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#### MINUTEMEN

Unit #1733 of the Minutemen has been inactive since the previous report. No meetings have been held and no dues have been collected from any of the members of the organization.

#### KLAN ACTIVITY

ROBERT BATEMAN, DONALD VEAL, J. D. MONTGOMERY, WILLIAM HENSON, and KENNETH PENNINGTON, have been inactive in any klan activities during the preceding month.

A meeting was held at the residence of Attorney BILL RILEY on or about 4/2/71 and present during this meeting were the following individuals:

RALEIGH JACKSON GLOVER JAMES FREDERICK "RED" LEE CHARLES D. SMITH FLOP THOMAS

The purpose of the meeting was to defeat the present board of supervisors who might be running for re-election in Districts #2, #3, and #5. ERNEST PARKER is believed to want to run in District #3 and a meeting was set to be held on 4/9/71.

After the meeting "HICKENFOOT" ROBINSON was overheard talking to DONALD WILKINSON at the Barbecue Pit and "CHICKENFOOT" mentioned something to the effect that he had applied for the new UKA charter and would hear about it very soon. WILKINSON indicated his satisfaction with this arrangement.

On 4/9/71, another meeting was held at the residence of BILL RILEY and present during this meeting were L. C. MURRAY, SLIM (LNU), who is a union shop foreman or stewart at International Paper Company P

Paper Company, R. L. MYRICK, JOHN DAWSON, DAVID LOFTON, and (FNU) HEDGLIN.

Again discussed during the meeting was the people that the klan would support for the district supervisors' races and in District #2, the name ADRIEN LEE was discussed. L. C. MURRAY indicated to the group that they could all count on I. J. RUDISAL to support anybody that the group wanted to and BILL RILEY indicated that he did not want JOE HARDY to be involved in the organization whatsoever.

On 4/17/71, L. C. MURRAY and DONALD WILKINSON were overheard talking at the Barbecue Pit and at that time WILKINSON was overheard to ask MURRAY to furnish him typed lists of everyone in every district that the klan could count on to support all the klan activities. It is noted that there is literature being put out at the International Paper Plant from the American Patriotic Party out of Florida and application blanks for the UKA, Inc.

On the same date, BILL RILEY and other persons were seen sitting outside of the Barbecue Pit drinking heavily. Several individuals set in on the conversation and during the conversation, BILL RILEY indicated that he was highly dissatisfied with JOE LEE HARDY because JOE HARDY was saying things to the effect that he, BILL RILEY, had not adequately defended him.

During the conversation, BILL RILEY mentioned that he knew of an organization formerly in the Natchez area which would "kill you" and mentioned the Silver Dollar Group. He stated it was a strong organization but let a pimp get into it and ruin it. He made no mention as to who this person might be. Mentioned during the conversation was the fact that a JOHN RICE BAKER might give a hard time to ERNEST PARKER because PARKER allegedly sold some property to a Negro. No further discussion was held on this matter and no plan of action was mentioned.

JOHN WILLIAM BARBER came up to the group and talked to BILL RILEY for a few minutes. RILEY is defending BARBER in a separation and divorce proceedings with his wife who is now living in Shreveport, Louisiana, with all of the children except JOHN BARBER, JR.

After that conversation was over, "CHICKENFOOT" ROBINSON and DONALD WILKINSON went into the Barbecue Pit

and were overheard talking and at that time "CHICKENFOOT" ROBINSON told WILKINSON that JOHN BORSKE is supposed to come to Natchez, Miss., on Wednesday, 4/21/71, with the charter and is also supposed to come Saturday. WILKINSON was overheard to tell "CHICKENFOOT" that he was satisfied with this arrangement and that he would like to try to see if he could not get JOHN BOSTRICK who has returned to the Natchez, Miss., area into the organization. WILKINSON also mentioned JEWELL LEE BURT, who has recently reported to be going back into the hospital for further surgery on his injured hand.

ERNEST AVANTS was overheard telling TINY LOUIS that JOE LEE HARDY had come to him and threatened to burn down his, AVANTS, place and TINY LOUIS was highly upset about this. TINY LOUIS allegedly went to REGGIE CARTER and told him to keep the clamps down on JOE LEE HARDY and he indicated that he would.



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## JOE DENVER HAWKINS

On 9/9/70, source advised that ED FRAZIER, known klansman, Meridian, Miss., had received a long distance telephone call from JOE DENVER HAWKINS of Jackson requesting that FRAZIER meet HAWKINS' son, JOE DANIEL HAWKINS, in Jackson on that date. Source stated that JOE DENVER had told FRAZIER that he had recently returned from the State of Georgia where he had assisted J. B. STONER, Legal Director of the NSRP, in his campaign for Governor for the State of Georgia. Source said that JOE DENVER HAWKINS advised FRAZIER that he had returned to Jackson and would work almost full-time for building up of klan activity in Jackson.

#### NSRP

On 9/9/70, source advised that he had learned that JOE DENVER HAWKINS had talked to ED FRAZIER of Meridian, Miss., by telephone on 9/9/70, and advised FRAZIER that he had been working in Georgia for the NSRP and that he had returned to Jackson for the express purpose of building up units of the NSRP in Jackson.

#### ERNEST PARKER

On 9/11/70, source advised that he had learned on 9/9/70, from JOE DANIEL HAWKINS that ERNEST PARKER from Natchez, Miss., and past trusted klansman, had lined up several Negroes in the Natchez and eastern Louisiana area for the purpose of doing something to CHARLES EVERS of Fayette, Miss. Source stated that HAWKINS advised that PARKER had been instrumental in getting these Negroes to go to Fayette on different occasions and in many different ways, cause friction among the Negroes in the Fayette area. According to HAWKINS, PARKER stated it was only a matter of time that EVERS would be taken care of.

Source stated that he learned no additional .information concerning this matter, but would follow it closely and attempt to learn any further details.

## JOE DANIEL HAWKINS

On 9/11/70, source advised that he learned that ED FRAZIER of Meridian, Miss., W. S. TORRANCE of Sugualena, Miss., and JOE DANIEL HAWKINS of Jackson, Miss., met at a restaurant across the street from the Baptist Hospital on State Street in Jackson on the evening of 9/9/70.

Source advised that JOE DANIEL had called TORRANCE and FRAZIER together for the purpose of discussing klan activity in Meridian, as well as JOE DANIEL's forthcoming trial for bank robbery charges in Memphis, Tenn.

Source stated that JOE DANIEL told FRAZIER and TORRANCE that he had learned that RAYMOND ROBERTS of Meridian planned to testify against him at the forthcoming bank robbery trial in Memphis, and that he wanted both TORRANCE and FRAZIER to harass ROBERTS in Meridian in any way that they could.

HAWKINS told TORRANCE and FRAZIER that prior to KENNETH DEAN leaving Jackson, DEAN told him that he had found out through "sources" that the FBI had a very poor case on him for bank robbery but that he was afraid RAYMOND ROBERTS of Meridian would testify against him. According to source, FRAZIER of Meridian asked HAWKINS if RAYMOND ROBERTS were present during the time he, HAWKINS, robbed the bank, and HAWKINS stated that "neither of us robbed that bank".

HAWKINS told the others he had learned that the FBI

was now running the Mississippi State Prison at Parchman, and there was no chance of THOMAS ALBERT TARRANTS ever being released.

Source continued that HAWKINS advised TORRANCE and FRAZIER that FRAZIER was the only trusted klansman in Lauderdale

County, Miss., and that he, JOE DANIEL HAWKINS, felt that he only had one friend in Meridian, and that was FRAZIER. HAWKINS told FRAZIER that in the event any klansman in the state attempted to do anything in Meridian that ED FRAZIER would be first contacted and consulted.

Source advised that HAWKINS then began talking about COP C. L. GUNN of Meridian PD and stated that Chief GUNN would be forced out of office the first of the year, 1971. HAWKINS stated that there were several people going to the state's Attorney General's office to get a ruling on a new law which would remove Chief GUNN as COP on the Meridian PD the first of the year, 1971.

#### WILLIAM PICKEL

On 9/18/70, source advised that ED FRAZIER, known klansman of Meridian, had learned that three individuals including BILL PICKEL of Jackson had been arrested on 9/13/70, by the Meridian PD in Meridian. Source stated that ED FRAZIER advised that he knew WILLIAM PICKEL to be a known Kansman in Jackson, a close associate of JOE DENVER and JOE DANIEL HAWKINS, and a close associate of L. E. MATTHEWS. Source continued that ED FRAZIER got very upset over this arrest by the Meridian PD in view of the fact that he felt BILL PICKEL was in Meridian on that date to conduct some sort of act of violence on behalf of the klan and that he (FRAZIER) had not been notified.

Source continued that on 9/14/70, FRAZIER had telephonically contacted JOE DENVER HAWKINS of Jackson and demanded that HAWKINS come to Meridian to explain why BILL PICKEL had been in Meridian on 9/13/70. Source stated that HAWKINS advised FRAZIER that he would not come to Meridian but that he would meet ED FRAZIER in Forest, Miss., on the morning of 9/17/70.

It is pointed out that Meridian PD records reflect the following three individuals were arrested on 9/13/70, by Meridian PD for speeding:

1) BILL PICKEL, 165 N. Green St., Jackson

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2) WALTER EDWIN GRAY, JR., 302 Conti St., Jackson, DOB 5/13/46

3) J. C. PRICHARD, Jackson, DOB 9/27/34

A 12 gauge shotgun was confiscated and PICKEL, driver of the automobile, was released under bond. Others were released without charges.

Source continued that he learned from ED FRAZIER that he had met with JOE DENVER HAWKINS, HAWKINS' wife, JOHNNIE HAWKINS, in Forest on the morning of 9/17/70. Source continued that FRAZIER told JOE DENVER HAWKINS of PICKEL's arrest in Meridian on 9/13/70, with GRAY and PRICHARD and that he, FRAZIER, demanded an explanation as to why BILL PICKEL had come to Meridian without first clearing with FRAZIER.

Source stated that JOE DENVER HAWKINS immediately advised FRAZIER that PICKEL was not in the Meridian area on a mission for the klan and that further, should the klan in Jackson desire any project in the Meridian area, they would first clear with FRAZIER.

Source continued that HAWKINS advised FRAZIER .that

According to source, JOE DENVER HAWKINS advised that all of the klan support in Mississippi was being solicited for the purpose of backing JIMMY SWAN for Governor of Mississippi

and that he did not feel that any act of violence at the present time would be in SWAN's favor. He stated further that if SWAN decides acts of violence would be in his favor and enhance his campaign for Covernorship, then acts of violence will be forthcoming.

According to source, JOE DENVER HAWKINS, in the presence of JOHNNIE HAWKINS, reiterated to ED FRAZIER that at any such time as any act of violence is contemplated by the klan in the Meridian or Lauderdale County area, they would first clear it with FRAZIER at Meridian and further, that he, JOE DENVER HAWKINS, would be in a position to know because "they have to check with either me or L. E. MATTHEWS first in order to get the explosives".

Source continued that FRAZIER advised him that he was of the opinion that JOE DENVER HAWKINS was gave the impression to FRAZIER that he, HAWKINS, or MATTHEWS had in their possession dynamite for the purpose of klan projects and also must give the O.K. for any acts of violence on behalf of the klan.

### POSSIBLE KLAN HARASSMENT OF FBI

On 9/18/70, source advised that he had been in contact on that day with ED FRAZIER of Meridian, a known klansman in that city, and had learned of the following information concerning JOE DENVER HAWKINS, a known klansman of Jackson:

Source stated that FRAZIER and HAWKINS had met with JOHNNIE HAWKINS, JOE DENVER HAWKINS' wife, being present in Forest, Miss., on the morning of 9/17/70. He stated that these individuals began to talk about JOE DANNY HAWKINS' forthcoming trial on bank robbery charges in Memphis, Tenn. Source stated that JOE DENVER HAWKINS had told FRAZIER that this was merely harassment on the part of the FBI in Jackson and that he was very upset with the FBI's tactics of harassment. He stated that his son, JOE DANNY, was innocent of bank robbery charges but that

the FBI was continuing to harass him by bringing him to trial again on these bank robbery charges. Source stated that JOE DENVER HAWKINS told FRAZIER at this meeting that "we" are looking for any possible incident in Jackson involving FBI Agents in order to bring harassment to the FBI. Source stated that FRAZIER was told by JOE DENVER HAWKINS that even if they cannot learn of a possible incident, they may even make up some story, possibly involving innocent people, which story, if made public, could bring some sort of embarrassment to either an FBI Agent or the FBI in general.

Source continued that FRAZIER did not tell him any details concerning what HAWKINS had in mind but did voice his opinion of HAWKINS by stating that HAWKINS was the type individual who would not hesitate to make up any story concerning the FBI if he thought it would bring embarrassment to that organization.

Source advised that he would make every attempt to learn of any additional details concerning HAWKINS' plan to "make up" a story to bring possible embarrassment to the FBI.



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On 11/13/69 source advised that the House, Miss., Klavern of the UKA, Inc., was planning a "turkey shoot" on 11/15/69 to be held at the old school building in House, Miss.

APWR MEETING JACKSON, MISS. 11/11/69

On 11/17/69 source advised that a meeting of the AIMR was held in Jackson, Miss., on Tuesday night, 11/11/69, at the residence of JOE DENVER HAWKINS. Source stated that he learned this information from W. S. TORRENCE who was in attendance at the meeting, as well as L. E. MATTHEWS, JR., BILL PICKEL, JOE DENVER HAWKINS, JOHNNIE HAMKINS, and ERMEST PARKER of Natchez, Miss.

Source advised that W. S. TORRENCE told him that at this meeting JOE DENVER HAWKINS told others that he had learned from the attorney for his son JOE DANIEL HAWKINS that this attorney had talked to GEORGE WARNER, the District Attorney at Lauderdale County, Miss., and that WARNER had told him that he would not try JOE DANIEL HAWKINS as long as the "Klan from Jackson would stay out of Meridian." According to W. S. TORRENCE, this caused considerable discussion among those present, all stating that District Attorney GEORCE WARNER had no right to tell anyone who could walk the streets of Meridian, Miss.

Source advised that W. S. TORRENCE told him that at this meeting it was decided that certain officials

and individuals of Jewish background in the Meridian, Miss., area should receive "smut" literature, as well as a copy of the National States Rights (NSRP) publication "The Thunderbolt."

Source advised that W. S. TORRENCE told him that he (TORRENCE) would obtain a telephone book from Meridian. Miss., area, would go through it, and mark all Jewishsounding names and then others he knows to be officials of Meridian, as well as those opposed to the Klan, in order that these individuals may receive either a copy of "The Thunderbolt" or the "smat" literature.

Source observed a rough draft copy of a letter in TORRENCE's possession which TORRENCE referred to as the "smut" literature to be mailed out and revealed the following:

"To the white Anglo-Saxon Americans in Mississippi; please be advised that responsible citizens have been questioned and it has developed a fact that certain persons are totally responsible for pushing integration in this area. Irregardless of the well-known fact that your sons will be stabbed by Niggers; your daughters raped by Niggers; these hipocrits have repeatedly sponsored integration in our schools through their offices and/or personal activities."

"We have done our questioning; now it is time for you to question these hipocrits."

"Here is a partial list of these turncoats;"

Source advised that it was his understanding from W. S. TORRENCE that immediately following this letter would be the names of those he had obtained from the telephone book in the Meridian, Miss., area.

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Source advised W. S. TORRENCE did not tell him exactly when these copies of "The Thunderbolt"

nor the pamphlets of "smut" literature would be mailed out, but indicated it would be done within the next two or three weeks.

### HANSEL SMITE

On 11/17/69 source advised that he had conversed that day with HANSEL SHITH of Meridian, Miss., and was told by SMITH that he (SMITH) had been fired from Kroehler Manufacturing Company in Meridian for hitting a Negro on the head with a stick while the Negro was sitting on a comode in a white restroom of the Kroehler Manufacturing Company.

#### HOMER TAYLOR

On 11/17/69 source advised that HOMER TAYLOR is presently a member of the House, Miss., UKA, Inc., Unit, is about 65 or 70 years of age, and resides in rural Hickory, Miss., area. He stated that TAYLOR served time in Parchman Penitentiary for murder some years ago and was released approximately ten years ago. He stated that he had retired as a night watchman and is presently unemployed, residing in the city of Hickory, Miss.



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-512) (C)

DATE: 8/27/69

FROM : SA GEORGE P. GAMBLIN

SUBJECT: ERNEST BUCHANAN PARKER RM (KLAN)

Re memo of SA SAMUEL N. JENNINGS, dated 6/24/69.

This case was re-opened on the basis of information obtained from FOIA(b)7-(D) who indicated that ERNEST BUCHANAN PARKER was the link between the Klan in Mississippi and THOMAS ALBERT TARRANTS, JR.

On 7/5/69 ERNEST BUCHANAN PARKER was contacted at his residence, Route 1, Box 43A, Natchez, Miss., and advised he does not know THOMAS ALBERT TARRANTS, JR. He stated he is acquainted with a former Klansman by the name of W. S. TORRANCE, who lives in Vicksburg, Miss. PARKER stated he has not been active in the Klan for months and said he had no intention to support or participate in a counter-march to Fayette, Miss., protesting the Inaugural Ball of CHARLES EVERS, which was held in Natchez, Miss., on 7/7/69. He added he is leaving for vacation on the weekend and will not return within two weeks. PARKER is currently employed as a cattleman and resides at Route 1, Box 43A, Natchez, Miss.

The following sources were contacted and advised they were not aware of any Klan activity on the part of ERNEST BUCHANAN PARKER:



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#### Alexandria, La. 7/2/69

# CHARLES EVERS INAUGURAL BALL

On Thursday, 6/26/69, about 1:00 PM, R. J. GLOVER of Natchez, Miss., contacted E. D. MORACE of Vidalia, La., at the Ford Garage, Ferriday, La. The two men were observed to have lunch together at Brocado's Cafe. GLOVER told MORACE that the two plans previously discussed to disrupt the inaugural ball of CHARLES EVERS at Natchez, Miss., on 7/7/69, had been discarded. These plans were to pour gasoline in the storm drainage ditch near the City Auditorium and to string primacord on the sidewalk and set it off.

GLOVER said he had decided on the following action:

1) Have two men to pour five gallons of gasoline each on the two bridges across St. Catherine Creek on U. S. Highway 61, North, and U. S. Highway 61, South, in Natchez, and light fires during the ball. This would not cause much damage, but would be something for the Negroes to remember.

2) Have someone with a rifle shoot out the transformer which furnished electric power to the City Auditorium in Natchez, during the ball. CLOVER does not know where the transformer is located and this action is a thought rather than

a plan.

3) Build a time bomb with two or three sticks of dynamite and an old alarm clock and set it off about two blocks west of the City Auditorium on the bluff where there are no houses or people. GLOWER stated he had the men to do the gasoline job, but he and MORACE would have to set the time bomb. GLOVER said he would be on vacation until 7/6/69, and would work on 7/6/69 and 7/7/69, from 10:00 PM to 7:00 AM.

On Saturday, 6/28/69, R. J. GLOVER and E. D.MORACE went to the residence of KENNETH NORMAN HEAD on Lake Concordia, near Ferriday, La. GLOVER told HEAD about the time bomb he needed and asked how to rig a blasting cap, alarm clock and dynamite. HEAD explained how to build the bomb, but GLOVER could not understand it. HEAD told GLOVER to come over some evening and they would build one and test it on the river levee. On the way back to MORACE's house, GLOVER instructed MORACE to obtain an old alarm clock, not to buy a new one as it might be traced, and to build a time bomb. MORACE said he could build the bomb, but he was not an explosives expert and was afraid of dynamite.

GLOVER told MORACE he would be in Kentwood, La., on vacation for several days, but would recontact MORACE by 7/7/69.

SILVER DOLLAR CROUP & MINUTEMEN

On 6/28/69, E. D. MORACE and R. J. GLOVER went to the home of JAMES SCAROBROUCH in Ferriday, La. SAMMY BUTLER, a former klansman was there, but was to one side during the conversation. GLOVER asked SCAROBROUGH if he still had the item he sent to him, indicating that it was the Russian Burp gun. SCAROBROUGH said he had the item, but had not been able

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to get it to function properly. GLOVER asked if SCAROBROUGH still had his fast-talking weapon, meaning his automatic carbine, and SCAROBROUGH said he did. CLOVER told him to pass both of these on to a friend. GLOVER said this was the way to build trust, that he has passed his Russian Burp gun to several people and all had proven trustworthy.

## SILVER DOLLAR GROUP

On 6/28/69, about 5:00 PM, R. J. GLOVER telephoned E. D. MORACE and asked him to come to the home of SDG member BUCK HORTON in Vidalia, La., as HORTON was sick. MORACE and GLOVER took HORTON to Jeff Davis Hospital in Natchez, where it was found he had a very sore throat and a virus. They took HORTON back home that night. HORTON asked MORACE and GLOVER to go to the Concordia airport, Vidalia, La., and put his airplane in a hanger. HORTON said that he has been having some trouble with JAMES SEALE, a former klansman and SDG member from Mississippi. A Jackson, Miss., company has the lease on the Vidalia airport and SEALE is working for that company. The company that operates the Alexandria, La., airport wants to get the lease and HORTON is helping that company.

GLOVER and MORACE went to the airport after dark on 6/28/69, and told JAMES SEALE they wanted to put HORTON's airplane in a hanger. SEALE said he did not know about that and GLOVER exhibited a .38 caliber revolver with a two inch barrel, which was tucked inside his belt. SEALE then became easy to get along with and the plane was put in the hanger.

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On the night of 6/30/69, GLOVER and MORACE attended a meeting of the Concordia Parish Police Jury at the request of BUCK HORTON. The police jury was considering whether to give the lease to the airport to the Jackson, Miss., company or to the Alexandria, La., company. JAMES SEALE was present with ERNEST PARKER, a klansman from Natchez, Miss., and about ten other former klan members from the Natchez area. PARKER appeared mad and asked MORACE if he was there for BUCK HORTON. MORACE said that he was and also were his five friends, exhibiting a Smith and Wesson five shot revolver. PARKER told MORACE he was there only as an observer and soon left.

#### MINUTEMEN

The following persons have not been members of the Minutemen Unit 1733 in Louisiana:

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APWR

On 6/3/69, source advised that he had learned on that date from W. S. TORRANCE that the following individuals are in regular attendance at APWR meetings in Jackson, Miss., which are usually held on Wednesday nights:

> REGGIE CARTER, Natchez ERNEST PARKER, Natchez W. S. TORRANCE, Vicksburg AUSTIN MC CRARY, Meridian

On 6/10/69, source advised that W. S. TORRANCE on Saturday night, 6/7/69, told him that he had been in daily contact during the previous week with BILL PICKEL and JOE DANIEL HAWKINS of Jackson, both of whom were identified by TORRANCE to be active in APWR affairs, and that they desired to have TORRANCE get the source to start an APWR chapter in Meridian. Source advised that he told TORRANCE that it was impossible to start an APWR chapter in Meridian in view of the fact that since the THOMAS ALBERT TARRANTS, III case in the Summer of 1968, that no one was interested in this area of starting any new klan groups.

According to source, TORRANCE advised that he would carry this information back to PICKEL and HAWKINS.



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## UKA, INC., REORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITIES

On 6/13/69, source advised that during the day of 6/12/69, he met in Union, Miss., with ALBERT STAMPLER of Union, L. M. GATEWOOD of Newton, and CHARLES MERCHANT of Morton, Miss. Source identified all these individuals as former members of the UKA, Inc.

Source stated that these individuals advised him that there was reorganization going on of the UKA and that chapters were already established in Forest, Morton, Newton, Union, and DeKalb, Miss. He advised that they were interested in getting the source to begin a chapter in Lauderdale County in view of the fact that very little UKA activity takes place in this area.

Source advised that these individuals stated that CARLTON SMITH, the present Province Titan of Province IV, UKA, was going to be dismissed and that L. M. GATEWOOD of Newton who actually resides in Conchatta, Miss., was going to take over as Province Titan.

Source continued that these individuals indicated that plans were being made for a march by the klansmen to either Natchez or Fayette, Miss., sometimes in July. Source stated that these individuals told them that a strong klansman by the name of ERNEST PARKER of Natchez was going to furnish land and additional finances for the purpose of this march either in Natchez or Fayette.

## MASS MARCH ON FAYETTE, MISS., JULY, 1969

On 6/16/69, source advised that he had learned on that date from W. S. TORRANCE of Vicksburg, Miss., that plans were definitely being made for a mass march on Fayette, Miss., sometime



in July, 1969. Source stated that W. S. TORRANCE was concerned because he was unable to get anyone interested in this march from the Lauderdale County area.

TORRANCE told source that he would attempt to learn additional details concerning this march but felt that this would draw from all klansmen in any klan organization throughout Mississippi.

On 6/18/69, source advised that he had traveled on that date to Newton and contacted CHARLES SMITH and L. D. HARRIS and L. M. GATEWOOD, known klansmen in the Newton area. He advised that he had learned from these individuals that definite plans were being made for a mass march on Fayette, Miss., either on Saturday, the 19th of July, or Saturday, the 26th of July. They advised source that a goal has been set of 1500 to 2000 klansmen to march on Fayette, Miss. He learned that this number would include active khnsmen, former klansmen and sympathizers and all who had robes would wear robes and all who had guns would carry guns for display while in Fayette. Source stated that he learned that the purpose of carrying guns was because CHARLES EVERS, the newly elected Mayor of the City of Fayette, advised that when he takes office (7/7/69), he would immediately pass a gun law prohibiting display of guns in the City of Fayette. Source stated that accordingly, the display of guns to be worn by klansmen in Fayette would be testing CHARLES EVERS' new gun law.

Source advised that he learned from these individuals that at the present time, they were having a difficult time getting people interested.

Source advised, however, that he learned from these individuals that they had already gained support in the following towns in Miss.: Union, House, Carthage, Philadelphia, Newton, Laurel, Jackson, Hazlehurst, Natchez, Vicksburg, and rural Smith County.



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# THOMAS ALBERT TARRANTS, JR.

On 5/28/69, source advised that he was visited on the night of 5/27/69, at his home in Meridian by THOMAS ALBERT TARRANTS, JR., father of incarcerated THOMAS ALBERT TARRANTS, III. Source said that TARRANTS at the time brought with him a letter addressed to the informant saying, "This will introduce Mr. TARRANTS to (informant)". Source said that letter to introduction was signed by W. S. TORRANCE. TARRANTS said he was sent to see informant by JOE DANIEL HAWKINS of Jackson, Miss.

TARRANTS advised that he came to see the informant because he understands from talking with his son, THOMAS ALBERT TARRANTS, III, that RAYMOND ROBERTS and WAYNE ROBERTS, brothers from Meridian, Miss., are actually the ones who "set him up" in an ambush at Meridian. TARRANTS told informant he had learned that the ROBERTS brothers were paid \$49,000 for this. He said THOMAS TARRANTS, III told him that the ROBERTS brothers are actually the ones who pointed out the home of MEYER DAVIDSON in Meridian for the "hit". TARRANTS said that his son had further told him that the police at the "setup" were not expecting a girl along on the job but since plans had already been made, police went through with this anyway.

TARRANTS said that he had learned that the ROBERTS brothers would only agree to set up a job like this on the condition that no one was left alive at the scene of the attempted bombing.

TARRANTS said that he went to see RAYMOND ROBERTS recently and arranged to meet with ROBERTS. He said that RAYMOND and WAYNE ROBERTS then met with him (TARRANTS) at Davis Grill in Meridian, at which time TARRANTS claimed to have told them that they had better not testify against his son or they would be put behind bars also.

Source said that Mr. TARRAN'S told him that he has

talked with his attorney and the attorney is going to make every

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effort to have RAYMOND and WAYNE ROBERTS indicted in the attempted bombing of the MEYER DAVIDSON residence. Mr. TARRANTS told the source that his son is willing to testify against them in order that they may be put behind bars.

Mr. TARRANTS said he had done some checking on the ROBERTS brothers and had found that WAYNE ROBERTS had recently bought a new Lincoln automobile but had Louisiana license plates on it. He claimed to have checked the Louisiana license and found that the number was registered to a 1957 Dodge. He later observed, according to source, that an old 1957 Dodge was parked behind the RAYMOND ROBERTS residence in Meridian. Mr. TARRANTS said he could not understand why WAYNE ROBERTS was driving with a Louisiana license.

Mr. TARRANTS continued that he is personally going to see that RAYMOND and WAYNE ROBERTS are put behind bars rather than have themkilled.

Source said that Mr. TARRANTS requested source to obtain the license number of RAYMOND ROBERTS' car and to "keep your ears open" for anything concerning them.

Source said that Mr.TARRANTS stated he had learned that RAYMOND ROBERTS had been to visit JOE DANIEL HAWKINS in Jackson on two or three different occasions in an attempt to convince HAWKINS that he and his brother, WAYNE ROBERTS, had nothing to do with the "setup" in Meridian. Mr. TARRANTS said that RAYMOND, on one occasion, brought with him for the second time a letter from JERRY ROHACEK in a Texas jail in which letter ROHACEK was supposedly confessing to working with the police in connection with the MEYER DAVIDSON attempt bombing. He said on the next occasion, RAYMOND ROBERTS brought with him a newspaper clipping wherein DEXTER TORRANCE of Meridian had testified in court against former Asst. COP SAM KELLER. ROBERTS claimed that



this was positive prof that DEXTER TORRANCE was the person talking to the police in connection with the MEYER DAVIDSON bombing. Mr. TARRANTS said that neither he nor HAWKINS believed ROBERTS since they know for a fact that ROBERTS was actually the one who was cooperating with the police in view of what they had learned from THOMAS ALBERT TARRANTS, III.

Mr. TARRANTS claimed that he and "others" had already cased the RAYMOND ROBERTS neighborhood in Meridian and noticed a sign on ROBERTS' fence saying "Beware of Dog" and knew that ROBERTS' father-in-law lives across the street and some other relatives down the street.

Mr. TARRANTS told informant he had learned from his son that even though his son talked on several occasions with two agents of the FBI in Meridian that his son had no intentions of ever turning states evidence.

Mr. TARRANTS said he had learned from his son's attorney that there were 33 errors committed in his son's trial at Meridian and that the conviction most probably would be overturned.

Mr. TARRANTS stated further that he had been told personally by Judge HARWELL in Meridian that his son was actually tried on the wrong charge since the bomb he was carrying at the time of this attempted bombing had never actually been connected to the fuse and timer.

Mr. TARRANTS stated that he had learned from his son that Sgt. LESTER JOINER of the Meridian PD actually told Dr. HOLLIDAY at Matty Hersee Hospital in Meridian to not give blood to TARRANTS, III after he had been shot but to just "let him die". He said Dr. HOLLIDAY said he could not go along with such a thing as it was his duty as a doctor to try and save this individual's life.

Source said that Mr. TARRANTS kept praising Judge

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RUSSELL MOORE in Jackson by saying that MOORE is "the only white judge in Mississippi".

Source said that Mr. TARRANTS departed by saying that he would be back to see the source in two or three weeks but would just drop in unexpectedly as he wanted no one to know when he was coming. He did say that if it was urgent that the source had to talk with him about any of these matters, then the source should get the word to JOE DANIEL HAWKINS in Jackson, to W. S. TORRANCE in Vicksburg or to ERNEST PARKER in Natchez. He said that any of these three individuals would pass the word on to him.

#### W. S. TORRANCE

On 6/2/69, source advised that TORRANCE is in constant contact with JOE DANIEL HAWKINS of Jackson and with ERNEST PARKER of Natchez. He stated that W. S. TORRANCE told him that he, HAWKINS and PARKER attend APWR meetings in Jackson on almost a weekly basis.

Source said that TORRANCE lives and works in Vicksburg and only visits his home in Suqualena, Miss., on weekends.

## UKA, INC.

CLARKE COUNTY, MISS.

Source advised on 6/2/69, that he had learned that a UKA rally which had been mentioned for Clarke County, Miss., during the latter part of May, 1969, was not held.



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TO SAC, JACKSON (157-512)

DATE: 1/9/69

# FROM XXX TYPIST BRENDA LOU SPENCER

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In connection with the destruction of channelizing memoranda, the information contained on the serials listed below was incorporated in a report XX letterhead memorandum dated 1/9/69. Where the serial is accompanied by the file and serial number of the original informant report, the information was not used because it was of no value to the report. The review for the communication checked above was made from 140 through 145

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The following is a correlation memo of information found in this file:

157-512-142 On 2/21/68, FOIA(b)7-(D) advised subject is a former member of the WKKKKOM and UKA.

157-512-145 On 11/4/68, FOIA(b)7-(D) advised PARKER is not active in any Klan or hate-type organizations. He is active in the APWR at this time and is privately financing the Adams County private school.

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FROM : SAC, JACKSON (157-512) (C)

SUBJECT: ERNEST BUCHANAN PARKER RM - KLAN

Re Jackson report of SA EARL E. BOYD, 12/29/67.

ERNEST EUCHANAN PARKER continues to reside Route 4, Box 15A, Natchez, Miss., and is currently self-employed in the cattle and oil business. Subject owns a 1964 Ford bearing 1968 Miss. License 1-1892, a 1967 Plymouth Fury bearing 1968 Miss. License 1-1893, and a 1967 Oldsmobile 98, bearing 1968 Miss. License D537.

Review of the file on 11/19/68, fails to reflect any activity on the part of the subject. On 11/15/68, FOIA(b)7-(D) advised that the subject is not active in any Klan or hate type organization.

Inasmuch as subject fails to meet criteria. for investigation as set out in Section 122A, Manual of Instructions, no further investigation is being conducted at this time.

In the event subject becomes active, case will be reopened.

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DATE: JUNE 26, 1968

SA MICHAEL J. O'NEILL

ECT: ERNEST BUCHANAN PARKER

Re report of SA EARL E. BOYD dated 12/29/67.

Subject continues to reside at Route 4, Box 15A, Natchez, Miss., and is still self-employed in the cattle and oil business. Subject has same automobiles as set forth in referenced report.

According to informants PARKER has been inactive in any Klan of hate-type organizations.

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Natchez, Mississippi December 13, 1967

MYRON WAYNE SEALE; OBERLAND JEWELERS - VICTIM 11/19/66

Source advised that during the past couple of days, District Attorney LENNOX FORMAN had released the red Volkswagen which the Natchez Police Department had been holding because it was supposedly used in connection with the bombing of Oberland Jewelers in Natchez on 11/19/66. This vehicle was returned to ERNEST PARKER of Natchez. This vehicle actually is owned by a nephew of PARKER's.

Source stated that the trial of MYRON WAYNE (JACK) SEALE in connection with this bombing had been postponed until March, 1968. Source did not know the reason that this case had been postponed and he surmised that SEALE would never be tried in connection with this bombing. Source stated that the Adams County attorney had made a statement in the past that the State did not have a good case against SEALE in connection with this crime.

BILL RILEY - POLITICAL MEETING EOLA HOTEL 10/12/67

Source advised that a meeting of conservativethinking individuals was held at the Eola Hotel on 12/10/67. The meeting began at 3:00 p.m. and closed at 5:00 p.m. BILL RILEY, Natchez attorney, got the group together in hopes of determining if the conservativeminded people of the Third Congressional District of Mississippi could get together and vote as a block for the best conservative candidate who would replace JOHN BELL WILLIAMS when he vacates his congressional seat to become Governor of Mississippi. Source stated that RILEY was elected the temporary chairman of this group. Source stated that seven out of the twelve counties which make up the Third Congressional District were in attendance at the meeting. The individuals were advised to return to their counties and select five delegates who would meet later with the delegates from other counties in an effort to select the candidate whom all of the counties would then vote for.

Source advised that the following individuals were in attendance at this meeting:

> CHARLES JAMES - Natchez CHICKEN-FOOT ROBERTSON - Natchez R. P. CARTER - Natchez CHARLES DAVIDSON - Natchez CHARLES SMITH - Natchez HOLLIS WHITE - Natchez MARION BRASWELL - Natchez CLAUDE FULLER - Natchez L. C. MURRAY - Natchez ED HUDSON - Natchez DEXTER BYRD - Natchez ROLAND SCOTT - Natchez RED GLOVER - Natchez E. L. MC DANIEL - Natchez C. D. FREEMAN - Natchez DANNY HAWKINS - Jackson J. L. HARPER - Jackson JODIE GREENLEA - Mc Comb Mr. KENNEDY - McComb HAROLD CAUSEY - McCorab Mr. WILLIAMS - McComb BRADY SMITH - Liberty Vicksburg had two men (One is Kleagle for UKA) JAMES SEALE - Meadville CLYDE SEALE - Meadville Mr. WHEELER - Meadville ARCHIE PRATHER - Meadville ROGER SMITH - Fayette JACK SHEARER, SR. - Jackson (Jack Shearen) BILLY WOOD - Natches E. D. MORACE - Ferriday, La. (Moros)

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ECT: ERNEST BUCHANAN PARKER RM - KLAN

> J. T. ROBINSON, Chief of Police, Natchez Police Department, Natchez, Miss., advised SA BOYD 12/20/67 that subject still resides at Route 4, Box 15A, Natchez, Miss. Subject still self-employed in the cattle and oil business.

DATE: ]

ROBINSON advised that his records indicated the following 1968 Miss. license plates have been issued subject for the vehicles indicated:

> 1-1892 for a 1964 Ford Galaxie 500; 1-1893 for a 1966 Plymouth Fury.



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December 29, 1967

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

Dear Sir:

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

- 1. THas attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
- 2. THas attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
- 3. Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U.S.
- 4. U.S. citizens or residents who defect from the U.S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.
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6. Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

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Very truly yours,

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## Memorandum

SAC, JACKSON (157-512) TO

DATE: 6/24/69

SA SAMUEL N. JENNINGS FROM

SUBJECT: ERNEST BUCHANAN PARKER RM (KLAN)

> Re non-prosecutive summary report at Jackson, dated 12/29/67.

On 6/18/69, FOIA(b)7-(D) dvised SA FRANK B. WATTS that he had recently learned from THOMAS ALBERT TARRANTS, JR., father of THOMAS ALBERT TARRANTS, III, convicted bomber, that ERNEST PARKER of Natchez, Miss., was the link between the Klan in Miss., and THOMAS ALBERT TARRANTS, JR., when THOMAS ALBERT TARRANTS, JR., recently visited Mer idian, Miss. He advised one of the leading Klan members at Meridian, that he could be contacted at Mobile, Ala., through ERNEST PARKER, a member of the Klan at Natchez, Miss.

The informant was unable to determine the nature and extent of the association between TARRANTS and PARKER. TARRANTS indicated that Klan members at Meridian, Miss., should go through PARKER, rather than trying to contact him direct in Mobile, Ala.

It appears from the above information that ERNEST PARKER of Natchez, Miss., may possibly be involved in the planning of some of the acts of racial violence carried on during 1967 and 1968, by THOMAS ALBERT TARRANTS, III, who is now serving a 30 year term in the Miss. State Penitentiary, for the attempted bombing of the home of a Jewish leader at Meridian, Miss., on 6/30/68.



1969, indicated that ERNEST PARKER had attended at least one meeting at Jackson, Miss., recently with Klan members known to have been previously involved in racial violence.

It is recommended that investigation concerning ERNEST PARKER be reopened to determine the current extent of his Klan type activity. Background information should be obtained and a supplemental summary report prepared.



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ERNEST BUCHANAN PARKER

racter: RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

ERNEST BUCHANAN PARKER resides at Route 4, Box 15A, Natchez, Miss., and is still self-employed in the cattle and oil business. PARKER has following automobiles bearing 1968 Mississippi registrations: 1964 Ford bearing 1968 Miss. registration 1-1892; and 1966 Plymouth Fury bearing 1968 Miss. registration 1-1893. Informants advised PARKER a member of the "Silver Dollar Group" and past member of the United Klans of America, Inc. (UKA, Inc.). Klan activities of PARKER set forth.

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#### DETAILS:

Characterizations of the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, (OKKK); White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi (WKKKKOM); and the United Kans of America, Inc. (UKA) are enclosed in the appendix section of this report.

On April 4, 1967, JN T-1 and on May 3, 1967, JN T-10 described the "Silver Dollar Group" as a hardcore action group made of present and former members of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi, (WKKKKOM); the United Klans of America, Inc. (UKA); and the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan from Louisiana and Mississippi. No formal organizational format had been

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adopted by the group. Membership is attained by invitation and upon receipt of a silver one-dollar coin from the group organizer, RALEIGH JACKSON GLOVER.

#### I. RESIDENCE

On December 20, 1967, J. T. ROBINSON, Chief of Police, Natchez, Police Department, Natchez, Mississippi, advised that ERNEST BUCHANAN PARKER resides at Route 4, Box 15A, Natchez, Mississippi.

#### II. EMPLOYMENT

On December 20, 1967, J. T. ROBINSON, Chief of Police, Natchez Police Department, Natchez, Mississippi, advised that ERNEST BUCHANAN PARKER is still self-employed in the cattle and oil business.

#### III. CURRENT POSITION IN ORGANIZATION

Informants furnished no information indicating ERNEST BUCHANAN PARKER is presently an officer of any Klan group.

Numerous informants indicate that PARKER is a member of the Silver Dollar Group.

#### IV. AUTOMOBILES

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On December 20, 1967, J. T. ROBINSON, Chief of Police, Natchez Police Department, Natchez, Mississippi, advised from records that ERNEST BUCHANAN PARKER, Route 4, Box 15A, Natchez, Mississippi, has the following 1968 Mississippi licenses registered to him for the vehicles indicated:

License 1-1892 for a 1964 Ford Galaxie "500" License 1-1893 for a 1966 Plymouth Fury.

V. KLAN ACTIVITIES OF SUBJECT

JN T-1 advised June 6, 1967, that E. D. MORACE had indicated that sometime during the summer of 1966 JAMES SEALE, ERNEST PARKER, and L. C. MURRAY came by his residence in Ferriday, Louisiana traveling in PARKER's red Ford of Mercury. MORACE went out to PARKER's car and was told by SEALE that they were interested in getting the Silver Dollar Group together and asked the assistance of MORACE. MORACE told SEALE that GLOVER would be the proper person to see. SEALE then said that they had tried to see GLOVER and could not find him.

JN T-2 advised June 28, 1967, that ERNEST BUCHANAN PARKER has had a falling out with MYRON WAYNE "JACK" SEALE because of some of the acts SEALE allegedly has committed. This source was of the opinion PARKER has never been in any Klan group other than the UKA. The source is convinced that PARKER would not participate in violence, stating that PARKER had commented to him that this group had nothing to do with the bombing of WHARLEST JACKSON, that if the law did not find out who was responsible, his group was trying as this incident came at a bad time and hurt his organization.

JN T-2 stated that he again questioned PARKER at a later date about who the responsible parties for the JACKSON murder were and PARKER said again it was not his organization. This source asked PARKER pointedly did he know who did it but PARKER just hung or dropped his head, which to the source indicated that PARKER did know or at least suspicioned.

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JN T-1 advised June 20, 1967, that ERNEST PARKER, Silver Dollar Group member in Natchez, Mississippi, told E. D. MORACE about the Federal Eirearms Act case involving KENNETH NORMAN HEAD in Louisiana. PARKER said that the blame lay with GLOVER. According to PARKER, HEAD was misled into believing that rifles being converted were going to be kept by Klansmen and not sold to outside individuals for profit. PARKER told MORACE that he knew that GLOVER was a thief and thought that the best course of action would be to not have anything to do with GLOVER and to cut him off from everyone.

JN T-1 advised that PARKER told MORACE that he planned to attend a rally on June 24, 1967, south of Baton Rouge, Louisiana which was being held by JACK HELMS, former United Klan leader, and requested MORACE to attend this meeting with him.

JN T-3 advised July 18, 1967, that ERNEST PARKER was in bad financial condition and desperately needed money.

JN T-4 advised July 26, 1967, that ERNEST PARKER is presently dating MARJORIE, Last name unknown, who lives on Pine Ridge Road in Natchez, Mississippi. This woman's sister is married to Chief of Police J. T. ROBINSON's son. MARJORIE (last name unknown's) husband discovered PARKER and MARJORIE together in Vidalia, Louisiana a few weeks ago and the husband proceeded to beat PARKER up.

JN T-5 advised August 15, 1967, that a night meeting of the Silver Dollar Group was held a few months to a year preceding the fish-fry at the residence of JAMES FREDERICK LEE in the summer of 1965 in an oil field off Liberty Road in Natchez, Mississippi. The following individuals were in attendance at this meeting:

MYRON WAYNE "JACK" SEALE ERNEST FINLEY (DECEASED) L. C. MURRAY TOMMIE L. JONES T. L. TORGERSEN PETE TYRE

ERNEST PARKER

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JN T-5 advised shortly after the first meeting, a second meeting of this group was held near the site of the first meeting. The same individuals as pointed out above were present at this second meeting. Silver dollars were passed out during the meeting to the various members in attendance. Many of the silver dollars had the date of 1886 printed thereon, but this source advised that he noticed that the silver dollar of L. C. MURRAY bore the date of 1898.

JN T-5 continued that a third meeting of the Silver Dollar Group was held a short period of time after the second meeting. This meeting was held on the Homochitto River, off Highway 98, about three or fourmiles from Meadulle, Mississippi. Those in attendance at the meeting beside JACK SEALE, ERNEST PARKER, ERNEST FINLEY, and L. C. MURRAY were the following individuals:

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CHARLES FALVEY RALPH DAY LUTHER HART

## RALEIGH JACKSON GLOVER

### WALTER GENE HALL

JN T-5 advised that a short time later this group held another meeting at the same location. Those individuals present were:

L. C. MURRAY

ERNEST PARKER

WALTER GENE HALL

JAMES SEALE

JACK SEALE

JN T-5 stated that some time later there was another meeting which was held at Clearsprings Lake which is located a few miles west of Meadville, Mississippi; present at this Silver Dollar meeting were:

JACK SEALE

ERNEST PARKER

WALTER GENE HALL

T. L. TORGERSEN

TOMMIE L. JONES

RALEIGH JACKSON GLOVER

possibly KENNETH NORMAN HEAD

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This source advised that he believes someone at one of the meetings on the Homochitto River had some large sticks of dynamite in the trunk of their car. This dynamite resembled large sticks of bologna.

JN T-5 advised that the next Silver Dollar meeting was the fishfry at the Wildsville, Louisiana residence of JAMES FREDERICK LEE on June 26, 1965. Individuals present at this meeting were;

L. C. MURRAY

ERNEST PARKER

JAMES and JACK SEALE

ERNEST FINLEY,

RALEIGH JACKSON GLOVER

KENNETH NORMAN HEAD

JAMES FREDERICK LEE

JAMES SCAROBOROUGH

During the afternoon an attempt was made to make an explosive powder out of the ingredients of charcoal, saltpeter and some other ingredients that had been ground together in a coffee grinder. This mixture was placed in a container and JACK SEALE threw it toward some trees in the back side of the yard but it failed to explode.

JN T-6 advised August 14, 1967, that ERNEST PARKER is a former state officer of the UKA. The source

advised that PARKER road a horse in the "Victory in Vietnam" parade in Natchez, Mississippi, on August 12, 1967.

JN T-4 advised August 16, 1967, that DEXTER BYRD had advised him that ERNEST PARKER is no longer associated with a Klan unit in the Adams County, Mississippi area.

JN T-7 advised August 15, 1967, that ERNEST BUCHANAN PARKER had been recruited into the Silver Dollar Group sometime during 1964. Present in the group at that time were:

RALEIGH JACKSON "RED" GLOVER

ERNEST FINLEY

JACK SEALE

Recruited along with PARKER were L. C. MURRAY, JAMES SEALE, CHARLES FALVEY, RALPH DAY, and an individual by the name of HART (first name unknown). Eventually JOE DANIEL HAWKINS and BENNIE WALDRUP of Jackson, Mississippi, were solicited and approved for membership.

JN T-7 advised the first meeting of the Silver Dollar Group that he attended was held on the sandbar of the Homochitto River near the bridge beyond Meadville, Mississippi on the McComb Highway. This was about a month after the recruiting of "Red" GLOVER above. Present at this meeting were the following individuals:

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L. C. MURRAY

JACK SEALE

JAMES FORD SEALE

ERNEST FINLEY

R. J. "RED" GLOVER

JAMES FREDERICK "RED" LEE

JIMMY SCAROBOROUGH

WALTER GENE HALL

and possibly ERNEST B. PARKER

The conversation at this first meeting centered around how the Silver Dollar Group was to operate, the secrecy of the organization, how a member had to be vouched for, and the obtaining of guns and ammunition.

JN T-7 advised that those attending the second meeting of the Silver Dollar Group were the following:

TOMMIE JONES

T. L. TORGERSEN

L. C. MURRAY

JACK SEALE

JAMES SEALE

WALTER GENE HALL



JAMES F. LEE JIMMY SCAROBOROUGH KENNETH NORMAN HEAD possibly E. D. MORACE

possibly ERNEST B. PARKER

JN T-7 advised that a third meeting was held possibly a month or two after the second meeting at Clearsprings Lake between Roxie and Meadville, Mississippi. Those attending this meeting of the Silver Dollar Group were the following:

JACK SEALE

L. C. MURRAY

ERNEST PARKER

ERNEST FINLEY

"RED" GLOVER

JN T-7 advised that on June 26, 1965, a fishfry was held at the residence of "RED" LEE in Wildsville, Louisiana. Attending this meeting of the Silver Dollar

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Group were the following individuals:

ERNEST PARKER JACK SEALE

JAMES SEALE

L. C. MURRAY

ERNEST FINLEY THOR L. TORGERSEN "RED" LEE "RED" GLOVER NORMAN HEAD SONNY TAYLOR E. D. MORACE BUCK HORTON

During the afternoon EINLEY, PARKER, and MURRAY went next door to the Forman Grocery and bought some materials. They left on the counter cards which stated "you have been patronized by the United Klans of America". A coffee grinder which had been brought to the fishfry was used to grind the saltpeter, charcoal and an unidentified ingredient to make gunpowder. The powder was removed from a shotgun shell and a mixture substituted but the shell would not explode. They also tried to get it to explode in a bottle and finally someone said some fuse was needed. A fuse was procured and an attempt to explode the ingredients by using this fuse was attempted, but their efforts were unsuccessful. During the afternoon, the occupants of ERNEST FARKER's vehicle (JACK SEALE, JAMES SEALE, L. C. MURRAY and ERNEST FINLEY) were notified that TOMMIE JONES was drunk and in jail in Ferriday, Louisiana. This group drove to Ferriday where the mayor of the city was contacted. ERNEST PARKER put up \$150 of the \$250 bond required for JONES' release.

JN T-6 advised August 28, 1967, that ERNEST PARKER had attended a rally of the Universal Klans of America in Natchez, Mississippi on August 26, 1967.

JN T-5 advised September 13, 1967, that ERNEST B. PARKER is a member of the Natchez-Adams County, Mississippi Private School Board, which school is located in Washington, Mississippi.

On September 11, 1967, JN T-7 made available the following background information regarding ERNEST B. PARKER who is formerly a member of the UKA Unit Number 719, Adams County, Mississippi:

> Klan number: Residence: Occupation: Telephone number: Blood type: Age: Hair: Eyes: Height: Weight: Weight: Marital status:

8 Route 4, Box 15A Farmer 445-5935 B 35 Brown Grey Six feet 210 pounds Married

JN T-7 advised September 5, 1967, that there was one other meeting of the Silver Dollar Group on the sandbar of the Homochitto River off Highway 98 a few miles from Bude and Meadville, Mississippi. He stated that there was a scheduled meeting and no one showed up so there was a mote left on a tree for the Brookhaven, Mississippi group, if they appeared for the meeting. The source stated that he could not recall specifically who went with him to this meeting. He assumed that possibly L. C. MURRAY, ERNEST PARKER,

and JACK SEALE drove over to the scheduled meeting.

JN T-8 advised September 14, 1967, that one week prior to September 14, 1967, a large unidentified Negro male had sat down at the same table with a white female in the coffee shop of the Sears Roebuck Store, Trace Shopping Center, Natchez, Mississippi. After

work on September 14, 1967, a part of Unit number 800, UKA had a sit-in at the Sears Coffee Lounge without incident. ERNEST BUCHANAN PARKER participated in the above sit-in.

JN T-6 advised September 14, 1967, that he had seen ERNEST PARKER on September 13, 1967, in Natchez, Mississippi. This source advised that PARKER had been ill but that to his knowledge he had not been out of Adams County for any type of treatment. The source stated that PARKER is physically ill and there is nothing mentally wrong with him.

JN T-9 advised September 20, 1967, that ERNEST PARKER is a member of the Silver Dollar Group.

JN T-7 advised October 17, 1967, that about three years ago, a white male from Jackson, Mississippi, brought some .45 Thompson submachine guns to the welding shop of PEANUTS CARNELL in Natchez, Mississippi. The source stated that all the moving parts, plus the barrels of these weapons, had been cut in half with a cutting torch. The source stated that he looked at the weapons and since he noted they were cut and rusty and seemed to be beyond repair, he paid little attention to the weapons. He stated a number of individuals were around the welding shop looking at the weapons, but he could only recall for sure that JACK SEALE, PEANUTS CARNELL, ERNEST PARKER, ERNEST FINLEY (deceased), plus the individual who had the weapons, were there.

JN T-10 advised September 27, 1967, that JAMES HORACE "SONNY" TAYLOR had learned from JAMES "RED" LEE that the individual unknown to him who attended the Silver Dollar Group meeting of September 9, 1967, in Natchez, Mississippi, was most likely identical with ERNEST PARKER.



### APPENDIX

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



#### APPENDIX

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

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

This source advised that the aims and purposes of the WKKKKOM are to preserve Christian civilization, protect and promote white supremacy and the segregation of the races, to fight Communism and to extend the dignity, heritage, and rights of the white race of America.

The same source advised on August 25, 1967, that the WKKKKKOM is an unincorporated, secret organization existing in the State of Mississippi and formed for the sole purpose of preserving white supremacy regardless of the cost and including the use of force and violence. The official constitution and other directives of the organization do not openly advocate the use of force or violence; however, it is generally conceded among the members that in the end force and violence will be the salvation of the white man regarding his relationship with the Negro race. The WKKKKOM is controlled by the Imperial Wizard and state officers. The state is divided into districts and provinces. There is an estimated membership as of August 25, 1967, of 400 to 600 dues-paying members of this organization. The aims and purposes of the organization continue to be the same as when the organization was created in February, 1964. Sam Holloway Bowers, Jr., Laurel, Mississippi, continues to be the Imperial Wizard.



UNIT STATES DEPARTMENT OF JI 'ICE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Jackson, Mississippi

December 29, 1967

Title ERNEST BUCHANAN PARKER

Character RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

Reference

Report of Special Agent Earl E. Boyd at Jackson dated and captioned as above.

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ERNEST BUCHANAN PARKER

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ERNEST BUCHANAN PARKER resides at Route 4, Box 15A, Natchez, opiitt Miss., and is still self-employed in the cattle and oil business. PARKER has following automobiles bearing 1968 Mississippi registrations: 1964 Ford bearing 1968 Miss. registration 1-1892; and 1966 Plymouth Fury bearing 1968 Miss. registration 1-1893. Informants advised PARKER a member of the "Silver Dollar Group" and past member of the United Klans of America, Inc. (UKA, Inc.). Klan activities of PARKER set forth.

DETAILS:

Characterizations of the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, (OKKK); White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi (WKKKKOM); and the United Mans of America, Inc. (UKA) are enclosed in the appendix

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section of this report.

On April 4, 1967, JN T-1 and on May 3, 1967, JN T-10 described the "Silver Dollar Group" as a hardcore action group made of present and former members of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi, (WKKKKKOM); the United Klans of America, Inc. (UKA); and the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan from Louisiana and Mississippi. No formal organizational format had been

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adopted by the group. Membership is attained by invitation and upon receipt of a silver one-dollar coin from the group organizer, RALEIGH JACKSON GLOVER.

#### I. RESIDENCE

On December 20, 1967, J. T. ROBINSON, Chief of Police, Natchez, Police Department, Natchez, Mississippi, advised that ERNEST BUCHANAN PARKER resides at Route 4, Box 15A, Natchez, Mississippi.

#### II. EMPLOYMENT

On December 20, 1967, J. T. ROBINSON, Chief of Police, Natchez Police Department, Natchez, Mississippi, advised that ERNEST BUCHANAN PARKER is still self-employed in the cattle and oil business.

### III. CURRENT POSITION IN ORGANIZATION

Informants furnished no information indicating ERNEST BUCHANAN PARKER is presently an officer of any Klan group.

Numerous informants indicate that PARKER is a member of the Silver Dollar Group.

#### IV. AUTOMOBILES

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On December 20, 1967, J. T. ROBINSON, Chief of Police, Natchez Police Department, Natchez, Mississippi, advised from records that ERNEST BUCHANAN PARKER, Route 4, Box 15A, Natchez, Mississippi, has the following 1968 Mississippi licenses registered to him for the vehicles indicated:

License 1-1892 for a 1964 Ford Galaxie "500" License 1-1893 for a 1966 Plymouth Fury.

#### V. KLAN ACTIVITIES OF SUBJECT

JN T-1 advised June 6, 1967, that E. D. MORACE had indicated that sometime during the summer of 1966 JAMES SEALE, ERNEST PARKER, and L. C. MURRAY came by his residence in Ferriday, Louisiana traveling in PARKER's red Ford of Mercury. MORACE went out to PARKER's car and was told by SEALE that they were interested in getting the Silver Dollar Group together and asked the assistance of MORACE. MORACE told SEALE that GLOVER would be the proper person to see. SEALE then said that they had tried to see GLOVER and could not find him.

JN T-2 advised June 28, 1967, that ERNEST BUCHANAN PARKER has had a falling out with MYRON WAYNE "JACK" SEALE because of some of the acts SEALE allegedly has committed. This source was of the opinion PARKER has never been in any Klan group other than the UKA. The source is convinced that PARKER would not participate in violence, stating that PARKER had commented to him that this group had nothing to do with the bombing of WHARLEST JACKSON, that if the law did not find out who was responsible, his group was trying as this incident came at a bad time and hurt his organization.

JN T-2 stated that he again questioned PARKER at a later date about who the responsible parties for the JACKSON murder were and PARKER said again it was not his organization. This source asked PARKER pointedly did he know who did it but PARKER just hung or dropped his head, which to the source indicated that PARKER did know or at least suspicioned.

JN T-1 advised June 20, 1967, that ERNEST PARKER, Silver Dollar Group member in Natchez, Mississippi, told E. D. MORACE about the Federal Firearms Act case involving KENNETH NORMAN HEAD in Louisiana. PARKER said that the blame lay with GLOVER. According to PARKER, HEAD was misled into believing that rifles being converted were going to be kept by Klansmen and not sold to outside individuals for profit. PARKER told MORACE that he knew that GLOVER was a thief and thought that the best course of action would be to not have anything to do with GLOVER and to cut him off from everyone.

JN T-1 advised that PARKER told MORACE that he planned to attend a rally on June 24, 1967, south of Baton Rouge, Louisiana which was being held by JACK HELMS, former United Klan leader, and requested MORACE to attend this meeting with him.

JN T-3 advised July 18, 1967, that ERNEST PARKER was in bad financial condition and desperately needed money.

JN T-4 advised July 26, 1967, that ERNEST PARKER is presently dating MARJORIE, Last name unknown, who lives on Pine Ridge Road in Natchez, Mississippi. This woman's sister is married to Chief of Police J. T. ROBINSON's son. MARJORIE (last name unknown's) husband discovered PARKER and MARJORIE together in Vidalia, Louisiana a few weeks ago and the husband proceeded to beat PARKER up.

JN T-5 advised August 15, 1967, that a night meeting of the Silver Dollar Group was held a few months to a year preceding the fish-fry at the residence of JAMES FREDERICK LEE in the summer of 1965 in an oil fidd off Liberty Road in Natchez, Mississippi. The following individuals were in attendance at this meeting:

MYRON WAYNE "JACK" SEALE ERNEST FINLEY (DECEASED) L. C. MURRAY TOMMIE L. JONES T. L. TORGERSEN PETE TYRE

ERNEST PARKER

JN T-5 advised shortly after the first meeting, a second meeting of this group was held near the site of the first meeting. The same individuals as pointed out above were present at this second meeting. Silver dollars were passed out during the meeting to the various members in attendance. Many of the silver dollars had the date of 1886 printed thereon, but this source advised that he noticed that the silver dollar of L. C. MURRAY bore the date of 1898.

JN T-5 continued that a third meeting of the Silver Dollar Group was held a short period of time after the second meeting. This meeting was held on the Homochitto River, off Highway 98, about three or fourmiles from Meadville, Mississippi. Those in attendance at the meeting beside JACK SEALE, ERNEST PARKER, ERNEST FINLEY, and L. C. MURRAY were the following individuals:

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RALPH DAY


#### RALEIGH JACKSON GLOVER

WALTER GENE HALL

JN T-5 advised that a short time later this group held another meeting at the same location. Those individuals present were:

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L. C. MURRAY

ERNEST PARKER

WALTER GENE HALL

JAMES SEALE

JACK SEALE

JN T-5 stated that some time later there was another meeting which was held at Clearsprings Lake which is located a few miles west of Meadville, Mississippi; present at this Silver Dollar meeting were:

> JACK SEALE ERNEST PARKER WALTER GENE HALL T. L. TORGERSEN TOMMIE L. JONES RALEIGH JACKSON GLOVER

possibly KENNETH NORMAN HEAD

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This source advised that he believes someone at one of the meetings on the Homochitto River had some large sticks of dynamite in the trunk of their car. This dynamite resembled large sticks of bologna.

JN T-5 advised that the next Silver Dollar meeting was the fishfry at the Wildsville, Louisiana residence of JAMES FREDERICK LEE on June 26, 1965. Individuals present at this meeting were;

L. C. MURRAY

ERNEST PARKER

JAMES and JACK SEALE

ERNEST FINLEY,

RALEIGH JACKSON GLOVER

KENNETH NORMAN HEAD

JAMES FREDERICK LEE

JAMES SCAROBOROUGH

During the afternoon an attempt was made to make an explosive powder out of the ingredients of charcoal, saltpeter and some other ingredients that had been ground together in a coffee grinder. This mixture was placed in a container and JACK SEALE threw it toward some trees in the back side of the yard but it failed to explode.

JN T-6 advised August 14, 1967, that ERNEST PARKER is a former state officer of the UKA. The source

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advised that PARKER road a horse in the "Victory in Vietnam" parade in Natchez, Mississippi, on August 12, 1967.

JN T-4 advised August 16, 1967, that DEXTER BYRD had advised him that ERNEST PARKER is no longer associated with a Klan unit in the Adams County, Mississippi area.

JN T-7 advised August 15, 1967, that ERNEST BUCHANAN PARKER had been recruited into the Silver Dollar Group sometime during 1964. Present in the group at that time were:

RALEIGH JACKSON "RED" GLOVER

ERNEST FINLEY

JACK SEALE

Recruited along with PARKER were L. C. MURRAY, JAMES SEALE, CHARLES FALVEY, RALPH DAY, and an individual by the name of HART (first name unknown). Eventually JOE DANIEL HAWKINS and BENNIE WALDRUP of Jackson, Mississippi, were solicited and approved for membership.

JN T-7 advised the first meeting of the Silver Dollar Group that he attended was held on the sandbar of the Homochitto River near the bridge beyond Meadville, Mississippi on the McComb Highway. This was about a month after the recruiting of "Red" GLOVER above. Present at this meeting were the following individuals:

L. C. MURRAY



ERNEST FINLEY

R. J. "RED" GLOVER

JAMES FREDERICK "RED" LEE

JIMMY SCAROBOROUGH

WALTER GENE HALL

and possibly ERNEST B. PARKER

The conversation at this first meeting centered around how the Silver Dollar Group was to operate, the secrecy of the organization, how a member had to be vouched for, and the obtaining of guns and ammunition.

JN T-7 advised that those attending the second meeting of the Silver Dollar Group were the following:

TOMMIE JONES

T. L. TORGERSEN

L. C. MURRAY

JACK SEALE

JAMES SEALE

WALTER GENE HALL

ERNEST FINLEY

RALPH DAY



JAMES F. LEE JIMMY SCAROBOROUGH KENNETH NORMAN HEAD possibly E. D. MORACE possibly ERNEST B. PARKER

JN T-7 advised that a third meeting was held possibly a month or two after the second meeting at Clearsprings Lake between Roxie and Meadville, Mississippi. Those attending this meeting of the Silver Dollar Group were the following:

> JACK SEALE L. C. MURRAY ERNEST PARKER ERNEST FINLEY 'RED' GLOVER

JN T-7 advised that on June 26, 1965, a fishfry was held at the residence of "RED" LEE in Wildsville, Louisiana. Attending this meeting of the Silver Dollar Group were the following individuals:

ERNEST PARKER



ERNEST FINLEY THOR L. TORGERSEN "RED" LEE "RED" GLOVER NORMAN HEAD SONNY TAYLOR E. D. MORACE

BUCK HORTON

During the afternoon FINLEY, PARKER, and MURRAY went next door to the Forman Grocery and bought some materials. They left on the counter cards which stated "you have been patronized by the United Klans of America". A coffee grinder which had been brought to the fishfry was used to grind the saltpeter, charcoal and an unidentified ingredient to make gunpowder. The powder was removed from a shotgun shell and a mixture substituted but the shell would not explode. They also tried to get it to explode in a bottle and finally someone said some fuse was needed. A fuse was procured and an attempt to explode the ingredients by using this fuse was attempted, but their efforts were unsuccessful. During the afternoon, the occupants of ERNEST PARKER'S vehicle (JACK SEALE, JAMES SEALE, L. C. MURRAY and ERNEST FINLEY) were notified that TOMMIE JONES was drunk and in jail in Ferriday, Louisiana. This group drove to Ferriday where the mayor of the city was contacted. ERNEST PARKER put up \$150 of the \$250 bond required for JONES' release.

JN T-6 advised August 28, 1967, that ERNEST PARKER had attended a rally of the Universal Klans of America in Natchez, Mississippi on August 26, 1967.

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JN T-5 advised September 13, 1967, that ERNEST B. PARKER is a member of the Natchez-Adams County, Mississippi Private School Board, which school is located in Washington, Mississippi.

On September 11, 1967, JN T-7 made available the following background information regarding ERNEST B. PARKER who is formerly a member of the UKA Unit Number 719, Adams County, Mississippi:

Klan number:	8			
Residence:	Route 4, Box 15A			
Occupation:	Farmer			
Telephone number:	445-5935			
Blood type:	В			
Age:	35			
Hair:	Brown			
Eyes:	Grey			
Height:	Six feet			
Weight:	210 pounds			
Marital status:	Married			

JN T-7 advised September 5, 1967, that there was one other meeting of the Silver Dollar Group on the sandbar of the Homochitto River off Highway 98 a few miles from Bude and Meadville, Mississippi. He stated that there was a scheduled meeting and no one showed up so there was a mote left on a tree for the Brookhaven, Mississippi group, if they appeared for the meeting. The source stated that he could not recall specifically who went with him to this meeting. He assumed that possibly L. C. MURRAY, ERNEST PARKER, and JACK SEALE drove over to the scheduled meeting.

JN T-8 advised September 14, 1967, that one week prior to September 14, 1967, a large unidentified Negro male had sat down at the same table with a white female in the coffee shop of the Sears Roebuck Store, Trace Shopping Center, Natchez, Mississippi. After

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work on September 14, 1967, a part of Unit number 800, UKA had a sit-in at the Sears Coffee Lounge without incident. ERNEST BUCHANAN PARKER participated in the above st-in.

JN T-6 advised September 14, 1967, that he had seen ERNEST PARKER on September 13, 1967, in Natchez, Mississippi. This source advised that PARKER had been ill but that to his knowledge he had not been out of Adams County for any type of treatment. The source stated that PARKER is physically ill and there is nothing mentally wrong with him.

JN T-9 advised September 20, 1967, that ERNEST PARKER is a member of the Silver Dollar Group.

JN T-7 advised October 17, 1967, that about three years ago, a white male from Jackson, Mississippi, brought some .45 Thompson submachine guns to the welding shop of PEANUTS CARNELL in Natchez, Mississippi. The source stated that all the moving parts, plus the barrels of these weapons, had been cut in half with a cutting torch. The source stated that he looked at the weapons and since he noted they were cut and rusty and seemed to be beyond repair, he paid little attention to the weapons. He stated a number of individuals were around the welding shop looking at the weapons, but he could only recall for sure that JACK SEALE, PEANUTS CARNELL, ERNEST PARKER, ERNEST FINLEY (deceased), plus the individual who had the weapons, were there.

JN T-10 advised September 27, 1967, that JAMES HORACE "SONNY" TAYLOR had learned from JAMES "RED" LEE that the individual unknown to him who attended the Silver Dollar Group meeting of September 9, 1967, in Natchez, Mississippi, was most likely identical with ERNEST PARKER.

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ECT: ERNEST BUCHANAN PARKER RM - KLAN

Re report of SA CLARENCE G. PROSPERE at Jackson, 6/6/67.

This case is presently in a pending inactive status, however a memorandum should be submitted to the file or a letter to the Bureau.

It is suggested that this case be reassigned in view of the retirement of SA CLARENCE G. PROSPERE.



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Director United States Socret Service Department of the Treasury Washington, D. C. 20220 WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535 June 6, 1967

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Tinle: ERNEST BUCHANAN PARKER

#### Choracter: RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

Synophin ERNEST BUCHANAN PARKER still resides at Route One, Box 43, Natchez, Miss., and is still self-employed in the cattle and oil business. PARKER presently holds no known position in Klan organization; however, informants advise PARKER was member "Silver Dollar Group." PARKER has following automobiles bearing 1967 Mississippi registrations: 1964 Ford bearing 1967 Mississippi registration 1-1714; and 1966 Plymouth Fury bearing 1967 Mississippi registration 1-1715. Upon interview, PARKER declined to furnish any information regarding his past activities but stated, "Of course I used to be in the Klan." Klan activities of PARKER set forth.

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

On April 4, 1967, JN T-10 and on May 3, 1967, JN T-11 described the "Silver Dollar Group" as a hard-core action group made up of present and former members of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi; the United Klans of America, Incorporated; and the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan from Louisiana and Mississippi. No formal organizational format has been adopted by the group. Membership is attained by invitation and upon receipt of a silver one-dollar coin from the group organizer, RALEIGH JACKSON GLOVER.



## I. RESIDENCE

On April 14, 1967, ERNEST BUCHANAN PARKER was interviewed at his residence and stated his address is still Route One, Box 43, Natchez, Mississippi.

#### II. EMPLOYMENT

On June 2, 1967, Detective CHARLES BAHIN, Natchez, Mississippi, Police Department, advised that ERNEST BUCHANAN PARKER is still self-employed in the cattle and oil business. Detective BAHIN pointed out that he has known PARKER since PARKER was a child.

## III. CURRENT POSITION IN ORGANIZATION

On October 20, 1966, JN T-1 advised that ERNEST BUCHANAN PARKER is through working for the UKA in view of ROBERT M. SHELTON's action in dissolving the UKA state offices in Mississippi. This source stated PARKER will now devote his attention to civic-minded projects in Adams County, Mississippi.

Other informants furnished no information indicating PARKER is presently an officer in any Klan group.

## IV. AUTOMOBILES

On June 1, 1967, Mrs. AGNES LINDLEY, Clerk, Adams County Sheriff's Office, Natchez, Mississippi, advised from records that ERNEST BUCHANAN PARKER, Route One, Box 43, Natchez Mississippi, has the following 1967 Mississippi licenses registered to him for the vehicles indicated: License 1-1714 for a 1964 Ford Calaxie 500; License 1-1715 for a 1966 Plymouth Fury, two-door hardtop.

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# V. KLAN ACTIVITIES OF SUBJECT

On November 1, 1966, JN T-2 stated that he had been advised that a meeting was held at the home of ERNEST PARKER in Natchez, Mississippi, on October 28, 1966, which was attended by ERNEST PARKER, JACK SEALE, BILL RILEY, and ERNEST GILBERT.

On February 16, 1967, JN T-1 advised that ERNEST PARKER has told the Klansmen in the Adams County area that he will not sign bonds for any individual who gets into trouble in the Adams County area.

JN T-1 made available a copy of a letter which had been mailed to all UKA units in the State of Mississippi. This letter set forth twelve reasons why the undersigned were submitting their resignations as officers of the UKA, Realm of Mississippi. Among the individuals who signed this letter was ERNEST B. PARKER, whose title was shown as Ex-Grand Klexter. The other officers who signed this resignation were as follows:

> E. L. MC DANIEL Ex-Grand Dragon;

(illegible) Ex-Grand Klaliff;

JOHN DAWSON Ex-Grand Klabee;

L. C. MURRAY Ex-Grand Kligrapp;

M. W. SEALE Ex-Grand Night Hawk.

On March 7, 1967, JN T-1 advised he had heard that JAMES SEALE told ERNEST PARKER that the individuals who killed the Negro in Natchez should be killed themselves. JAMES SEALE also commented that the killing of WHARLEST JACKSON hurt his chances of becoming Sheriff of Franklin County, Mississippi.

On March 9, 1967, JN T-3 advised that in early February, 1967, C. D. FREEMAN, who is a painter and a professional gambler living in Natchez, Mississippi, had contacted E. D. MORACE at the Bonanza Lounge in Ferriday, Louisiana, and asked MORACE if he knew anyone who would like to earn a lot of money by killing someone. MORACE stated he did not and FREEMAN stated that the person willing to pay the money was a Mr. PARKER, a rich man from Natchez, who had attended the UKA rally near the drive-in theater. FREEMAN did not identify the intended victin except to state that he was "that damn lawyer in Natchez who represents all them niggers." FREEMAN gave no further details about the plans for the killing nor how much would be paid for the killing.

On March 9, 1967, JN T-4 advised that among those present at a UKA rally held at a field in Ferriday, Louisiana, about March, 1966, when the principal speaker was JACK HELM, was ERNEST PARKER, who was formerly the Exalted Cyclops of the Natchez Unit of the WKKKKOM in early 1964. This source stated that when the WKKKKKOM developed internal troubles, PARKER joined the UKA.

On February 28, 1967, JN T-5 advised that ERNEST B. PARKER and other ex-state UKA officers had sent a letter to Klansmen stating they were through with the Klan.

On March 6, 1967, JN T-3 advised that when ERNEST FINLEY, a known member of the UKA, of Natchez, Mississippi, died a year or more ago, RALEIGH JACKSON GLOVER contacted E. D. MORACE and asked for a five-dollar contribution to the flowers for the funeral. MORACE gave a contribution and

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was told by GLOVER to take an unmarked silver dollar to the funeral parlor in Natchez, which was located at North Union and Monroe Streets, on the day of the funeral. MORACE was told to go up to a wreath which had two clasped hands in gold suspended from a ribbon, open the clasped hands, put the silver dollar between the clasped hands, and close the clasped hands.

JN T-3 stated that E. D. MORACE arrived at the funeral parlor shortly before the sermon began. MORACE was accompanied by GLOVER. It was noted that at the funeral parlor doors were JACK SEALE and possibly ERNEST PARKER, both of whom were known to be Klansmen at that time.

On March 9, 1967, JN T-6 advised that among the individuals known to him who were formerly members of the WKKKKOM and who joined the UKA in Adams County was ERNEST PARKER.

On March 17, 1967, JN T-7 advised that ERNEST BUCHANAN PARKER was a member of the WKKKKOM and the UKA in Adams County, Mississippi.

On March 28, 1967, JN T-8 advised that the name of ERNEST BUCHANAN PARKER has not been mentioned in his presence and he knows of no Klan activity on the part of PARKER.

On March 29, 1967, JN T-7 advised that he and ERNEST BUCHANAN PARKER drove to Ferriday, Louisiana, in PARKER's red Ford and assisted TOMMIE L. JONES in obtaining bond in connection with the arrest of JONES on June 26, 1965.

On April 7, 1967, JN T-9 advised that on March 30, 1967, ERNEST PARKER met with REGGIE CARTER, a known Klansman in the Natchez area, at the Bar-B-Que Pit. This source stated he was unable to hear the discussion between PARKER and CARTER.

On March 31, 1967, JN T-2 advised that ERNEST PARKER has been a member of the OKKKK, WKKKKOM, and the UKA. This source stated he had no reason to believe that PARKER is at this time prone to commit acts of violence.

On April 13, 1967, JN T-9 identified a photograph of ERNEST PARKER and stated he knew PARKER to be a Klansman.

On April 11, 1967, JN T-10 advised that ERNEST PARKER was definitely a member of the Silver Dollar Group.

On April 25, 1967, JN T-7 advised he had talked with ERNEST BUCHANAN PARKER of Natchez about the arrest of TOMMIE L. JONES in Ferriday, Louisiana, during the Summer of 1967. This source stated that he and PARKER agreed that the first time they had learned of JONES' arrest, they were visiting the James Amoco Service Station located on Highway 61 Bypass in Natchez. Source advised that it was late in the afternoon when he and PARKER heard about the arrest. The source stated that he and PARKER, in PARKER's red Ford, drove to the Ferriday City Jail to see JONES. This source stated that he and PARKER knew J. B. TEMPLE, who was an organizer for the Klan in Louisiana, so they telephoned him because they were attempting to locate someone in that area who might have influence with the Mayor and with the District Attorney and might assist them in getting JONES out of jail.

This source stated that TEMPLE referred them to E. D.MORACE and JAMES SCAROBOROUGH. This source stated they telephoned the homes of these two individuals and received no answer. They then drove back to the Ferriday City Jail. This source stated that subsequently, PARKER left \$150 toward the bond and that SCAROBOROUGH and MORACE left the jail, stating they would return with the other \$100 in order to make the \$250 cash bond.

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