

FROM

SA PETER R. DURLAND

SUBJECT:

ERNEST HENRY AVANTS
RM

SA DURLAND and SA LENARD WOLF on 11/25/64 reviewed Adams County 1965 Car Registration records at the Sheriff's Office, Natchez, Mississippi. The following registrations were located which appear to pertain to subjects in the area. All are 1965 registrations.

ERNEST HENRY AVANTS:	1956 Chevrolet 1965 Miss. C3653 (registered to Mrs. AVANTS, Route 1, Natchez)
JOHN W. BARBER:	Route 5, Box 279, Natchez, 1959 Ford Galaxie, 1965 Miss. C6901; 1955 Ford Pick-up F/5 1330
RODNEY LEE BRITT:	None listed
DAVID RONALD CARNELL:	None listed
FRED DAVIS:	1955 Pontiac, 4-door, 1-631
ERNEST ROBERT FINDLEY:	None listed
FRANK L. GASTON:	1962 Chevrolet S/W, 1965 Miss. B-1007
ALEXANDER GIBSON GOZA:	1962 Chevrolet Pick-up F/5 1955 Chevrolet - C4676 1963 Chevrolet - C4675
ERNEST DANIEL GOZA:	1956 Ford C1330
JAMES KENNETH GREER:	1959 Vauxhall B1553 1964 Corvair 2-door club coupe B1613
NELSON E. HANEY:	1958 Ford 1-1453 1953 Ford Pick-up F/5 31 1957 Chevrolet F/5 30. Pick-up.
SIDNEY E. HANEY, SR.:	1958 Cadillac, 4-door, D1 1960 Ford C3887
MARIO S. HERNANDEZ:	1962 Chevrolet Sedan C187
MARION LEE HOUSE:	1962 Rambler American B-2

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CHARLES EDWARD JAMES:	1954 Chevrolet 2-door C4967
	1957 Ford Sedan C4968
	1950 Studebaker pick-up F/5 969
	1959 Ford pick-up F/5 970
GOVIE TAYLOR LAMBERT:	None listed
EARL McGAUGHEY:	1959 Ford 1-4347
ERNEST PARKER:	1964 Ford Galaxie C2564
CECIL MAYO PEOPLES:	1960 Rambler S/W B1897
CECIL ROBERTS:	None listed
RAPHAEL LEONARD SCHUCHS:	1961 Dodge-Polara S/W 1D2038
FRANK HYMAN THURMAN:	1959 Triumph 10 Sedan, A1006
	1956 Desoto sedan 1-1273
EDWARD FULLER:	None listed
MYRON W. SEALE:	1964 Chevelle Chevrolet 1B1947
CURTIS WILLIAM WELCH:	1962 Ford Pick-up F/5725
	1958 Ford 1-3573
BILLY L. WOOD:	1963 Ford Galaxie 1-5299
THOMAS EDGAR YOUNG:	1957 Chevrolet 2-door 1-7135
CALVIN CLARK:	None listed

1965 Car registrations were checked at Sheriff's Office, ville, Mississippi, for Franklin County on 12/1/64 by SA DURLAND SA LENARD WOLF regarding following subjects:

CALVIN CLARK:	None listed
R. LEWIS DANTZLER:	Route 1, Roxie - 1962 Ford Fairlane 4-door 19B-107
E. H. DUNN:	Route 2, Roxie - 1954 Ford Pickup F/525835
W. C. DUNN:	Route 2, Roxie, None listed
CHARLES MARCUS EDWARDS:	Route 2, Meadville 1962 Chevrolet 19B-177 1959 Ford 19-1458 1955 Chevrolet pickup F/525754
WALTER GENE HALL:	Roxie, 1956 Buick Special 19D206
W. J. HARRIGILL:	Roxie, 1964 Chevrolet BelAir 4-door 19-882 1953 Chevrolet ½ ton pickup F/526276
WILLIAM WALLACE HAVARD:	Roxie, 1960 Chevrolet pick- up F/525756

KENNETH LEHMAN:

GERALD GRAY PHARES:

FRANK PRIEST:

CLYDE SEALE:

DON SEALE:

JAMES SEALE:

DENNIS M. SMITH:

HERMAN RAY WHEELER:

Roxie, 1961 Falcon Sedan
 19B-139
 Roxie, 1962 Ford, 19-1695
 1953 Ford 3/4 ton F/526242
 Meadville, 1962 Falcon 19B-118
 1951 Chevrolet 4-door 19-288
 Meadville, 1961 pick-up
 GMC F/5521
 1964 Volks 19A-101
 1958 Ford Anglis 2-door
 19A-105
 Meadville, 1957 Chevrolet
 Sedan 19-1442
 1960 GMC 1000 1/2 ton F/526187
 Meadville, 1964 Pontiac
 Tempest Sedan 19-516
 1962 Volks 19A111
 1952 Studebaker 2-door,
 19B148
 Meadville, 1951 Chevy pick-
 up F/526195
 Roxie, 1962 Chevrolet BelAir
 4-door 19891

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- 1 - ERNEST HENRY AVANTS (157-958)
 - 1 - JOHN W. BURBET (157-2208)
 - 1 - RODNEY LEE BRITT (157-354)
 - 1 - DAVID RONALD CARNELL (157-664)
 - 1 - FRED DAVIS (157-2193)
 - 1 - ERNEST FINDLEY (157-787)
 - 1 - FRANK GASTON (157-624)
 - 1 - ALEXANDER GOZA (157-2202)
 - 1 - ERNEST GOZA (157-2203)
 - 1 - JAMES K. GREER (157-404)
 - 1 - NELSON HANEY (157-694)
 - 1 - SIDNEY HANEY (157-694)
 - 1 - MARIO HERNANDEZ (157-2191)
 - 1 - M. L. HOUSE (157-2190)
 - CHARLES JAMES (157-879)
 - GOVIE LAMBERT (157-2189)
 - EARL McGAUGHEY (157-511)
 - ERNEST PARKER (157-512)
 - CECIL PEOPLES (157-633)

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- 1 - CECIL ROBERTS (157-513)
- 1 - RAPHAEL SCHUCHS (157-2173)
- 1 - MYRON SEALE (157-815)
- 1 - CURTIS WELCH (157-691)
- 1 - BILLY WOOD (157-987)
- 1 - THOMAS YOUNG (157-994)
- 1 - CALVIN CLARK (157-855)
- 1 - R. LEWIS DANTZLER (157-2197)
- 1 - E. H. DUNN (157-2194)
- 1 - W. C. DUNN (157-2195)
- 1 - CHARLES EDWARDS (157-1043)
- 1 - WALTER HALL (157-1042)
- 1 - W. J. HARRIGILL (157-1611)
- 1 - WILLIAM HAVARD (157-2205)
- 1 - KENNETH LEHMAN (157-2188)
- 1 - GERALD PHARES (157-1636)
- 1 - FRANK PRIEST (157-1610)
- 1 - CLYDE SEALE (157-951)
- 1 - DON SEALE (157-961)
- 1 - JAMES SEALE (157-950)
- 1 - DENNIS SMITH (157-1039)
- 1 - W. M. TEMPLE (157-2175)
- 1 - HERMAN WHEELER (157-1635)
- 1 - FRANK THURMAN (157-2169)

INSTRUCTIONS

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To: DIRECTOR, FBI Attention: Identification Division

Date 12-1-64.

Re ERNEST BUCHANAN PARKER. RM.

Furnish The Known Identification Record of the Following:

Name	ERNEST BUCHANAN PARKER.	FBI No.	
Aliases		Other No. USN RESERVE #	2307480

Aliases *1246 (2 pl)* *TRY V-6. REQ'D NAVY - WASH*

Sex	Race	Birth Date	Birthplace	Residence		
M	W	5-4-30	NATCHEZ. MISS	NATCHEZ. MISS		
Height	Weight	Build	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	Age
5-10	185	MED	BRO	GRAY	MED	34

Fingerprint Classification	Scars, marks and tattoos
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Director.

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
Navy	Ernest Buchanan Parker #V-6	5-23-47		

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

DESCRIPTION AND RELATED DATA:

Race:

Sex:

Height: 68"

Weight: 155

Hair:

Eyes: hazel

Date and Place of Birth:

Scars & Marks: Unk

Address: Unk

Company: Unk

Occupation: Unk

Fingerprint Classification:

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Don King

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PARKER has USN Reserve SN 2307480 and is described as follows:

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Sex	Male
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Place of Birth	Natchez, Miss.
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Eyes	Gray

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2. Will determine whether PARKER is known to have received training in the use of explosives.

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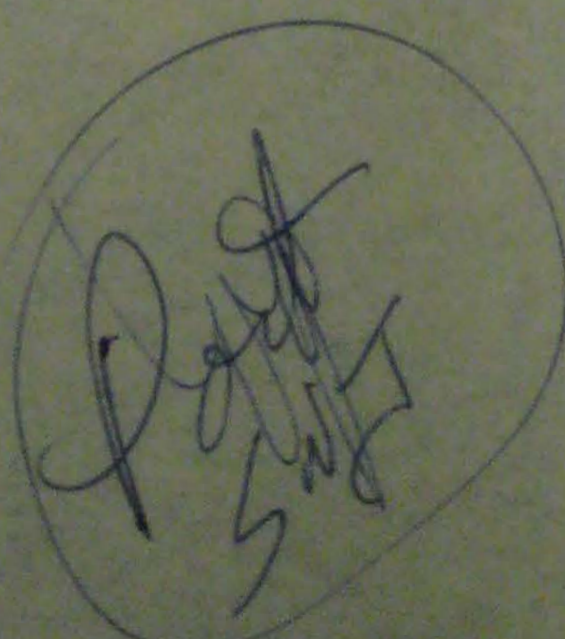
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MYRON WAYNE SEALE was interviewed in the office of the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol, Jackson, Mississippi. At the outset of the interview SEALE was advised by SA COLLINS that he did not have to make any statement, and that any statement he did make could be used against him in a court of law. He was advised that he had the right to consult an attorney before making any statement.

MYRON WAYNE SEALE advised that he is much better known as "JACK" SEALE. He stated that he was born on September 4, 1926, Brookhaven, Mississippi. He stated he completed the eleventh grade in high school at Meadville, Mississippi, and stated he married DELORES MAE DEINES in Portland, Oregon, on March 1, 1947. He stated that he has the following children:

PAMELA MAE SEALE, age 16
TERRY LOU SEALE, age 13
JACK HENRY SEALE, age 9

SEALE stated that since February, 1963 he and his family have resided at 172 Booker Street, Natchez, Mississippi, with telephone number 21429. SEALE stated that he bought this dwelling with \$800 downpayment, and that he makes a monthly payment of \$100 to the Building and Loan Company, Natchez, Mississippi.

SEALE stated that his father is CLYDE SEALE, age 62. His mother is AUDREY MC CALL SEALE, age 59. SEALE has three brothers; namely:

JOE EUGENE SEALE, better known as GENE, age 28, high school graduate

JAMES FORD SEALE, age 26, did not finish high school

On 10/23/64 at Jackson, Mississippi

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SA LENARD A. WOLF : RLC

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CLYDE DON SEALE, age 24, did not finish high school.

SEALE stated that he currently owns and operates the Sanitation Service Company, a garbage collection firm in Natchez, Mississippi. SEALE stated that he operates this business with one truck, a 1958 two ton Chevrolet, silver in color with a blue cab. SEALE employs one driver, a male Negro named FLOYD JOHNSON. SEALE has been in this business about six years in Natchez. He stated that his income is between \$8,000 and \$9,000 per year in this business. SEALE stated that he charges his customers \$1.50 per month for the garbage pickup service. The pickup is made once a week. SEALE advised that for two years before going into the sanitation business he worked in the oil fields in Louisiana starting as a "roustabout" and terminating this career as a "pumper". SEALE stated his employment prior to the oil business was in Portland, Oregon. He stated that for seven years he worked for his father-in-law, HENRY DIENES. He stated DIENES operates a sanitation service in Portland, Oregon. From 1948-50 SEALE was in the Merchant Marine as an oiler sailing out of Portland, Oregon. From October, 1944 to December, 1947 he was in the U.S. Navy, Navy Serial Number 722707, with the rank of Fireman First Class.

SEALE advised that before residing at his present dwelling he resided at 403 Brookley Street, Natchez, Miss., for four years. Prior to that he resided at Baratavia, Louisiana for two years. While in Portland, Oregon, he resided at approximately five different street addresses. Prior to his entry into the U.S. Navy SEALE resided with his father in Meadville, Mississippi.

SEALE further advised that he has been arrested twice in his life. His first arrest was while he was in the U.S. Navy at Portland, Oregon. He stated he was arrested for Assault and Battery on a shore patrolman. SEALE was incarcerated in the brig for 48 days prior to being court martialed.

SEALE stated that at his court martial he was found not guilty. He advised when he was residing in Portland, Oregon, he was once arrested for speeding and reckless driving and was fined an unrecalled amount of money.

SEALE stated that his closest associate in Natchez is ERNEST PARKER. He stated that he considers ERNEST PARKER to be his best friend and that they hunt and fish together frequently. He further stated that he often goes with PARKER in PARKER's airplane. He stated PARKER has a four-seater plane which is white with red stripes. He stated PARKER is a very cautious pilot. PARKER and SEALE usually fly from Natchez up 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. He stated that sometimes they drive up to the island or to Talulah, Mississippi, where they visit friends. He stated that ERNEST PARKER and his brother LEE PARKER own a large barge which they can take out to the island. He stated that last summer while bringing a truck with 26 head of cattle from the island to the mainland, the barge tilted, causing the cattle and the truck to go overboard. PARKER and SEALE dived in the river and attached a chain to the truck on the bottom; thereby later dragging the truck out of the river. SEALE stated that PARKER has several Jeep "Scouts" on the island which they drive around the island. He stated that he barely knows ERNEST PARKER's wife, MARY ODIE PARKER.

SEALE stated he is also a very close friend of Mr. DORIS SULLIVAN who operates the Culligan Water Softener business in Natchez.

SEALE advised that he is also very friendly with Sheriff ODELL ANDERS. He stated that ANDERS and he went to school together at a logging camp school many years ago. He stated that he knows CHARLES EDWARDS very well and that he has spent a lot of time with CHARLES EDWARDS. SEALE is very friendly with ERNEST FINLEY and stated that both he and FINLEY manage a Little League baseball team. SEALE is acquainted with a DOUGLAS BYRD whom he states he has known well for about six months. DOUGLAS BYRD rents his home from ERNEST PARKER. SEALE is well acquainted with JAMES L. MCKINNEY.

SEALE made available the following items which were in his billfold:

1. City Bank & Trust Co. check dated 10/4/64, for \$3.00, made payable to JACK SEALE and signed Mrs. JAMES E. WRIGHT. This check was returned marked "insufficient funds".
2. Social Security Card for MYRON W. SEALE, Box 423, Barataria, Louisiana, #427-38-1418.
3. State of Mississippi Dept. of Public Safety, Driver License Division receipt #C123963, for one year renewal of commercial license.
Name - MYRON WAYNE SEALE
Address - 172 Booker Rd.
License No. - "Lost"
Total Fee - \$4.75
Date - 9/28/64
4. Business cards of M. W. "JACK" SEALE, Sanitary Service, Phone 2-1429, 403 Brooklyn Drive, Natchez, Miss.
5. State of Mississippi Dept. of Public Safety, Driver License Division receipt #E173192 for duplicate license
Name - MYRON WAYNE SEALE
Address - 172 Booker Rd.
License No. - "Lost"
Total Fee - \$1.25
Date - 9/28/64

6. State of Mississippi commercial license #106679 for MYRON W. SEALE, 172 Booker Rd., Natchez.
Born -9/4/26
Race -White
Sex -Male
Eyes -Blue
Hair -Brown
Weight -190
Height -5'10"
Expires -9/30/65
7. Membership Card Northeast Louisiana Restaurant Club issued to M. W. (JACK) SEALE as a non-voting member of this club.
8. Membership Card National Congress of Parents and Teachers, Natchez Morgantown PTA, dated 10/6/64.

SEALE advised that he knew the following individuals since they were customers of his sanitation service:

ALTON ROBERTS
MARTIN GREER
ERNEST AVANTS

SEALE denied being involved in the shooting of the COFO workers' car near Fayette, Mississippi, on November 2, 1963. When asked where he was around 11:00 a.m. on that date he stated that he did not remember. He advised that he had previously told an FBI Agent where he was on that date. SA WOLF told him that he had previously told SA CLARENCE G. PROSPERE that he was home on that morning until 12:00 noon. SEALE then stated that whatever he told SA PROSPERE was apparently where he was at that time.

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for the Preservation of the White Race (APWR) and that he has urged this organization to fight integration through politics and not through violence. He said that some people consider this group to be a front for the Ku Klux Klan (KKK) but that it is not.

SEALE denied being a Klan member and having any knowledge of Klan activities. He however stated that he had attended a public meeting of the Klan last summer, which was held at the park in Natchez and at which meeting ROBERT SHELTON and two preachers were the speakers.

SEALE stated that the local APWR organization covers all of Adams County and that the chairman was a Mr. TEMPLE. He stated that most of the members have now dropped out as they are afraid of being labeled as Klansmen. He said that APWR worked hard towards the election of Sheriff ANDERS and that he believes their work got the Sheriff elected.

SEALE was questioned about the bombing of Mayor JOHN NOSSER's home about a month ago and he said he thinks "niggers done it". He said that he had heard that the mayor had a falling out with the local Negroes. He stated that he believed the Mayor was in a bad position in that the whites called him a "nigger lover" and the Negroes called him a "nigger hater". He stated that the mayor had done a few things that got people mad at him. He said the mayor had changed the tax assessment method which resulted in increases for most people while he had an \$85,000 reduction on his own property. He stated the mayor also had the parking meter around his stores removed.

SEALE stated that the bombings and racial violence that had occurred around Natchez could have been stopped right at the start. He said that the Natchez Police Department and the Adams County Sheriff's Office did not do anything to stop the violence and apparently condoned it. He said that if they had taken action at the start of the violence it would not have continued.

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SEALE admitted that he had three guns at his home. He said one was a .30 caliber rifle he obtained through the National Rifle Association. He said he had built the stock up and mounted a scope on this rifle. He said one was a .30 caliber carbine he had obtained from a friend of his in the U.S. Navy. The third gun he stated was a pump shotgun he had purchased from Sears and Roebuck.

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Date October 25, 1964

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ERNEST H. AVANTS, former member

JOHN WILLIAM BARBER, active member

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

JOHN BOSTICK, active member

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

DOUGLAS BYRD, active member

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

REGINALD CARTER, former member; no longer affiliated with organization

CALVIN CLARK, former member; no longer affiliated with organization

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

(First Name Unknown) DE MARCO, active member

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

CLAUDE FULLER, active member

ED FULLER, active member

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

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

M. L. HOUSE, active member

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

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

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

JAMES L. MC KINNEY, active member

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

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

ATLEY MOORE, former member who has left the Natchez area

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

JIMMY WHITE, former member

J. G. WISNER, former member

BILLY L. WOOD, may presently be an active member

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

Date October 23, 1964

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

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

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

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

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

On 10/20/64 at Natchez, Mississippi

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Date: 11/27/64

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TO: SAC, NEW ORLEANS

FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-63)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

JN 157-60
ROBERT LEE PARKER, III, white male, approximately 45, residence Route 1, Tallulah, Louisiana, JN 157-690.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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TO: CHIEF CLERK

Date 12/1/64

Subject ERNEST BUCHANAN PARKER

Aliases PALESTINE ROAD,

Address NATCHEZ, MISS

Birth Date 5/4/30

Birthplace NATCHEZ, MISS

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157-512*			
157-1-132	Mentioned as full owner of New York Volkswagen. No background info.		
157-1-155	Same info as in 157-1-132.		
157-296-14	Just mentioned.		
157-14-57	Mentioned as a Klan member - no background.		
157-63-89	Mentioned as attending a meeting. no background.		
157-63-324	Informant info - no background.		
157-63-325	Inf. says attended a Klan meeting.		
157-63-326	Inf. info - no background.		
157-63-331	Inf. info - no background.		
157-63-346	Same as S. 59, 157-14		
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157-1092-29	Request for Drivers license checks.		
157-1092-31	Same alias report - no interview - no background.		

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TO: SAC, JACKSON (157-63)

DATE: 9/15/64

FROM: SA SAMUEL N. JENNINGS

WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
OF MISSISSIPPI
RACIAL MATTERS

Informant:	FOIA(b)7 - (D)
Date of Report:	9/3/64
Date of Activity:	September, 1963 - 9/3/64
Date Received:	9/3/64
Location of Original Information:	FOIA(b)7 - (D)

The informant advised by oral report to SAs CLARENCE G. PROSPERE and FRANK FORD that he had joined the Ku Klux Klan (KKK) at Brookhaven, Miss., about a year ago and had been sworn in by "SHORTY" BREELAND and EDDIE MC DANIEL, both of Natchez, Miss. He said BREELAND is now out of the Klan. Informant stated that he was sworn into the Klan when it was known as the Original Knights of the KKK which is a Louisiana organization headed by ROYAL V. YOUNG who was the Imperial Wizard. Informant

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

FOIA(b)7 - (D)

- (1 - 157-584) (KKK Activity, Lincoln County)
- (7 - 157-new) (KKK Klaverns, Lincoln County)
- (1 - 157-14) (Original Knights of KKK of La.)

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157-512

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

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

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- (2 - 157-) (CLYDE SEALE)
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- (2 - 157-) (DALE MC LEMORE)
- (2 - 157-) (ERNEST AZANTS)
- (2 - 157-512) (ERNEST PARKER)
- (2 - 157-) (J. K. GREER, Fenwick, Miss.)
- (2 - 157-) (BUFORD ASHLEY, Meadville)
- (2 - 157-) ((FNU) PHELPS, Phelps Cafe, Raleigh, Miss.)
- (2 - 157-) (LUTHER HART, Brookhaven, Miss.)
- (2 - 157-) ((FNU) JAMES, Amoco Station on bypass,
Natchez, Miss.)
- (2 - 157-) (MARVIN MC KINNY)
- (2 - 157-) (BILLY WOODS)
- (2 - 157-) (CLAUDE FULLER)
- (2 - 157-) (APWR, Lincoln County)
- (2 - 157-) (ALTON ALLRED, Grocery Store, Brookhaven, Miss.)
- (2 - 157-) (C. C. CLARK, former Postmaster, Ruth, Miss.)
- (2 - 157-) ((FNU) SOMMERS, Brookhaven TV & Appliance Store)
- (2 - 157-) ((FNU) POSEY, employee of SOMMERS, Brookhaven, Miss.)
- (2 - 157-) ("GOOSE" WICHMAN, employee, Telephone Co.,
Brookhaven)
- (2 - 157-) (TOBE LEGGETT, Brookhaven)
- (2 - 157-) (CHARLIE BRANHAM, Brookhaven)
- (2 - 157-) (SAM BRAMLETT, Texaco Station, Brookhaven)
- (2 - 157-) (CLYDE SMITH)
- (2 - 157-) (CURTIS SMITH)
- (2 - 157-) (SHELBY BREWER)
- (2 - 157-) ((FNU) (LNU), Manager of either Shainberg Store
or Dollar Store, Brookhaven, Miss.)
- (2 - 157-) (CECIL CROSS, Brookhaven)
- (2 - 157-) (LEE STAMP, Brookhaven)
- (2 - 157-) (Heights Retreat Unit, KKK, Brookhaven, Miss.)
- (2 - 157-) ((FNU) (LNU), Operator of Ford Tractor Place,
Brookhaven)
- (2 - 157-) (BILLY MACK DONALD)

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

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

PAUL FOSTER, his brother, J. M. FOSTER
BERNARD JONES, who was forced out of the Klan
a little less than a year ago

HORACE JACKSON
LOUIS COWART
SHELBY BREWER
HOUSTON JORDAN

A. C. HARRINGTON, who is presently State Recruiter
for the Klan and resides at
Ruth, Mississippi
SEDGY HARRINGTON, who is the brother of
A. C. HARRINGTON

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PAUL GRIFFIN, Mississippi Highway Patrol,
Brookhaven, Mississippi

ERNEST GILBERT, Brookhaven, Miss.

LLOYD CASE, Brookhaven, Miss.

HOUSTON JORDAN, Brookhaven

CHARLES SALVEY, Brookhaven

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

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

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

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

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

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

BILLY BUCKLES
HOWARD MC LEMORE, Crystal Springs, Miss.
DALE MC LEMORE, Franklin County, Miss.
JULIUS HARPER, ex-sheriff, Copiah County, Miss.,
presently operator of the J and F
Grill, Crystal Springs, Mississippi
GORDON LACKEY, Greenwood, Miss.

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

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

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

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

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

SAM BOWERS, Imperial Wizard

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

BILLY BUCKLES, Grand Giant and State Secretary

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

ERNEST S. GILBERT, State Investigator

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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at Brookhaven. Other members of this same unit are HOUSTON JORDAN, TOBE LEGGETT, CHARLY BRANHAM, SAM BRAMLETT, operator of a Texaco Service Station, CLYDE SMITH, CURTIS SMITH, who may be out of the Klan now, and SHELBY BREWER, who has Klegle Commission and can work anywhere in the state. The informant said another member of this unit is the manager of either the Dollar Store or Shainberg Department Store, Brookhaven. Two other members are CECIL CROSS and LEE STAMP.

The informant said the newest unit of the Lincoln County Klan is the Heights Retreat Unit which is in a community located out toward the Brookhaven airport. The Exaulted Cyclops of this new unit is a man who runs the Ford tractor place in Brookhaven but his name could not be recalled. Another member of this new unit is BILLY MACK DONALD who offered the ground on which a building could be built for Klan meetings but this offer was turned down by the Klan leaders since DONALD would not allow the Klan to purchase the property on which the building would be built.

The informant advised that there is an executive meeting of the Klan officers at JACKSON's place near Crystal Springs, Miss., each Sunday and informant will try to find out what happens at the next meeting.

Recommendation:

The above information sets forth pertinent information regarding numerous organizations and individuals connected with captioned organization and should be considered for inclusion in reports of captioned organization or individuals.

Due to the length of this memo, specific leads are not being set forth herein but agents receiving copies of this memo should review the material and conduct logical investigation.

THIS INFO IS NOT TO BE DISSEMINATED OUTSIDE THE BUREAU AND EXTREME CARE SHOULD BE USED IN DISCUSSING THIS INFO AS THE INFORMANT'S LIFE COULD EASILY BE JEOPARDIZED.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
M E M O R A N D U M

TO: SAC, JACKSON (157-63)

DATE: 9/15/64

FROM: SA SAMUEL N. JENNINGS

WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
OF MISSISSIPPI
RACIAL MATTERS

Informant:	FOIA(b)7 - (D)
Date of Report:	9/3/64
Date of Activity:	September, 1963 - 9/3/64
Date Received:	9/3/64
Location of Original Information:	FOIA(b)7 - (D)

The informant advised by oral report to SAs CLARENCE G. PROSPERE and FRANK FORD that he had joined the Ku Klux Klan (KKK) Brookhaven, Miss., about a year ago and had been sworn in by "SHORTY" BREELAND and EDDIE MC DANIEL, both of Natchez, Miss. He said BREELAND is now out of the Klan. Informant stated that he was sworn into the Klan when it was known as the Original Knights of the KKK which is a Louisiana organization headed by ROYAL V. YOUNG who was the Imperial Wizard. Informant

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(2 - 157-) ((FNU) LAND, Bay Springs, Miss.)
(2 - 157-) ((FNU) JACKSON, Owner of Butane Co., Crystal Springs)
(2 - 157-) (CLYDE WENTWORTH, Unit #1, Franklin County)
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(2 - 157-) (CHARLES MARSHALL, Meadville, Miss.)
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Meadville Miss.)

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(2 - 157-) ((FNU) POSEY, employee of SOMMERS, Brookhaven, Miss.)
(2 - 157-) ("GOOSE" WICHMAN, employee, Telephone Co.,
Brookhaven)
(2 - 157-) (TOBE LEGGETT, Brookhaven)
(2 - 157-) (CHARLIE BRANHAM, Brookhaven)
(2 - 157-) (SAM BRAMLETT, Texaco Station, Brookhaven)
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(2 - 157-) (CURTIS SMITH)
(2 - 157-) (SHELBY BREWER)
(2 - 157-) ((FNU) (LNU), Manager of either Shainberg Store
or Dollar Store, Brookhaven, Miss.)
(2 - 157-) (CECIL CROSS, Brookhaven)
(2 - 157-) (LEE STAMP, Brookhaven)
(2 - 157-) (Heights Retreat Unit, KKK, Brookhaven, Miss.)
(2 - 157-) ((FNU) (LNU), Operator of Ford Tractor Place,
Brookhaven)
(2 - 157-) (BILLY MACK DONALD)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PAUL GRIFFIN, Mississippi Highway Patrol,
Brookhaven, Mississippi

ERNEST GILBERT, Brookhaven, Miss.

LLOYD CASE, Brookhaven, Miss.

HOUSTON JORDAN, Brookhaven

CHARLES SALVEY, Brookhaven

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

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

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

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

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

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

BILLY BUCKLES
HOWARD MC LEMORE, Crystal Springs, Miss.
DALE MC LEMORE, Franklin County, Miss.
JULIUS HARPER, ex-sheriff, Copiah County, Miss.,
presently operator of the J and F
Grill, Crystal Springs, Mississippi
GORDON LACKEY, Greenwood, Miss.

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

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

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

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

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

SAM BOWERS, Imperial Wizard

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

BILLY BUCKLES, Grand Giant and State Secretary

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

ERNEST S. GILBERT, State Investigator

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

at Brookhaven. Other members of this same unit are HOUSTON JORDAN, TOBE LEGGETT, CHARLY BRANHAM, SAM BRAMLETT, operator of a Texaco Service Station, CLYDE SMITH, CURTIS SMITH, who may be out of the Klan now, and SHELBY BREWER, who has Klegle Commission and can work anywhere in the state. The informant said another member of this unit is the manager of either the Dollar Store or Shainberg Department Store, Brookhaven. Two other members are CECIL CROSS and LEE STAMP.

The informant said the newest unit of the Lincoln County Klan is the Heights Retreat Unit which is in a community located out toward the Brookhaven airport. The Exalted Cyclops of this new unit is a man who runs the Ford tractor place in Brookhaven but his name could not be recalled. Another member of this new unit is BILLY MACK DONALD who offered the ground on which a building could be built for Klan meetings but this offer was turned down by the Klan leaders since DONALD would not allow the Klan to purchase the property on which the building would be built.

The informant advised that there is an executive meeting of the Klan officers at JACKSON's place near Crystal Springs, Miss., each Sunday and informant will try to find out what happens at the next meeting.

Recommendation:

The above information sets forth pertinent information regarding numerous organizations and individuals connected with captioned organization and should be considered for inclusion in reports of captioned organization or individuals.

Due to the length of this memo, specific leads are not being set forth herein but agents receiving copies of this memo should review the material and conduct logical investigation.

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(Title) EARNEST BUCHANAN PARKER

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AT NATCHEZ, MISSISSIPPI

On February 24, 1964:

At a meeting at the headquarters of the KKK on the Morgantown Road, Natchez, Mississippi, two practice hand grenades painted blue or gray in color were exhibited by JACK SEALE at the meeting on 2/24/64. These 2 practice grenades were carried in a blue canvas flight-type bag. A discussion was had by 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. The comment was made by JACK SEALE that the grenades came from the National Guard. SEALE made the comment that he had served six months at Goat Island in the penitentiary, just prior to his release from the U. S. Navy, and that the reason for his incarceration was that he had run over some Chinamen in a jeep while he was in the service.

There were no comments made as to how many grenades were in possession of the KKK.

One of the members named FINLEY who is employed by Magi-Bar advised that there was a private swearing-in in which only 3 or 4 members were present, at which time, Sheriff O'DELL ANDERS of the Adams County Sheriff's Office was sworn in as a member of the KKK.

It was determined that ERNEST PARKER had been the individual who had flown an airplane over Brookhaven, Miss., several weeks earlier from which KKK literature had been dropped.

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Serial 89 MEMO to SAC from SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER dated 4/28/64.

Informant reported that subject attended a meeting held on March 23, 1964, at the Klan Headquarters located on Morgantown Road, Natchez, Mississippi.

Serial 324 FD-306 re FOIA(b)7 - (D) by SA CLARENCE G. PROSPERE dated 7/15/64.

FOIA(b)7 - (D) advised that subject advised him that ERNEST FINLEY, CHARLES JAMES, and PETE PYER came to him and asked to rent a house on subject's place to be used as a headquarters. Subject stated that he refused to allow the use of a house on his property.

Serial 325 FD-306 re FOIA(b)7 - (D) by SA CLARENCE G. PROSPERE dated 7/16/64.

FOIA(b)7 - (D) advised that on the night of July 16, 1964, the following individuals met at PARNELL's Welding Shop: The Subject, "PEANUTS" PARNELL, JACK SEALE, DOUGLAS A. BYRD, BILLY BUCKLES, and JEFF LUKE. He also stated that the discussion centered around the fact that

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they were "dead sure" that a fellow named WAITE was an informant of the FBI and that he was "going the shotgun route". In addition, the same group stated that a city policeman of the Jackson, Mississippi, Police Department, was also an FBI informant.

Serial 326 FD-306 re [FOIA(b)7 - (D)] by SA CLARENCE G. PROSPERE dated 7/18/64.

[FOIA(b)7 - (D)] advised that during a previous meeting with the subject that the subject made the comment regarding the three missing workers at Philadelphia, Mississippi, that they had been taken care of. [FOIA(b)7 - (D)] stated the subject had a peculiar grin on his face when he made this statement, however, [FOIA(b)7 - (D)] attached no significance to this statement when it was made as he felt subject was merely expressing his opinion. [FOIA(b)7 - (D)] stated that on July 18, 1964, he was in conversation with DOUGLAS A. BYRD and BILLY BUCKLES and that BUCKLES made the statement that DEES was a victim of circumstances if they had to get them both. BUCKLES made the statement that he lived within "spitting distance" of MOORE's home.

[FOIA(b)7 - (D)] pointed out that BUCKLES and the subject are close associates and he therefore believes that subject may have had definite information which led him to make the statement that the three workers had been done away with. [FOIA(b)7 - (D)] pointed out that the subject was a millionaire who owns his own private airplane and numerous automobiles and trucks, and could, therefore, have easily been involved in the doing away with the three missing workers and removing them to the areas of Yucastan Island in the Mississippi River which he owns.

Serial 331 FD-306 re [FOIA(b)7 - (D)] by SA CLARENCE G. PROSPERE dated 7/29/64.

[FOIA(b)7 - (D)] advised that the Klan in the Adams County area is at a standstill and that the subject, JACK SEALE, ERNEST FINLEY, and BONNY JONES are trying to keep the Klan together.

Serial 346 MEMO to SAC from SA SAMUEL N. CRADDOCK
dated 7/31/64.

Source stated that subject was present at a meeting held at the Klan headquarters on Morgantown Road, Natchez, Mississippi. Source also identified subject as the EC of the Morgantown Unit.

RACIAL SITUATION
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
JN 157-1

Serial 7 NEW ORLEANS teletype to DIRECTOR dated
6/8/64.

On May 30, 1964, FOIA(b)7 - (D) advised that the subject was now the head of the Citizens for the Preservation of the White Race, (APWR).

Serial 155 LHM from NEW ORLEANS to DIRECTOR dated
6/19/64.

A confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on June 17, 1964, that on June 16, 1964, the subject, Klansman in the Adams County Klavern of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi (WKKKKOM), received a telephone call from an unknown individual at McComb, Mississippi, and was told to be on the lookout for a Volkswagen, which had been doctored in McComb with "running puny", (sugar had been put in the gas tank). Subject and MYRON WAYNE (JACK) SEALE, drove a Ford to McComb, Mississippi, from Natchez in an attempt to intercept the Volkswagen. Subject and SEALE did not intercept the Volkswagen but subject received a message via his civilian band radio in his car from his wife, who advised him, "Fat Boy" ROBERTS (who drives an old model blue Cadillac and is employed at the James Amoco Service Station, Natchez), that the Volkswagen had just left James Amoco Service Station after the occupants of the Volkswagen made inquiry as to the location of the Volkswagen Agency in Natchez.

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This same confidential source advised that the Volkswagen was subsequently located by subject and

SEALE at the Volkswagen agency, Natchez, where the motor was removed. Source advised he was told the Volkswagen bears New York license, numerals unknown.

The confidential source also stated that Klansmen searched Natchez and found two white males, approximately 20 years old, at Pop's Grill. These white males were wearing beards. Klansmen followed these two white males to the City Park located on the bluff at Natchez.

A surveillance was set up by the Klansmen. Later the two young white males were picked up in an automobile and the Klansmen failed to see this and were unable to identify the car which had picked up the two white males.

This same confidential source stated the Klan, at the present time, did not know the whereabouts of the two white males.

WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE
KU KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI
ADAMS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
JN 157-574

Serial 69 FD-306 re [FOIA(b)7-(D)] by SA CLARENCE G. PROSPERE, dated 7/2/64.

[FOIA(b)7-(D)] advised that Subject told him that E. H. AVANTS got drunk the early morning hours of July 2, 1964, and together with HENRY MOORE, a cook at the Bar-B-Que, operated by TINY LEWIS, went to the Klan Headquarters on the Morgantown Road, Natchez, Mississippi, and shot the lock off the gate and the door to the headquarters of the Ku Klux Klan. Upon hearing these shots, Mrs. SIDNEY HANEY, SR., on whose property the Klan Headquarters are located, began shooting at AVANTS and MOORE.

[FOIA(b)7-(D)] stated that subject told him that all material and property of the Klan was being removed from the Klan Headquarters as Sheriff ODELL ANDERS, Adams County, Mississippi, had promised subject that he would conduct an investigation personally of this incident.

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[FOIA(b)7 - (D)] stated subject advised him that the Klan was locking out the Cloverhill and Sligo groups from Klan Headquarters because these two groups were not paying their dues on the building fund.

[FOIA(b)7 - (D)] stated subject advised him he had been to a province meeting on the night of June 25, 1964, at which time the Counties of Jefferson, Adams, Franklin, and Wilkinson were represented. The location of the province meeting was not furnished by subject.

DOUGLAS ALVIN BYRD
EM-KLAN
JN 157-14

Serial 59 SAME AS SERIAL 157-63-346.

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JN 44-1

Serial 2627 TELETYPE to DIRECTOR from JACKSON dated 9/11/64.

Subject's name and phone number was included on a list of people whose telephone toll call records are to be subpoenaed by Departmental Attorney ROBERT OWEN.

Serial 4022 MEMO to SAC, JACKSON from SA CLARENCE G. PROSPERE dated 2/2/65.

On January 18, 1965, [FOIA(b)7 - (D)] advised that BLACKIE JOHNSON of Brookhaven, Mississippi, advised him that he had recently been a guest at the PARKER Camp on Palmyra Island, along with JACK SEALE, BABY LEE PARKER, and the Subject. JOHNSON stated that "they" were worried about the trial at Meadville, Mississippi, in which JACK SEALE and CHARLES EDWARDS have charges pending against them.

Serial 4147 FD-306 re [FOIA(b)7-(D)] dated 2/17/65, by
SA CLARENCE G. PROSPERE.

On February 17, 1965, [FOIA(b)7-(D)] advised that
he has heard of no Klan activity on the part of the
subject since January 1, 1965.

HENRY HEZEKIAH DEE;
CHARLIE EDDIE MOORE-
MISCELLANEOUS
JN 62-5

Serial 7 JACKSON airtel to DIRECTOR, dated 9/18/64.

On September 14, 1964, [FOIA(b)7-(D)] advised
that he had been advised by the subject and JACK SEALE,
both of Natchez, Mississippi, that they "had put two
Niggers in the river". In this conversation, subject
and SEALE said one of the Negroes was anchored to a
Jeep motor block. Later on, subject stated he was
afraid of the serial numbers on the motor block and
both the subject and SEALE stated they had been having
difficulty sleeping at night thinking about this matter.

During the conversation, subject and SEALE
mentioned that both Negroes were alive when pushed over
the side of the boat. It appeared from the conversation
that the boat referred to was a boat owned by the subject
and his brother, LEE PARKER.

It was also mentioned by both the subject and
SEALE that the two Negroes had been beaten badly and were
bloody prior to the time they were transported to the
river and they stated they had used a plastic tarpaulin
on the inside of the car to prevent the blood stains
from getting into the trunk of subject's red Ford. It
was apparent from the conversation that the two Negroes
had been hauled in the trunk of subject's car from
Franklin County, Mississippi, to the Old River near
Tallulah, Louisiana, and the comment was also made by
subject and SEALE that they did not see how the two
had remained alive during this trip.

[FOIA(b)7-(D)] also furnished information he had
obtained from two other independent sources who

described how the two Negroes were picked up near an ice cream stand on Highway 84 West, near Meadville, Mississippi, and were taken into the Homo Chitto National Forest near Meadville, where they were beaten. Following the beating, Subject and JACK SEALE came from Natchez and picked up the two Negroes.

Serial 71 JACKSON teletype to DIRECTOR dated 11/9/64.

Subject, a resident of Natchez, Mississippi, was contacted by Bureau Agents for an interview on November 9, 1964, and he refused to be interviewed stating he had been previously interviewed and that he had nothing further to say. During this interview the Agents observed that the subject was visibly nervous. The purpose of this interview was to interrogate him regarding the possession of a Jeep vehicle in order to further the attempts to trace a Jeep motor block found attached to the victim's remains.

UNSUBS; EXPLOSION - DRIVEWAY OF RESIDENCE
OF WILLIE WASHINGTON, 1144 NORTH PINE
STREET, NATCHEZ, MISS., 9:35 P. M.,
SEPTEMBER 25, 1964
JN 157-1092

Serial 31 JACKSON report dated 10/9/64, by SA SAM H. ALLEN, JR.

JACK SEALE, ERNEST FINLEY, Subject, R. L. MURRY, and LANNIE POWELL were observed in a secretive conference about 5:30 P.M., on the date of the bombing.

Serial 162 FD-302 re interview of Sheriff ODELL ANLERS, Adams County, Mississippi.

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

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

Serial 173 JACKSON report dated 11/12/64 by SA TIMOTHY M. CASEY, JR.

On October 13, 1964, SA CLARENCE G. PROSPERE contacted [FOIA(b)7-(D)] who advised that he had learned that on October 12, 1964, subject and JACK SEALE were engaged in conversation about the sloppy job on the bombing of Mayor JOHN NOSSER's home on September 25, 1964. SEALE was overheard to state that he had been at his home sick with the flu the night of this bombing and that of WILLIE WASHINGTON; that SEALE's wife had the family car at the McComb-Natchez football game at the Natchez-Adams County High School. Informant verified through other sources that Mrs. JACK SEALE was at the football game referred to above in the family car. Subject was heard voicing the opinion that JOE NOSSER, ED FULLER, and MARVIN MC KINNEY whom subject stated now carries a badge and credentials as a Deputy Sheriff of Adams County by using a flyer on Chief of Police, J. T. ROBINSON, which states in part that Chief ROBINSON is accepting payoffs and has prostitutes working for him, and that as a result of this flyer the group that withdrew with JIMMY WHITE from the Klan were the ones who had bombed the Mayor's home on September 25, 1964.

On October 12, 1964, [FOIA(b)7-(D)] advised that recently a Mississippi Highway Patrol Unit was following TOMMY JONES, a resident of the Clover Hill section, Natchez, Mississippi, and that a group of Adams County Klansmen which included the subject, JACK SEALE, ERNEST AVANTS, ERNEST FINLEY, and others were following the Highway Patrol Unit which was following TOMMY JONES with the plan that if TOMMY JONES was stopped by the Patrol Unit, the Klansmen would disarm the Highway Patroman and "beat the hell out of him".

On October 6, 1964, informant advised that he was at Natchez, Mississippi, at which time he talked to subject and his brother, LEE PARKER. Informant

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inquired of the subject if he had gotten any of his \$1,100 owed to him by the Klan and the subject advised that he had received no money from the Klan.

This informant continued that he had received information that Mayor JOHN NOSSER had gone to subject, who is a known Klansman and multi-millionaire, and in this meeting Mayor NOSSER advised subject he knew subject was in the Ku Klux Klan and that NOSSER wanted to get along with subject and the Klan. Subject reportedly made the statement that he had nothing for or against NOSSER.

Serial 261 JACKSON report dated 1/12/65, by SA BILLY BOB WILLIAMS.

ED FULLER advised that he believed that JACK SEALE and the subject were probably responsible for the "heat" on him, FULLER, explaining that the subject is a wealthy man who is in the United Klan and who could afford to pay out considerable money to get rid of FULLER. FULLER also said that he believes subject "dropped that nigger's body out of that airplane", referring to the two Negroes who disappeared in May, 1964, near Meadville, Mississippi, whose bodies had been found in the Old River South of Vicksburg, Mississippi. He pointed out that subject has his own airplane, which he probably flies himself, and has a landing strip on Palmyra Island, near where the bodies were found. FULLER claimed to have no specific information connecting subject with these murders, but stated he "heard talk among them boys".

ERNEST HENRY AVANTS,
JAMES KENNETH GREER,
MYRON WAYNE SEALE, aka "Jack";
GEORGE GREEN,
BRUCE LLOYD PAYNE - VICTIMS
CR
JN 44-379

Serial 129 JACKSON report dated 11/2/64, by SA TIMOTHY M. CASEY, JR.

On October 22, 1964, JAMES KENNETH GREER advised that subject was a former member of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan and was no longer active; however, he also advised that subject could possibly be a member of the United Klan as he is a close associate of MYRON WAYNE SEALE, who is a known member of the United Klans.

EDWARD LENOX MC DANIEL
RM-KLAN
JN 157-486

Serial 21 Insert by SA's WILLIAM F. DUKES and THOMPSON BERRY WEBB dated 12/4/64.

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

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
WHARLEST JACKSON - VICTIM
CR; BM
JN 44-2044

Serial 380 JACKSON report dated 3/21/67, by SA ROY F. RODMAN.

On March 14, 1967, FOIA(b)7-(D) advised that he met with RALEIGH JACKSON GLOVER, aka RED GLOVER on March 11, 1967, and they drove to subject's farm on Palestine Road, near Natchez. Source, GLOVER, and subject discussed the FBI investigation concerning the bombing of the Negro, WHARLEST JACKSON, at Natchez.

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They also discussed the private school at Natchez briefly and then source and GLOVER left the subject's farm.

Source stated that subject is a member of the Silver Dollar Group in the Natchez area.

On March 7, 1967, [FOIA(b)7 - (D)] advised that he heard that JAMES SEALE of Franklin County, Mississippi, had told subject, who is from Natchez, that the individuals who killed WHARLEST JACKSON should be killed themselves.

Serial 530 JACKSON report dated 4/4/67, by SA ROY F. RODMAN.

On March 9, 1967, [FOIA(b)7 - (D)] advised that subject was Exalted Cyclops of the Natchez Unit of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (WKKKKOM) in early 1964, and when this Klan developed internal troubles he joined the United Klans of America, Inc., (UKA). He has a reputation as a violent fanatic.

On March 18, 1967, MARTIN MATHEW GREEN, Route 3, Box 31 B, Natchez, Mississippi, advised that subject is a Klan member who owns Palmyra Island and that he believes that the Klan holds meetings over at subject's place on the island. He stated that subject is known to be a big man in the Klan, that he is a millionaire, and is well respected by the younger men.

On March 15, 1967, JEWELL LEE BURT, Route 1, Box 311-A, Fayette, Mississippi, advised that he observed subject at a meeting of the Americans for the Preservation of the White Race (APWR) held at the American Legion Hut on Highway 33 outside of Fayette, Mississippi.

Serial 632 JACKSON report dated 4/18/67, by SA ROY F. RODMAN.

On March 31, 1967, [FOIA(b)7 - (D)] advised subject was in the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (OKKKK), the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi (WKKKKOM), and the United Klans of America, Inc., (UKA).

He is not prone to commit acts of violence.

On March 29, 1967, [FOIA(b)7-(D)] advised he and the subject were at CHARLES JAMES' Amoco Service Station, Natchez, Mississippi, a known Klan hangout at the time, when a telephone call was received there, advising that TOMMIE L. JONES had been arrested in Ferriday, Louisiana. Source and subject drove to Ferriday and assisted JONES in obtaining bond.

On April 6, 1967, [FOIA(b)7-(D)] identified a photo of subject.

On March 28, 1967, [FOIA(b)7-(D)] advised that subject attended a fishfry on June 26, 1965, held at the home of JAMES LEE in Wildsville, Louisiana. After the fishfry, subject along with other members of the Silver Dollar Group attempted to raise money for the release of TOMMIE JONES from the Ferriday, Louisiana, Jail.

Serial 747 JACKSON report dated 5/2/67, by SA ROY F. RODMAN.

On April 19, 1967, BUFORD WILLIE ASHLEY advised subject is from Natchez, Mississippi, and he owns property on Palmyra Island, which is located 40 to 50 miles northwest of Natchez.

On April 14, 1967, JOEL RAY FREEMAN, 103 Lee Street, Vidalia, Louisiana, advised he did not know the subject.

On April 14, 1967, subject was interviewed at his residence located on Palestine Road, Natchez, Mississippi, by SA CLARENCE G. PROSPERE. Subject stated that he could definitely recall where he was on the night of February 27, 1967, but that he would not furnish this information to the FBI as he felt the FBI should determine where he was, and when the time came for him to verify his whereabouts, he would do so and would have witnesses to corroborate his story.

He stated he definitely felt that WHARLEST JACKSON was killed by a Negro but he declined to furnish any information as to why he had this opinion.

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Subject also stated he would decline to furnish any information regarding his past activities, but he stated "Of course I used to be in the Klan". He further stated that he did not feel that he should furnish information regarding other individuals whom he knew to be in the Klan and he felt that if he began answering questions, they would possibly bring him under suspicion for some incident which he stated he had never actually been involved in, although he knew the FBI had possibly heard from other individuals that the subject had been involved in acts of violence. Subject stated that if he began answering questions and refused to answer some of these questions, that he felt the FBI "would keep score" and thereby draw a deduction that he was involved in an act of violence and, therefore, he felt the best thing for him to do was to decline to answer any questions or furnish any information.

On April, 1967, THORE LEE TORGERSEN, 1405 Westwood Street, Natchez, Mississippi, advised the subject was present at a fishfry, held in June, 1965, at the home of JAMES FREDERICK LEE in Wildsville, Louisiana.

CROSS BURNINGS,
NATCHEZ, MISSISSIPPI, EARLY
EVENING OF MARCH 17, 1967,
RACIAL MATTERS
JN 157-7590

Serial 1 LHM dated 3/24/67.

On March 18, 1967, Chief of Police, J. T. ROBINSON, Natchez, Mississippi, Police Department, advised that on the evening of March 17, 1967, between 10:10 P.M. and 10:30 P.M. six cross burnings occurred in Natchez, Mississippi, area. He advised that he did not think there was any significance attached to the burnings but believed it was done to protest the proposal to add Negroes to the Natchez-Adams County School Board. Chief ROBINSON pointed out, however, that during the period of these cross burnings, both the

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subject and L. C. MURRAY, local Klansmen, were observed driving around Natchez, Mississippi.

UNSUBS (3); SHOOTING OF REVEREND
DONALD A. THOMPSON, 8/22/65,
JACKSON, MISS.
JN 44-1292

Serial 258 JACKSON report dated 10/27/65, by SA HAROLD
LEO FABRIZ.

Subject was contacted at his residence at
Route 4, Box 15A, Natchez, Mississippi, on September 15,
1965, by SA's THOMPSON BERRY WEBB and JAMES O. INGRAM,
with negative results.

CRIME CONDITIONS
NATCHEZ RA
JN 92-15

Serial 123 FD-209 by SA MICHAEL J. O'NEILL dated 6/10/68.

On June 3, 1968, source stated that he heard
that the subject had recently purchased an airplane from
G. L. FIFE. He stated that he did not know how much
the subject paid for the plane, but he had heard that
the plane was valued at over \$30,000. Source stated
that this airplane is being kept on the property of
subject in Natchez, Mississippi.

ERNEST BUCHANAN PARKER
RM-KLAN
JN 157-512

This file is the main file concerning subject
and contains all personal data and information concerning
subject's activities as a member of the Ku Klux Klan.

The following is a description of subject:

Name	ERNEST BUCHANAN PARKER
Race	White

Sex Male
DOB: 5/4/30
POB: Natchez, Miss.
Height 5'10-11"
Weight 175-200 lbs.
Hair Brown to dark brown
Eyes Gray Green and Hazel
Complexion Ruddy
Build Medium
Wife MARY OFIE PARKER
Children Four

Declassified

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- 1 - 157-6320 (JOE DENVER HAWKINS)
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- 1 - 157-3307 (JOE DANIEL HAWKINS)
- 1 - 157-2447 (JIMMY SWAN)
- 1 - 157-1403 (W. S. TORRANCE)
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- 1 - 157- (ARCHIE WATTS)

Jackson Form #2 has been forwarded to the below listed files:

- 157-6288 (L. M. GATEWOOD)
- 157-7049 (ALBERT STAMPER)
- 157-13597 (ERNEST YATES)

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BOOKLETS "BE RECONCILED"
WHICH WERE FURNISHED TO KLAN
BY KENNETH DEAN

Source advised on 5/13/71, that he had learned that JOE DANIEL HAWKINS from Jackson, Miss., had obtained three booklets entitled, "Be Reconciled," which booklet indicated it was the "Winter, 1971," issue of the booklet and prepared by "The Committee of Southern Churchmen," Post Office Box 12044, Nashville, Tennessee. Source said the booklets were sent to HAWKINS by KENNETH DEAN, formerly with the Human Relations Council in Jackson, Miss., but who is now studying at Fordham University in New York. HAWKINS said that DEAN had only sent three copies of the booklet, which contains, among other articles, one entitled, "Conspiracy on Conspiracy," by one ANTHONY DUNBAR, and which article is critical of the FBI and Meridian, Miss., Police in their handling of the case in Meridian, Mississippi, involving THOMAS ALBERT TARRANTS, III. ~~the~~

Source related that all three of those booklets were given to ED FRASIER, of Meridian, Miss., for distribution to persons who should be influenced against the police and FBI in the Meridian area.

DEAN is supposedly sending more of the booklets for FRASIER's use.

Source said HAWKINS still maintains that he is keeping in constant contact with DEAN in order that DEAN and his "Communist friends" might assist in obtaining the release of THOMAS ALBERT TARRANTS, III, from the penitentiary at Parchman, Miss., through legal means.

JIMMY SWAN
CAMPAIGN FOR GOVERNOR
AND PLANNED INFLUENCE

On 5/13/71, source advised that during a conversation he overheard 5/12/71, between JOE DENVER HAWKINS and W. S. TORRANCE in Jackson, Mississippi, HAWKINS continually referred to SWAN's winning the governorship and the fact that "we will be in power." HAWKINS also said that he had been promised by SWAN that all SWAN helpers will be well taken care of.

HAWKINS related that Attorney TRAVIS BUCKLEY is a constant traveling companion and advisor to JIMMY SWAN.

On 5/18/71, source related that W. S. TORRANCE was overheard to state that he, TORRANCE, had been in conversation with TRAVIS BUCKLEY and that BUCKLEY was desirous of having DANNY JOE HAWKINS confer with THOMAS ALBERT TARRANTS, III, at Parchman, Mississippi, and see if TARRANTS could not be persuaded to let BUCKLEY reopen the accusations of conspiracy on behalf of the FBI and police to violate the civil rights of THOMAS ALBERT TARRANTS, III, at the time of his shoot-out and apprehension at Meridian, Mississippi. BUCKLEY supposedly wants to reopen that case and to air the matter publically before election time. Source stated that his information was that BUCKLEY had made no concrete plans to institute any type suit against the police and the FBI; however, he was strongly considering such an act, in that he felt that if such information could be brought to the attention of the public, then, this would greatly help JIMMY SWAN in his campaign.

On 5/18/71, source related that TRAVIS BUCKLEY had been heard to comment that he and JIMMY SWAN were very desirous of having ACE CARTER come over from Alabama and act as an advisor and write speeches for SWAN, during SWAN's campaign.

On 5/24/71, source related that ACE CARTER had been in Jackson, Mississippi, visiting with the JOE DENVER HAWKINS family on 5/20/71.

On 5/20/71, source related that he was able to overhear discussions held in the home of JOE DENVER HAWKINS on 5/19/71, at Jackson, Mississippi, whereby a strategy meeting was held concerning JIMMY SWAN's campaign for governor. Source stated he was able to determine that the following persons were present at that meeting:

JOE DENVER HAWKINS and his wife, JOHNNY MAE
ED FRASIER
JOE DANIEL HAWKINS
TRAVIS BUCKLEY
W. S. TORRANCE
BOBBY RON FOSHEE

Source related that those present appeared to be disgusted and mad at JIMMY SWAN since he was supposed to have been at the meeting and had failed to show. TRAVIS BUCKLEY related to the group that he was there on SWAN's behalf and would like to represent SWAN at that meeting.

JOE DENVER HAWKINS was heard to comment that he and L. E. MATTHEWS, of Florence, Mississippi, have been trying, on several occasions, to meet with JIMMY SWAN and he explained to BUCKLEY that on each occasion they were put off and given excuses as to why SWAN would be unable to meet with them.

HAWKINS related that he had also received information that BILL SIMMONS, of the Citizens Council in the Jackson, Mississippi, area had advised JIMMY SWAN to stay away from the Klan and not to associate himself in any way with Klan members. HAWKINS stated that he had also received information that SIMMONS further told SWAN to stay away from ACE CARTER and that ACE CARTER could only hurt his campaign for governor.

HAWKINS then commented that he had personally paid all telephone bills and some other campaign bills for JIMMY SWAN in the Hinds County area during SWAN's last campaign for governor and he did not want all of his assistance for SWAN to be rendered in vain. HAWKINS then told TRAVIS BUCKLEY that he and other White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi (WKKKKOM) members wanted a meeting and an understanding with JIMMY SWAN and, further, they wanted BUCKLEY to take the message to SWAN that they wanted a statement in writing that HAWKINS and other WKKKKOM members would be taken care of if they put all of their support behind SWAN.

Source related that on 5/20/71, he also heard TRAVIS BUCKLEY state that ARCHIE WATTS, of Meridian, Mississippi, had been written two letters by JIMMY SWAN, whereby SWAN was asking WATTS to act as SWAN's campaign manager in the Lauderdale County, Mississippi, area; however, WATTS has not answered either of those letters. Source then heard BUCKLEY ask ED FRASIER if he would contact WATTS and ascertain WATTS' intentions as far as the SWAN campaign was concerned.

REPUBLIC OF NEW AFRICA (RNA)

On 5/13/71, source advised he had heard that the FBI went to the man who was selling property to RNA members in Hinds County, Miss., and that the FBI had convinced that man to back out of the deal to sell the property to the RNA members.

Source advised that HAWKINS said that the FBI was merely trying to see that there would be no racial problems and trying to avoid friction between the RNA and the white citizens of the area.

HAWKINS commented that it would have been a lot better to have kept the fight going between the RNA and the white people because JIMMY SWAN would certainly obtain more votes because of such friction. HAWKINS said that all SWAN supporters should think of ways to cause the RNA to create more problems.

On 5/18/71, W. S. TORRANCE was heard to say that about eight to ten FBI Agents are constantly watching and guarding RNA members in Jackson, Mississippi, and that FBI Agents were acting as protectors for the RNA.

RAYMOND ROBERTS

On 5/13/71, source advised that on 5/12/71, JOE DANIEL HAWKINS was heard to tell ED FRASIER of Meridian, Mississippi, that money would be collected in the Jackson, Mississippi, area to be used to campaign against RAYMOND ROBERTS in Lauderdale County, Mississippi, where ROBERTS was making a bid to win a job in the forthcoming election as a constable. Source said FRASIER was apparently successful in convincing HAWKINS that ROBERTS does not have a chance anyway and the money would be wasted.

On 5/18/71, source related that on 5/16/71, he had overheard a conversation between W. S. TORRANCE and JOE DANIEL HAWKINS at Jackson, Mississippi, and during that conversation

HAWKINS stated he was very desirous of finding out all information available concerning RAYMOND ROBERTS and information pertaining to the fact that RAYMOND ROBERTS was supposed to have bought a farm recently in the Meridian, Miss., area. He stated he would like to know how often ROBERTS visits that farm, the location of the farm and whether or not ROBERTS intends to live on that farm.

On 5/18/71, source stated that JOE DANIEL HAWKINS was also overheard to state that

W. S. TORRANCE then commented that he was aware of the fact JOE DANIEL HAWKINS gets at least one letter each week from THOMAS ALBERT TARRANTS, III.

TOMMY HORNE

On 5/13/71, source advised that TOMMY HORNE, former defendant in the slaying of three civil rights workers case near Philadelphia, Miss., was going to run for election for State Representative against DAN JOHNSON in Lauderdale County, Mississippi. Source stated TOMMY HORNE is still very outspoken in his animosity for the FBI.

ERNEST PARKER

On 5/13/71, source advised he is very well acquainted with ERNEST PARKER from Natchez, Mississippi; however, he has only observed PARKER on one occasion at meetings involving old White Knight Klan members in Jackson, Mississippi. He said this meeting was about the last week in March or the first week in April, 1971.

Source said that while PARKER was present in the office of W. S. TORRANCE, PARKER began to talk of the fact that "the White Knights are the only Klan with real men," and commented that the United Klan was very weak and ineffective. PARKER then exhibited his "Silver Dollar" badge saying he is still a member of the Silver Dollar Club in the Natchez, Miss., area.

Source said L. E. MATTHEWS is definitely the Imperial Wizard of the WKKKKOM and that ERNEST PARKER and MATTHEWS are the closest of friends. Source said PARKER is also a very good friend of W. S. TORRANCE and TORRANCE has been heard to say on several occasions that PARKER had been by to visit with him.

Source further related that W. S. TORRANCE told him that PARKER spent \$11,000 on a campaign bus for JIMMY SWAN to use in his gubernatorial campaign and that PARKER feels SWAN will be a certain winner in the forthcoming gubernatorial race. TORRANCE was also heard to say that JOE DENVER HAWKINS and ERNEST PARKER will be getting "big State jobs when SWAN goes in as governor."

JOHN RAY TORRANCE, brother
of W. S. TORRANCE

On 5/20/71, source related that he had learned that the brother of W. S. TORRANCE, JOHN RAY TORRANCE, also known as "Frick,"

JOE DENVER HAWKINS and
CLAIM NEIGHBORS SPYING FOR FBI

On 5/20/71, source related that a meeting at JOE DENVER HAWKINS' house on the night of 5/19/71, was held and the persons present at the JIMMY SWAN for Governor campaign strategy meeting were all cautioned that the FBI had JOE DENVER HAWKINS' neighbors spying and reporting to the FBI the identities

of persons going to and from the HAWKINS residence. HAWKINS commented that he was aware of the FBI spys ever since he had been residing at the present address.

FBI INTERVIEW OF
BOBBY RON FOSHEE

On 5/24/71, source advised he had received information from W. S. TORRANCE that on Wednesday, 5/19/71, BOBBY RON FOSHEE had been contacted at the Southeastern Construction Company project on the Walter Sillers Building in Jackson, Miss., on that date by SA'S JENNINGS and DEAN and, according to TORRANCE, FOSHEE had been asked if he had any knowledge whatsoever of explosives and questioned as to whether or not he had access to explosives as a construction company employee. Source stated TORRANCE was bragging that he had gotten the identities of the Agents and the fact that TORRANCE, after obtaining those identities, marched away from the interview without "giving them the time of day."

Source stated he also overheard W. S. TORRANCE state he might be able to take some of the "heat" off of FOSHEE concerning his being questioned about explosives and related he had requested ED FRASIER, of Meridian, Mississippi, to write an anonymous letter to the FBI Office in Jackson, Miss., stating that W. S. TORRANCE was also bringing explosives from the construction company project in Jackson, Miss., where TORRANCE is a foreman for the Southeastern Construction Company and that he was taking those explosives into Lauderdale County, Miss. TORRANCE said he had requested FRASIER to type that letter and mail the letter from Meridian, Miss., on 5/25/71.

Source advised that W. S. TORRANCE also bragged concerning the fact that he and FOSHEE had gone to Attorney (FNU) BRONSTEIN's office in Jackson, Miss., and that while FOSHEE and TORRANCE were present in his office, BRONSTEIN called ROY MOORE concerning FBI harassment to FOSHEE and TORRANCE braggingly stated that he told MOORE that anytime the FBI wanted to see FOSHEE, then FOSHEE could be contacted in Attorney BRONSTEIN's office.

UKA, INC., RALLY
LAKE, MISSISSIPPI,
NIGHT OF 5/29/71

On 6/1/71, source advised that on the night of 5/29/71, he attended a United Klans of America, Inc. (UKA) rally, which rally was held in a pasture on the Lake-Connehatta Road in Newton County, Mississippi. Source stated the rally lasted from approximately 7:45 p.m. until 10:30 or 11:00 p.m. He stated that the rally was attended by approximately 300 persons who were supposedly from all over the State of Mississippi. He related that he observed 15 robed Klansmen at the meeting, three of whom were dressed in red robes and the remainder in white robes. He stated that the three in red robes were L. M. GATEWOOD, ALBERT STAMPER and ERNEST YATES, all from Newton County, Miss. Source stated the red robes indicated that the individuals wearing same were either Exalted Cyclops or some other state officer in the UKA, Inc.

Source related that one GEORGE WINDHAM from Brookhaven, Mississippi, was present at the rally and claimed that he driven a bus from Brookhaven with 58 Klan members from that area on board the bus. Source stated WINDHAM did not wear a robe but said he was an Exalted Cyclops of the UKA, Inc., from the Brookhaven, Miss., area. ~~xxxxxx~~

Source related that at the end of the speaking activities at the UKA, Inc., rally, and after ROBERT SHELTON had made a plea from the stand for new UKA, Inc., members, Klansmen passed among the people present and were passing out Klan application blanks. Source stated that SHELTON commented to the group that those who returned their applications would be screened and would be contacted at a later date.

Source advised that the rally was presided over by Mississippi Grand Dragon, DURRELL FONDREN, who made a few comments and then introduced the Grand Dragon of Louisiana, then the Grand Dragon of Texas. FONDREN then introduced (FNU) GRIDER and (FNU) SCHULTZ, both of whom accompanied ROBERT SHELTON to the rally site.

FONDREN then introduced ROBERT SHELTON as the main speaker for the evening.

Source related that ROBERT SHELTON, the Imperial Wizard of the UKA, Inc., from Tuscaloosa, Ala., then spoke for about one hour or a little more and spoke of how the government of the United States is turning Socialistic and turning more toward Communism every day. He commented the government was catering to the Negroes in that the Negroes were getting practically all of the poverty program funds and food stamps. He then told the people present that Federal funds and state funds contributed by the working class people were going to support Africa. He then made mention of the fact that "LBJ" had once locked arms with MARTIN LUTHER KING which indicated he was definitely a Negro supporter.

SHELTON also was heard to comment that JIMMY ARLEDGE and JIMMY SNOWDEN (both of whom are serving time in Federal institutions for their part in the slaying of the three civil rights workers in Philadelphia, Mississippi) are going through the same things that he went through while he, SHELTON, was serving time in the Federal Penitentiary.

ROBERT SHELTON was also heard to tell the people present that there is a man running for governor in Mississippi who is like GEORGE WALLACE and thinks like WALLACE, and LESTER MADDOX of Georgia. He then pleaded with the people present to "put a white man in the governor's office."

Source related that SHELTON also commented during his speech at the rally that he was aware of the fact that FBI Agents were sitting out on the road and listening to the comments made during the rally and they were observing the festivities at hand. He stated that he did not want anything to happen to those FBI Agents, who were watching and listening.

Source advised that SHELTON then announced that the hat would be passed through the crowd for funds to continue the United Klans of America, Inc., and its fight against the Communist takeover in this country. Source related he did not know how much money was taken up at that meeting, but the hat as it came by him was completely full. He stated that several people were also selling literature, such as the "Fiery Cross," and other UKA, Inc., prepared booklets. He stated that those selling the literature were also selling pictures of ROBERT SHELTON.

Source advised that he noted ROBERT SHELTON was now traveling in a big camper bus with a "W" on the front of that bus. ~~(scribble)~~

Source advised he also recalled that during SHELTON's comments to the group present, SHELTON assured the group that a "bloody revolution was coming," and cautioned the people to be ready, but did not make any specific reference as to how they should prepare themselves for such a revolution.

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H. C. ESPEY AND HOUSE, MISSISSIPPI
UKA, INC.

On 3/17/71, source advised that on Monday, 3/15/71, he was in conversation with H. C. ESPEY at which time ESPEY advised him that he, ESPEY, was now out of the Klan as well as about 15 or 20 other members of the House, Miss., unit of the UKA. Source related that he knows of no Meridian members who are continuing to belong to the House unit.

On 3/19/71, source related that he had again conversed with H. C. ESPEY at which time ESPEY told him that he was through with the klan forever. ESPEY, in referring to ERNEST YATES, said "each time I get all involved in the klan and begin to trust everyone, then a pimp is discovered".

ESPEY further related that the YATES' problem is having wide range effect in the whole state and that all klan members are now running scared.

On 3/23/71, source advised that he talked with H. C. ESPEY on the morning of 3/23/71, and during the conversation with ESPEY, ESPEY told him that L. M. GATEWOOD of Newton County, Miss., was politicing to keep ERNEST YATES in the klan and now other members are beginning to become suspicious of GATEWOOD because of his support for YATES, a confirmed informant for the FBI.

Also on 3/23/71, ESPEY told source that most klan members are now mad at ROBERT SHELTON the Imperial Wizard from Tuscaloosa, Ala., for having appointed YATES as Titan of the Fourth Province of the UKA, Inc., without any investigation whatsoever into YATES' background. ESPEY again related to source that the House, Miss., klavern is now all broke and all members that ESPEY knows, have stated that they are through with UKA, Inc., activities forever.

On 3/30/71, source stated that he again talked with H. C. ESPEY over the weekend of 3/27-28/71, and ESPEY continued to state that he intends no longer to become associated with any klan group unless he could become associated with a small unit of trusted men in the Meridian, Miss., area.

JIMMY SWAN
CAMPAIGN FOR GOVERNOR
AND RELATED INFORMATION

On 3/26/71, source advised that he had learned that on the night of 3/24/71, a meeting was held in an office on the bottom floor of the New Walter Sellers Building, near the Capitol, in Jackson, Miss. Source stated that he learned that the following individuals were present at that meeting:

ED FRASIER
W. S. TORRANCE
L. E. MATTHEWS
JOE DENVER HAWKINS

Source related that he had learned that the above group during their discussions, related that Lt. Governor CHARLES SULLIVAN had enticed Judge GREER to announce his candidacy for Governor of Miss., as a staunch conservative in order to attempt to split JIMMY SWAN's vote potential.

Source stated that it was further discussed at the above meeting that the group was going to attempt to pass false rumors around the State of Miss., which would "tie CHARLES SULLIVAN to Father BRUNINI, a member of the Miss. Human Relations Bureau". Source stated that ED FRASIER was requested to take that information to Lauderdale County, Miss., and distribute the word as the actual truth.

It was also mentioned that JOE DENVER HAWKINS was going to make attempts to obtain unknown type material which would be detrimental to the campaign of SULLIVAN and the information would brand SULLIVAN as a liberal candidate.

It was further mentioned at the above meeting that ED FRASIER would act as Chairman for the Lauderdale County Citizens for JIMMY SWAN and that FRASIER would be the leader of the SWAN forces in Lauderdale County. It was also mentioned that Mr. and Mrs. DAN PEEBLES of Collinsville, Miss., and ARCHIE WATTS of Meridian, Miss., would act as committee members under the leadership of ED FRASIER.

It was also mentioned that ED FRASIER should attempt to get as many speakers lined up as possible to condemn CHARLES SULLIVAN at speaking engagements in the Meridian, Miss., area.

On 4/7/71, source related that he had been in conversation with W. S. TORRANCE and TORRANCE had mentioned that he had learned that JIMMY SWAN's campaign manager suggested and was for SWAN's appearing in a public debate with CHARLES EVERS, Negro mayor of Fayette, Miss. TORRANCE stated that because of this suggestion and the fact that SWAN did not appear to want to accept any advice from the campaign manager, then the campaign manager quit and went back to his home in the State of Ala.

On 4/7/71, TORRANCE told source that he had learned that ERNEST PARKER drove to Jackson, Miss., with his guns on the gun rack in his pickup truck recently and visited with L. E. MATTHEWS and W. S. TORRANCE. It was mentioned that L. E. MATTHEWS had supposedly bought a campaign bus with money collected by ERNEST PARKER and it was further mentioned that ERNEST PARKER had already contributed or collected contributions for SWAN in the amount of \$68,000.

Source stated that he had further learned from TORRANCE that it was agreed at the meeting between PARKER, MATTHEWS and TORRANCE, that there should be several riots by Negroes in Miss., before the governor's election since these riots would tend to aid the campaign of JIMMY SWAN.

On 3/26/71, source also related that W. S. TORRANCE mentioned during the conversation he had had with L. E. MATTHEWS, TORRANCE told MATTHEWS that FBI Agents were aware of the fact that MATTHEWS constructed the bomb that was to have blown up the home of Meridian, Miss., businessman, MEYER DAVIDSON during 6/68. TORRANCE stated this comment really "shook MATTHEWS up".

ATTEMPTS TO OBTAIN
AM-CON EXPLOSIVES

On 4/13/71, source advised that on 4/11/71, he conferred with W. S. TORRANCE in Meridian, Miss., at which time TORRANCE told him that he and all other Klan sympathizers in the Jackson, Miss., area were quite elated over the fact that DANNY JOE HAWKINS was found not guilty of the charges lodged against him in Federal Court of assaulting an FBI Agent. TORRANCE commented that "the people of Mississippi have finally seen the light".

Source stated that TORRANCE further related that because of the fact that SA SAM JENNINGS had been one of the main figures involved in the case against HAWKINS, then it was their plans to harass JENNINGS by making telephone calls to his home in the middle of the night. There was no other harassment mentioned in connection with Agent JENNINGS.

On 4/13/71, source stated that W. S. TORRANCE spoke very elatedly over the fact that one BOBBY FOSHEE, who does some type of construction work under the supervision of TORRANCE at the Southeastern Construction Company Project in connection with the building of the Walter Sellers Building, had mentioned that he was going to get a case of explosives. TORRANCE commented that FOSHEE was supposed to obtain the case of Am-Con explosives which case would be given to TORRANCE and divided in half. According to TORRANCE, he and ED FRASIER of Meridian, Miss., would take half of the case and JOE DENVER HAWKINS of Jackson, Miss., would get the other half of the case.

Source asked TORRANCE what he and others intended to do with the explosives at which time TORRANCE stated that they had no immediate plans; however, it was possible that the explosives could be used to "blow up some niggers" and stir them up which would tend to aid the forces for JIMMY SWAN and his campaign for governor.

TORRANCE related that the Am-Con explosives were very simple to use and one could mold the explosives like putty into any form and cause it to explode by merely striking a dynamite cap into the putty.

On 4/16/71, source related that he traveled to Jackson, Miss., on the night of 4/15/71, and learned that on the same night, W. S. TORRANCE, ED FRASIER and BOBBY FOSHEE had held a conference in TORRANCE's office on the bottom floor of the Walter Sellers Building project.

Source related that FOSHEE had commented that he had not been able to obtain the Am-Con explosives as yet and said that his "buddy in the National Guard" has already got the explosives and FOSHEE has not had the opportunity to pick it up from that buddy.

FOSHEE also reportedly commented that the Am-Con comes in a tube and is used like putty. FOSHEE commented that he was going to give the Am-Con explosive, when he did obtain that explosive, to W. S. TORRANCE, alone and he did not want anyone to see the delivery of the explosive. FOSHEE commented he wanted no witnesses and FRASIER was heard to comment "well I'm getting some of it", and FOSHEE said "thats between you and W.S."

Source related that he had learned that while FRASIER, TORRANCE and FOSHEE were meeting as mentioned above, TORRANCE attempted to call JOE DENVER HAWKINS to invite HAWKINS to the meeting; however, he was unsuccessful in reaching HAWKINS.

While trying to call HAWKINS, TORRANCE commented that something was going to have to be planned by HAWKINS to stir up the Negroes to help SWAN.

W. S. TORRANCE then supposedly asked ED FRASIER if FRASIER had anyone in the Meridian, Miss., area who needed a whipping and FRASIER jokingly said "yes". TORRANCE then stated "Ole FOSHEE will go if you want anybody whipped", and FOSHEE agreed that he would ship anybody and would travel 500 miles to do so.

TORRANCE then described FOSHEE as the toughest man he has ever seen and to just let FOSHEE know if there was a whipping that needed to be handled.

FRASIER was then heard to ask TORRANCE concerning what had been done to SA SAM JENNINGS of the FBI since this project was mentioned at a previous meeting and TORRANCE commented that he was leaving any harassment of JENNINGS up to JOE DENVER and JOE DANIEL HAWKINS and was going to let them worry about any such harassment.

Source commented on 4/16/71, that he had been able to determine from W. S. TORRANCE that JOE DENVER and JOE DANIEL HAWKINS were obtaining information concerning all activities directed against klan and klan sympathizers in the Jackson area from the former Jackson, Miss., police officer who testified for JOE DANNY HAWKINS during the recent trial. TORRANCE commented that this ex-police officer questions his old buddies who are still members of the Jackson PD and relays all information he is able to obtain to the HAWKINS family.

On 4/21/71, source advised that on 4/18/71, he had conferred with TORRANCE at which time TORRANCE related that he had again talked to BOBBY FOSHEE concerning the Am-Con explosives and FOSHEE said he had still been unable to get the explosives from his buddy in the National Guard.

Source stated that he was going to maintain contact with TORRANCE and JOE DENVER HAWKINS and would continue to obtain information concerning the obtaining and disposing of the explosives.

AUSTIN MC CARY

On 4/16/71, source advised that while he was visiting with W. S. TORRANCE on the night of 4/15/71, AUSTIN MC CARY walked in and while there, MC CARY was talking about the harm that he would like to see come to his former wife's boyfriend.

Source said that after MC CARY left, W. S. TORRANCE commented that there was definitely going to be a killing over the arguments between MC CARY and MC CARY's ex-wife and her boyfriend.

MISCELLANEOUS

On 3/17/71, source related that he had been unable to obtain any information whatsoever concerning the identities of JIMMY STOVALL and CHARLES BUTLER, alleged members of the UKA, Inc., at House, Miss.

On 4/21/71, source stated he had made additional inquiries concerning STOVALL and BUTLER around House, Union, Philadelphia, and Meridian, Miss., and was unable to obtain any information whatsoever pertaining to STOVALL and BUTLER.