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TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-950)

FROM : ~~XX~~ STENO CAROL SMITH

SUBJECT: JAMES SEALE
RM (KLAN)

DATE: 5/1/69

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Franklin Negro Killed By Truck

MEADVILLE — A Franklin County Negro died late Wednesday afternoon when he was struck by a truck on a county road near Meadville.

Bailey Odell, 74, was killed about 5 p.m. Wednesday on Bunkley Road about five miles southwest of Meadville.

L. L. Forman, District Attorney of Franklin County, said Odell was stepping out of his vehicle to cross the road to talk to a friend when a truck driven by James Seales struck him.

Forman said the accident was unavoidable and no charges have been filed.

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

PAGE ONE

THE CLARION-LEDGER

JACKSON, MISS.

Date: 6/9/66

Edition: HOME

Author:

Editor: T. M. HEDERMAN

Title: JAMES FORD SEALE

Character:

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TO: DIRECTOR (157-3676)

FROM: JACKSON (157-950)

JAMES SEALE, RM - KLAN.

JAMES SEALE KNOWN UKA MEMBER.

ROBERT KING, COLORED MALE, AGE SEVENTY-THREE, INTERVIEWED AT FRANKLIN COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICE, MEADVILLE, MISS THIS DATE BY BUAGENTS AND FURNISHED SIGNED STATEMENT THAT AT ABOUT FIVE P.M. ON JUNE EIGHT SIXTY-SIX HE WAS TALKING WITH BAILEY ODELL, COLORED MALE, AGE SEVENTY-FOUR WHO WAS STANDING ON SIDE OF BUNCKLEY ROAD FIVE MILES SOUTH OF HIGHWAY EIGHTY-FOUR WHEN A PICK-UP TRUCK HIT ODELL. HE STATED THAT HE LATER LEARNED THAT TRUCK WAS DRIVEN BY JAMES SEALE. ODELL DIED APPROXIMATELY THREE HOURS LATER IN FRANKLIN COUNTY HOSPITAL, MEADVILLE, MISS.

KING ADVISED HE KNOWS OF NO PAST TROUBLE BETWEEN ODELL AND SEALE, AND THAT ODELL WAS NOT ACTIVE IN CIVIL RIGHTS MATTERS IN THE AREA.

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C. Prosper BSP
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PAGE TWO

PATROLMAN BERNIESE BEASLEY MHSP WENT TO SCENE ABOUT SIX FIFTY P.M. AND TALKED TO SEALE; AT WHICH TIME SEALE TOLD HIM HE WAS DRIVING DOWN BUNCKLEY ROAD SIXTY TO SIXTY-FIVE MPH AND AS HE PASTED BAILEY ODELL, WHOSE BACK WAS TURNED TOWARD THE ROAD, ODELL TURNED AND STEPPED INTO THE SIDE OF TRUCK HITTING HEAD ON LEFT FRONT CORNER OF WINDSHIELD. BEASLEY STATED HE TALKED WITH JIMMY DEAN BYRD, AGE EIGHTEEN WHO WAS RIDING WITH SEALE AND STATED SEALE WAS DRIVING FIFTY-FIVE MPH AND THEREAFTER FURNISHED SUBSTANTIALLY THE SAME INFORMATION AS SEALE.

BUAGENTS OBSERVED SEALE'S NINETEEN SIXTY-FIVE WHITE CHEVROLET PICK-UP TRUCK AT HIS RESIDENCE IN BUNCKLEY COMMUNITY AND NOTED LEFT FRONT WINDSHIELD CRACKED, LEFT DOOR DENTED AND SIDE VIEW MIRROR MISSING.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY LENOX FOREMAN ADVISED THAT FROM HIS CONVERSATION WITH WITNESS ROBERT KING ~~HE~~ HE CONTEMPLATED NO PROSECUTIVE ACTION TO BE TAKEN.

JACKSON INDICES RE KING AND ODELL NEGATIVE.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-569)

DATE: 5/25/66

FROM : SA REESIE L. TIMMONS

SUBJECT: KKK ACTIVITY FRANKLIN COUNTY
RM - KLAN

Deputy Sheriff, KIRBY SHELL, Franklin County, Meadville, Mississippi, on 5/12/66 furnished the following information re Klan activity in that area:

SHELL advised that there is no current Klan organization meeting in Franklin County to his knowledge. He advised that JAMES SEALE, JACK DAVIS (Constable at Roxie), WALTER GENE HALL and one or two others have started attending UKA meetings in the Natchez, Miss. area.

He advised that DALE MC LEMORE and two or three of his friends are going to meetings at the Unit of Preacher MC LEMORE (brother of DALE) in the Hazelhurst, Crystal Springs area. He advised these meetings are WKKKKOM.

SHELL advised that CLYDE WENTWORTH, the local Dodge auto dealer is not now currently attending Klan meetings, is however concerned that the Federal Government will remove him from the local Selective Service System as they did JACK HELM in New Orleans.

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SHELL advised that WALTER GENE HALL and DON SEALE are currently driving tank trucks for Miller Transportation in Natchez, Miss., hauling gas and oil from the area oil fields. He advised that JAMES SEALE is currently working at the Moran Tank Company, along the Miss. River just below Natchez. He does not know just what type of work he is doing.

SHELL advised that he has heard nothing of the APWR in the Franklin County area in many months and does not believe it is actually meeting now. He assumes it will start just before school begins in September as they have in the past years.

SHELL advised that CLYDE SEALE comes into Meadville for the Little League ballgames, does not now attend Klan meetings of any type in the Franklin County area. He advised he may go to Jackson or Natchez for such, but does not attend in Franklin County, from what he can determine. He advised that CLYDE SEALE will not discuss going over to the UKA as two of his sons apparently have.

SHELL advised that ARCHIE PRATHER is still very close to CLYDE SEALE, but to his knowledge has not attended Klan type meetings in several months. He advised that most of the older Klan members stopped going to meetings during the period when so many FBI Agents were in Franklin County investigating the death of EARL HODGES.

SHELL advised that to his knowledge BERNICE BEASLEY does not associate with any current known Klan members in the Franklin County area, other than JACK DAVIS, the constable in Roxie, and possibly one or two other local constables. He advised that BEASLEY is very careful not to be seen conversing with any known Klansmen.

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SHELL advised that he has heard nothing of BILLY BUCKLES being active in the Klan in the Franklin County area during the past several months. He advised that he has heard that BUCKLES is now active in the Natchez area, but does not know if he is now active in the WKKKKOM or the UKA.

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Chief
 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. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
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Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
 John Edgar Hoover
 Director

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1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s))
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Supplementary Summary

REFERENCE:

Report of SA CLARENCE G. PROSPERE, Jackson, 7/14/65.

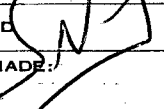
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At Natchez, Mississippi

Will maintain contact with informants for information regarding JAMES FORD SEALE.

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Report of: SA CLARENCE G. PROSPERE
Date: April 27, 1966

Office: JACKSON

Field Office File No.: JACKSON 157-950

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Title: JAMES FORD SEALE

Character: RACIAL MATTERS - (KLAN)

Synopsis: JAMES FORD SEALE still resides at Route 2, Box 94, Meadville, Mississippi. On or about February 1, 1966, SEALE lost his job with JOHN MC PHAIL for whom he drove a truck. Informant on April 12, 1966, advised JAMES FORD SEALE was supposed to go to work for Red Ball Truck Line, Natchez, Mississippi. SEALE resigned from WKKKKOM and on or about November 29, 1965, joined the UKA, Inc., at Natchez, Mississippi. SEALE holds no office in UKA, Inc. Informant reports JAMES FORD SEALE has made statement to him that he was going along with policy of UKA, Inc., to have no violence.

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DETAILS:

RESIDENCE

On April 25, 1966, Sheriff WAYNE HUTTO, Franklin County Sheriff's Office, Meadville, Mississippi, advised that JAMES FORD SEALE still resides at Route 2, Box 94, Meadville, Mississippi, in the Bunkley Community, next door to his father, CLYDE SEALE.

EMPLOYMENT

On February 1, 1966, AUBREY LINDSEY, Patrolman, Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol, McComb,

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Mississippi, advised SA CLARENCE G. PROSPERE that he had arrested JAMES FORD SEALE three times for speeding and reckless driving in the truck of JOHN MC PHAIL and that as a result of these arrests, SEALE has lost his job as truck driver for JOHN MC PHAIL.

On April 12, 1966, JN T-1 advised that JAMES FORD SEALE told him that he, SEALE, was supposed to go to work for Red Ball Truck Line, Natchez, Mississippi.

CURRENT POSITION IN ORGANIZATION

On November 29, 1965, JN T-2 advised that in conversation with JACK SEALE at the home of CLYDE SEALE, he was told by JACK SEALE that his brother JAMES SEALE had now joined the United Klans of America, Incorporated. This source further advised that recently CLYDE SEALE had advised him that his son JAMES SEALE was going to join the United Klans of America, Incorporated.

On November 30, 1965, JN T-1 advised that JAMES SEALE has been officially inducted into the United Klans of America, Incorporated, but this source stated he does not know what effect this will have on CLYDE SEALE, the father of JAMES and JACK SEALE, coming into the United Klans of America, Incorporated.

On April 12, 1966, JN T-1 stated that JAMES SEALE holds no position either in the state or in the local Klavern of the United Klans of America, Incorporated.

AUTOMOBILE

On April 25, 1966, Sheriff WAYNE HUTTO, Franklin County, Meadville, Mississippi, advised his

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records show JAMES F. SEALE, Route 2, Box 94, Meadville, Mississippi, has the following 1966 Mississippi registrations for the vehicles indicated:

19-746, 1965 Oldsmobile F85.

F/5 26060, 1965 Chevrolet half-ton pickup truck.

ACTIVITY OF SUBJECT

On July 20, 1965, JN T-3 advised that on Saturday, June 26, 1965, a fish fry was held at the home of JAMES LEE on the Lismore Road south of Wildsville, Louisiana. There were about 20 persons in attendance at this fish fry and all that were present were believed to be members of the Ku Klux Klan in the State of Louisiana or Mississippi. It is further believed that each person present was a member or was being considered for membership in the "Silver Dollar" group. It is believed that members of the "Silver Dollar" group are the ones responsible for most of the acts of violence that have occurred in the Natchez, Mississippi, and Ferriday-Vidalia, Louisiana, areas.

Present at this fish fry were JIMMY SCARBROUGH, E. D. MORACE and WOODROW "BLUE" HOLLOWAY, all known to be Klan members at Ferriday, Louisiana; "BUCK" HORTON, NORMAN HEAD and R. J. GLOVER of Vidalia, Louisiana; T. L. TORGENSON, ERNEST FINLEY (deceased), ERNEST PARKER, ERNEST AVANTS, JACK and JAMES SEALE of Natchez, Mississippi, and "SONNY" TAYLOR, Harrisonburg, Louisiana.

Those in attendance attempted to make black powder; however, they were not successful.

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On September 5, 1965, JN T-4 advised there are two separate Klan groups in Franklin County, Mississippi. He stated that one of these groups is referred to as the "River Group" and the other is referred to as the Meadville Group. This source stated that among the individuals in the "River Group," of which CLYDE SEALE is the Exalted Cyclops, that JAMES SEALE, the son of CLYDE SEALE, is a member.

On September 21, 1965, MYRON WAYNE "JACK" SEALE advised SA JAMES O. INGRAM that his brother, JAMES SEALE, said he would never submit to an interview unless the agency had a warrant because he did not trust any law enforcement officer.

On October 8, 1965, JN T-5 was exhibited a photograph of JAMES FORD SEALE, and this source remarked that SEALE appeared familiar. This source stated he believed he may have observed SEALE or a person resembling SEALE within the Varnado, Louisiana, area or at stock car races in Neil, Mississippi, in the past.

On October 26, 1965, JN T-2 advised that JAMES FORD SEALE is an active member of the Number Two unit of Franklin County, Mississippi, of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi (WKKKKOM). This source pointed out that JAMES FORD SEALE's father is CLYDE SEALE, who is the Province Giant and also Exalted Cyclops of the Number Two unit in Franklin County, Mississippi. This source stated that he strongly suspects that JAMES FORD SEALE has been involved in acts of violence, but that he has no definite information or evidence which would substantiate this suspicion.

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On October 21, 1965, JN T-1 advised that to his knowledge, JAMES FORD SEALE has received a subpoena to appear before the House Committee on Un-American Activities in Washington, D. C., on October 10, 1965.

On November 30, 1965, JN T-1 advised that JAMES FORD SEALE has been officially inducted into the United Klans of America, Incorporated (UKA), but that he does not know what effect this will have on his father, CLYDE SEALE, coming into the organization.

On November 29, 1965, JN T-2 advised that he had been informed by JACK SEALE, brother of JAMES SEALE, that JAMES SEALE had now joined the UKA, Incorporated.

On January 25, 1966, JN T-1 advised that he had heard of no Klan activity on the part of JAMES SEALE since he swung over to the UKA, Incorporated, but that JAMES SEALE had told him that he was going along with the policy of the UKA, Incorporated, to have no violence.

On March 10, 1966, JN T-6 advised that on March 5, 1966, the State Election Convention of the UKA, Incorporated, for the State of Louisiana began at approximately 10:00 a.m. at the Francis Hotel, Monroe, Louisiana. There were 75 delegates present who had voting rights and there were approximately 110 individuals in all present.

The following day on March 6, 1966, the convention began at approximately 9:00 a.m. and terminated at 3:30 in the afternoon. This source stated that among the individuals he recalled as being present at this convention was JAMES SEALE.

This source stated that JAMES SEALE and (First Name Unknown) GILBERT have been accused by Mississippi

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Klan leaders of furnishing information to the House Committee on Un-American Activities. A meeting was set up on March 13, 1966, at Vicksburg, Mississippi, between HOUSTON P. MORRIS, W. J. KIDD, JAMES SEALE, (First Name Unknown) GILBERT and HOUSTON EVANS to determine what to do about these accusations.

Characterizations of the WKKKKOM and the UKA, Incorporated, are included in the appendix of this report. Also included is a characterization of the ~~OKKKK~~.

APPENDIX

ANTI-COMMUNIST CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION (ACCA),
ALSO KNOWN AS
ORIGINAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (OKKKK)

A source advised on October 13, 1965, that the ACCA was formed February, 1965, when members of the OKKKK residing in the Sixth Louisiana Congressional District broke away from the State organization in the Fall of 1964.

The source stated members were told that even though the organization's name had been changed to ACCA they should still consider themselves to be Klansmen and that they would continue to operate as Klansmen.

In February, 1965, ACCA filed Articles of Incorporation with the Secretary of State's Office in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Source advised that the purpose of the ACCA is to promote Americanism, white supremacy and to maintain segregation.

A hearing was held in the United States District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana, New Orleans, during the week of September 11, 1965, wherein the ACCA and various individuals were held to answer a Justice Department petition seeking a temporary injunction against interference with the activities of civil rights workers in the Bogalusa, Louisiana area.

Charles H. Christmas of Amite, Louisiana, identified as the Grand Dragon of this organization, told the court that the Klan went out of existence four months previously and was succeeded by the ACCA. In reorganizing, ACCA retained as its officers the existing Klan officers, bylaws, and basic organization, according to Christmas. He further told the court that the ACCA membership was restricted to the Sixth Congressional District of Louisiana. Every oath in the ACCA was the same as that of the Klan, and the meeting places were often the same.

APPENDIX

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 (OKKKK) from the State of Mississippi met at Brookhaven, Mississippi. Those present decided to defect from the OKKKK and to form their own klan group in Mississippi to be known as the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi.

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

A second source advised on October 6, 1965, that the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi is an unincorporated secret organization existing in the State of Mississippi and dedicated to the preservation of white supremacy at any cost, including the use of force and violence. The official constitution and other directives of the organization do not show any advocacy of force or violence, but it is generally conceded among the members that in the end force and violence will be the only salvation of the white man with regard to his relationships with the Negro race. The White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan is controlled by the Imperial Wizard and other State Officers and the state is divided into districts and provinces. There is an estimated membership, as of October 6, 1965, of 1500 to 2000 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.

APPENDIX



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

*In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.*

Title: JAMES FORD SEALE

Character: RACIAL MATTERS - (KLAN)

Reference: Report of SA Clarence G. Prospere
dated 4/27/66 at Jackson,
Mississippi.

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

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : SAC [REDACTED]

DATE: 4/26/66

FROM : SA C. G. PROSPERE

☐ CI

☐ SI

☐ PCI

☐ PSI

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

Dates of Contact

4/25/66

Titles and File #s on which contacted

Klan Activity, Franklin Co, Miss.

157-569

CLYDE SEALE

157-951

JAMES SEALE

157-950

Purpose and results of contact

☒ NEGATIVE

☐ POSITIVE

Source advised that he had heard of no Klan activity in Franklin County in recent months and that in particular he had heard of no activity on the part CLYDE SEALE and his son JAMES SEALE.

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

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SA V. WALSER PROSPERE

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

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On 10/31/65, [] advised that to his knowledge, the following individuals had received subpoenas to appear before HCUA in Washington, D. C. on 10/10/65:

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

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

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9/21/65

SA JAMES O. INGRAM - P -

UNSUBS; BOMBING OF AUTOMOBILE,
NATCHEZ, MISS.,
8/27/65
GEORGE METCALFE-VICTIM;
CR,EL; BM

ReMemor of SA INGRAM

MYRON WAYNE "JACK" SEALE, 172 Booker Road, Natchez, Miss., reportedly the Grand Knight Hawk, UKA, Natchez, advised SA INGRAM on 9/21/65 that he engaged his father CLYDE SEALE and brother JAMES FORD SEALE Mcadville, Miss., in conversation on Sunday, 9/19/65 regarding their interview by the FBI. He told them both he had spent quite sometime with the FBI in Natchez and feels he fully understands the racial situation in regard to Klan activities and the role of the FBI.

JAMES said he would never submit to an interview unless the agency had a warrant because he did not trust any law-enforcement officer. His father agreed with JAMES and said he did not want to be bothered by the FBI and especially the State Police, whom he has a deep hatred.

JACK SEALE advised that he travels all over the State for the UKA but in the event the FBI desires to contact him he will make himself available as long as the FBI does not harass him to the extent he would have to stop seeing the agents.

He said he and the UKA are making inquiries re the bombing and in the event he obtains information regarding any suspects he will furnish this info. to the FBI.

- 1 - 157- MYRON WAYNE "JACK" SEALE
- ① - 157- JAMES FORD SEALE
- 1 - 157- CLYDE SEALE
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In Reply, Please Refer to
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New Orleans, Louisiana
December 13, 1965

SILVER DOLLAR GROUP

A source advised on July 20, 1965, that on June 26, 1965, a fish fry was held at the home of James Lee on the Lismore Road south of Wildville, Louisiana. Source advised that those in attendance at this fish fry were believed to be members of Ku Klux Klan groups in either the State of Louisiana or the State of Mississippi.

Source advised that each person present was a "member" or being considered for "membership" in the "Silver Dollar" Group. Source advised that he believed that the "members" of the "Silver Dollar" Group were responsible for most of the acts of violence that had occurred in the Natchez, Mississippi and Ferriday - Vidalia, Louisiana areas. Source advised that he believed that those who are part of the group carry a silver dollar with an ampersand stamped on the face of the silver dollar. Source advised that those in attendance at this fish fry attempted to make black powder; however, they were not successful. Source advised that the following individuals were present at the fish fry:

Jimmy Scarbrough,⁰

E. D. Morace, 157-63-13^{1/2}

Woodrow "Blue" Holloway⁰ (all known to be members of the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Ferriday, Louisiana),

"Buck" Horton, 157-466²

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SILVER DOLLAR GROUP

Norman Head, 174-27-85

R. J. Glover of Vidalia, Louisiana, 157-2444

T. L. Torgenson,

Ernest Finley, 157-787

Ernest Parker, 157-512

Ernest Avants, 157-958

Jack Seals and 157-815

James Seals of Natchez, Mississippi, and 157-950

O "Sonny" Taylor, Harrisonburg, Louisiana.

Source advised that Tommy Jones of Natchez, Mississippi, was arrested at Ferriday, Louisiana, while on his way to the fish fry and, therefore, did not make it there.

A characterization of the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan is attached hereto.

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 March 23, 1965, that this organization continues to be active and that the aims and purposes of this group are to continue to promote Americanism, the supremacy of the white race, and the continuance of segregation between the races.

APPENDIX

SAC, JACKSON (174-27)

9/17/65

SA JAMES O. INGRAM

UNSUBS; BOMBING OF AUTOMOBILE
AT HATCHER, MISS.

8/27/65

GEORGE METCALFE - VICTIM
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MYRON WAYNE "JACK" SEALE, 172 Booker Road, Hatcher, Miss., was contacted by SA JAMES O. INGRAM on 9/17/65 at which time SEALE was questioned concerning possibly making his brother JAMES SEALE and his father CLYDE SEALE available for interview. He said "Are you trying to get me killed." It was explained that if we could make arrangements for JAMES to come to the FBI Office and discussed matters of mutual interest "cooler heads would prevail". The parties could have a designated time and place for the meetings. SEALE said he has not approved of the methods used by the FBI and the MHSP toward his family and he truly hoped that some arrangements could be made in the future concerning interviews of his family as well as friends.

He explained that he has never been friendly toward the FBI and has refused to talk with the FBI on occasions, however, he actually enjoyed the long session with SA's THOMPSON BERRY WEBB and INGRAM on 9/15/65 and believes he understands more clearly the Racial Situation in the State of Miss. He said he will make himself available at anytime in the future as long as he is treated in a manner that any citizen should be treated.

SEALE said he could not promise to arrange for interviews of his family, however, he would discuss this with his father CLYDE and JAMES this coming weekend. He said he would have to handle this matter in a roundabout manner explaining that he talked with the FBI the past week and would explain his position. He said his brother JAMES is a suspect in everything that happens and he maybe able to convince him it is better to keep the FBI advised of his activities.

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- 1 - 157-(CLYDE SEALE)
- 1 - 157-(MYRON WAYNE "JACK" SEALE)
- ② - 157- (JAMES SEALE)

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SEALE advised he wanted to make it clear that his brother would not submit to an interview if a State Police Investigator was present since he and his family have a deep hatred for this agency. He also considered the meeting place would have to be away from the FBI Office since his brother and father have stated in the past they would never be taken to an FBI Office unless this agency had a warrant.

He said JAMES is a "nothead" and he would probably want to set the terms of meeting with the FBI but he believed that he would impress upon JAMES that "this might be one of the best things JAMES has ever done." JAMES also could probably request he be contacted by only one agent but he was told no commitment could be made on this point since it has never been requested.

He stated he should be contacted Monday afternoon 9/20/65 and he would have the results of his talks with his family.

Upon parting SEALE stated [REDACTED]

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Date 9/3/65

JAMES FREDRICK LEE was interviewed at his residence in the Lismore Community, Ferriday, Louisiana, after being advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents and after being advised by SA FRANK B. WATTS that he did not have to make a statement, that any statement he did make could be used against him in a court of law and that he had the right to consult with an attorney before making any statement. No threats or promises of any sort were made to him in connection with this interview.

LEE stated that he resides in the Lismore Community of Ferriday, Louisiana, with his wife and four children and is employed in Department 23 of the Armstrong Tire and Rubber Company, Natchez, Mississippi, currently on a 12 midnight to 8 A.M., shift. He advised that he has been employed at Armstrong in this capacity for the past seven years.

LEE stated that on August 26, 1965, he arrived at the plant in Natchez and punched in at about 11:15 P.M. He stated he left the plant on August 27, 1965, punching out at about 8 A.M. LEE advised that he travels in a car pool from his residence in Ferriday, Louisiana, to the Armstrong Tire and Rubber Company in Natchez each day he is employed. He advised that the other employees in his car pool are D. R. NOLAN, EDDIE JONES and T. RENFRO.

LEE advised that he was not absolutely sure who drove on August 26 - 27, 1965, to the Armstrong Plant but believes that he drove himself. He stated that when it is his time to drive, he drives his personally owned car, a 1962 blue Tempest, four-door, with Louisiana license 36X850. He stated that he, as well as other drivers in his car pool, always park in the rear parking lot of the plant behind the big warehouse. He advised that they always drive through the front gate as they are not permitted to go or come from the rear gate.

On 9/3/65 at Ferriday, Louisiana File # Jackson 174-27

by SA HAROLD LEO FABRIZ &
SA FRANK B. WATTS:bkb

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 7/14/65

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

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

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

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

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

DELETED FROM THE LIST

ODELL ANDERS, Sheriff, Natchez, Mississippi

JOHN MCGREGOR, Jackson, Mississippi

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

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(1-157-2402 EMERY ALLEN LEE)

(1-157-2201 EDWARD WILLARD FULLER)

(1-157-2196 WILLIAM BRYANT DAVIDSON)

(1-157-1043 CHARLES MARCUS EDWARDS)

for (1-157-950 JAMES SEALE)

(1-157-815 MYRON WAYNE "JACK" SEALE)

(1-157-787 ERNEST FINLEY)

(1-157-450 GEORGE H. (BILLY) BIRDSONG)

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

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

EMERY ALLEN LEE
EDWARD WILLARD FULLER
WILLIAM BRYANT DAVIDSON
CHARLES MARCUS EDWARDS
JAMES SEALE
MYRON WAYNE "JACK" SEALE
ERNEST FINLEY
GEORGE H. (BILLY) BIRDSONG
GERALD WHITEHEAD
W. D. STONE
B. L. AKIN
THOMAS GUNTER
J. N. FORTENBERRY
TOMMY BROCK
B. F. HINTON
JULIUS HARPER
DELMAR DENNIS
BILLIE BUCKLES
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PAUL L. FOSTER
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CLARENCE R. MITCHELL
LOUIS ANTHONY DI SALVO
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ERNEST S. GILBERT
BYRON DE LA BECKWITH
STERLING LEWIS GILLIS
S. T. SHOOK
MORDANT W. HAMILTON
HAROLD LLOYD "COTTON" DELK
BURREL LINDSEY WHITE
THOMAS BYRON THRASHER, SR.
ERNEST FREDERICK ZEECK

BILLY EARL WILSON
VINCENT PURSER
MARVIN LACY
W. C. DOLLAHITE
CHARLES J. SEAL
HOUSTON DILLARD

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

LEADS:

JACKSON:

At Jackson, Mississippi and other Miss. cities.

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

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

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 9/6/65

JAMES FORD SEALE was observed at 2:20 P.M., in what appeared to be a 1964 white Chevrolet Pickup truck with loud speaker equipment as this truck passed through Meadville, Mississippi on Highway #84. SEALE, on the passenger side, was observed to be speaking into a microphone and was urging attendance at an Americans for the Preservation of the White Race (APWR) rally scheduled for 5 P.M., September 6, 1965, at the Horse Show Barn in Roxie, Mississippi. In passing, SEALE apparently recognized the Agents and waved and announced on the loud speaker that he would extend his invitation to the FBI to likewise attend this rally. SA DUKES called to SEALE, "We will see you later."

On 9/4/65 at Meadville, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-950-44 A
by SA WILLIAM F. DUKES & SA J. L. MARTIN:bkb Date dictated 9/5/65
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC Jackson, (157-950)

DATE: 7-8-65

FROM : SA Clarence G. Prospero

SUBJECT: James Food Seale

In connection with the destruction of channelizing memoranda, the information contained on the serials listed below was incorporated in a report dated 7-14-65. The review for this report was made from serial one through serial Thirty-seven.

In accordance with the above, the following serials are to be destroyed:

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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SUMMARY

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LEADS:

JACKSON DIVISION

AT NATCHEZ, MISSISSIPPI

Will maintain contact with informants for information regarding JAMES FORD SEALE.

INFORMANTS:

<p>APPROVED </p> <p style="text-align: right;">SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE</p> <p>COPIES MADE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7 - Bureau (RM) 1 - Secret Service (RM) 1 - OSI, Barksdale AFB, La. (RM) 1 - ONI, 6th Naval District, Charleston, S. C. (RM) 1 - INTC Group, 3rd Army, Ft. McPherson, Ga. (RM) ④ - Jackson (157-950) <p style="text-align: center;">Dissemination Record of Attached Report</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 25%;">Agency</td> <td style="width: 25%;">Request Recd.</td> <td style="width: 25%;">Date Fwd.</td> <td style="width: 25%;">How Fwd.</td> <td style="width: 25%;">By</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	Agency	Request Recd.	Date Fwd.	How Fwd.	By						<p style="text-align: center;">DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px;"> <p style="font-size: 1.5em; margin: 0;">157-950-41</p> </div> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Searched _____</td> <td style="width: 50%;">_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Serialized <u>8</u></td> <td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Indexed _____</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Filed <u>8</u></td> <td>_____</td> </tr> </table> <p>Notations</p> <p style="font-size: 1.5em; margin: 10px 0;">WILLIAMS BBRW</p> <p style="font-size: 1.5em; margin: 0;">Prosper </p>	Searched _____	_____	Serialized <u>8</u>	_____	Indexed _____	_____	Filed <u>8</u>	_____
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requested his identity not be disclosed.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

JAMES FORD SEALE was one of the principal subjects in the case captioned "JAMES FORD SEALE, et al; HENRY H. DEE, et al - VICTIMS," (Jackson File 62-5) (Bufile 44-27298) which has been reported to the Bureau separately. In view of the wide dissemination of this summary report, no details of above case are set forth in this report since to do so might compromise the original informant, [REDACTED]

JAMES FORD SEALE was also the principal subject in a case captioned, "UNSUB; JAKE FRISHMAN - VICTIM, Jackson file 157-296.

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For the same reason as above details of this case which have previously been submitted to the Bureau are not being reported in this summary.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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1 - INTC Group, 3rd Army, Ft. McPherson, Ga.

Report of: SA CLARENCE G. PROSPERE
Date: 7/14/65

Office: JACKSON

Field Office File No.: JACKSON 157-950

Bureau File No.:

Title: JAMES FORD SEALE

Character: RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

Synopsis:

JAMES FORD SEALE, born 6/25/35, Meadville, Miss., presently resides Route 2, Meadville, Miss., and is employed by JOHN MC PHAIL, McPhail Oldsmobile, Natchez, Miss., driving a tractor-trailer truck from Halton Lumber Company, Roxie, Miss., to Crown Zellerbach, Bogalusa, La. U. S. Army records disclose SEALE was inducted into U. S. Army on 7/21/55, under serial number 53235040 and entered on active duty on the same date in Jackson, Miss. He was honorably released from active duty on 10/18/55, as a private and was transferred to the U. S. Army Reserve for completion of his military obligation. Army records do not show SEALE acquired in military service any specific training or knowledge in the field of demolitions, explosives or firearms. Informants identified SEALE as member of WKKKKOM. One informant described SEALE as a "mental case." SEALE was arrested for murder on 11/6/64, by MHSP, however, charges have been dismissed. In another incident, SEALE has charged officers MHSP with assault. Informants have reported SEALE involved in acts of violence or his making statements advocating violence. SEALE has been interviewed on three occasions by FBI Agents and has either furnished no information or has become hostile.

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DETAILS:

I. BACKGROUND

A. True name and aliases

On October 24, 1964, JAMES SEALE was interviewed by SAs PETER R. DURLAND, LENARD A. WOLF and PATRICK COLLINS and stated his name is JAMES SEALE.

When arrested by Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol (MHSP) on November 6, 1964, JAMES SEALE have his name as JAMES FORD SEALE.

A review on January 21, 1965, by Investigative Clerk NOEL L. BAKER of the Military Service Records at the Military Personnel Records Center, St. Louis, Missouri, show the name of JAMES SEALE to be JAMES FORD SEALE.

B. Residence address and mailing address

Upon interview by SAs PETER R. DURLAND, LENARD A. WOLF and PATRICK COLLINS on October 24, 1964, JAMES FORD SEALE gave his address as Route 2, Meadville, Mississippi.

ELLA ATKINS, manager, Credit Bureau of Natchez, Natchez, Mississippi, on December 2, 1964, exhibited records to SA PETER R. DURLAND showing a credit statement dated October 23, 1964, which lists the residence of JAMES FORD SEALE as Route 2, Box 94, Meadville, Mississippi.

C. Marital Status

ELLA ATKINS, manager, Credit Bureau of Natchez, Natchez, Mississippi, on December 2, 1964, advised SA PETER R. DURLAND that the records of the credit bureau show JAMES FORD SEALE is married and has three children.

D. Occupation or Business

On October 24, 1964, JAMES FORD SEALE was interviewed

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by SAs PETER R. DURLAND, LENARD A. WOLF and PATRICK COLLINS at which time SEALE advised he is employed as a truck driver at a stud mill, Roxie, Mississippi.

On June 28, 1965, ROBERT HALTOM, owner Haltom Lumber Company, Roxie, Mississippi, advised SA CLARENCE G. PROSPERE that JAMES FORD SEALE drives a tractor-trailer truck for JOHN MC PHAIL, McPhail Oldsmobile, Natchez, Mississippi, but is paid by the Haltom Lumber Company.

E. Employment address

On June 28, 1965, ROBERT HALTOM, owner, Haltom Lumber Company, Roxie, Mississippi, advised SA CLARENCE G. PROSPERE that JAMES FORD SEALE drives a tractor driven truck for JOHN MC PHAIL, McPhail Oldsmobile, Natchez, Mississippi, but is paid by the Haltom Lumber Company, Roxie, Mississippi. HALTOM pointed out that in order to review records of his employment it would be necessary to contact officials of the Haltom Lumber Company whose business address is merely Roxie, Mississippi.

F. Education

A review on January 21, 1965, by Investigative Clerk NOEL L. BAKER of the Military Service Records (MSR) at the Military Personnel Records Center (MPRC), St. Louis, Missouri, show JAMES FORD SEALE has an eighth grade education.

G. Citizenship Status (Birth)

A review on January 21, 1965 by Investigative Clerk NOEL L. BAKER of the MSR at the MPRC, St. Louis, Missouri, show JAMES FORD SEALE was born June 25, 1935, at Meadville, Mississippi.

H. Military Record

A review on January 21, 1965, by Investigative Clerk NOEL L. BAKER of the MSR on file at the MPRC, St. Louis,

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Missouri, disclosed JAMES FORD SEALE, Serial Number 277 73 70 enlisted in the U. S. Naval Reserve July 14, 1952, and served in inactive status until July 13, 1960, at which time he was honorably discharged.

While serving in the above period of service, SEALE was inducted into the U. S. Army, July 21, 1955, under Serial Number 53 235 040, and entered on active duty on the same date at Jackson, Mississippi. He was honorably released from active duty on October 18, 1955, as a private at Camp Chaffie, Arkansas, and transferred to the U. S. Army Reserve for completion of his military obligation. He served in U. S. Army Reserve in inactive status from October 19, 1955, to June 30, 1963, at which time he was honorably discharged.

The service records do not show SEALE had any specific training or knowledge in the field of demolition, explosives or firearms while in the military service.

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

Date of Birth	June 25, 1935
Place of Birth	Meadville, Mississippi
Height	5 feet 7 inches
Weight	145 pounds
Race	White
Hair	Light Brown
Eyes	Grey
Complexion	Ruddy
Build	Medium
Blood Group	"A"
Distinguishing Marks	Tattoo of a hula girl inside right forearm; has worn glasses in the past
Education	8 years grade school
Civilian Occupation	Ambulance Drive
Military Occupation	Seaman; light truck driver

Addresses

Route 2, Meadville, Mississippi
(November 26, 1962)

502 North Canal Street,
Natchez, Mississippi
(October 17, 1955)

19 South Circle Drive,
Natchez, Mississippi
(August 23, 1961)

Relatives

Father, CLYDE WAYNE SEALE
Meadville, Mississippi
(July 14, 1952)

Mother, AUDRA SEALE,
Meadville, Mississippi
(July 14, 1952)

Wife, SHIRLEY SEALE
502 North Canal Street,
Natchez, Mississippi
(October 17, 1955)

Daughter, DEBORAH LYNN SEALE
502 North Canal Street
Natchez, Mississippi
(September 13, 1955)

Daughter, BEVERLY ANN SEALE
502 North Canal Street
Natchez, Mississippi
(September 12, 1955)

I. Identification Record

By communication received in the Jackson Division December 16, 1964, the FBI Identification Division advised that JAMES FORD SEALE, no FBI number assigned, was arrested November 6, 1964, by the State Highway Patrol, Jackson, Mississippi, on a charge of murder.

Records of the Identification Division describe SEALE as 5 feet 9½ inches, weight 155 pounds, hair brown, place of birth Meadville, Mississippi, address Route 2, Meadville, Mississippi,

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in 1964, occupation laborer.

The fingerprint classification as furnished by the FBI Identification Division is as follows:

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J. Local criminal check

On December 3, 1964, SA PETER R. DURLAND checked the records of the Natchez Police Department, Natchez, Mississippi, which contain no information identifiable with JAMES FORD SEALE.

On June 2, 1965, Sheriff ODELL ANDERS, Adams County Sheriff's Office, Natchez, Mississippi, advised SA CLARENCE G. PROSPERE that he had no record on JAMES FORD SEALE.

On June 17, 1965, Sheriff WAYNE HUDDO, Franklin County, Meadville, Mississippi, advised that he had no record on JAMES FORD SEALE.

K. Credit Check

On December 2, 1964, Mrs. ELLA ATKINS, manager, Credit Bureau of Natchez, Natchez, Mississippi, made available to SA PETER R. DURLAND the credit file on JAMES FORD SEALE which disclosed as follows:

Credit report dated February 8, 1963, indicated SEALE, wife SHIRLEY, resided 2814 Itaska Drive, Natchez. He was listed as 28, white, married with wife, three children, self-employed in cattle business for one year, buying home, wife earning \$225 monthly for Tower Loan Company where employed for three years.

Credit report dated June 1, 1957, indicates SEALE 24, married, residing 808 State Street, Natchez, employed as linotype operator for "Natchez Democrat" for one year, estimated net worth, \$4,000, earn \$85 per week. They have lived in Natchez a number of years.

File contains a credit statement made out by Mrs. SEALE with address of Route 2, Box 94, Meadville, Mississippi. Statement dated October 23, 1964. She states is 29, married, works as secretary-bookkeeper for Tower Loan Company, her net worth estimated, \$6,000 to \$8,000, income \$80 per week. Owns real estate, "Mid State Homes, Tampa, Florida," has banking connections with City Bank (Natchez,) and Bank of Franklin (Meadville). She states her husband was hurt in an oil field five years ago and he is just returning to work.

Report as of October 23, 1964, JAMES SEALE employed one month as driver, at \$90 per month for sawmill. Formerly in U. S. Army. Credit generally slow to satisfactory.

L. Automobile

On December 1, 1964, SAs PETER R. DURLAND and LENARD A. WOLF reviewed the Franklin County 1965 car registration records at the Sheriff's Office, Meadville, Mississippi. A registration was located in the name of JAMES FORD SEALE showing JAMES SEALE, Meadville, having a 1964 Pontiac Tempest sedan, 1965 Mississippi License 19-516; 1952 Studebaker, two door, 1965 Mississippi License 19B 148.

M. Available weapons

On October 20, 1964, Sheriff ODELL ANDERS, Adams County, Natchez, Mississippi, advised SAs ROBIN O. COTTEN and PETER R. DURLAND that sometime during 1963 a car operated by "civil rights workers" was fired into at Fayette, Mississippi. Sheriff ANDERS stated that according to a confidential source of his,

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this shooting was done by JACK and JAMES SEALE with a 38 caliber pistol. He stated JAMES SEALE has kept this pistol hidden until recent weeks and at the present time is carrying this pistol. Sheriff ANDERS stated that this gun could possibly be at the home of JAMES SEALE. Sheriff ANDERS further advised that 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 for this dynamiting.

N. Physical description

The following is a description as provided by MSR and by observation Bureau Agents:

Name	JAMES FORD SEALE
Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	June 25, 1935
Place of Birth	Meadville, Mississippi
Height	5 feet 7 - 5 feet in inches
Weight	140 - 150 pounds
Hair	brown (light brown)
Eyes	Gray-blue
Residence	Route 2, Box 94, Meadville, Mississippi
Complexion	Reddish-ruddy
Build	Medium
Blood Group	"A"
Scars and marks	Tattoo of a hula girl indide right forearm
Peculiarities	Has worn glasses in past
Employment	Truck driver at Halton Lumber Company, Roxie, Mississippi (1964 - 1965)
Education	8 years grade school
Previous Address	Route 2, Meadville, Mississippi (November 26, 1962)

Relatives

502 North Canal Street
Natchez, Mississippi
(October 17, 1955)
19 South Circle Drive,
Natchez, Mississippi
(August 23, 1961)
Father, CLYDE WAYNE SEALE
Meadville, Mississippi
Mother, AUDRA SEALE,
Meadville, Mississippi
Wife, SHIRLEY SEALE
502 North Canal Street
Natchez, Mississippi
Daughters, DEBORAH LYNN SEALE
BEVERLY ANN SEALE
53 235 040

Army Serial Number

O. Photograph

Photographs of JAMES FORD SEALE are available in file of the Jackson Division.

P. Special Abilities

A review on January 21, 1965, by Investigative Clerk NOEL L. BAKER of the MSR on file at MPRC at St. Louis, Missouri, disclose that SEALE did not have any specific training or knowledge in the field of demolition, explosives or firearms while in the military service.

Q. Associates

JN T-1 on October 12, 1964, advised that the following individuals were members of the Franklin County Unit Number 2 of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi (WKKKKOM):

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CLYDE SEALE, Bunkley Community, Meadville, Mississippi

JAMES SEALE, Bunkley Community, Meadville, Mississippi

DON SEALE, Meadville, Mississippi

BENE SEALE, Meadville, Mississippi

WALLACE HAVARD, Roxie, Mississippi

WAYNE PARKER, Smithdale, Mississippi

ROXIE DAVIS, Eddiceton, Mississippi

ROBERT E. HUDSON, Natchez, Mississippi

BILLY BUCKLES, Roxie, Mississippi

LAMAR FELTERS, Roxie, Mississippi

MONETTE JACKSON, Gloster, Mississippi

W. M. DAVIS, Smithdale, Mississippi

WILLIE S. WENTWORTH, McCall's Creek, Mississippi

W. H. PARKER, Smithdale, Mississippi

BOBBY HARRIGILL, Roxie, Mississippi

MURELL SCOTT, McCall's Creek

JACK DAVIS, Roxie

LEE HESTER, Roxie

DWIGHT BUCRON, Roxie

WALTER HALL, Roxie

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WILLIE B. ORR, McComb
FRANK PRIEST, Roxie
WILLIE HARRIGILL, Roxie, Miss.
JOE WESTBROOK, McCall's Creek
HARVEY M. PRATHER, Roxie
PETE TERRELL, Roxie
H. C. GRAVES, Roxie
FRANK CALCOTE, McCall's Creek
GERALD PHARES, Roxie
H. R. WHEELER, Roxie
JACK HARRIGILL, Roxie
TROY PRIEST, Roxie
M. S. PRATHER, Meadville
DALE MC LEMORE, Roxie
BILLY BEACH, Roxie
E. O. HARRIGILL, Roxie
J. L. THORNTON, Smithdale
C. M. EDWARDS, Meadville
DENNIS DAVIS, Smithdale
EVERETT JACKSON, Roxie

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RANDOLPH TRAVIS, Route 5, Box 173A, Brookhaven

BUFORD ARNOLD, Roxie

J. SWAZYE, Natchez,

JIMMY D. MITHCELL, Meadville

BOYD A. WILLIAMS, Smithdale

GEORGE LEWIS, McCall's Creek

NELSON DAVIS, McCall's Creek

BILLY W. SULLIVAN, Meadville

ELDEN HESTER, Route 3, Meadville

M. H. ZIMMERMAN, Roxie

JOHN ZIMMERMAN, Roxie

W. H. DOUGLAS, Roxie

BEN FAIRCHILDS, Roxie

CURTIS DAVIS, Roxie

JN T-1 on November 12, 1964, advised that on November 11, 1964, RALPH DAY was going to work and ran into JAMES and DON SEALE in their truck as they were en route from Roxie, Mississippi, to Bogalusa, Louisiana. This meeting by RALPH DAY with JAMES and DON SEALE took place at 98 Truck Stop located a few miles east of McComb, Mississippi, on State Highway 98, which goes from McComb to Tylertown, Mississippi.

On October 21, 1964, MHSP Investigator FORD O'NEAL (NA), advised that information had been received from a MHSP source

that JACK and JAMES SEALE are close associates of EARNEST HENRY AVANTS, JAMES KENNETH GREER, JOHN WILLIAM BARBER and FRANK HYMAN THURMAN. O'NEAL advised that according to his source AVANTS, GREER, BARBER and THURMAN are allegedly involved in the assault of BRUCE LLOYD PAYNE, a civil rights worker at Port Gibson, Mississippi, and that AVANTS, GREER and JACK SEALE are allegedly involved in the shooting into automobile of BRUCE LLOYD PAYNE and GEORGE GREENE, near Fayette, Mississippi.

II. CONNECTION WITH WKKKKOM

Characterization of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi and the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Louisiana are being set forth in the appendix of this report.

JN T-1 on September 14, 1964, advised that JAMES SEALE is a member of the Franklin County Unit 2 of the WKKKKOM and that his father, CLYDE SEALE is the Exalted Cyclops of this unit.

On October 12, 1964, JN T-1 identified JAMES SEALE who resided in the Bunkley Community, near Meadville, Mississippi, as a member of the Franklin County Unit Number 2. In addition JN T-1 furnished the identity of the other members of this unit which have been set forth under paragraph Q, captioned Associates, in the earlier portion of this report.

JN T-1 on October 6, 1964, advised that both MYRON WAYNE "JACK" SEALE, who resides in Natchez, Mississippi, and his brother JAMES SEALE, who resides in the Bunkley Community near Meadville, Mississippi, have both stated that FBI Agents can die as well as anyone else. Informant stated he felt that both JACK and JAMES SEALE are both "mental cases."

On October 20, 1964, FORD O'NEAL, Investigator, Identification Bureau of MHSP advised SAs WILLIAM F. DUKES and THOMPSON BERRY WEBB that as a result of contact with confidential informant of MHSP, he received information that MYRON WAYNE "JACK" SEALE, L. C. MURRAY and JAMES SEALE bombed JOHN NOSSER's home

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as well as the residence of WILLIE WASHINGTON at Natchez, Mississippi.

This source advised that approximately six months before, a friend of the source who the source did not identify, found a case of 60 % dynamite in a junked car, gave it to informant, who in turn gave it to JAMES SEALE. This informant stated that fifteen of these sticks of dynamite were used in the dynamiting of the Blue Flame Cafe in Bude, Mississippi, in the Spring of 1964. Informant stated that he could not furnish the identity of the other individuals who were in on this bombing but that he was sure that JAMES SEALE was involved.

This same source according to FORD O'NEAL furnished the dynamite to be used in the bombing of the Negro meeting place in Louisiana, across the Mississippi line. The place was guarded by Negroes resulting in a shooting scrape with both klansmen and Negroes being injured.

On February 17, 1965, JN T-1 advised that he knew of no activity on part of JAMES FORD SEALE since January 1, 1965.

On June 3, 1965, JN T-2 advised that he had been told by HAROLD SAUCIER that a klan organization exists in the Meadville, Mississippi area and SAUCIER admitted to JN T-2 that he was a member of this organization. Source stated among those individuals attending meetings of this organization are JAMES SEALE.

III. STATEMENTS OR ACTION CONCERNING VIOLENCE; OR ACTS OF VIOLENCE

On October 6, 1964, JN T-1 advised that both MYRON WAYNE "JACK" SEALE, who resides at Natchez, Mississippi, and his brother JAMES SEALE, who resides in the Bunkley Community near Meadville, Mississippi, have both stated that FBI Agents can die as well as anyone else. JN T-1 stated he felt that

both JACK and JAMES SEALE are "mental cases."

On March 18, 1965, JN T-3 advised that JAMES SEALE who resides in Franklin County, Mississippi, and who was arrested during the fall of 1964, as a participant in the murder of two young Negroes in Franklin County, Mississippi, approached a group of known klansmen in Natchez, Mississippi. He told these individuals that in event any FBI Agent made inquiries regarding SEALE, that the Agent was to be directed to the SEALE home in Franklin County, Mississippi. SEALE stated he had something he wanted to try on the Agents. He then described the purchase and training of a large vicious dog which he said would take care of any Agent which came on his property.

On June 21, 1965, JN T-4 advised that about a week ago it was common knowledge in Meadville, Mississippi, that the klan member who had sworn out a warrant against Investigator SNODGRASS of the MHSP in Natchez, Mississippi, after SNODGRASS had arrested him recently, had told people in Meadville he was going to kill the governor of Mississippi. JN T-4 stated he thought the man involved was a SEALS but he could not be sure.

JN T-3 advised on June 10, 1965, that JAMES SEALE, Franklin County, Mississippi, has stated that recently two FBI Agents went to his employer at Roxie, Mississippi, and informed his employer that SEALE and a companion were believed to be carrying guns in the course of their employment. SEALE and his companion drive a sawdust truck from Roxie to Bogalusa, Louisiana. After the Agents left the employer told SEALE that he would be fired if he did not cease carrying his gun while driving the truck.

SEALE stated that if he is fired, he fully intends to bring suit against his employer and attempt to learn the identities of the Bureau Agents and bring suit against them. An attorney at Natchez, Mississippi, by the name of BILL RILEY would handle these suits and has acted as SEALE's attorney in the past.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

An article appearing in the local newspaper on June 15, 1965, "The Natchez Democrat", Natchez, Mississippi, under an article captioned "Charges filed against Patrol," reports that charges of assault and battery, false arrest and assault have been filed against two special investigators for the Mississippi Highway Patrol by JAMES F. SEALE, a resident of Franklin County.

The affidavit filed by SEALE indicated the incident occurred in District Five of Adams County on Saturday.

ARMSTEAD and SNODGRASS have been released under \$500 bond and trials by jury set for June 19, at 9:30 a.m.

On July 8, 1965, records of the MHSP, Jackson, Mississippi, were checked by SA CLARENCE G. PROSPERE and disclose that JAMES FORD SEALE was arrested November 6, 1964, by the MHSP on a charge of murder in connection with the murders of HENRY HEZEKIAH DEE and CHARLES EDDIE MOORE, which case has been dismissed.

On January 18, 1965, JN T-1 advised that a conversation with JAMES SEALE and JACK SEALE determined that these individuals are upset over the dismissal of charges which were pending against JAMES SEALE and CHARLES EDWARDS. The reason for their being upset was the fact that in the request for dismissal of the charges the statement was made that additional individuals were involved and that further investigation was being conducted. JAMES SEALE stated that he had been planning on suing the State of Mississippi and perhaps the FBI for mistreatment but that at the present time he and JACK SEALE were reconsidering such action.

V. INTERVIEWS OF SUBJECT

Date October 27, 1964

Mr. JAMES SEALE was interviewed near his residence by Special Agents PETER R. DURLAND, PATRICK COLLINS AND DENARD A. WOLF who identified themselves as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. SEALE was informed of the nature of this investigation and was advised that he was entitled to a lawyer, that he did not have to say anything and that anything he said might be used against him in a court of law.

Mr. SEALE stated that he had never been a member of the Ku Klux Klan or any related organization and stated he had no information regarding the Klan. He further stated that he had never participated in any violence including bombings or beatings and states he had no information regarding these matters.

He advised that he did not care to state his opinion as to whether or not he condoned bombings, beatings or other violence in regard to the issue of integration or to the racial situation. He stated in this connection that he and other people in Franklin County were "getting sick of being interviewed and bothered by FBI Agents", and stated he did not wish to say anything else to the Agents and at this point discontinued the interview.

During the above interview the following background information was obtained:

Name	JAMES SEALE
Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	Approximately 28
Height	5'8"-9"
Weight	140-150 lbs.
Complexion	Reddish

On 10/24/64 at Meadville, Mississippi File # JN 157-1092
by SA PETER R. DURLAND,
SA DENARD A. WOLF, : RIG Date dictated 10/26/64
SA PATRICK COLLINS

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Marital Status
Military Service

Married with several children
Stated had been in military
service for a short period and
was discharged because of his
dependents

Hair
Eyes
Residence
Employment

Brown
Blue
RFD #2, Meadville, Mississippi
Truck driver at stud-mill near
Roxie, Mississippi.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date November 6, 1964

At 5:10 a.m. on November 6, 1964, JAMES FORD SEALE was apprehended on the charge of murder by Mississippi Highway Patrol officers NAT TROUT and FORD O'NEIL at SEALE's residence in the Bunkley community on Rural Route 2, Meadville, Mississippi. Special Agents EDWARD JOHN PUTZ and LENARD A. WOLF were present at the time of the apprehension.

Special Agents PUTZ and WOLF accompanied Mississippi Highway Patrol officers TROUT and O'NEIL in transporting JAMES FORD SEALE to Jackson, Mississippi.

En route to Jackson, JAMES SEALE answered general questions not pertaining to the murders. He remained mute at direct questions that were asked him about the murders with the following exception which is set out here verbatim:

SA WOLF: We know that on Saturday afternoon May 2, 1964, you picked up in your car HENRY DEE and CHARLES MOORE, two Negro boys from Roxie. You and CHARLES EDWARDS and others took them to some remote place and beat them to death. You then transported and disposed of their bodies by dropping them in the Mississippi River. You didn't even give them a decent burial. We know you did it, you know you did it, the Lord above knows you did it.

JAMES SEALE: Yes, but I'm not going to admit it; you are going to have to prove it.

When questioned further regarding this remark he said "I'm not going to say anything more".

SA EDWARD PUTZ, Officers NAT TROUT and FORD O'NEIL all heard the above conversation. SA PUTZ noted that the time that SEALE made the above statement was at 5:40 a.m.

On 11/6/64 at Jackson, Mississippi File # JN 62-5

by SA EDWARD JOHN PUTZ and
SA LENARD A. WOLF : RLC Date dictated 11/6/64

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Date 4/29/65

JAMES FORD SEALE, residing Route 2, Meadville, Mississippi, was interviewed on Highway 98, Pike County, Mississippi. He was advised of the identity of the Agents SA DARYL R. HARRELL and the nature of the inquiry. He immediately remarked "I got nothing to say to any of you". He asked SA HARRELL if he had a warrant and indicated he would talk only if the Agents had a warrant for his arrest. When he was advised that there was no warrant he repeated that he had nothing to say and drove away in his truck.

On 4/20/65 at Highway 98, Pike County, Mississippi File # Jackson 62-5
by SA's SAMUEL N. JENNINGS
DARYL R. HARRELL /isk Date dictated 4/26/65

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APPENDIX

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

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

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

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WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE
KU KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI

A source advised that on February 15, 1965, approximately 200 members of the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (OKKKK) from the State of Mississippi met at Brookhaven, Mississippi. Those present decided to defect from the OKKKK and to form their own Klan group in Mississippi to be known as the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi.

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

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

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Jackson, Mississippi

July 14, 1965

TITLE: JAMES FORD SEALE

CHARACTER: RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

REFERENCE: REPORT OF SA CLARENCE G.
PROSPERE DATED JULY 14, 1965,
AT JACKSON

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

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