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If orally furnished and reduced to writing by Agent: Dictated <u>Date 7/3/69</u> to <u>emh</u> Transcribed <u>7/8/69</u> Authenticated by Informant _____			Date of Report 7/2/69 Date(s) of activity 6/26 - 7/2/69	
Brief description of activity or material Plans to disrupt CHARLES EVERS inaugural ball made. JAMES SCAROBROUGH has R. J. GLOVER's Russian Burp gun and automatic carbine. BUCK HORTON and JAMES SEALE having trouble.			File where original is located if not attached <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 20px; margin: 0 auto;"></div>	

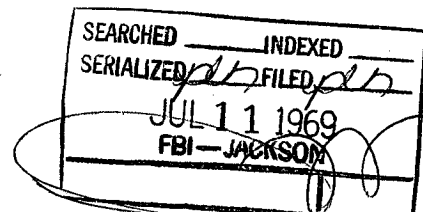
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6 - Jackson (1: 157-5206 (SILVER DOLLAR GROUP) (RM)
1: 62-2 (MINUTEMEN)
1: 157-2444 (R. J. GLOVER)
1: ~~157-940~~ (JAMES SEALE)
1: 157-512 (ERNEST PARKER)
1: 157-11069 (CHARLES EVERS INAUGURAL BALL))

9 - New Orleans (1:
1: 157-6542 (SILVER DOLLAR GROUP)
1: 62-3395 (MINUTEMEN)
1: 157-3489 (R. J. GLOVER)
1: 157-12448 (CHARLES EVERS INAUGURAL BALL)
1: 157-3784 (E. D. MORACE)
1: 157-3788 (JAMES SCAROBROUGH)
1: 157-3611 (KENNETH NORMAN HEAD)
1: 157-4700 (BUCK HORTON)

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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. GLOVER 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.

GLOVER 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 GROUP & MINUTEMEN

On 6/28/69, E. D. MORACE and R. J. GLOVER went to the home of JAMES SCAROBROUGH 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

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. GLOVER 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.

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:

GEORGE O. BAIRD, JR.

Mrs. M. G. STEWART

Miss TEXANA CARTER

Mrs. BESSIE C. JOYNER

Mrs. ELENA PERCY

Mrs. EULA T. SECRA

Mrs. M. H. GIBSON

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date February 5, 19681

JAMES FORD SEALE was observed standing on the corner of Franklin and Commerce Streets, Natchez, Mississippi, at approximately 6:10 p.m.

He readily admitted his identity and he was reminded of the official and personal identity of the agent. SEALE advised that he was waiting for a friend who was shopping in the National Furniture Store at that location. He was later joined by a white male about 35 years old, self-identified as IKE WILLIAMSON, and the pair departed in a blue Dodge Dart sedan, bearing current Mississippi license 19-1785.

Before leaving SEALE stated that he had been falsely accused of several acts of violence. He stated that he is not traveling in the same circles as he had formerly associated, but was devoting his efforts to earning as much money as he could and improving his property. He denied any knowledge of the bombing of WHARLEST JACKSON and other acts of violence in Mississippi.

SEALE stated that he was then working at the Natchez Pulpwood and Timber Company, Natchez, Mississippi.

157-950-166

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On 1/25/68 at Natchez, Mississippi File # Jackson 44-2044
Jackson 157-940-950
 by SA MERRIMAN D. DIVEN:mah Date dictated 1/30/68

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Memorandum

APPROVED 12-8-65

TO : SAC, JACKSON(157-)

DATE: 5/6/69

FROM : SA SAMUEL N. JENNINGS

SUBJECT:

James Seale
RACIAL MATTERS - KLAN

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RACIAL INFORMANT INFORMATION DISSEMINATION SHEET

On 5/2/69, , furnished the following information regarding subject to SA JENNINGS; the original detailed information is located in Jackson file

1. Subject attended meeting of _____ Klavern on _____.
2. Subject not known to be Klansman.
3. Subject unknown to informant.
4. Subject recruited as member on _____.
5. Subject sworn into _____ Klavern on _____ (date).
6. Subject elected to office of _____.
7. Subject is member of _____ Klavern.
8. Subject resides at _____.
9. Subject employed at _____ 157-950-165
10. Other information or remarks:

Informant advised that JAMES SEALE of Franklin County, Miss., former Ku Klux Klan leader, is attending flying school at Merigold, Mississippi, and SEALE is no longer active in the Klan but plans to become a crop dusting pilot.

See informant file for additional information.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-950)

DATE: 5/1/69

FROM : ~~SA~~ STENO CAROL SMITH

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SUBJECT: JAMES SEALE
RM (KLAN)

In connection with the destruction of channelizing memoranda which are one year old, on a yearly basis, the serials listed below were destroyed. The review for this memorandum was made from serial 1 through serial 162.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC,

DATE:

FROM : SA

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TO : SAC

DATE:

FROM : SA

SUBJECT:

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

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FROM : SA

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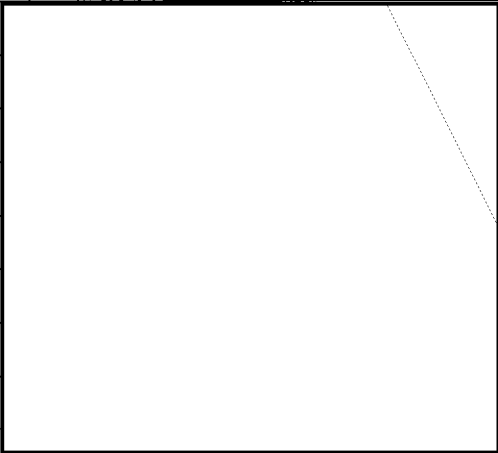
FROM : SA

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SUBJECT:

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

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-950)

DATE: 5/1/69

FROM : STENO CAROL SMITH

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SUBJECT: JAMES SEALE
RM (KLAN)

The following is a correlation of information contained in Jackson file 157-950, serials 1-162:

Serial 3 Informant [redacted] advised on 9/24/64 that since 9/15/64 JAMES SEALE has been talking about a church burning he was in on which was surrounded by an electrical fence and one of persons was severely shocked. Informant was not aware of whether story was true. Informant pointed out that he did not know whether this was a story that had been made up by JAMES SEALE in an attempt to trap the informant. Information should not be disseminated.

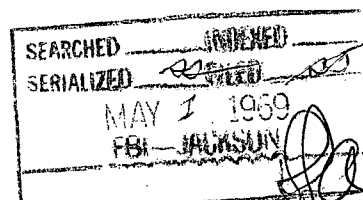
Serial 4 [redacted] on 9/24/64 related circumstances which led up to the dynamiting of JAKE FRISHMAN's place at Natchez, Miss., on 8/15/64. Those involved were JAMES SEALE, JACK SEALE, ERNEST FOSTER, CHARLES FALVEY, RALPH DAY, (FNU) HALL, and (FNU) EDWARDS. Information should not be disseminated.

Serial 25 [redacted] advised on 2/8/65 info concerning W. M. CASKEY, Professor, Miss. College, Clinton, Miss., being a member of klan. Background of Klansman GRADY NEWELL and information concerning Lincoln Co. Unit 1 of the WKKKK set forth but no information re JAMES SEALE contained in this serial.

Serial 28 [redacted] advised that on 4/10/65 JACK SEAL, a son of CLYDE SEALE, had come to his brother JAMES SEALE asking JAMES to approach their father regarding joining the UKA.

Serial 36 [redacted] furnished info re jury list June, 1965 term of Court Court, Natchez, Miss.

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Serial 43A On 8/29 and 9/2/65, [] advised he was of the opinion that JACK SEALE, JAMES SEALE and ERNEST PARKER were possibly involved in bombing of auto of GEORGE METCALFE.

Serial 51A On 11/29/65, [] 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 UKA, Inc. Further that recently CLYDE SEALE came to him and stated that his son, JAMES SEALE, was going to join the UKA, Inc. This info incorporated into report.

Serial 52 On 1/25/66, [] advised he had heard of no activity on the part of JAMES SEALE since he swung over to the UKA but that JAMES SEALE had told him that he was going along with the policy of the UKA to have no violence. This info incorporated into report.

Serial 55 On 11/30/65, [] advised that JAMES SEALE has been officially inducted into the UKA but does not know what effect this will have on JACK or CLYDE SEALE coming into the organization. This info incorporated into report.

Serial 60 On 4/12/66, [] advised 3/28/66, ERNEST GILBERT, Brookhaven, Miss., addressed small group of people at APWR meeting at Meadville, Miss., who are trying to get a private school started. CLYDE SEALE elected President and JAMES SEALE constituting the board of the school along with another individual.

Serial 63 On 5/3/66, [] advised JAMES SEALE is currently employed in Natchez, Miss. by Moran Tank Co., and is spending his time endeavoring to raise money for a private school at Meadville, Miss. Source advised ERNEST GILBERT recently had in his possession mimeograph machine which he believes is property of CLYDE SEALE.

Serial 61 On 5/11/68, [] advised on night of 6/7/66, banquet was held on 7th Floor of the Eola Hotel, by members of the UKA of Miss., and those present included JAMES SEALE and his wife.

Serial 73 On 6/2/66, [] advised that on

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a recent rip to the Natchez-Vidalia area he was able to determine that JACK SEALS and JAMES SEALS are still very active and have and would resort to violence.

Serial 74 On 6/4/66, [] advised that a few months ago collection was made at Armstrong Tire and Rubber Co. for JAMES SEALE. SEALE was about to lose his home and car. This info incorporated into a report.

Serial 75 On 6/8-9/66, [] that that he talked with JAMES SEALE on the night of 6/8/66 after SEALE had been involved in an automobile accident in which a Negro had been killed. Source stated that SEALE told him that he had been driving toward his home in the Buckley Community in Franklin County about 5:00 p.m., and passed a tractor which was parked on the side of the road. The Negro stepped out from behind the tractor and walked into the side of his truck. SEALE swerved to the right to miss the Negro and the right front fender of his truck struck the Negro's truck which had been parked on the right side of the road. Source stated SEALE told him that he had know this Negro for a number of years and that the Negro had lived in the area. This info incorporated into a report.

Serial 76 On 7/7/66, [] advised JAMES SEALE of the Bunkley Community has left the White Knights coming into the UKA in Adams County under the influence of his brother JACK. This info incorporated into a report.

Serial 79 On 9/2/66, [] advised that JAMES SEALE is no longer a welder with the tank company south of Natchez and that now his brother JACK is attempting to gain employment there but in spite of rumored vacancies there, JACK has not been hired. This info was incorporated into a report.

Serial 80 On 9/29, [] advised SEALE is working as a welder in Baton Rouge, La., and commutes to his place of

employment from home in Franklin County on daily basis. This info was inc. into a report.

Serial 83 On 11/19/66, GARLAND WHITE advised that he heard that JAMES SEALE plans to run for the office of Sheriff in Franklin County in 1967. He stated he knows JAMES SEALE is crazy and does not expect him to get very many votes and those will be active Klan votes..

Serial 84 On 1/4/67, [] advised subject observed with his family visiting at home of ERNEST GILBERT in Brookhaven, Miss., on Christmas Day.

Serial 85 On 3/2/67 and 2/28/67, Former [] advised that he had heard that JACK SEALE had not seen his brother, JAMES, in approximately three months. As far as he knows, SEALE is still commuting from residence to welding job in Baton Rouge, La.

Serial 86 On 3/3/67, [] advised that subject is not a member of the Silver Dollar Group to his knowledge.

Serial 88 On 3/9/67, Former [] advised JAMES F. SEALE still lives in Bunkley Community and commutes daily with DON SEALE to Baton Rouge, La., where they are welding on the old river bridge. This is about 90 miles one way from where they live. JAMES has a 1966 Dodge Coronet, grey, 1967 Miss. License 19-1341; has a 1965 Oldsmobile license 19-1340, which is white which his wife drives to work in Natchez daily. There seems to be no doubt that JAMES SEALE and JACK DAVIS of Roxie went to the APWR meeting in the court house about 7:30 p.m., to at least 8:30 p.m., and then left Meadville on 2/27/67.

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Serial 89 On 3/7/67, [] advised that 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 Lincoln Co.

Serial 91 On 3/9/67, [] advised he knew JAMES SEALE was member of the WKKKKOM.

Serial 92 On 3/17/67, [] advised that JAMES SEALE had lost his job at Baton Rouge, La., after Agents of the FBI attempted to interview him in the recent past. SEALE was welding on the old bridge in Baton Rouge.

Serial 93 On 3/23/67, Former [] advised WALTER GENE HALL was the individual driving JAMES SEALE's truck in Natchez about a year ago when JAMES and CHARLES SNODGRASS of the MHSP were photographing each other resulting in some type of altercation or arrest.

Serial 94 On 3/28/67, [] advised subject's photo identified as being at Duncan Park the date Negroes were going to integrate (7/18/65).

Serial 95 On 3/20/67, [] advised that JAMES and JACK SEALE from Miss., and who also had three other individuals with them unknown to the source, one being the person previously referred to as owning the black Mustang. Info inc. into a report.

Serial 98 On 3/29/67, [] advised subject is supposedly working for an unknown off shore drilling firm, 10 days on the job and 7 days off.

Serial 99 On 3/31/67, [] advised subject is running for Sheriff in Franklin County, Miss. If he wins, he is liable to arrest FBI Agents coming into county without checking with him. This info inc. into a report.

Serial 100

On 3/29/67, [] advised that he could identify JAMES SEALE as a member of the Silver Dollar Group.

Serial 101 On 4/13/67, Former [] advised that sometime in 1965 in Natchez, Miss., when JAMES SEALE and some members of the MHSP had some problems regarding a camera that SEALE had he knows that L. C. MURRAY and JACK SEALE learned about the incident while they were on the apron of the pavement in front of the Holiday Inn playing some tapes. JAMES SEALE came by their location as did DAVID BLOUGH, an Adams County Deputy Sheriff, and there was some conversation to the effect that BOUGH did not want to serve the warrants JAMES SEALE had sworn out against some members of the MHSP. JAMES SEALE followed BLOUGH to the County Courthouse since BLOUGH did not warn the members of the MHSP about the outstanding warrants against some of their members. SEALE resides in Meadville, Miss., and that he was formerly in the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi, and the United Klans of America. This info. inc. into a report.

Serial 102 On 4/15/67, [] advised that has heard nothing about JAMES SEALE from Meadville in many months and someone was taking up a collection for him at the Armstrong Plant as he supposedly was about to loose his car or something. This info. inc. into a report.

Serial 103 On 4/13/67, [] advised he recognized a photo exhibited to him of JAMES SEALE on 4/13/67, and identified him as a Klansman.

Serial 105 On 5/13/67, [] advised source shown photos in the Silver Dollar Album. Advised he knew nothing pertinent to regard subject.

Serial 106 Subject is unemployed at the present time. He is campaigning for the position of Sheriff of Franklin County on almost daily basis. Is of the opinion subject

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will be the next sheriff of Franklin County. This info inc. into a report.

Serial 114 On 5/22/67, [] advised that on 5/20/67, subject attended OKA rally at Laurel, Miss. This info inc. into a report.

Serial 115 On 7/21-22/67, [] advised JAMES FORD SEALE of the Bunkley Community is candidate for sheriff in Franklin County and general rumor is th~~a~~e the will win because he is capitalizing on Federal Government intervention into various phases such as the Office of Economic Opportunity, Federal registrars for voting, etc. This was inc. into a report.

Serial 116 On 7/18/67, [] advised EANE~~S~~T GILBERT has been in touch with SEALE at which time main topic of conversation was political situation in Miss. This was inc. into a report.

Serial 121 On 8/15/67, Former [] that JAMES SEALE was present at Silver Dollar Group meeting on the Homochitto River, off Highway 98, about three or four miles from Meadville, Miss. The next meeting was the fishfry at the Wildsville, La., residence on Saturday afternoon in which JAMES SEALE was present. This info inc. into a report.

Serial 122 On 8/15/67, CS [] advised JAMES SEALE was present at meeting of Silver Dollar Group on the sandbar on the Homochitto River near the bridge beyond Meadville, Miss., on the McComb Highway. JAMES SEALE was also present at second meeting. On 6/26/65, a fishfray was held at "RED" LEE's home next to the Forman Store near Wildsville, La. and JAMES SEALE was observed in ERNEST PARKER's red Ford automobile. This info inc. into a report.

Serial 123 On 8/24/67, [] advised the following individuals were actively engaged in activities and members of the WKKKKOM in McComb-Natchez area during that period which included JAMES SEALE. This info inc. into a report.

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Serial 124 On 9/5/67, [] advised JAMES SEALE returned to work at the Moran Tank Co. in Natchez after he lost his bid to become Sheriff of Franklin County in election on 8/8/67. Source stated that SEALE has a shoulder separation and was to have an operation at the Natchez General Hospital the following day. Source advised 8 to 10 years ago when SEALE was working in the oil fields, he became overheated in the extremely hot weather and injured "heat glands" in his brain and since that time, heat makes him extremely uncomfortable. Source stated that he cannot work in any place where it is very hot. This info inc. into a report.

Serial 125 On 9/20/67, [] advised that JAMES FORD SEALE was a member of the Silver Dollar Group and is of opinion that RALEIGH JACKSON GLOVER is individual who had given SEALE his silver dollar. SEALE attended meeting of the SDG which was held on a sandbar on the Homochitto River in Franklin County, and he attended meeting of this group at the residence of JAMES FREDERICK LEE in the Summer of 1965. Advised that Klan in Franklin County had been totally inactive since 1964 when JAMES FORD SEALE and CHARLES MARCUS EDWARDS were arrested by the MHSP and Agents of the FBI. This info was inc. into a report.

Serial 126 On 9/29/67, [] advised that he was in contact with JAMES SEALE on 9/28/67. When they observed JAMES WHITE standing on a corner, SEALE asked "if that was him." SEALE was invited to SDG meeting but JAMES told him he did not have the funds to run around on such meetings and was not interested. JAMES said his only transportation was to come to Natchez with his wife SHIRLEY when she comes to work at the Tower Loan Co. This info. inc. into a report.

Serial 127 On 10/17/67, [] advised he has no knowledge that JAMES SEALE ever possessed any kits to convert M-1 carbines to M-2 carbines. This info inc. into a report.

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Serial 128 On 10/19/67, [] advised Unit No. 1 broke up very shortly after JAMES SEALE was arrested in 11/64. Unit No. 2 broke up shortly thereafter. JAMES SEALE is a member of Unit No. 1. This info inc. into a report.

Serial 130 On 11/6/67, [] advised on 11/3/67, JAMES FREDERICK LEE and his wife visited in home of L. C. MURRAY. While they were there, JAMES SEALE also came to visit MURRAY. JAMES SEALE commented that he did not think MORACE is furnishing information to the FBI because "he had been down that road." This info inc. into a report.

Serial 131 On 11/8, 9/67, [] advised that JAMES SEALE had told BILL RILEY, Natchez attorney, that he had been interviewed by Agents of the FBI and Agents wanted him to attend meetings of the SDG and furnish info about this group to the FBI. Source stated that JAMES SEALE also told RILEY that JACK SEALE was attending meetings of this group. This info was inc. into a report.

Serial 136 On 12/13/67, [] advised subject attended political meeting at Eola Hotel, Natchez, Miss., on 12/10/67. Meeting held for purpose of organizing group to block vote for a congressman to replace JOHN BELL WILLIAMS when he vacates his post to become Gov. of Miss.

Serial 137 On 12/13/67, [] advised subject attended political meeting at the Eola Hotel in Natchez on 12/10/67.

Serial 142 On 2/3/68, [] advised that is not aware of any activity on part of JAMES SEALE or CLYDE SEALE and believes that WKKKKOM in Franklin County is currently inactive. This info inc. into a report.

Serial 143 On 2/21/68, [] advised subject formerly a member of WKKKKOM, but later changed to UKA. This info inc. into a report.

Serial 145 On 3/21/68, [] advised on 3/19/68, that he talked with CLYDE SEALE and his son, JAMES SEALE, stated that violence is not the answer to the problems in the Klan of Franklin County. He believes CLYDE and JAMES SEALE will eventually get out of the WKKKKOM as they do not agree with the policy of violence currently being advocated by its leader, SAM BOWERS. Stated he talked with CLYDE SEALE and JAMES SEALE and they disclaimed any knowledge or participation in the burning of the Roxie Head Start Center. This info inc. into a report.

Serial 144 On 3/5-6/68, [] advised on 3/6/68, he talked with JAMES SEALE and he did not know the person or persons responsible for the burning of the Roxie Center.

Serial 146 On 4/11/68, [] advised that JACK SEALE made comment that if SAM BOWERS attempted to put pressure on CLYDE and JAMES SEALE to do some type project, he, JACK SEALE, would go take care of BOWERS.

Serial 147 On 5/8/68, [] advised on 4/20/68 BILLY D. BUCKLES contacted JAMES SEALE, former White Knight in Franklin County, Miss. SEALE told BUCKLES he is no longer in the White Knights and that he was looking out for number one and feels lucky that he was not sent to the penitentiary for his past acts of violence. This info inc. into a report.

Serial 148 On 5/3/68, [] advised he contacted JAMES SEALE on 4/25/68 and he appeared to be disenchanted with the Klan. This info inc. into a report.

Serial 149 On 5/29/68, [] advised SEALE reported on 5/18/68, that he is no longer interested in Klan activity. This info inc. into a report.

Serial 150 On 6/17 and 24/68, [] advised that JAMES SEALE was a member of the now disbanded White Knights and is considered "hard core". He is relatively active in klan activities in Franklin County and capable of acts of violence and might have some knowledge of burning of Spring Hill Baptist Church on June 23, 1968.

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Serial 155 On 9/6, 20 and 24/68, [] advised on 9/24/68, that to his knowledge there is no Klan activity in Franklin County and that JAMES and CLYDE SEALE are currently inactive. This info inc. into a report.

Serial 156 On 10/28/68, [] advised subject not active in any Klan unit and no activity in Franklin County, Miss. This info inc. into a report.

Serial 157 On 11/18/68, [] advised SA PAUL W. ROEMER that subject no longer active in any Klan or hate type group. This info inc. into a report.

Serial 158 On 12/17/68, [] advised JAMES SEALE had visited his brother JACK SEALE wanting to get in touch with ERNEST GILBERT and JOE OUR. JAMES SEALE is allegedly going to crop duster school in Memphis and plans on leaving Miss. at the conclusion of the course.

Serial 159 On 2/20/69, [] advised JAMES SEALE, brother of JACK, is going to a crop dusting school at Merigold, Miss., through Johnny Dlar Flying School.

Serial 162 On 4/12, 14, 15/69, [] advised JAMES FORD SEALE is no longer active in any Klan activity or organization in the Adams County area.

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Title of Case JAMES FORD SEALE		Report made by SA GEORGE P. GAMBLIN	Typed By: blh
		Character of Case RM (KLAN)	

~~XXXXXX~~NON-PROSECUTIVE SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMARY REPORTREFERENCE :

Jackson report of SA EARL E. BOYD, 12/28/67.

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ENCLOSURES:

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Copy to: 1 - SECRET SERVICE, JACKSON (RM)
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Report of: SA GEORGE P. GAMBLIN
Date: April 17, 1969

Office: JACKSON

Field Office File #: JN 157-950

Bureau File #: 157-3676

Title: JAMES FORD SEALE

Character: RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

Synopsis:

JAMES FORD SEALE is currently unemployed and resides 20 Dogwood Drive, Natchez, Miss. SEALE operates a 1967 Ford Galaxie 500, four-door, black in color, manufacturers number 7A54C205208, bearing Franklin County, Miss. 1969 License 19C1423. Informants advised SEALE is inactive in the Ku Klux Klan. SEALE interviewed and advised that he is no longer affiliated with any Klan group and the WKKKKOM in Franklin County, Miss., is now defunct. He was formerly a member of the Silver Dollar Group characterized as a hard-core action group composed of present and former members of the WKKKKOM, UKA, and the OKKKK of Louisiana.

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DETAILS:

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

I. RESIDENCE

On April 16, 1969, WILLIAM T. FERRELL, Sheriff, Adams County, Natchez, Mississippi, advised that JAMES FORD SEALE currently resides at 20 Dogwood Drive, Natchez, Mississippi.

II. EMPLOYMENT

On April 16, 1969, WILLIAM T. FERRELL, Sheriff, Adams County, Natchez, Mississippi, advised that SEALE is currently unemployed.

III. CURRENT POSITION IN ORGANIZATION

Contact with various sources has developed no indication that JAMES FORD SEALE has ever held an office in the Klan. On interview August 7, 1968, SEALE advised that he is no longer affiliated with any Klan group and stated the WKKKOM in Franklin County is now defunct.

IV. AUTOMOBILE

On April 14, 1969, KIRBY SHELL, Sheriff, Franklin County, Ruleville, Mississippi, advised that

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SEALE operates a 1967 Ford Galaxie 500, four-door, black in color, manufacturers number 7A54C205208, bearing Franklin County 1969 Mississippi License 19C1423.

V. ACTIVITIES OF SUBJECT

JN T-1 advised on February 3, 1968, that he was not aware of any activity on the part of JAMES SEALE and stated he believed that the WKKKKOM in Franklin County, Mississippi, is currently inactive.

JN T-2 on February 21, 1968, advised that JAMES FORD SEALE is formerly a member of the WKKKKOM, but later changed over to the UKA, Inc.

JN T-3 advised on March 21, 1968, that he believed JAMES SEALE will eventually get out of the WKKKKOM, as he does not agree with the policy of violence advocated by its leader, SAM HOLLOWAY BOWERS.

On May 8, 1968, JN T-2 advised that on April 20, 1968, BILLY D. BUCKLES contacted JAMES SEALE, former WKKKKOM member in Franklin County, Mississippi. SEALE told BUCKLES he is no longer in the White Knights and that he was looking out for number one. JN T-2 stated SEALE feels lucky that he was not sent to the penitentiary for his past acts of violence of which he would not be specific.

JN T-3 advised on May 3, 1968, that JAMES SEALE appeared to be disenchanted with the Klan.

JN T-2 advised on May 29, 1968, that JAMES SEALE indicated to BILLY BUCKLES that he is no longer interested in Klan activity.

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

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

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

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

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

On 8/7/68 at Natchez, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-950

by SA GEORGE P. GAMBLIN/brh Date dictated 8/9/68

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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JN T-4 advised on September 24, 1968, that JAMES SEALE is currently inactive in Klan activities and to his knowledge, there is no Klan activity in Franklin County, Mississippi.

JN T-5 advised on October 28, 1968, November 18, 1968, and April 15, 1969, that JAMES FORD SEALE is no longer active in any Klan or hate-type organization. The source stated that the Silver Dollar Group is currently inactive.

A P P E N D I X

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

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

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

APPENDIXSILVER DOLLAR GROUP

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

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

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

APPENDIX

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.

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

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

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

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

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

April 17, 1969

Title JAMES FORD SEALE

Character RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

Reference Report of Special Agent George
P. Gamblin dated and captioned
as above.

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

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April 17, 1969

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

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 John Edgar Hoover

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Date 8/12/68

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On 8/7/68 at Natchez, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-950 -154
by SA GEORGE P. GAMBLIN/brh Date dictated 8/9/68

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-950) (C)

DATE: 8/12/68

FROM : SA GEORGE P. GAMBLIN

SUBJECT: JAMES SEALE
RM (KLAN)

SEALE was interviewed on 8/7/68 by SA GEORGE P. GAMBLIN at Tops Cafe in Natchez, Miss. He furnished information pertaining to former klansmen in the Franklin County area, denied current membership or activity and claimed not to be aware of the identities or activities of current klansmen. SEALE expressed the opinion that the klan in Franklin County is now defunct. He is friendly and cooperative, but does not want to be contacted at his home.

In view of the fact that he is no longer associated with the klan it is suggested that this case be closed.



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**VERIFICATION OF INFORMATION CONCERNING SUBJECTS OF KLAN AND
WHITE HATE-TYPE ORGANIZATIONS**

MEMORANDUM RE: **JAMES FORD SEALE**Office File: **JN 157-950**

The following is the most recent place of residence, employment, employment address, and organizational position of subject as contained in the files of this office:

Residence: **Route 2, Box 94, Meadville, Miss. (Bunkley Community)**Employment: **Unemployed (1/3/68)**

Address:

Organization and Position: **Contact with various sources developed no indication
subject has ever held an office in the Klan.
Subject is member of SDG.**

It is requested the place of employment, address of employment, residence address, and organizational position of subject be verified and the proper notation made below. It should also be determined if the subject still meets the criteria for investigation as set forth in Section 122A of the Manual of Instructions.

Date: **11/26/68** - New Address - **29 Duckpond Rd.
Natchez, Miss.**Verified by SA: **George P. Gambelin** emp - **S.B. Thomas Equipment**An LHM should be submitted to Bureau & interested agencies ☐ Yes ☒ No

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File Reviewed **11/25/68**☐ Subject meets above criteria☒ Subject does not meet above criteria

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Memorandum

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TO : SAC , JACKSON [REDACTED]

DATE: 7/9/68

FROM : SA GEORGE P. GAMBLIN

☐ CI ☐ SI ☒ R (Prob)☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

Dates of Contact

6/13, 21, 29/68

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KKK ACTIVITY, FRANKLIN CO.

JN 157-569

JAMES SEALE

JN 157-950

CLYDE SEALE

JN 157-951

D. C. GRIFFEN

JN 157-9881

MONETTE RATCLIFF

JN 157-10052

Purpose and results of contact

☒ NEGATIVE☐ POSITIVE☐ STATISTIC

Source contacted 6/13/68, 6/21/68, and 6/29/68 and advised he had been ill and has been treated by a physician for a nervous condition.

Source stated he is employed full time at the International Paper Co., owns and operates a cattle farm, and indicated his physician had instructed him that he is "a bundle of nerves" and might have a nervous breakdown at any time unless he slows down. The source indicated he is deathly afraid of SAMUEL HOLLOWAY BOWERS, JR., L. E. MATTHEWS, JOE DANIEL HAWKINS and the group in Jackson, Miss. He pointed out if he keeps showing up without joining the WKKKKOM, this group will become suspicious and might even attempt to take his life.

Source stated he cannot be of any service to the FBI without joining the WKKKKOM and does not wish to become involved again with the SAM BOWERS group.

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

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Source was unable to furnish any information pertaining to KKK activities in Franklin Co., Miss., or the following Klansmen:

JAMES SEALE;

CLYDE SEALE;

D. C. GRIFFEN;

MONETTE RATCLIFF.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-950)

FROM : SA BENJAMIN F. GRAVES

SUBJECT: JAMES SEALE
RM (KLAN)

DATE: 2/20/68

KIRBY SHELL, Sheriff, Franklin County, Miss., was contacted in his office at Meadville, Miss., by SAs GEORGE P. GAMBLIN and the writer on 2/17/68. SHELL stated that on 2/16/68 the subject obtained 1968 Miss. license tag 19-1948 for a 1967 Ford Galaxie, four door, black in color. SHELL stated that the subject had recently purchased this vehicle from Scarbrough Motors in Meadville, Miss. SHELL stated that SEALE's address on the tag application is Route 2, Meadville, Miss.

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Date 2/9/68

HILTON M. ZUMBRO, Box 125, Bude, Mississippi, supervisor of District 3 in Franklin County, Mississippi, was advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and the nature of the inquiry.

Mr. ZUMBRO stated he had never been a member of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi (WKKKKOM) or any other Klan organization but had been invited to join the Klan on two occasions during the past. He stated insofar as the WKKKKOM is concerned in Franklin County, they are "dead." He said that he had heard that CLYDE WENTWORTH was the Exalted Cyclops of one unit and CLYDE SEALE had been in the past the Exalted Cyclops of another unit which formerly operated in Franklin County.

Mr. ZUMBRO pointed out that he has not heard of any Klan activity in Franklin County since about 1965. At one time the Klan was strong in Franklin County, but after the death of EARL HODGE the Klan "fell apart."

Mr. ZUMBRO was not aware of any current activity on the part of JAMES or CLYDE SEALE.

In addition, Mr. ZUMBRO said that he was not aware of the identities of the individuals who committed the bombings in Natchez, Mississippi. He was shown the photographs of the bombing suspects in Jackson, Mississippi, and stated he was not aware of the identities of these individuals.

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by SA GEORGE P. GAMBLIN:mif

Date dictated 2/6/68

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The following is a description of ZUMBRO as obtained from observation and interview:

Name	HILTON M. ZUMBRO
Residence	Box 125, Bude, Mississippi
Occupation	Supervisor, District 3, Franklin County, Missis- sippi
Race	Caucasian
Sex	Male
Age	49
Date of Birth	January 25, 1919
Place of Birth	Route 1, Meadville, Mississippi
Height	67½ inches
Weight	178 pounds
Hair	Brown
Complexion	Fair
Eyes	Brown
Education	High school and 3½ years at University of Southern Mississippi
Marital Status	Married
Wife	BOBBIE NELL DULIN
Children	Three
Vehicles	1965 Oldsmobile, green, four door, bearing 1968 Mississippi license 19-334; 1964 Ford, green, pickup, bearing 1968 Mississippi license F/6 33787

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FRANK ALLEN, Smithdale, Mississippi, Route 1, the president of the Board of Supervisors for Franklin County, Mississippi, was advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and the nature of the inquiry at the outset of the interview.

Mr. ALLEN advised that he joined Unit Number Two of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi (WKKKKOM), Franklin County, sometime during 1963 but never attended a meeting. He pointed out that during this time the Klan was strong in Franklin County, and it was politically expedient to belong to the Klan at this time.

Mr. ALLEN stated that he had no personal knowledge of any violence committed by Klansmen in Franklin County. He stated that he is opposed to violence in any form and said that the WKKKKOM is inactive at the present time.

Mr. ALLEN said that he had never heard anything about the murder of EARL HODGE, on or about August 14, or August 15, 1965, except that he was allegedly murdered by Klansmen. He stated that he is opposed to violence in every form, and in the event he learns of any Klan activity in Franklin County he will immediately notify the FBI.

Mr. ALLEN pointed out that the Klan had been inactive for at least three years and believed that the killing of EARL HODGE more or less broke the backbone of the Klan. He pointed out that HODGE was a former Klansman and sentiment was aroused in the county when he was murdered.

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Mr. ALLEN stated that CLYDE WENTWORTH was the Exalted Cyclops of one of the units of the WKKKKOM and CLYDE SEALE was the Exalted Cyclops of another unit in Franklin County.

Mr. ALLEN knows of no recent Klan meetings, has no knowledge of any explosives or gun caches in Franklin County, and to his knowledge the Klan is dead.

Mr. ALLEN stated he was unable to furnish any information regarding the WHARLEST JACKSON case or the GEORGE METCALFE bombings.

Mr. ALLEN was shown the photographs of the principal suspects in the Jackson, Mississippi, bombings and stated that he was not aware of the identity of anyone appearing in the photographs.

The following is a description of ALLEN as obtained from interview and observation:

Name	FRANK ALLEN
Residence	Route 1, Smithdale, Mississippi
Occupation	President, Board of Supervisors, Franklin County, Mississippi
Age	Sixty
Date of Birth	February 24, 1907
Place of Birth	Call, Texas
Race	Caucasian
Sex	Male
Height	66 inches
Weight	140 pounds

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Hair
Complexion
Eyes
Education

Marital Status
Automobile

Bald, gray
Fair
Brown
High school and one
year in college
Married
1966 blue Dodge Coronet,
four-door sedan, bearing
1968 Mississippi license
19-533

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-950) (P)

DATE: 2/7/68

FROM : SA GEORGE P. GAMBLIN

SUBJECT: JAMES SEALE
RM (KLAN)

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On 2/3/68, [REDACTED] advised that he knew of no current activity on the part of JAMES SEALE and believes that the WKKKKOM in Franklin County, is no longer active.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-950) (P*)

DATE: 1/3/68

FROM : SA EARL E. BOYD

SUBJECT: JAMES FORD SEALE
RM - KLAN

KIRBY SHELL, Deputy Sheriff, Franklin County SO, Meadville, Miss., advised SA BOYD on 12/21/67, that subject continues to reside at Route 2, Box 94, Meadville, Miss., in the Bunkley Community.

SHELL stated that the following 1968 Miss. license plates have been issued subject for the vehicles indicated:

19-1407 for a 1965 white Oldsmobile, F-85,
VIN 336 695 M 202 491;

19-1785 for a 1966 gray Dodge Coronet,
VIN WE 41 B6725 2846.

SHELL advised that to his knowledge, subject is presently unemployed.

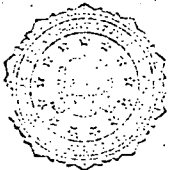
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

December 28, 1967

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

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

RE: JAMES FORD SEALE

Dear Sir:

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

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

Photograph ☐ has been furnished ☐ enclosed ☐ is not available
☐ may be available through _____

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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		Character of Case RM (KLAN)	

NON-PROSECUTIVE SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMARY REPORTREFERENCES:

Report of SA THOMPSON BERRY WEBB at Jackson dated 6/22/67.

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LEADS:JACKSONAT NATCHEZ, MISSISSIPPI

Will maintain contact with logical informants and follow the activities of JAMES FORD SEALE.

Approved <i>[Signature]</i>	Special Agent in Charge	Do not write in spaces below	
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Report of: SA EARL E. BOYD
Date: 12/28/67

Office: JACKSON

Field Office File #: JN 157-950

Bureau File #: 157-3676

Title:

JAMES FORD SEALE

Character: RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

Synopsis:

JAMES FORD SEALE presently unemployed but continues to reside at Route 2, Box 94, Meadville, Mississippi. The following vehicles and 1968 Mississippi licenses are registered to SEALE: a 1965 white Oldsmobile bearing 1968 Mississippi registration 19-1407; a 1966 gray Dodge Coronet bearing 1968 Mississippi license 19-1785. No information developed to date that SEALE is an officer in a Ku Klux Klan group but informants report that SEALE is a member of the Silver Dollar Group. Latter group has been described as a hard core action group composed of present and former members of the WKKKKOM, UKA, and the OKKKKOL.

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DETAILS:

Characterizations of the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, United Klans of America, and the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi are included in the appendix of this report.

On April 4, 1967, JN T-1 and on May 3, 1967, JN T-2 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, United Klans of America, 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 obtained by invitation and upon receipt of a silver one dollar coin from the group organizer, RALEIGH JACKSON GLOVER.

I. RESIDENCE

KIRBY SHELL, Deputy Sheriff, Franklin County Sheriff's Office, Meadville, Mississippi, advised December 21, 1967, that JAMES FORD SEALE continues to reside at Route 2, Box 94, Meadville, Mississippi, in the Bunkley community.

II. EMPLOYMENT

KIRBY SHELL, Deputy Sheriff, Franklin County Sheriff's Office, Meadville, Mississippi, advised December 21, 1967, that to his knowledge JAMES FORD SEALE is presently unemployed.

III. CURRENT POSITION IN ORGANIZATION

Contact with the various sources has developed no indication that JAMES FORD SEALE has ever held an office in the Klan.

JN T-8 advised September 20, 1967, that JAMES FORD SEALE was a member of the Silver Dollar Group and source was of the opinion that RALEIGH JACKSON GLOVER is the individual who had given SEALE his silver dollar.

IV. AUTOMOBILES

A 1965 white Oldsmobile F-85 model, Vehicle Identification Number 336695M202491, bearing 1968 Mississippi license 19-1407; a 1966 gray Dodge Coronet, Vehicle Identification Number WE41B67252846, bearing 1968 Mississippi license 19-1785.

V. ACTIVITIES OF SUBJECT

JN T-1 advised June 6, 1967, that E. D. MORACE 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 or Mercury. MORACE was told by SEALE that they were interested in getting the Silver Dollar Group together and asked MORACE'S assistance. MORACE told SEALE that RALEIGH JACKSON GLOVER would be the proper person to see. SEALE then said that they had tried to see GLOVER but could not find him.

JN T-2 advised June 21, 1967, that an occasional meeting of the Silver Dollar Group was held sometime in 1965. Present at the meeting were R. J. GLOVER, JAMES F. LEE, JAMES SEALE, and CLYDE SEALE. All of these individuals displayed silver dollars as a sign of unity for an upcoming local trial of JAMES SEALE.

JN T-3 advised May 22, 1967, that JAMES FORD SEALE had attended an Original Knights of America rally at Laurel, Mississippi, on May 20, 1967.

JN T-4 advised July 21, 1967, that JAMES FORD SEALE, of the Bunkley community, is candidate for sheriff in Franklin County, and general rumor is that he will win because he is capitalizing on Federal Government intervention into various phases such as the Office of Economic Opportunity, Federal registrars for voting, etc.

JN T-5 advised July 18, 1967, that ERNEST GILBERT has been in touch with JAMES FORD SEALE in the recent past at which time the main topic of their conversation was the political situation in Mississippi.

JN T-6 advised August 15, 1967, that JAMES FORD SEALE attended a meeting of the Silver Dollar Group sometime in late 1964 or early 1965. Individuals present beside SEALE were L. C. MURRAY, WALTER GENE HALL, JACK SEALE, and ERNEST PARKER.

JN T-6 again advised on August 15, 1967, that JAMES FORD SEALE had attended the fish fry meeting of the Silver Dollar Group on June 26, 1965, at the residence of JAMES FREDERICK LEE at Wildsville, Louisiana. Accompanying SEALE to the meeting were L. C. MURRAY, ERNEST PARKER, JACK SEALE, and ERNEST FINLEY. During the afternoon charcoal, saltpeter, and some other ingredient were ground up in a coffee grinder in an effort to make an explosive powder. Their attempt to do so met with failure.

JN T-7 advised August 15, 1967, that sometime during 1964 shortly after the Silver Dollar Group had been organized by RALEIGH JACKSON GLOVER, JAMES FORD SEALE, L. C. MURRAY, and ERNEST BUCHANAN PARKER were taken into the group.

JN T-7 continued that the first meeting of this group that he attended was held on the sandbar of the Homochitto River near the bridge beyond Meadville, Mississippi. This was approximately one month after organization of the group by GLOVER. Present at this meeting were the following: L. C. MURRAY, JACK SEALE, JAMES FORD SEALE, ERNEST FINLEY, R. J. "RED" GLOVER, JAMES FREDERICK "RED" LEE, JAMES LEE SCAROBOROUGH, WALTER GENE HALL, and possibly ERNEST B. PARKER.

This source advised that the following members of the Silver Dollar Group were present at the second meeting which he attended: TOMMIE LEE JONES, T. L. TORGENSEN, L. C. MURRAY, JACK SEALE, JAMES SEALE, WALTER GENE HALL, ERNEST FINLEY, RALPH CHARLES SALVEY, RALPH DAY, LUTHER HART, "RED" GLOVER, JAMES F. "RED" LEE, JIMMY SCAROBOROUGH, and NORMAN HEAD. The trunk of SALVEY'S car was loaded with possibly twenty to thirty bologna type sticks of dynamite.

This source continued that on June 26, 1965, a fish fry was held at "RED" LEE'S home in Wildsville, Louisiana.

Attending the meeting in ERNEST PARKER'S red Ford automobile were JACK SEALE, JAMES SEALE, L. C. MURRAY, and ERNEST FINLEY. Also in attendance at the meeting were THOR L. TORGERSEN, "RED" LEE, "RED" GLOVER, NORMAN HEAD, SONNY TAYLOR, E. D. MORACE, and BUCK HORTON.

JN T-5 advised August 24, 1967, that the following individuals were actively engaged in activities and were members of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi (WKKKKKOM) in the McComb-Natchez, Mississippi, area during 1964: CHARLIE SALVEY, CLYDE SEALE, JACK SEALE, JAMES SEALE, RALPH DAY, ERNEST GILBERT.

JN T-7 advised September 5, 1967, that JAMES SEALE had returned to work at the Moran Tank Company, Natchez, Mississippi, after he lost his bid to become sheriff of Franklin County, Mississippi, in the election on August 8, 1967. Source stated that JAMES SEALE had a shoulder separation and was to have an operation at the Natchez General Hospital on the following day. Source continued that SEALE is unable to work in any place where it is very hot.

JN T-8 advised September 20, 1967, that JAMES FORD SEALE was a member of the Silver Dollar Group and source was of the opinion that RALEIGH JACKSON GLOVER was the individual who had given SEALE his silver dollar. Source advised that SEALE attended a meeting of the Silver Dollar Group which was held on a sandbar on the Homochitto River in Franklin County, Mississippi, and he attended the meeting of this group at the residence of JAMES FREDERICK LEE in the summer of 1965. Source identified the additional following individuals as being members of the Silver Dollar Group: JACK SEALE, L. C. MURRAY, ERNEST PARKER, ERNEST FINLEY (deceased), THOR LEE TORGERSEN, TOMMIE LEE JONES, CHARLES SALVEY, RALPH DAY, WALTER GENE HALL, E. D. MORACE, JAMES LEE SCARBOROUGH.

JN T-8 continued on September 20, 1967, that there is no active Klan in Franklin County, Mississippi, at the present time. Source advised that the Klan in Franklin County had been totally inactive since 1964 when JAMES FORD SEALE and CHARLES MARCUS EDWARDS were arrested by the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol and FBI Agents. Source stated that the arrest of these two individuals frightened the other Klansmen so that they lost interest in Klan activities.

JN T-7 advised September 29, 1967, that he had conversed with JAMES FORD SEALE on September 28, 1967. They observed JAMES WHITE, and the source commented that there is the pheasant breeder. JAMES SEALE replied, "Is that him?" Source commented he was the individual who had put BBs in TOMMIE JONES. SEALE commented, "Yeah, if he hadn't shot a picket (of a fence) off he would have gotten WALTER GENE (HALL)". They commented that WHITE no longer had the sign on his vehicle about the pheasants.

This source again advised that JACK SEALE had attempted to get JAMES SEALE to attend a Silver Dollar Group meeting on October 1, 1967. JAMES SEALE declined invitation as he did not have the funds to travel to the meeting. JAMES SEALE stated that his only transportation available to come to Natchez was with his wife's, SHIRLEY'S, vehicle when she comes to work at the Tower Loan Company.

JN T-7 advised October 17, 1967, that he had no knowledge that JAMES SEALE ever possessed any kits to convert M-1 carbine to M-2 carbine.

JN T-8 advised October 19, 1967, that JAMES FORD SEALE had been a member of Unit Number 1 of the WKKKKOM of Franklin County in about 1962. Source continued that this unit broke up very shortly after SEALE was arrested in November, 1964.

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JN T-6 advised November 6, 1967, that JAMES FREDERICK LEE and JAMES FORD SEALE had visited in the home of L. C. MURRAY on November 3, 1967. The subject of conversation was the identity of individuals furnishing information to the FBI. LEE was of the opinion that E. D. MORACE had furnished information. Source stated that JAMES SEALE commented that he did not think MORACE is furnishing information to the FBI because "he had been down that road". Source stated that he thought this comment meant that SEALE knew that MORACE had committed some type of act of violence in the past and this is the reason he did not think MORACE was talking to the FBI.

JN T-7 advised November 8, 1967, that JAMES SEALE had told BILL RILEY, Natchez, Mississippi, attorney, that he had been interviewed by Agents of the FBI and the Agents wanted him to attend meetings of the Silver Dollar Group and furnish information he learned about this group to the FBI. Source stated that JAMES SEALE also told RILEY that JACK SEALE was attending meetings of this group.

IV. INTERVIEW OF SUBJECT

Date 8/3/67

JAMES FORD SEALE was contacted near Highway 98, approximately three miles west of Meadville, Mississippi, as he and an unknown individual were preparing a pickup truck for use in SEALE's campaign for Sheriff of Franklin County. He was advised that the interviewing Agent would like to talk with him for a few minutes.

SEALE, who knows the identity of the interviewing Agent, stated, "I will not talk to the God damn FBI now or ever".

SEALE, immediately after the above statement, turned his back and walked toward a house some 70 or 80 feet from the roadside where he was contacted.

On 7/31/67 at Franklin County Mississippi

by SA REESIE L. TIMMONS/jls

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A P P E N D I X

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

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

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

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.

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

A source advised that on February 15, 1964, approximately 200 members of the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan 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 WKKKKOM is an unincorporated, secret organization existing in the State of Mississippi and formed for the sole purpose of preserving white supremacy regardless of the cost and including the use of force and violence. The official constitution and other directives of the organization do not openly advocate the use of force or violence; however, it is generally conceded among the members that in the end force and violence will be the salvation of the white man regarding his relationship with the Negro race. The WKKKKOM is controlled by the Imperial Wizard and state officers. The state is divided into districts and provinces. There is an estimated membership as of 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.



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Post Office Box 1450
Jackson, Mississippi 39205
January 3, 1967

Title JAMES FORD SEALE

Character RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

Reference Non-Prosecutive Supplemental
Summary Report of Special Agent
Earl E. Boyd, dated December 28,
1967, 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

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-950)

DATE: 12/7/67

FROM : SA CLARENCE G. PROSPERE

SUBJECT: JAMES FORD SEALE
RM - KLAN

Re report of SA THOMPSON BERRY WEBB, at Jackson,
6/22/67.

This case is being placed in a pending inactive status, however, under the new rule, it is about time for a memorandum to be submitted to the file or a letter to the Bureau.

In view of the retirement of SA CLARENCE G. PROSPERE, it suggested this case be reassigned.

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SA Thompson
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TO : SAC, JACKSON [REDACTED]

DATE: 10/30/67

FROM : Clerk, JOYCE MARTIN

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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REX ARMSTEAD, CHARLES E. SNODGRASS,
MISS. HIGHWAY SAFETY PATROL;
JAMES FORD SEALE - VICTIM

Serial 2 On 6/28/65, EDWIN E. BENOIST, County Prosecutor, Adams County, Natchez, Miss., advised that prior to June 19, 1965, the matter relating to charges against REX ARMSTEAD and CHARLES E. SNODGRASS, Investigators for the Miss. Highway Safety Patrol, was set by the Adams County Court, Natchez, Miss., for trial on June 29, 1965.

Mr. BENOIST further advised that on 6/26/65, a hearing was conducted by Judge ROBERT A. BONDS, Adams County Court, Natchez, during which a continuance in this matter was granted based upon a motion by the defense. This continuance was granted over the objections of Special Prosecutor WILLIAM F. RILEY. Judge BONDS continued the matter until an unspecified date during the next term of the Adams County Court which begins on July 12, 1965.

Serial 8 Jackson LHM dated 7/26/65.

On 7/26/65, County Prosecutor EDWIN BENOIST, Adams County, advised that the matter pertaining to REX ARMSTEAD and CHARLES E. SNODGRASS, MHSP, had been delayed in Adams Co. Court until an unspecified date after 9/1/65, due to the inability of the Special Prosecutor to handle the case because of personal problems.

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Serial 13f Jackson LHM, dated 10/18/65.
On 10/15/65, EDWIN BENOIST, County Prosecutor, Adams County, advised that on 10/11/65, WILLIAM F. RILEY, Special Prosecutor, Adams County Circuit Court, that he and lawyers for the defense in the matter relating to REX ARMSTEAD and CHARLES E. SNODGRASS were working toward a settlement of the matter without further court action.

Serial 16 Jackson LHM, dated 11/23/65.
On 11/17/65, EDWIN BENOIST, advised that at the request of Adams County Special Prosecutor, WILLIAM F. RILEY, the matter pertaining to REX ARMSTEAD and CHARLES E. SNODGRASS had been retired to the files of the Adams County Circuit Court, Adams County, Natchez, Miss. BENOIST stated that it was not expected that this matter would ever again be considered by the Adams County Circuit Court.

44-2044 UNSUBS;
WHARLEST JACKSON - VICTIMS

Serial 380, On 3/9/67, former [redacted] advised that WALTER
p.QQ GENE HALL formerly worked with SEALE. SEALE
still lives in the Bunkley Community near Roxie, and commutes some 90 miles each way daily with DON SEALE. Both SEALEs are doing welding work on the old river bridge. Source advised that JAMES SEALE has a 1966 Dodge Coronet, gray in color, 1967 Miss. License 19-134, and a 1965 white Oldsmobile, 1967 Miss. License 19-1340. Mrs. JAMES SEALE drives the Oldsmobile to work in Natchez daily. Source stated that he is convinced that JAMES SEALE and JACK DAVIS, Constable of Roxie, Miss., had coffee about 7:00 p.m. at the City Cafe in Roxie; went to the meeting of the Americans for the Preservation of the White Race at the courthouse from about 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. on February 27, 1967. FOIA(b)7 - (D)

PAGE YY [redacted] advised on 3/7/67 that he heard that in the recent past JAMES SEALE of Franklin County, Miss., told ERNEST PARKER of Natchez, that the individuals who killed WHARLEST JACKSON should be killed themselves. Source stated that SEALE also commented that the killing of JACKSON hurt his (SEALE's) chances of becoming sheriff of Franklin County.

Serial 530, SA RODMAN report at Jackson, dated 4/4/67.
 Page J [redacted] advised on 3/17/67, that JAMES SEALE lost his job in Baton Rouge, La., after Agents of the FBI attempted to interview him. SEALE was welding on the old bridge in Baton Rouge, La., when this happened.

Page M Information set forth that WALTER GENE HALL was in the WKKKKOM, and he was a close associate of JAMES SEALE.

Page U Former [redacted] advised that he could determine from JAMES SEALE if he had been in contact with any members of the Silver Dollar Group in the recent past.

Page V Former [redacted] advised on 3/26/67, that he talked with JAMES SEALE on 3/26/67, and learned SEALE will not talk with Bureau Agents because he is of the opinion they were responsible for his losing his welding job in Baton Rouge, La. JAMES SEALE did not indicate to source that he had, in the recent past, been in contact with any members of the Silver Dollar Group.

Page 116 RALPH HALL DAY, located at his used car lot, Highway 550, Brookhaven, Miss., advised that he does not know R. J. (RED) GLOVER, JACK SEALE, JAMES SEALE, or CLYDE SEALE. He advised he did sell an automobile to an individual from Meadville, Miss., by the name of DON SEALE approximately 18 months ago.

Page 133 Mrs. ELLA F. ATKINS, Manager, Credit Bureau of Natchez, 423½ Main Street, Natchez, Miss., made her records available regarding JAMES F. SEALE to SA BENJAMIN F. GRAVES on March 16, 1967, and they reflect the following information:

Wife:	SHIRLEY ANN SEALE
Residence:	Route 2, Box 94, Meadville, Miss.
Children:	Three
Former residences:	2814 Itaska Drive; 122 Grape Street; 403 Orleans; 201 Clifton; 402 North Pearl, all Natchez, Miss.

Employment: Mid-South Corporation,
Roxie, Miss. (as of 10/29/65)
Former employment: "Natchez Times," Linotype
operator, Natchez, Miss.;
Foster's Funeral Home, city
not indicated.

These records reflected a letter dated February 4, 1965, from the Texaco Company to SEALE regarding his account No. 53-773-7995-2 which reflected that his account balance was \$56.33.

These records reflected the following information regarding SHIRLEY ANN SEALE, wife of JAMES F. SEALE:

Date of birth; January 9, 1935
Place of birth: (not indicated)
Employment: Tower Loan Company,
position - bookkeeper,
salary - \$80 per week.

Page 134 On 3/24/67, Mrs. JAMES SEALE who is employed at the Tower Loan Co., Franklin St., Natchez, stopped SA CLARENCE G. PROSPERE at the Post Office, Natchez, Miss., at which time she advised that her husband, JAMES FORD SEALE, had been fired from his job at Baton Rouge, La., where he was working as a welder. Mrs. SEALE stated that she and her husband felt that FBI Agents were responsible for her husband losing his job since the Agents came to his job in Baton Rouge on two occasions in an effort to interview JAMES SEALE. Mrs. SEALE stated that her husband had only recently gotten to the point where he felt he could be interviewed by Bureau Agents.

Mrs. SEALE pointed out that her husband had previously been arrested by FBI Agents and investigators of the Mississippi Highway Patrol on which occasion her husband had been mistreated. She stated for this reason her husband did not wish to be interviewed by Bureau Agents. Mrs. SEALE stated that through the efforts of her husband's brother, "JACK" SEALE, he had been persuaded to cooperate and talk to FBI Agents; however, after he had lost his job in Baton Rouge, La., he was again in the position where he did not wish to be interviewed by Bureau Agents.

Serial 632 SA RODMAN report at Jackson, dated 4/18/67.
 Page J [redacted] advised on 3/31/67, that JAMES SEALE was in OKKKK, WKKKKOM and UKA. He is running for sheriff in Franklin Co., Miss. If he wins he might arrest FBI Agents coming into the county before checking with him.

Page Q [redacted] advised on 3/29/67, that he had never known DONALD HOLLAND of Meadville, Miss., as being a member of any klan group. Source stated he had heard HOLLAND is not supporting JAMES SEALE in his candidacy for sheriff of Franklin Co., Miss.

Page Y [redacted] advised on 4/7/67 that around 1964, when two Negroes were found murdered and thrown into a river, that JACK SEALE was in possession of a Thompson Submachine Gun. Source advised that after the two Negroes' bodies were discovered there was very much "heat" put on the klan and that JACK SEALE hid this Thompson Submachine Gun in a well or cistern on the property of SEALE's father in Franklin Co., Miss. Source advised that SEALE wrapped this Gun in a waterproof canvas and for all he knows this machine gun may still be in the well on the property of SEALE's father. Source stated he heard that JAMES SEALE and JACK SEALE were in on the killing of the above two Negro boys.

Page CCC On viewing photographs on suspected members of the Silver Dollar Group, [redacted] identified JAMES F. SEALE.

Page 123 Mrs. JAMES HORACE TAYLOR advised on 4/5/67 that the names, JAMES SEALE, JACK SEALE AND NORMAN HEAD were unknown to her.

Page 161 Upon viewing photographs of known klansmen, CECIL MAYO PEOPLES identified photographs of L. C. MURRAY, JAMES SEALE and ERNEST AVANTS as being identical with individuals whom he is acquainted with in the Natchez area. PEOPLES refused to state whether he attended any klan activities with any of these individuals.

Page MMM On June 2, 1966, [redacted] advised that on a recent trip to Natchez, Miss. - Vidalia, La., area he was able to determine that J. B. TEMPLETON, BUCK HORTON, NORMAN HEAD, JACK SEALE and JAMES SEALE are still very active klansmen who have and would resort to violence.

Serial 747 SA RODMAN report at Jackson, dated 5/2/67.
 Page H Former [redacted] furnished the following information on 4/13/67: Source stated that sometime in 1965, in Natchez, Miss., when JAMES SEALE and some members of the Miss. Highway Safety Patrol had problems regarding a camera that SEALE had, he knows that L. C. MURRAY and JACK SEALE learned about the incident while they were on the apron of the pavement in front of the Holiday Inn in Natchez playing tapes. Source stated JAMES SEALE came by their location as did DAVID BLOUGH, an Adams Co. Deputy Sheriff, and there was some conversation to the effect that BLOUGH did not want to serve the warrants which JAMES SEALE had sworn out against some members of the MHSP. Source stated JAMES SEALE followed BLOUGH to the County Courthouse so BLOUGH would not warn the members of the MHSP about the outstanding warrants against some of their members.

Source advised SEALE resides in Meadville, Miss., and he was formerly in the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, the WKKKKOM and the UKA.

Page V On 4/22/67, [redacted] advised that JAMES HORACE TAYLOR contacted R. J. "RED" GLOVER on 4/18/67 at his residence. During this contact, GLOVER stated there had originally been 52 members in the Silver Dollar Group but that he, GLOVER, was still culling out members. GLOVER also stated that they were backing JAMES SEALE for sheriff and that they would celebrate SEALE's victory in the election by hanging a Negro.

Page 25 JOEL RAY FREEMAN, 103 Lee Street, Vidalia, La., advised on 4/14/67 that he did not know JAMES SEALE.

Page 116 The identification Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation reported on April 5, 1967, the following record of one JAMES FORD SEALE, but no number was assigned:

He was arrested by the Highway Patrol, Jackson, Miss., under the name of JAMES FORD SEALE, on 11/6/64, charged with murder. Disposition not shown.

It is to be noted that the above charge was never disposed of and involved the alleged murders of HENRY HEZEKIAH DEE and CHARLIE EDDIE MOORE.

Serial 800 SA RODMAN report at Jackson, dated 5/16/67.
Page Z [redacted] advised on 5/2/67 that during a visit of E. D. MORACE with RED GLOVER on the afternoon of 5/2/67, GLOVER indicated that he had seen JAMES SEALE in a cafe in Natchez, Miss., and had yelled a greeting to him. However, before GLOVER could get up and pay his check, JAMES SEALE had departed. GLOVER commented to MORACE something to the effect that he guessed SEALE was afraid of GLOVER too.

Page 74 Mrs. RALEIGH J. GLOVER, advised on 5/8/67 that JAMES SEALE was unknown to her.

Serial 944 SA RODMAN report at Jackson, dated 5/30/67.
Page K [redacted] advised on 5/22/67 that he did not think JAMES SEALE is employed at the present time. SEALE is campaigning on a daily basis in Franklin Co. for the position of sheriff of that county. Source is of the opinion that SEALE will be the next sheriff of Franklin County.

Page CC [redacted] advised on 5/9/67 that during a conversation with E. D. MORACE and JAMES "SONNY" TAYLOR on 5/8/67, RED GLOVER pointed out that the FBI's source concerning the fish fry held in June of 1965 didn't necessarily have to be anyone from the Silver Dollar Group. GLOVER recalled that during the fish fry, JAMES and JACK SEALE and ERNEST FINLEY went to the store next door to the LEE residence and bought grease. While at the store two klan cards were left by these individuals. GLOVER pointed out that this woman's son is a Louisiana State Game Warden and she could have told him of this, as well as furnished the Game Warden with licenses of cars present at the fish fry.

Page 53 Mrs. M. A. FORMAN, owner of Forman Market and Grocery Store, Wildsville, La., advised on 5/10/67, when shown photographs of MYRON WAYNE "JACK" SEALE, JAMES FORD SEALE and L. C. MURRAY, that she did not know these individuals. She stated she did not know if they attended the fish fry at LEE's residence in the Summer of 1965 and she could not recall these three individuals coming into her

grocery store on the date of the fish fry to make any purchase Mrs. FORMAN was asked specifically if she could recall the above three individuals coming into her store on the day of the fish fry to purchase grease or lard and she reiterated she could not recall these individuals being in her store on the day of the fish fry or any other day.

Serial 2056, SA PUDDISTER report at Jackson, dated 6/28/67.
Page F On 6/6/67, [redacted] advised that while talking with several other Silver Dollar Group members, E. D. MORACE indicated that sometime during the Summer of 1966, JAMES SEALE, ERNEST PARKER, and L. C. MURRAY came by his residence in Ferriday and asked the assistance of MORACE in getting the Silver Dollar Group together. MORACE advised that GLOVER would be the proper person to see. SEALE then said that they had tried to see GLOVER and could not find him.

Page S [redacted] advised on 6/21/67 that at a casual meeting with R. J. GLOVER, JAMES F. LEE, JAMES SEALE and SEALE's father, CLYDE SEALE, in 1965, all present, including CLYDE SEALE, displayed silver dollars in a sign of unity during a local trial of JAMES SEALE.

Serial 3197, SA PUDDISTER report at Jackson, 8/9/67
Page 25 RALPH HALL DAY, Brookhaven, Miss. advised on 7/18/67 that his father-in-law, who resides in Meadville, Miss. told him that JAMES FORD SEALE is going to be elected sheriff in Franklin County. He stated that according to his father-in-law, SEALE has attached himself to the BARNETT forces in Franklin County and is going to be elected sheriff in that county.

Page 45 On 7/31/67, JAMES FORD SEALE was contacted near Highway 98, approximately three miles west of Meadville, Miss., as he and an unknown individual were preparing a pickup truck for use in SEALE's campaign for Sheriff of Franklin County. SEALE refused to talk to interviewing Agent.

Serial 3295 SA PUDDISTER report at Jackson, 9/6/67.
Page K [redacted] advised on 8/15/67 that the first meeting of the Silver Dollar Group which he attended was held on the sandbar on the Homochitto River near the bridge beyond Meadville, Miss., on the McComb Highway, in 1964. JAMES FORD SEALE was this meeting.

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[redacted] advised on 8/17,18,22/67, that he believes that in 1964, shortly after the death of the three civil rights workers in Philadelphia, Miss., he was contacted relative to having TOMMIE JONES treated by a doctor because he had been shot. Source stated he contacted one Dr. JAMES E. SAFLEY of Brookhaven, Miss. Source stated the story he was told was to the effect that JONES had been following two lovers in a car and they had shot him with a shotgun, some of the pellets hitting him in the face and jaw. Source related he believes that the following individuals are familiar with this incident as they were all in and actively participating in the activities of the WKKKKOM at that time: CHARLES FALVEY, RALPH DAY, CLYDE SEALE, JACK SEALE, JAMES SEALE and J. K. GREER. Source stated Dr. SAFLEY was a member of the WKKKKOM at that time, however, he is not in the klan group to source's knowledge, at the present time.

Serial 3360, SA PUDDISTER report at Jackson, 9/20/67.

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[redacted] advised on 8/21/67 that he has heard of no klan activity in Franklin Co. and he pointed out that the klan strength and image in Franklin Co. is apparently very low and JAMES SEALE was not able to get sufficient votes to put him into the second primary.

Serial 297 SA BOYLE memo to Inspector SULLIVAN, 3/17/67.
JOSEPH E. MC CLURE, 215 John Glenn Avenue, Natchez, Miss., was interviewed at his residence on 3/16/67. MC CLURE stated he is a first cousin of JACK and JIMMY SEALE, however, he has not associated with that side of his family in many years. MC CLURE stated that his stepfather, RENSALARE MC CLURE, legally adopted him and since the age of two he has used the last name of MC CLURE.

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JAMES FORD SEALE; CHARLES MARCUS EDWARDS;
HENRY HEZEKIAH DEE - VICTIM
CHARLIE EDDIE MOORE - VICTIM

Serial 256

SA WEBB report at Jackson, dated 12/3/64.
On 7/12/64, JAMES BOWLES, Tallulah, La., while returning from a fishing trip on old Miss. River, south of Tallulah, La., noticed what appeared to be lower part of human body caught on log. On 7/13/64, a second lower section of a human body was found in same general area. Personal effects

found on first body revealed property of CHARLIE EDDIE MOORE, Meadville, Miss.; personal effects found second body revealed property of HENRY HEZEKIAH DEE, Roxie, Miss. Subsequently developed MOORE and DEE missing since, 5/2/64, from vicinity Meadville, Miss. Medical examination of bodies failed to reflect how either of the torsos became detached from upper extremities. MOORE expelled from Alcorn A & M College, Lorman, 4/21/64, for participating in a ruckus at school. On 10/30/64, Bureau Agents, members of MHSP, and Navy divers, at a point about 150' southwest of Parker's Landing, Madison County, La., in old Miss. River, located 2 pieces of cut railroad iron, 2 large metal rollers and trace or log chain. Bones believed to be rib bones located same spot. On 10/31/64, additional bones and a T-shirt with bones inside located same spot. About 100' southwest of Parker's Landing and about 30' northeast of where railroad iron and so forth located, was located a motor block believed from a jeep, a human skull, several bones, and T-shirt containing bones. T-shirt with bones located beneath motor block, block bears number GFW 22010 and efforts to establish ownership negative.

Extensive neighborhood investigation conducted to identify all subjects. District Attorney advised CLYDE SEALE and son JAMES FORD SEALE have virtually terrorized citizens, Meadville area. Justice of Peace, Meadville, on 11/6/64, issued warrants for JAMES SEALE and CHARLES EDWARDS charging with murders of CHARLES MOORE and HENRY DEE. CHARLES MARCUS EDWARDS arrested, 11/6/64, at Meadville, by MHSP and observing Special Agents. JAMES FORD SEALE was arrested by MHSP Officers and Special Agents observed at Meadville. Both were released on \$5000 bond. Records of Franklin Telephone Co., Meadville, reflects 2 calls, 48 and 25 seconds each on 5/2/64, from telephone of CLYDE SEALE, Meadville, to M. W. SEALE and Mr. ERNEST PARKER, both Natchez. EDWARD WILLARD FULLER interviewed by MHSP and claimed to have no specific information connecting ERNEST BUCHANAN PARKER with instant murder. CALVIN CLARK afforded polygraph examination by MHSP but made no admissions.

Serial 349 SA WEBB report at Jackson, dated 4/29/65.

On 1/11/65, Prosecuting Attorney, Meadville, Miss., appeared before Justice of Peace, Meadville, Miss., making motion to dismiss affidavits without prejudice, against subjects which JP did same date. PA advised that upon

development of additional information or evidence, will give consideration to presentation to a grand jury. Contact of Chief of Police, Sheriff and Prosecuting Attorney, et al, failed to determine any additional evidence developed. Reinterview of persons in area of Natchez-Meadville, Miss., developed nothing of real positive nature. ALTON HALFORD, Meadville, related incident of possibly JACK SEALE, et al, whipping him probably is area of ARCHIE PRATHER property. Persons alleged to have been on "standby" at time of murders interviewed and made denials. Suspects MYRON WAYNE SEALE, JAMES FORD SEALE, ERNEST BUCHANAN PARKER, CHARLES MARCUS EDWARDS, J. K. GREER reinterviewed but furnished no information of value.

157-471 UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA

Serial 1A48 Photograph of TOMMY JONES and JAMES SEALE.

157-816 UNSUBS; JOHN CLARK - VICTIM

Serial 4 REX ARMISTEAD, Investigator Ident Division, MHSP, advised that during early morning hours 4/4/64, a store at Bude, Miss., owned by JOHN CLARK, Negro male, Bude, Miss., had front of store destroyed and heavy damage to inside of store, no persons injured. Exact cause of damage unknown, however, hole sixteen inches deep in concrete slab, front porch of store and State Investigators of opinion explosion by dynamite. ARMISTEAD stated JANSON SEALE, cousin of MYRON WAYNE SEALE, DON SEALE, GENE SEALE, and JAMES FORD SEALE were seen passing Blue Flame Cafe by ARMISTEAD at approximately 3:45 p.m., 4/4/64, at which time JANSON SEALE and VERNON JONES were in white 1963 Ford.

157-1009 CHARLIE SOJOURNER, aka.,
"Little Charlie" Sojourner

Serial 53 FD-302 memo, interview with JULIUS CHARLES SOJOURNER, 9/24/67 at Crystal Springs, Miss. SOJOURNER stated that he used to know JAMES SEALE in the Bunkley Community of Franklin County, and that everybody knows SEALE belongs to the klan. He said that at one time he and SEALE worked for the same trucking contractor, but that he has no information concerning SEALE's current activities.

157-1092

UNSUBS; EXPLOSION ON DRIVEWAY, RESIDENCE
OF WILLIE WASHINGTON, 1144 NORTH PINE,
NATCHEZ, MISS. 9:35 p.m., 9/25/64

Serial 27

SA HELGESON memo to Jackson, 10/12/64.

On 10/12/64, SA TIMOTHY J. CURTIN telephonically requested a driver's license check for all available background information on JAMES SEALE, Bunkley Community, Meadville, Miss.

Serial 138

FD-302, interview with JAMES SEALE, 10/24/64, at Meadville, Miss. 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.

Serial 173

SA CASEY report at Jackson, dated 11/12/64.

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FORD O'NEAL, Investigator, Identification Bureau of the MHSP, confidentially advised the results of contact of a confidential informant of the MHSP: Informant reported that MYRON WAYNE "JACK" SEALE, L. C. MURRY and JAMES SEALE bombed MAYOR JOHN NOSSER's home, as well the residence of WILLIE WASHINGTON. Further, it was reported that shortly before the NOSSER bombing, a brown 1963 or 1964 Chevrolet and a white Volkswagon were seen circling the block around the mayor's home. Informant reported that his source of this information came from a member of the klan, who is a friend of the NOSSERS.

Informant reported that a civil rights worker's car was shot into near Fayette, Miss. about six months ago; that JAMES SEALE did this with a .38 calibre pistol owned by "JACK" SEALE, his brother. JACK was the driver of the car at the time.

Cover Pg. F Approximately 6 months ago a friend of the informants, who he would not identify found a case of 60% dynamite in a junked car and gave it to informant, who in turn gave it to JAMES SEALE. Fifteen of these sticks were used in the bombing of the Blue Flame Cafe in Bude, Miss. in the Spring of 1964. While informant could not furnish the identity of others in on this bombing, JAMES SEALE was.

JAMES SEALE furnished the dynamite to be used in the bombing of a Negro meeting place in Louisiana, across the Miss. line. The place was guarded by Negroes resulting in a shooting scrape with both klansmen and Negroes being injured.

Serial 193 Jackson teletype to Director, 11/14/64.
Re Jackson teletypes, 11/13/64 and 11/14/64, captioned "JAMES FORD SEALE, ET AL, HENRY HEZEKIAH DEE, ET AL - VICTIMS, MISC." which sets forth WKKKKOM collecting funds for defense of klansmen recently arrested in Adams and Franklin Counties. Crack down continues on illegal liquor, gambling and prostitution at Natchez and Adams County. New Orleans advised this date were unable to identify matter in RETEL regarding alleged beating of two employees of Alcoa Aluminum Company.

Serial 196 Jackson teletype to Director, 11/16/64.
REX ARMISTEAD, MHSP Investigator, Natchez, Miss., identified MHSP informant referred to in RETEL as ED FULLER who is identical EDWARD WILLARD FULLER, subject in matter captioned BILLY L. WOOD, ET AL. ARMISTEAD advised FULLER admits being Exalted Cyclops of the Sligo group of WKKKKOM at Natchez. States MYRON WAYNE JACK SEALE and brother, JAMES SEALE, formerly members Sligo group, but they split off and affiliated with United Klan when ED and GEORGE NOSSER, sons of Natchez Mayor JOHN NOSSER, joined Sligo group.

Serial 198 Jackson teletype to Director, 11/17/64,
setting forth lead to check suspect JAMES FORD SEALE, residing Route one, Meadville, Miss.

Serial 226 FD-302, HERBERT H. GAY, 11/6/64, Natchez, Miss.
Photographs of the following individuals were

exhibited to Mr. GAY, owner of the Gay & Wilson Pawn Shop, 623 Franklin Street, at which time he was unable to select one of these persons as identical to the unknown individual with GRAFTON CUPIT, on 9/24/64, when five pistols were purchased by the pair: JAMES KENNETH GREER, JOHN WILLIAM BARBER, WILLIARD E. SEALE, FRANK THURMAN, JAMES FORD SEALE, ERNEST HENRY AVANTS and CLYDE DON SEALE.

Serial 261 SA WILLIAMS report at Jackson, 1/12/65.
ERNEST HENRY AVANTS, advised on 11/20/64 that CLYDE SEALE, JAMES SEALE and ARCHIE PRATHER are the main members of the Bunkley group of the Franklin County Klan.

157-1093 UNSUBS; EXPLOSION ON LAWN OF RESIDENCE OF MAYOR JOHN NOSSER, 207 Linton Street, Natchez, Miss., 9:18 p.m., 9/25/64

Serial 141, SA CASEY report at Jackson, 11/12/64.
Page 139 DAVID RONALD CARNELL advised on 10/27/64, that he knows JACK SEALE, however, does not associate with him and also knows JAMES SEALE slightly.

157-6577 BURNING OF TASTY FREEZE, MEADVILLE, MISS., 8/11/66

Serial 2 SA CLARENCE G. PROSPERE memo, dated 9/2/66,,
Re memo of SA TIMMONS, 8/16/66, captioned KKK ACTIVITY, FRANKLIN CO., RM - KLAN. In re memo of SA TIMMONS, information is set forth that GROVER NETTLES, a carpenter who resides on Mile Branch Road allegedly told CARL SCHULTZ, who is employed by the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Meadeville, that the day before the burning of the Tasty Freeze, JAMES SEALE contacted two relatives of his, Uncle JACK WACTOR and Aunt MARY, who live across the highway from the Tasty Freeze, and asked each if they had observed the people at the Tasty Freeze serving whites and Negroes from the same window.

On 8/24/66, GROVER NETTLES, Mile Branch Rd., Meadville, Miss., advised that JACK WACTOR is not a relative of his and that he had at no time ever made the statement that JAMES SEALE had been to the home of his Uncle JACK WACTOR. NETTLES stated that JAMES SEALE had been to the home of his Uncle HARVEY NETTLES, who resides on the Oldenburg Road.

On 8/24/66 HARVEY NETTLES, Oldenburg Road, Meadville, stated that JAMES SEALE had been to his home approximately three weeks ago but that he merely came to visit the family since members of the NETTLES family are about the same age as JAMES SEALE and have known each other all of their lives. HARVEY NETTLES stated that at no time had JAMES SEALE ever mentioned the Tasty Freeze to him.

157-8168 KLAN INFLUENCE IN MISS. PRIMARY ELECTIONS, 8/8/67 and 8/29/67

Serial 24 SA AWE report at Jackson, dated 7/25/67. [redacted] advised there is no indication of klan activity in connection with the forthcoming election in Franklin County; however, he advised the following information regarding JAMES FORD SEALE: SEALE is a candidate for Sheriff in Franklin County. He was subpoenaed to appear before the House Committee of Un-American Activities regarding his klan activities.

157-296 UNSUBS; JAKE FRISHMAN - VICTIM

Serial 14, SA THEVENIN report at Jackson, 11/13/64.
Page B [redacted] advised on 9/24/64, that prior to the explosion, JAKE FRISHMAN's place, JACK SEALE, JAMES SEALE and ERNEST PARKER came to his house and indicated that they intended to destroy the COFO building. These men decided they would do it with fifteen gallons of gasoline and a delayed action fuse attached to dynamite. This was the last the informant heard from these men until CHARLES FALVEY and RALPH DAY came by his office where he was working at approximately 2:30 a.m. the night the burning took place and told him that the job had been done and everyone was safe.

44-1 MIBURN

Serial 4022 [redacted] advised on 1/18/65, that in conversation with JAMES SEALE and JACK SEALE he has 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 at the present time he and JACK SEALE were reconsidering such action.

Serial 4147 FD-306, [REDACTED] advised on 2/17/65, that he knew of no recent klan activity on the part of JAMES FORD SEALE.

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The following is a description of subject SEALE.

Name:	JAMES FORD SEALE
Address:	RFD #2, Meadville, Miss.
Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Hair:	Brown
Eyes:	Blue
Height:	5'8"-5'9"
Weight:	140-150 lbs.

JAMES FORD SEALE is subject of Jackson file 157-950*.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date July 25, 1967

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

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

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

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

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

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

On 7/18/67 at Brookhaven, Mississippi File # Jackson 44-2044;
157-4024; 157-5206;
157-1406; 157-950;
157-1617; 157-938
by SA REESIE L. TIMMONS /blw Date dictated 7/21/67 157-950-120

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

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

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

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Date 8/3/67

JAMES FORD SEALE was contacted near Highway 98, approximately three miles west of Meadville, Mississippi, as he and an unknown individual were preparing a pickup truck for use in SEALE's campaign for Sheriff of Franklin County. He was advised that the interviewing Agent would like to talk with him for a few minutes.

SEALE, who knows the identity of the interviewing Agent, stated, "I will not talk to the God damn FBI now or ever".

SEALE, immediately after the above statement, turned his back and walked toward a house some 70 or 80 feet from the roadside where he was contacted.

On 7/31/67 at Franklin County, Mississippi File # Jackson 44-2044
157-950-119 Jackson 157-5206
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by SA REESIE L. TIMMONS/jls

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	Roxie Bx 1	4	11
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	Knoxville	36	28
Davis	Wesley Chapel	19	121
	Hamburg	108	10
Myers	Antioch	17	17
	Meadville Bx 1	23	73
Selle	Meadville Bx 2	44	113
	Bude Bx 1	27	18
Shell	Bude Bx 2	11	40
	Pine Grove	71	114
	Eddiceton	64	17
	Quentin	137	12
	McCall Creek	126	14
	Lucien	38	2
	Independence	2	10
	Bad Bayou	19	10
	Whittington's	26	7
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SA BENJAMIN F. GRAVES

FORMER [REDACTED]

This source was contacted on 7/26/67, by SA REESIE L. TIMMONS and the writer and he furnished the following information:

[REDACTED]
spent a few days in the recent past with the source in their home in the Bunkley Community, southwest of Meadville, Miss. Source stated that while [REDACTED] was visiting him, [REDACTED] had an opportunity to talk to CHARLES MARCUS EDWARDS who lives across the street from ARCHIE PRATHER in the Bunkley Community and EDWARDS made the following comments to [REDACTED]

He wished he had never gotten tied up with that group in the Bunkley Community and he wished that he had never moved down to that community and gotten mixed up with those people. He told the source's wife that he had \$7,000 when he moved to the Bunkley Community and he could have easily found a home in some other area.

EDWARDS told the source's wife that he was not going to vote for JAMES SEALE in the upcoming elections. It is to be noted that JAMES SEALE is a candidate for the Sheriff of Franklin County, Miss.

Source advised that he could not recall any other pertinent comments that EDWARDS might have made to [REDACTED]. He stated he believed these were the only pertinent comments that [REDACTED] had related to him.

1 - [REDACTED]
1 - 62-5
1 - 157- CHARLES MARCUS EDWARDS
1 - 157-950
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JN 170-199

LEADS:

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AT MEADVILLE, MISS.

Will interview CHARLES MARCUS EDWARDS to determine if he will at this time furnish any information regarding the MOORE-DEE case. This interview should be conducted when EDWARDS is by himself so if he desires to furnish any information, he will have an opportunity to do so without the presence of some Klansmen, neighbors, or fellow employees.

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Brief description of activity or material Identities of two SDG members who burglarized Bonanza Club, Ferriday, La.		File where original is located if not attached <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px; margin: 5px 0;"></div>

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(1 - 157-) (E. D. MORACE)

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On June 17, 1967, JAMES F. LEE, SDG member, employed at Armstrong Tire and Rubber Company, in Natchez, stated that employees are talking about having a big strike if further integration in the plant is attempted. LEE also said there was some talk of further violence but nothing specific is known concerning this.

Informant also advised that at a casual meeting with R. J. GLOVER, JAMES F. LEE, ^{Jack} JAMES SEALE, and SEALE's father, CLYDE SEALE, in 1965, all present, including CLYDE SEALE, displayed silver dollars in a sign of unity during a local trial of JAMES SEALE.

Informant states during several attempts to contact GLOVER during the past week that GLOVER saw him on one occasion and evaded contact.

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Brief description of activity or material Furnished info re firearms in possession of R. J. GLOVER. Info re theft of saw by GLOVER from SDG member JAMES "SONNY" TAYLOR.		File where original is located if not attached <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 30px;"></div>

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While talking with several other Silver Dollar Group members, MORACE indicated that sometime during the summer of 1966, JAMES SEALE, ERNEST PARKER and L. C. MURRAY came by his residence in Ferriday traveling in PARKER's red Ford or 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.

The three men left, saying they would contact him and he has heard nothing further about the meeting.

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

June 22, 1967

Dear Sir:

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

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
3. ☐ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.
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5. ☒ Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:
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 - (c) ☒ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.
6. ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

Photograph ☐ has been furnished ☐ enclosed ☐ is not available
☐ may be available through _____

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover

Director

2-Bureau (157-3676) (RM)

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s) One
 U. S. Secret Service, Jackson, Mississippi

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Title of Case JAMES FORD SEALE		Report made by SA THOMPSON BERRY WEBB	Typed By: blw
		Character of Case RM - KLAN	

SUMMARY

NON-PROSECUTIVE SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMARY REPORT

REFERENCE:

Report of SA CLARENCE G. PROSPERE at Jackson dated 11/3/67.

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LEADS:

JACKSON

AT NATCHEZ, MISSISSIPPI

Will maintain contact with logical informants to follow the activities of JAMES FORD SEALE.

Approved: <i>[Signature]</i>	Special Agent in Charge	Do not write in spaces below		
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INFORMANTS:

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<u>Identity</u>	<u>Location</u>
JN T-1 is	[REDACTED] Contacted [REDACTED] by SA THOMPSON BERRY WEBB and SA BENJAMIN F. GRAVES
JN T-2 is	Contacted on [REDACTED] by SA J. L. MARTIN and SA BENJAMIN F. GRAVES
JN T-3 is	Contacted [REDACTED] by SA FRED B. LAFFERTY, III and SA JAMES R. MC GEE
JN T-4 is	Contacted [REDACTED] by SA REESIE L. TIMMONS
JN T-5 is	[REDACTED] Contacted [REDACTED] by SA JOHN D. BRADY, SA JOHN A. PFIEFFER, SA JOSEPH G. PEGGS, and SA WILLIAM E. DENT, JR.
JN T-6 is	Contacted [REDACTED] by SA JOSEPH G. PEGGS and SA WILLIAM E. DENT, JR.; Contacted [REDACTED] by SA PEGGS and SA DENT.
JN T-7 is	Contacted [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] by SA THOMPSON BERRY WEBB and SA BENJAMIN F. GRAVES
JN T-8 is	[REDACTED] Contacted [REDACTED] by SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER.

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JN 157-950

<u>Identity</u>	<u>Location</u>
JN T-9 is Former [REDACTED]	[REDACTED] Contacted [REDACTED] by SA BENJAMIN F. GRAVES and SA THOMPSON BERRY WEBB.
JN T-10 is [REDACTED]	[REDACTED] Contacted [REDACTED] by SA THOMPSON BERRY WEBB.
JN T-11 is [REDACTED]	[REDACTED] Contacted by SA THOMPSON BERRY WEBB on [REDACTED]

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Report of: SA THOMPSON BERRY WEBB
Date: JUNE 22, 1967

Office: JACKSON

Field Office File #: 157-950

Bureau File #: 157-3676

Title: JAMES FORD SEALE

Character: RACIAL MATTERS - KLAN

Synopsis: JAMES FORD SEALE continues to reside on Route Two, Box 94, Meadville, Miss. SEALE unemployed at this time except he is actively engaged in campaigning for position of Sheriff of Franklin County, Miss. No information developed to date that SEALE is an officer in a Ku Klux Klan group but one source of opinion he may be second in command of the Silver Dollar Group. Latter group has been described as hard-core action group composed of present and former members of the WKKKKKOM, UKA, and the OKKKKOL.

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DETAILS:

Characterizations of the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, United Klans of America, and White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi are included in the appendix of this report.

On April 4, 1967, JN T-6 and on May 3, 1967, JN T-5 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, United Klans of America, 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

JAMES FORD SEALE, wife - SHIRLEY, and children continue to reside at Route Two, Box 94, Meadville, Mississippi, in the Bunkley Community. His neighbors continue to be his father, CLYDE SEALE, and family; ARCHIE PRATHER and family; and CHARLES MARCUS EDWARDS and family. Each of the above neighbors, during the course of other investigations, have been positively identified as members of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi (WKKKKOM).

II. EMPLOYMENT

JN T-1 advised on May 22, 1967, that JAMES SEALE is unemployed at this time but is spending full time campaigning for the position of Sheriff of Franklin County, Mississippi. Source expressed the opinion subject will be the next Sheriff.

MURPH H. KYLE, Comptroller, Moran Tank Company, Incorporated, Natchez, Mississippi, advised SA BENJAMIN F. GRAVES on June 2, 1967, that company records reflect JAMES F. SEALE, Social Security Number 426-56-4902, was employed by his firm as a mechanic from April 12, 1966, to August 31, 1966, when he left to find a better job.

On March 29, 1966, JN T-1 advised SEALE was working for an off-shore drilling firm, ten days on the job and seven days off.

Mrs. SEALE has been observed to commute daily from the Bunkley Community in rural Meadville to Natchez where she is employed by Tower Loan Brokers, 610 Franklin Street.

1Date March 14, 1967

Mr. EARL GRANTHAM, Foreman, Bagwell and Neal Construction Company, 4830 East Brookstown Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, advised that JAMES SEALS is employed by his firm as a welder and is presently working on the Mississippi River Bridge, Highway 190, in Baton Rouge. Mr. GRANTHAM stated that the records from his office indicate that SEALS' home address is Route 2, Box 94, Meadville, Mississippi.

Mr. GRANTHAM further advised that the time records of his company indicate that SEALS worked an eight-hour day on February 27, 1967, and he began working at 7:00 AM and worked until 3:30 PM.

Mr. GRANTHAM stated that SEALS drives to work each day from Meadville, Mississippi, to Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and that he rides with J. C. INGHAM, CHARLES FARRELL, TOMMY MURRAY, and DON SEALS.

Mr. GRANTHAM advised that all the individuals with whom JAMES SEALS rides to work were at work from 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM on February 27, 1967.

On 3/10/67 at Baton Rouge, Louisiana File # JN 44-2044
NO 44-3214
by SA WILLIAM E. DOYLE and
SA ELMER B. LITCHFIELD:jms Date dictated 3/14/67

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III. CURRENT POSITION IN ORGANIZATION

Contact with various sources has developed no indication that JAMES FORD SEALE has ever held an office in the Klan.

It is noted, as set out more in detail in this report, that JAMES SEALE is felt by one source to be second in command of the Silver Dollar Group.

IV. AUTOMOBILES

1965 Oldsmobile, white, F-85 model, 1967 Mississippi License 19-1340, driven principally by Mrs. SHIRLEY SEALE;

1966 Dodge Coronet, grey, 1967 Mississippi License 191341;

Possibly also available for his use would be the 1966 blue GMC pickup truck of CLYDE SEALE, 1967 Mississippi License F/6-31633; and his mother's Volkswagen, 1967 Mississippi License 19A-101.

V. PHOTOGRAPHS

Current photographs of SEALE have been obtained during the very recent past.

VI. ACTIVITIES OF SUBJECT

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 3/25/67

Mrs. JAMES SEALE who is employed at the Tower Loan Company, Franklin Street, Natchez, stopped SA CLARENCE G. PROSPERE at the Post Office, Natchez, Mississippi, at which time she advised that her husband, JAMES FORD SEALE, had been fired from his job at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, where he was working as a welder. Mrs. SEALE stated that she and her husband felt that FBI Agents were responsible for her husband losing his job since the Agents came to his job in Baton Rouge on two occasions in an effort to interview JAMES SEALE. Mrs. SEALE stated that her husband had only recently gotten to the point where he felt he could be interviewed by Bureau Agents.

Mrs. SEALE pointed out that her husband had previously been arrested by FBI Agents and investigators of the Mississippi Highway Patrol on which occasion her husband had been mistreated. She stated for this reason her husband did not wish to be interviewed by Bureau Agents. Mrs. SEALE stated that through the efforts of her husband's brother, "JACK" SEALE, he had been persuaded to cooperate and talk to FBI Agents; however, after he had lost his job in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, he was again in the position where he did not wish to be interviewed by Bureau Agents.

JN 44-2044

JN 157- (JAMES SEALE)

JN 157-5206

On 3/24/67 at Natchez, Mississippi File # JN 157-5206
by SA CLARENCE G. PROSPERE/rai Date dictated 3/25/67

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Date March 10, 1967

JACK DAVIS, barber and constable at Roxie, Mississippi, was reminded of the identity of Special Agents, the nature of the investigation, and that any statement he might make could be used in court.

DAVIS indicated he was aware of his rights and stated he desired to cooperate in any manner possible. He stated that on the night of February 27, 1967, he had gone to Meadville, Mississippi, bumped into JAMES F. SEALE on the streets, and they had a cup of coffee at the City Cafe. They then went at 7:30 across the street to the Franklin County Court House where they attended a meeting of the Americans for the Preservation of the White Race until 8:30 p.m. or so. He stated he presumed he left the courthouse around 8:45 and thought that SEALE had left at that time and presumed he went home. He could not specifically recall whether or not Mrs. CLYDE SEALE was in her Volkswagon or with JAMES. He said he learned of the bombing and death of JACKSON the next morning when told by someone whose identity he did not recall, pointing out that he had not looked at TV or heard radio early that morning before opening his shop.

Description and background of DAVIS has previously been obtained, however, his license for his black Chevrolet truck is F/6-320815.

On 3/9/67 at Roxie, Mississippi File # JN 44-2044
JN 157- JACK DAVIS
JN 157-JAMES FORD SEALE
by SA BENJAMIN F. GRAVES and
SA THOMPSON BERRY WEBB TBW/acp Date dictated 3/10/67

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Date 5/13/67

Mrs. M. A. FORMAN, owner of Forman Market and Grocery Store, located on Louisiana State Route 565, Wildsville, Louisiana, was recontacted at her place of business. Mrs. FORMAN advised that JAMES FREDERICK LEE and his family moved into her two story house which is located next door to her grocery store in about May, 1965, and shortly after they moved in they had a number of individuals come to their house for a fish fry. She states she was not invited to the fish fry and she would not have attended had she been invited. She stated to her knowledge none of her neighbors were invited to this fish fry. She stated she did not know anyone who attended the fish fry and she did not know any of her neighbors who had any information regarding the fish fry.

Mrs. FORMAN was shown photographs of MYRON WAYNE "JACK" SEALE, JAMES FORD SEALE and L. C. MURRAY and she stated she did not know these individuals, she did not know if they attended the fish fry at LEE's residence in the Summer of 1965 and she could not recall these three individuals coming into her grocery store on the date of the fish fry to make any purchases. Mrs. FORMAN was asked specifically if she could recall the above three individuals coming into her store on the day of the fish fry to purchase grease or lard and she reiterated she could not recall these individuals being in her store on the day of the fish fry or any other day.

She was asked specifically if she recalled finding a klan card in her store on the day of the fish fry and she stated that in the past she had found a klan card in her store, but she could not recall any specific time when she had found this card.

Mrs. FORMAN advised she does recall that on the afternoon of this fish fry at LEE's residence two women who she assumed were in attendance at the fish fry came into her store and purchased some sun hats. She stated she

On 5/10/67 at Wildsville, Louisiana File # JN 44-2044
SA THOMPSON BERRY WEBB
SA BENJAMIN F. GRAVES/raj JN 157-815
by _____ Date dictated 5/12/67
JN 157-950; JN 157-2179
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did not know the identity of these women nor could she furnish any description of them.

Mrs. FORMAN stated that she did not recall hearing any explosions in the vicinity of LEE's residence on the day of the fish fry. She stated she could not recall any unusual things which might have occurred at LEE's residence on the day of the fish fry.

JN T-1 advised on March 7, 1967, that he had heard in the recent past that JAMES SEALE of Franklin County, Mississippi, had said that the individuals who killed WHARLEST JACKSON of the Armstrong Tire and Rubber Company on February 27, 1967, should be killed themselves. Source stated that SEALE also commented that the killing of JACKSON hurt his (SEALE's) chances of becoming Sheriff of Franklin County.

JN T-1 advised on May 22, 1967, that he did not think JAMES SEALE is employed at the present time. SEALE is campaigning on a daily basis in Franklin County for Sheriff of that county. Source is of the opinion that SEALE will be the next Sheriff of Franklin County.

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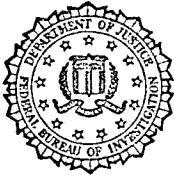
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DETAILS:

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Mrs. SEALE has been observed to commute daily from the Bunkley Community in rural Meadville to Natchez where she is employed by Tower Loan Brokers, 610 Franklin Street.

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1Date March 14, 1967

Mr. EARL GRANTHAM, Foreman, Bagwell and Neal Construction Company, 4830 East Brookstown Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, advised that JAMES SEALS is employed by his firm as a welder and is presently working on the Mississippi River Bridge, Highway 190, in Baton Rouge. Mr. GRANTHAM stated that the records from his office indicate that SEALS' home address is Route 2, Box 94, Meadville, Mississippi.

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Mr. GRANTHAM advised that all the individuals with whom JAMES SEALS rides to work were at work from 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM on February 27, 1967.

On 3/10/67 at Baton Rouge, Louisiana File # JN 44-2044
NO 44-3214
by SA WILLIAM E. DOYLE and
SA ELMER E. LITCHFIELD:jms Date dictated 3/14/67

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III. CURRENT POSITION IN ORGANIZATION

Contact with various sources has developed no indication that JAMES FORD SEALE has ever held an office in the Klan.

It is noted, as set out more in detail in this report, that JAMES SEALE is felt by one source to be second in command of the Silver Dollar Group.

IV. AUTOMOBILES

1965 Oldsmobile, white, F-85 model, 1967 Mississippi License 19-1340, driven principally by Mrs. SHIRLEY SEALE;

1966 Dodge Coronet, grey, 1967 Mississippi License 191341;

Possibly also available for his use would be the 1966 blue GMC pickup truck of CLYDE SEALE, 1967 Mississippi License F/6-31633; and his mother's Volkswagen, 1967 Mississippi License 19A-101.

V. PHOTOGRAPHS

Current photographs of SEALE have been obtained during the very recent past.

VI. ACTIVITIES OF SUBJECT

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 3/25/67

Mrs. JAMES SEALE who is employed at the Tower Loan Company, Franklin Street, Natchez, stopped SA CLARENCE G. PROSPERE at the Post Office, Natchez, Mississippi, at which time she advised that her husband, JAMES FORD SEALE, had been fired from his job at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, where he was working as a welder. Mrs. SEALE stated that she and her husband felt that FBI Agents were responsible for her husband losing his job since the Agents came to his job in Baton Rouge on two occasions in an effort to interview JAMES SEALE. Mrs. SEALE stated that her husband had only recently gotten to the point where he felt he could be interviewed by Bureau Agents.

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On 3/24/67 at Natchez, Mississippi File # JN 44-2044
JN 157- (JAMES SEALE)
JN 157-5206
by SA CLARENCE G. PROSPERE/raj Date dictated 3/25/67

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Date March 10, 1967

JACK DAVIS, barber and constable at Roxie, Mississippi, was reminded of the identity of Special Agents, the nature of the investigation, and that any statement he might make could be used in court.

DAVIS indicated he was aware of his rights and stated he desired to cooperate in any manner possible. He stated that on the night of February 27, 1967, he had gone to Meadville, Mississippi, bumped into JAMES F. SEALE on the streets, and they had a cup of coffee at the City Cafe. They then went at 7:30 across the street to the Franklin County Court House where they attended a meeting of the Americans for the Preservation of the White Race until 8:30 p.m. or so. He stated he presumed he left the courthouse around 8:45 and thought that SEALE had left at that time and presumed he went home. He could not specifically recall whether or not Mrs. CLYDE SEALE was in her Volkswagon or with JAMES. He said he learned of the bombing and death of JACKSON the next morning when told by someone whose identity he did not recall, pointing out that he had not looked at TV or heard radio early that morning before opening his shop.

Description and background of DAVIS has previously been obtained, however, his license for his black Chevrolet truck is F/6-320815.

On 3/9/67 at Roxie, Mississippi File # JN 44-2044
JN 157- JACK DAVIS
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by SA BENJAMIN F. GRAVES and
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MURPH H. KYLE, Controller, Moran Tank Company, Inc., Natchez, Mississippi, advised that JAMES R. SEALE, Route 2, Box 94, Meadville, Mississippi, worked for his firm as a mechanic from April 12, 1966 to August 31, 1966. KYLE stated that his records reflect that SEALE left his firm for a better job. He stated that SEALE's Social Security Number, according to their records, is 426-56-4902.

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Date 5/13/67

Mrs. M. A. FORMAN, owner of Forman Market and Grocery Store, located on Louisiana State Route 565, Wildsville, Louisiana, was recontacted at her place of business. Mrs. FORMAN advised that JAMES FREDERICK LEE and his family moved into her two story house which is located next door to her grocery store in about May, 1965, and shortly after they moved in they had a number of individuals come to their house for a fish fry. She states she was not invited to the fish fry and she would not have attended had she been invited. She stated to her knowledge none of her neighbors were invited to this fish fry. She stated she did not know anyone who attended the fish fry and she did not know any of her neighbors who had any information regarding the fish fry.

Mrs. FORMAN was shown photographs of MYRON WAYNE "JACK" SEALE, JAMES FORD SEALE and L. C. MURRAY and she stated she did not know these individuals, she did not know if they attended the fish fry at LEE's residence in the Summer of 1965 and she could not recall these three individuals coming into her grocery store on the date of the fish fry to make any purchases. Mrs. FORMAN was asked specifically if she could recall the above three individuals coming into her store on the day of the fish fry to purchase grease or lard and she reiterated she could not recall these individuals being in her store on the day of the fish fry or any other day.

She was asked specifically if she recalled finding a klan card in her store on the day of the fish fry and she stated that in the past she had found a klan card in her store, but she could not recall any specific time when she had found this card.

Mrs. FORMAN advised she does recall that on the afternoon of this fish fry at LEE's residence two women who she assumed were in attendance at the fish fry came into her store and purchased some sun hats. She stated she

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did not know the identity of these women nor could she furnish any description of them.

Mrs. FORMAN stated that she did not recall hearing any explosions in the vicinity of LEE's residence on the day of the fish fry. She stated she could not recall any unusual things which might have occurred at LEE's residence on the day of the fish fry.

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Date May 9, 1967

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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157-7545 (WOODROW HOLLOWAY)
157-958 (ERNEST AVANTS)
157-405 (T. L. TORGERSEN)
157-815 (MYRON WAYNE SEALE)
157-3307 (JOE DANIEL HAWKINS)
157-4662 (BUCK HORTON)
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157-7589 (JAMES H. TAYLOR, JR.)
157-6266 (KENNETH NORMAN HEAD)
157-7639 (RAYMOND SCOTT WRIGHT)
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157-486 (E. L. McDANIEL)
157-2778 (JOE LEE HARDY)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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(5) JAMES F. LEE - She has known him for three to five years; he works at Armstrong Rubber Company, and is a friend of her husband. She did not go to a fish fry at his residence in 1965. She stated she has never accompanied her husband or anyone else to a fish fry.

(6) WOODROW HOLLOWAY - Unknown

(7) ERNEST AVANTS - Unknown

(8) T. L. TORGERSEN - She has known him three to five years, met him and his wife with TOMMIE LEE JONES and his wife at the Moose Lodge in Natchez, Mississippi. He has visited the GLOVER residence in Vidalia on occasions.

(9) MYRON WAYNE SEALE - Unknown

(10) JOE DANIEL HAWKINS - Unknown

(11) "BUCK" HORTON - a good friend of her and her husband. His family visited at the GLOVER residence in Vidalia frequently. His wife worked with her at the Ben Franklin Store in Natchez, Mississippi.

(12) TOMMIE LEE JONES - a good friend of her husband. She met him and his family at the Moose Hall in Natchez, Mississippi. He has visited the GLOVER residence in Vidalia, Louisiana, on occasions.

(13) L. C. MURRAY - Unknown

(14) JAMES E. BLANEY - Unknown

(15) O. C. POISSOT - Unknown

(16) ELDEN GLEN HESTER - a good friend of her husband who did live near Baskin, Louisiana. He and his family have visited the GLOVER residence in Vidalia, and the GLOVERs have visited at his residence near Baskin, Louisiana, on several occasions.

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(17) WALTER GENE HALL - Unknown

(18) DONALD HOLLAND - Unknown

(19) JAMES H. TAYLOR, JR. - She advised he lives "way out in Louisiana," and is a good friend of her husband. She has known him some four to five years. Her husband hired him to help them move to the Kentwood, Louisiana area as he had a commercial driver's license and could drive the "U-Haul It Truck."

(20) KENNETH NORMAN HEAD - a friend of the GLOVER family whom she has known some six to seven years. They have visited "back and forth" many times in the past.

(21) RAYMOND SCOTT WRIGHT - Unknown

(22) JEWEL LEE BURT - her uncle who resides near Fayette, Mississippi. She and her husband are not close to JEWEL LEE BURT and his family.

(23) W. G. WILSON - Unknown

(24) E. L. McDANIEL - Unknown

(25) JOE LEE HARDY - Unknown

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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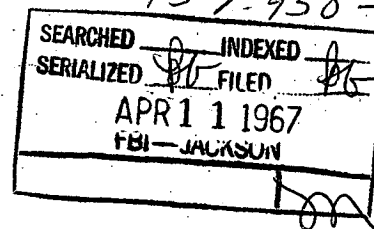
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CI advised that the person employed by the telephone company at Ferriday, Louisiana, who was probably involved in checking on FBI Agents at the Patricia Motel several months ago was O. C. HOUSE and not JOE WHEAT. Source stated that HOUSE is similar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

Concerning packages taken across the river into Mississippi by the source, source related that he could not recall ever taking a package across into Mississippi other than the one he had previously mentioned, this being a bag of groceries that he and his wife took to Mrs. AVANTS. Source stated that he had been requested previously by JAMES SCAROBOROUGH of Ferriday, Louisiana, to take a package to JACK SEALE in Natchez; however, he did not do so when he found out the contents of the package was blasting caps.

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

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

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

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

Source advised that it is his personal impression that the junkman acquired his name due to the fact he was a person in the Klan who possessed explosives. Source stated he has heard several persons refer to the junkman as also being the scrapman. Source stated that R. J. GLOVER told him that the names were just nicknames and GLOVER did not provide any further details.

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

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

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

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

Source stated that RED GLOVER has a girl friend in Vidalia, Louisiana, who works with GLOVER at the Armstrong Tire Plant. This girl works as a panner at the plant and is known to be a widow. Source stated that the girl's name is unknown to him, however, he feels that GLOVER's wife knows about this girl friend as GLOVER has indicated to him that his wife has been receiving anonymous telephone calls about his association with this particular girl.

On Saturday, March 18, 1967, RED GLOVER came to the home of E. D. MORACE of Ferriday, Louisiana, at about 11:00 AM. GLOVER requested that MORACE ride with him to his recently purchased home in Kentwood, Louisiana, as he had to deliver a load of plywood and other lumber at this home. MORACE and GLOVER left in the green Ford pickup truck of GLOVER and proceeded to Natchez, Mississippi. GLOVER drove to the Highway 61 Bypass and stopped at the Barbecue Pit, a known hangout for Klansmen in the Natchez area. Here GLOVER and MORACE had lunch and GLOVER talked briefly with the operator of this Barbecue Pit, TINY, concerning the raffle of tires to provide money for the defense of the three Klansmen who are to go on trial shortly in Natchez, Mississippi.

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GLOVER and MORACE left and proceeded toward Meadville, Mississippi. After traveling six or seven miles on the road to Meadville, GLOVER stopped briefly at a dairy located on the left-hand side of the road. MORACE questioned GLOVER about this stop and GLOVER told him that this was the dairy that the "nigger" worked at who had recently caused a white boy to lose his job. MORACE stated that he did not want to fool with any "nigger" at that time and GLOVER stated that he did not desire to do anything at that time either. GLOVER made no mention as to whether he wanted to do anything in the future about this individual at the dairy.

GLOVER proceeded down the road another two to three miles and stopped at the home of JAMES SEALE.

SEALE and GLOVER, along with MORACE, held a conversation about the current FBI investigation of the bombing at Natchez, Mississippi. GLOVER and SEALE discussed the questions that the FBI were asking and SEALE stated that the worse enemy of any person is his mouth. SEALE and GLOVER then briefly talked about politics and SEALE gave GLOVER and MORACE a campaign card bearing a photograph of JAMES F. SEALE, who is running for sheriff and tax collector of Franklin County, Mississippi.

SEALE and GLOVER further decided that GLOVER should contact each individual in the Silver Dollar Group and advise him to keep his mouth shut. In particular, GLOVER stated that these persons should talk to the FBI only on the first visit of the FBI and then only to tell them necessary personal data type information. Any succeeding visit by the FBI, these persons should tell the Agents that they do not desire to talk and if the Agents have anything on them they should arrest them or leave the premises.

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GLOVER further stated that he was very upset over the fact that T. L. TORGERSEN had told him that he had advised the FBI about the fishfry at JAMES LEE's house in Wildsville, Louisiana, in June of 1965. JAMES SEALE stated that he feels that the FBI wants to know all of the names of those present at the fishfry and both he and GLOVER feel that the FBI could then charge these persons with a conspiracy due to the fact that the dynamite, hand grenades and black powder were at this fishfry.

GLOVER stated that TORGERSEN and TOMMIE JONES were real close friends and that he was upset and disturbed at both of them, giving the impression that either one might have talked too much to the FBI. GLOVER stated that since TORGERSEN has told the FBI about the fishfry, it would now not be necessary for the FBI to produce their informant. GLOVER stated that this is why we should not tell the FBI anything from now on. GLOVER further suggested that the Silver Dollar Group should meet in groups of two or three at the most and should be very careful in whom they confided any pertinent information. GLOVER was definitely very mad at TORGERSEN and JONES and suggested that he would tell these two that they had better not speak any more about the fishfry and in particular had better not get any other persons involved with the FBI. GLOVER stated that he would tell these two that if they wanted to hang themselves it was okay with him but they better not involve anyone else. SEALE and GLOVER discussed no particular action taken by the Silver Dollar Group in the past, nor was there any mention of any activity planned for the future.

GLOVER and MORACE then proceeded to Kentwood, Louisiana, to drop off the lumber supplies at the home of GLOVER. This house is located on the main highway and has no other homes in the immediate area other than a house on the opposite side of the road about 400 to 500 yards away. Source stated this house is a rather typical farm house and GLOVER indicated he had recently acquired this home. After unloading the lumber, GLOVER proceeded back toward Natchez, Mississippi.

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On the way MORACE inquired as to whether they should stop by at Meadville, Mississippi, and drink coffee with the scrapman. GLOVER thought this was a good idea and stopped at the home of the scrapman and a young son of the scrapman told GLOVER that his father was not home and indicated he may be visiting at the hospital in Meadville. GLOVER and MORACE proceeded to the hospital and when they could not find the truck of the junkman, GLOVER stated that probably he had not returned from work and, thus, they proceeded back toward Ferriday, Louisiana.

MORACE asked GLOVER if the junkman still had the explosives in his home. GLOVER merely stated that all had been taken care of and indicated that these explosives were not now in the home of the junkman; however, he offered no suggestion as to their present whereabouts.

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

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

Source stated that GLOVER and MORACE returned to Ferriday, Louisiana, at about 7:00 PM on March 18, 1967,

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GLOVER stating that he would be in touch with **MORACE** in the immediate future.

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Date 3/25/67

Mrs. JAMES SEALE who is employed at the Tower Loan Company, Franklin Street, Natchez, stopped SA CLARENCE G. PROSPERE at the Post Office, Natchez, Mississippi, at which time she advised that her husband, JAMES FORD SEALE, had been fired from his job at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, where he was working as a welder. Mrs. SEALE stated that she and her husband felt that FBI Agents were responsible for her husband losing his job since the Agents came to his job in Baton Rouge on two occasions in an effort to interview JAMES SEALE. Mrs. SEALE stated that her husband had only recently gotten to the point where he felt he could be interviewed by Bureau Agents.

Mrs. SEALE pointed out that her husband had previously been arrested by FBI Agents and investigators of the Mississippi Highway Patrol on which occasion her husband had been mistreated. She stated for this reason her husband did not wish to be interviewed by Bureau Agents. Mrs. SEALE stated that through the efforts of her husband's brother, "JACK" SEALE, he had been persuaded to cooperate and talk to FBI Agents; however, after he had lost his job in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, he was again in the position where he did not wish to be interviewed by Bureau Agents.

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Date March 10, 1967

JACK DAVIS, barber and constable at Roxie, Mississippi, was reminded of the identity of Special Agents, the nature of the investigation, and that any statement he might make could be used in court.

DAVIS indicated he was aware of his rights and stated he desired to cooperate in any manner possible. He stated that on the night of February 27, 1967, he had gone to Meadville, Mississippi, bumped into JAMES F. SEALE on the streets, and they had a cup of coffee at the City Cafe. They then went at 7:30 across the street to the Franklin County Court House where they attended a meeting of the Americans for the Preservation of the White Race until 8:30 p.m. or so. He stated he presumed he left the courthouse around 8:45 and thought that SEALE had left at that time and presumed he went home. He could not specifically recall whether or not Mrs. CLYDE SEALE was in her Volkswagon or with JAMES. He said he learned of the bombing and death of JACKSON the next morning when told by someone whose identity he did not recall, pointing out that he had not looked at TV or heard radio early that morning before opening his shop.

Description and background of DAVIS has previously been obtained, however, his license for his black Chevrolet truck is F/6-320815.

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On February 26, 1967, the following members of the Bogalusa, Louisiana unit of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (WKKKKOM) travelled to Monticello, Mississippi, to receive instructions on the location of an alleged state meeting of the WKKKKOM: DEWITT MIZELL, PAUL COONE, SAXON FARMER and COLON WARNER.

These individuals arrived at the Monticello hospital parking lot at 1:30 PM where they were contacted by ROBERT WILSON, a state officer of the WKKKKOM. There was another vehicle containing four unknown white males at the parking lot. The description of this vehicle is not recalled. WILSON told the occupants of both cars to travel to MART SANDIFER's store located north of Jayess, Mississippi, where the meeting would be held.

The meeting began at approximately at 3:00 PM with a total of 15 persons present. The meeting opened and ^{was}/run by SAM BOWERS, the Imperial Wizard of the WKKKKOM. There was no set program and everyone there was invited to give a talk.

BOWERS talked for 30 to 45 minutes. His speech was religious in nature and it appears that BOWERS attempts to justify his actions through references to the bible and he appears to be a religious zealot. He told those present that if they believed in the Lord that nothing was impossible and that the Klan would be the eventual victors if everyone stuck together and believed in the Lord. BOWERS said that for the Klan to gain its objectives, it would be necessary to put pressure on the politicians in order that the politicians would keep working for the white people. He said that this pressure should be in the form of handbills, telephone calls, letters to local papers, etc.

During his talk, BOWERS was asked about the DAHMER case. BOWERS related that the FBI was not able to pin anything on him in the Dahmer case and as a result was attempting to implicate him in the "Neshoba County" case. BOWERS said that it was expected that the Grand Jury which was meeting in Jackson would report on their findings in both cases in the next day or so. BOWERS said that it is rumored that the FBI is not satisfied with the way their cases are going before the Grand Jury. BOWERS made no other comment.

ROBERT WILSON then gave a short speech similar in nature to that given by BOWERS. His talk had a religious connection and WILSON was introduced as "our secretary". WILSON said that if the members believed in the Lord nothing was impossible and all obstacles would be overcome. WILSON used the following expression throughout his talk, "me and the Lord make a majority".

SAXON FARMER gave strictly a political talk on the importance of getting politicians elected to office who would do the Klan the most good. He said that it would be necessary to attempt to get the politicians to work together instead of normally fighting each other.

Other persons gave short similar talks.

CLYDE SEALE was at this meeting and SEALE is a white male about 55 years of age. SEALE claimed he had a son, not further identified whom the FBI had assaulted in the past and that his son was presently running for Sheriff in the county in which they lived. He claimed this son is currently working on the Mississippi River bridge at Baton Rouge, Louisiana. He informed that "someone" not further identified, had started a Clyde Seale Foundation to raise money to help his son pay expenses of campaigning for Sheriff.

ROBERT WILSON urged those in attendance to renew their subscriptions to the Southern Review newspaper at a cost of \$3.00. He said that in the near future, the cost of this newspaper would increase to \$5.00 per year.

There was another man who was present whose identity is unknown who stated that he was the "collection agency" for his Klan unit. He said that he had been successful in getting delinquent members to pay their back dues by harrassing them through phone calls to them in the early morning hours or personally visiting them at their residences.

A collection was taken up to help BYRON DE LA BECKWITH pay expenses in his political campaign. About \$15 was collected.

The following individuals were observed at this meeting:

SAM BOWERS,
SAXON FARMER,
PAUL COONE,
COLON WARNER,
DEWITT MIZELL,

ROBERT WILSON,
MART SANDIFER,
CLYDE SEALE.

There was no talk of violence at this meeting
and the meeting concluded at about 5:00 PM.

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Jackson, Mississippi

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

November 3, 1966

Dear Sir:

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

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
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Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
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AT NATCHEZ, MISSISSIPPI

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

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INFORMANTS:

<u>Identity</u>	<u>Date Contacted</u>	<u>Location</u>
JN T-1 is [redacted]	9/2/66 7/7/66	[redacted]
JN T-2 is [redacted]	9/29/66 10/31/66	
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ADMINISTRATIVE:

Two copies of this report are being designated for the New Orleans Division in view of the fact information has been received that JAMES FORD SEALE is presently working as a welder in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and is commuting daily between his home in Franklin County, Miss., and Baton Rouge, Louisiana. No information to date has been developed as to the place of employment of SEALE in Baton Rouge, La.

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Report of: SA CLARENCE G. PROSPERE
Date: 11/3/66

Office: JACKSON

Field Office File #: JN 157-950

Bureau File #: 157-3676

Title: JAMES FORD SEALE

Character: RACIAL MATTER (KLAN)

Synopsis: JAMES FORD SEALE still resides at Route 2, Box 94, Meadville, Miss., and informants advise SEALE no longer employed by Moran Tank Company, Natchez, Miss., and that he is presently working as a welder in Baton Rouge, La. SEALE holds no office in UKA, Inc. SEALE has a 1965 Oldsmobile F85, bearing 1966 Miss. License 19-746 and 1965 Chevrolet half-ton pickup truck bearing 1966 Miss. License F/5 26060. Klan activities of SEALE set forth.

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DETAILS:

Characterizations of the Americans for the Preservation of the White Race (APWR); Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (OKKKK); United Klans of America, Incorporated (UKA); and White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi (WKKKKOM), are included in the appendix of this report.

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I. RESIDENCE:

On October 31, 1966, Sheriff WAYNE HUTTO, Franklin County, Meadville, Mississippi, advised that JAMES FORD SEALE still resides at Route 2, Box 94, Meadville, Mississippi.

II. EMPLOYMENT:

On September 2, 1966, JN T-1 advised that JAMES FORD SEALE is no longer a welder with the Moran Tank Company, Natchez, Mississippi, and that now his brother, "JACK" SEALE, is attempting to gain employment at the Moran Tank Company.

On September 29, 1966, JN T-2 advised that JAMES FORD SEALE is working as a welder in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and commutes daily to his place of employment from his home in Franklin County, Mississippi. JN T-2 advised he did not know the name of the business where SEALE is employed in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

III. CURRENT POSITION IN ORGANIZATION:

On October 31, 1966, JN T-2 advised that JAMES FORD SEALE has at no time ever held an office in the UKA.

IV. AUTOMOBILES:

On October 31, 1966, Sheriff WAYNE HUTTO, Franklin County, Meadville, Mississippi, advised that JAMES F. SEALE, Route 2, Box 94, Meadville, Mississippi, has the following 1966 Mississippi registrations for the vehicles indicated:

19-746, 1965 Oldsmobile F-85;

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

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Sheriff HUTTO advised that he was presently in the process of selling 1967 Mississippi registrations, but that he had been unable to maintain a running index of the 1967 registrations and that he would be unable to check the 1967 registration of JAMES F. SEALE at this time.

V. ACTIVITIES OF SUBJECT:

On April 12, 1966, JN T-3 advised that on March 28, 1966, ERNEST GILBERT, Brookhaven, Mississippi, addressed a small group of people at an APWR meeting in Meadville, Mississippi, who are attempting to get a private school started. JN T-3 stated CLYDE SEALE, father of JAMES F. SEALE, has been elected president of this group and JACK DAVIS is the vice-president. The president and vice-president, together with JAMES F. SEALE and a fourth unknown individual, constitute the board of this school.

On May 11, 1966, JN T-4 advised that a rally of the UKA was held at the Liberty Ball Park, Natchez, Mississippi, on May 7, 1966. This rally began at 8:00 p.m. and terminated at about 10:00 p.m. There were between 1500 and 1800 spectators present and approximately 70 robed Klansmen. The principal speakers at this rally were ROBERT SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, UKA; JACK HELM, New Orleans, Louisiana; and E. L. MC DANIEL, Grand Dragon, UKA, Realm of Mississippi.

Among those recognized as being present at this rally was JAMES SEALE and his wife.

On May 12, 1966, Deputy Sheriff KIRBY SHELL, Franklin County, Meadville, Mississippi, advised that there is no current Klan organization meeting in Franklin County to his knowledge. SHELL stated that JAMES F. SEALE, JACK DAVIS, WALTER GENE HALL, and one or two others, have started attending UKA meetings in the Natchez, Mississippi area.

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SHELL advised that JAMES F. SEALE was currently working at the Moran Tank Company, Natchez, Mississippi.

On May 3, 1966, JN T-3 advised that JAMES FORD SEALE is currently employed by the Moran Tank Company in Natchez, Mississippi, and is spending his time endeavoring to raise money for a private school in Meadville, Mississippi.

On June 4, 1966, JN T-5 advised that a few months ago a collection was made at the Armstrong Tire and Rubber Company for JAMES SEALE. Supposedly, SEALE was about to lose his home and car. JN T-5 stated that the collector, whom he did not know, walked up to the employees and handed them a typewritten note which inquired if they wanted to contribute to the SEALE collection.

On July 7, 1966, JN T-1 advised that JAMES SEALE of the Bunkley Community, Franklin County, Mississippi, has left the WKKKKOM and joined the UKA in Adams County under the influence of his brother, "JACK" SEALE. JN T-1 stated JAMES SEALE has quieted down considerably but still has a long way to go. This source stated there is no indication the WKKKKOM are meeting in Franklin County and that it is his belief that both the UKA and the WKKKKOM are both now defunct.

On July 29, 1966, L. L. "PETE" OGLESBY, Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol, advised SA WILLIAM W. PRICE, JR., that he was born and raised in Franklin County, near Meadville, Mississippi. OGLESBY stated that when the Klan was first organized in Franklin County, several years ago, JAMES SEALE took him off in a car and invited him to join the Klan. OGLESBY stated he told SEALE he would not be interested in joining the Klan and thereafter nothing further was said to him about the Klan.

APPENDIX

AMERICANS FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE WHITE RACE (APWR)

The records of the Secretary of State, State of Mississippi, Jackson, Mississippi, reflect that the Americans for the Preservation of the White Race (APWR) was granted a charter of incorporation on June 25, 1963, at Jackson, Mississippi. According to the charter of incorporation, this organization was formed for bettering the conditions and improving the welfare of the white race and to insure peaceful co-existence between the races of the South, maintaining law and order at all times and to provide for the general welfare of the physical, mental and moral condition of mankind, and to promote the cultural, social, literary and mental welfare of its members.

A source advised on August 9, 1966, that the Americans for the Preservation of the White Race (APWR) is definitely not dominated by any Klan organization, is not a branch of any Klan organization and does not engage in violence. Many of the members of the APWR belong to various Ku Klux Klan organizations; however, only one of the national officers of the APWR is known to be a member of any Ku Klux Klan organization and no Ku Klux Klan organizational funds are designated or used by the APWR.

This source advised that the APWR is primarily concerned with providing private schools for the white children of Mississippi and is engaged in various money raising projects for this purpose. This source also noted that members of the Ku Klux Klan support the APWR by engaging in the money raising activities. Roland N. Scott, Natchez, Mississippi, continues as National President of the Americans for the Preservation of the White Race.

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A P P E N D I X

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

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

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

A P P E N D I X

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.

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

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

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

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

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Jackson, Mississippi
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Title	JAMES FORD SEALE
Character	RACIAL MATTER (KLAN)
Reference	Non-Prosecutive Supplemental Summary Report of Special Agent Clarence G. Prospere, dated November 3, 1966, 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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SAC, JACKSON

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8/16/66

SA REESIE L. TIMMONS

KKK ACTIVITY
FRANKLIN COUNTY
RM-KLAN

CARL SCHULTZ, US Dept. of Agriculture, Meadville, Miss.
on 8/16/66 furnished the following information to the writer ~~mm~~
regarding matters set forth below:

BURNING OF THE TASTY FREEZE, MEADVILLE, MISS.,
8/11 or 12/66

GROVER NETTLES, a carpenter who resides on Mile Branch Road, and who is currently building a new house where the BASS house burned behind the courthouse in Meadville, on Sunday 8/14/66 told him that the day before the above burning JAMES SEALE contacted two relatives of his, Uncle JACK ~~XX~~ WACTOR, and AUNT MARY, who live across the highway from the Tasty Freeze and asked each if they had observed the people at the Tasty Freeze serving whites and negroes from the same window.

SCHULTZ, advised that NETTLES is mad at the Klan in that area due to a recent incident wherein some several hundred dollars worth of tools were stolen from him. He advised that NETTLES was recently building a home for the BASS couple who have been burned out on two occasions during the last year. After NETTLES had all the windows and doors on the BASS home he left all his tools in the house over a week-end. Only NETTLES, and the two BASS's had keys to the house and MR. BASS was away on a drilling rig. When NETTLES came back to work on Monday morning all his tools were gone. He knew (as does most of Meadville) that MRS. Bass has been having affairs with numerous men while her husband is out in the Gulf, went to several Klan members and told them he was carrying a gun and if he found any of his tools he intended to use it.

SCHULTZ advised that he feels certain NETTLES would furnish the same information to the FBI, but requested that his identity be concealed.

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(JAMES SEAL)
(EARL HODGES)

BURNING OF TASTY FREEZE, MEADVILLE, MISS.

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CROSS BURNING, Residence of ALFORD MORTON and EUGINA BREAZEAL EDDICETON, MISS.

SCHULTZ advised that on the night on May 9, 1966, when numerous crosses were burned across the state, one was burned in the driveway of the ~~xxxxxxx~~ rural home on ALFORD MORTON, age 75, who resides four or five miles east of Eddiceton on Highway 84. He advised that some few weeks after the Burning he heard that that cross was burned due to the fact that the 50 year old step-daughter of MORTON, EUGINA BREAZEAL, who is the Supervisor of Nurses at the Brookhaven, Hospital, had recently hired three or four negor girls as nurses aids and was actually allowing one or two of them to ride to work with her. The Klan had heard of this and burned the cross in front of the house in an effort to scare her. He adv sed that MISS BREAZEAL followed the men in the car from her home to Mc Calls Creek, however he does not know if she was able to get a description of the car of the plate number.

SCHULTZ went to the MORTON residence after he heard of above and obtained the cross. It was observed by the writer on 8/16/66, is some 8 or 9 feet tall, made of green poplar poles, with a 14 inch by 24 inch base, it did not burn, and was very poorly constructed.

EARL HODGES MURDER

SCHULTZ advised that during the course of the FBI investigation of the above murder, one BOB STOREY, of Bude, Miss., left the Franklin County area, went up north where he stayed for some 8 or 9 months. He returned to the Natchez, Miss., area about two months ago, is now a ~~xxxxxxx~~ heavy drinker, comes to the Bude-Meadville area on week-ends, and has been heard during his drunken stupor ~~in~~ stating that he is going to be killed because of the EARL HODGES murder, that he may have to leave the area again, and many other comments about the HODGES murder, all while he is drunk. Before he left some 8 months ago he was a regular worker, who was not known to drink at all.

JOHN ISHEE, Miss. State Forrester, Roxie, Miss.

SCHULTZ advised that ISHEE recently told him that the boys from the Bunkley Klan had been to see him at the Roxie Fire tower, told him that when they needed that tower they were prepared to take it for their own use, that they wanted to let him know ahead of time. ISHEE could not explain what they wanted with the tower and has not heard from them since, however he has started carrying a gun and advised SCHULTZ that no one from the Klan would get in the tower.

For general information the following is reported regarding SCHULTZ:

KIRBY SHELL, Deputy Sheriff, Franklin County, has advised the writer in the past the many people are concerned about the actions of SCHULTZ of late. Recently two very young boys came to the home of SCHULTZ selling magazines door to door. When they knocked at the home of SCHULTZ, SCHULTZ who was at home alone invited them in, told them to be seated, went into the other room got his shotgun and held it on the two boys for about two hours. His wife finally came home and talked him into letting the two boys go. On another occasion recently SCHULTZ and another man were reading the newspaper at the Cafe, got into an argument over something, much to the surprise of everyone SCHULTZ left the cafe, went home, got his shotgun, came back to the cafe and for several minutes it appeared SCHULTZ was going to shoot up the ~~whole~~ entire cafe.

RECOMMENDATION

NATCHEZ RA, at Meadville contact GROVER NETTLES, obtain names of his relatives contacted by JAMES SEAL re the Tasty Freeze, interview for all details if so contacted. Consider neighborhood in vicinity of Tasty Freeze if not already conducted.

NATCHEZ RA, at Natchez contact BOB STOREY at garage where he is employed (Known to SA PROSPERE)

NATCHEZ RA, at Roxie contact JOHN ISREE re his statements about the Klan taking over the Roxie Fire Tower if needed.

MC COMB RA, at Brookhaven, Miss., contact MISS EUGINA BREAZEAL at Brookhaven Hospital re cross burning night of May 9, 1966, and obtain any information she may have re identity of individuals of automobile.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON

DATE: 7-29-66

FROM : SA WILLIAM W. PRICE, JR.

SUBJECT: JAMES SEALE (157-950)
RM (KLAN)

On 7-25-66, L.L. (PETE) OGLESBY, MHSP, advised that he was born and raised in Franklin County, near Meadville, Miss., and that he has known HOWARD and DALE McLEMORE all his life. HOWARD McLEMORE is considerably older than OGLESBY, but he has hunted and fished with him in the past. As a matter of fact HOWARD McLEMORE invited him to go deer hunting with him last year, but he did not go. OGLESBY said that he does not know if HOWARD McLEMORE is affiliated with the Klan, but that he suspects he is. He said that DALE McLEMORE "is a lot of fun", but that he has always figured he belongs to the Klan.

OGLESBY said that when the Klan was first organized in Franklin County several years ago, JAMES SEALE took him off in a car and invited him to join the KLAN. He said he told SEALE he would not be interested in joining, and thereafter nothing further was said to him about the Klan.

OGLESBY said that since he has been stationed in Crystal Springs he had occasion to stop a car with one light, and found the car occupied by a light colored Negro boy known as "Hot Shot", and two other boys, all from the Meadville area. "Hot Shot" told OGLESBY that they had been run out of Meadville and that they were on their way to Chicago. "Hot Shot" said he did not know what they were accused of, but that they had been informed they had better not be in the Meadville area by that night. The boys would not tell OGLESBY who had run them off.

OGLESBY said that shortly thereafter he asked IRA STOCKSTILL, MHSP, what had happened in connection with "Hot Shot" and his friends. STOCKSTILL did not give him any information, but that same night Oglesby's father, a resident of the Meadville area, received a telephone call from an unidentified individual who told him to tell his son that if he did not stop asking so many questions he would come home some night in a wooden overcoat. OGLESBY said he figured the Klan called his father, and that STOCKSTILL told them about his questions. He said he had asked no one, other than STOCKSTILL, about "Hot Shot".

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 6/13/66

Mr. ROBERT KING, Route 2, Box 111, Meadville, Mississippi, after being advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents furnished the following information:

Mr. KING advised that BAILEY ODELL was standing right at the left rear tire of his tractor, and may have been leaning or resting his foot on the tractor tire at the time of the accident.

Mr. KING further advised that at the time ODELL was hit they were still talking and had not terminated their conversation. He stated that he saw the truck out of the corner of his eye and when he looked back ODELL had already been hit and was rolling backwards.

On 6/10/66 at Meadville, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-950-72
by SA RICHARD H. HAMILTON RHH
SA JAMES R. MC GEE /bdb Date dictated 6/10/66

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 6/13/66

LENOX FOREMAN, District Attorney, was contacted at the Franklin County Sheriff's Office in the early morning hours of June 9, 1966, and he advised he had interviewed ROBERT KING, who had been an eye witness to the incident involving BAILEY ODELL, and from the information he received from him he contemplated no prosecutive action against JAMES SEALE. He stated that KING could not furnish information which would show negligence so gross that it would be tantamount to willfulness on the part of SEALE.

On 6/9/66 at Meadville, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-950 - 71
by SA BENJAMIN F. GRAVES
SA PHILLIP S. ENDRES bdb Date dictated 6/9/66

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 6/13/66

Mr. ROBERT KING, Route 2, Box 111, Meadville, Mississippi, was interviewed at the Franklin County Sheriff's Office and after being advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents furnished the following signed statement:

"June 9, 1966
Meadville, Miss.

"I, Robert King, Route 2, Box 111, Meadville, Mississippi, furnish the following information to Richard H. Hamilton and Benjamin F. Graves, who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I have been advised that this statement may be used in a court of law, and no threats or promises have been made to get me to make this statement.

"I was returning from Ned Weathersby, where I had had my tractor repaired, about 5 O'clock PM on Bunkley Road about 5 miles South of Highway 84. Mr. Bailey Odell, who was headed toward Bunkley, stopped on the right side of the road and crossed the road to my tractor to talk about his sister who he had just visited at the hospital.

"Odell was standing at the left rear wheel of my tractor, which was still running, when I saw a pickup truck, headed away from Meadville toward Bunkley, just an instant before it struck Odell. After the truck hit Odell it swerved and hit the left side of Odell's truck. Odell was knocked about 15 feet back of my tractor.

On 6/9/66 at Meadville, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-950-70
by SA BENJAMIN F. GRAVES
SA RICHARD H. HAMILTON /bdb Date dictated 6/9/66

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"The pickup truck stopped immediately and it was then that I recognized the driver as James Seales, who I have known for 20 years. Seales tried to call for an ambulance on his truck radio, but could get no answer and some individual in the area called for an ambulance on the telephone.

"Odell was taken to the Franklin County Hospital where he died several hours later.

"I cannot read and this statement was read to me by SA Hamilton. This statement is true to the best of my knowledge.

"/s/ Robert King

"Witnessed:

"/s/ Benjamin F. Graves, Special Agent, F.B.I.,
Jackson, Miss.

"/s/ Richard H. Hamilton, Special Agent, FBI,
Natchez, Miss."

KING advised that he has known JAMES SEALE for twenty years and knows of no trouble in the past between SEALE and ODELL. He further advised that BAILEY ODELL was not active in civil rights activities in the Meadville area.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 6/13/66

BERNICE BEASLEY, Mississippi Highway Safety Patrolman, was contacted at the Franklin County Sheriff's Office, Meadville, Mississippi. He advised he went to the scene where JAMES SEALE had been involved in an accident about 6:50 P.M. with Sheriff WAYNE HUTTO. He stated the accident occurred 5.1 miles south of Highway 84 on the Bunkley Road. This would be about six miles southwest of Meadville, Mississippi.

BEASLEY stated that SEALE, JIMMY DEAN BYRD, age 18, and ROBERT KING were at the scene when he and the Sheriff arrived. He stated SEALE told him he had been traveling south on the Bunkley Road in his 1965 Chevrolet truck at 60 to 65 miles per hour. When he was about to pass BAILEY ODELL, who was standing with his back to the road talking to ROBERT KING, Negro age 73, who was sitting on a tractor on the left side of the road, ODELL turned and stepped out into the side of his truck. ODELL's head hit the left end corner of the front windshield. He stated SEALE told him his truck then hit the left door of ODELL's truck which had been parked on the right side of the road.

BEASLEY stated JIMMY DEAN BYRD, who lives with ARCHIE PRATHER, in the Bunkley Community, was a passenger in SEALE's truck and he furnished substantially the same information regarding the accident as did JAMES SEALE, with the exception he stated SEALE was driving about 55 miles per hour.

BEASLEY furnished the following information regarding the ownership and description of the vehicle being driven by SEALE:

Registered to JAMES F. SEALE
Route 2

On 6/8/66 at Meadville, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-950-69
by SA BENJAMIN F. GRAVES
SA PHILLIP S. ENDRES dbb Date dictated 6/9/66

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Meadville, Mississippi
Mississippi drivers license #104971
1965 ½ ton white Chevrolet truck,
bearing Mississippi 1966 tag F/5 26060
Date of birth April 25, 1935

He furnished the following information regarding the ownership and description of the other truck at the scene:

Registered to BAILEY ODELL
Route 2
Meadville, Mississippi
1963 ½ ton white Chevrolet truck
bearing Mississippi 1966 tag
F/5 26061
Negro age 74

BEASLEY stated that his investigation at the scene reflected that ROBERT KING's tractor was parked off the blacktop on the left side of the road facing north. ODELL's truck was parked on the right side of the road, facing south, a few feet south of the tractor and seven feet off the blacktop. This left twelve feet between the tractor and ODELL's truck. The road is nineteen feet wide. SEALE stopped his truck thirty-two steps from the point of impact. It was eighteen steps from the point where ODELL's truck was hit to where it stopped after rolling in a ditch on the right side of the road.

BEASLEY stated the only witnesses to the accident were ROBERT KING, JAMES SEALE and JIMMY DEAN BYRD.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 6/13/66

WAYNE HUTTO, Sheriff, Franklin County, Mississippi, advised he received a phone call from the Meadville, Mississippi, Town Marshal at about 5:30 P.M., June 8, 1966, concerning an automobile accident in which JAMES SEALE of the Bunkley Community had been involved and in which the other party BAILEY ODELL, a Negro male, also of the Bunkley Community, had been seriously injured and taken to the Franklin County Hospital in Meadville. HUTTO advised he proceeded to the Franklin County Hospital to determine ODELL's condition and went from there to the scene of the accident on Bunkley Road with Mississippi Highway Safety Patrolman BERNICE BEASLEY.

HUTTO advised that from interviews with SEALE, JIMMY BYRD, a passenger in SEALE's vehicle, ROBERT KING, a witness to the accident, and his observations at the scene of the accident, he had reconstructed it in the following manner:

ODELL had stopped his 1963 Chevrolet pickup truck on the right hand side of Bunkley Road headed south, and had crossed the road on foot to talk with ROBERT KING, who had stopped his farm tractor on the other side of the road headed north. As JAMES SEALE, who was driving his 1965 Chevrolet pickup south on Bunkley Road, attempted to pass between KING's tractor and ODELL's truck, ODELL turned from his conversation with KING and stepped into the side of SEALE's truck. After SEALE's truck stuck ODELL he swerved to the right and collided with ODELL's truck, causing damage to the right front fender of his truck and damaging the left rear fender and left door of ODELL's truck. HUTTO advised he did not take any notes at the scene of the accident as Highway Patrolman BEASLEY had done so.

On 6/9/66 at Meadville, Mississippi File # JN 157-950-68
 by SA PHILLIP S. ENDRES
SA BENJAMIN F. GRAVES bdb Date dictated 6/9/66

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HUTTO stated that when questioned, SEALE and his passenger BYRD told substantially the same story except SEALE said he was going about 60 to 65 miles per hour and BYRD said they were traveling 55 miles per hour. He also advised that ROBERT KING, a Negro male who is also a resident of the Bunkley Community, substantially confirmed SEALE's story of the accident.

HUTTO advised that ODELL died about 8:30 P.M. on May 8, 1966, and indicated an autopsy would be performed.

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Airtel

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-950)

FOIA(b)7 - (D)

JAMES FORD SEALE
RM (KLAN)

Re Jackson teletype to Bureau, 5/9/66.

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and seven copies of an LHM regarding an auto accident involving subject and BAILEY ODELL, Negro, age 74, who later died.

JN T-1 is [REDACTED]

by SA Benjamin F. Graves

Attempts were made to locate SEALE at his residence and through his father, CLYDE SEALE, who advised Bureau Agents he would have his son call.

No further investigation regarding this incident being conducted by the Jackson Division, UACB.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-950)

JAMES FORD SEALE
RM (KLAN)

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Re Jackson teletype to Bureau, 5/9/66.

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JN T-1 is

Attempts were made to locate SEALE at his residence and through his father, CLYDE SEALE, who advised Bureau Agents he would have his son call.

No further investigation regarding this incident being conducted by the Jackson Division, UACB.

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Jackson, Mississippi
June 13, 1966

JAMES FORD SCALE
RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

Lenon Foreman, State District Attorney, Houndville, Mississippi, telephonically advised Bureau Agents on June 9, 1966 regarding an automobile accident near Houndville, which involved James Ford Scale as the driver of a vehicle which allegedly hit Bailey Odell, a Negro male, who was standing in the highway. Foreman said he was furnishing this information since Scale is a known Ku Klux Klan member.

JH T-1, with whom insufficient contact has been had to determine his reliability, advised on June 9, 1966 that he had talked with James Scale the night of the accident involving Bailey Odell and Scale told him that night that he was going down Buckley Road about five miles south of Highway 84 in the vicinity of his home when he saw a truck parked on one side of the Road and a tractor on the other side of the road. Scale told the source that as he passed the tractor, Bailey Odell stepped into the side of his truck. This source learned nothing further regarding the accident from Scale.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 6/13/66

WAYNE HUTTO, Sheriff, Franklin County, Mississippi, advised he received a phone call from the Headville, Mississippi, Town Marshal at about 5:30 P.M., June 8, 1966, concerning an automobile accident in which JAMES SEALE of the Bunkley Community had been involved and in which the other party BAILEY ODELL, a Negro male, also of the Bunkley Community, had been seriously injured and taken to the Franklin County Hospital in Headville. HUTTO advised he proceeded to the Franklin County Hospital to determine ODELL's condition and went from there to the scene of the accident on Bunkley Road with Mississippi Highway Safety Patrolman BERNICE BEASLEY.

HUTTO advised that from interviews with SEALE, JIMMY BIRD, a passenger in SEALE's vehicle, ROBERT KING, a witness to the accident, and his observations at the scene of the accident, he had reconstructed it in the following manner:

ODELL had stopped his 1963 Chevrolet pickup truck on the right hand side of Bunkley Road headed south, and had crossed the road on foot to talk with ROBERT KING, who had stopped his farm tractor on the other side of the road headed north. As JAMES SEALE, who was driving his 1963 Chevrolet pickup south on Bunkley Road, attempted to pass between KING's tractor and ODELL's truck, ODELL turned from his conversation with KING and stepped into the side of SEALE's truck. After SEALE's truck struck ODELL he swerved to the right and collided with ODELL's truck, causing damage to the right front fender of his truck and damaging the left rear fender and left door of ODELL's truck. HUTTO advised he did not take any notes at the scene of the accident as Highway Patrolman BEASLEY had done so.

On 6/9/66 at Headville, Mississippi File # JN 157-950

by SA PHILLIP S. ENDRES
SA BENJAMIN F. GRAVES /bfb -1- Date dictated 6/9/66

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WYTHO stated that when questioned, SEALE and his passenger BYRD told substantially the same story except SEALE said he was going about 60 to 65 miles per hour and WYTHO said they were traveling 55 miles per hour. He also advised that ROBERT KING, a Negro male who is also a resident of the Bentley Community, substantially confirmed SEALE's story of the accident.

WYTHO advised that ODELL died about 8:30 P.M. on May 8, 1966, and indicated an autopsy would be performed.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 6/13/66

BERNICE BEASLEY, Mississippi Highway Safety Patrolman, was contacted at the Franklin County Sheriff's Office, Hoadville, Mississippi. He advised he went to the scene where JAMES SEALE had been involved in an accident about 6:50 P.M. with Sheriff WAYNE HUTTO. He stated the accident occurred 5.1 miles south of Highway 84 on the Bunkley Road. This would be about six miles southwest of Hoadville, Mississippi.

BEASLEY stated that SEALE, JIMMY DEAN BYRD, age 18, and ROBERT KING were at the scene when he and the Sheriff arrived. He stated SEALE told him he had been traveling south on the Bunkley Road in his 1965 Chevrolet truck at 60 to 65 miles per hour. When he was about to pass BAILEY ODELL, who was standing with his back to the road talking to ROBERT KING, Negro age 73, who was sitting on a tractor on the left side of the road, ODELL turned and stepped out into the side of his truck. ODELL's head hit the left end corner of the front windshield. He stated SEALE told him his truck then hit the left door of ODELL's truck which had been parked on the right side of the road.

BEASLEY stated JIMMY DEAN BYRD, who lives with ARCHIE PRATHER, in the Bunkley Community, was a passenger in SEALE's truck and he furnished substantially the same information regarding the accident as did JAMES SEALE, with the exception he stated SEALE was driving about 55 miles per hour.

BEASLEY furnished the following information regarding the ownership and description of the vehicle being driven by SEALE:

Registered to JAMES F. SEALE
Route 2

On 6/9/66 at Hoadville, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-950

by SA BENJAMIN F. GRAVES
SA PHILLIP S. ENDRES /bdb -4- Date dictated 6/9/66

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Needville, Mississippi
Mississippi drivers license #104971
1963 1/2 ton white Chevrolet truck,
bearing Mississippi 1966 tag F/5226060
Date of birth April 25, 1935

He furnished the following information regarding
the ownership and description of the other truck at the
scene:

Registered to SAILEY ODELL

Route 2

Needville, Mississippi
1963 1/2 ton white Chevrolet truck
bearing Mississippi 1966 tag
F/5 26861
Negro age 74

BRASLEY stated that his investigation at the
scene reflected that ROBERT KING's tractor was parked off
the blacktop on the left side of the road facing north.
ODELL's truck was parked on the right side of the road,
facing south, a few feet south of the tractor and seven
feet off the blacktop. This left twelve feet between
the tractor and ODELL's truck. The road is nineteen feet
wide. SEALK stopped his truck thirty-two steps from the
point of impact. It was eighteen steps from the point where
ODELL's truck was hit to where it stopped after rolling in
a ditch on the right side of the road.

BRASLEY stated the only witnesses to the accident
were ROBERT KING, JAMES SEALK and JIMMY DEAN DYER.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 6/13/66

Mr. ROBERT KING, Route 2, Box 111, Headville, Mississippi, was interviewed at the Franklin County Sheriff's Office and after being advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents furnished the following signed statement:

"June 9, 1966
Headville, Miss.

"I, Robert King, Route 2, Box 111, Headville, Mississippi, furnish the following information to Richard H. Hamilton and Benjamin F. Graves, who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I have been advised that this statement may be used in a court of law, and no threats or promises have been made to get me to make this statement.

"I was returning from Ned Weathersby, where I had had my tractor repaired, about 5 o'clock PM on Bunkley Road about 5 miles South of Highway 84. Mr. Bailey Odell, who was headed toward Bunkley, stopped on the right side of the road and crossed the road to my tractor to talk about his sister who he had just visited at the hospital.

"Odell was standing at the left rear wheel of my tractor, which was still running, when I saw a pickup truck, headed away from Headville toward Bunkley, just an instant before it struck Odell. After the truck hit Odell it swerved and hit the left side of Odell's truck. Odell was knocked about 15 feet back of my tractor.

On 6/9/66 at Headville, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-930

by SA BENJAMIN F. GRAVES
SA RICHARD H. HAMILTON /bdb -6- Date dictated 6/9/66

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"The pickup truck stopped immediately and it was then that I recognized the driver as James Seale, who I have known for 20 years. Seale tried to call for an ambulance on his truck radio, but could get no answer and some individual in the area called for an ambulance on the telephone.

"Odell was taken to the Franklin County Hospital where he died several hours later.

"I cannot read and this statement was read to me by SA Hamilton. This statement is true to the best of my knowledge.

"/s/ Robert King

"Witnessed:

"/s/ Benjamin F. Graves, Special Agent, F.B.I.,
Jackson, Miss.

"/s/ Richard E. Hamilton, Special Agent, FBI,
Natchez, Miss."

KING advised that he has known JAMES SEALE for twenty years and knows of no trouble in the past between SEALE and ODELL. He further advised that BAILEY ODELL was not active in civil rights activities in the Houndville area.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 6/13/66

LINCOLN FOREMAN, District Attorney, was contacted at the Franklin County Sheriff's Office in the early morning hours of June 9, 1966, and he advised he had interviewed **ROBERT KING**, who had been an eye witness to the incident involving **HAILEY OBELL**, and from the information he received from him he contemplated no prosecutive action against **JAMES SEALE**. He stated that **KING** could not furnish information which would show negligence so gross that it would be tantamount to willfulness on the part of **SEALE**.

On 6/9/66 at Heardville, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-950

by SA BENJAMIN F. GRAVES
SA PHILLIP S. KIDRES /bcb -8- Date dictated 6/9/66

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

6/13/66

Date

Mr. ROBERT KING, Route 2, Box 111, Headville, Mississippi, after being advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents furnished the following information:

Mr. KING advised that BAILEY ODELL was standing right at the left rear tire of his tractor, and may have been leaning or resting his foot on the tractor tire at the time of the accident.

Mr. KING further advised that at the time ODELL was hit they were still talking and had not terminated their conversation. He stated that he saw the truck out of the corner of his eye and when he looked back ODELL had already been hit and was rolling backwards.

On 6/10/66 at Headville, Mississippi File # Jackson 137-950
by SA RICHARD M. HAMILTON *
SA JAMES R. MC GEE /bcb -7- Date dictated 6/10/66

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Jackson, Mississippi
June 13, 1966

JAMES FORD SEALE
RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

Lonan Foreman, State District Attorney, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, telephonically advised Bureau Agents on June 8, 1966 regarding an automobile accident near Hattiesburg, which involved James Ford Seale as the driver of a vehicle which allegedly hit Bailey Odell, a Negro male, who was standing in the highway. Foreman said he was furnishing this information since Seale is a known Ku Klux Klan member.

JH T-1, with whom insufficient contact has been had to determine his reliability, advised on June 9, 1966 that he had talked with James Seale the night of the accident involving Bailey Odell and Seale told him that night that he was going down Buckley Road about five miles south of Highway 84 in the vicinity of his home when he saw a truck parked on one side of the road and a tractor on the other side of the road. Seale told the source that as he passed the tractor, Bailey Odell stepped into the side of his truck. This source learned nothing further regarding the accident from Seale.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 6/13/66

WAYNE HUTTO, Sheriff, Franklin County, Mississippi, advised he received a phone call from the Headville, Mississippi, Town Marshal at about 5:30 P.M., June 8, 1966, concerning an automobile accident in which JAMES SEALE of the Bunkley Community had been involved and in which the other party BAILEY ODELL, a Negro male, also of the Bunkley Community, had been seriously injured and taken to the Franklin County Hospital in Headville. HUTTO advised he proceeded to the Franklin County Hospital to determine ODELL's condition and went from there to the scene of the accident on Bunkley Road with Mississippi Highway Safety Patrolman BERNICE BEASLEY.

HUTTO advised that from interviews with SEALE, JIMMY BYRD, a passenger in SEALE's vehicle, ROBERT KING, a witness to the accident, and his observations at the scene of the accident, he had reconstructed it in the following manner:

ODELL had stopped his 1963 Chevrolet pickup truck on the right hand side of Bunkley Road headed south, and had crossed the road on foot to talk with ROBERT KING, who had stopped his farm tractor on the other side of the road headed north. As JAMES SEALE, who was driving his 1965 Chevrolet pickup south on Bunkley Road, attempted to pass between KING's tractor and ODELL's truck, ODELL turned from his conversation with KING and stepped into the side of SEALE's truck. After SEALE's truck struck ODELL he swerved to the right and collided with ODELL's truck, causing damage to the right front fender of his truck and damaging the left rear fender and left door of ODELL's truck. HUTTO advised he did not take any notes at the scene of the accident as Highway Patrolman BEASLEY had done so.

On 6/9/66 at Headville, Mississippi File # JM 157-950

by SA PHILLIP S. ENDRES
SA BENJAMIN F. GRAVES /bbs -2- Date dictated 6/9/66

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HUTTO stated that when questioned, SEALE and his passenger BYRD told substantially the same story except SEALE said he was going about 60 to 65 miles per hour and BYRD said they were traveling 55 miles per hour. He also advised that ROBERT KING, a Negro male who is also a resident of the Hookley Community, substantially confirmed SEALE's story of the accident.

HUTTO advised that COALL died about 8:30 P.M. on May 8, 1965, and indicated an autopsy would be performed.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 6/13/66

BERNICE BEASLEY, Mississippi Highway Safety Patrolman, was contacted at the Franklin County Sheriff's Office, Meadville, Mississippi. He advised he went to the scene where **JAMES SEALE** had been involved in an accident about 6:50 P.M. with Sheriff **WAYNE HUTTO**. He stated the accident occurred 3.1 miles south of Highway 84 on the Bunkley Road. This would be about six miles southwest of Meadville, Mississippi.

BEASLEY stated that **SEALE**, **JIMMY DEAN BYRD**, age 18, and **ROBERT KING** were at the scene when he and the Sheriff arrived. He stated **SEALE** told him he had been traveling south on the Bunkley Road in his 1963 Chevrolet truck at 60 to 65 miles per hour. When he was about to pass **BAILEY ODELL**, who was standing with his back to the road talking to **ROBERT KING**, Negro age 73, who was sitting on a tractor on the left side of the road, **ODELL** turned and stepped out into the side of his truck. **ODELL**'s head hit the left end corner of the front windshield. He stated **SEALE** told him his truck then hit the left door of **ODELL**'s truck which had been parked on the right side of the road.

BEASLEY stated **JIMMY DEAN BYRD**, who lives with **ARCHIE PRATHER**, in the Bunkley Community, was a passenger in **SEALE**'s truck and he furnished substantially the same information regarding the accident as did **JAMES SEALE**, with the exception he stated **SEALE** was driving about 55 miles per hour.

BEASLEY furnished the following information regarding the ownership and description of the vehicle being driven by **SEALE**:

Registered to **JAMES F. SEALE**
Route 2

On 6/8/66 at Meadville, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-950

by SA BENJAMIN F. GRAVES
SA PHILLIP S. ENDRES /bcb -4- Date dictated 6/9/66

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Meadville, Mississippi
Mississippi drivers license #184971
1963 1/2 ton white Chevrolet truck,
bearing Mississippi 1966 tag F/5 26060
Date of birth April 23, 1935

He furnished the following information regarding the ownership and description of the other truck at the scene:

Registered to BAILEY ODELL
Route 2
Meadville, Mississippi
1963 1/2 ton white Chevrolet truck
bearing Mississippi 1966 tag
F/5 26361
Negro age 74

SEASLEY stated that his investigation at the scene reflected that ROBERT KING's tractor was parked off the blacktop on the left side of the road facing north. ODELL's truck was parked on the right side of the road, facing south, a few feet south of the tractor and seven feet off the blacktop. This left twelve feet between the tractor and ODELL's truck. The road is nineteen feet wide. SEALE stopped his truck thirty-two steps from the point of impact. It was eighteen steps from the point where ODELL's truck was hit to where it stopped after rolling in a ditch on the right side of the road.

SEASLEY stated the only witnesses to the accident were ROBERT KING, JAMES SEALE and JIMMY DEAN BYRD.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 6/13/66

Mr. ROBERT KING, Route 2, Box 111, Meadville, Mississippi, was interviewed at the Franklin County Sheriff's Office and after being advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents furnished the following signed statement:

"June 9, 1966
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"Odell was standing at the left rear wheel of my tractor, which was still running, when I saw a pickup truck, headed away from Meadville toward Bunkley, just an instant before it struck Odell. After the truck hit Odell it swerved and hit the left side of Odell's truck. Odell was knocked about 15 feet back of my tractor.

On 6/9/66 at Meadville, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-950

by SA BENJAMIN F. GRAVES
SA RICHARD M. HAMILTON /bcb -6- Date dictated 6/9/66

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"The pickup truck stopped immediately and it was then that I recognized the driver as James Seales, who I have known for 20 years. Seales tried to call for an ambulance on his truck radio, but could get no answer and some individual in the area called for an ambulance on the telephone.

"Odell was taken to the Franklin County Hospital where he died several hours later.

"I cannot read and this statement was read to me by SA Hamilton. This statement is true to the best of my knowledge.

"/s/ Robert King

"Witnessed:

"/s/ Benjamin F. Graves, Special Agent, F.B.I.,
Jackson, Miss.

"/s/ Richard H. Hamilton, Special Agent, FBI,
Natchez, Miss."

KING advised that he has known JAMES SEALE for twenty years and knows of no trouble in the past between SEALE and ODELL. He further advised that BAILEY ODELL was not active in civil rights activities in the Hooeville area.

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LENOX FOREMAN, District Attorney, was contacted at the Franklin County Sheriff's Office in the early morning hours of June 9, 1966, and he advised he had interviewed ROBERT KING, who had been an eye witness to the incident involving BAILEY ODELL, and from the information he received from him he contemplated no prosecutive action against JAMES SEALE. He stated that KING could not furnish information which would show negligence so gross that it would be tantamount to willfulness on the part of SEALE.

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Mr. ROBERT KING, Route 2, Box 111, Headville, Mississippi, after being advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents furnished the following information:

Mr. KING advised that BAILLY ODELL was standing right at the left rear tire of his tractor, and may have been leaning or resting his foot on the tractor tire at the time of the accident.

Mr. KING further advised that at the time ODELL was hit they were still talking and had not terminated their conversation. He stated that he saw the truck out of the corner of his eye and when he looked back ODELL had already been hit and was rolling backwards.

On 6/10/66 at Headville, Mississippi File # Jackson 137-950
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