. and terminated at 9:15 p.m. There were approximately 100 spectators in attendance and 30 robed Klansmen.

The principal speakers at this rally were E. L. MC DANIEL, Grand Dragon, UKA, Realm of Mississippi, and JACK HELM, Grand Dragon, UKA, Realm of Louisiana.

On May 4, 1966, JN T-3 advised that on April 30, 1966, a rally of the UKA was held at Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Among the Mississippi UKA Klansmen who were recognized as being present at this rally was ERNEST PARKER.

On May 11, 1966, JN T-3 advised that on the night of May 7, 1966, a banquet was held on the seventh floor of the Eola Hotel in Natchez, Mississippi, by members of the UKA in the State of Mississippi. This banquet began at approximately 5:45 p.m. and terminated at approximately 7:25 p.m. There were approximately 150 persons in attendance, including Klansmen and their wives.

ROBERT SHELTON, Imperial Wizard of the UKA, was present at this banquet. Among those recognized as being present at this banquet were Mr. and Mrs. ERNEST PARKER.

Following the banquet, a rally of the UKA was held at the Liberty Ball Park, Natchez, Mississippi. This rally began at 8:00 p.m. and terminated at about 10:00 p.m. There were between 1500 and 1800 spectators present and approximately 70 robed Klansmen. The principal speakers at this rally were ROBERT SHELTON, JACK HELM, and E. L. MC DANIEL. Among those recognized as being present at this rally was ERNEST PARKER.

On May 17, 1966, JN T-2 advised that ERNEST BUCHANAN PARKER attended the recent UKA rally held at the Eola Hotel, Natchez, Mississippi.

On June 8 - 9, 1966, JN T-2 advised that ERNEST PARKER, Natchez, Mississippi, is a state officer of the UKA in Mississippi and holds the title of Grand Klexter (Outer Guard), as of June 9, 1966.

On June 14, 1966, JN T-3 advised that ERNEST PARKER and L. C. MURRAY, both of Natchez, Mississippi, have been talking about flying PARKER's airplane over the civil rights marchers who were on their way to Jackson, Mississippi. No definite plans concerning this overflight have been made as of June 15, 1966.

On July 22, 1966, JN T-2 stated that ERNEST PARKER was not participating in any UKA activities, with the exception of handling his state position as Grand Klexter (Outer Guard).

On September 26, 1966, JN T-2 advised that at a meeting of the UKA officers in Natchez, Mississippi, on August 14, 1966, ERNEST PARKER, Grand Klexter (Outer Guard), resigned his position.

On September 7, 1966, JN T-4 advised that a meeting was called of the UKA at Natchez, Mississippi, on August 14, 1966. According to the source, this meeting was called specifically to discuss new leadership of the UKA on the state level. JN T-4 stated that at this meeting, all state officers were present with the exception of ERNEST PARKER. He stated that L. C. MURRAY, the Grand Kligrapp (Supreme Secretary); JACK SEALE, Grand Night Hawk (Security Guard); and ERNEST PARKER, Grand Klexter (Outer Guard), resigned their state positions and that MURRAY and SEALE were re-elected; however, PARKER was not re-elected.

On August 15, 1966, JN T-5 advised there was a state meeting of the UKA, Realm of Mississippi, held at Natchez, Mississippi, at the UKA Headquarters on August 14, 1966. JN T-5 advised that at this meeting, JACK SEALE, (First Name Unknown) MURRAY, and ERNEST PARKER, all residents of Natchez, Mississippi, resigned their state office positions. *at this meeting.*

On August 23, 1966, JN T-6 advised that a state officers meeting of the UKA was held at the state headquarters in Natchez, Mississippi, on Sunday, August 14, 1966. At this meeting, it was announced to the group that ERNEST PARKER had resigned his state office position with the UKA, effective August 14, 1966.

On August 23, 1966, JN T-7 advised that there was a state officers meeting of the UKA held in Natchez, Mississippi, at the UKA headquarters on Sunday, August 14, 1966. At this meeting, ERNEST PARKER resigned from the UKA, stating that he did not have time to devote to the affairs of the UKA.

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On September 29, 1966, JN T-8 advised that at a UKA state meeting in Natchez, Mississippi, on August 1, 1966, it was pointed out that ERNEST PARKER had directed a letter of resignation to the Grand Dragon. JN T-8 stated that PARKER had been the State Grand Klexter (Outer Guard).

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.


APPENDIX

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Jackson, Mississippi

October 28, 1966


In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Title: ERNEST BUCHANAN PARKER

Character: RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

Reference: Report of SA CLARENCE G. PROSPERE
at Jackson dated October 28, 1966.

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

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Memorandum

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

October 28, 1966

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.
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- 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.

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Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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AT NATCHEZ, MISSISSIPPI

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Date: 4/29/66

Office: JACKSON

Field Office File #: JN 157-512

Bureau File #: 157-3437

Title: ERNEST BUCHANAN PARKER

Character: RACIAL MATTER (KLAN)

Synopsis: ERNEST BUCHANAN PARKER still resides Route 1, Box 43, Natchez, Miss., and is still self-employed in the cattle and oil business. PARKER holds no known office in the UKA, Inc.; however, informants advise PARKER attends UKA rallies and is close associate of E. L. MC DANIEL, Grand Dragon, UKA, Inc., Realm of Miss. PARKER was subpoenaed and appeared before HCUA. Upon telephonic contact for appointment, PARKER has refused to be interviewed by FBI Agents.

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DETAILS:

A characterization of the United Klans of America Incorporated (UKA) is attached as the appendix of this report.

RESIDENCE:

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EMPLOYMENT:

On April 21, 1966, Detective CHARLES BAHIN, Natchez, Mississippi Police Department, advised that ERNEST BUCHANAN PARKER is still self-employed in the cattle and oil business. Detective BAHIN pointed out that he has known ERNEST PARKER since PARKER was a child.

CURRENT POSITION IN ORGANIZATION:

No information has been received from informant indicating that ERNEST BUCHANAN PARKER has held an officer's position in the UKA for over a year. Informants advised that PARKER is merely a rank and file member of the UKA and belongs to the Adams County Klavern of the UKA, which is Unit 719 of Province 3.

AUTOMOBILES:

On January 31, 1966, Mrs. JUANICE DRUETTA, Deputy Sheriff, Adams County Sheriff's Office, Natchez, Mississippi, advised from records that ERNEST BUCHANAN PARKER, Route 1, Box 43, Natchez, Mississippi, has the following 1966 Mississippi license plates registered to him for the vehicles indicated:

License 1-1277 for a 1958 Chevrolet Biscayne

License 1-1278 for a 1964 Ford Galaxie 500.

ACTIVITIES OF SUBJECT:

On April 28, 1965, JN T-1 advised that rumors have been spread in Franklin and Adams County, Mississippi, that JAMES EDWARDS, who was originally arrested for the murders of MOORE and DEE, had talked to members of the FBI, and the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol (MHSP). This source stated these rumors are not being believed by the other individuals involved in the crime with EDWARDS. This source pointed out that ERNEST PARKER, Adams County, Mississippi, owns a Cessna 170 aircraft. This aircraft is a four place high wing, two tone green airplane, with a conventional landing gear. PARKER does not operate this aircraft at night and it is highly unlikely that he would have utilized this aircraft for the transportation of two dead human bodies either during daylight hours or after dark. This source stated the Cessna 170 aircraft is not large enough to hold two dead bodies in any other position other than sitting in the passenger seats.

On May 18, 1965, JN T-1 advised that the following individuals were observed in attendance at the "big rally at Bogalusa, Louisiana " of the UKA, during early May 1965:

JOHN BARBER
ERNEST FINLEY (Deceased)
JACK SEALE
ERNEST PARKER
C. M. PEOPLES; aka Joe Peoples
WILEY BULLOCK
LEROY TEMPLE
WOODROW WILSON
BILLY BUCKLES
GORDON LACKEY
JACK MORROW
H. H. HEREDEN
W. R. MANGUM
GEORGE NOSSER
CLAUDE FULLER
"TINY" LEWIS
JERRY SAULS

On June 28, 1965, JN T-2 advised that he had received information there would be a bus load of Klansmen going from Natchez, Mississippi, to Baton Rouge, Louisiana, the morning of July 4, 1965, to attend a Klan rally. This source stated that the bus which would be used is the personal property of ERNEST PARKER, who will drive the bus. This source stated that he had no information as to who else would attend the rally.

On June 7, 1965, JN T-3 advised that ERNEST FINLEY (who has since died) from Natchez, Mississippi, had recently spread the word that the UKA was planning to hold a march or motorcade in Natchez on June 12, 1965. The source stated FINLEY had said that the Klan was calling for members of all organizations in the Ku Klux Klan to come to Natchez, Mississippi, and participate in this march. FINLEY estimated that 1000 men were expected to take part and all of the participants would be robbed.

On June 11, 1965, JN T-3 stated the information was being disseminated to the various Klansmen by E. L. MC DANIEL's representatives that the march into downtown Natchez would definitely be held on June 12, 1965 and that if any arrests were attempted by local authorities, the Klansmen were to resist arrest and employ weapons if needed. This source stated MC DANIEL stated that no arrests would be allowed by the Klan.

On June 12, 1965, JN T-3 advised that because of the increased number of FBI Agents, MHSP Patrolmen, and other law enforcement officers in Natchez, and because of the firm stand on the part of the local authorities in Natchez, numerous Klansmen were refusing to take part in any breach of the law or to participate in any activity at Natchez. This source stated E. L. MC DANIEL had, consequently, been forced to reduce his planned activities, to a meeting to be held on private property. This source stated the meeting will be held on private property belonging to ERNEST PARKER.

On May 18, 1965, JN T-4 advised that he had received information that ERNEST PARKER of Natchez, had monitored the FBI radio transmissions during the UKA Klonvocation in Natchez May 15 through 16, 1965. This source stated he did not know if PARKER monitored the MHSP frequency or the FBI frequency but that his source had stated that PARKER was installing new radio equipment in his airplane.

On July 16, 1965, JN T-5 advised that on July 14, 1965, during the evening hours, he was in the Eola Hotel, Natchez, Mississippi, when ERNEST PARKER, ERNEST FINLEY, and L. C. MURRAY, asked him to ride around town with them in FINLEY's automobile. This source stated these individuals were interested in what was taking place at a large gathering of Negro citizens in the downtown area. One of the principal speakers at this gathering was CHARLES EVERS of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

This source stated FINLEY was in possession of a rifle which he carried in the front seat of his automobile. He stated FINLEY also used a radio in his car to communicate with other persons who were also in the area of the meeting.

This source stated that these individuals made no comments which would indicate that they intended to do harm to EVERS or any other Negro leader.

On July 20, 1965, JN T-6 advised that on Saturday, June 26, 1965, a fish fry was held at the home of JAMES LEE on the Lismore Road, south of Wildsville, Louisiana. There were approximately 20 persons in attendance in this fish fry and all that were present are believed to be members of the Ku Klux Klan in the State of Louisiana or Mississippi. This source stated it was further believed that each person present was a member or being consider for membership in the "Silver Dollar" Club. This source stated that it is believed that members of the "Silver Dollar" club are the ones responsible for most of the acts of violence that have occured in the Natchez, Mississippi and Ferriday-Vidalia, Louisiana area.

This source stated that present at this fish fry were JIMMY SCARBROUGH, ED MORACE, and WOODROW "BLUE" HOLLOWAY, all known to be Klan members at Ferriday, Louisiana; BUCK HORTON, NORMAN HEAD, and R. J. GLOVER of Vidalia, Louisiana; T. L. TORGESEN, ERNEST FINLEY, ERNEST PARKER, ERNEST AVANTS, JACK and JAMES SEALE of Natchez, Mississippi; and SONNY TAYLOR from Harrisonburg, Louisiana.

This source stated that those in attendance attempted to make black powder; however, they were unsuccessful.

This source stated it is believed that each member of the "Silver Dollar" Club carries a silver dollar with an ampersand stamped on the face of "Liberty" on the front or heads side of the dollar.

On August 30, 1965, JN T-4 advised that he did not believe that ERNEST PARKER would actually have anything to do with the planting of a bomb in the automobile of GEORGE METCALFE, the President of the local NAACP Chapter, Natchez, Mississippi; but that PARKER would be the type individual who would have helped in the planning of such an act.

On October 7, 1965, Special Agents JAMES W. AWE and JAMES O. INGRAM appeared at the UKA Headquarters, 114 Main Street, Natchez, Mississippi. The Agents walked into the office after knocking, since the office is on the second floor. E. L. MC DANIEL, JACK SEALE, L. C. MURRAY, and ERNEST PARKER were huddled on the floor around a tape recorder. It was noted that JACK SEALE was wearing a holster with a .38 caliber snub nose in the holster. Upon observing the Agents, SEALE took his gun from his holster and placed it in a desk.

On October 13, 1965, JN T-7 advised that by way of background information, in February 1964, in Adams County, there were approximately 200 members in the Klan. It was divided into four units or groups, commonly called Klaverns.

Heading one group was C. E. JAMES, Natchez, Mississippi; heading another was ERNEST PARKER of Natchez; heading another was MARVIN MC KINNEY, Natchez; and heading the fourth group at the time was J. B. GREER of Fenwick, Mississippi.

This source stated that in connection with the whipping of ARCHIE CURTIS, the owner of a Negro funeral home in Natchez, Mississippi, that he had received information that the following individuals were actually in on the whipping of CURTIS:

- C. E. JAMES
- JACK SEALE
- EDDIE MC DANIEL
- ERNEST PARKER

This source stated he had no information to substantiate the information regarding the whipping of ARCHIE CURTIS but that he had been merely told this and could not vouch for the veracity of the statement.

On October 26, 1965, JN T-7 advised that ERNEST PARKER was formerly a member of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi, and is now a rank and file member of the UKA. This source pointed out that ERNEST PARKER finances much of the activity of the UKA in the Adams County, Mississippi area.

On October 31, 1965, JN T-4 advised that among the individuals who had received subpoenas to appear before the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) in Washington, D.C., was ERNEST PARKER of Natchez, Mississippi.

On November 29, 1965, JN T-7 advised he had received information or heard the rumor that ERNEST PARKER is going to run for Sheriff in Adams County at the next election.

On January 25, 1966, JN T-4 advised that ERNEST PARKER has stated several times that he is "scared" to go

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to Washington D. C. for his appearance before the HCUA. This source pointed out that PARKER has a very bad case of ulcers.

On March 23, 1966, JN T-8 advised that he had received information from L. C. MURRAY, whom the source stated is a State Secretary of the UKA in the State of Mississippi, that among the members of the UKA at Natchez, Mississippi, is ERNEST PARKER.

On March 30, 1966, JN T-8 stated he had again checked with his original source who had furnished information on March 23, 1966, and that he is positive that ERNEST PARKER is a member of the UKA at Natchez, Mississippi.

Date September 29, 1965

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9/15/66 at Natchez, Mississippi File # Jackson 174-27
SAs THOMPSON BERRY WEBB and 157-512
JAMES O. INGRAM/jls: cmg 44-1292
Date dictated 9/22/65

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On March 4, 5, 6, and 8, 1966, attempts were made to locate ERNEST PARKER, Palestine Road, Natchez, Mississippi. On March 4, 1966, Mrs. ERNEST PARKER advised she did not know her husband's business commitments but that he would possibly be available on March 7, 1966.

On March 8, 1966, the automobile of ERNEST PARKER was observed in the vicinity of the UKA Headquarters, Natchez, Mississippi. PARKER was telephonically contacted at the UKA Headquarters for an appointment, at which time PARKER immediately began telling the calling FBI Agent that he did not "like FBI Agents driving onto his property; that he paid his taxes and he would make it hot for FBI Agents." PARKER stated he did not wish to be interviewed by FBI Agents.

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APPENDIX

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

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, the Alston Building, Tuscaloosa, Alabama. (The organization is directed by Robert Shelton, Imperial Wizard, and is the dominant Klan group in the South, with units in several southern states.)

Second source advised that at a meeting at 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 August 4, 1965, that the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, is currently an active organization, with Klaverns in several southern states. This source said that Robert M. Shelton is the Imperial Wizard of this organization and was last elected to this position on September 5, 1964, at a National Klonvocation in Birmingham, Alabama. Source said that the activity of the UKA is increasing, and that the national office remains in Suite 401, Alston Building, Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

Please Refer to

Title ERNEST BUCHANAN PARKER

Character RACIAL MATTER (KLAN)

Reference Summary Report of Special Agent
Clarence G. Prospere, at
Jackson, Mississippi, dated
April 29, 1965

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

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SA V. WALSER PROSPERE

JACK SEALE;
ERNEST PARKER;
E. L. MC DANIEL;
JAMES SEALE;
JOHN DAWSON
RM (KLAN)

On 10/31/65, FOIA(b)7 - (D) advised that to his knowledge, the following individuals had received subpoenas to appear before HCUA in Washington, D. C. on 10/10/65:

JACK SEALE
ERNEST PARKER
E. L. MC DANIEL
JAMES SEALE
JOHN DAWSON

Informant stated that as far as he knew, at the time, all individuals subpoenaed would furnish their name, address and then "take the 5th" as to any and all other questions. He stated the subpoena was a subpoena duces tecum instructing that all memoranda, notes and records pertaining to the Klan, as well as individual income tax records for the years 1958 through 1964, be produced. He stated none of the group would take with them to Washington any of the requested information or records.

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Date September 29, 1965

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R/S 11/30 to Summary 12/15/65

On 9/15/65 at Natchez, Mississippi File# Jackson 174-27

SAs THOMPSON BERRY WEBB and

by JAMES O. INGRAM/jls

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SA JAMES O. INGRAM

E.L. McDANIEL, Aka.
RM(KLAN)

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All four men were friendly and MCDANIEL said they have just been advised that CURTIS L. COLLINS, Chancellor, Adams County, Natchez issued a modification order on 10/7/65 concerning the City Injunction against the UKA, Inc., He said with this order the UKA can peacefully walk in two's on the public sidewalks in Natchez. He said the motion was filed by their att. WILLIAM RILEY, Natchez. He said he plans no marches in Natchez, at this time they would rather wait to see if U.S. District Judge COX rules against allowing any future marches by the NAACP.

MCDANIEL said if no concrete action is taken by Sat. 10/9/65 by Judge COX the Klan may stage a march themselves if the NAACP sponsors a March. His plans are not definite and they will wait and see what happens on 10/7, 8 and 9/65. He pointed out if they march on Sat. they will certainly adhere to the laws as they observed the NAACP Marchers breaking the laws as far as walking against the red lights and not always two abreast.

He said "we will have 5000 gathered for the march." When asked where would he get such a large crowd he hesitated but answered he believed "he could round them up." He began to laugh but said that is a large number. ~~xxxxx~~

MCDANIEL was asked "Do you really think ROBERT SHELTON will really come to Natchez." MCDANIEL said "I'll be damn this is the first time I have called him in two weeks, and the day I talked to him, you guys show up." "I know you have us bugged and that proves it." He said he would not comment regarding SHELTON's visiting Natchez but did not think he would.

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1 - 157-2)5 (JACK SEALE)

1 - 157-1519 (UKA, Adams)

1 - L.C. MURRAY

1 - 157-3926 (Racial Sit. Natchez)

It is noted the SA's had received no information that SHELTON had been contacted but it was a chance remark and from the impression on McDANIEL's face as well as the others present there is no doubt he was in telephonic contact with SHELTON.

Concerning McDANIEL's remark his office was bugged, the SA's remarked that we would have no interest in bugging his office and he was only asked a direct question.

A .38 Cal. Snub-nose REVOLVER HE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.
IN VIEW OF FACT JACK SEALE WAS OBSERVED ~~XXXXXXX~~ WEARING

Memorandum

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
SAC, JACKSON (174-27)

DATE: 7/14/65
9/7/65

FROM: SA CHARLES P. AHART (157-3372) (P)

SUBJECT: HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES
~~JACK WARE~~ UNSUB; Bombing of Automobile
SOURCE OF INFORMATION George Metcalf - Victim, CR-EL BM

On 9/3/65, JACK WARE, Assistant Engineer, Miss. Power and Light, was interviewed with regard to the METCALFE car bombing, 8/27/65. He could furnish no information in respect to this case, but during the course of the interview furnished the following:

He is presently renting a house which is owned by ERNEST PARKER and is on PARKER's land, very close to PARKER's own home. He said that he has heard that PARKER is very big in the Klan, although he has never said it openly, but that PARKER has never approached him about joining the Klan. He has spoken to PARKER frequently, on a neighborly basis, but is not a friend, in that he would spend evenings at his home. But he lives close enough to the PARKERS that he is able to observe the goings-on at the PARKER residence.

He stated that he was able to observe on at least one occasion, what was probably a Klan meeting at the Parker residence, because he noticed many cars come in, and during that particular evening, he was trying to call PARKER on the phone and was unable to reach him.

WARE said he would never belong to the Klan, but was very cooperative and willing to help in any way. He is a well educated, fine spoken man who is firmly opposed to the violence of the Klan, and is more than willing to help in any way.

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- (1-157-2196 WILLIAM BRYANT DAVIDSON)
- (1-157-1043 CHARLES MARCUS EDWARDS)
- (1-157-815 MYRON WAYNE "JACK" SEALE)
- (1-157-787 ERNEST FINLEY)
- (1-157-450 GEORGE H. (BILLY) BIRDS

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 7/14/65

FROM : SAC, JACKSON (157-3372) (P)

SUBJECT: HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES
KLAN INVESTIGATIONS
RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

ReBuairtel 6/25/65 and 7/8/65 to Jackson.

Referenced Buairtel dated 6/25/65 set forth the names of 34 individuals connected with Klan Organizations in the state of Mississippi who were expected to be called before the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

Contact with Mr. JOHN D. SULLIVAN on July 12, 1965, Investigator for HCUA in Mississippi and a former FBI Agent, reflects the following changes on this list of individuals, which HCUA plans to call for testimony:

DELETED FROM THE LIST

ODELL ANDERS, Sheriff, Natchez, Mississippi

JOHN MCGREGOR, Jackson, Mississippi

Mr. SULLIVAN agreed to these deletions since he was advised that their appearance before HCUA might interfere with current FBI investigation.

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(1-157-2402 EMERY ALLEN LEE)

(1-157-2201 EDWARD WILLARD FULLER)

(1-157-2196 WILLIAM BRYANT DAVIDSON)

(1-157-1043 CHARLES MARCUS EDWARDS)

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(1-157-580 GERALD WHITEHEAD)
 (1-157-1055 W. D. STONE)
 (1-157-1110 B. L. AKIN)
 (1-157-1274 THOMAS GUNTER)
 (1-157-19 J. N. FORTENBERRY)
 (1-157-959 TOMMY BROCK)
 (1-157-17 B. F. HINTON)
 (1-157-946 JULIUS HARPER)
 (1-157-1136 DELMAR DENNIS)
 (1-157-945 BILLIE BUCKLES)
 (1-157-216 GORDON LACKEY)
 (1-157-18 SAM HOLLAWAY BOWERS, JR.)
 (1-157-608 A. C. HERRINGTON)
 (1-157-2399 MURPHY JOHN DUNCAN, JR.)
 (1-157-2581 ELMORE D. GREAVES)
 (1-157-2590 HARVEY H. HEREDEEN)
 (1-157-24 PAUL L. FOSTER)
 sk (1-157-512 ERNEST PARKER)
 (1-157-486 EDWARD LENOX McDANIELS)
 (1-157-1149 LAMAR G. SALTER)
 (1-157-1254 CLARENCE R. MITCHELL)
 (1-157-914 LOUIS ANTHONY DI SALVO)
 (1-157-762 EMMITT THORNHILL, SR.)
 (1-157-626 ERNEST S. GILBERT)
 (1-157-1077 BYRON DE LA BECKWITH)
 (1-157-2400 STERLING LEWIS GILLIS)
 (1-157-1420 S. T. SHOOK)
 (1-157-714 MORDANT W. HAMILTON)
 (1-157-678 HAROLD LLOYD "COTTON" DELK)
 (1-157-2844 BURREL LINDSEY WHITE)
 (1-157-1492 THOMAS BYRON THRASHER, SR.)
 (1-157-2401 ERNEST FREDERICK ZEECK)
 (1-157-2394 BILLY EARL WILSON)
 (1-157-1496 VINCENT PURSER)
 (1-157-1499 MARVIN LACY)
 (1-157-1503 W. C. DOLLAHITE)
 (1-157-898 CHARLES J. SEAL)
 (1-157-901 HOUSTON DILLARD)

Contact with Mr. SULLIVAN on July 12, 1965 reflect that HCUA intends to call the following 46 Klansmen to testify:

EMERY ALLEN LEE
EDWARD WILLARD FULLER
WILLIAM BRYANT DAVIDSON
CHARLES MARCUS EDWARDS
JAMES SEALE
MYRON WAYNE "JACK" SEALE
ERNEST FINLEY
GEORGE H. (BILLY) BIRDSONG
GERALD WHITEHEAD
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THOMAS GUNTER
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HOUSTON DILLARD

The Jackson Office has no objection to any of the above named 46 persons appearing before HCUA.

SULLIVAN advised that this is a tentative list and there may be a few changes before HCUA hearings actually begin about September 1, 1965.

Jackson Office has pending files on each of the above 46 individuals and up-to-date summary reports have been submitted on all but a few of those listed. All summary reports on these Klansmen will be completed by July 30, 1965. SULLIVAN advised on July 12, 1965 that HCUA hearings have definitely been set for Washington, D. C. and will not be held in Mississippi or in other southern states.

SULLIVAN is aware that the FBI has photographs of recent Klan activity in Mississippi and has requested that HCUA be loaned these photographs or that a copy be provided for them.

This request by SULLIVAN refers to 2-100 foot, 16 MM color reels of film taken by Bureau Agents at a Klan rally at Natchez, Mississippi on June 12, 1965. SULLIVAN'S request also refers to 35 MM color slides taken at the same Klan rally.

Bureau is requested to advise whether HCUA can be provided these films or copies of these films; and if so, the manner in which it should be done.

Mr. SULLIVAN of HCUA further requested a photograph, if available, of persons to be called to testify by HCUA.

Special Agents of the Jackson Office are currently preparing public source-type information on the above mentioned Klansmen who will testify before HCUA.

FBI Agents at Jackson are also in the process of recontacting former FBI informants to determine if they are willing to testify before HCUA. It is noted that most of the former informants have made it clear they would not testify under any conditions before any type hearing.

SULLIVAN, HCUA Investigator, has obtained numerous newspaper clippings on Klan activity or violence in Mississippi during the past year. Bureau is requested to advise Jackson if there is any need for the Agents to duplicate these newspaper clippings, which are known to be in SULLIVAN'S possession.

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At Jackson, Mississippi and other Miss. cities.

Agents assigned to the above named 46 Klansmen should immediately comply with instructions set forth in memorandums to all Agents dated June 28, 1965 and July 9, 1965 in captioned matter.

Investigation requested by the Bureau and outlined in those two memoranda should be completed to reach the Bureau by July 30, 1965.

DIRECTOR, FBI

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ERNEST BUCHANAN PARKER
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There is no public source information in the files
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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES
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SUMMARY

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LEADS:

JACKSON DIVISION

At Natchez, Mississippi

Will maintain contact with informants for information regarding ERNEST BUCHANAN PARKER.

INFORMANTS:

<u>Identity</u>	<u>Date Contacted</u>	<u>Location</u>
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Report of: SA CLARENCE G. PROSPERE
 Date: 6/14/65

Office: JACKSON

Field Office File No.: JN 157-512

Bureau File No.:

Title: ERNEST BUCHANAN PARKER

Character: RACIAL MATTERS - (KLAN)

Synopsis: ERNEST BUCHANAN PARKER, born 5/4/30, Natchez, Miss., presently resides Route 1, Box 43, Natchez, Miss., and is self-employed in the cattle and dairy business. U. S. Navy records show PARKER enlisted in the U.S. Naval Reserve on 5/23/47 and served in an inactive status until 5/22/52 when he was honorably discharged by reason of expiration of enlistment. Informants advised PARKER was EC of WKKKKOM Unit, Adams Co., Miss; that he withdrew from WKKKKOM and is presently associated with the UKA, Inc. PARKER has been interviewed on 2 occasions and has denied being a member of a Klan type organization.

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DETAILS:

I. BACKGROUND

A. True Name and Aliases

On October 21, 1964, the Drivers License records of the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol were examined by SA HORACE P. BECKWITH and disclosed Drivers License Number 726123 is listed to ERNEST BUCHANAN PARKER

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B. RESIDENCE ADDRESS AND MAILING ADDRESS

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Navy Serial #:	(Res) 2307480
Wife:	MARY ODIE PARKER
Children:	Four

O. Photographs

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United Klans of America, Incorporated.

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JN T-1 on February 24, 1964, advised that a meeting was held on February 24, 1964 at the headquarters of the Ku Klux Klan on the Morgantown Road, Natchez, Mississippi, at which meeting ERNEST PARKER was in attendance. Two practice hand grenades were displayed at this meeting and a discussion was held by JACK SEALE, ERNEST PARKER and others, that the wax hole in the end of the grenade could be melted and the grenade filled with black powder. The hole could be tapped and plugged, thereby creating an explosive. It was determined that ERNEST PARKER had been the individual who had flown an airplane over Brookhaven, Mississippi, several weeks earlier from which Klan literature had been dropped.

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JN T-1 advised that he had received information that four men, not further identified, from the Morgantown Klavern, had pulled a job for the Jefferson County Unit.

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a man from Jackson, Mississippi, is alleged to have 1,000 live hand grenades for sale at \$7.50 each and this person also is alleged to be in possession of 12 Thompson Submachine Guns at \$500 each. These grenades and guns are supposed to be coming from Arkansas.

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JN T-2 on September 7, 1964, advised that ERNEST PARKER and his brother LEE PARKER, "who owned half of Adams County", are very active members of the WKKKKOM in Mississippi.

JN T-2 advised on September 22, 1964, that at one of the officers meetings at Brookhaven, Mississippi, Special Agents were assigned as Special Investigators to work with the Imperial Wizard. T-2 advised that ERNEST PARKER of Natchez, Mississippi, received a commission as a Special Agent.

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

JN T-1 on September 9, 1964, advised that the following individuals have all joined the UKA as members of the McComb Unit and have apparently withdrawn from the WKKKKOM:

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ERNEST FINLEY

PAUL FOSTER

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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."

On October 20, 1964, Sheriff ODELL ANDERS, Adams County, Natchez, Mississippi, advised SA's ROBIN O. COTTEN, and PETER R. DURLAND that a confidential source had advised him that a Negro, ARCHIE CURTIS, was severely whipped with a "bull whip" about May, 1964. Sheriff ANDERS identified CURTIS as a Negro undertaker from Natchez. Sheriff ANDERS stated that according to his source, this whipping was committed by ERNEST FINLEY, ERNEST PARKER, and JACK SEALE.

JN T-3 on October 22, 1964, advised that the following individuals were dissatisfied with the WKKKKOM because the WKKKKOM did not advocate forms of violence and therefore they joined the United Klans of America, Inc.. T-3 stated that these individuals advocate violence and are extremely strong segregationists:

ERNEST FINLEY

FRANK S. GASTON

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CECIL ROBERTS

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NELSON HANEY

TOMMY L. JONES

ED MC DANIEL

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IV. INTERVIEWS OF SUBJECT

Date July 20, 1964

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Mr. ERNEST PARKER, Palestine Road, furnished the following information after being advised of the identity and official capacity of the interviewing Agents:

He stated that he is in the cattle and dairy business.

He related that he does not know anything nor has he heard anything about the three missing Civil Rights workers in the Philadelphia, Mississippi, area. Further, he advised that he knows nothing about any Klan activities except what he reads in the newspapers. He said that he is not a member of the Klan and he does not know the identity of any Klan members.

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7/7/64 at Natchez, Mississippi File # NO 157-2413

SA DONALD M. BEANEY /jas Date dictated 7/7/64
SA HARRY R. LUNT

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4-15-64

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/29/65

ERNEST BUCHANAN PARKER, Route 4, Box 15A, Natchez, Mississippi, was contacted at his residence, at which time he was advised by SA JAMES O. INGRAM that he did not have to make a statement. PARKER immediately interrupted stating "I know my rights and I have no desire to talk to the FBI."

Attempts were made to engage PARKER in further conversation and he stated "I don't want to discuss anything." He turned and walked into his barn, closing the door.

On 4/20/65 at Route 4, Box 15A Natchez, Mississippi File # Jackson 62-5
by SA's ROBERT P. WOMACK
JAMES O. INGRAM /lsk Date dictated 4/26/65

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(LOUISIANA)
(OKKKK)

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KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (UNITED KLANS)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Jackson, Mississippi
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SUMMARY

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JACKSON DIVISION

At Natchez, Mississippi

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JN T-1 is FOIA(b)7 - (D)	2/17/64	FOIA(b)7 - (D)

APPROVED *[Signature]*

SPECIAL AGENT
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III. CONNECTION WITH THE UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC., (UKA, INC.), KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN

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JACK SEALE

ERNEST FINLEY

PAUL FOSTER

REGGIE CARTER.

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JN T-3 on October 22, 1964, advised that the following individuals were dissatisfied with the WKKKKOM because the WKKKKOM did not advocate forms of violence and therefore they joined the United Klans of America, Inc.. T-3 stated that these individuals advocate violence and are extremely strong segregationists:

ERNEST FINLEY

FRANK S. GASTON

CHARLES L. JAMES

JEFF LUKE

CECIL ROBERTS

PAUL L. FOSTER

NELSON HANEY

TOMMY L. JONES

ED MC DANIEL

MYRON WAYNE SEALE

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IV. INTERVIEWS OF SUBJECT

Date July 20, 1964

1 Mr. ERNEST PARKER, Palestine Road, furnished the following information after being advised of the identity and official capacity of the interviewing Agents:

He stated that he is in the cattle and dairy business.

He related that he does not know anything nor has he heard anything about the three missing Civil Rights workers in the Philadelphia, Mississippi, area. Further, he advised that he knows nothing about any Klan activities except what he reads in the newspapers. He said that he is not a member of the Klan and he does not know the identity of any Klan members.

The following description of PARKER was obtained by observation during the interview:

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Age	45
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Weight	175 - 180 pounds
Hair	Dark brown
Eyes	Green
Complexion	Dark

The following car was observed in PARKER's yard:

Late model red Ford Galaxie, Mississippi License 18076.

7/7/64 at Natchez, Mississippi File # NO 157-2413

SA DONALD M. BEANEY

SA HARRY R. LINT

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Date dictated 7/7/64

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/29/65

ERNEST BUCHANAN PARKER, Route 4, Box 15A, Natchez, Mississippi, was contacted at his residence, at which time he was advised by SA JAMES O. INGRAM that he did not have to make a statement. PARKER immediately interrupted stating "I know my rights and I have no desire to talk to the FBI."

Attempts were made to engage PARKER in further conversation and he stated "I don't want to discuss anything." He turned and walked into his barn, closing the door.

On 4/20/65 at Route 4, Box 15A Natchez, Mississippi File # Jackson 62-5

SA's ROBERT P. WOMACK

by JAMES O. INGRAM /lsk Date dictated 4/26/65

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

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

APPENDIX

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

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

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

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WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE
KU KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI

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

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Jackson, Mississippi

June 14, 1965

Title : ERNEST BUCHANAN PARKER

Character: RACIAL MATTERS - (KLAN)

Reference: Report of SA CLARENCE G.
PROSPERE dated June 14, 1965

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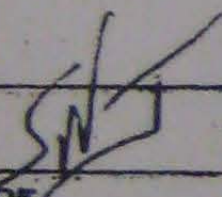
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Will maintain contact with informants for information regarding ERNEST BUCHANAN PARKER.

INFORMANTS:

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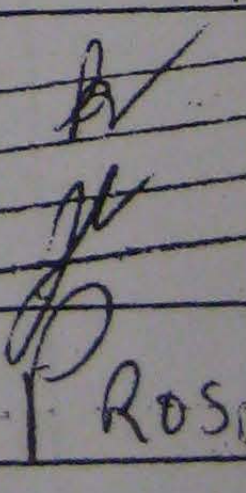
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Synopsis: ERNEST BUCHANAN PARKER, born 5/4/30, Natchez, Miss., presently resides Route 1, Box 43, Natchez, Miss., and is self-employed in the cattle and dairy business. U. S. Navy records show PARKER enlisted in the U.S. Naval Reserve on 5/23/47 and served in an inactive status until 5/22/52 when he was honorably discharged by reason of expiration of enlistment. Informants advised PARKER was EC of WKKKKOM Unit, Adams Co., Miss; that he withdrew from WKKKKOM and is presently associated with the UKA, Inc. PARKER has been interviewed on 2 occasions and has denied being a member of a Klan type organization.

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DETAILS:

I. BACKGROUND

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E. Employment Address

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F. Education

Review of the Military Service records on file at the Military Personnel Record Center (MPRC),

St. Louis, Missouri, show PARKER has had three years of high school training.

G. Citizenship Status (Birth)

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H. Military Record

On February 1, 1965, a review by Investigative Clerk NOEL L. BAKER of the Military Service Records on file at the MPRC, St. Louis, Missouri, indicated ERNEST BUCHANAN PARKER, Serial Number 230-74-80 enlisted in the United States Naval Reserve on May 23, 1947, and served in an inactive status until May 22, 1952, at which time he was honorably discharged by reason of expiration of enlistment.

The service records failed to show PARKER having any specific training or knowledge in the field of demolitions or explosives while in the military service.

The following descriptive and background information is contained in the record:

Date of Birth:	May 4, 1930
Place of Birth:	Natchez, Mississippi
Height:	5'8"
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Eyes:	Hazel
Complexion:	Ruddy
Build:	Medium
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Address: Route 1, Box 43,
Natchez, Mississippi
(5/23/47)
Relatives: Father, ROBERT LEE
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Photograph: None available in the
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I. Identification Record

By communication received in the Jackson Division December 10, 1964, the FBI Identification Division advised that ERNEST BUCHANAN PARKER, who has no FBI Number assigned, was fingerprinted by the United States Navy on May 23, 1947. His fingerprint classification is:

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J. Local Criminal Check

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

JN T-1 on September 9, 1964, advised that the following individuals have all joined the UKA as members of the McComb Unit and have apparently withdrawn from the WKKKKOM:

ERNEST PARKER

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ERNEST FINLEY

FRANK S. GASTON

CHARLES L. JAMES

JEFF LUKE

CECIL ROBERTS

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NELSON HANEY

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ED MC DANIEL

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JN T-3 on April 8, 1965, advised that a private school is being set up in the old Baptist Church at Washington, Mississippi, by members of the Americans for the Preservation of the White Race (APWR). The Board of Directors for this school is ROLAND SCOTT, ERNEST PARKER, and OTIS HOUSTON.

IV. INTERVIEWS OF SUBJECT

Mr. ERNEST PARKER, Palestine Road, furnished the following information after being advised of the identity and official capacity of the interviewing Agents:

He stated that he is in the cattle and dairy business.

He related that he does not know anything nor has he heard anything about the three missing Civil Rights workers in the Philadelphia, Mississippi, area. Further, he advised that he knows nothing about any Klan activities except what he reads in the newspapers. He said that he is not a member of the Klan and he does not know the identity of any Klan members.

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Name	ERNEST PARKER
Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	45
Height	5'10"
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Eyes	Green
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The following car was observed in PARKER's yard:

Late model red Ford Galaxie, Mississippi License 18076.

7/7/64 at Natchez, Mississippi File # NO 157-2413

SA DONALD M. BEANEY

SA HARRY R. LUNT

/jas

Date dictated 7/7/64

Date 4/29/65

ERNEST BUCHANAN PARKER, Route 4, Box 15A, Natchez, Mississippi, was contacted at his residence, at which time he was advised by SA JAMES O. INGRAM that he did not have to make a statement. PARKER immediately interrupted stating "I know my rights and I have no desire to talk to the FBI."

Attempts were made to engage PARKER in further conversation and he stated "I don't want to discuss anything." He turned and walked into his barn, closing the door.

On 4/20/65 at Route 4, Box 15A
Natchez, Mississippi File # Jackson 62-5
by SA's ROBERT P. WOMACK
JAMES O. INGRAM /lsk Date dictated 4/26/65

APPENDIX

UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA
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ORIGINAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
(LOUISIANA)
(OKKKK)

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

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APPENDIX

Jackson, Mississippi

June 14, 1965

Refer to

Title : ERNEST BUCHANAN PARKER

Character: RACIAL MATTERS - (KLAN)

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SUMMARY
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JACKSON DIVISION

At Natchez, Mississippi

Will maintain contact with informants for information regarding ERNEST BUCHANAN PARKER.

INFORMANTS:

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B. RESIDENCE ADDRESS AND MAILING ADDRESS

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His father is listed as R. LEE PARKER, Jr., Route 1, Box 43, Natchez, Mississippi, and his mother is listed as Mrs. R. LEE PARKER, same address. PARKER is described on his driver's license as a white male, born May 4, 1930, gray or hazel eyes, light brown hair, 5 feet 11 inches, 200 pounds.

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Records of the Natchez Credit Bureau were checked by SA EDWARD M. HARGRAVE on June 11, 1965, at which time, by their report dated May 4, 1965, the wife of ERNEST BUCHANAN PARKER is listed as MARY ODIE PARKER. Credit Bureau Records show that the PARKERS have four children.

MYRON WAYNE SEALE, when interviewed on October 23, 1964, by SA's PATRICK J. COLLINS and LENARD A. WOLF, advised that he barely knows ERNEST PARKER's wife MARY ODIE PARKER.

D. Occupation or Business

On July 7, 1964, ERNEST BUCHANAN PARKER was interviewed by SA's DONALD M. BEANEY and HARRY R. LUNT at which time PARKER stated he is in the cattle and dairy business.

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On October 23, 1964, MYRON WAYNE SEALE was interviewed by SA's PATRICK J. COLLINS and LENARD A. WOLF during which interview SEALE stated that his closest associate in Natchez is ERNEST PARKER. He stated that he and PARKER usually fly from Natchez to "Palmyra" which SEALE described as an island on the Mississippi River. He stated that this is a 35,000 acre island and that PARKER owns 25,000 acres of the island. PARKER has at least 500 head of cattle on this island and SEALE and PARKER often fly up to the island to take care of these cattle.

E. Employment Address

Records of the Credit Bureau, Natchez, Mississippi, were checked by SA EDWARD M. HARGRAVE on June 12, 1965, at which time the records of ERNEST PARKER show that his employment address is the same as his home since he is self-employed. His employment address is therefore Route 4, Box 15A, Natchez, Mississippi.

F. Education

Review of the Military Service records on file at the Military Personnel Record Center (MPRC),

St. Louis, Missouri, show PARKER has had three years of high school training.

G. Citizenship Status (Birth)

A review of military service records on file at the MPRC, St. Louis, Missouri, show PARKER was born May 4, 1930 at Natchez, Mississippi.

H. Military Record

On February 1, 1965, a review by Investigative Clerk NOEL L. BAKER of the Military Service Records on file at the MPRC, St. Louis, Missouri, indicated ERNEST BUCHANAN PARKER, Serial Number 230-74-80 enlisted in the United States Naval Reserve on May 23, 1947, and served in an inactive status until May 22, 1952, at which time he was honorably discharged by reason of expiration of enlistment.

The service records failed to show PARKER having any specific training or knowledge in the field of demolitions or explosives while in the military service.

The following descriptive and background information is contained in the record:

Date of Birth:	May 4, 1930
Place of Birth:	Natchez, Mississippi
Height:	5'8"
Weight:	155 pounds
Race:	White
Hair:	Brown
Eyes:	Hazel
Complexion:	Ruddy
Build:	Medium
Education:	Three years high school

Civilian Occupation: Student
 Military Occupation: Seaman
 Address: Route 1, Box 43,
 Natchez, Mississippi
 (5/23/47)
 Relatives: Father, ROBERT LEE
 PARKER, Route 1, Box 43,
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 Photograph: None available in the
 records.

I. Identification Record

By communication received in the Jackson Division December 10, 1964, the FBI Identification Division advised that ERNEST BUCHANAN PARKER, who has no FBI Number assigned, was fingerprinted by the United States Navy on May 23, 1947. His fingerprint classification is:

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J. Local Criminal Check

On June 12, 1965, records of the Natchez Police Department were checked by SA EDWARD M. HARGRAVE and disclosed that the Natchez Police Department, under no Police Department Number for an arrest on ERNEST PARKER, show he ran a stop sign in 1958. The Police Department description shows him to be a white male, age 28, 5'11", 190 pounds.

A check with the Adams County Sheriff's Office by SA EDWARD M. HARGRAVE on June 12, 1965, disclosed the Sheriff's Office has no record on ERNEST BUCHANAN PARKER.

K. Credit Check

On June 12, 1965, records of the Credit Bureau of Natchez were checked by SA EDWARD M. HARGRAVE at which time Mrs. ELLA ATKINS made available a report of the Credit Bureau dated May 4, 1965, which shows that ERNEST BUCHANAN PARKER, a white male, Route 4, Box 15A, Natchez, Mississippi, who is self-employed, is a farmer with a business address Route 4, Box 15A, Natchez, Mississippi, is married to MARY ODIE PARKER; that they have four children; an approximate income of \$10,000 a year and their credit is excellent.

L. Automobiles

On November 25, 1964, SA's PETER R. DURLAND and LENARD A. WOLF reviewed Adams County, Mississippi, Natchez, Mississippi, 1965 Car Registration Records at the Sheriff's Office. Among the registrations were located a registration to ERNEST PARKER for a 1964 Ford Galaxie bearing License C-2564.

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a man from Jackson, Mississippi, is alleged to have 1,000 live hand grenades for sale at \$7.50 each and this person also is alleged to be in possession of 12 Thompson Submachine Guns at \$500 each. These grenades and guns are supposed to be coming from Arkansas.

JN T-1 on May 29, 1964, advised ERNEST PARKER attended a Klan meeting at Natchez on May 26, 1964.

JN T-1 on June 5, 1964, reported that ERNEST PARKER attended a meeting of the WKKKKOM at Natchez, Mississippi, on June 2, 1964, where it was suggested that all Klan Units in Adams County, Mississippi, should be combined into one large Klavern.

JN T-1 on June 27, 1964, reported that ERNEST PARKER was in attendance at a meeting held at Klan headquarters on Morgantown Road, Natchez, Mississippi, on June 23, 1964.

JN T-1 on August 4, 1964, advised that a meeting of the Adams County Group was held on the night of August 4, 1964, at the old bowling alley, Natchez, Mississippi. During the course of this meeting, PAUL FOSTER, Exalted Cyclops of the Adams County Group, advised that he, ERNEST PARKER, and others, were going to re-organize the Adams County Group and that each new member accepted in the new group would be re-screened.

JN T-2 on September 3, 1964, advised that he is acquainted with ERNEST PARKER of Natchez, Mississippi, who is the individual who distributed Klan papers by airplane at Brookhaven, Mississippi. T-2 also advised that the plane owned by ERNEST PARKER was the one used to drop Klan papers over Philadelphia, Mississippi about the first part of August, 1964.

JN T-2 on September 7, 1964, advised that ERNEST PARKER and his brother LEE PARKER, "who owned half of Adams County", are very active members of the WKKKKOM in Mississippi.

JN T-2 advised on September 22, 1964, that at one of the officers meetings at Brookhaven, Mississippi, Special Agents were assigned as Special Investigators to work with the Imperial Wizard. T-2 advised that ERNEST PARKER of Natchez, Mississippi, received a commission as a Special Agent.

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

JN T-1 on September 9, 1964, advised that the following individuals have all joined the UKA as members of the McComb Unit and have apparently withdrawn from the WKKKKOM:

ERNEST PARKER

EDDIE MC DANIEL

JACK SEALE

ERNEST FINLEY

PAUL FOSTER

REGGIE CARTER.

JN T-2 on October 12, 1964, advised that recent one night the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol was following TOMMY JONES who resides in the Cloverhill Section, Natchez, Mississippi, 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."

On October 20, 1964, Sheriff ODELL ANDERS, Adams County, Natchez, Mississippi, advised SA's ROBIN O. COTTEN, and PETER R. DURLAND that a confidential source had advised him that a Negro, ARCHIE CURTIS, was severely whipped with a "bull whip" about May, 1964. Sheriff ANDERS identified CURTIS as a Negro undertaker from Natchez. Sheriff ANDERS stated that according to his source, this whipping was committed by ERNEST FINLEY, ERNEST PARKER, and JACK SEALE.

JN T-3 on October 22, 1964, advised that the following individuals were dissatisfied with the WKKKKOM because the WKKKKOM did not advocate forms of violence and therefore they joined the United Klans of America, Inc.. T-3 stated that these individuals advocate violence and are extremely strong segregationists:

ERNEST FINLEY

FRANK S. GASTON

CHARLES L. JAMES

JEFF LUKE

CECIL ROBERTS

PAUL L. FOSTER

NELSON HANEY

TOMMY L. JONES

ED MC DANIEL

MYRON WAYNE SEALE

JN T-2 on February 17, 1965, advised that he had heard no recent activity on the part of ERNEST PARKER in connection with Klan activity.

JN T-1 on April 26, 1965, advised that he had heard of no recent activity on the part of ERNEST PARKER in connection with Klan activity.

JN T-3 on April 8, 1965, advised that a private school is being set up in the old Baptist Church at Washington, Mississippi, by members of the Americans for the Preservation of the White Race (APWR). The Board of Directors for this school is ROLAND SCOTT, ERNEST PARKER, and OTIS HOUSTON.

IV. INTERVIEWS OF SUBJECT

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date July 20, 1964

Mr. ERNEST PARKER, Palestine Road, furnished the following information after being advised of the identity and official capacity of the interviewing Agents:

He stated that he is in the cattle and dairy business.

He related that he does not know anything nor has he heard anything about the three missing Civil Rights workers in the Philadelphia, Mississippi, area. Further, he advised that he knows nothing about any Klan activities except what he reads in the newspapers. He said that he is not a member of the Klan and he does not know the identity of any Klan members.

The following description of PARKER was obtained by observation during the interview:

Name	ERNEST PARKER
Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	45
Height	5'10"
Weight	175 - 180 pounds
Hair	Dark brown
Eyes	Green
Complexion	Dark

The following car was observed in PARKER's yard:

Late model red Ford Galaxie, Mississippi License 18076.

7/7/64 at Natchez, Mississippi File # NO 157-2413

SA DONALD M. BEANEY

SA HARRY R. LUNT

/jas

Date dictated

7/7/64

Date 4/29/65

ERNEST BUCHANAN PARKER, Route 4, Box 15A, Natchez, Mississippi, was contacted at his residence, at which time he was advised by SA JAMES O. INGRAM that he did not have to make a statement. PARKER immediately interrupted stating "I know my rights and I have no desire to talk to the FBI."

Attempts were made to engage PARKER in further conversation and he stated "I don't want to discuss anything." He turned and walked into his barn, closing the door.

Route 4, Box 15A
4/20/65 at Natchez, Mississippi File # Jackson 62-5

SA's ROBERT P. WOMACK

JAMES O. INGRAM /lsk

Date dictated 4/26/65

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APPENDIX

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
COURTS OF
ORIGINAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
(LOUISIANA)
(OKKKK)

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

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

APPENDIX

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

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

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

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

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

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

Date received 4/28/65	Received from (name or symbol number) FOIA(b)7 - (D)	Received by SA BILLY BOB WILLIAMS
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4/28/65

Date(s) of activity
March 1965

Brief description of activity or material

BILLY BUCKLES is taking a vacation to
arrange details and location for a state
meeting of WKKKKOM. Residents of Franklin
Co., Miss., becoming increasingly agitated
at investigation by FBI Agents. Brother of
SCOTTY WRIGHT, Ferriday, La., was on Navy
diving team utilized in locating torsos of
murdered Negroes MOORE and DEE during late
1964.

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- 2 - 62-5
- 1 - 157- (WKKKKOM, Wilkinson County)
- 1 - 157-945 (BILLY BUCKLES)
- 1 - 157-18 (SAM BOWERS)

FOIA(b)7 - (D)

- 1 - 157-2404 JAMES RUSSELL STUART
- 1 - 157-512 ERNEST PARKER
- 1 - 157- CLAUDE FULLER
- 1 - 157- JAMES MARCUS EDWARDS

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April 28, 1965
Adams County, Mississippi

BILLY BUCKLES, GRAND GIANT,
WKKKKOM, AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR
STATE MEETING OF WKKKKOM

BILLY BUCKLES has advised members of the WKKKKOM in Adams County, Mississippi, that he is taking a vacation beginning on or about April 28, 1965, in order to arrange the details and location for a state meeting of the WKKKKOM. BUCKLES also intends to spread the word among the various members of the organization throughout the state of Mississippi that the meeting is to be held and the location.

BUCKLES is extremely upset over the present status of the WKKKKOM and says that a state meeting must be held.

There is an apparent power struggle going on within the higher ranks of the WKKKKOM but the details of this power struggle are not known. The general membership does not believe that SAM BOWERS will be ousted in the near future as the Imperial Wizard of the organization.

BILLY BUCKLES has not outwardly pushed for BOWERS ouster among the general membership.

E. S. GILBERT, the state investigator for the WKKKKOM is outwardly opposed to SAM BOWERS.

WKKKKOM, FRANKLIN COUNTY,
MISSISSIPPI

Members of the WKKKKOM in Franklin County, Mississippi, are becoming increasingly agitated at Special Agents of the FBI who have been and are conducting investigations in that area. There is a large amount of general discussion which apparently stems from no central source that "something should be done about these Agents". Caution on the part of Agents operating in this area is strongly urged.

WKKKKOM, WILKINSON COUNTY,
MISSISSIPPI

Members of the organization in Wilkinson County, Mississippi, believe that a large number of FBI Agents are presently in that county searching for a trailer-load of high explosives. There is presently a great deal of discussion with regard to this matter.

JAMES RUSSELL STUART

The identity of anyone with the name JAMES RUSSELL STUART is not generally known among the membership of the WKKKKOM in the Adams County, Mississippi area.

MURDERS OF THE YOUNG NEGRO MALES,
MOORE AND DEE

Rumors have been spread in Franklin and Adams County, Mississippi, that JAMES EDWARDS, who was originally arrested for the murders of MOORE and DEE, has talked to members of the FBI and the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol. These rumors are not being believed by the other individuals involved in the crime with EDWARDS.

It has been determined that the individual who served on the U.S. Navy Diving Team that recovered the torsos of MOORE and DEE during late 1964, was the brother of SCOTTY WRIGHT, Ferriday, La., and not the brother of HANK HOWINGTON as previously reported.

ERNEST PARKER, Adams County, Miss., owns a Cessna 170 Aircraft. This aircraft is a four place, high wing, two-tone green airplane with a conventional landing gear. PARKER does not operate this aircraft at night, and it is highly unlikely that he would have utilized this aircraft for the transportation of two dead human bodies either during daylight hours or after dark. The airplane is not large enough to hold two dead bodies in any other position other than sitting in the passenger seats.

CLAUDE FULLER

CLARENCE FULLER, a resident of Ringden,
Mississippi, is becoming increasingly active in Klan
business. He is a known member of the Elgin group of
the U.S.S.W.

CLAUDE FULLER, a resident of Kingston, Mississippi, is becoming increasingly active in Klan business. He is a known member of the Sligo group of the WKKKKOM.

Date received 4/8/65 Received from (name or symbol #) FOIA(b)7 - (D) Received by SA BILLY BOB WILLIAMS

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Brief description of activity or material.

Activities of APWR, Adams Co., Miss., in establish-

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ing private School Request by E. L. MC DANIEL, Grand

Dragon, UKA, Miss., to have meeting of state
officials in UKA & WKKKKOM in an effort to bring

FOIA(b)7 - (D)

Remarks: WKKKKOM into UKA. Consideration of H. H.
HEREDEEN as replacement for SAM BOWERS as
Imperial Wizard, WKKKKOM. Planned publicity
rally of UKA, Adams Co., Miss. 5/2/65.
Coverage of meeting of State & Province
Officers, WKKKKOM, Jackson, Miss., 4/4/65.
Finanical status of WCPALDF & disbursement
of funds of same. Plan on the part of
WKKKKOM to construct billboards on which
posters showing civil rights leaders in
compromising situations are to be displayed.
Promise by member of staff of Congressman JOHN BELL
WILLIAMS to furnish info to WKKKKOM. Identity of
one member of the Minutemen in Ferriday, La.

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(C. P. Cooper)

Remarks:

On 4/8/65, FOIA(b)7 - (D) furnished one copy of the "Klan Ledger" for April, 1965. This material has been designated as an enclosure to Jackson file number 157-63.

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4/8/65

Adams County, Miss.

APWR, ADAMS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

A private school is being set up in the old Baptist Church at Washington, Miss., by members of the Americans for the Preservation of the White Race (APWR). The Board of Directors for this school is ROWLAND SCOTT, ERNEST PARKER, and OTIS HOUSTON.

OTIS HOUSTON is a former member of the WKKKKOM, but his activity in that organization is now unknown. He is a very active member of the APWR.

UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INCORPORATED

E. L. MC DANIEL, Grand Dragon, Realm of Mississippi, United Klans of America, Incorporated (UKA) has requested a meeting between all UKA State Officials and all WKKKKOM State Officials for the purpose of bringing the WKKKKOM into the UKA. BILLY BUCKLES, Grand Giant, WKKKKOM, has stated that the WKKKKOM should not go into the UKA.

MC DANIEL also strongly advocates that SAM BOWERS, Imperial Wizard, WKKKKOM, must be removed from his office.

The meeting requested by MC DANIEL is being planned for an unknown date in the future.

E. L. MC DANIEL has also stated that a publicity rally is going to be held on May 2, 1965, by the UKA at Natchez, Miss. The title of this rally is to be "The White Mississippians Speak" and attending Klansmen will appear in their robes. The rally is to be covered by the news department of NBC TV. The exact location of this rally is not known at the present time but MC DANIEL has indicated that he intends to try to obtain the facilities of the Liberty Ball Park at Natchez, Mississippi, for this rally.

POSSIBLE REPLACEMENT FOR SAM BOWERS

H. H. HEREDEEN has been discussed by State and Province Officers of the WKKKKOM as a possible replacement for SAM BOWERS as Imperial Wizard whether or not the WKKKKOM affiliates itself with the UKA.

MEETING OF STATE AND PROVINCE OFFICERS, WKKKKOM, JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, 4/4/65

The persons attending the meeting on 4/4/65, left Shoney's Restaurant in Westland Plaza, Jackson, Mississippi, at about 5:15 p.m. on 4/4/65, and traveled out U. S. 55 South where they turned off on the Terry exit and traveled West. They thereafter traveled over a route laid out to include many turns and other matters to add to the confusion of the route. The meeting was eventually held in a pasture and inside an underground silo.

The meeting was opened with a prayer by J. K. GREER and those in attendance were the following:

SAM BOWERS
BILLY BUCKLES
J. K. GREER
H. H. HEREDEEN
(FNU) LEIGH

One other individual from the Mississippi Gulf Coast
Two unidentified men from Jackson, Mississippi
Two unidentified men from the northeast portion of
the State of Mississippi
(FNU) SANFORD (phonetic) from Topeka, Mississippi

The prayer by J. K. GREER was followed with a speech by SAM BOWERS on the forthcoming congressional investigation of the Ku Klux Klan.

BOWERS was followed by BILLY BUCKLES, who gave a pep talk to the various Province Representatives to get the Klan activities going again. BUCKLES also spoke about the fact

that the Klan "wouldn't be in the blind about the congressional investigation".

BUCKLES wanted to know if the "Klan Ledger" had been distributed and then explained that cut stencils for this "Klan Ledger" had been sent to each klavern and it would be the klavern's responsibility to have copies of the paper printed and then distribute them. He stated that this was necessary due to the shortage of state funds.

Copies of this "Klan Ledger" are to be distributed in the State of Mississippi in the near future.

The minutes of a meeting previously held at Whitworth College in Brookhaven relating to the White Christians Protective and Legal Defense Fund were read. These minutes indicated that the wife of the police officer recently killed in Jackson, Miss., had been given \$100 from the fund.

This report also reflected that the expenses of the fund now total approximately \$1000. A total of \$2300.00 has been collected and the total on hand is \$1200.

SAM BOWERS told H.H. HEREDEEN to send the wife of the white constable who was recently slain in Hattiesburg, Miss., \$100 from the WCPLDF and stated that if the Board of Directors did not go along with this the WKKKKOM would cover the amount.

H. H. HEREDEEN was also told by SAM BOWERS that he could take out of the fund enough money to cover his gasoline expenses while working on fund business.

SAM BOWERS gave a general pep talk to the persons assembled about the WCPLDF.

ACTIVITIES OF THE WKKKKOM

A plan is underway by members of the WKKKKOM to build a number of billboards throughout the State of Mississippi on which pictures of MARTIN LUTHER KING and other civil rights

leaders in compromising situations can be displayed.

ERNEST AVANTS, Natchez, Miss., is in possession of a number of large billboard size posters depicting MARTIN LUTHER KING in attendance at a communist school and it is expected that these pictures will be displayed on the billboard. Copies of these posters have also been sent to areas in northern Mississippi.

PUBLICATION OF THE "SOUTHERN REVIEW"

BILLY BUCKLES, Grand Giant, WKKKKOM, has stated that the "Southern Review" has ceased printing operations and a total of 4000 subscriptions are needed before production can be resumed.

Each Klansman has been requested to subscribe to the "Southern Review" for himself and for someone else rather than himself. This is in order that the "Southern Review" will be received by persons other than Klansmen. The Klansmen are also being asked to obtain advertising for the newspaper.

WOODY MATTHEWS

SAM BOWERS has stated to a very small number of selected Klan officers that WOODY MATTHEWS, who was formerly a congressional page sponsored by Congressman JOHN BELL WILLIAMS, is now on the staff of Congressman WILLIAMS and has been placed in a position of trust by Congressman WILLIAMS. MATTHEWS is also associated with the WKKKKOM and he has told the officers of the WKKKKOM that he will obtain all of the information possible relating to the Klan from Congressman WILLIAMS and from the office files of Congressman WILLIAMS. He advised he will furnish this information to the WKKKKOM and this situation is to be of particular importance to the Klan during the forthcoming Congressional Investigation of the Ku Klux Klan.

There is no indication that Congressman WILLIAMS has any knowledge of the activities or planned activities of MATTHEWS with regard to the Ku Klux Klan.

THE MINUTEMEN

ERNEST AVANTS, Natchez, Mississippi, is very interested in the Minutemen Organization and talks a great deal about revolution. He does not seem interested in actually joining the Minutemen.

It is believed that a man named (FNU) GUTHRIE in Ferriday, Louisiana, has tried for sometime to join the Minutemen and has recently been tentatively accepted for membership.

It has been brought out that each Minuteman knows only four other members of the organization.

MISCELLANEOUS

There has been no discussion or indication among members of the WKKKKOM that any new organization is being formed in which the members would wear uniforms or be required to own highpowered rifles.

There has been no discussion or indication of knowledge among members of the WKKKKOM in the Adams County, Mississippi, area, with regard to the burning of the COFO House at Indianola, Mississippi, recently.

JULIUS HARPER, BILLY BUCKLES and SAM BOWERS have discussed at length the manner in which the bodies of the three slain civil rights workers in Neshoba County, Mississippi, were discovered. It is the consensus opinion among these individuals that the bodies were found as a result of a lucky guess on the part of Agents after seeing fresh dirt from a helicopter flying over the area in which the bodies were found.

Natchez, Mississippi
4/26/65

Informant was specifically asked if he knew of any Klan activity on the part of the following individuals, at which time he stated he has not seen or heard of any recent activity on the part of any one of these individuals. Informant qualified this statement by advising that he knew of no activity since he last reported on some of these individuals:

ERNEST PARKER
TOMMY JONES
FRANK GASTON
ERNEST FINLEY
JACK SEALE
CHARLES E. JAMES
ERNEST AVANTS
GEORGE NOSSER
JOHN DAWSON
FRANK HYMAN THURMAN
EDWARD WILLARD FULLER
NELSON E. HANEY
JOHN W. BARBER

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON FOIA(b)7 - (D)

DATE: 4/22/65

FROM : SA WILLIAM F. DUKES

FOIA(b)6
FOIA(b)7 - (C)

SUBJECT: FOIA(b)7 - (D)

Rememo 4/21/65.

AT NATCHEZ, MISSISSIPPI

FOIA(b)7 - (D) was recontacted at his residence by SAS WILLIAM F. DUKES & EDGAR C. FORTENBERRY on 4/22/65. FOIA(b)7 - (D) advised that since the previous contact 4/21/65, he has learned that [redacted] sister in the Hamburg Community near Roxie, Mississippi is a [redacted] (re JN 62-5). FOIA(b)7 - (D) advised further that he had been thinking about some way of exploiting the possible involvement of [redacted] and [redacted] in these matters. He advised that [redacted] WOODS and some other members of the Sligo Unit of the KKK believe [redacted] to be an Informant for either the FBI or Highway Patrol, and that [redacted] is the one who furnished information which resulted in the arrest of WOODS and JACK MALE in the Fall of 1964 in connection with a Negro beating near Fayette, Mississippi. FOIA(b)7 - (D) advised he intended to exploit this possibility in the course of his next contact with WOODS, and to plant the idea in WOODS' mind that if they could make [redacted] tell them (WOODS and FOIA(b)7 - (D)) the details of the MOORE-DEE murders, that they would then have a "hammer" to hold over [redacted] to keep him from informing further.

FOIA(b)7 - (D) advised that he believes [redacted] to be a weak link in the Klan who probably will talk if interviewed extensively. In this regard, he advised he has the full confidence of [redacted], whom he stated would run right to him, FOIA(b)7 - (D) following any interview by FBI Agents, at which time FOIA(b)7 - (D) will attempt to develop additional information from him.

FOIA(b)7 - (D) advised that one JERRY DUNN, a resident of Vidalia, Louisiana who is employed at one of the Natchez plants, possibly the Armstrong Tire Company, was formerly a member of the Sligo Unit of the WKKKKOM, but has been inactive for a considerable period of time. FOIA(b)7 - (D) advised DUNN told him recently that he has a quantity of dynamite stored across the river in Louisiana, but that some of this dynamite will probably be brought to the Natchez area in the near future. DUNN also said he had a number of .25 caliber automatic pistols, and showed FOIA(b)7 - (D) one of these weapons, a .25 caliber blue steel automatic pistol of Spanish manufacture, similar in appearance to a Beretta automatic.

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FOIA(b)7 - (D) advised he was not aware of the quantity of dynamic pistols in DUNN's possession, or as to the location of these items; however, he stated he believed he could find out, and that he would do so.

FOIA(b)7 - (D) advised that he definitely was sworn into the Sligo Unit (WKKKKOM) in September, 1964, and he believed it was 9/15/64. He advised he was sworn in by ROBERT MYERS, Klingle of the Unit, at CALVIN CLARK's fruit stand in Natchez. He recalled that several cars of Klansmen were parked that night at the fruit stand, and that Natchez Chief of Police J. T. ROBINSON drove by and told them that they had to move their cars from off the street, inasmuch as the FBI would be checking them if they didn't.

FOIA(b)7 - (D) stated that CHARLES ARCHER, [redacted]

[redacted] is presently dealing blackjack at ~~XXXXXX~~ Blawie's, a joint located on the Vidalia-Ferriday highway in Louisiana. [redacted]

FOIA(b)7 - (D) was instructed to continue making every effort to develop additional info re the MOORE-DEE murders (JN File 62-5). He requested that no effort be made at this time to interview JERRY DUNN, pointing out that so far as he knows, he is the only one in the Natchez area who is aware of the information furnished by DUNN.

ABOVE INFO FURNISHED BY [redacted] ON A CONFIDENTIAL BASIS, AND HIS IDENTITY SHOULD BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL.

RECOMMENDATION: Open 157-case re JERRY DUNN, and attempt to identify and conduct credit and criminal checks. Withhold any interview of DUNN pending additional contact with

FOIA(b)7 - (D)

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- 1: 157-63 (WKKKKOM)
- 1: 157-471 (UKA)
- 1: 157-574 (Adams County)
- 1: 157-569 (Franklin County)
- 1: 157-MYRON WANE SEALE
- 1: 157-ERNEST PARKER

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- 2: 92-15 (CIP, NATCHEZ RA)

FOIA(b)7 - (D)

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WFD:

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON FOIA(b)7 - (D)

DATE: 4/21/65

FROM : SA WILLIAM F. DUKES

SUBJECT:

FOIA(b)7 - (D)

AT NATCHEZ, MISSISSIPPI

FOIA(b)7 - (D) was interviewed by SAs WILLIAM F. DUKES and EDGAR O. FORBEN BERRY on 4/21/65 at his residence located at Duckpond Road, Ferrick Community east of Natchez. In view of FOIA(b)7 - (D) status as a Subject in the matter captioned FOIA(b)7 - (D) was advised by SA DUKES at the outset of the interview of the identity of the Agents, of the fact that he did not have to make any statement, that any statement he made might be used against him in a Court of Law, and that he had a right to talk to an attorney or anyone else prior to making a statement. This interview was primarily for the purpose of developing any information FOIA(b)7 - (D) may have re the murders in the matter captioned JAMES FORD SEALE, et al; HENRY HEZEKIAH DEB, et al - VICTIMS, JN File 62-5.

FOIA(b)7 - (D) advised he had heard about SA DUKES from Investigator REX ARMISTEAD, MHSP, who informed him that SA DUKES could not be trusted not to "trick" him; accordingly, FOIA(b)7 - (D) stated he would be unable to talk with SA DUKES although he believed REX ARMISTEAD had "put him in a trap" on another matter, and he accordingly did not want to have anything further to do with ARMISTEAD.

FOIA(b)7 - (D) advised he was taken into the SLIGO unit of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi (WKKKKOM) at Natchez about 9/15/64, and that FOIA(b)7 - (D) of the Sligo unit. He advised this unit currently has 12 or 15 members, and meets on an irregular basis each month, although the unit is generally inactive. He stated that at the time he joined, JOE NOSSER and GEORGE NOSSER, sons of Natchez Mayor NOSSER also joined this unit. He advised that JACK SEALE, ERNEST PARKER, J.L. "BIG MAC" MC KINNEY, and MARVIN MC KINNEY were all in the Sligo group at one time, but that JACK SEALE and ERNEST PARKER broke off and are members now of the United Klans of America which FOIA(b)7 - (D) advised is the most powerful Klan group in Adams and Franklin Counties at the present time, and is growing stronger all the time.

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FOIA(b)7 - (D)

- 1: 157-53 (UNKNOWN)
- 1: 157-471 (UKA)
- 1: 157-574 (Adams County)
- 1: 157-509 (Franklin County)
- 1: 157-IVRON WAYNE SEALE
- 1: 157-ERNEST PARKER
- 1: 157-J. L. MC KINNEY
- 1: 157-NARVIN MC KINNEY
- 1: 157-ODELL ADERS, Sheriff of Adams County, Mississippi
- 1: 80-Adams County, Mississippi Sheriff's Office
- 1: 92-CIP, Natchez RA

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FOIA(b)7 - (D) advised that ERNEST PARKER at one time was related to Cyclops of the Clover Hill Club and the United Klans, and JACK SEALE was Investigator of this unit.

FOIA(b)7 - (D) advised that about a month or six weeks ago, exact date not recalled, he was in a group at Natchez including [redacted] were found off Parker's landing near Tallulah, Louisiana were killed because one of them "started off" to [redacted] sister, [redacted] sister, married name unknown, but who lives in the Hamburg Community between Roxie and Meadville, Mississippi. The Negro youth was working on some kind of construction work for this woman, possibly building a house. He was making only \$3.00 a day, and had been working for the woman only a short time. Either one or two days before the youths disappeared the youth got into an argument with [redacted] sister about his wages, demanded a raise and, according to [redacted] he "mouthed off" at her. FOIA(b)7 - (D) advised that he was not sure of the sequence of events after that but stated that the woman either came direct to Natchez and contacted [redacted] and [redacted], or telephoned them, and told them what had happened. [redacted] then got in touch with either JACK SEALE or ERNEST PARKER, and this instituted the series of events which led to the murders.

FOIA(b)7 - (D) advised that about April 1, 1965, exact date not recalled, BILLY WOODS from Natchez was at the Plaza, a night club and gambling establishment between Vidalia and Ferriday, Louisiana, where FOIA(b)7 - (D) was working. WOODS, who was drinking, said point blank that [redacted] was directly responsible for the death of the two Negro youths whose bodies were found in the old river near Parker's Landing. WOODS said that one of the youths had said something to one of [redacted] sisters in the nature of an insult, and [redacted] had "stepped" for their deaths. WOODS also said that the two youths were abducted near Meadville, Mississippi by five men and taken into the woods and blateny after which they were taken to Parker's Island and thereafter put in the river. According to WOODS, [redacted] went to Parker's Island with the group who put the youths in the river.

FOIA(b)7 - (D) advised he had no other specific information of value concerning these murders, but he stated he definitely believed that [redacted] and [redacted] were involved as indicated. He advised [redacted] is a "weak sister" who might talk, but that [redacted] is a cold-blooded individual who will probably never talk. In this connection, FOIA(b)7 - (D) advised that in October and November, 1964, he heard both JACK SEALE and ERNEST PARKER say that every day [redacted] would "sit tight" because nobody would ever "talk" about the two men. Shortly after JACK SEALE and CHARLES EDWARDS were arrested and charged with these murders, ERNEST PARKER told FOIA(b)7 - (D) that SEALE and EDWARDS were "tough boys" who would not talk.

interrogation and observation: [redacted] was obtained from

Sex:	[redacted] FOIA(b)7 - (D)
Race:	White
Age:	Male
Date of Birth:	37 - born [redacted] FOIA(b)7 - (D) at Jackson, Miss.
Residence:	Duckpond Road, Natchez, Miss. (Fenwick Community)
Height:	5'10"
Weight:	205 lbs.
Eyes:	Green
Hair:	Dark brown, bushy
Complexion:	Ruddy
Occupation:	[redacted] FOIA(b)7 - (D)
Build:	Stocky
Scars & Marks:	Noticable cut scar right cheek at corner of mouth.

RECOMMENDATION: Open [redacted] FOIA(b)7 - (D) and assign SA WILLIAMS at Natchez. In this connection, it is pointed out that in the course of the 4/21/65 interview, [redacted] FOIA(b)7 - (D) appeared extremely nervous and frequently commented that his life would be in jeopardy if the Klan knew he was cooperating with the FBI. It is believed that SA WILLIAMS should withhold contact with [redacted] FOIA(b)7 - (D) pending additional contact by SA DUKES to incur [redacted] FOIA(b)7 - (D) confidence. In the light of the fact that while no promises whatever were made [redacted] FOIA(b)7 - (D) it is believed that at this time his potential as an Informant is excellent, and he would be of considerable more value in this regard than as a potential witness; accordingly, the information furnished by [redacted] FOIA(b)7 - (D) is being set out in the Informant section of JN File 62-5, while the admissions made by him re [redacted] FOIA(b)7 - (D) in which he is a principal Subject, is being set out in an FD-302.

[redacted] FOIA(b)7 - (D) general personal appearance and the appearance of his residence indicates that he is in extremely poor financial condition, and he thus should be susceptible to monetary remuneration. He was extremely nervous during this interview, and good judgment dictated the advisability of making very little effort to take notes; accordingly, only sketchy notes were taken pending additional efforts to develop [redacted] FOIA(b)7 - (D) confidence. [redacted] FOIA(b)7 - (D) advised he would not under any circumstances testify to the information furnished by him concerning the Klan, and that out of fear for his life and those of his wife and children, he would deny he ever furnished such information if subpoenaed.

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-4)

DATE: 3/11/65

FROM : SA BENJAMIN F. GRAVES

SUBJECT: INVESTIGATION OF KLANSMEN
RACIAL MATTERS

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- e. Residence
- f. Employment
- g. Military service
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- i. Physical description
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- m. Up-to-date picture of subject

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

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

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SAC, ST. LOUIS (157-760) RUC

ERNEST BUCHANAN PARKER
RM

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Re Washington Field letter to St. Louis dated 12/18/64.

A review on 2/1/65 by IC NOEL L. BAKER of the military service records on file at the MPRC, St. Louis, Mo., indicated ERNEST BUCHANAN PARKER, Serial Number 230 74 80 enlisted in the U. S. Naval Reserve on 5/23/47, and served in an inactive status until 5/22/52, at which time he was honorably discharged by reason of expiration of enlistment.

The service records failed to show PARKER having any specific training or knowledge in the field of demolitions or explosives while in the military service.

The following descriptive and background information is contained in the records:

Date and place of birth:	5/4/30, Natchez, Miss.
Height:	5' 8"
Weight:	155 lbs.
Race:	White
Hair:	Brown
Eyes:	Hazel
Complexion:	Ruddy
Build:	Medium
Education:	3 years high school
Civilian Occupation:	Student
Military Occupation:	Seaman
Addresses:	Route 1, Box 43, Natchez, Miss., (5/23/47).
Relatives:	Father, ROBERT LEE PARKER, Route 1, Box 43, Natchez, Miss., (5/23/47).
Photograph:	None available in the records

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SAC, WFO (157-490) (RUC)

ERNEST BUCHANAN PARKER
RM

Re Jackson letter dated 12/8/64, captioned as above, which advised as follows:

Subject is a known member of the United Klans of America Ku Klux Klan, and is closely associated with the Klan element at Natchez, Mississippi.

PARKER has USN Reserve SN 2307480, and is described as a white male, born 5/4/30, at Natchez, Mississippi, 5' 10", 185 pounds, brown hair and gray eyes.

WFO was requested to review PARKER's service record and set forth all background information and particularly determine whether he had received any training in the use of explosives.

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St. Louis will conduct service record review as set out above.

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