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TO : MR. FELT

DATE: November 18, 1972

FROM : R. E. GEBHARDT

1 - Mr. Felt
1 - Mr. Gebhardt
1 - [redacted]
1 - [redacted]
1 - Mr. Callahan
1 - Mr. Bishop

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
CONFRONTATION AT SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA, 11/16/72
CIVIL RIGHTS

SAC William Sullivan, Philadelphia Office, presently in New Orleans supervising the investigation of captioned matter called from New Orleans in the afternoon of 11/18/72.

He advised there are presently 15 Agents and himself in New Orleans on this special assignment (8 Philadelphia, 6 Chicago, one New Orleans). They will remain in New Orleans tonight, 11/18/72, and proceed to Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on 11/19/72 (no hotel or motel accomodations available this evening). SAC Sullivan advised Southern University is closed until after Thanksgiving (11/23/72) and, therefore, upon this squad's arrival in Baton Rouge they will have sufficient investigation and interviews to be conducted right in Baton Rouge. Sunday, 11/19/72, arrangements have been made for the squad to see the TV film of what transpired on 11/16/72. He advised by Tuesday, 11/21/72, he should have some indication as to the needs for additional Agent personnel who are presently on standby. He will advise the Bureau of the needs. In this connection, the Bureau had ordered ten stenographers in on special to arrive 11/20/72. In view of only 15 Agents being assigned at the present time, Sullivan feels three stenographers would be sufficient to arrive on 11/20/72, which stenographers are from the Jackson Office. He has advised the Houston, Mobile, Birmingham Offices to have their designated stenographers standby.

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He does not know where he will maintain the headquarters for the special in Baton Rouge at this time, however, he believes there is a cooperative motel with a large enough room for conferences that would be available. He will advise the location and telephone number when the headquarters are firmed up.

ACTION: For information.

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To: SAC, New Orleans

From: Acting Director, FBI

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(OO: New Orleans)

In connection with the captioned case which is being handled as a "special," a study is being made to determine the effect of this "special" upon the normal operations of the office of origin and any auxiliary offices from which manpower is drawn. Accordingly, the following information will be required:

1. Manpower: Number of man-hours spent on case broken down as to regular hours, overtime hours, and total hours and further broken down to show amounts applicable to agents and clerks.

2. Total mileage (estimated or actual) traveled by Bureau cars used on case. Include mileage which cars traveled to and from other field offices on special assignment, including any personally owned cars.

3. Any unusual or out-of-the-ordinary costs such as airplane charter, rental of special space, leasing of telephone lines, and the like incurred in connection with the case. These items should be itemized and cost of each item should be shown.

4. Peak number of Special Agents working on case.

5. Number of deadline matters missed. Specify by FBI classification.

6. Number of days required to remove delinquency arising from missed deadlines.

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7. Number of days required to return operations to semblance of normality. This item necessarily must be based upon a qualitative evaluation by the SAC, ASAC, and other supervisory personnel.

The aforementioned data should be shown separately for each field office involved. Should additional factors be involved which are not included above, New Orleans should include this data also.

New Orleans, as office of origin, will coordinate this study and submit a memorandum within thirty days following the end of the period that captioned case was handled as a "special." Based upon the manpower data shown, the Administrative Division will compute the cost of manpower required to handle the "special."

NOTE: On 10-18-72, Mr. Gray instructed that in connection with the next major case -- one which would be handled as a "special" by the office of origin with other offices sending in Agents on special assignment -- a study be made concerning the effects of the "special" upon the normal operations of the office of origin and the auxiliary offices from which manpower is drawn (memo N. P. Callahan to Mr. Felt 10-25-72). Although such a study has already been requested of the San Juan Office in connection with case entitled "Unknown Subjects (4); Shooting at Brauhaus Bar, St. Croix, Virgin Islands, 11-7-72, Murder - Police Cooperation," captioned case is considered to be more reflective of a true "special." Accordingly, New Orleans is being instructed to conduct a study of the effects of "BATWO" upon normal operations of its office and auxiliary offices.

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Acting Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

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David L. Norman
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

DJ 144-32M-NEW

Unknown Subjects;
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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

Transmit attached by Facsimile – PLAINTEXT

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To: SAC, NEW ORLEANS

Date: 11/17/72

From: ACTING DIRECTOR FBI

Time: Transmitted – 1:30 P.M.

Subject: BATWO

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10:10PM NITEL 11-20 72 GJS

TO DIRECTOR FBI - EXIBIT SECTION

FROM SAC W. A. SULLIVAN - BATON ROUGE (44-4719) 1P

BATWO - CIVIL RIGHTS.

RE MY CALL, NOVEMBER TWENTY LAST.

INVESTIGATION TO DATE INDICATES NEED FOR EXHIBIT SPECIALIST AT BATON ROUGE TO CONDUCT EXAMINATION AND MEASUREMENT OF CRIME SCENE AND PREPARE CHARTS AND GRAPHS TO FULLY DEPICT RELATED BACKGROUND AT TIME OF INCIDENT. EXHIBIT SPECIALIST SHOULD ARRIVE BATON ROUGE WITHOUT DELAY TO COMPLETE THIS WORK DURING WEEK NOVEMBER TWENTY. CLASSES CANCELED AS RESULT OF INCIDENT AND STUDENTS WILL REUTRN MONDAY, NOVEMBER TWENTYSEVEN. COMPLETION OF WORK PRIOR TO STUDENTS RETURN WILL BE BENEFICIAL TO AVOID CONFLICT WITH STUDENT BODY.

END

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PLAINTEXT TELETYPE IMMEDIATE

TO SAC NEW ORLEANS (44-4719) 11/20/72

ATTENTION: SAC W. A. SULLIVAN

1 - [redacted]

FROM ACTING DIRECTOR FBI

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REURTEL NOVEMBER NINETEEN LAST.

RETEL REVEALS REVIEW OF TV FILMS INDICATES ONLY ONE HUNDRED FIFTY STUDENTS IN FRONT OF ADMINISTRATION BUILDING WHEN INCIDENT OCCURRED. PREVIOUS TELETYPES INDICATED APPROXIMATELY SEVEN HUNDRED TO EIGHT HUNDRED STUDENTS INVOLVED IN CONFRONTATION. THIS DISCREPANCY IN NUMBER SHOULD BE RESOLVED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

INSURE ONLY INVESTIGATION RELATED TO VIOLATIONS OF FEDERAL STATUTES IS SUBMITTED UNDER THE BATWO CAPTION. DO NOT SUBMIT INTELLIGENCE DATA UNDER THIS CAPTION.

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NOTE: At request of the Department, [redacted] investigation is being conducted into the death of two students and the wounding of others during a confrontation between students and police at Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on 11/16/72. Initial information received indicated approximately 700 to 800 students involved in confrontation with police. Information now received which sets figure at 150 students. Discrepancy in number being resolved.

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3:45 AM NITEL 11-19-72 JEM

TO ACTING DIRECTOR ATTN: DID

FROM NEW ORLEANS (157-15703) 1 PG

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MAJOR [redacted] EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE (EBRPSO), BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA, ADVISED NO INCIDENTS ON SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY CAMPUS; HOWEVER, ONE, [redacted] NEGRO MALE, DATE OF BIRTH [redacted] ARRESTED ON CAMPUS AND CHARGED WITH NO VEHICLE REGISTRATION AND NO DRIVER'S LICENSE. [redacted] ON CAMPUS WITH TWO STUDENTS WHO HAD RETURNED TO GET PERSONAL BELONGINGS.

ONE NATIONAL GUARD COMPANY CONSISTING OF TWO HUNDRED MEN, SEVENTY EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH DEPUTIES, AND NINETY LOUISIANA STATE POLICE STILL REMAIN ON CAMPUS.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

LHM FOLLOWS.

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cc- Mr. Gebhardt x TRAINOR

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5:42PM URGENT 11-18-72 WLH

TO ACTING DIRECTOR

FROM SAC W. A. SULLIVAN - NEW ORLEANS

BATWO - CR.

PERSONNEL DESIGNATED TO THIS SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT ARRIVED NEW ORLEANS A.M., NOV. EIGHTEEN. FACTS AS PRESENTLY KNOWN REVIEWED AND MAJOR AREAS OF INVESTIGATION SELECTED. INVESTIGATIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE ASSIGNMENTS MADE. OFFICE FOR THIS SPECIAL WILL BE ESTABLISHED AT BATON ROUGE, LA., NOV. NINETEEN NEXT.

INFORMAL CORONER'S REPORT SECURED TODAY INDICATES VICTIMS DIED FROM HEAD WOUNDS CAUSED BY SHOTGUN PELLETS. ONE PELLET RECOVERED INTACT FROM VICTIMS AND FRAGMENTS ALSO OBTAINED, WHICH WERE TURNED OVER TO LOUISIANA STATE POLICE LABORATORY. IT APPEARS SHOTGUN LOAD WAS NO. HHREE OR NO. FOUR LOAD. COMPLETE CORONER'Y REPORT AVAILABLE MON., NOV. TWENTY NEXT.

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2:36 AM NITEL 11/19/72 SEO

TO: ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI

NEW ORLEANS (157-15307)

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RE SF TELCON WITH [redacted]

ON THIS DATE LT. [redacted] INTELLIGENCE UNIT, SAN FRANCISCO POLICE DEPARTMENT TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED THAT HE HAD BEEN IN CONTACT WITH DETECTIVE [redacted] INTELLIGENCE UNIT, NEW ORLEANS PD. [redacted] HAD REQUESTED INFORMATION ON [redacted] WHO WERE STAYING AT THE [redacted] BATON ROUGE, LA. THESE THREE WERE IDENTIFIED AS [redacted] AND [redacted] ALL [redacted] WERE FROM [redacted]

SF INDICES REFLECT THAT [redacted]

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[redacted] SF INDICES b6 b7C

REFLECT NO RECORD FOR [redacted]

[redacted] ADVISED [redacted] THAT THE ABOVE [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] TWO NEGRO UNSUBS. ACCORDING TO A LOUISANA STATE POLICE INFORMANT, WHO THEY ADVISE IS RELIABLE, WERE ARMED WITH TWO CARBINES AND HAD BEEN KNOWN TO SPEAK OF ASSASSINATING THE GOVENOR OF LOUISANA IN REPRISAL FOR THE SHOOTING OF TWO NEGRO STUDENTS AT SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY IN BATON ROUGE.

[redacted] STATED THAT HE COULD NOT IDENTIFY THE INFORMANT AND DID NOT HAVE COMPLETE FACTS. HE BELIEVED THAT [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] FOR POSSIBLE RACIAL PROBLEMS.

NEW ORLEANS AT BATON ROUGE, LA WILL CONTACT DET. [redacted] AND OBTAIN FULL DETAILS. b6 b7C

SAN FRANCISCO WILL MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH SFPD.

END

CC - Mr. Gebhardt
Mr. TRAINOR

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Memorandum

TO : Acting Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: NOV 17 1972

DLN:WLG:JRW:bmp

FROM : David L. Norman
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

DJ 144-32M-NEW

SUBJECT: Unknown Subjects;
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TO: ACTING DIRECTOR; ATTN: FBI LAB. ONE PAGE

FROM: SAC W. A. SULLIVAN - BATON ROUGE (44-4719-SUB B)

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RE MY TELEPHONE CALL TO [redacted] LABORATORY, NOVEMBER TWENTY THREE, INSTANT.

REQUEST ~~THAT~~ YOU PROVIDE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE ONE ANALYTICAL SIXTEEN MILLIMETER PROJECTOR AND PROJECTIONIST SO ~~THAT~~ COLOR FILM FOOTAGE SECURED FROM LOCAL TV STATION AT BATON ROUGE MAY BE VIEWED IN SLOW AND STOP ACTION. THIS FOOTAGE REVEALS DECEASED STUDENTS FALLING TO GROUND AS WELL AS DIFFERENT LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES DURING ~~THE~~ TIME IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO AND SUBSEQUENT TO ~~THE~~ SHOOTING. SURVEY OF LOCAL CAMERA OUTLETS REVEALS INSTANT EQUIPMENT UNAVAILABLE.

SUBSEQUENT TO ~~THE~~ VIEWING OF THIS FILM ON THIS EQUIPMENT, IT WILL BE REQUESTED ~~THAT~~ CERTAIN COLOR ENLARGEMENTS BE MADE FOR DISPLAY TO EYEWITNESSES.

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cc-CONRAD

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TO: ACTING DIRECTOR THREE PAGES

FROM: SAC W. A. SULLIVAN-BATON ROUGE (44-4719-SUB E)

BATWO - CIVIL RIGHTS.

DAILY SUMMARY, NOVEMBER TWENTYTHREE, SEVENTYTWO.

COMPLETED AUTOPSY REPORT FROM [redacted] FOR VICTIM DENVER SMITH COPY SUBMITTED TO BUREAU BY SEPARATE COMMUNICATION. TACTICAL UNIT OF LOUISIANA STATE POLICE (LSP) ALL ON DUTY AT STATE CAPITOL, BATON ROUGE, DEALING WITH DEMONSTRATION. NO INTERVIEWS POSSIBLE. REVIEW OF PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN DURING INCIDENT SUPPORTS POSITIONS AND IDENTITY OF LSP TACTICAL UNIT DURING INCIDENT, NOW BASED ON INTERVIEWS.

[redacted] STUDENT, SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY, BATON ROUGE (SUBR), INTERVIEWED THROUGH FATHER AND STATED HE WAS STRUCK BY UNKNOWN PROJECTILE IN [redacted] AT ELBOW. HE SAID HAD NO CONCEPTION OF TYPE OF PROJECTILE NOR DIRECTION FROM WHICH IT

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CAME. HE SAID ARRIVED AT SUBR CAMPUS ABOUT ELEVEN AM (WELL AFTER INCIDENT OCCURRED) AND EVERYTHING WAS QUIET EXCEPT FOR SOME OFFICERS DRESSED IN GREEN UNIFORMS [redacted] NOT AT INCIDENT AND NOT WITNESS. HE WAS APPARENTLY STRUCK BY [redacted] [redacted] EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE (EBRPSO), ADVISED HIS JOB DURING INCIDENT WAS GENERAL SUPERVISION OF FOUR SQUADS OF DEPUTIES CONSISTING OF TEN TO TWELVE MEN EACH. HE SAID MEN THERE NOT REQUIRED TO HAVE ANY SHOTGUN NUMBER OR TYPE OF AMMUNITION - THIS WAS THEIR CHOICE. BECAUSE OF TAKING A DOSE OF TEAR GAS JUST BEFORE THE INCIDENT, [redacted] CLAIMS NOT TO HAVE SEEN ANYTHING PERTINENT. [redacted] IS OF OPINION THE SHOOTING WAS ACCIDENTAL BUT THAT INDIVIDUAL WHO FIRED BUCKSHOT REALIZED IT IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE SHOT BECAUSE OF THE EXTRA "KICK" OVER THAT WHEN SHOOTING GAS PROJECTILES. [redacted] HAD NO IDEA OF IDENTITY OF OFFICER CONCERNED.

INTERVIEWS WITH SUBR CAMPUS SECURITY OFFICERS IDENTIFIED SOME

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STUDENTS ON SCENE DURING INCIDENT WHO WILL BE INTERVIEWED. NO SECURITY OFFICERS INTERVIEWED TODAY WITNESSED INCIDENT.

INVESTIGATIVE STAFF OBSERVED TEST FIRING OF VARIOUS CROWD DISPERSING GAS DEVICES USED BY LSP AND EBRPSO AT INCIDENT.

THE SOUND LEVEL OR REPORT, OF TWELVE GAUGE TEAR GAS AND CS PROJECTILES USED BY EBRPSO ONLY SLIGHTLY LOWER THAN TWELVE GAUGE NUMBER FOUR BUCK WHICH CAUSED DEATH OF VICTIMS. BECAUSE OF SOMEWHAT COMPARABLE SOUND INTENSITY OF THESE TWO TYPES OF SHELLS AND HECTIC NATURE OF SURROUNDINGS DURING INCIDENT, SOUND LEVEL ALONE WILL NOT BE A RELIABLE WAY FOR WITNESSES TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN "LIVE" AND "GAS" AMMUNITION.

THE RECOIL BETWEEN THE NUMBER FOUR BUCK AND GAS SHELLS WAS NOTICEABLY LESS FOR THE GAS SHELLS.

THE PROBABILITY THAT BOTH VICTIMS WERE KILLED BY THE SAME SHOT WAS SUPPORTED BY TEST FIRINGS CONDUCTED TODAY USING VARIOUSLY CHOKED SHOTGUNS AND NUMBER FOUR BUCK.

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GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

This involves the confrontation between police and students at Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on 11/16/72, which resulted in the deaths of 2 students and the wounding of others.

Attached advises that no interviews possible yet with tactical unit of Louisiana State Police as all on duty at Baton Rouge dealing with demonstration. b6 b7C

[redacted] East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office, states he had supervision of 40-48 men. His men were allowed their choice of weaponry, and [redacted] did not see anything pertinent as he had received a dose of tear gas just before the incident. [redacted] opined shooting was accidental, but individual who fired buckshot would have known the difference from a gas projectile.

Investigative staff observed test firing of crowd dispersing gas devices used at incident. Sound level of gas projectiles quite similar to 12-gauge number 4 buckshot, which caused death of victims. Probability that both the victims were killed by same shot was supported by test firings.

SAC Sullivan has also advised that two black Louisiana State Police undercover investigators in Administrative Building during critical period have been identified and will be interviewed. b6 b7C b7D

Review of T.V. film show deceased victims were close together prior to being struck. Their positions when struck indicates lethal shot could have come from a single shotgun pattern. [redacted]

[redacted] Examination of pellet marks on Administration Building and surrounding landmarks indicates probability fatal shot came from angle including EBRP Deputies.

Louisiana Governor has ordered Southern University closed until early January, 1973.

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TO : Mr. Gebhardt

DATE: 11/21/72

FROM : SAC W. A. Sullivan
(Baton Rouge)

SUBJECT: BATWO - CIVIL RIGHTS

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1 - Mr. E.S. Mille
1 - Mr. Conrad
1 - Mr. Bishop

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On 11/20/72, at 11:40 p.m., SAC Sullivan, Baton Rouge, telephonically advised he was dictating the following memorandum in lieu of teletype due to the unavailability of a night stenographer in the New Orleans Office.

I met Governor Edwards today. He advised he personally has involved himself in negotiations with student dissidents at both Southern University, Baton Rouge (SUBR), and Southern University, New Orleans (SUNO). Their demands were unrealistic in that they demanded taking over administration of both schools plus dismissals of Doctor Netterville, President, Southern University (both Baton Rouge and New Orleans), and [redacted] SUNO. Edwards estimated dissident students at each campus as approximately 200. These persons were responsible for other students boycotting classes and closing schools. Governor vitally interested in fixing responsibility and determining whether shooting accidental or deliberate. He expressed opinion shooting was accidental due to similarity in size, shape, and color of tear gas shells and buckshot shells. Officers were undoubtedly excited due to confrontation.

Governor authorized Louisiana State Police (LSP) to assist East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office (EBRPSO) after request by latter. Sheriff Amiss has primary responsibility and Governor instructed that LSP follow Amiss's decisions and instructions.

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Colonel Don Thibodeaux, LSP, advised on authority of Governor, his riot squad consisting of approximately 26 officers assigned to assist EBRPSO. From his review of shooting incident, Thibodeaux absolutely positive his troopers not responsible for shooting and troopers are available for interviews and polygraph examination if deemed desirable. His troopers armed with shotguns loaded with number four buckshot. Only one lieutenant armed with shotgun-type tear gas shells. Other troopers had tear gas canisters.

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[redacted] at incident, interviewed. He stated students not armed with any weapons and believes [redacted] Agents returned [redacted] to SUBR campus for thorough interview and individual crime scene search and [redacted] and appropriate exhibits being forwarded FBI Laboratory separately.

Sheriff Amiss, EBRPSO, [redacted] and [redacted] all interviewed. Clothing obtained as well as personal belongings of victim Brown. None of these persons could identify any deputy actually firing weapons. [redacted]

Initial interviews with officials EBRPSO indicated limited and sporadic training in use of weapons. Many officers carry personally-owned weapons including shotguns and particularly do so on authorization such as incident involved here. Instructions have been given in past to load shotguns with both gas and number four shot projectiles--two of each--gas first and number four shot second. Two possibilities exist in this unclear situation. One, an officer who has fired his two gas cartridges may have then fired number four shot. Two, in loading automatic shotgun, may have put gas shells into holding tube first followed by number four shot not recognizing that cartridges loaded last are withdrawn first from holding tube and placed in firing chamber. Foregoing is not established as factual occurrence. Intensive interviews and investigation directed to resolve if individual sheriff's office officers acted in this manner.

Hypolite T. Landry, Jr., M.D., coroner, EBRP, advised autopsy on victims performed by two other physicians.

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[redacted] Earl K. Long Memorial Hospital, performed autopsy on victim Leonard Brown. He provided photographic slides and X-rays of victim as well as copy of his autopsy report and copy of certificate of death (being furnished separately). He furnished opinion that victim Brown was struck by pellets which originated from a position located at a ninety-degree angle relative to victim's left shoulder and left side of head. Two other physicians who assisted [redacted] in autopsy interviewed and provided supportive details.

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[redacted] performed autopsy on victim Smith. Not available 11/20/72; will be interviewed 11/21/72.

LSP has two photographers on scene who took hundreds of still photographs. Key photographs examined by investigative staff here. LSP preparing one copy, each photograph in proper sequence for investigative assistance.

Crime scene search conducted by Agents afternoon 11/20/72, in area of confrontation SUBR. Found in area were Olympia six-transistor Handie Talkies, one expended tear gas canister, miscellaneous pieces of metal and one expended tear gas projectile of the type used in conventional gas guns (of type used by FBI).

Officials WBZR (Channel 2), WAFB (Channel 9), and WRBT (Channel 33), all advised original film shot 11/16/72, also being sought by State Attorney General and Prosecutor, EBRP, as well as FBI. Tentative agreement reached with all three channels for duplicates to be provided all agencies but original maintained in custody of respective channels. Strength of this agreement will be discussed with U. S. Attorney, 11/21/72, color copy received from WRBT and WAFB, 11/20/72, and will be received from WBZR 11/21/72.

Interviews with officials LSP on scene revealed 33 persons employed by LSP present at SUBR during incident. LSP staff artist preparing sketch to show position of all LSP personnel at incident and copy being provided FBI. LSP commanders at scene gave opinion that firing of shotgun pellets made by EBRPSO since when skirmish began, LSP unit was at angle of sidewalk which precluded projectile entering victims as revealed by autopsy.

Initial interviews began with President Netterville, SU. He welcomed interview, pledged complete cooperation, assigned his administrative assistants to make available all facilities, records and information for investigation. Netterville could not complete full interview as had appointment with Governor Edwards but made himself available for interview 11/24/72.

[redacted] Security, SUBR, interviewed, prepared list of all employees, security unit with designation for those assigned to Administrative Building during confrontation. He will prepare list of "dissidents" at SUBR.

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Memorandum to Mr. Gebhardt
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Rumor has circulated here that students on one occasion took over premises or vehicle of SUBR Security Office and secured weapons or gas grenades at that time. [redacted] stated this false, presented copy of purchase slips for tear gas, gas masks, and associated material. Special Agent personally inventoried his stock and found each item present. [redacted] is entirely cooperative.

Governor Edwards has appointed Attorney General William J. Guste, Jr., as head of 13 member commission of inquiry to investigate incident. Guste made press announcement he was assigning two-man team, one black and one white, both Assistant Attorneys General, to head up investigation. Of remaining twelve members of commission, ten are filled by Judge Israel Augustine; Louisiana Tech President F. J. Taylor; *USL Dean of Students Ray Blanco; Ouachita Parish Sheriff Bailey Grant; former New Orleans police official Sidney Gates; New Orleans lawyer Jack Dykes; former New York Times editor Turner Catledge; State Senator Robert Jones of Lake Charles; and Representative Theodore Marchand of New Orleans. Two positions where students to be appointed are now vacant.

New Orleans "States Items" 11/20/72, carries news analysis regarding Guste investigation, stating in part "The investigation must determine who killed these students. Was the gunfire from other students or from officers? Were the students murdered? Was it justifiable homicide?"

"If the investigation finds that the officers were blameless in the killing, many blacks will be outraged, but if the investigation finds evidence against the officers, many whites will be furious. . ."

Interviews conducted today, as well as available photographs, indicate student participants at confrontation total about 150 and were standing outside Administration Building at entrance, on steps, and on sidewalk in front of building. Estimates of students then inside the building occupying it range from 200 to 400. At the same time, there were 500 or more students behind law enforcement lines in the position of spectators rather than participants.

Investigation continues.

*University of Southwestern Louisiana

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TO : MR. WALTERS

DATE: 11-17-72

FROM : W. G. CAMPBELL

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
CONFRONTATION AT SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA, 11-16-72
CIVIL RIGHTS

At 12:25 p.m. today Acting Director Gray called to advise that he had just received telephonically from the Deputy Attorney General an order for the FBI to conduct a Civil Rights investigation based on captioned incident. Mr. Gray said the Deputy Attorney General's instruction would be confirmed in writing by the Department.

Mr. Gray instructed that in view of the volatile nature of this situation he desires you and Messrs. Gebhardt, Dalbey and Baker to consider the manner in which this Civil Rights investigation is to be conducted. He explained that by this he meant specifically agent personnel that will be used, stating that agents assigned at Baton Rouge should be excluded and very possibly no agents assigned in the New Orleans Division should be used. I advised Mr. Gray that his instructions would be immediately implemented. Mr. Gebhardt has been advised.

In view of personnel assignment aspects, it is suggested that Mr. Callahan be added to those who will consider recommendations to Mr. Gray as to personnel who will be sent on the special.

Just as the conversation with Mr. Gray was finished, Mr. Felt was on the line and was briefed on this development. Based on prior experience in matters of this type, Mr. Felt said he strongly recommends that agents chosen not be from immediately surrounding offices such as Houston or Mobile but that they be taken from such offices as Chicago and New York.

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ACTION: Conference of officials listed should be held as early as possible to formulate recommendations requested by the Acting Director and necessary action thereafter taken to initiate the Civil Rights investigation at the earliest possible time.

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SEE MEMO, A.M. WALTERS TO MR. GRAY 11/17/72 LMW

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TO: ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC W. A. SULLIVAN-BATON ROUGE (44-4719-SUB E) (P)

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REFERENCE RE MY NITEL, NOVEMBER TWENTY, SEVENTYTWO.

DAILY SUMMARY.

EXTENDED CRIME SCENE PHOTOGRAPHY INCLUDING AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS UNDERTAKEN.

[redacted] SECOND STUDENT WHO WAS WOUNDED DURING INCIDENT, LOCATED TELEPHONICALLY AT NEW ORLEANS, WOULD ONLY BE INTERVIEWED WITH [redacted] PERMISSION. [redacted] LOCATED AND EXTREMELY HOSTILE, REFUSING TO PERMIT [redacted] INTERVIEW. HE WILL BE AT WORK NOVEMBER TWENTYTWO AND AGENTS WILL CONTACT THIS WOUNDED VICTIM DIRECTLY TO FINALLY SETTLE CONDITIONS OF INTERVIEW.

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[redacted] WHO PERFORMED AUTOPSY ON [redacted] DENVER SMITH, INTERVIEWED. HE ADVISED EIGHT "MISSILES" STRUCK BODY.

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See Sullivan advising to interview victim with consent of father

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FOUR IN LEFT FOREARM AND HAND, ONE IN FRONT OF LEFT EAR, THREE BEHIND LEFT EAR TOWARD BACK OF SKULL; THREE "MISSILES" RECOVERED. AUTOPSY REPORT NOT COMPLETED. WILL BE AVAILABLE NOVEMBER TWENTYTWO AND WILL BE FORWARDED SEPARATELY. OTHER EMPLOYEES WHO ASSISTED [redacted] IN AUTOPSY INTERVIEWED AND PROVIDED SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION.

AMBULANCE DRIVER AND ATTENDANTS WHO REMOVED BODY OF ONE VICTIM INTERVIEWED BUT THEY ARRIVED WELL AFTER INCIDENT OCCURRED AND COULD NOT PROVIDE USEFUL INFORMATION. COLOR SLIDES TAKEN DURING AUTOPSY OF VICTIM BROWN SECURED.

THERE ~~WERE~~ ARE TWENTYSEVEN PELLETS IN EACH NUMBER FOUR BUCKSHOT CARTRIDGE. EACH IS TWENTYFOUR HUNDREDTHS OF ONE INCH IN DIAMETER. INVESTIGATION AT CRIME SCENE AND FROM AUTOPSY DEVELOPED: FIVE PELLETS STRUCK BRICK WALL OF ADMINISTRATION BUILDING ABOUT SHOULDER OR HEAD HIGH AND TEN FEET BEHIND POINT WHERE VICTIMS STRUCK. VICTIM BROWN FOUND TO HAVE NINE PELLETS PENETRATING BODY. VICTIM SMITH HAD EIGHT PELLETS PENETRATE BODY. VICTIM [redacted] WOUNDED BY [redacted] WOUNDED

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VICTIM [redacted] HAS DECLINED INTERVIEW AND CAUSE OF HIS WOUNDS NOT CLEAR. FORECOING ACCOUNTS FOR AT LEAST TWENTYTWO OF THE TWENTY-SEVEN PELLETS POSSIBLE FROM ONE NUMBER FOUR BUCKSHOT DISCHARGE. THERE IS NO PRESENT INDICATION OF ADDITIONAL PROJECTILE DISCHARGE BEYOND THE VARIOUS TYPES OF CROWD DISPERSING GAS USED. [redacted] [redacted] EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE (EBRPSO) INTERVIEWED AT GREAT LENGTH RE INSTRUCTIONS FURNISHED TO DEPUTIES AND ACTIVITY OF DEPUTIES AT CAMPUS DURING INCIDENT. HE PROVIDED LIST OF ALL DEPUTIES PRESENT, INCLUDING TYPES OF WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION CARRIED BY THEM.

EXTENDED INTERVIEW CONDUCTED WITH LIEUTENANT [redacted] EBRPSO. HE WAS [redacted] ON SOUTH END OF LINE OF DEPUTIES POSITIONED ACROSS FROM ENTRANCE TO ADMINISTRATION BUILDING. [redacted] UNABLE TO IDENTIFY ANY DEPUTY WHO MAY HAVE FIRED NUMBER FOUR BUCKSHOT.

EXTENDED INTERVIEW WITH [redacted] TO LOUISIANA STATE POLICE (LSP) ON CIVIL DISORDERS, AND LSP [redacted] WHO

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[redacted] STATED TEAR GAS CANNISTER WAS SEEN COMING FROM CROWD FIRST [redacted] NO OTHER WEAPONS USED FROM [redacted] BOTH MEN STATE LSP TROOPERS EXTENSIVELY TRAINED AND EXPERIENCED IN RIOT CONTROL. OFFICIALS, SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY, PROVIDED COMPUTER PRINT-OUT OF THE NINE THOUSAND ENROLLED STUDENTS DURING CURRENT FALL SEMESTER.

[redacted] ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES, SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY, IDENTIFIED TWO STUDENT LEADERS STANDING ON STEPS IN FRONT OF ADMINISTRATION BUILDING DURING CONFRONTATION. OTHER EMPLOYEES, SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY, IDENTIFIED "DISSIDENT" STUDENTS AND DESCRIBED THEIR OWN ROLES IN PROTECTING VARIOUS ADMINISTRATION AND FACULTY MEMBERS.

AGREEMENT REACHED BETWEEN STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL WILLIAM A.

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GUSTE AND U. S. ATTORNEY DOUGLAS M. GONZALES, ~~MDLA~~ MIDDLE DISTRICT, LOUISIANA, THAT FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SHOULD ISSUE SUBPOENAES TO OBTAIN [redacted] SUBPOENAES ISSUED NOVEMBER TWENTYONE, SEVENTYTWO, AND SERVED BY DEPUTY ~~USM~~ U. S. MARSHAL [redacted] NOW IN CUSTODY U. S. MARSHAL'S OFFICE. WORK COPIES OF FILMS FROM CHANNELS NINE AND THIRTEEN IN POSSESSION OF FBI HERE. WORK COPY OF FILM FROM CHANNEL TWO WILL BE OBTAINED NOVEMBER TWENTYTWO, SEVENTYTWO.

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GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

This matter involves a confrontation between police and students at Southern University, Baton Rouge, La., on 11/16/72, which resulted in the death of 2 students and the wounding of others.

Attached relates that wounded student [redacted] advised he would not be interviewed without [redacted] permission. [redacted] extremely hostile and refused to permit [redacted] interview. New Orleans being instructed to recontact [redacted] of [redacted] in further effort to gain his permission to interview [redacted]

Doctor who performed autopsy of victim Denver Smith advised eight "missiles" struck body. Autopsy report not complete.

Investigation at crime scene indicates only one shot fired and 22 of 27 pellets contained in one #4 buckshot discharge accounted for. Police advised teargas cannister observed coming from crowd prior to any shots being fired.

As a result of agreement between Louisiana State Attorney General and U. S. Attorney, Middle District of Louisiana, subpoenas issued 11/21/72 and served by U. S. Marshals obtaining [redacted] b3

during incident. Work copies of these films presently in possession of FBI at Baton Rouge, La.

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FROM: SAC W. A. SULLIVAN - BATON ROUGE (44-4719) SUBE

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DAILY SUMMARY NOVEMBER TWENTY TWO, SEVENTY TWO.

[redacted] SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY, BATON ROUGE (SUBR), INTERVIEWED AND FROM HIM DEVELOPED INFORMATION THAT TWO BLACK UNDERCOVER LOUISIANA STATE POLICE (LSP) INVESTIGATORS WERE PRESENT IN ADMINISTRATION BUILDING WITH STUDENTS DURING CRITICAL PERIOD WHEN INCIDENT OCCURRED. THEY ARE IDENTIFIED AND WILL BE INTERVIEWED.

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TWO REPORTERS FROM WBRZ-TV PRESENT DURING SHOOTING INCIDENT, ADVISED TWO DEAD STUDENTS WERE AMONG THE LAST STUDENTS TO RUN FROM FRONT OF BUILDING. NEITHER COULD STATE HE HAD HEARD WHAT COULD BE RECOGNIZED AS A SHOTGUN BLAST.

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ONE HUNDRED FEET OF OUT-TAKES FROM FILM, CHANNEL NINE, SECURED IN ADDITION TO TWO HUNDRED FEET EARLIER OBTAINED. FULL COPY OF ALL FOOTAGE SHOT BY CHANNEL NINE NOW IN FBI POSSESSION.

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Included in note sent 11/24/72 CLM

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COPY OF FILM FROM TV CHANNEL TWO IN ITS ENTIRETY OBTAINED THIS DATE.

REVIEW OF THIS CHANNEL TWO COLOR FILM SHOWS IT TO BE THE MOST THOROUGH AND DETAILED OF TV FILM. AT CRITICAL MOMENT IT IS SEEN THAT TWO DECEASED VICTIMS RUNNING CLOSE TOGETHER JUST SHORT OF WHERE BODIES FINALLY LAY. THEY FALL SIMULTA-NEOUSLY TO SIDEWALK WHEN STRUCK AND BODIES THEN SKID FORWARD A SHORT DISTANCE. THEIR POSITIONING AS STRUCK INDICATES LETHAL SHOT COULD HAVE COME FROM A SINGLE SHOTGUN PATTERN.

SOUND TAPE TAKEN AT SCENE OF INCIDENT OBTAINED AND WILL BE MONITORED AND EVALUATED.

DETAILED INTERVIEWS WITH ON THE SCENE TROOP COMMANDERS OF LSP INDICATE THAT RUMOR OF VERY LOUD EXPLOSION COMING FROM STUDENTS AS INITIATING EVENT APPARENTLY NOT CORRECT. THESE OFFICERS BELIEVE BEGINNING OF CRITICAL INCIDENT CAME WHEN STATE POLICE LIEUTENANT ROLLED TEAR GAS CANISTER INTO CROWD

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OF STUDENTS IN FRONT OF ADMINISTRATION BUILDING. IT HAD DELAYED ACTION AND WAS THROWN BACK AT THE STATE POLICE. FURTHER GAS CANISTERS FOLLOWED FROM STATE POLICE AND CRITICAL EVENTS ENSUED. b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] LOCATED. HE CLAIMS THAT [redacted]

[redacted] TO CLEARLY SEE AND FOLLOW SUBSTANCE OF CRITICAL EVENTS,

[redacted]

APPROXIMATELY [redacted] YEARS OF AGE, A [redacted] A

UNIT [redacted] HE MAKES

DETAILED STATEMENT CONCERNING POSITIONING OF THIS [redacted]

FROM ANOTHER BLACK DEPUTY. INVESTIGATION AND INTERVIEWS

INTENSIFIED TO ESTABLISH ANY SIGNIFICANT DETAIL RELATED BY

[redacted] AND TO CONFIRM IF THERE WAS SUCH A DESCRIBED [redacted]

ON SCENE PARTICIPATING AS DESCRIBED.

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SUBR NOW CLOSED ON ORDER OF GOVERNOR EDWARDS UNTIL EARLY JANUARY. CLOSING BASED UPON REQUEST BY PRESIDENT NETTERVILLE TO GOVERNOR THROUGH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION. REOPENING DATE NOT FINALLY ESTABLISHED, BUT PROBABLY WILL BE JANUARY THREE, NEXT.

SIGNIFICANT CROSS SECTION OF STUDENT WITNESSES WILL BE SOUGHT THROUGH INTERVIEWS WITH CAMPUS SECURITY OFFICERS, FACULTY AND SUBR ADMINISTRATION, THOSE IDENTIFIED IN VARIOUS NEWS MEDIA THROUGH STATEMENTS, AND THOSE ARRESTED IN CONNECTION WITH PERIPHERAL ACTIVITY SURROUNDING THIS INCIDENT.

ON SCENE INFORMAL EXAMINATION BY LABORATORY EXAMINER OF PELLET MARKS ON ADMINISTRATION BUILDING WALL AND SURROUNDING LANDMARKS, SUCH AS BUSH IN FRONT OF WHICH STUDENTS KILLED, INDICATES PROBABILITY FATAL SHOT CAME FROM ANGLE NECESSARILY INCLUDING EBRP SHERIFF'S OFFICE DEPUTIES. EXACT ANGLE CANNOT BE ESTABLISHED.

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November 25, 1972

GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

Summary

This involves confrontation between police and students at Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on 11/16/72, which resulted in deaths of two students and wounding of others. b7D

Attached advised five deputies of East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office (who were located in line directly in front of door of Administration Building), interviewed. Positions of three established and [redacted] all denied firing buckshot.

Louisiana State Police lieutenant (who was up front of tactical unit at time of confrontation) observed black Army officer remove wallet from victim later identified as Brown; this officer subsequently gave wallet to unknown faculty instructor. Two days later, this wallet turned up in Brown's room which apparently was cause of delay in identifying Brown.

Only one Baton Rouge area radio station had representative on campus during confrontation; he is being interviewed.

State Commission investigating this incident will begin hearings 11/27/72.

Frame-by-frame examination of key film reviewed which examination strengthens conclusion that victims killed simultaneously. b6 b7C

Signed statements from President Netterville, Dean [redacted] Harvey, and background information on victims, obtained.

Efforts being made to locate and interview several students identified as being in and around Administration Building during confrontation.

Investigation continuing.

11:20 A.M. 11/25/72
Mr. Felt advised
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TO: ACTING DIRECTOR THREE PAGES

FROM: SAC W. A. SULLIVAN - BATON ROUGE (44-4719)

BATWO, ~~CR.~~ Civil Rights

DAILY SUMMARY NOVEMBER TWENTY FOUR, SEVENTY TWO.

FIVE DEPUTIES, EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE (EBRPSO), WHO WERE LOCATED IN LINE DIRECTLY IN FRONT OF DOOR OF ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, INTERVIEWED AT LENGTH. THE POSITIONS OF THREE ESTABLISHED AND [redacted] ALL DENY FIRING BUCKSHOT. IDENTIFICATION OF DEPUTIES FROM PHOTOGRAPHS PROVING DIFFICULT BECAUSE ALL ARE WEARING "FLAK" JACKETS AND PLASTIC HELMETS WITH FACE VISORS. MOST PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN FROM REAR AND SOME DEPUTIES HAVE HAD GREAT DIFFICULTY IDENTIFYING SELVES IN AVAILABLE PHOTOGRAPHS.

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[redacted] LOUISIANA STATE POLICE (LSP), WHO [redacted] AT TIME OF CONFRONTATION, OBSERVED BLACK ARMY OFFICER REMOVE WALLET FROM ONE VICTIM--LATER IDENTIFIED AS VICTIM BROWN. WALLET SUBSEQUENTLY GIVEN TO

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FACULTY INSTRUCTOR, IDENTITY UNKNOWN, BY THIS OFFICER. WALLET TURNED UP TWO DAYS LATER IN BROWN'S ROOM. APPARENTLY BECAUSE OF THIS, BROWN NOT IDENTIFIED BY AUTHORITIES UNTIL NOVEMBER NINETEEN, LAST. [redacted] ADVISED THIS ARMY OFFICER HOSTILE TOWARD LSP AND MADE REMARK ABOUT LSP NOT BOTHERING HIM OR HIS "... PEOPLE WOULD GET THEM..." --THE LSP. ARMY OFFICER PROBABLY IDENTICAL WITH [redacted] EFFORTS TO LOCATE [redacted] UNSUCCESSFUL TODAY AND CONTINUE TOMORROW.

ALL RADIO STATIONS, BATON ROUGE AREA, CANVASSED THIS DATE. ONLY ONE HAD REPRESENTATIVE ON CAMPUS DURING CONFRONTATION AND HE IS BEING INTERVIEWED.

NEWS MEDIA EMPLOYEES AND LSP OFFICERS ADVISED TODAY BY INVESTIGATORS FROM STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE THAT STATE COMMISSION INVESTIGATING THIS INCIDENT WOULD BEGIN HEARINGS MONDAY NEXT, NOVEMBER TWENTY SEVEN.

ANALYTICAL MOTION PICTURE PROJECTOR AND ANALYST ARRIVED

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TODAY FROM FBI LABORATORY. ENTIRE INVESTIGATIVE STAFF REVIEWED KEY FILM, FRAME-BY-FRAME. INDIVIDUAL PERTINENT FRAMES SELECTED FOR ENLARGEMENT. FRAME-BY-FRAME EXAMINATIONS STRENGTHEN EARLIER CONCLUSION THAT VICTIMS KILLED SIMULTANEOUSLY.

SIGNED STATEMENTS OBTAINED FROM PRESIDENT NETTERVILLE AND DEAN [redacted] MARTIN L. HARVEY DETAILING THEIR b6 b7C INVOLVEMENT IN EVENTS OF NOVEMBER SIXTEEN, SEVENTY TWO. BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON VICTIMS, DENVER A. SMITH AND LEONARD DOUGLAS BROWN, OBTAINED FROM UNIVERSITY RECORDS. BOTH REGULARLY ACCREDITED STUDENTS AND NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION IN THESE RECORDS. CAMPUS SECURITY OFFICERS INTERVIEWED. NO PERTINENT INFORMATION DEVELOPED. SEVERAL STUDENTS IN AND AROUND ADMINISTRATION BUILDING DURING CONFRONTATION IDENTIFIED. EFFORTS BEING MADE TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW THESE STUDENTS AT HOMES IN NEW ORLEANS, SHREVEPORT AND ELSEWHERE.

END.

cc: Mr. E. S. Miller

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11:05 PM NITEL 11-20-72 VCG

TO ACTING DIRECTOR

NEW ORLEANS

FROM JACKSON (44-3466) 1P

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REBUREAU TELCALL NOVEMBER SEVENTEEN LAST INSTRUCTING JACKSON TO SEND THREE STENOGRAPHERS, THREE CARS AND THREE TYPEWRITERS ON SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT TO BATON ROUGE, LA., RESIDENT AGENCY.

FOLLOWING GS FIVE STENOGRAPHERS LEFT JACKSON NINE THIRTY A.M. THIS DATE ENROUTE BATON ROUGE:

[redacted]

TOGETHER WITH THREE TYPEWRITERS.

FOLLOWING JACKSON AUTOMOBILES EN ROUTE AT NINE THIRTY A.M.: JN TEN, BUCAR SEVENTY-ONE DASH FOUR FOUR FOUR, SEVENTYONE FORD; JN FORTY, BUCAR SEVENTY-ONE DASH FOUR SIX EIGHT, SEVENTYONE AMBASSADOR, AND JN FORTYSEVEN, BUCAR SEVENTY-ONE DASH NINE SIX NINE, SEVENTY AMBASSADOR.

ABOVE FOR INFORMATION OF BUREAU AND NEW ORLEANS.

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FROM SAC, W. A. SULLIVAN - BATON ROUGE (44-4719)

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RE SA [redacted] TELETYPE SUMMARY NOV. TWENTYONE, LAST.

ON NOV. TWENTYONE, LAST, INVESTIGATION AT OUR LADY OF THE LAKE HOSPITAL, BATON ROUGE, REFLECTED THAT [redacted] SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY, BATON ROUGE (SUBR), LOUISIANA, STUDENT ADMITTED AS PATIENT ON [redacted] LAST AND RELEASED [redacted] LAST. [redacted] LISTED ADDRESS AS [redacted] PHONE [redacted] APPROXIMATELY [redacted] MILES FROM BATON ROUGE. ATTEMPTS TO LOCATE [redacted] TELEPHONICALLY NEGATIVE ON NOV. TWENTY, LAST. ON NOV. TWENTYONE, LAST, IT WAS DETERMINED THROUGH TELEPHONIC CONTACT AT ABOVE TELEPHONE NUMBER THAT [redacted] WAS IN NEW ORLEANS, LA., AT NEW ORLEANS TELEPHONE NUMBER [redacted] RESIDENCE 7 1972 OF [redacted]

[redacted] TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED THROUGH

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TELEPHONE NUMBER [redacted] NEW ORLEANS, AND ADVISED THAT MATTER WOULD HAVE TO BE DISCUSSED WITH [redacted] [redacted] PRIOR TO ANY INTERVIEW.

[redacted] TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED LATE AFTERNOON NOVEMBER TWENTYONE, LAST, BY BUAGENT WHO IDENTIFIED HIMSELF TWICE ON TELEPHONE. PURPOSE OF INTERVIEW WITH [redacted] EXPLAINED TO [redacted] WHO ADVISED BUAGENT THAT HE HAD LOST SEVERAL DAYS WORK BECAUSE OF SUBR INCIDENT AND DID NOT INTEND TO MISS ANY MORE WORK DAYS. [redacted] ADVISED HE SHOULD BE RECONTACTED LATER AND WHEN ASKED TO BE SPECIFIC ABOUT FUTURE CONTACT [redacted] WOULD FURNISH NO FUTURE DATE. [redacted] EXPRESSED SOME DOUBT RE AUTHENTICITY OF AGENT AS TELEPHONE USED IN ATTEMPT TO SET UP INTERVIEW. UACB BY EIGHT AM, NOV. TWENTYTHREE, NEXT, [redacted] WILL BE CONTACTED PERSONALLY BY SPECIAL AGENTS.

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SAC Sullivan - was advised contact is to be through the [redacted] [redacted] & not to try to go around [redacted] aim

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PMS PATRICK GRAY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU

OF INVESTIGATION PENNSYLVANIA AVE AT 9TH NW WASHDC

BT

WE ARE OUTRAGED AT THE KILLING OF TWO STUDENTS ON THE CAMPUS OF SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY ON NOVEMBER 16. WE DEPLORE THE USE OF ARMED FORCE TO MAINTAIN "ORDER" AT THE EXPENSE OF JUSTICE AND LIFE. AS WE HAVE LEARNED IN SO MANY CASES OF CAMPUS UPHEAVAL IN THE LAST FEW YEARS, SUCH FORCE DOES NOT ADDRESS THE GRIEVANCES OF THE STUDENTS NOR PLACE THE STUDENTS AND ADMINISTRATION IN MEANINGFUL NEGOTIATION OR MEDIATION WITH EACH OTHER; IT MULTIPLIES GRIEVANCES.

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WE SUPPORT THE RIGHT OF STUDENTS EVERYWHERE TO BE INVOLVED IN THE DECISION-MAKING PROCESSES OF THE UNIVERSITY AND THE RIGHT TO GOOD AND SUFFICIENT STUDENT SERVICES. AS OUTSIDERS WE CANNOT JUDGE THE CAUSE AND JUSTIFICATION OF THE GRIEVANCES OF THE STUDENTS OF SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY, BUT WE DO SUPPORT VEHEMENTLY THEIR RIGHT TO A FAIR HEARING AND MEANINGFUL REDRESS OF THOSE GRIEVANCES. WE CALL UPON THE STATE AND UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATIONS TO END THE MAINTENANCE OF ARMED ORDER AND TO REOPEN OR CONTINUE URGENT AND MEANINGFUL NEGOTIATIONS AND/OR MEDIATION THAT GIVE FAIR HEARING AND REDRESS TO STUDENTS AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE UNIVERSITY.

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WE ALSO CALL ON THE STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS, WHO HAVE INDICATED THAT THEY WILL CONDUCT INVESTIGATIONS, TO CREATE INVESTIGATIVE BODIES WITH INDEPENDENCE, POWER, AND REPRESENTATIVENESS OF THE COMMUNITY, STUDENTS AND FACULTY AS WELL AS GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS OR TO INSURE THAT BODIES ALREADY CREATED HAVE THESE QUALITIES. THIS WILL HELP INSURE A SWIFT INVESTIGATION, WHICH IS IMPERATIVE, AND GO FURTHER TOWARD ASSURING JUSTICE.

THE NATIONAL STUDENT STEERING COMMITTEE

OF THE NATIONAL STUDENT YWCA

[redacted]

NEW YORK, N.Y. 10022

THIS STATEMENT HAS ALSO BEEN SENT TO: GOVERNOR EDWARDS, DR. NETTERVILLE, MAYOR DUMAS, STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF LOUISIANA, PRESIDENT NIXON

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TO: ACTING DIRECTOR; ATTN: FBI LAB. PAGE

FROM: SAC W. A. SULLIVAN - BATON ROUGE (44-4719-SUB B)

BATWO - CR

RE MY TELEPHONE CALL TO [redacted] LABORATORY, NOVEMBER TWENTY THREE, INSTANT.

REQUEST YOU PROVIDE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE ONE ANALYTICAL SIXTEEN MILLIMETER PROJECTOR AND PROJECTIONIST SO COLOR FILM FOOTAGE SECURED FROM LOCAL TV STATION AT BATON ROUGE MAY BE VIEWED IN SLOW AND STOP ACTION. THIS FOOTAGE REVEALS DECEASED STUDENTS FALLING TO GROUND AS WELL AS DIFFERENT LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES DURING TIME IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO AND SUBSEQUENT TO SHOOTING. SURVEY OF LOCAL CAMERA OUTLETS REVEALS INSTANT EQUIPMENT UNAVAILABLE.

SUBSEQUENT TO VIEWING OF THIS FILM ON THIS EQUIPMENT, IT WILL BE REQUESTED CERTAIN COLOR ENLARGEMENTS BE MADE FOR DISPLAY TO EYEWITNESSES.

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END.

Lab Photographer [redacted] designated to go to Baton Rouge with Athena projector. He departed Baltimore 8:20 AM via EAL 907 11/24/72 + was due to arrive Baton Rouge via Texas INT. Airways 11:26 AM 11/24/72. SA [redacted] Telephonically advised of above on 11/23/72

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11/27/72

TO: SAC, NEW ORLEANS
ATTENTION SAC, W. A. SULLIVAN - BATON ROUGE (44-4719)

FROM: FOR THE ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI
W. MARK FELT
ACTING ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR

BATWO, CR.

REURAIRTELS NOVEMBER TWENTYONE AND TWENTYTHREE, LAST.

SUBMITTED METAL CYLINDER SAME AS THOSE LOADED INTO TWELVE-GAUGE PENGUIN GREEN PLASTIC TEAR GAS SHELLS OBTAINED FROM EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

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PIECE OF PLASTIC ATTACHED TO CYLINDER IDENTIFIED HAVING BEEN TORN FROM BACK OF SUBMITTED JACKET FROM [redacted] CIRCULAR PIECE OF PLASTIC IDENTIFIED HAVING ORIGINATED FROM REAR OF SAME JACKET. NO FIBERS LIKE SUBMITTED SHIRT FOUND ON CYLINDER.

EXAMINATIONS OF SCRAPINGS FROM IMPRESSIONS FOUR AND FIVE IN ADMINISTRATION BUILDING AND CLOTHING OF LEONARD BROWN CONTINUING. YOU WILL BE SUBSEQUENTLY ADVISED OF THEIR RESULTS.

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AIRTEL AIRMAIL

TO: ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC W. A. SULLIVAN - BATON ROUGE (44-4719)

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Re Baton Rouge airtel to Bureau, dated 11/21/72.

The following listed evidence is being personally delivered to the FBI Laboratory by SA [redacted]

K2 Two 12-gauge Penguin tear gas shells obtained from the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office

K3 One 12-gauge Penguin CS shell obtained from the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office

K4 Two 12-gauge AAI CS shells obtained from the Louisiana State Police

The above listed evidence should be compared with the portion of shotgun shell submitted to the Laboratory under cover of referenced airtel.

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Date: 11/21/72

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TO: ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, W. A. SULLIVAN - BATON ROUGE (44-4719) (P)

BATWO

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Being forwarded to the FBI Laboratory, under separate cover via registered mail, are one blue jacket, one blue knit shirt, one piece of blue material, and one silver-colored metal cylinder, with blue material attached.

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For the information of the FBI Laboratory, the jacket and knit shirt were worn by [redacted] Southern University, Baton Rouge, La. (SUBR), student on 11/16/72, at time of captioned incident. The metal cylinder and circular piece of material were recovered on the SUBR campus 11/20/72, by FBI Agents. The Laboratory will note that attached to one end of the metal cylinder is another piece of blue material which appears to have been torn from the enclosed blue jacket.

The FBI Laboratory is requested to make color photographs of the enclosed items prior to examination. The Laboratory is also requested to determine if the material attached to the silver cylinder came from the jacket and if the circular piece of material also came from the enclosed jacket.

Further, the FBI Laboratory is requested to determine what type of projectile the silver cylinder is and from what type of weapon it may have been fired.

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If possible, the FBI Laboratory is requested to determine approximately what distance away from [redacted] the enclosed projectile would have been fired.

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SENT 136 AM 11-22-72 PM NITEL 11-21-72 TEB

TO: ACTING DIRECTOR

FROM: MOBILE (44-NEW) (1P)

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REBUTELCALL INSTANT DATE.

PER BUREAU INSTRUCTIONS THREE SPECIAL AGENTS DEPARTED MOBILE DIVISION INSTANT DATE TRANSPORTING BUCARS SEVEN ONE - ONE ZERO TWO ZERO, SEVEN ONE - ONE ZERO TWO ONE AND SEVEN ZERO - SEVEN TWO NINE TO BATON ROUGE, LA. RESIDENT AGENCY. AGENTS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED TO RETURN MOBILE DIVISION INSTANT DATE VIA SOUTHERN AIRLINES.

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9:17PM NITEL 11-21-72 PXA

TO ACTING DIRECTOR

NEW ORLEANS

FROM HOUSTON (157-3035) 1 0-&3

BATWO - CIVIL UNREST. OO:NO.

SA'S [redacted] AND [redacted] DEPARTE[redacted]

HOUSTON, TEXAS AT TWO THIRTY PM THIS DATE ENROUTE BATON ROUGE

RA VIA BUCARS.

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TO: ACTING DIRECTOR

FROM: SAC W. A. SULLIVAN-BATON ROUGE (44-4719-SUB E) (P)

BATWO - CIVIL RIGHTS.

DAILY SUMMARY, NOVEMBER TWENTYFIVE, SEVENTYTWO.

CONTINUED INTERVIEWS WITH DEPUTIES, EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE (EBRPSO) FIX POSITION OF A NUMBER OF DEPUTIES AT CRITICAL MOMENT. ALL DENY DISCHARGING WEAPON CONTAINING NUMBER FOUR BUCK OR KNOWLEDGE OF WHO MAY HAVE DONE SO.

INTERVIEWS COMPLETED WITH TACTICAL UNIT OF LOUISIANA STATE POLICE (LSP). ALL DENY DISCHARGING NUMBER FOUR BUCK OR KNOWLEDGE OF WHO MAY HAVE DONE SO. THESE OFFICERS' POSITIONS SUCH THAT LETHAL VOLLEY FROM THEM APPEARS TO BE IMPOSSIBLE. ADDITIONAL CONTACTS WITH NEWS MEDIA PEOPLE DEVELOPED A NUMBER WHO ARRIVED AT CAMPUS AFTER INCIDENT OCCURRED AND THEIR INFORMATION NOT SIGNIFICANT TO A SOLUTION OF THIS MATTER. REC-3 44-5466-25

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REVIEW OF IDENTITIES OF DECEASED VICTIMS THROUGH VARIOUS LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES AT BATON ROUGE INDICATES NO ARREST RECORDS FOR THEM.

ON CAMPUS INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED WITH SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF STUDENTS RETURNING FOR THEIR BELONGINGS AS RESULT OF SCHOOL CLOSING, NONE HAD ANY PERTINENT INFORMATION. DISSIDENT OR MILITANT GROUP HERE APPEARS TO BE CENTERED AROUND AD HOC GROUP USING THE NAME STUDENTS UNITED. EFFORT BEING MADE TO INTERVIEW PRINCIPALS IN THIS GROUP WHO ACTED IN LEADERSHIP CAPACITY DURING THIS INCIDENT. INITIAL CONTACTS OF THEM BY BLACK AGENTS SHOW THEM TO BE RELUCTANT TO BE INTERVIEWED BY FBI. THEY CITE AS BASIS FOR RELUCTANCE RUMOR THAT FBI IS HERE TO WHITEWASH LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES AND TO COLLECT EVIDENCE SHOWING STUDENTS IN VIOLATION OF ANTI-RIOT LAWS. THIS RUMOR APPEARS TO BE ATTRIBUTABLE TO BLACK FEMALE ATTORNEY NOW IN BATON ROUGE FROM HOUSTON NAMED [redacted]

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HOUSTON WILL BE CONTACTED SEPARATELY FOR DETAILS RE ATTORNEY [redacted]

WHEN [redacted] CONFLICT RESOLUTION PROGRAM, COMMUNITY RELATIONS SERVICES, U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, AGAIN CONTACTS THIS OFFICE, HE WILL BE FURNISHED ABOVE INFORMATION RE RUMOR ATTRIBUTABLE TO [redacted] (NOT INCLUDING THAT INFORMATION FURNISHED BY HOUSTON) FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION BY HIM, UACB.

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TO : MR. CALLAHAN

DATE: November 21, 1972

FROM : J. J. O'CONNELL

SUBJECT: BATWO-CIVIL RIGHTS

By nitel dated 11/20/72, SAC W. A. Sullivan requested 15 additional Agents and 5 automobiles to assist in above-captioned investigation. General Investigative Division agreed and it was approved that this be done.

SAC, New York, telephonically instructed to furnish 11 men. SAC, Cincinnati, instructed to furnish 4 men. SAC, Mobile, instructed to furnish 3 automobiles. SAC, Houston, instructed to furnish 2 automobiles. Respective SACs were instructed to confirm Bureau telephone call by nitel to the Bureau and New Orleans setting forth identities of Agents and their approximate time of arrival, and approximate time of arrival of vehicles. Agents to report to New Orleans Office and vehicles are to be delivered to Baton Rouge Resident Agency.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information only.

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10:50 NITEL 11/17/72 RJB

TO ACTING DIRECTOR

NEW ORLEANS

FROM CLEVELAND (44-NEW) 1P

BATWO. 00: NEW ORLEANS.

RE BUREAU TELEPHONE CALL TO CLEVELAND, NOV. SEVENTEEN.

FOLLOWING AGENTS WILL ARRIVE AT NEW ORLEANS ON FIRST AVAILABLE FLIGHT, UAL FLIGHT NO. TWO FIVE FIVE, AT ELEVEN THIRTY-TWO AM, NOV. EIGHTEEN.

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10:25PM NITEL 11-20-72 GJS

TO ACTING DIRECTOR ATTN:FBI LABORATORY

FROM SAC W. A. SULLIVAN - BATON ROUGE (44-4719) (P)

BATWO - CIVIL RIGHTS; OO:NO.

INTERVIEWS, INVESTIGATION AND PRELIMINARY CRIME SCENE SEARCH INDICATE POSSIBILITY THAT DEATHS OCCURED AS RESULT OF ERRONEOUS DISCHARGE OF TWELVE GAUGE SHOTGUN CONTAINING NUMBER FOUR PELLETS RATHER THAT INTENDED DISCHARGE OF CROWD-DISPERSING GAS. TWO LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES INVOLVED (LOUISIANA STATE POLICE AND EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES). POSITIONING OF THESE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, ANGLE OF FIRE FROM EACH, DISPERSAL OF PELLETS AND POSSIBLE LATER EXPERT TESTIMONY RE SHOTGUN BALLISTICS APPEAR LIKELY.

FBI LAB REQUESTED TO SEND TO BATON ROUGE AS PROMPTLY AS POSSIBLE ABOVE DESCRIBED FIREARMS EXPERT.

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1cc Mr. Callahan

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1cc Mr. Conrad

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TO ACTING DIRECTOR

NEW ORLEANS

FROM PHILADELPHIA

Southern University

BATOO

Batoo Codeword

RE BUREAU PHONE CALL PHILADELPHIA DATE.

SAC WILLIAM A. SULLIVAN ACCOMPANIED BY SUPERVISOR [redacted] AND SPECIAL AGENTS [redacted] WILL DEPART PHILADELPHIA EASTERN AIRLINES FLIGHT NINE ZERO SEVEN AT SEVEN FIFTEEN AM NOV. EIGHTEEN SEVENTYTWO ARRIVING NEW ORLEANS NINE THIRTYNINE AM SAME DATE.

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9:52 PM NITEL 11-24-72 TWH

TO: ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI

(ATTENTION: DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION)

SAC, NEW YORK

NEW ORLEANS

FROM: SAC, TAMPA (100-3378) (OBATWO)

VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR (VVAW) SPONSORED DEMONSTRATION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA (USF), TAMPA, FLORIDA, NOVEMBER TWENTY - TWENTY TWO, NINETEEN SEVENTY TWO, IN MEMORY OF STUDENTS KILLED AT SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY, BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA, IS - RA, STAG.

ON NOVEMBER TWENTY TWO, NINETEEN SEVENTY TWO, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST ADVISED THE VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR (VVAW) MAINTAINED A TABLE IN THE UNIVERSITY CENTER, UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA (USF) DURING THE DAY OF NOVEMBER TWENTY, NINETEEN SEVENTY TWO AND PASSED OUT LEAFLETS ADVERTISING CANDLELIGHT MARCH SET FOR THE NIGHT OF NOVEMBER TWENTY, NINETEEN SEVENTY TWO IN MEMORY OF THE TWO STUDENTS WHO WERE KILLED AT SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY, BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA. SOURCE STATED CANDLELIGHT MARCH WAS HELD ON NIGHT OF NOVEMBER TWENTY, NINETEEN SEVENTY TWO WITH APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED FIFTY TO TWO HUNDRED PERSONS TAKING PART. NO SPEECHES INVOLVED AND

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cc: [redacted]

GROUP ONLY WALKED AROUND CAMPUS WITH CANDLES. MARCH DISPERSED WITHOUT INCIDENT.

ON NOVEMBER TWENTY FOUR, NINETEEN SEVENTY TWO, SOURCE ADVISED THE MEMORIAL DEMONSTRATION SCHEDULED FOR TWO P.M. , NOVEMBER TWENTY TWO, NINETEEN SEVENTY TWO NEVER MATERIALIZED DUE TO LACK OF PARTICIPATION. ONLY ABOUT FORTY PERSONS SHOWED UP AND LISTENED TO SEVERAL SPEECHES CONDEMING GUNS BEING CARRIED ON CAMPUSES BY SECURITY POLICE. GROUP DISPERSED AT THREE P. M. WITHOUT INCIDENT.

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U.S. ATTORNEY, MILITARY INTELLIGENCE, U.S. SECRET SERVICE AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES TAMPA BEING ADVISED.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

RE TAMPA TEL TO BUREAU, NOVEMBER TWENTY, NINETEEN SEVENTY TWO.

RELIABLE SOURCE WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST IS [redacted] b7D

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LOCAL DISSEMINATION BEING MADE. NO LHM FOLLOWS.

COPY FURNISHED TO NEW YORK AS OO IN VVAW CASE.

NO INVESTIGATION REMAINS AT TAMPA AND CASE IS BEING CLOSED.

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RMS FBI WA DC

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Enclosed under separate cover is personal clothing of victim LEONARD DOUGLAS BROWN, consisting of underwear, shoes, socks, shirt, trousers, belt and jacket. Request examination to determine whether any tears, perforations, etc., in clothing and whether any holes caused by bullet or shot fragments.

BROWN died from multiple wounds of head and neck determined by coroner to be number four buckshot. Likewise, request examination for powder burns or anything deemed appropriate.

Copy of space retained in Lab for lab action & report

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: SAC, New Orleans (44-4719) Date: December 8, 1972
Attention: SAC, W. A. Sullivan-Baton Rouge

From: Director, FBI

Re: BATWO - CR
OO:NEW ORLEANS

EX-117 FBI File No. 44-54616 - 31
Lab. No. REC-134 PC-J3230 JH

Examination requested by: New Orleans

Reference: Airtel 11/21/72

Examination requested: Firearms

Remarks:

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Re: BATWO - CR

Date: December 8, 1972
FBI File No. 44-54616
Lab. No. PC-J3230 JH

Specimens received 11/27/72

Q6	Undershorts
Q7	T shirt
Q8-Q9	Pair of boots
Q10-Q11	Pair of socks
Q12	Shirt
Q13	Trousers
Q14	Belt
Q15	Jacket

Result of examination:

Although holes were found in the collar, left front and left sleeve of the Q12 shirt, as well as corresponding holes in the Q7 T shirt and Q15 jacket, which could have been produced by buckshot, no gunpowder residues were found around these holes. The absence of gunpowder residues around the holes precludes the possibility of positively determining whether or not they had been produced by shot or bullets.

Specimens Q6 through Q15 are being returned to your office to the attention of SAC, W. A. Sullivan-Baton Rouge, under separate cover by registered mail.

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File # 44-54616-31
Lab.# PC-J3230 JH

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Examination requested by: SAC, ~~Baton Rouge~~ New Orleans (44-4719)

Examination requested: Firearms (Gnpder tests)
~~Mic Anal (Min)~~

Date received: 11/27 ram

Examination by: [redacted]

Result of Examination:

Attn: SAC W. A. Sullivan - Baton Rouge

Q6	Undershorts
Q7	T shirt
Q8-Q9	Pair of boots
Q10-Q11	Pair of socks
Q12	Shirt
Q13	Trousers
Q14	Belt
Q15	Jacket

Labrept 12/8/72
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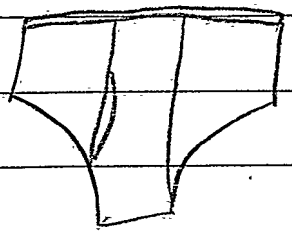
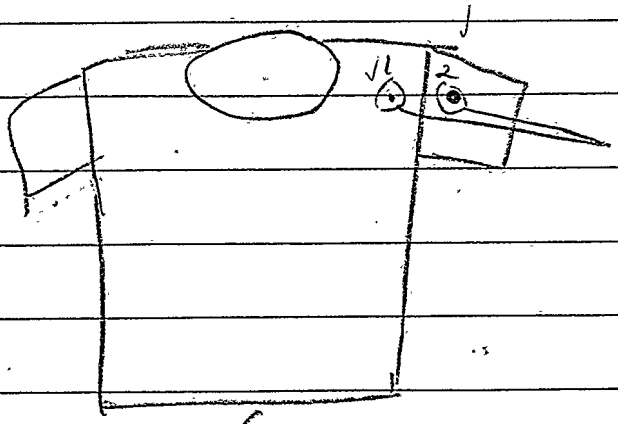
clothing of Leonard D. Brown, Jr. J3230 FH

Q6 MKD Waistband



Brief - No holes

Q7 MKD Collar area



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#2 dia = .5" x .35"

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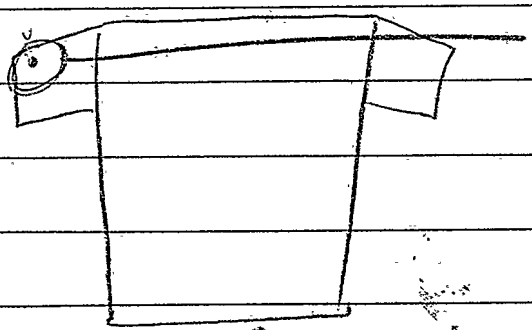

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dia = .15 x .25"

Back

J5230 J4

Q8-Q9 MKD inside

Q8 = Right boot

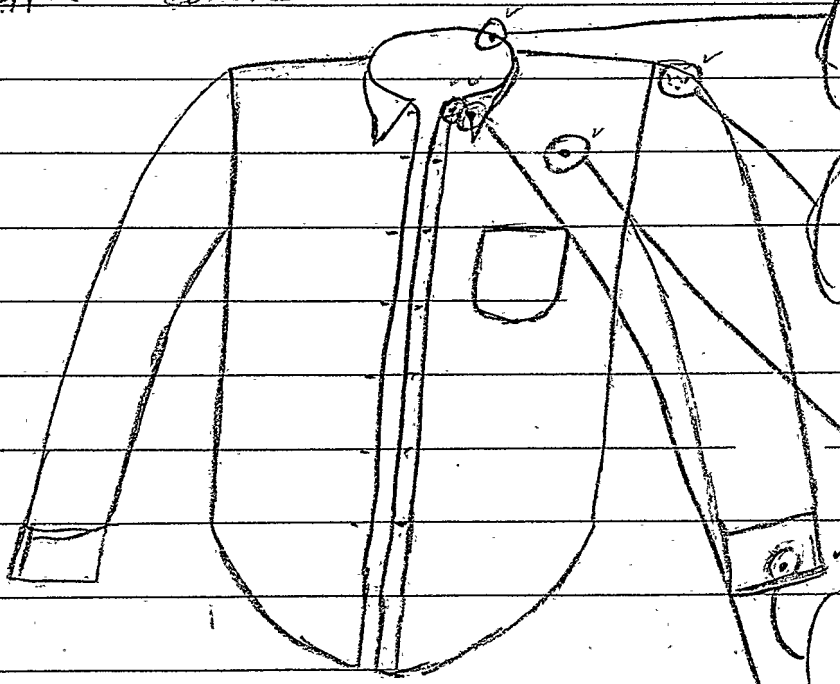
Q9 = Left Boot

no holes found

Q10-Q11 MKD Tag

No holes found

Q12 MKD Collar



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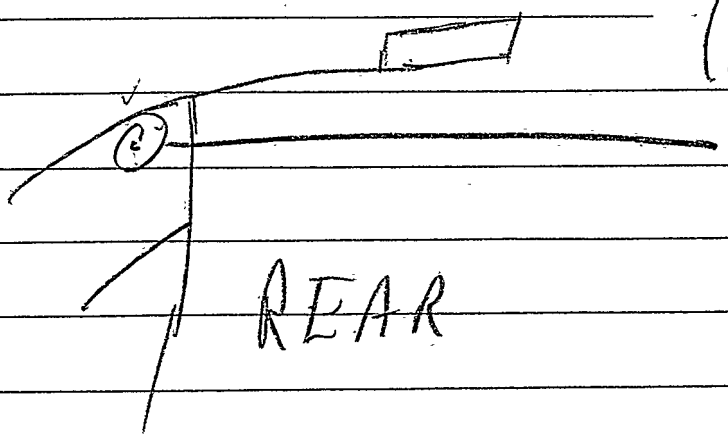

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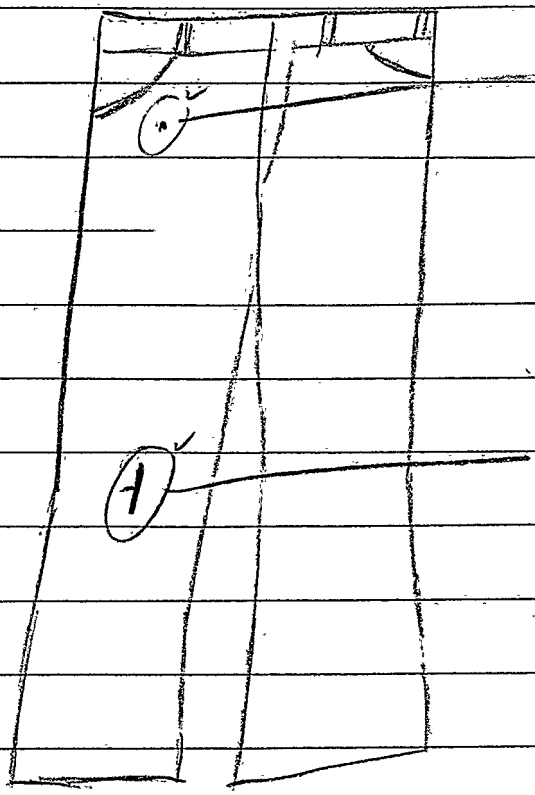
Q13 Mkd waistband



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dia .2"

micro - neg Chem -

Tear - 1

length 2.1"

width (at "T") .4"

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Q14 Mkd inside (NR. Buckle

No holes

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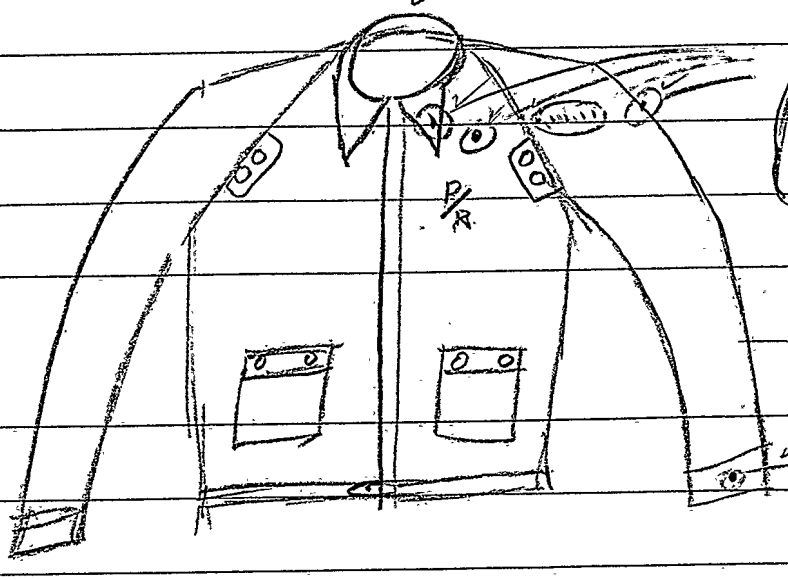
Q15 Mkd Collar Jacket



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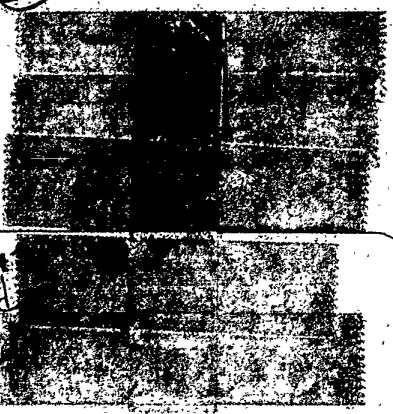

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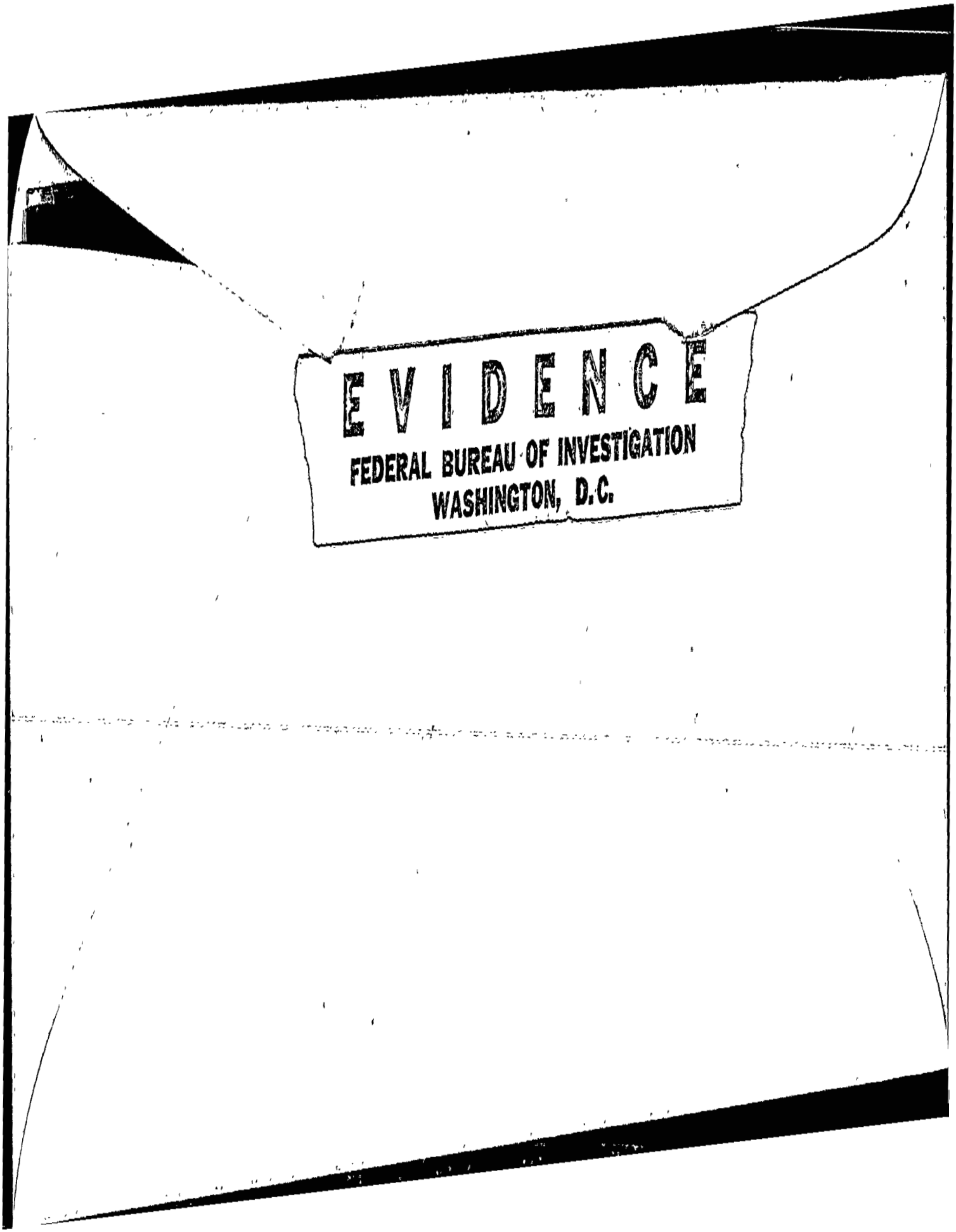
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The above reports were furnished on 11/22/72, by HYPOLITE T. LANDRY, JR., M.D., Coroner, East Baton Rouge Parish, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

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HYPOLITE T. LANDRY, JR., M. D.
Coroner, East Baton Rouge Parish

November 22, 1972

Autopsy Report - [redacted]

Name: Denver A. Smith
Box 95, 1420 Pennsylvania Ave.
New Roads, Louisiana

Date: November 16, 1972

Time of Death: 11-16-72 at 11:30 A.M. Our Lady of the Lake Hospital Emergency Room.

Age: 20

Race: Negro

Sex: Male

Date of Autopsy: 11-16-72 at 1:00 P.M.

Final Diagnosis - Missle injuries of head and face, left forearm, wrist and hand.

Cause of Death - Cerebral hemorrhage due to cerebral injury due to missle wounds of head.

History: The patient was a 20 year old negro male who had been brought to the emergency room of the Lady of the Lake Hospital after having received injuries in a disturbance on the Southern University Campus. He arrived in the Emergency Room alive, and under the direction of a local surgeon, [redacted] was given emergency treatment for a period of approximately 20 minutes, after which time he was pronounced dead.

Autopsy Examination: Autopsy was limited to gross examination of the body and internal examination of the head only.

External Examination: The body was viewed before the examination was begun and wounds were present on the left arm which were observed as well as wounds of the head and face. There was a small laceration on the anterior surface of the left side of the upper lip that appeared to be an abraded area. There was a slight amount of blood coagulated in this area. The lower lip also had an abraded area. Both these surfaces could have been done from a fall causing the abrasion or possibly could have been done by a superficial missle passing over the surface of the skin. The external examination of the mouth revealed no penetration of either the lip or chin wounds.

Examination of the left arm revealed that there were four entry wounds in the arm and located in the following manner: The first being on the antero lateral aspect of the left hand at the base of the thumb, measuring 8 and 1/2 centimeters from the tip of the thumb. The wound penetrated on the antero lateral surface of the thumb and exited at the base of the little finger, 6 centimeters from the tip. Next was a pellet wound in the same general line on the antero lateral aspect of the arm, located 8 centimeters above the wrist,

in the area of the forearm, with an exit wound on the posteomedial aspect of the forearm. The next missle was 11 centimeters measuring above the wrist, also located in the same anterolateral aspect of the forearm, exiting on the posteromedial aspect of the forearm. This pellet was found in an exit wound and was recovered for examination. The fourth and final missle wound in the forearm was 15 centimeters above the wrist in the same area of penetration in the anterolateral aspect, with a discrete exit wound on the opposite side of the posteromedian. The entry and exit wounds appeared to be of small size which would be expected to have been caused by a missle of small caliber. Examination of the wounds of the left arm: No wadding or powder burns were noted. Entry holes were all discrete and measuring approximately .4 of a cenitmeter in diameter.

External examination of the head revealed a missle wound on the left side approximately 3 centimeters in front of the ear at the level of the auditory canal, in the area of the zygoma. This pellet wound was discrete and of the same size as those discribed in the arm and apparantly entered into the basal area of the skull through this anterior entrance site. Behind the ear, the second observed wound on the skull was located 7 centimeters behind the external auditory canal in the squamous portion of the temporal bone. It was discrete. The entry wound was approximately the same size as those observed on the arm. The next wound was slightly superior, still in the squamous portion of the temporal bone, approximately 1/2 centimeters from the first described entry hole in the posterior aspect of the skull. This was of the same size, was discrete in nature, and some tissue which appeared to be brain tissue was oosing from the ear. It was superior to the other two wounds, being located in the parietal bone of the skull, just two or three centimeters above the suture line between the squamous portion of the temporal bone and the parietal bone. Here again, the entry hole was discrete. Some tissue appearing to be brain tissue had oosed out. The size of the hole was approximately the same as the other described entry hole. No exit wounds were observed on the skull. No other evidence of entry. No swellings, contusions, or abrasions were noted about the skull.

Internal examination - The scalp was opened in the usual manner with the usual incision, and was reflected. Upon reflection of the scalp in the area of the squamous portion of the temporal bone behind the ear, the three entry holes could be discretely seen. The size of the entry holes in the skull proper were somewhat larger than seen through the skin, measuring approximately 1 centimeter in diameter. All seemed to be uniform and of approximately the same size. There were no other evidences of injury at this site. The three holes were seen without difficulty. No associated fractures of the skull were present. However, some small fragments of bone were observed in the examination of the penetrating wounds of the skull. The skull was carefully observed for exit holes and none were found. The skull was removed with a Striker saw in the usual cap like fashion, and the brain tissue was reflected. A massive hemorrhage was noted on the surface of the brain, and filling the cavities in this area. The cranial vault was inspected carefully, and no additional holes were found. The three entry holes were still observed in the removed portion of the cap. The floor seemed to be in tact. The missle that entered the anterior portion of the ear apparantly nad not entered the floor of the skull. The three missles had entered brain tissue causing extensive damage, destruction of tissue, and massive hemorrhage. The brain was removed and sectioned. Two pellets were recovered and held for examination. Pictures were taken during this procedure, and are in [redacted] possession of the Baton Rouge City Police Department. The pellets were pr[redacted] the crime lab for examination, being three in numb[redacted] They were [redacted] in a test tube for safe keeping.

[redacted] Deputy Coroner

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NECROPSY (AUTOPSY) PROTOCOL

NAME Brown, Leonard D., Jr.
Rt. 1, Box 32, Gilbert, La. 71336
HOSPITAL NUMBER (DOA)

NECROPSY NO. A72-111

AGE 20 RACE Negro SEX Male

DATE & TIME ADMITTED (DOA)

WARD SERVICE

DATE & TIME OF DEATH 11-16-72; 12:45 PM

DATE & TIME AUTOPSIED 11-16-72; 1:00 PM

CORONER'S CASE: Yes

PROSECTOR [redacted]

CODE	FINAL DIAGNOSES	Ancillary Documentation & Photographs
	1. Missile injuries of head and face, left shoulder, left wrist, left finger #2. A. Bilateral fractures of temporal bone through sphenoid wing. B. Fracture and severance of cavernous sinuses bilaterally. C. Massive subarachnoid hemorrhage. D. Hematoma of right neck. E. Laceration of left and right cerebral hemispheres (especially temporal lobes) with penetrating injuries. F. Superficial missile injuries with localized hematoma of left shoulder, left wrist, and left hand.	Multiple photos (35mm) - 10 Multiple x-rays (4)

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CORONER'S CASE: Yes PROSECTOR: [redacted]

HISTORY: The patient was an unidentified Negro male appearing to be in his twenties, but whose age is unknown, who was brought to the EKLMH by police with the history of having been shot at a social disturbance at Southern University campus. No other history is available. No identification was found on the patient.

AUTOPSY EXAMINATION: The autopsy was limited to gross examination of the body and internal examination of the head.

EXTERNAL EXAMINATION: There was a small area of dumbbell-shaped healing burn on the right medial-dorsal surface of the wrist measuring approximately 4cm in length and 1cm in largest diameter.

A penetrating missile injury of the proximal interphalangeal joint area of the right finger #2 on the lateral surface was found with focal areas of hemorrhage surrounding. The missile entrance wound measured approximately 0.5cm in any dimension with an area of hemorrhage surrounding, approximately 0.5cm. Powder burns were not present.

A second missile injury was found at the right lateral surface of the wrist of similar size and shape. No missiles were found within. Upon opening the wound of the finger, a fracture of the proximal phalanx was found, but no missiles were present.

A similar size and shape injury was found on the left lateral surface of the shoulder over the juncture of the corciobrachialis and the deltoid.

External examination of the head revealed fixed entrance wounds which were approximately the same size and shape of tho se noted in the finger with hemorrhage surrounding One entrance wound was immediately anterior and slightly superior to the left external auditory canal meatus. A second entrance wound was found anterior-superior to this area approximately 2.5cm. The other wound were in an area immediately adjacent to the left temporal bone, somewhat in a linear fashion, semicircular, paralleling the curvature of the helex of the ear, an area approximately 6cm in length.

INTERNAL EXAMINATION: The scalp was opened with the usual transsaggital incision, and the scalp was reflected anteriorly and posteriorly. A fracture line to the left temporal bone extending from the area about the meatus anterio-superiorly was found crossing three bullet injuries, while three other injuries were found to be separate penetrating wounds approximately 1.5 to 1cm in diameter. Two exit wounds were found in the right side of the skull, one of which was in the right temporal area at this sphenoid wing of the temporal bone, the pellets being found intact within the subcutaneous tissue on this side. A second entrance was inferior to this with the pellet being found in a hematoma of the sternomastoid muscle approximately 1cm below the styloid process.

The skull cap was removed with Stryker saw in the usual caplike fashion, and the brain reflected. Hemorrhage was noted on the inferior surface of the brain and around the brainstem within both the subarachnoid spaces but none in the subdural space. There was a massive fracture extending from left to right across the entire skull corresponding to both sphenoid wings of the temporal bone and traversing the anterior extent of the cavernous sinuses bilaterally, severing the third nerve bilaterally. Hemorrhage in this area was notable. The fracture corresponded to the suspected path of the first mentioned pellet found on the right side of the head.

The brain was removed and serially sectioned in A-P diameter on the right side and two additional pellets were found in the temporal lobe. A flattened portion of a sixth pellet was not found.

(NOTE: An anterior and posterior x-ray of the skull, an x-ray of the shoulder, and an x-ray of the hand were taken for localization of missiles prior to their removal.)

The clothes of the patient, $4.00 in his pocket, a watch and a set of keys were impounded by the police.

NO MICROSCOPIC SECTIONS WERE TAKEN.

Photographs were taken of the entire autopsy and are appended to this report. A photograph was taken of the pellets and is also so appended.

ATTENDANCE AT NECROPSY: [redacted] Pathologist; Dr. Hippolite Landry, Coroner; [redacted] Photographer; [redacted] Photographer; Deputy [redacted] Deputy [redacted] East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office.

NOTE: [redacted] and [redacted] respectively viewed the body 11/16/72 4:30 p.m. in order to make an identification.

[redacted] SU, viewed the body 11/17/72 4:30 p.m. in order to make an identification.

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November 24, 1972

Dr. Nolen M. Ellison
President
Seattle Central Community College
Seattle, Washington 98122

Dear Dr. Ellison:

In reply to your telegram of November 19th, you may be sure the FBI always endeavors to discharge its responsibility in all matters with the highest degree of thoroughness and dispatch. Results of our investigations are promptly furnished to the Department of Justice which has the responsibility to determine prosecutive action warranted in each instance. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency and does not make decisions concerning prosecution.

Sincerely yours,
For the Acting Director

W. Mark Felt
Acting Associate Director

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NOTE: Dr. Ellison could not be identified in Bureau files.

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DR NOLEN M ELLISON PRESIDENT

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ALL PARTICIPANTS AND WITNESSES FROM LOUISIANA STATE POLICE (LSP) WITH ONE EXCEPTION HAVE BEEN INTERVIEWED. NO INFO DEVELOPED

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FROM LSP PERSONNEL WHICH CAN ASSIST IN IDENTIFYING PERSON WHO FIRED FATAL SHOT. ALL MEMBERS LSP COOPERATIVE AND FURNISHED DETAILED STATEMENTS OR INTERVIEWS RE THEIR ACTIVITIES OR KNOWLEDGE RE CONFRONTATION.

ADDITIONAL INTERVIEW CONDUCTED WITH EYE WITNESS NEWMAN AT BATON ROUGE; NO SIGNIFICANT INFO DEVELOPED. ARRANGEMENTS MADE TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL MOTION PICTURE FILM USED BY PHOTOGRAPHER OF EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE (EBRPSO).

[redacted] HE DESCRIBED [redacted] AS [redacted] INTENSIVE INTERVIEW AND REFLECTION, [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] DENIES FIRING THIS RIFLE AND NO EVIDENCE DEVELOPED ANY RIFLE FIRED DURING CONFRONTATION. SUCH RIFLE HAS

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VERY DISTINCTIVE PISTOL GRIP.

[redacted] WAS ON LINE IN [redacted]

[redacted] HE ESTIMATES [redacted]

[redacted] (REFER TO EXHIBIT FURNISHED

WITH YESTERDAY'S SUMMARY). [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted] AT SAME APPROXIMATE TIME

HE HEARD [redacted] HE COULD NOT BE

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[redacted] PROFESSOR, SAW ONE

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STUDENT SHOT IN FRONT OF ROTC BUILDING. OTHER INVESTIGATION SHOWED THIS TO BE VICTIM [redacted] WHO WAS SLIGHTLY WOUNDED BY TEAR GAS PROJECTILE.

[redacted] OF STUDENT COUNCIL, STATES WAS IN ADMINISTRATION BUILDING EARLY MORNING OF NOV. SIXTEEN, BUT LEFT WITH PRESIDENT NETTERVILLE FOR STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING. [redacted] INSISTS NETTERVILLE TOLD STUDENTS TO REMAIN AT ADMINISTRATION BUILDING UNTIL HE RETURNED. [redacted] REFUSED TO IDENTIFY OTHER STUDENTS AT BUILDING DURING CONFRONTATION.

VAGUE UNSUBSTANTIATED RUMOR HAS BEEN CIRCULATING THIRD STUDENT SHOT AND INJURED BY GUNFIRE DURING CONFRONTATION. WHILE IT APPEARS GROUNDLESS AT THIS POINT, EXTENSIVE EFFORT BEING MADE TO CONFIRM OR DENY THIS RUMOR.

BATON ROUGE "STATE TIMES", AFTERNOON, NOV. TWENTYSEVEN, REPORTS A BLACK PEOPLES COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY CONVENED THIS MORNING AT LOCAL UNION HALL. GEORGE W. BAKER, A DISMISSED SUBR ENGINEERING PROFESSOR, TESTIFIED THAT "...WHITE POLITICAL

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LEADERS WOULD TAKE ALL MEANS POSSIBLE, INCLUDING THE MURDER OF BLACK STUDENTS, TO MAINTAIN THEIR CONTROL OVER THE BLACK COMMUNITY...."

HAYWOOD BURNS OF NEW YORK CITY, NATIONAL DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF BLACK LAWYERS, PRESIDED. NO NATIONAL "NAME" PARTICIPANTS ALTHOUGH GOVERNOR EDWARDS VISITED INQUIRY FOR ABOUT ONE HALF HOUR.

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TO: ACTING DIRECTOR

FROM: SAC W. A. SULLIVAN - BATON ROUGE (44-4719-SUB E)

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DAILY SUMMARY NOVEMBER TWENTY SIX, SEVENTY TWO.

[redacted] NOW IDENTIFIED AS [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted] IN PAST SHE HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED IN

CONTACT WITH MEMBERS OF BLACK PANTHER PARTY WHEN THEY WERE

[redacted] SUBJECT

SEPARATE PENDING ONE FIFTY SEVEN MATTER, NEW ORLEANS DIVISION.

IDENTIFIED AS BORN [redacted]

FIVE FEET, FOUR INCHES, AND NINETY-NINE POUNDS.

[redacted] FRESHMAN, SUBR, AND [redacted]

SOPHOMORE, SUBR, INTERVIEWED AT CAMPUS.

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[redacted] ADVISED "STUDENTS' UNITED" CONSISTS OF ALL STUDENTS AT SUBR WHO HAVE BEEN PARTICIPATING IN RECENT BOYCOTT WITH MAIN OBJECTIVES--MORE STUDENT CONTROL OF THE UNIVERSITY AND RESIGNATION OF DR. NETTERVILLE, PRESIDENT, SUBR, WHOM STUDENTS FEEL IS INCOMPETENT. SHE CLAIMED STUDENTS UNITED HAS NO OFFICIAL LEADERS AND ON THE MORNING OF NOVEMBER SIXTEEN, SEVENTY TWO, GROUP OF STUDENTS UNITED MEMBERS WENT TO SEE PRESIDENT NETTERVILLE; HOWEVER, A LARGE NUMBER OF STUDENTS CONGREGATED AT THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING. THIS FOLLOWED BY APPEARANCE OF POLICE. SHE WAS INSIDE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING AND OBSERVED TEAR GAS OUTSIDE AND WHEN TEAR GAS CAME INTO THE BUILDING, SHE EXITED BUILDING THROUGH BACK DOOR, RAN AROUND AUDITORIUM AND THEN ACROSS STREET WHEN SHE HEARD SOMEONE SAY TWO STUDENTS HAD BEEN HURT. SHE CANNOT IDENTIFY ANYONE WHO FIRED ANY WEAPONS. SHE STATED DID NOT FEEL IT WAS HER RIGHT TO IDENTIFY OTHER STUDENTS PRESENT, BUT STATED WOULD CONTACT ONES SHE KNOWS WERE THERE AND ENCOURAGE THEM TO CONTACT THE FBI.

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[redacted] ADVISED SHE WAS ON STEPS OF ADMINISTRATION BUILDING IN A MASS OF STUDENTS WHEN POLICE ARRIVED AND FORMED A LINE FACING STUDENTS. SHE STATED TEAR GAS CAME INTO THE CROWD WHERE SHE WAS STANDING AT WHICH TIME SHE IMMEDIATELY LEFT AND SAID SHE DID NOT SEE OR HEAR ANY SHOOTING. SHE STATED SHE DID NOT KNOW THE IDENTITIES OF ANY OTHER PEOPLE PRESENT IN THE IMMEDIATE AREA.

DEPUTY SHERIFF [redacted] EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH SO, A BLACK [redacted] YEAR OLD [redacted] STATED ON MORNING OF NOV. SIXTEEN, SEVENTY TWO, HE WAS ASSIGNED TO [redacted] SQUAD ON SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY CAMPUS. [redacted] STATED DEPUTIES HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED BY [redacted] THEY WERE NOT TO CARRY ANY ROUNDS IN CHAMBERS OF THEIR SHOULDER WEAPONS. THEY WERE ALSO TOLD NOT TO FIRE UNLESS INSTRUCTED TO DO SO BY THEIR SQUAD LEADERS. THE MEN EQUIPPED WITH SHOTGUNS WERE INSTRUCTED TO LOAD WITH TEAR GAS ONLY, AS [redacted] UNDERSTOOD THE ORDER. ONLY MEN WITH RIFLES WERE TO HAVE LIVE AMMUNITION IN THEIR WEAPONS.

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[redacted] STATED THAT AS DEPUTIES LINED UP PARALLEL TO FRONT OF ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, HE WAS IN POSITION TO LEFT OF DEPUTY [redacted] TO HIS RIGHT WERE [redacted] IN THAT ORDER. TO HIS LEFT WAS [redacted] A DEPUTY NAMED [redacted] WAS TO [redacted] SAID THAT HE HAD NO SHOULDER WEAPON HIMSELF, BUT CARRIED ONLY A NIGHT STICK AND HIS SIDEARM. HE COULD NOT RECALL IF DEPUTY [redacted] HAD A SHOULDER WEAPON AND DID NOT RECALL THE EQUIPMENT OF [redacted] OR [redacted] HE RECALLED THAT [redacted] HAD SOME TYPE OF SHOULDER WEAPON BUT COULD NOT BE MORE SPECIFIC.

[redacted] STATED THAT WHEN DEPUTIES LINED UP, SHERIFF USED LOUD-SPEAKER IN STATE POLICE TANK AND TOLD ASSEMBLED PEOPLE TO MOVE. AT THIS TIME [redacted] OBSERVED A DARK COMPLECTED INDIVIDUAL WEARING A GREEN HELMET LINER AND ANOTHER LIGHTER COMPLECTED INDIVIDUAL WITH A MODERATE-TYPE AFRO HAIR STYLE AMONG STUDENTS. THESE TWO INDIVIDUALS TOLD STUDENTS TO SIT DOWN WHERE THEY WERE AND ALSO TOLD OTHER STUDENTS BEHIND THE DEPUTIES TO COME AND JOIN THE GROUP

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IN FRONT OF ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.

[redacted] STATED SOMEONE FROM SO WENT UP TO CROWD DIRECTLY IN FRONT OF STEPS OF ADMINISTRATION BUILDING AND WAS TALKING TO STUDENTS. WHILE HE WAS SPEAKING, SOME SORT OF WHITE GAS CANISTER CAME OUT OF CROWD. AT THIS TIME CONFUSION ENSUED. [redacted] SAID HE PUT ON HIS GAS MASK AND WAS THEREBY BLINDED FOR A SHORT TIME. AFTER HE HAD PUT HIS MASK ON, HE HEARD SOMEONE SAY TWO PEOPLE WERE ON THE GROUND. [redacted] COULD NOT SAY WHO HAD FIRED OR WHETHER, IN FACT, HE HEARD ANY SHOTS. HE IDENTIFIED [redacted] AND DEPUTY [redacted] IN BLACK AND WHITE PHOTOGRAPHS AND INDICATED THAT DURING ENTIRE INCIDENT HE REMAINED IN A LOCATION TO [redacted] LOCATED IN FRONT OF ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.

[redacted] STATED DOES NOT KNOW NOR WOULD HE SPECULATE THAT ANY EMPLOYEE OF THE SO WOULD USE THE DEMONSTRATION AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO KILL ANY STUDENT FOR ANY REASON.

[redacted] ASSIST. PROFESSOR OF [redacted] ADVISED HE WAS ON THE SCENE AT CONFRONTATION FROM BEGINNING TO END.

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HE TRIED TO GET SUBR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS TO NEGOTIATE ONE LAST TIME IN ORDER TO GET THE STUDENTS OUT OF BUILDING. WHEN THE EXCHANGE OF TEAR GAS AND FIRING FROM LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS STARTED, HE WAS BEHIND SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES. HE DID NOT SEE FATAL SHOT DUE TO TEAR GAS AND SMOKE. HE WAS, HOWEVER, ONE OF THE FIRST TO NOTICE THERE WERE INJURED INDIVIDUALS. HE STATED HE TRIED IN VAIN TO GET SOMEONE ON THE SCENE TO GET EMERGENCY MEDICAL VEHICLES, BUT TO NO AVAIL.

BY CHECKING THE INJURED, HE COULD TELL THAT ONE STILL HAD VITAL LIFE SIGNS. THE OTHER APPEARED DEAD. HE SEARCHED ONE INDIVIDUAL AND FOUND IDENTIFICATION FOR DENVER SMITH. THE OTHER ONE HAD NO IDENTIFICATION, JUST ONE SET OF KEYS. SHORTLY, THEREAFTER, HE BECAME COGNIZANT OF FACT THERE WERE STUDENTS STILL IN ADMINISTRATION BUILDING. THERE ENSUED A VERY HEATED DISCUSSION BETWEEN HIMSELF AND OTHERS AGAINST STATE POLICE AS TO WHO WAS GOING IN TO GET THEM OUT. HIS SIDE PREVAILED WITH UNDERSTANDING

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THAT STUDENTS COULD COME OUT AND NOT BE HARMED. UPON ENTERING THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING CAMPUS SECURITY OFFICER [redacted] GAVE HIM HIS REVOLVER AND GUN BELT. WHEN LEADING STUDENTS OUT, THEY HAD TO KEEP REASSURING THEM THAT THEY WOULD NOT BE HARMED. AS THEY LED STUDENTS OUT THE DOOR, STATE POLICE CHARGED TOWARD STUDENTS AND THEY ALMOST PANICKED. THIS IS WHEN THE ONE STUDENT ATTEMPTED TO RE-ENTER THE BUILDING AND SOON AFTER RAN TOWARD THE CHAPEL,, THE STATE POLICE LEVELED THEIR GUNS AND HE AND OTHERS SHOUTED TO HIM TO STOP RUNNING, AND TO THE POLICE THAT HE WAS UNARMED.

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[redacted] NEGRO MALE ~~N/M~~, AGE [redacted] REFUSED TO BE INTERVIEWED BY BUAGENTS.

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[redacted] OF [redacted] ADVISED [redacted] WAS IN THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE AT THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING ON NOVEMBER SIXTEEN, SEVENTY TWO. HOWEVER, HE LEFT ROOM WHEN PRES. NETTERVILLE WENT TO THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING. [redacted] PRESENTLY OUT OF TOWN AND WILL RETURN NOV. TWENTY SIX, SEVENTY TWO. HE WILL BE INTERVIEWED UPON HIS RETURN.

[redacted] ASST. PROFESSOR OF [redacted] [redacted] WAS AT SCENE NOVEMBER SIXTEEN, SEVENTY TWO. HE IS PRESENTLY COLLECTING ALL HIS THOUGHTS AND WILL PRESENT THEM TO BUAGENTS MONDAY, NOV. TWENTY SEVEN, SEVENTY TWO.

INTERVIEWS WITH [redacted] AND [redacted] SET OUT IN SOME DETAIL AS THEY ARE FIRST INTERVIEWS WITH BLACKS WHO WERE ON SCENE AT TIME OF INCIDENT. LATER INTERVIEWS WILL BE MORE BRIEF UNLESS OF SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE.

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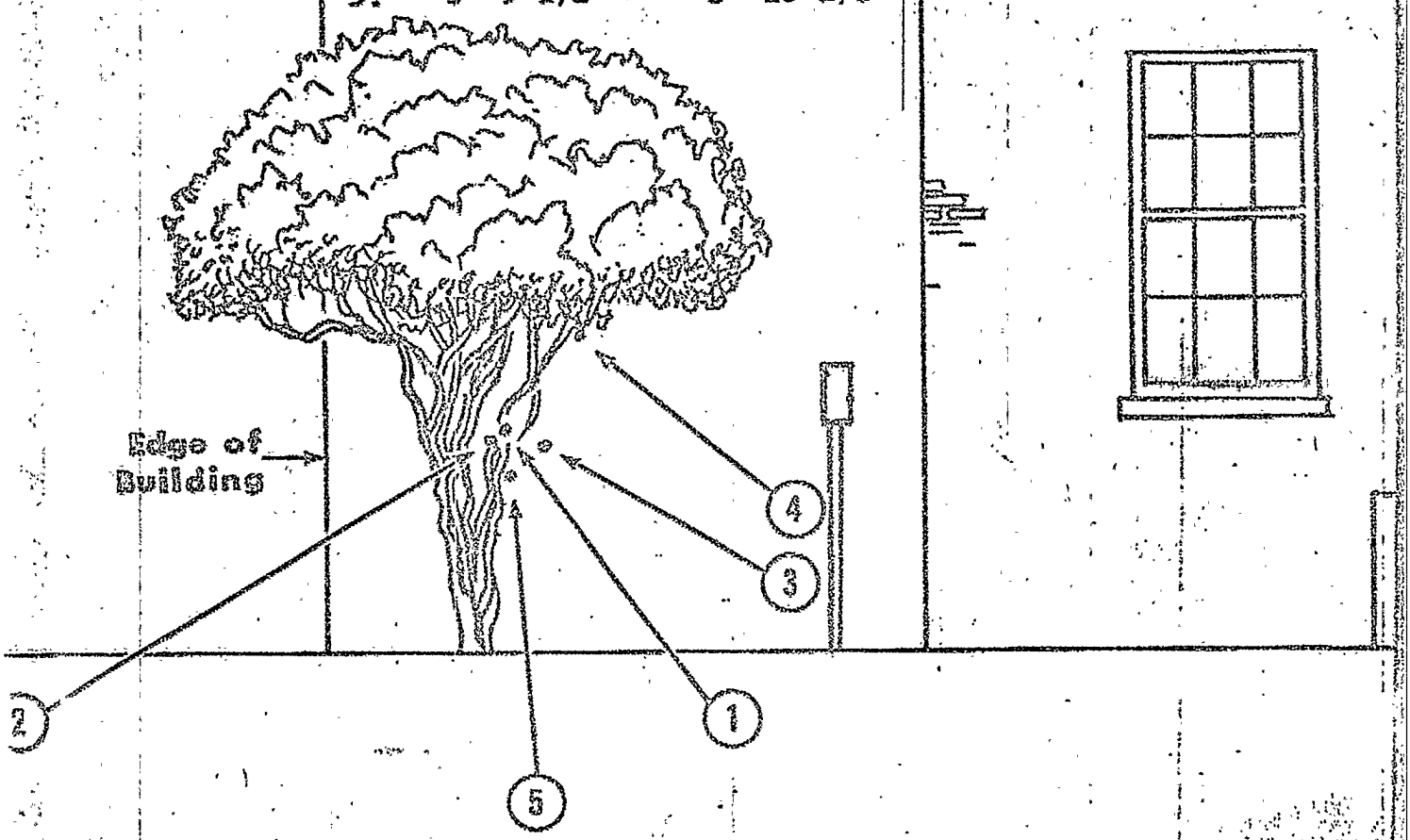

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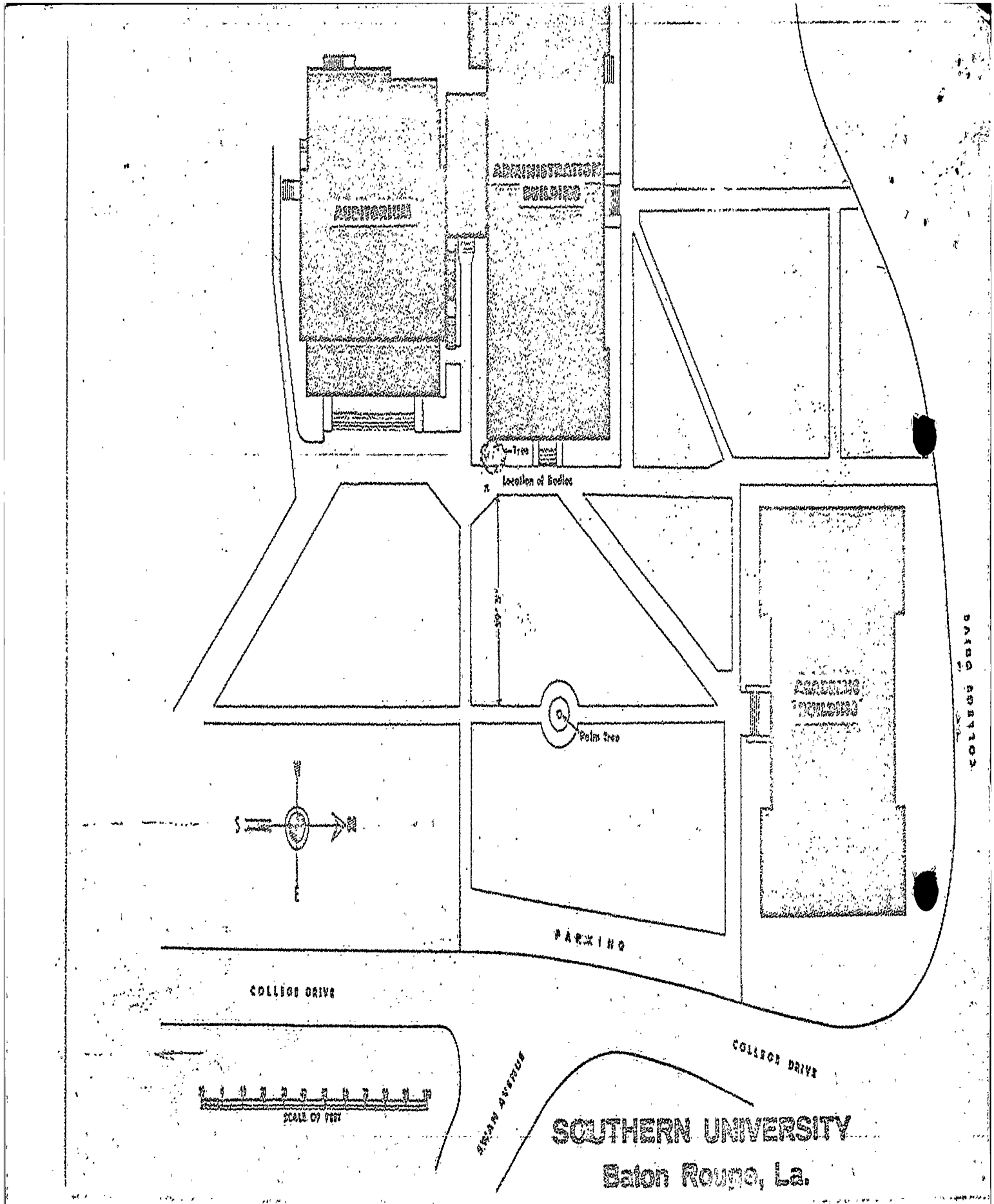
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November 28, 1972

GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

Summary

This involves confrontation between police and students at Southern University, Baton Rouge (SUBR), Louisiana, 11/16/72, which resulted in deaths of two students and wounding of others. Attached advises summary of investigation conducted 11/27/72.

Extensive interviews conducted for details regarding victims' background and current and past student protests at SUBR. Approximately 150 students had preliminary interviews in which additional student protestors identified.

All participants and witnesses from Louisiana State Police with exception of one interviewed. No information developed which can assist in identifying person who fired fatal shot (all members cooperative).

Interview with eyewitness news man at Baton Rouge developed no significant information. Arrangements made to obtain additional motion picture film by photographer of East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office.

Extensive investigation to identify individual or individuals responsible for victims' death, along with pertinent witnesses, negative.

Vague unsubstantiated rumor has been circulating third student shot and injured by gunfire during confrontation; while it appears groundless at this point, extensive investigation being conducted to confirm or deny this rumor.

Baton Rouge "State Times," 11/27/72, reported a Black Peoples Committee of Inquiry convened at local union hall. One George W. Baker (dismissed SUBR Engineering Professor) testified that "white political leaders would take all means possible, including the murder of black students, to maintain their control over the black community." Haywood Burns of New York City, National Director of National Conference of Black Lawyers, presided. Governor Edwards visited inquiry for about one-half hour.

Investigation continuing.

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PLAINTEXT TELETYPE URGENT

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FROM ACTING DIRECTOR FBI

1 - Mr. Gebhardt
1 - [redacted]
1 - [redacted]
1 - [redacted]
1 - Mr. Bishop

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UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; DENVER A. SMITH - (DECEASED), UNKNOWN VICTIM - (DECEASED), [redacted] - VICTIMS; CIVIL RIGHTS; OO: NO.

IN FUTURE COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BUREAU AND OTHER FIELD OFFICES CONCERNING CAPTIONED MATTER YOU SHOULD UTILIZE THE CODE WORD BATWO. INSURE THAT THIS CODE WORD IS NOT USED IN COMMUNICATIONS INCLUDING REPORTS TO ANY OUTSIDE AGENCY OR PERSON.

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NOTE: See [redacted] to Gebhardt memo, 11/17/72, captioned as above.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Gebhardt

DATE: 11/17/72

FROM : [redacted]

1 - Mr. Gebhardt
1 - [redacted]
1 - [redacted]
1 - [redacted]
1 - Mr. Bishop

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
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This is the case involving the killing of two Negroes and the injuring of others at Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on 11/16/72. It is noted that many possible student witnesses have departed the campus and have travelled to various sections of the country and inasmuch as it will be necessary to set out leads to numerous offices, it is recommended that the code word BATWO be utilized in future communications to save work and time in transmitting teletypes and other communications to field offices.

ACTION: UNKNOWN Subject Confrontation At Southern University Baton Rouge, Louisiana 11-16-72

A check of the Files and Communications Division indices disclosed that BATWO has not been used previously in connection with any investigation. Attached for approval is a teletype advising the New Orleans Office to utilize the code word BATWO in communications to the Bureau and other field offices concerning the captioned matter.

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TO ACTING DIRECTOR

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AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS NOVEMBER TWENTY SEVENTYTWO, ESTIMATE MADE OF INTERVIEWS TO BE CONDUCTED IN FUTURE ON BASIS OF PRESENT KNOWLEDGE. THEY ARE: LOUISIANA STATE POLICE OFFICERS - THIRTYFIVE, SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY SECURITY DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES - TWENTYEIGHT, CORONER'S OFFICE EMPLOYEES - FIVE, SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY FACULTY AND ADMINISTRATORS - FIFTY, SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES - SIXTY, NEWS MEDIA EMPLOYEES - TWENTYFIVE, MISC. - THIRTY, FOR A TOTAL OF TWO HUNDRED THIRTYTHREE.

STUDENTS ~~DASH~~ ONE THOUSAND. THIS INCLUDES THOSE OUTSIDE IN DIRECT CONFRONTATION, THOSE INSIDE OCCUPYING ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, AND THOSE WHO WERE SPECTATORS. OVERALL TOTAL APPROXIMATELY ONE THOUSAND AND TWO HUNDRED. STUDENTS RETURN MONDAY NOVEMBER TWENTY-SEVEN NEXT. DATE OF CHRISTMAS VACATION NOT SET.

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IN VIEW OF THE FORGOING, REQUEST NOW MADE FOR IMMEDIATE ASSIGNMENT

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OF FIFTEEN ADDITIONAL AGENTS TO ASSIST IN INTERVIEW OF NONSTUDENTS. CONSIDERATION OF ADDITIONAL AGENTS TO STEP UP STUDENT INTERVIEWS WILL BE MADE LATER IN LIGHT OF PROGRESS WITH NONSTUDENT INTERVIEWS. FIVE ADDITIONAL VEHICLES WILL BE REQUIRED FOR USE OF ABOVE REQUESTED FIFTEEN SPECIAL AGENTS.

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ICC Mr. Callahan JBL:

CC-MR. MILLER

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GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

SUMMARY

This involves confrontation between police and students at Southern University, Baton Rouge (SUBR), Louisiana, on 11/16/72 which resulted in deaths of two students and wounding of others.

The attached reflects results of first interviews conducted with blacks who were on the scene at time of incident and advises [redacted] the student group at SUBR known as "Students United." [redacted] "Students United" not to talk to FBI as they were there to "white wash" the local authorities in this incident. This group instrumental in organizing the 11/16/72 demonstration and had as its objectives more student control of the university and the resignation of SUBR President Dr. Netterville whom they feel is incompetent. Female black student interviewed and claimed "Students United" has no official leaders. She declined to identify other students present but stated would contact ones she knows were there and encourage them to contact FBI.

A black Deputy Sheriff, East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office (EBRPSO) advised deputies EBRPSO were instructed not to carry rounds in chambers of their shoulder weapons and not to fire unless instructed to do so by their squad leaders. Men equipped with shotguns were instructed to load with tear gas only and only those men with rifles were to have live ammunition in their weapons.

Investigation continuing.

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GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

This matter relates to the confrontation between police and students at Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on 11/16/72, which resulted in the death of two students and the wounding of others.

Attached teletype contains request for additional 15 Agents and 5 more cars at this time. Preliminary estimate indicates approximately 1000 student demonstrators and witnesses and 233 others to be interviewe including police officers, members of news media, university faculty and administra In addition, request was made for a firearms expert and exhibits specialist.

The firearms expert and the exhibits specialist have been ordered in. The General Investigative Division concurs with SAC Sullivan's request and recommends 15 Agents and 5 cars be assigned immediately.

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INVESTIGATIVE HEADQUARTERS LOCATED CAPITOL HOUSE MOTEL, BATON ROUGE, LA., ELEVEN NINETEEN.

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~~SRA~~ AND ~~ASRA~~ BATON ROUGE REVIEWED FACTS FOR INVESTIGATIVE STAFF. ASSURANCES OF COOPERATION PREVIOUSLY SECURED FROM GOVERNOR EDWARDS, LOUISIANA DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH SHERIFF AMISS.

INVESTIGATIVE STAFF WENT TO SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY BATON ROUGE CAMPUS AND EXAMINED SITE OF SHOOTINGS. GENERAL ASPECTS OF THIS INCIDENT DISCUSSED WITH STATE POLICE MAJOR IN CHARGE. CAMPUS CLOSED AND QUIET. NATIONAL GUARD RELIEVED AND CAMPUS NOW PATROLLED BY STATE POLICE AND SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

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TV FILMS MADE OF THIS INCIDENT BY LOCAL CREWS THEN REVIEWED BY ENTIRE INVESTIGATIVE STAFF. I MET WITH SHERIFF AMISS AND SECURED HIS ASSURANCE OF FULL COOPERATION INCLUDING ALL EVIDENCE AND INTERVIEWS OF SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES. FAMILIARIZATION SAMPLES SECURED FROM SO OF SHOTGUN AMMUNITION AND GAS PROJECTILES CARRIED AND USED

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ACCORDING TO SHERIFF AMISS, CORONER HAS NOT PREPARED FORMAL WRITTEN REPORT AND CORONER NOT AVAILABLE TODAY. CORONER WILL BE CONTACTED MONDAY ELEVEN TWENTY NEXT AND COPY OF REPORT WILL BE SECURED AT EARLIEST MOMENT. BECAUSE OF CRITICAL NATURE OF THIS REPORT, NO RELIABLE ORAL SUMMARY CAN BE INCLUDED IN THIS TELETYPE. INDICATIONS FROM SHERIFF ARE THAT IT WILL BE DEATH BY GUNSHOT WOUNDS TO THE HEAD FOR BOTH VICTIMS. SHOT CONSISTENT WITH NO. THREE OR NO. FOUR BIRDSHOT.

DISCUSSION WITH STATE POLICE COMMANDERS AND SHERIFF AMISS INDICATE TWENTYFIVE TO THIRTY STATE POLICE AND ABOUT FORTY FIVE SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES WERE INVOLVED FOR A POSSIBLE TOTAL OF SEVENTY-FIVE. b3

INVESTIGATION PLANNED FOR MONDAY ELEVEN TWENTY INCLUDES:

1. DISCUSSION WITH USA RE ISSUANCE OF SUBPOENA TO INSURE SECURING AND REVIEW OF

2. INITIAL INTERVIEW OF PRESIDENT LEON NETTERVILLE OF SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY.

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3. BEGIN INTERVIEWS OF SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY SECURITY POLICE TO IDENTIFY STUDENTS PRESENT DURING INCIDENT.

4. SECURE IDENTITIES OF ALL STATE POLICE AND SHERIFF'S EMPLOYEES ON SCENE OF INCIDENT.

5. CONTACT CORONER FOR HIS REPORT AS WELL AS PHYSICIAN WHO CONDUCTED AUTOPSIES FOR HIM.

6. BEGIN INTERVIEWS OF STATE POLICE AND SHERIFF'S COMMANDERS ON SCENE TO ESTABLISH DEPLOYMENT AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR EACH OFFICER.

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GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

This matter relates to the confrontati between police and students at Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on 11/16/72, which resulted in the death of two students and the wounding of others.

Attached advises the coroner's report not available as of this date but Sheriff Amiss, East Baton Rouge Parish indicated both victims apparently died of shotgun wounds to the head. Sheriff Amiss gave assurances of full cooperation including al evidence and interviews with his deputies. Information obtained from authorities and [redacted] Investigation continuing under direction of SAC W. A. Sullivan and you will be kept advised of all pertinent developments.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. E. S. Miller

FROM : T. J. Smith

SUBJECT: STUDENT DISORDER
SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA
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CIVIL RIGHTS

1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. Gebhardt
DATE: 11/16/72
1 - Mr. E. S. Miller
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Re Smith to Miller memoranda, this date, captioned as above, concerning outbreak of violence on the campus of Southern University at Baton Rouge. Initial report received indicated that two students had been killed. Later report indicated only one dead and one wounded. New Orleans has now advised that an additional death and an additional wounded student have been reported, bringing the total to two dead and two wounded.

New Orleans said that victims were taken to two hospitals and that one was pronounced dead on arrival and the other died after reaching the hospital. The second dead individual is a young black male who is still unidentified. The second wounded individual is [redacted] who suffered a [redacted] At this point the wound suffered by the unidentified male has been described as probably [redacted]

Investigation is still going on to determine where the gunfire originated since the local sheriff insists that his officers did not have live ammunition in their weapons and were firing only tear gas projectiles. New Orleans advised that 600 National Guardsmen were en route to Baton Rouge and another 100 en route to New Orleans in the anticipation of possible trouble at the New Orleans campus of the university. Our Agents in Baton Rouge are still attempting to gather information; however, they report that due to confusion which exists only sketchy details, part of which have already proven to be inaccurate, are available. Agents are continuing to maintain contact with local authorities in an effort to obtain complete and factual details concerning this disturbance.

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None. For information.

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Date: 12/19/72

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From: Director, FBI

Re: BATWO
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CO: NEW ORLEANS

FBI File No. 44-54616 - 41

Lab. No. E-1536-JO

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Reference: Airtel dated 11/30/72

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Examination requested: Engineering

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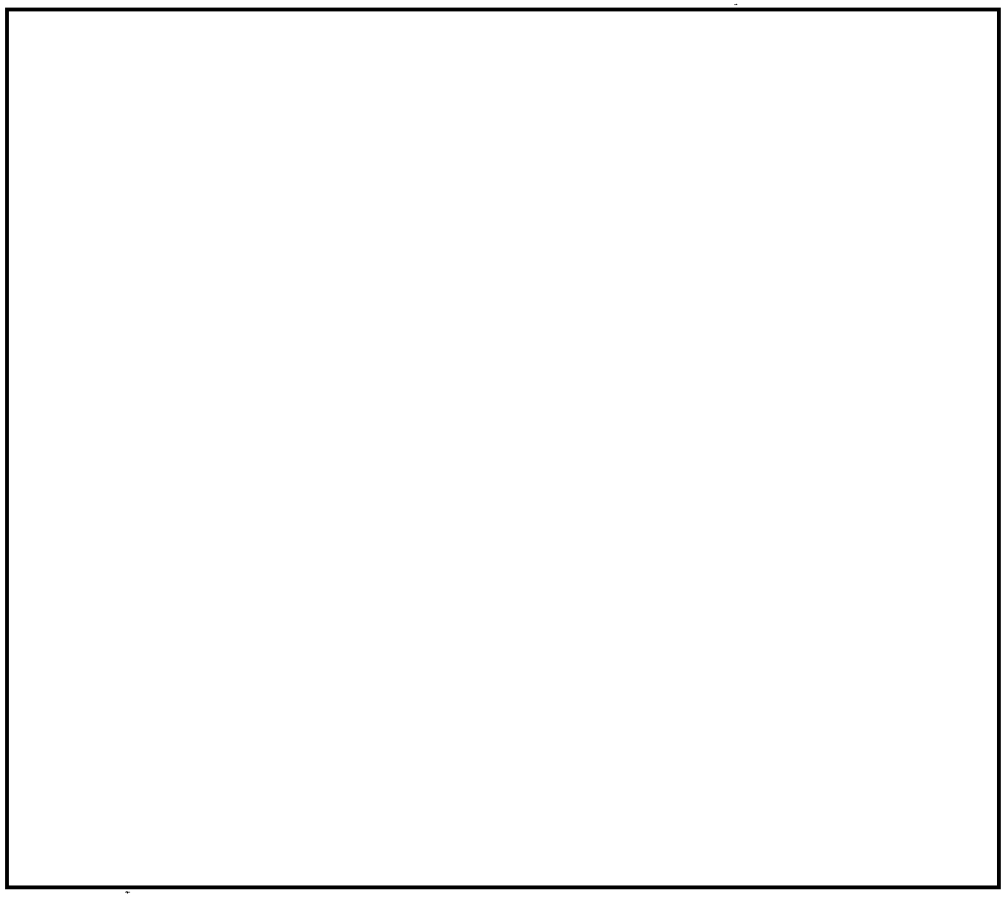



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Two Professors At Southern Fired

New York Times News Service

BATON ROUGE — Dr. G. Leon Netterville Jr., president of Southern University, has dismissed at least two professors, including a department head, because of ties to dissident students.

Dr. Joseph Johnson, chairman of the physics department, and George W. Baker Jr., a professor of engineering, were ousted, and sources reported that as many as four others might have been sent letters of dismissal. However, there was no announcement of the action and Netterville declined comment.

The university has been closed since Thursday when two students, Denver A. Smith and Leonard D. Brown, both 20, were killed by buckshot during a confrontation with state police and sheriff's deputies following three weeks of demonstrations over student participation in running the school and a demand that Netterville resign.

Baker's letter of dismissal read, in part: "By serving as an adviser to the dissident students, you have been instrumental in promoting activities which disrupted the normal educational process of the university."

Possible Successor

The Associated Press reported that Baker has appeared before the state board of education on behalf of the protesting students, and Johnson was named by dissidents as a possible successor to Netterville, who has vowed he will not resign.

(Johnson called the action "a grotesque and perverted attempt to deflect blame from this massacre.

("Black people know whose hands are bloody," Johnson said "Let us not for the moment be confused. Mr. Netterville know that I have not encouraged disruption. I simply encouraged him to resign.")

The dismissals angered student leaders, who feel that the administration will step up its actions against them. Nevertheless they said they would resume their demonstrations when classes resume on Nov. 27 after the Thanksgiving holiday.

Louisiana Gov. Edwin W. Edwards says he will keep National Guard troops alerted for duty.

Blast of Buckshot

The Los Angeles Times yesterday quoted the governor as saying he had not doubt the students were killed by a blast of buckshot fired by a deputy sheriff. But Edwards called the story, which also quoted him as saying he would fire Netterville, "irresponsible, inaccurate and unauthorized." He said some of the remarks had been given off the record.

Officials at Grambling College, in northern Louisiana, have moved against demonstrating students there, among other things expelling the president of the student body. And at Southern's New Orleans campus, a reported agreement between dissident students and the administration appeared shaky today.

"They are really asking for it," said one of several student leaders interviewed yesterday near the Baton Rouge campus. "If they think this thing is over, they're foolish."

Many students remain convinced that Netterville had arranged with the police and the governor to set up their arrest even while he was negotiating with them. Netterville denied that charge as "irresponsible."

Security Officer

The students met with him in his office at 9 a.m. Thursday. Sheriff Al Amiss of East Baton Rouge Parish said in an interview yesterday that his forces had been called at 8:30 a.m. by the university's chief security officer, who said "there was a desperate situation out there, that the students had taken over the building."

However, Netterville said he did not feel the students had taken control of the building, only of his office.

Among the issues still in dispute about Thursday's confrontation are the following:

- Officials, including Governor Edwards, at first said students provoked officers by tossing tear gas or fragmentation grenades at the police. But television pictures showed a police officer lobbing a tear-gas canister that was picked up by a student and tossed back at the police before the fusillade of tear gas from the officers.
- Officials at first reported that police fired only tear gas, and the two students might have been killed by their fellow students shooting at police. But the county coroner ruled that the deaths were caused by buckshot.

"We're still trying to pinpoint the deaths," Sheriff Amiss said yesterday. "At this point there is no evidence that the deaths were caused by law enforcement officers."

- The sheriff also said there was no evdience to show that the students had weapons, another allegation made by state and local officials.

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Southern: A History of Confrontation

By Austin Scott
Washington Post Staff Writer

BATON ROUGE, La., Nov. 18 — A dual approach to higher education, deeply rooted in the traditions of the South, helps explain many of the events that led Thursday to shotguns, tear gas, screaming students, and the first killings in a campus protest since two died at Jackson State College and four died at Kent State in May, 1970.

"The dual system of education is the real cause of the two untimely deaths," said Louisiana NAACP president Emmett Douglas just hours after two students were killed. "Louisiana's all-white state education board is the true enemy."

Southern University's 12,650 students on three campuses make up the largest black higher education complex in the nation. Louisiana State University's five campuses spend more money per student and are overwhelmingly white.

LSU is governed by its own board of regents while the formerly all-black schools, including the Southern University campuses and Grambling College, come under the same all-white board of education that is responsible for elementary and secondary education in the state.

For a decade and more, student leaders at Southern have been acutely conscious of that dual approach, which has resulted in inequities in funding.

But in Louisiana, the state that waited until five months ago to repeal laws that prohibited the mixing of races at social and sporting events, nothing is ever as simple as it might be.

And so there is a great deal more to the tragic mix of this week's events than the still-disputed questions of who killed the two students and whether it was really necessary to call in riot-equipped police and sheriff's deputies who have rushed onto the campus here so many times in the past month that many are bone weary of it all.

Gov. Edwin Edwards invited in both the state attorney general and U.S. Department of Justice Friday, saying, "It is obvious there are discrepancies and uncertainties."

Edwards flatly denied Friday morning that law enforcement officers could have shot the two, and then admitted Friday afternoon that they might have after all. He has denied just as firmly that Southern University's troubles are racial in nature.

The turbulence, which came almost with the opening of the fall term, has pitted black student leaders against a largely black faculty and a black administration.

It is a confrontation consonant with the 10-year history of often-violent protest at Southern University, a history that parallels many aspects of the black pride movement in the rest of Louisiana and a history of some of the same issues being raised over and over again.

New to the dispute this year was student concern over unemployment and the general status of blacks in America. Faculty members talk of long conversations with students about whether the school should seek new directions for blacks, and whether institutions with black administrators did not have a special responsibility to do this.

Money, crucial for good education, makes a good example of an old issue.

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Students United, the latest in a string of student protest organizations, complained late in September that Southern University did not get its fair share of state appropriations. University president Dr. G. Leon Netterville agreed in a statement Nov. 4.

"We feel that Gov. Edwards is letting political gain obscure the fact that the state board of education has not met its financial responsibility to . . . any of the black colleges in the state," said a student-faculty position paper issued from Southern University's New Orleans campus. It continued:

"We further believe it was always in the governor's plans to take over the state's black colleges . . . to eliminate black schools which serve as a source of black leaders."

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While a spokesman for Netterville agreed that the formerly all-white LSU system spends more per pupil, exact figures were locked in the barricaded campus and difficult to acquire.

Fred Prejean, one of the protest leaders, said Southern University spends $1,300 per pupil compared with $3,900 per pupil for LSU figures that appear to be exaggerated.

State figures show four of LSU's five campuses ranking ahead of the $1,088 per-student given to the Southern University system in state appropriations. The LSU system has a much larger endowment than Southern University, in addition to other funding sources.

Money was only one of many issues this year. But it was raised in similar terms during tear gas and rock throwing protests in 1969, 1967, 1965, and even 1962.

Concerned parents who jammed access roads to pick up their sons and daughters Friday after Edwards ordered the campus closed and sealed, passed over an arched concrete bridge conspicuous by its newness in the dingy surroundings. The bridge carries traffic over a seedy industrial railroad yard that is Southern University's next-door neighbor.

Southern University got that bridge over the tracks only about two years ago, although sit-ins and marches and tear gasings and arrests dating as far back as the late 1950s included, as part of their demands, building a bridge so that busy switch engines would not tie up access to campus during peak traffic hours.

"Movements for change are sweeping the world, yet the Southern system has remained steadfast in its clearly defined role as a nigger college," said a "call to unity" distributed Nov. 6 among students occupying the New Orleans campus administration building. "Inadequate facilities are no longer acceptable to us. Poor student services cannot be tolerated."

Netterville had made his point two days earlier. "In meeting after meeting . . . we have had to justify our existence as no other state institution," he said. "In spite of the efforts of university officers, alumni, friends, and the state board of education, we have been unable to obtain operating funds commensurate with our mission, uniqueness and potential . . ."

Today, with the campus closed and quiet and East Baton Rouge Parish (county) still under a state of emergency, the answers to many crucial questions are elusive.

It is hard to find a student who doesn't say with conviction that Denver Smith, 20, of New Roads, and Leonard Douglas Brown, 20, of Gilbert, were shot by law enforcement officials.

State police say they fired no weapons. Sheriff Al Amiss insists his men fired nothing but tear gas, even though the governor said they may have picked up regular ammunition by mistake.

The governor keeps open the possibility that a student-made bomb may have caused deaths, although the coroner said all fragments in the bodies matched No. 3 or No. 4 buckshot, and only one fragment inconsistent with a shotgun shell was found on the scene.

The empty shell casings that would help clear up the mystery have disappeared, and no one publicly admits to taking them.

Student leaders, calling it inconceivable that experienced law enforcement officers could make such a careless mistake, are pointing out that any angry deputy could have switched shells deliberately and simply pocketed the spent cartridge.

Frederick Prejean, 26, and Clarence Hardenett, 22, were two of the leaders of Students United, the umbrella protest organization that represented the leaders of all 41 campus organizations.

Almost since the school year began, Sutdents United has been working to prepare its list of demands, and then to galvanize student body support behind them.

The tactics ranged from sit-ins, building occupations and classroom disruptions to daily rallies. And for many students, its actions forced a difficult choice between supporting the grievances, and preparing for examinations.

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The law school tried to solve that dilemma by voting for the movement goals, but against the boycott intended to dramatize them. That didn't work. There were days when law school classes, like most others, were disrupted by boycott supporters.

Edwards and Netterville said weeks ago they could support almost all of the grievances set down in a list seven pages long. The two they refused to accept, they said, were student control of the school, and the firing of Netterville.

To increase student power in decision making, Students United proposed faculty-student-administration councils in all areas of the school.

They originally asked for two student votes to each faculty or administration vote on these decision-making councils, but later modified that to an equal number of votes for each group.

During the weeks of on-again, off-again classes, punctuated by occasional total shutdowns when police and National Guardsmen were summoned on campus, many faculty members voiced similar support.

The grievances were carefully documented and, in some cases, listed department by department. There was a lack of proper equipment and materials, they said, in the biology, psychology, political science and recreation departments. Library resources were obsolete.

Janitorial service was poor, bathtubs in the dorms needed stoppers, and students needed mops, brooms and trash cans in the dorms. Fire extinguishers did not work. The food in the cafeteria, they said, was of poor quality.

"I had some of those same grievances against some of those same teachers when I was a student there," said Jesse Stone, a former dean of the Southern University law school and now the only black among five assistant state superintendents of public instruction.

A boycott on the New Orleans and Baton Rouge campuses for the past three weeks was at times 60 per cent effective, partly because of increasing disruption of classes.

In the past week, however, state officials reversed an earlier policy of conciliation and accused student leaders of taking an all-or-nothing stand.

Edwards emphasized at a Friday news conference that Netterville had called the sheriff's office before Thursday's tragic incident because he had advance information that students planned to take over the administration building.

Netterville remained secluded from the press all day Friday, saying only that all statements would have to come from the governor's press secretary, a policy many found curious in itself.

Saturday, at his own news conference, Netterville said he had no such advance information, and was as surprised as anyone else when students pushed their way into his office. When reporters pointed out that his statement was different from the governor's, Netterville refused to discuss that point any further.

Another discrepancy appeared when Edwards emphasized several times that Netterville had ordered the administration building cleared of students, the action that resulted in two deaths.

Netterville said he gave no such order, and was even careful to emphasize that while his office was occupied by students he would not say that the entire two-story building was occupied.

It raised the question of who was really in control.

The difficult issues that generated the protest remain to be resolved, whatever the outcome of investigations into Thursday's deaths.

Netterville vows there will be order when classes resume Monday after Thanksgiving. Leaders of Students United swear they will not forget the deaths. And the governor has threatened to close the 9,000-student main campus for good if disruptions continue.

Such a move would imply the integration of some Southern University students into the LSU system.

It's a possible solution that has seen much discussion in the few years since a plan of cooperation was

drawn up by the two systems. And once it might have won overwhelming black approval. But now there seem to be some doubts.

When the state NAACP suggested just such a consolidation, it was attacked by many student leaders and some faculty. Whatever funding inequities that would solve, their argument went, it would mean a loss of black control.

"I'm for a segregated type system," said Ricky Hill, vice president of the Students Government Association and a Students United leader. "Black folks can deal with their problems internally."

"It's a question of students feeling that a university which sees such a large number of disadvantaged people must find ways to innovate," said a faculty member who asked not to be identified.

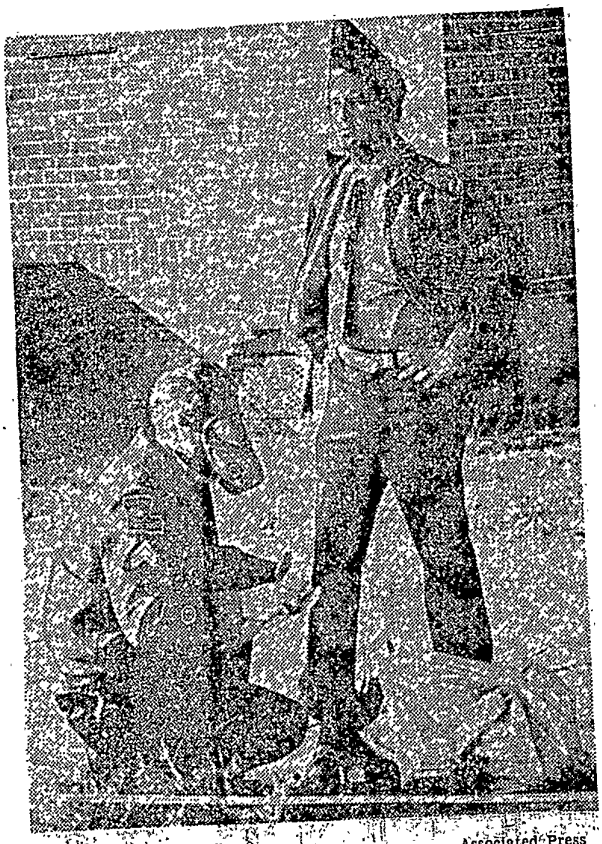
"If the university trains an engineer and he goes to a big firm downtown and the firm says you need experience before we will hire you and he can't get that experience because he can't find a job, the university hasn't done him a hell of a favor," he continued.

"The school has to tell him it will train him but he'll have to do something else when he gets out, or it has to find alternative ways of letting him get that experience. The question is whether insitutions that blacks control do not have a special responsibilty to do this."



United Press International

Southern University student Danny Williams sits on bags as National Guard jeep rolls by. Police sealed the campus after fatal shooting Thursday.



Associated Press

Officers gather evidence at scene of shootings.

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PELLETS CAUSE DEATHS AT SU, OFFICIALS STATE

Revelation Is Made at Press Conference

By EMILE LAFOURCADE
(Times-Picayune Staff Correspondent)

BATON ROUGE, La. — Officials here Friday confirmed that "pellets of a buckshot type" caused the deaths of two men Thursday during a confrontation between students and police at Southern University.

The revelation came during a press conference called by Gov. Edwin W. Edwards at the Capitol to bring newsmen up to date on some mysterious circumstances surrounding the killings.

Edwards said he has ordered Atty. Gen. William J. Guste to begin a full scale probe into the deaths and that the state of emergency declared Thursday on the Southern campus and the rest of East Baton Rouge Parish will remain in effect on an hour-by-hour basis.

Meanwhile the Federal Bureau of Investigation began its own probe into the violence.

In Washington, Deputy Atty. Gen. Ralph E. Erickson said he had ordered the FBI "to determine whether there was any violation of federal law during the confrontation."

The question of where the fatal "buckshot" came from remained unanswered. Was it from an explosive device or a gun? And if from a gun, was it from a live ammunition shell accidentally placed in a shotgun by one of the parish sheriff's deputies who fired tear gas pellets at the 300 or so students who refused to move away from the university administration building?

Batteries of newsmen and TV crews from all over the country hashed and rehashed the facts surrounding the "pellets" which killed the two men, first with the governor and next with East Baton Rouge coroner Dr. Hypolite Landry.

One of the dead men was Southern student Denver A. Smith, 20, of New Roads. The other man, described by Landry to be in his early 20s, remained unidentified, although state and federal officials were working on fingerprints taken from the body to come up with an identification.

GHOST CAMPUS

The Southern campus took on the appearance of a ghost campus with only a handful of foreign and out-of-state students remaining in dormitories and teams of detectives combing blood-stained sidewalks and grass in front of the administration building for evidence.

A heavy pall of tear gas, left from the Thursday confrontation, hung in the halls of the administration building and T. H. Harris Hall, where the burned out registrar's office is located.

Gov. Edwards took newsmen on a tour of the campus Friday morning.

Thursday officials maintained that schrapnel material from an explosive device, apparently set off by students, caused the two deaths. But early Friday sources close to the coroner's office indicated the fatal material was buckshot and not schrapnel.

Several conferences were called at the governor's mansion, and Dr. Landry was approached as he hurried to one of them. He said he was in a hurry to see the governor; but when asked "What about the buckshot," he replied, "I can't say anything about that." He then hurried into the mansion.

DENIES REPORT

During the press conference, Edwards categorically denied saying earlier in the day that the fatal buckshot could have come from a live shell accidentally placed in the chamber of a shotgun being used to set off tear gas canisters.

The supposition seemed to back up student claims made earlier in the day that police officers killed the two men; but Edwards said he did not make such a statement. "But if asked about it, I would certainly have to agree that is a possibility," he declared.

He said he did not advance such a theory.

But a check of tapes made during an interview earlier in the day at the mansion showed he was asked: "Why is there any reason to doubt there wasn't a law enforcement officer who fired at the students?"

Edwards answered: "Because those there present deny that they used anything but tear gas. That's the only basis I have. I have no way of knowing, but that's the information they give me and to their superiors.

"I have to believe it for the time being. It's perfectly logical and reasonable, but I must make that point, one of the officers could have fired the (live) shell, not knowing what he was doing. He may now be aware of it and does want to admit it. I don't know."

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He said the casings on live buckshot and on a shell used to set off a tear gas cannister look the same to people who are not well versed with shotguns; but that if an officer accidentally fired a live shell of

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THE TIMES PICAYUNE

NEW ORLEANS, LA.

Date: 11-18-72
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Author: EMILE LAFOURCADE
Editor: ARTHUR F. FELT, JR.
Title: DEMONSTRATION - SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY BATON ROUGE 10-31-72
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buckshot, he would ~~know it because the kick~~ is much greater with buckshot.

Ever since the campus incident Edwards has maintained that state troopers who backed up parish deputies did not fire their weapons ("not even for tear gas"). He said an inspection underway Friday showed that all state police weapons checked so far had not been fired.

At his Thursday press conference, Edwards theorized pellets which hit the two dead men were size 00 (double ought) and that the type used by police was No. 2.

Friday he said he later learned the types of buckshot shells normally used by police are No. 3 and No. 4. (Pellets of shells this size are generally about the size of small .22-caliber bullets and run about a dozen to the shell.)

He said the coroner's report confirmed that the two deaths were caused by multiple head wounds (on the left side of the face in each case) caused by "~~pellet type~~ objects of uniform size lead material with a weight consistency equivalent to No. 3 or No. 4 buckshot."

The governor emphasized the National Guard called to the capital for the state of emergency was not on the campus during the confrontation. About 700 troops were there Friday.

"Only the sheriff's office deputies and the state police were there," he said, "and they were there at the request of the president of Southern, Dr. (G. Leon) Netterville."

In addition to maintaining that no shots of any kind were fired by state police and that East Baton Rouge Sheriff Al Amiss said "specifically and without equivocation" that none of his men fired live ammunition, Edwards said it is possible the pellets came from an explosive device.

He said the coroner had two shrapnel-type fragments, but they were found on the ground near the death scene and were not retrieved from the two bodies.

TV film of the two dead men at the time they were hit showed they were running close together behind a group of students and, at the point of impact, their bodies were obliquely parallel to an imaginary line from along which they were struck.

Dr. Landry confirmed that both men were hit on the left side of the face. Four pellets hit Smith in the head and another four in the left forearm. The unidentified man was hit by six pellets in the head, one in the left shoulder and two on the outside of his left hand and wrist.

If, as Edwards suggested, the two were felled by pellets from an exploding device, which would send material flying in all directions, the two would theoretically have wounds up and down the left fronts of their bodies from head to foot.

Edwards said that was not necessarily so and that pellets struck the wall of the nearby administration building.

Chip marks on the wall, however, are in the general area where the imaginary line previously mentioned would have ended.

The governor said a close reinspection of film shot Thursday by two Baton Rouge TV stations confirmed that the students were the first to throw tear gas.

Asked where the students could have obtained tear gas, he said some was reported stolen from a campus security car. But newsmen said they checked with campus security, and no tear gas was reported missing.

Asked if police found any weapons on the campus capable of shooting tear gas cannisters, Edwards said, "No."

Three students were arrested during the confrontation Thursday. They were identified by the sheriff's department as Nathaniel Howard, 20, Minden; Bedford Von Cash, 20, Heflin; and Willie Wilson Jr., 18, Lettsworth.

Edwards said his intelligence sources were informed that several persons were en route to Louisiana with intentions of going on the Southern campus, but he said he did not know why.

Two men were stopped Thursday night as they attempted to drive on the campus, he added; and they recently deplaned from a flight that originated in Chicago.

He said the pair told officers they were alumni and arrived for the annual gridiron clash between Southern and Grambling College Saturday night. (That game was cancelled Thursday.)

The governor said a hunting rifle in their possession, which is not illegal, was taken by police because the serial number had been filed off. The men were not booked.

Edwards said that, in his attempts to get at as true a picture as possible of the Thursday events, he spoke with many persons who were witnesses of or participants in the confrontation and that accounts differ.

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STANDING GUARD at the entrance to Southern University in Baton Rouge Friday is a National Guardsman as other guardsmen search cars in background. The university has been closed until after the Thanksgiving holidays. Investigations are being conducted into the deaths of two blacks who died during a confrontation Thursday. —AP WIREPHOTO.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: SAC, New Orleans (44-4719)
Attention: SAC, W. A. Sullivan
Baton Rouge

Date: November 30, 1972

From: Director, FBI

Re: BATWO
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FBI File No.

Lab. No. PC-J3206 JH MC
PC-J3207 JH MV PB

Examination requested by: New Orleans

Reference: Airtels 11/21/72 and 11/23/72

Examination requested: Firearms - Microscopic Analyses - Instrumental

Remarks:

This report confirms the teletype report furnished your office on 11/27/72.

There are enclosed seven copies each of four color photographs of the metal cylinder with plastic attached, circular piece of plastic, shirt and jacket.

Specimens Q1 through Q5, K1 and K2 are being returned to your office under separate cover by registered mail. Unless advised to the contrary, the K3 through K6 shells are being retained in the Laboratory.

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Enclosures (30) (2 Lab report, 28 photographs)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: SAC, New Orleans
Attention: SAC, W. A. Sullivan
Baton Rouge

Re:

Date: November 30, 1972
FBI File No. 44-546169
Lab. No. PC-J3206 JH MC
PC-J3207 JH MV PB

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Specimens received 11/24/72 under cover of letter dated 11/21/72 from SAC, New Orleans (PC-J3206 JH MC):

Q1 Metal cylinder
Q2 Piece of plastic from cylinder
Q3 Circular piece of plastic

K1 Jacket from [redacted]
K2 Shirt from [redacted]

Specimens received by personal delivery by Special Agent [redacted] on 11/24/72 under cover of letter dated 11/23/72 from SAC, New Orleans (PC-J3207 JH MV PB):

Q4 Scrapings from impression No. 4 in Administration Building
Q5 Scrapings from impression No. 5 in Administration Building

K3 Two 12-gauge Penguin tear gas shells obtained from the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office
K4 One 12-gauge Penguin CS shell obtained from the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office
K5 Two 12-gauge AAI CS shells obtained from the Louisiana State Police
K6 Two 12-gauge Winchester-Western No. 4 Buck shells obtained from East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office

Result of examination:

The Q1 metal cylinder is the same as those loaded into the K3 12-gauge Penguin green plastic tear gas shells obtained from the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office. Specimen Q1 is different from the components of the K4 and K5 shells. Specimen Q1 is the container for the tear gas and shells such as those represented by Q1 are fired in 12-gauge shotguns.

It was not possible to determine the distance at which specimen Q1 was fired.

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There are two holes in the back area of K1. One hole is in the middle of the right panel of the back. The other hole is in the middle of the left panel of the back. There is a tear in the upper rear area of the left sleeve. There is a minute portion of the plastic missing at this tear.

Specimen Q2 fits into the hole in the right panel of the back of K1 and, accordingly, originated from K1. Specimen Q2 appears to have been torn from K1 by a force originating from the right side of the rear of the jacket toward the left side. Blue rayon fibers like those composing the lining of K1 were found adhering to Q2.

Specimen Q3 fits into the hole in the left panel of the back of K1 and, accordingly, was torn from K1.

There is a hole in the middle of the back area of K2. Approximately 2" to the left of this hole is a tear. No fibers like K2 were found on Q1 through Q3.

The Q4 scrapings contain smears of lead.

Present in the Q5 scrapings was one small metallic particle which was determined to be lead.

Due to the limited quantity present, it was not possible to specifically identify the Q4 and Q5 lead as having originated from buckshot, such as the buckshot in the K6 shotgun shells.

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Re: BATWO
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File # 44-546(442
Lab.# PC-J3207 JH MV PD

A. 11/23

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Examination requested by: SAC, New Orleans (44-4719)

Examination requested: Firearms (G&A)

Date received: 11/24 per del

Result of Examination:

Examination by [redacted]

Rec 11/27
Ret 11/30

Spectro — Q5 — 2 SA#3 plates 1'10" LA
(particle consumed) — plates sanded — smears present on some particles).

C Fe					
.38 cal	Si	Sb+	Pb	Bi tr	Cu tr
K6	ND	Sb tr	↓	ND	ND
OOB	Si tr	Sb+		ND	ND
#9	Si tr+	Sb++		Bi tr	Cu tr
P5	ND	ND		ND	ND

$CAcl_3$, C_3H_6O → reg on particle
Characteristic of bullet metal

per del by Special Agent [redacted] on 11/24/72

Q4 Scrapings from impression No. 4 in Administration Building
Q5 Scrapings from impression No. 5 in Administration Building

~~SPECIMENS~~

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~~K4~~ K5 Two 12-gauge AAI CS shells obtained from the Louisiana State Police

K6 Two 12-gauge Winchester-Western No. 4 Buck from East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office.

DICTATION:

The Q4 scrapings contain smears of lead.

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Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: BATWO
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File # 44-54662
Lab.# PC-J3207 JH MV PB

A. 11/23

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Examination requested by: SAC, New Orleans (44-4719)

Examination requested: Firearms (G&A)

Date received: 11/24 per del

Result of Examination: Instrumental (Spectro) (NAA)

Examination by [redacted]

per del by Special Agent [redacted] on 11/24/72

Specimens:

Q4 Scrapings from impression No. 4 in Administration Building
Q5 Scrapings from impression No. 5 in Administration Building

~~SPECIMENS~~

~~K2~~ K3 Two 12-gauge Penguin tear gas shells obtained from the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office

~~K3~~ K4 One 12-gauge Penguin CS shell obtained from the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office

~~K4~~ K5 Two 12-gauge AAI CS shells obtained from the Louisiana State Police

K6 Two 12-gauge Winchester-Western No. 4 Buck shells obtained from East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's office.

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Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: BATWO
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File # 44-5461642
Lab.# PC-J3207 JH MV PD

A. 11/23

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Examination requested by: SAC, New Orleans (44-4719)

Examination requested: Firearms (G&A)

Date received: 11/24 per de

Result of Examination:

Examination by: [redacted]

per del by Special Agent [redacted] on 11/24/72

Q4 Scrapings from impression No. 4 in Administration Building
Q5 Scrapings from impression No. 5 in Administration Building

~~SPECIMENS~~

~~K2~~ K3 Two 12-gauge Penguin tear gas shells obtained from the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office

~~K3~~ K4 One 12-gauge Penguin CS shell obtained from the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office

~~K4~~ K5 Two 12-gauge AAI CS shells obtained from the Louisiana State Police

K6 Two 12-gauge Winchester-Western No. 4 Buck from East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office

Notes attached Charts in 8420 under lead

Dict w [redacted]

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Q5 - very small metal particle
looks like Pb -
Mount on ⊗ W collod.
Run on X-F. 11/28/72 A.M.
See only Pb peaks -
Also "W" as expected
No Sn, Sb, Cu etc.
Weigh on Cahn Balance
1.0000×10 = 10 mg
.0046×10 = .0460 mg = 46 µg
1.0000×1 = 1 mg
.0460×1 = .0460 mg = 46 µg
Too limited for N.A.A.
Q4 - very small piece of bldg type
material W Pb like smear
on one side - mount
⊗ W coll. run 11/28/72 P.M
See only Pb as above.

Charts 8420 under Pb.



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Re:

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File # 44-54616-42
Lab.# PC-J3206 JH MC

A. 11/21

attn: SAC, W.A. Sullivan - Baton Rouge

Examination requested by: SAC, New Orleans (44-4719)

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Examination requested: Firearms (G&A and Gnpder tests)
Mic Anal (Fibers)

Date received: 11/24 rm

Result of Examination:

Examination by: [redacted]

Teletype sent 11/27/72

SPECIMENS

Q1	Metal cylinder
Q2	Piece of plastic from cylinder
Q3	Circular piece of plastic
K1	Jacket from [redacted]
K2	Shirt from [redacted]
K3	

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AIRTEL AIRMAIL

TO: ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, W. A. SULLIVAN - BATON ROUGE (44-4719) (P)

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Being forwarded to the FBI Laboratory, under separate cover via registered mail, are one blue jacket, one blue knit shirt, one piece of blue material, and one silver-colored metal cylinder, with blue material attached.

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For the information of the FBI Laboratory, the jacket and knit shirt were worn by [redacted] Southern University, Baton Rouge, La. (SUBR), student on 11/16/72, at time of captioned incident. The metal cylinder and circular piece of material were recovered on the SUBR campus 11/20/72, by FBI Agents. The Laboratory will note that attached to one end of the metal cylinder is another piece of blue material which appears to have been torn from the enclosed blue jacket.

The FBI Laboratory is requested to make color photographs of the enclosed items prior to examination. The Laboratory is also requested to determine if the material attached to the silver cylinder came from the jacket and if the circular piece of material also came from the enclosed jacket.

Further, the FBI Laboratory is requested to determine what type of projectile the silver cylinder is and from what type of weapon it may have been fired.

If possible, the FBI Laboratory is requested to determine approximately what distance away from [redacted] the enclosed projectile would have been fired.

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AIRTEL AIRMAIL

TO: ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

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FROM: SAC W. A. SULLIVAN - BATON ROUGE (44-4719)

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Per Del 11/24

Re Baton Rouge airtel to Bureau, dated 11/21/72.

The following listed evidence is being personally delivered to the FBI Laboratory by SA [redacted] b6 b7C

K1 Two 12-gauge Penguin tear gas shells obtained from the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office

K2 One 12-gauge Penguin CS shell obtained from the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office

K3 Two 12-gauge AAI CS shells obtained from the Louisiana State Police

The above listed evidence should be compared with the portion of shotgun shell submitted to the Laboratory under cover of referenced airtel.

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Results:

There are two holes in the back area of K1. One hole is in the middle of the right panel of the back. The other hole is in the middle of the left panel of the back. There is a tear in the upper rear area of the left sleeve. There is a minute portion of the plastic missing at this tear.

Specimen Q2 fits into the hole in the right panel of the back of K1 and, accordingly, originated from K1. Specimen Q2 appears to have been torn from K1 by a force originating from the right side of the jacket toward the left side as indicated here * (see next page).

Specimen Q3 fits into the hole in the left panel of the back of K1 and, accordingly, was torn from K1.

There is a hole in the middle of the back area of K2. Approximately 2" to the left of this hole is a

a fiber. No fibers like K2 were found on Q1 through Q3.

* Blue rayon fibers like those composing the lining of K1 were found adhering to Q2.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: BATWO

File # 44-54618-42
Lab.# PC-J3206 JH MC

A. 11/21

Examination requested by: SAC, New Orleans (44-4719)

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Examination requested: Firearms (G&A and Gnpder tests)
Mic Anal (Fibers)

Date received: 11/24 rm

Result of Examination:

Examination by: [redacted]

Q1 → Q3, K1 Rec'd 11/27/72 A.M.
K2 Retd 11/27/72 P.M.

SPECIMENS

Q1	Metal cylinder
Q2	Piece of plastic from cylinder
Q3	Circular piece of plastic
K1	Jacket
K2	Shirt

PC-J3206 JH MC

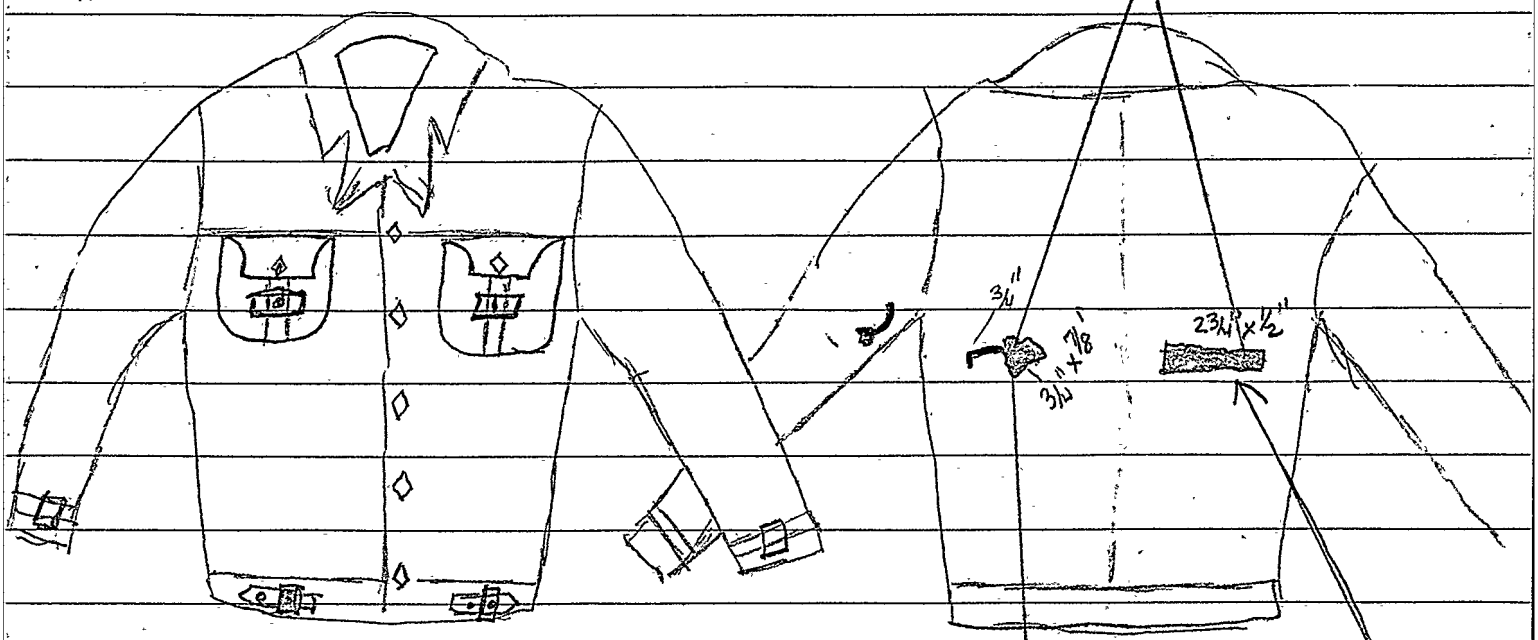
Q1- Metal cylinder - 1 9/16" × 11/16" diameter. Black residue on 1 end. Paper wadding exposed at other end.

Q2- Piece of Med Blue vinyl material & white Knit backing. 2 3/4" long × 1/2". Blue rayon fibers like those composing the lining of K1 were found adhering to Q2.

Q3- Piece of Mediterranean blue vinyl material & white Knit backing. ≈3/4" × 9/16"

K1- Mediterranean blue jacket of vinyl. Blue satin-like lining. White Knit backing on vinyl. Label- "Ⓜ Motor-Jac. RN 15101. Made in Japan." 2nd Label- "Shell, Expanded Vinyl With 100% Rayon Backing, Lining, 100% Rayon. RN 15101 Siz S. Style No. 684." 5 snaps down front (diamond shaped). 2 front breast pockets & snap for decoration, a belt + buckle. Belt + buckle on Ⓔ side of front. Belt + buckle around each sleeve. Jacket shows little wear. See diagram on next page for location of holes.

The lining beneath these 2 holes has also been torn



Red - Cut or torn

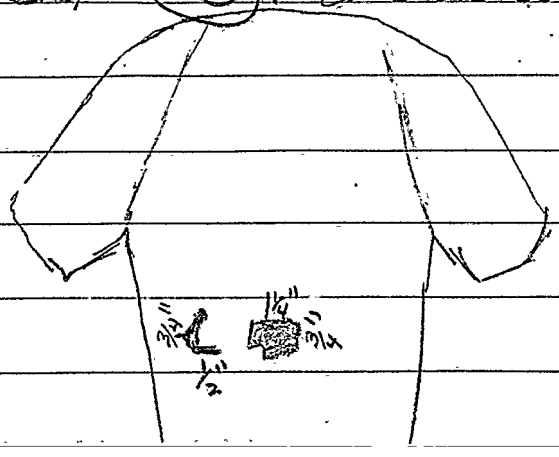
Green - holes & material missing

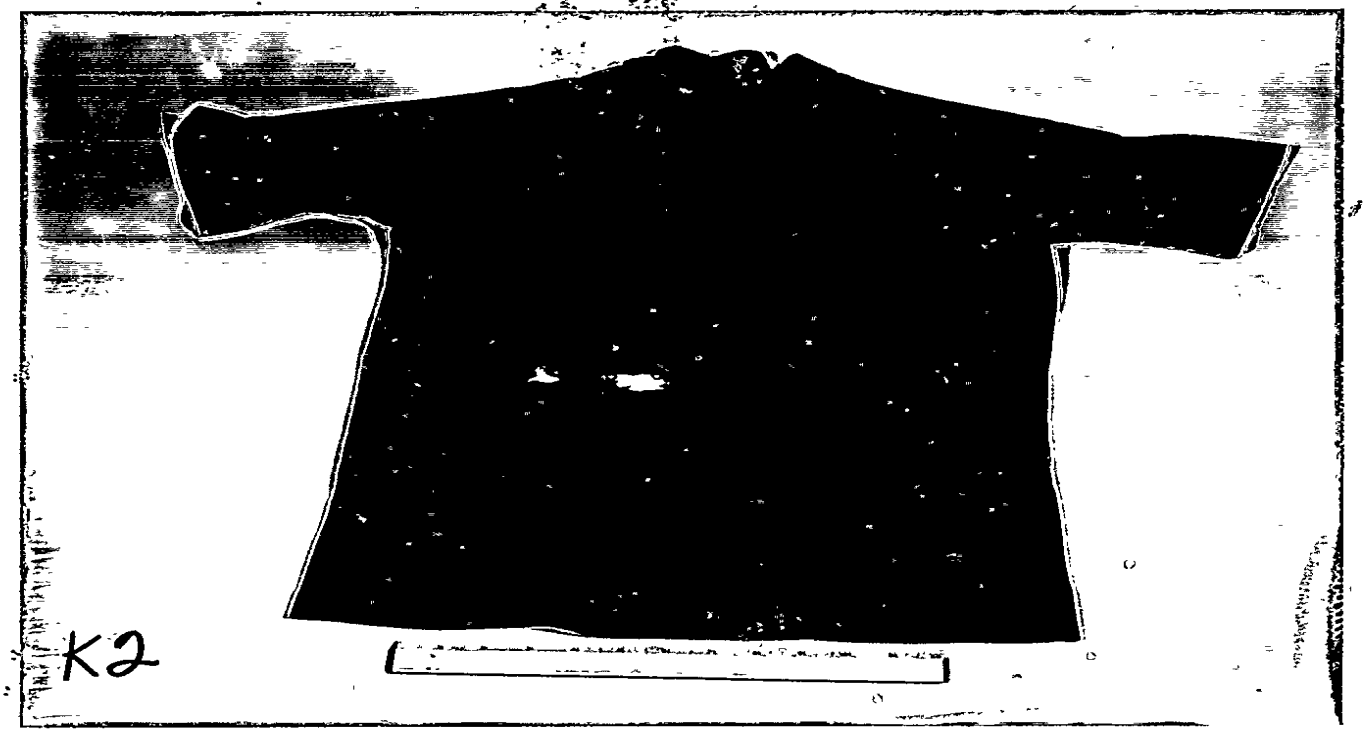
Projectile entered from rt. & passed to lft.

Q2 - fits here

Q3 - fits here

K2 - Blue cotton/polyester knit shirt. Short sleeved. 1 lft. front breast pocket. Quite soiled. Label - "55% Dacron® Polyester, 55% Combed Cotton. Ever-Pressed. Coast to Coast NATIONAL Shirt Shops Ⓢ." Torn in back & some material missing.

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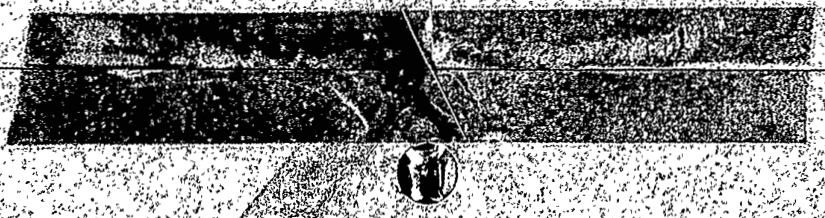

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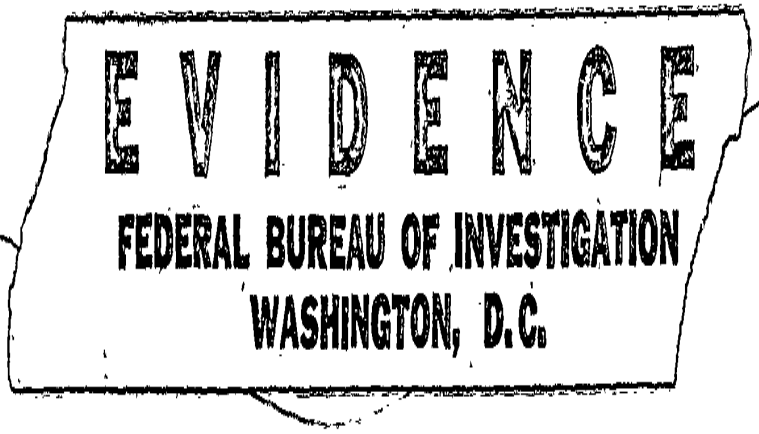

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11/30/72

TO SAC, NEW ORLEANS (44-4719)
ATTENTION SAC, W. A. SULLIVAN
BATON ROUGE

FROM FOR THE ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI
W. MARK FELT
ACTING ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR

BATWO - CR.

REURAIRTEL NOVEMBER TWENTYONE, LAST, SUBMITTING CLOTHING OF DECEASED VICTIM LEONARD DOUGLAS BROWN FOR EXAMINATION OF HOLES TO DETERMINE WHETHER HOLES CAUSED BY BULLET OR SHOT FRAGMENTS AND FOR EXAMINATION FOR POWDER BURNS.

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION OF T SHIRT, SHIRT AND JACKET INDICATES HOLES PRESENT IN LEFT SHOULDER, LEFT ARM AND COLLAR AREAS COULD HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY BUCKSHOT.

ADDITIONAL EXAMINATIONS TO FURTHER SUGGEST HOLES PRODUCED BY BUCKSHOT WOULD REQUIRE EXAMINATION OF AREAS AROUND HOLES FOR PRESENCE OF LEAD. SUCH EXAMINATIONS WOULD REQUIRE THAT ABOUT ONE-HALF INCH DIAMETER MATERIAL BE CUT FROM AROUND EACH HOLE. THESE ANALYSES NECESSITATE ALTERING THE HOLES AND DESTRUCTION OF MATERIAL. IF THESE ANALYSES RESULT IN IDENTIFYING LEAD, IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE LEAD ORIGINATED FROM BUCKSHOT OR BULLETS.

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SAC, NEW ORLEANS (44-4719)
ATTENTION SAC, W. A. SULLIVAN
BATON ROUGE
BATWO - CR

IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE AND CORONER'S FINDINGS, SUTEL WHETHER ANALYSES RESULTING IN ALTERING OF APPEARANCE OF HOLES SHOULD BE CONDUCTED.

NOTE: This matter involved the confrontation between police and students at Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on 11/16/72, which resulted in the deaths of two students and the wounding of others.

11/21/72

AIRTEL AIRMAIL

TO: ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTN: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC W. A. SULLIVAN - BATON ROUGE (44-4719) (P)

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(CC: NEW ORLEANS)

Enclosed under separate cover is personal clothing of victim LEONARD DOUGLAS BROWN, consisting of underwear, shoes, socks, shirt, trousers, belt and jacket. Request examination to determine whether any tears, perforations, etc., in clothing and whether any holes caused by bullet or shot fragments.

BROWN died from multiple wounds of head and neck determined by coroner to be number four buckshot. Likewise, request examination for powder burns or anything deemed appropriate.

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TO SAC NEW ORLEANS (44-4719) 12/1/72

ATTENTION: SAC W. A. SULLIVAN

FROM FOR THE ACTING DIRECTOR FBI (44-54616)

W. MARK FELT

ACTING DIRECTOR

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INSURE ALL WITNESSES THAT TESTIFY BEFORE THE OFFICIAL STATE COMMISSION INVESTIGATING THE DEATHS AT SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY ARE INTERVIEWED. IF ANY WITNESS HAS NOT BEEN INTERVIEWED PRIOR TO HIS TESTIMONY, INSURE HE IS INTERVIEWED SUBSEQUENT TO HIS TESTIMONY.

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NOTE: At the request of the Department, investigation is being conducted into the death of two students and the wounding of others during a confrontation between students and police at Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on 11/16/72. An official commission of the State of Louisiana is holding secret hearings into this incident. This teletype is to insure that all witnesses testifying before this commission are interviewed during the course of this investigation.

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From: Acting Associate Director, FBI

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Enclosed are requested photographs and negatives.

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From: DIRECTOR, FBI

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Classification: UNCLASSIFIED

Subject: DEMONSTRATION OF BLACK STUDENTS, SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY, BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA, OCTOBER THIRTYONE SEVENTYTWO

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TO ACTING DIRECTOR

FROM NEW ORLEANS (157-15307) 2P

DEMONSTRATION OF BLACK STUDENTS, SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY, BATON ROUGE, LA., OCT. THIRTYONE SEVENTYTWO, CIVIL UNREST.

A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE, WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN PAST, ADVISED THIS DATE THAT LOUISIANA GOVERNOR EDWIN EDWARDS MAYBE VICTIM OF POSSIBLE ASSASSINATION AT UNKNOWN FUTURE DATE.

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ADMINISTRATIVE: RE NEW ORLEANS AIRTEL AND LHM, NOV. TWENTY LAST.

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SOURCE MENTIONED IN NITEL IS [redacted] (BLACK EXTREMIST) [redacted] AND BLACK [redacted] b6 [redacted] ASSOCIATE, AND NEW ORLEANS CURRENTLY b7C SEPARATIST ORGANIZATION) ASSOCIATE. HAS CLOSED CASE ON THIS INDIVIDUAL. [redacted] [redacted] (LAST NAME UNKNOWN) NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED [redacted] LNU UNKNOWN AT THIS TIME.

GOV. EDWARDS, LOUISIANA STATE POLICE AND SECRET SERVICE, NEW ORLEANS HAVE BEEN ADVISED OF ABOVE THREAT. THIS DATE.

LHM FOLLOWS. END

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TO : ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI (44-54616) THREE PAGES

FROM: SAC W. A. SULLIVAN - BATON ROUGE (44-4719 SUB E) (P)

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DAILY SUMMARY, NOVEMBER TWENTYEIGHT, SEVENTYTWO.

ALL PERSONNEL, LOUISIANA STATE POLICE (LSP), HAVE NOW BEEN INTERVIEWED. NONE ACKNOWLEDGE FIRING CRITICAL ROUND OR HAVING KNOWLEDGE OF WHO MAY HAVE FIRED SUCH ROUND. ONE SERGEANT, LSP, WHOSE DUTIES RELATE TO EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE, [redacted], ADVISED THAT AFTER SHOOTING OF VICTIMS HE CAREFULLY EXAMINED AREA WHERE CONFRONTATION TOOK PLACE AND COULD FIND NO EVIDENCE AT ALL OF ANY EXPLOSION OTHER THAN GAS CANISTERS OF VARIOUS TYPES. HE WAS LOOKING FOR SOME INDICATION OF BOMB AND FOUND NONE.

INTERVIEWS CONTINUE, EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE (EBRPSO). TWO DEPUTIES HEARD WHAT THEY DESCRIBED AS SMALL CALIBER SHOTS, SAW VICTIMS FALL, AND HAVE NO IDEA WHERE LETHAL SHOT CAME FROM. DETAILED QUESTIONING OF DEPUTY [redacted] WAS CONDUCTED. [redacted] CLAIMED [redacted]

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[redacted] HE SAID HE DID NOT SEE ANYONE ELSE FIRE. THREE ADDITIONAL DEPUTIES INTERVIEWED AND NO PERTINENT INFORMATION DEVELOPED.

APPROXIMATELY SEVENTY MORE STUDENTS, INCLUDING SOME WHO ADMIT THEY WERE IN ADMINISTRATION BUILDING DURING CONFRONTATION, INTERVIEWED. ATTEMPTS TO INTERVIEW LEADERSHIP OF "STUDENTS UNITED" BEING FRUSTRATED BY [redacted] (PREVIOUSLY DESCRIBED), WHO CONTINUES TO ADVISE LEADERSHIP NOT TO TALK WITH FBI BECAUSE THEY ARE IN BATON ROUGE TO PROSECUTE STUDENTS FOR RIOTING.

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[redacted] COMMUNITY RELATIONS SERVICE, U. S. JUSTICE DEPARTMENT, ARRIVED BATON ROUGE TODAY AND CONTACTED THIS OFFICE. ATTITUDE AND ADVICE ATTRIBUTED TO [redacted] CONVEYED TO HIM. [redacted] WILL MAKE POINT WITH HER AND ANY OTHER BLACKS IN LEADERSHIP ROLE THAT THEY WILL MAKE SERIOUS MISTAKE AGAINST OWN BEST INTERESTS TO WITHHOLD ANY EVIDENCE OR INFORMATION FROM FBI.

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"BLACK PEOPLES INQUIRY" CONTINUES. FOUR PERSONS APPEARED AND TESTIFIED BEFORE THIS INQUIRY, WHO HAVE EARLIER DECLINED TO BE INTERVIEWED BY AGENTS: [redacted]

Southern University in Baton Rouge

EDITOR AND ASSISTANT EDITOR OF ~~SUBR~~ NEWSPAPER INTERVIEWED AND STATED NOT AT SCENE OF CONFRONTATION; ARRIVED LATE AND COULD NOT GET CLOSE BECAUSE OF TEAR GAS.

ONE STUDENT ACKNOWLEDGED BEING IN FRONT OF ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, BUT REFUSED TO BE INTERVIEWED UNTIL HE CONSULTS WITH HIS ATTORNEY. HE DID NOT IDENTIFY ATTORNEY.

THREE BUSINESS RECRUITERS HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AS ON SUBR CAMPUS DURING INCIDENT AND POSSIBLE WITNESSES.

TELETYPE LEADS SENT TO AUXILIARY OFFICES TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW. END.

cc: Mr. E. S. Miller

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TO: ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTN: MOVEMENT UNIT

FROM: SAC W. A. SULLIVAN-BATON ROUGE (44-4719-SUB B) (P)

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Three vehicles on loan from Jackson Division arrived AM, 11/20/72.

Stenographers [redacted] also arrived from Jackson Division on 11/20/72.

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TO ACTING DIRECTOR
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FROM MOBILE (44-2798) (1P)

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REBUTELCALL NOV. TWENTYONE INSTANT.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH BUREAU INSTRUCTIONS, THREE MOBILE BUCARS DELIVERED NOVEMBER TWENTYONE SEVENTYTWO TO BATON ROUGE, LA. FOR USE CAPTIONED MATTER.

AFTER REQUEST FROM SAC SULLIVAN, MOBILE STENOS [redacted] WITH THEIR TYPEWRITERS, DEPARTED MOBILE SIX FIFTEEN AM, THIS DATE FOR BATON ROUGE, TO WORK ON SPECIAL. ONE BUCAR, DRIVEN BY AGENT [redacted] UTILIZED FOR TRANSPORTATION, AND ONE POA OF STENO [redacted] BUCAR BEING RETURNED MOBILE SAME DATE.

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ABOVE FOR INFO BUREAU AND NEW ORLEANS.

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Enclosed for the Bureau are ten negatives of 35 millimeter slides which were taken during the autopsy of victim LEONARD DOUGLAS BROWN, JR. 44-5416

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Request of Bureau:

The Photographic Unit is requested to immediately reproduce eight photographs of each negative. (in color)

It is further requested that photographs be furnished by return mail in order that they may be included in report to be submitted by 12/1/72.

Negatives and photographs should be mailed directly to SAC WILLIAM A. SULLIVAN, c/o Baton Rouge RA, P. O. Box 3153, Baton Rouge, La. 70821.

Detached ENCLOSURE

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TO: SAC, William A. Sullivan
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Enclosed are 12 sets of 10 color photographs of the victim, Leonard Douglas Brown, Jr. (Negs. Enclosed 10 color negs)

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TO : ACTING DIRECTOR (44-54616) THREE PAGES

FROM: SAC W. A. SULLIVAN-BATON ROUGE (44-4719 SUB E) (P)

BATWO - CIVIL RIGHTS. b6 b7C

DAILY SUMMARY, DECEMBER TWO, SEVENTYTWO.

ATTEMPT MADE TO INTERVIEW [redacted] AT NEW ORLEANS, [redacted] MEMBER BLACK PEOPLES COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY (BPCI). [redacted] REFUSED INTERVIEW AND ORDERED AGENTS (BOTH BLACK) TO LEAVE. b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] ADVISED [redacted] (PHONETIC), WITH HIM AT TIME OF CONFRONTATION. [redacted] SAID [redacted] VICTIM RAN OUT THROUGH TEAR GAS AND WAS SHOT. SHE RAN OUT IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER AND HAD TO STEP OVER HIS BODY. [redacted] HERE SHOW A PERSON DOING THIS BUT APPEARED TO BE MALE RATHER THAN FEMALE. EXTENSIVE EFFORT TODAY FAILED TO IDENTIFY OR LOCATE [redacted] 44-54616-50

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INITIAL INTERVIEWS WITH SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES NOW NEARLY COMPLETED. OF FORTYSIX DEPUTIES IN FRONT RANK, TWENTYFOUR

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DETERMINED AS ARMED WITH SHOTGUNS. CONTINUING IDENTIFICATIONS BEING MADE OF DEPUTIES IN FRONT RANK ON "LAST MINUTE" PHOTOGRAPH.

INTERVIEWS SUBR STUDENTS WHO WERE AT CONFRONTATION CONTINUE IN SHREVEPORT AND NEW ORLEANS AREA, AS WELL AS BATON ROUGE, COOPERATIVE AND HELPFUL, BUT PROVIDE NO INFORMATION NOT ALREADY KNOWN OR SIGNIFICANT TO SOLUTION.

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[redacted] A WITNESS BEFORE HPCI, INTERVIEWED TODAY, SAID THAT IN EARLY MORNING HOURS OF NOVEMBER SIXTEEN, SHE WAS ATTEMPTING TO [redacted] SHE CONTACTED [redacted] AND THE [redacted] WOULD BE NECESSARY FOR EACH, [redacted] THEN CALLED [redacted] ACCORDING TO [redacted] HE SAID, [redacted]

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[redacted] SAID SHE WOULD BE HAPPY TO GIVE A SIGNED STATEMENT AND ONE IS BEING SECURED.

[redacted]

[redacted] THE ISSUES WHICH LIE BEHIND THIS CONFRONTATION. SHE SAID OTHER STUDENTS HAD ALSO BEEN WOUNDED IN THE INCIDENT AND SHE WOULD IDENTIFY THEM AND MAKE THEM AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW. END.

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Summary

This involves confrontation between police and students at Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 11/16/72, which resulted in deaths of two students and wounding of others. Attached advises summary of investigation conducted 11/28/72.

All Louisiana State Police (LSP) involved now interviewed; none acknowledge firing critical round or having knowledge of who may have fired same. LSP officer whose duties relate to explosive ordnance advised he carefully examined area where confrontation took place and could find no evidence of any explosion other than gas canisters. He related he was looking for indication of bomb but found none. Two deputies of East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office (EBRPSO) advised they heard what they described as small caliber shots, saw victims fall, and have no idea where lethal shot came from.

Additional questioning of EBRPSO deputies failed to develop pertinent information concerning source of shots.

Approximately 70 more students interviewed. [redacted] continues to advise some students not to talk to FBI because FBI in Baton Rouge to prosecute students for rioting.

[redacted] Community Relations Service, U. S. Department of Justice, arrived Baton Rouge. Activities of [redacted] conveyed to him; [redacted] will point out to [redacted] serious mistake being made by withholding evidence or information from FBI.

"Black Peoples Inquiry" continues. One student acknowledged being in front of Administration Building but refused to be interviewed until he consults his attorney. Three business recruiters on campus during incident identified as possible witnesses.

Investigation continuing.

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SUMMARY

This involves confrontation between police at Southern University, Baton Rouge, (SUBR) Louisiana, on 11/16/72, which resulted in deaths of two students and wounding of others.

The attached relates that of the 46 Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office (BRPSO) deputies in the front ranks during the confrontation, 24 were armed with shotguns.

[redacted]

before the Black Peoples Committee of Inquiry (BPCI) advised on 11/16/72 she contacted [redacted]

[redacted]

Attempts to interview additional BRPSO deputies, SUBR students and witnesses continue.

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TO: ACTING DIRECTOR (44-54616)

FROM: SAC W. A. SULLIVAN-BATON ROUGE (44-4719-SUB E) (P)

BATWO - CIVIL RIGHTS.

DAILY SUMMARY, DECEMBER ONE, SEVENTYTWO.

REPORT COMPLETED DATED DECEMBER ONE, SEVENTYTWO, CONTAINING 658 PAGES OVERALL WHICH INCLUDES ATTACHED EXHIBIT SECTION OF 32 PAGES. REPORT CONTAINS RESULTS OF INTERVIEW 311 PERSONS; 156 STUDENTS, 4 FACULTY, 6 ADMINISTRATORS, 7 CAMPUS SECURITY OFFICERS, 24 LOUISIANA STATE POLICE, 28 SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES, 20 MEDICAL-AUTOPSY, AND 66 MISCELLANEOUS.

COMPARABLE NUMBER OF PERSONS ALSO INTERVIEWED TO DATE TO BE INCLUDED IN NEXT REPORT.

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[redacted] WHO WAS MEMBER OF BLACK PEOPLES' INQUIRY COMMITTEE (BPIC) INTERVIEWED, WAS FRIENDLY AND COOPERATIVE. SAID SHE HAD NO PERTINENT EVIDENCE OR INFORMATION

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BEYOND THAT PRESENTED TO BPIC. [redacted] SAID COMMITTEE CONCLUSION WAS THAT VICTIMS KILLED BY SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES BUT HAD NO EVIDENCE TO IDENTIFY ANY SPECIFIC PERSON RESPONSIBLE. SHE GAVE IMPRESSION BPIC NOT ESPECIALLY CONCERNED OVER FIXING INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY ON ANY PERSON. [redacted] SAID BPIC HAD "PICTURES" BUT COULD NOT DESCRIBE THEM. SHE SAID RELEASE OF THESE PICTURES TO FBI WOULD HAVE TO BE ~~SECURED~~ THROUGH [redacted] WHO HAS BEEN DESCRIBED PREVIOUSLY. [redacted] WILL BE INTERVIEWED ON RECEIPT OF FURTHER INTERVIEW RESULTS WITH OTHER BPIC MEMBERS.

SEVEN ~~SUBR~~ Southern University in Baton Rouge STUDENTS INTERVIEWED AT RESIDENCES IN OPELOUSAS. THREE NOT ON CAMPUS DURING INCIDENT; FOUR TOOK PART IN DEMONSTRATION BUT NONE COULD FURNISH PERSONAL OBSERVATION OF INCIDENT. ADDITIONAL INTERVIEW TEAMS NOW IN NEW ORLEANS AND SHREVEPORT AND RESULTS WILL BE SUMMARIZED LATER IF PERTINENT.

[redacted] DECEASED VICTIM DENVER SMITH INTERVIEWED AT RESIDENCE [redacted] THEY COULD FURNISH NO NEW INFORMATION OF INVESTIGATIVE VALUE BUT EXPRESSED VERY SINCERE APPRECIATION FOR

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EFFORT AND INTEREST DEMONSTRATED BY FBI. [redacted] ALSO INTERVIEWED AND SAID SHE WAS INSIDE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING DURING CONFRONTATION BUT HAD NOT SEEN ANYTHING SINCE SHE WAS LYING ON THE FLOOR OF THIS BUILDING TO AVOID BEING HIT BY INCOMING TEAR GAS. SHE FURNISHED NAMES OF OTHER STUDENTS SHE THOUGHT COULD BE HELPFUL. THEY WILL BE INTERVIEWED. AFTER INTERVIEW, SHE SAID WOULD PERSONALLY CONTACT ~~SUBK~~ Southern University in Baton Rouge STUDENT LEADERS TO POINT OUT NEED FOR THEM TO COOPERATE WITH FBI.

FURTHER INTERVIEW WITH SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES DEVELOPED SOME WHO ACKNOWLEDGED FIRING GAS CARTRIDGES BUT ALL DENIED FIRING CRITICAL SHOT OR KNOWLEDGE OF PERSON WHO DID.

IN DEPTH REINTERVIEW SHERIFF'S DEPUTY [redacted] CONDUCTED, [redacted] CHANGED PREVIOUS STATEMENT RE [redacted] Baton Rouge, La. [redacted] HE NOW STATES HE SAW ONE VICTIM FALL BUT CANNOT SAY AT WHAT POINT HE SAW HIM FALL. [redacted] SAYS NOW THAT AFTER INITIAL CONFRONTATION [redacted] [redacted] HE SAW A NEWS MAN KICKING UP SHELL

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CASINGS FROM GRASS, EXAMINING THEM, AND DROPPING THEM BACK ON GRASS.

[redacted] WILL BE SUBMITTED TO LABORATORY

[redacted] FIRING PIN INDENTATION COMPARISON WILL BE

REQUESTED.

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cc: Mr. E. S. Miller
Mr. Conrad

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December 2, 1972
GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION
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This involves confrontation between police and students at Southern University, Baton Rouge (SUBR), Louisiana, 11/16/72, which resulted in deaths of two students and wounding of others. Attached advises summary of investigation conducted 12/1/72.

Report dated 12/1/72, containing results of interviews with 311 persons completed with comparable number of persons also interviewed to date to be included in next report.

Member of Black Peoples Inquiry Committee (BPIC) interviewed advising BPIC's conclusion was that victims killed by sheriff's deputies but had no evidence to identify any specific person responsible; impression given that BPIC not especially concerned with fixing individual responsibility on any person and claimed BPIC had "pictures" but could not describe them stating FBI would have to obtain same through [redacted] to be interviewed.

Seven SUBR students interviewed; four took part in demonstration; none could furnish personal observation of incident.

[redacted] deceased victim Smith interviewed and furnished no new information of investigative value but expressed very sincere appreciation for effort and interest demonstrated by FBI. Victim Smith's [redacted] interviewed; she was in Administration Building during incident and furnished no information of value.

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Further interview with sheriff's deputies developed some who acknowledged firing gas cartridges but all denied firing critical shot or knowledge of person who did.

During in-depth reinterview of sheriff's deputy [redacted] he changed part of previous statement; however, [redacted]

Five empty shell casings possibly involved in incident being submitted to FBI Laboratory for examination.

Investigation continuing.

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TO: ACTING DIRECTOR (44-54616) (7 PAGES)

FROM: SAC W. A. SULLIVAN - BATON ROUGE (44-4719 SUB E)(P)

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DAILY SUMMARY, DEC. FOUR, NINETEEN SEVENTYTWO.

OFFICIALS EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE (EBRPSO) VIEWED TV FILMS AND STRENGTHENED SOME IDENTIFICATIONS OF DEPUTIES ON LINE IN "LAST MINUTE" PHOTOGRAPH. REQUEST MADE SEPARATELY TODAY FOR BUREAU AUTHORITY POLYGRAPH EXAMINATIONS OF SELECTED SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES [redacted] WHO PERFORMED AUTOPSY VICTIM SMITH VIEWED TV FILMS AND REITERATED EARLIER OPINIONS. ADDITIONALLY GAVE OPINION THAT LETHAL SHOT FIRED IN SOMEWHAT LEVEL TRAJECTORY OF FIRE, OR FROM A NORMAL STANDING POSITION. HE SAID ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE FOR SHOT TO HAVE ORIGIN IN LOUISIANA STATE POLICE GROUP.

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[redacted] WHO PERFORMED AUTOPSY VICTIM BROWN VIEWED SAME FILMS AND SAID BOTH VICTIMS STRUCK BY SAME DISCHARGE. REPEATED OPINION SHOT FIRED APPROXIMATELY PERPENDICULAR TO

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BUILDING WITH FIVE DEGREES TOLERANCE EITHER DIRECTION. [redacted] GAVE OPINION THAT SHOOTER FIRED FROM STANDING POSITION AND WAS MORE THAN FIVE FEET SEVEN INCHES TALL.

INTERVIEWS FIVE STUDENTS AT SHREVEPORT OVER WEEKEND DEVELOPED NONE ABLE TO GIVE EYEWITNESS ACCOUNT ALTHOUGH THEY WERE IN IMMEDIATE AREA. INTERVIEWS TEN STUDENTS, NEW ORLEANS AREA, OVER WEEKEND ALSO DEVELOPED WERE IN IMMEDIATE AREA DURING CONFRONTATION BUT NOT ABLE TO FURNISH SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION.

REPEATED REVIEW OF COLOR TV FILM SHOWS AT TIME VICTIMS SHOT LARGE QUANTITIES OF CROWD DISPERSING GASES CLOUDED ATMOSPHERE IN CRITICAL AREA. VICTIMS WERE AT TAIL END OF LONG MOVING STREAM OF STUDENTS RUNNING AWAY FROM POINT OF IMPACT. BACKS WERE TURNED ON THIS INCIDENT. INTERVIEWS TO DATE WITH STUDENTS WHO HAD BEEN IN CONFRONTATION AREA CONFIRM THIS. NONE HAVE SEEN ANYTHING SIGNIFICANT TO SOLUTION.

INTERVIEWS OF STUDENTS CONTINUE BUT IT APPEARS MOST WILL BE OF VERY LIMITED VALUE.

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[redacted] SELF-DESCRIBED CONCERNED LEADER IN BLACK COMMUNITY, BATON ROUGE, TODAY SAID HE WAS SUMMONED BEFORE BLACK PEOPLES COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY (BPCI) TO OFFER TESTIMONY. [redacted] SAID AT INQUIRY HE WITNESSED PARADE OF STUDENTS TESTIFY UNDER OATH TO MATTERS HAVING NO RELATION IN FACT TO THOSE EVENTS ON SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY CAMPUS NOV. SIXTEEN LAST. HE NOTED ONE STUDENT TESTIFIED STUDENTS HAD BEEN LURED TO ADMINISTRATION BUILDING BY PRESIDENT NETTERVILLE TO BE "KILLED". [redacted] SAID TESTIMONY GIVEN THAT LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS STARTED SHOOTING WITHOUT WARNING WHEN IN FACT HE, [redacted] HEARD SHERIFF WARN STUDENTS BY PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM TO CLEAR BUILDING IN FIVE MINUTES. HE STATED NO QUESTION WARNING WAS HEARD BY DEMONSTRATORS, THAT IT COULD BE HEARD AT PORT ALLEN ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER. [redacted] STATED HE THOUGHT THAT PROCEEDINGS A "SMEAR" AND WHEN ASKED BY ATTORNEY [redacted] OF COMMITTEE TO WHAT HE COULD TESTIFY HE SAID, "THE TRUTH AND I AIN'T HEARD

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THE TRUTH HERE". [redacted] NOT CALLED AS WITNESS.

[redacted] BATON ROUGE, SAID PLAYED [redacted]

[redacted] IN KEEPING SCHOOL OPEN AND TRYING TO MEDIATE SITUATION WHICH WAS TEARING UNIVERSITY APART. [redacted] SAID HE DID NOT THINK CONFRONTATION OF NOV. SIXTEEN LAST WAS PLANNED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT, THAT HE WAS NOT PRESENT DURING CONFRONTATION AND HE FELT HIS

[redacted]

ATTORNEY [redacted] BPCI SET UP TO DETERMINE EXACT CAUSE OF DEATH OF STUDENTS. HE RELATED EFFORTS AT MEDIATION AND NEGOTIATION LEADING UP TO INCIDENT; SAID ALL EVIDENCE AND INFORMATION COLLECTED BY COMMITTEE WOULD BE SUBMITTED TO U. S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE HERE AND TO CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION OF DEPARTMENT. [redacted] TOOK EXCEPTION TO FACT LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES DID NOT BRING EMERGENCY MEDICAL PERSONNEL ALONG WITH CONVOY. COMPLAINED THAT WOUNDED STUDENTS DID NOT RECEIVE MEDICAL HELP FOR ABOUT ONE HOUR AND STATED LAW ENFORCEMENT

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OFFICERS HAD NO RIGHT TO USE LETHAL WEAPONS AGAINST UNARMED NON-VIOLENT STUDENTS. HE SAID USE OF TWELVE GAUGE TEAR GAS SHELL IDENTICAL IN COLOR WITH LETHAL BUCKSHOT SHELL BY LAW ENFORCEMENT INCOMPREHENSIBLE TO HIM AS IT COULD EASILY PRODUCE MISTAKE.

[redacted] INTIMATED BUT WOULD NOT CATEGORICALLY STATE THAT BOTH VICTIMS SUBJECTED TO INDEPENDENT AUTOPSIES PERFORMED BEFORE BURIAL AT EXPENSE OF BPCI. STATED DID NOT REMEMBER NAME OF DOCTOR BUT SAID HE WAS FROM [redacted] THIS NAME WILL BE SECURED AND LEAD SET FOR INTERVIEW.

[redacted] ALSO PROPOUNDED THEORY THAT BLACK STUDENTS INFILTRATED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT TO SET NEW ORLEANS AND BATON ROUGE CAMPUSES AGAINST EACH OTHER. HE [redacted] HAD NO SUPPORT FOR THIS THEORY.

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REQUESTED INTERVIEW WITH BUREAU AGENTS. [redacted] SAID HE IS ONE OF [redacted] HE [redacted] WHICH INCLUDES ~~SUBH.~~ Southern University in Baton Rouge [redacted]

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SAID ALL OF THE LEGITIMATE BLACK COMMUNITY LEADERS IN BATON ROUGE ARE PLEASED FBI INVESTIGATING INCIDENT. [redacted] SAID HE DID NOT WANT TO MINIMIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF FINDING CULPRIT WHO CAUSED DEATHS BUT OF GREAT IMPORTANCE [redacted] TO THE CITIZENS IN COMMUNITY WAS LIKELIHOOD THAT SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY MIGHT BE PERMANENTLY CLOSED TO GREAT DETRIMENT OF COMMUNITY. HE SAID UNIVERSITY GENERATES ABOUT THIRTY MILLION DOLLARS PER YEAR IN COMMUNITY AND UNKNOWN TOTAL OF JOBS, BUSINESSES AND HOMES WOULD BE LOST IF A SMALL BAND OF MILITANT BLACKS CAUSES UNIVERSITY TO BE CLOSED.

[redacted] IN ORDER TO KEEP UNIVERSITY FUNCTIONING WHILE GRIEVANCES BEING STUDIED, BUT BECAUSE OF ATTITUDE OF LEADERSHIP OF "STUDENTS UNITED" AND THEIR REFUSAL TO COMPROMISE AT ALL, THE CONFRONTATION WAS INEVITABLE.

[redacted] CONTINUING CONFERENCE WITH GOVERNOR AND OTHER STATE OFFICIALS TRYING TO KEEP UNIVERSITY OPEN BUT ALL PROPOSALS REJECTED BY "STUDENTS UNITED". [redacted] FELT OUTLOOK

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FOR SUBR VERY BLEAK.

[redacted] SUBR, TURNED OVER NEGATIVES OF PHOTOGRAPHS HE TOOK DURING INCIDENT WHICH ARE BEING ENLARGED. [redacted] ALSO FURNISHED NAME OF ADDITIONAL STUDENT PHOTOGRAPHER WHOM HE THINKS HAS PHOTOGRAPHS.

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[redacted] VICTIM BROWN INTERVIEWED, COULD FURNISH NO INFORMATION OF INVESTIGATIVE VALUE. [redacted] VICTIM BROWN ALSO INTERVIEWED. HE IDENTIFIED BODY AT MORGUE. HE COULD NOT PROVIDE INFORMATION OF VALUE. BOTH APPRECIATIVE FBI INVESTIGATION. [redacted] OF VICTIM BROWN INTERVIEWED AT [redacted] SAID SHE WAS IN ADMINISTRATION BUILDING DURING CONFRONTATION BUT BECAUSE OF GAS COULD NOT SEE ANYTHING HAPPENING OUTSIDE. END.

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cc: Mr. E. S. Miller

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BATWO-CIVIL RIGHTS.

INFORMATION CONCERNING - THE BLACK PEOPLES COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY.

RE NEW ORLEANS TELETYPE TO BUREAU DATED NOVEMBER THIRTY, NINETEEN SEVENTY TWO.

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ON DECEMBER FIRST, NINETEEN SEVENTYTWO [redacted] AKA., [redacted] ADVISED THAT [redacted]

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IN ADDITION, [redacted] ASSISTED BY TWO OTHER UNKNOWN [redacted]

WITNESSES WHO APPEARED BEFORE THE COMMITTEE DURING THE TWO SESSIONS IN WHICH [redacted] WAS PRESENT WERE AS FOLLOWS: [redacted] SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY TWO OTHER [redacted] INSTRUCTORS, SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY, WHOSE NAMES [redacted] DID NOT KNOW; A [redacted] NAME NOT RECALLED; FOUR SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY STUDENTS; [redacted] THE GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA, AND A BLACK MEMBER OF HIS STAFF; (FNU) [redacted] A FORMER FACULTY MEMBER OF SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY WHO HAD BEEN [redacted] TO SHOOTING INCIDENT; (FNU) [redacted] A BLACK FEMALE, WHO HAD HAD [redacted]

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[redacted] PRIOR TO THE SHOOTING INCIDENT, AND A YOUNG BLACK STUDENT WHO HAD BEEN IN THE MILITARY AND WAS AN ALLEGED [redacted]

IN ADDITION, [redacted] ADVISED COMMITTIE ALSO RECEIVED SWORN STATEMENTS FROM OTHER WITNESSES, WHOM [redacted] COULD NOT IDENTIFY, RECIEVED COPIES OF THE AUTOPSY REPORT OF THE TWO DEAD STUDENTS AND REVIEWED FILM TAKEN BY PHOTOGRAPHERS FOR TELEVISION, CHANNELS TWO AND NINE.

IN CONCLUSION [redacted] ADVISED THAT EITHER OF THE CO-CHARIMEN AND OR [redacted] COULD SUPPLY A COMPLETE LIST OF ALL WITNESSES WHO TESTIFIED BEFORE THE COMMITTEE INASMUCH AS THEY WERE PRESENT AT ALL SESSIONS AND WERE IN CHARGE OF INVITING WITNESSES TO TESTIFY.

[redacted] HAD NO OTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING CAPTIONED INCIDENT. FD - 302 FOLLOWS.

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GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

This involves confrontation between police and students at Southern University, Baton Rouge (SUBR), Louisiana, 11/16/72, which resulted in deaths of two students and wounding of others. Attached advises of summary of investigation conducted 12/4/72.

Officials of East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office (EBRPSO) viewed T. V. films and identified some deputies on line. Physicians who conducted autopsy viewed T. V. films and are of opinion shooter fired from standing position. One physician advised almost impossible for shot to have originated in Louisiana State police group.

[redacted] in black community, Baton Rouge, said he was summoned before Black Peoples Committee of Inquiry (BPCI) to offer testimony, however, after indicating to BPCI proceedings were a smear he [redacted] was not called as a witness. [redacted] interviewed and his theories set forth.

[redacted] advised legitimate black community leaders in Baton Rouge are pleased that FBI is investigating incident. He is concerned with possible economic damage to community if SUBR is closed.

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TO ACTING DIRECTOR (44-54616)

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OBATWO - CIVIL RIGHTS. INFORMATION CONCERNING. THE BLACK PEOPLES COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY (BPCI).

RE NEW ORLEANS TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR NOVEMBER THIRTY, SEVENTYTWO.

[redacted] NM, [redacted] ADVISED ON BPCI NOVEMBER TWENTYSEVEN, SEVENTYTWO, THAT HE RECALLS THE FOLLOWING WITNESSES WITH ACCOMPANYING DATA:

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[redacted] NM, AGE APPROXIMATELY [redacted] STUDENT SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY; [redacted] NF, [redacted] STUDENT SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY; [redacted] BELIEVED MEMBER OF [redacted] AND BELIEVED HAD A [redacted] PROFESSOR [redacted] SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY; FNU [redacted] NF, [redacted] BATWO, BATON ROUGE, LA.

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[redacted] (FNU) [redacted] NM, SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY; [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] NM, [redacted] SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY, AND [redacted]

[redacted] (PHONETIC) .

HE ADVISED ADDITIONAL LEGAL COMMITTEE ATTORNEY AS [redacted] ADDRESS UNKNOWN. ALSO FURNISHED LOCAL TELEPHONE NUMBER [redacted] AS [redacted]

HE ADVISED ALL POTENTIAL WITNESSES WHO CAME FORTH TO TESTIFY WERE SCREENED BY LEGAL COMMITTEE AND THOSE WITH PERTINENT TESTIMONY OMMITTED.

HE STATED BPCI EXAMINED BULLET HOLE MARKS IN ADMINISTRATION BUILDING AND FURTHER DETERMINED THROUGH INTERVIEW THAT STUDENTS WERE UNARMED. FURTHER PREVIOUS WARRANTS SERVED BY LOCAL PARISH SHERIFF ON MEMBERS OF "STUDENTS UNITED" WERE ISSUED FOR POLITICAL REASONS. HE UNDERSTOOD WARRANTS TO HAVE BEEN ISSUED NOVEMBER EIGHT, SEVENTYTWO, NOT SERVED UNTIL NOVEMBER SIXTEEN, SEVENTYTWO. DETERMINED ADMINISTRATION BUILDING NOT TO HAVE BEEN CLOSED OFF BY STUDENTS, THEY REMAINED OPENED

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[redacted] ADVISED TRANSCRIPT MAINTAINED OF INQUIRY IN CUSTODY OF LEGAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR BPCI. LEGAL COMMITTEE COMPOSES OF BATON ROUGE [redacted] ADDRESS UNKNOWN, AND [redacted] NF, [redacted] ADDRESS UNKNOWN. HE BELIEVES TRANSCRIPT COULD FURNISH DATA RE LOCATION AND IDENTITY OF ALL WITNESSES INTERVIEWED.

HE STATED NO PHYSICAL EVIDENCE BROUGHT TO BPCI BUT MOST IMPORTANT TESTIMONY GIVEN BY WITNESS FNU [redacted] WHO STATED [redacted] NAME UNKNWON, [redacted] HE ADVISED NPCI FINDINGS BASED PRIMARILY ON STUDY OF RACIAL CONDITIONS PRIOR TO INCIDENT AND LACK OF PRECAUTIONS AND POSITIVE ACTION TAKEN ON THE PART OF SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOR OF LA.

[redacted] NM, PROFESSOR OF [redacted] ADVISED ON BPCI NOVEMBER TWENTYSEVEN, SEVENTYTWO AND NOVEMBER TWENTYEIGHT, SEVENTYTWO, RECALLS ONLY SAME WITNESSES ON NOVEMBER TWENTYSEVEN, SEVENTYTWO, AS PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED BY [redacted] HE COULD ADD NO ADDITIONAL IDENTIFIABLE DATA RE ABOVE WITNESSES. HE RECALLS FOLLOWING WITNESSES APPEARED ON NOVEMBER TWENTYEIGHT, SEVENTYTWO: [redacted] NM, STUDENT SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY, AGE [redacted] (PHONETIC) NM, STUDENT SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

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DURING DEMONSTRATION HE FURTHER ADVISED RECIEVED SECOND HAND INFORMATION THAT A SHERIFF DEPUTY [redacted] [redacted] FIRED ON BUILDING FOR NO APPARENT REASON.

NO FURTHER ACTION BEING TAKEN BY ATLANTA.

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BATWO - CIVIL RIGHTS

RE NEW ORLEANS TEL TO BUREAU, NOVEMBER THIRTY, SEVENTWO.

DECEMBER ONE, SEVENTY TWO, [redacted], WAS NOT AT HIS RESIDENCE [redacted] RECEPTIONIST AT [redacted] STATED [redacted] WAS OUT OF TOWN AND WOULD RETURN MONDAY, DECEMBER FOUR, SEVENTY TWO. SHE WAS ADVISED THAT NYO WOULD CONTACT HIM AT THAT TIME. 44-54616-55

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NYO FILES REFLECT [redacted]

[redacted] IN ADDITION, FILES SHOW HE HAS HAD DEALINGS WITH COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBERS AND FUNCTIONS IN NYC.

[redacted] THE NEW YORK TWENTY ONE. THESE WERE THE TWENTY ONE NEW YORK BLACK PANTHERS INDICTED IN NYC IN NINETEEN SIXTY NINE ON NUMEROUS CHARGES INCLUDING CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT MURDER. AFTER THE LONGEST TRIAL IN NEW YORK STATE HISTORY, ALL THOSE WHO HAD NOT BEEN SEVERED FROM THE TRIAL WERE ACQUITTED.

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[redacted] CHARACTERIZED [redacted] AS WELL KNOWN AND RESPECTED IN BLACK COMMUNITY WHO ON OCCASION ESPOUSED BOTH LEGITIMATE AND RADICAL CAUSES. [redacted] IS ALSO A SPEAKER AT BLACK SPONSORED EVENTS SUCH AS BLACK SOLIDARITY DAY (NOVEMBER ONE, SEVENTY ONE) WHICH WAS A BOYCOTT OF WHITE OWNED BUSINESSES.

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TO: ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI (44-546[redacted] (TWO PAGES)

FROM: SAC W. A. SULLIVAN, BATON ROUGE (44-4719 SUB B)

BATWO - CR. OO NEW ORLEANS.

MAXIMUM PERSONNEL ASSIGNED THIS SPECIAL HAS BEEN THIRTYFIVE SPECIAL AGENTS, INCLUDING SAC, SIX STENOGRAPHIC AND TWO CLERICAL, FOR A TOTAL OF FORTYTHREE.

ONE SPECIAL AGENT, [redacted] RETURNED CINCINNATI DIVISION DECEMBER TWO, SEVENTYTWO SINCE WIFE FAR ADVANCED IN PREGNANCY AND SERVICES NO LONGER ESSENTIAL. ONE SPECIAL AGENT ASSIGNED BY NEW ORLEANS DIVISION FOR LOCAL LIAISON ASSIGNMENTS [redacted] RETURNED TO NEW ORLEANS DUTIES NOVEMBER THIRTY, SEVENTYTWO.

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TWELVE SPECIAL AGENTS WILL RETURN TO OFFICES - TEN NEW YORK, TWO CINCINNATI. THREE STENOGRAPHERS WILL RETURN TO OFFICE OF ASSIGNMENT. THREE VEHICLES - TWO TO HOUSTON AND ONE TO JACKSON - WILL BE RETURNED BY AGENTS EN ROUTE TO THEIR OFFICE OF ASSIGNMENT.

MANPOWER NEEDS WILL CONTINE TO BE FOLLOWED CLOSELY. END.

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BATWO - CIVIL RIGHTS.

RE NEW ORLEANS TEL TO BUREAU NOVEMBER THIRTY LAST.

[redacted] DESCRIBED AS NEGRO, MALE, BORN [redacted] AT [redacted] ARRESTED [redacted] NO DISPOSITION IS SHOWN. ACCORDING TO INFORMATION CONTAINED IN SF INDICES, THIS ARREST RESULTED FROM A DEMONSTRATION IN WHICH [redacted] WAS INVOLVED. [redacted] REPORTED TO HAVE [redacted]

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SF INDICES INDICATE [redacted] TO BE NEGRO, MALE, BORN [redacted] POSSIBLY [redacted] REPORTED TO HOLD BS DEGREE FROM [redacted]

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BOTH [redacted] ARE ELECTED MAMBERS OF THE [redacted] AND REPRESENT RADICAL SLATE.

[redacted] CONTACTED THIS DATE AT [redacted] AND ADVISED HE COULD NOT MEET WITH BUREAU AGENTS THIS DATE DUE TO EXTREMELY BUSY SCHEDULE. [redacted] NOTED THAT IN ANY EVENT IT IS HIS OPINION THE FINDINGS OF THE BLACK PEOPLES COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY (BPCI) SHOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE DIRECTLY TO THE CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AT WASHINGTON, D.C. BECAUSE HE WANTS TO MAKE SURE THE COMMITTEE IS DEALING WITH THE TOP PEOPLE IN THE DEPARTMENT INASMUCH AS THESE PEOPLE HAVE A GENUINE INTEREST IN THE MATTER. BECAUSE OF THIS, [redacted] STATED HE WOULD DECLINE TO SUBMIT TO INTERVIEW BY THE FBI CONCERNING THIS MATTER.

[redacted] ALSO CONTACTED THIS DATE AT [redacted] AND STATED HE WOULD NOT SUBMIT TO INTERVIEW AT THIS TIME.

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Civil Rights
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Reserve Officers' Training Corps
INTERVIEWS CONTINUE WITH FACULTY AND ROTC STAFF. ABOUT
Southern University in Baton Rouge.
EIGHTY ADDITIONAL STUDENTS INTERVIEWED AT SUBR CAMPUS AND NO
PERTINENT INFORMATION DEVELOPED.

[redacted] INSTRUCTOR, SUBR,
Bureau Agents
INTERVIEWED BY AGENTS NOVEMBER TWENTYNINE, INSTANT. BOWEN
Naval Reserve Officers' Training Corps
SAID HE OBSERVED MOST OF INCIDENT FROM [redacted] OF [redacted]
BUILDING WHICH IS ABOUT [redacted] FROM [redacted] CORNER
OF ADMINISTRATION BUILDING WHERE INCIDENT OCCURRED, [redacted]
GAVE CONCLUSION THAT OFFICERS ACTED AS INDIVIDUALS WITH NO
NOTICEABLE LEADERSHIP BASED ON MANNER IN WHICH THEY POSITIONED
THEMSELVES AND MANNER IN WHICH THEY POINTED WEAPONS AT STUDENTS
WITHOUT APPARENT PROVOCATION. [redacted] SAID HE OBSERVED ONLY A

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SMALL DETACHMENT OF ~~LSP~~ OFFICERS AND SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES NUMBERING ABOUT TWELVE MEN NEAR [redacted] CORNER OF ADMINISTRATION BUILDING. [redacted] STATED THE SMALL GROUP OF UNIFORMED LSP TROOPERS NEVER OUT OF HIS VIEW. IT IS NOTED [redacted] POSITION IN [redacted] PRECLUDED OBSERVATION OF SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES DIRECTLY FACING STUDENTS IN CRITICAL CONFRONTATION POINT. REVIEW HERE OF AVAILABLE TELEVISION FILM AND STILL PHOTOGRAPHS DOES NOT REFLECT OFFICERS MENTIONED BY [redacted] AS POINTING WEAPONS AS DESCRIBED BY HIM. FILMS AVAILABLE OF LSP TROOPERS CONVEY AN ALTERNATE IMPRESSION - THAT OF DISCIPLINE AND DIRECTION FOR THEM.

INTERVIEWS OF PERSONNEL, EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE (EBRPSO) DEVELOPED: [redacted] ORDERED DEPUTY [redacted] TWO ADDITIONAL DEPUTIES INTERVIEWED ABLE TO FIX THEIR POSITION DURING CRITICAL PERIOD AND STATE FIRED NO WEAPON DURING THIS PERIOD. TWO Sheriff's Office [redacted] REVIEWED

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ENLARGED STILL PHOTOGRAPHS OF DEPUTY LINEUP JUST PRIOR TO SHOOTING, WERE ABLE TO IDENTIFY MAJORITY OF DEPUTIES ON LINE IN THEIR SQUADS. THIS NOW IDENTIFIES ABOUT TWENTYSEVEN OF THIRTYNINE DEPUTIES IN ONE PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO TEAR GAS DISCHARGE.

INTENSIFIED INVESTIGATION, INTERVIEWS AND SPECIAL AGENT TIME NOW BEING DEVOTED TO PERSONNEL AND ACTIVITIES EBRPSO TO ELIMINATE DEPUTIES WHO COULD NOT HAVE FIRED FATAL ROUND FOR VARIOUS REASONS. PURPOSE TO ARRIVE AT PRINCIPALS WHO COULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR DISCHARGE WHICH KILLED VICTIMS.

END.

cc: Mr. E. S. Miller

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TO: ACTING DIRECTOR (44-54616)
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC W. A. SULLIVAN - BATON ROUGE (44-4719) (SUB)

BATWO. CR, OO: NEW ORLEANS.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE NOVEMBER THIRTY, SEVENTY TWO, WHICH SET FORTH RESULTS OF EXAMINATION OF CLOTHING OF VICTIM BROWN AND WHETHER FURTHER ANALYSIS OF HOLES IN CLOTHING, NECESSITATING ALTERING APPEARANCE OF HOLES, DESIRED.

FURTHER ANALYSIS OF HOLES NOT DESIRED.

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FROM: SAC W. A. SULLIVAN - BATON ROUGE (NO 44-4719 SUB E)

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DAILY SUMMARY, NOV. THIRTY, NINETEEN SEVENTYTWO.

EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE (EBRPSO) DEPUTY [redacted] INTERVIEWED EVENING NOV. TWENTYNINE LAST. ADVISED HE WAS POSITIONED IN SQUAD [redacted] ([redacted] SQUAD); [redacted] HEARD SHOT WITH LOUD REPORT FIRED [redacted] SAYS HE DID NOT SEE WHO FIRED THIS SHOT BUT HE NOTED THAT DEPUTY [redacted] WAS IMMEDIATELY [redacted] ON THE LINE. REFERENCES TO [redacted] HAVE BEEN MADE IN EARLIER TELETYPES.

DEPUTIES IN SHERIFF'S OFFICE ARMORED CAR INTERVIEWED. THEY CONFIRMED [redacted] WELL AFTER THE SHOTS WHICH STRUCK THE VICTIMS. [redacted] SQUAD [redacted] EBRPSO, VOLUNTEERED INFORMATION TODAY (HE WAS INTERVIEWED IN DETAIL EARLIER) THAT

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FOLLOWING SHOOTING NOV. SIXTEEN LAST DEPUTY [redacted] AND HE EXCHANGED INFORMATION AS TO WHO FIRED AND HOW MANY TIMES, [redacted] TOLD [redacted]

[redacted]

EMPTY CASINGS SECURED. THEY ARE TWELVE GAUGE ALCAN GAS CARTRIDGES AS ISSUED BY SHERIFF'S OFFICE. ON PREVIOUS INTERVIEW NOV. TWENTYSEVEN LAST, [redacted] DID ADMIT [redacted]

[redacted]

THROUGH INTERVIEWS AND [redacted] b3

[redacted]

[redacted] INITIAL

INTERVIEWS OF ALL DEPUTIES ON SCENE DURING INCIDENT WILL BE COMPLETED DEC. ONE NEXT, EXCEPTING ONE DEPUTY OUT OF TOWN UNTIL DEC. FOUR NEXT. INTERVIEWS CONTINUE WITH FACULTY, ADMINISTRATIVE

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Southern University in Baton Rouge
AND SECURITY OFFICERS AT ~~SUBR~~ CAMPUS; NO INFORMATION OF VALUE DEVELOPED.

FROM INTERVIEWS OF SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES IT APPEARS OPINION THERE IS DEPUTY [redacted] THE PARTIAL BUT INDICATIVE STATEMENTS GIVEN ALONG THIS LINE BY [redacted] AND DEPUTIES [redacted] ARE BASIS FOR THIS VIEW. SINCE ONLY THE PERSON WHO FIRED THIS ROUND KNOWS WITH CERTAINTY HE DID SO, PLUS THE RELUCTANCE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS TO GIVE EVIDENCE AGAINST ANOTHER, THESE SUGGESTIONS ADVANCED BY THESE DEPUTIES ARE BEING STUDIED AND PURSUED WITH GREATEST CARE AND INTEREST.

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cc: Mr. E. S. Miller

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TO ACTING DIRECTOR (44-54616)

ST. LOUIS

FROM SAC W. A SULLIVAN - BATON ROUGE (44-4719) (P) 2P

BATWO - CIVIL RIGHTS.

INVESTIGATION TO DATE REFLECTS VICTIMS KILLED SIMULTANEOUSLY AND ALMOST CERTAINLY FROM A SINGLE CHARGE OF NUMBER FOUR BUCK FIRED BY AN UNIDENTIFIED DEPUTY OF EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE. TWENTYFOUR DEPUTIES CAN BE IDENTIFIED AS ON LINE DURING CONFRONTATION AND ARMED WITH SHOTGUNS. TV FILMS HAVE BEEN REVIEWED OVER AND OVER, FRAME BY FRAME. THEY DO NOT SPECIFICALLY IDENTIFY ANY ONE DEPUTY. THEY DO RELIABLY ELIMINATE A LARGE NUMBER OF THE TWENTYFOUR, AS WELL AS INDICATE SEVERAL DEPUTIES FOR SPECIAL INTEREST. CONTINUING REVIEW THIS FILM IN PROGRESS. EXPECTED SUSPECTS WILL BE FEWER THAN TEN.

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ALL DEPUTIES DENY FIRING THE FATAL SHOT. TESTS SHOW RECOIL FROM TWELVE GAUGE TEAR GAS SHELLS IS NEGLIGIBLE WHILE FROM NUMBER

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BATON ROUGE BATWO SPECIAL ADVISED 2:40PM 12-5-72 AND INSTRUCTED TO ARRANGE WITH ST. LOUIS TO DISCUSS BATON ROUGE

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FOUR BUCK IS SUBSTANTIAL. THE DEPUTY WHO FIRED THE NUMBER FOUR BUCK OUGHT TO BE AWARE HE DID SO EXCEPT CHAOTIC CONDITIONS MIGHT HAVE HAD HIM "FIRED UP."

BUREAU AUTHORITY REQUESTED POLYGRAPH EXAMINER REPORT BATON ROUGE AS PROMPTLY AS POSSIBLE FOR CASE REVIEW AND EXAMINATION SUSPECT DEPUTIES. SAC SULLIVAN RECOMMENDS THAT SA [redacted] ST. LOUIS OFFICE, QUALIFIED POLYGRAPH EXAMINER, BE ASSIGNED FOR THIS PURPOSE.

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December 1, 1972

GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

Summary

This involves confrontation between police and students at Southern University, Baton Rouge (SUBR), Louisiana, 11/16/72, which resulted in deaths of two students and wounding of others. Attached advises summary of investigation conducted 11/30/72.

Interview of officers of East Baton Rouge Sheriff's Office indicates possibility that Deputy [redacted] was in vicinity where fatal shots fired; these interviews also indicate that Deputy [redacted] had possibly not furnished interviewing Agents with all facts during initial interview.

It is expected that initial interviews of all deputies on scene during incident will be completed by 12/1/72, with exception of one deputy who is out of town and will be interviewed 12/4/72.

Interviews of faculty, administrative and security officers at SUBR campus developed no further information of value.

It appears Deputy [redacted] may possibly be individual responsible for firing fatal shot. This theory being pursued.

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December 5, 1972

GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

This involves the confrontation between police and students at Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 11/16/72, which resulted in the death of 2 students and the wounding of others.

Attached advises investigation conducted to date indicates death of victims was apparently caused by single discharge of a No. 4 shotgun load by an unidentified East Baton Rouge Parish Seriff's Deputy. All deputies deny firing fatal shot and close scrutiny of film does not identify deputy but does reduce the number of deputies possibly involved. Recoil of No. 4 load should be substantial and possibility exists that deputy firing would be aware of it. SAC Sullivan requests SA [redacted] St. Louis Office, a qualified polygraph examiner, be sent to Baton Rouge to familiarize himself with case and administer polygraph examination to suspected deputies. Sullivan of opinion deputies should not be approached until examiner is ready to administer test.

General Investigative Division concurs and recommends that SA [redacted] be ordered to Baton Rouge immediately.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

1 - Mr. Conrad
1 - Office 7133
1 - [redacted]

TO : Mr. Conrad

DATE: November 27, 1972

FROM : M. E. Williams

SUBJECT: BATWO

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This matter involved the confrontation between police and students at Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on 11/16/72 which resulted in the deaths of two students and the wounding of others.

On 11/21/72 Special Agent [redacted] arrived at the scene to assist in the investigation.

An examination of the Administration Building revealed three impressions in the east front wall which are consistent with those that could have been produced by spherical projectiles, such as buckshot. These impressions appear to have been produced by projectiles traveling approximately parallel to the ground and at an angle to the wall. Although the exact angle could not be determined, the projectiles appear to have been fired from a point north of the impact area. The minimum angle north of the impact area at which these projectiles could have been traveling was found to be approximately three degrees due to the presence of a large shrub in front of the wall.

Two other shallow partial impressions in the same area were found. However, it was not possible to determine what produced these impressions from a visual examination. No injury to the shrub in the impact area was found. Further, no metal fragments which could have been buckshot were found during a search of the immediate area.

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SA [redacted] returned to Headquarters on the afternoon of 11/24/72 and he delivered three different samples of 12-gauge case shells used by the Louisiana State Police and the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Department along with scrapings from the aforementioned two shallow impressions. These examinations are being expedited.

ACTION: None. For information only.

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1 - Mr. Bishop (Attention: Mr. M. A. Jones, Room 4264)
1 - Mr. Gebhardt
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TO: SAC W. A. SULLIVAN - BATON ROUGE (44-4719-SUB F)

FROM: FOR ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI
W. MARK FELT
ACTING ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR

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REURAIRTEL ELEVEN TWENTY-SEVEN SEVENTY-TWO.

WORK REQUESTED IN REAIRTEL HAS BEEN COMPLETED. LABORATORY PHOTOGRAPHER [redacted] WILL RETURN TO BATON ROUGE VIA DELTA AIR LINES FLIGHT SEVEN ZERO FIVE, DUE TO ARRIVE BATON ROUGE TEN THIRTY/EIGHT AM TWELVE THREE SEVENTY-TWO WITH FILM, PRINTS AND STOP ACTION PROJECTOR.

NOTE: INFORMATION CONCERNING ARRIVAL OF [redacted] IN BATON ROUGE HAS BEEN TELEPHONICALLY FURNISHED BATON ROUGE.

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Enclosed for the Bureau in the personal possession of Photographer [redacted] Photographic Unit, FBI Laboratory, are the following items: b6 b7C

Ten 35 mm color slides taken during autopsy of victim LEONARD BROWN

One roll of 16 mm color movie film, approximately 500 feet in length, secured from television station WBRZ-TV, Channel 2, Baton Rouge, La.

One roll of 16 mm color movie film, approximately 100 feet in length, secured from television station WAFB-TV, Channel 9, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

One roll of 16 mm color movie film, approximately 200 feet in length, secured from television station WAFB-TV, Channel 9, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

One roll of 16 mm color movie film, approximately 250 feet in length, secured from television station WRBT-TV, Channel 33, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. [redacted] b6 b7C

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In essence of brevity, Photographer [redacted] supra, b6 b7C has been directed to make certain color prints of the above described movie film and color slides. Therefore, no specific leads are being set forth for photographic work in this communication.

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810PM URGENT 12-6-72 CJR

TO AKTING DIRECTOR 44-54616

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FROM NEW YORK 44-2241 3P

BATWO-CIVIL RIGHTS, INFO CONCERNING-THE BLACK PEOPLES COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY.

RE NEW ORLEANS TELETYPE TO BUREAU, NOVEMBER THIRTY, SEVENTY TWO.

ON DECEMBER SIX, SEVENTY TWO, [redacted] INTERVIEWED AT [redacted]

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HE STATED [redacted] BLACK PEOPLES COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY AT BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA. HE NAMED SAME WITNESSES AS REFERENCED TELETYPE AND ADDED [redacted] FNU [redacted] INSTRUCTOR, [redacted] AND [redacted] INSTRUCTOR [redacted] SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY, LOUISIANA GOVERNOR EDWARD EDWARDS.

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HE NAMED [redacted] AS ADDITIONAL MEMBER OF BLACK PEOPLES COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY.

[redacted] ARE [redacted] STATED THEY INTERVIEWED WITNESSES AND VIEWED TV NEWSREEL FILMS OF SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY CONFRONTATION.

[redacted] STATED THAT ALL RECORDS OF PROCEEDINGS, TRANSCRIPTS AND TAPE RECORDINGS OF HEARINGS CONDUCTED BY [redacted] WERE AT BATON ROUGE AND COULD BE OBTAINED THROUGH [redacted] HE STATED [redacted] WAS PREPARING A FULL REPORT OF ITS HEARINGS AND THAT WHEN THIS REPORT IS READY ON OR ABOUT JANUARY TEN, SEVENTY THREE, THE COMMITTEE INTENDED TO PROVIDE COPIES OF SAME TO THE US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. FD-THREE ZERO TWO FOLLOWS.

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AT THE BEGINNING OF THE INTERVIEW, [redacted] HAD WISHED TO RECORD THE INTERVIEW BY USE OF THE CASSETTE TAPE RECORDER. INTERVIEWING AGENTS WOULD NOT CONDUCT INTERVIEW UNDER THESE CONDITIONS SO [redacted] DECIDED TO BE INTERVIEWED WITHOUT THE USE OF THE RECORDER IN THE PRESENCE OF HIS SECRETARY. b6 b7C b7D

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AT BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA. CONTACT [redacted] TO OBTAIN ANY FURTHER INFORMATION DECIDED.

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10:00PM NITEL 12-4-72 DBC

TO: ACTING DIRECTOR (44-54616)
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NEW ORLEANS (44-4719)

FROM: MEMPHIS (44-2767) (P) 2P

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INFORMATION CONCERNING - THE BLACK PEOPLES COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY.

RE NEW ORLEANS TEL TO BUREAU, NOV. THIRTY, LAST, CC MEMPHIS.

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ON DEC. FOUR, INSTANT, [redacted] AN ELECTED MEMBER OF [redacted] THE AD HOC GROUP KNOWN AS THE BLACK PEOPLES COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY (BPCI) WHICH CONDUCTED HEARIMGS RE DEATHS OF TWO SOUTHERN UNIV. STUDENTS IN A CONFRONTATION BETWEEN STUDENTS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AT SOUTHERN UNIV., BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA, NOV. SIXTEEN, LAST.

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[redacted] ADVISED A COURT REPORTER RECORDED ALL TESTIMONY BEFORE THESE BPCI HEARINGS AND THAT TRANSCRIPTS BEING MADE AND THAT A TRANSCRIPT WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE FBI BY DEC. ELEVEN, NEXT [redacted]

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[redacted] TELEPHONE [redacted]

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[redacted] ADVISED THAT THE CONCLUSIONS OF THIS BPCI GROUP WERE THAT ONE OF TWO THINGS HAPPENED AT SOUTHERN UNIV. ONE OR TWO SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES WITH DEPRAVED MINDS, TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THE NOISE, CONFUSION AND UPROAR AND SUBSTITUTED BUCKSHOT FOR TEAR GAS WHICH THEY WERE INSTRUCTED TO USE AND THEREBY KILLED TWO SOUTHERN UNIV. STUDENTS. THE OTHER POSSIBILITY IS THAT ONE OR TWO OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES WERE GROSSLY NEGLIGENT AND MISTAKINGLY USED BUCKSHOT INSTEAD OF THE TEAR GAS THEY WERE INSTRUCTED TO USE WHEN ATTEMPTING TO DRIVE SOUTHERN UNIV. STUDENTS FROM A BUILDING ON THIS CAMPUS.

SAN FRANCISCO AT BERKELEY: CONTACT [redacted] AND OBTAIN A TRANSCRIPT OF HEARINGS BEFOREBPCI.

MEMPHIS: THREE ZERO TWO'S TO FOLLOW.

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TO ACTING DIRECTOR (44-54616)

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FROM NEW ORLEANS (44-4719) 4PG

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INFORMATION CONCERNING - THE BLACK PEOPLES COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY.

Reference
RE BUREAU TELEPHONE CALL, NOVEMBER THIRTY, SEVENTYTWO, FROM
Black Peoples Committee of Inquiry
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR ROBERT GEBHARDT CONCERNING BPCI.

FOR INFORMATION ALL RECEIVING OFFICES, BLACK PEOPLES COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY (BPCI) CONVENED AT BATON ROUGE, LA., ON NOVEMBER TWENTYSEVEN-TWENTYEIGHT, SEVENTYTWO. COMMITTEE WAS ESTABLISHED IN ORDER TO INQUIRE INTO CONFRONTATION BETWEEN STUDENTS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AT SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY, BATON ROUGE, LA., NOVEMBER SIXTEEN, SEVENTYTWO, WHICH RESULTED IN DEATHS OF TWO STUDENTS.

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ON NOVEMBER TWENTYNINE, SEVENTYTWO, THE COMMITTEE'S PRELIMINARY FINDINGS WERE TO ACCUSE THE STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS OF BAD FAITH NEGOTIATIONS WITH STUDENTS AND PLACED TOTAL BLAME FOR DEATHS ON LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AT SCENE. FOUR OF THE WITNESSES WHO TESTIFIED BEFORE BPCI HAD PREVIOUSLY DECLINED TO BE INTERVIEWED BY FBI CONCERNING INCIDENT. THE FOUR, WHO ALSO [redacted] "STUDENTS UNITED," THE GROUP WHICH SPEARHEADED THE CONFRONTATION, ARE AS FOLLOWS: [redacted] NEGRO MALE, ~~DOB~~ Date of Birth [redacted] NEGRO FEMALE, DOB [redacted] NEGRO MALE, DOB [redacted] NEGRO MALE, DOB [redacted]

THE BUREAU HAS INSTRUCTED THAT ALL MEMBERS AND WITNESSES BEFORE BPCI BE IDENTIFIED AND INTERVIEWED RE PERTINENT EVIDENCE SUBMITTED BEFORE THE COMMITTEE.

INVESTIGATION AT BATON ROUGE, LA., REVEALS MAJORITY OF BPCI MEMBERS HAVE LEFT AND ARE PROBABLY AT THEIR RESPECTIVE RESIDENCES.

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THE MEMBERSHIP OF BPCI WHO APPEARED ARE AS FOLLOWS:

REPRESENTATIVE [redacted]

[redacted]

THE NAMES OF THOSE MEMBERS OF THE BPCI WHO DID NOT ATTEND ARE AS FOLLOWS: [redacted]

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[redacted] (DO NOT INTERVIEW [redacted]

[redacted]

COMMITTEE MEMBERS RESIDING IN NEW ORLEANS DIVISION BEING INTERVIEWED.

EACH RECEIVING OFFICE IMMEDIATELY INTERVIEW PERSONS NAMED ABOVE IN YOUR DIVISION. IF LOCATED ELSEWHERE, SET OUT APPROPRIATE LEAD. Submit Teletype ~~SUTEL~~ RESULTS. WHERE APPROPRIATE, INCLUDE BRIEF IDENTIFYING INFORMATION.

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RMS FBI WA DC CLR

cc: Mr. E. S. Miller

December 1, 1972
GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION
Summary

This involves confrontation between police and students at Southern University, Baton Rouge (SUBR), Louisiana, 11/16/72, which resulted in deaths of two students and wounding of others.

Attached relates to activity of Black Peoples Committee of Inquiry (BPCI) in connection with incident.

BPCI convened 11/27-28/72, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and after two days of hearings (which included as witnesses four [redacted] which spearheaded confrontation SUBR and who refused to be interviewed by FBI), BPCI announced preliminary findings which accuse the state and local government officials of bad faith negotiations with students and placed blame for deaths on law enforcement officers on scene.

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After BPCI made this announcement, majority of its members (the eleven who attended hearings identified and set out) departed Baton Rouge for their respective residences in various locations throughout United States. Instructions have been issued to field offices covering these residences, as well as those of witnesses, to immediately interview these individuals for pertinent evidence presented to BPCI.

This matter being followed closely.

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WILL WORK MINIMUM OF EIGHT HOURS THURSDAY, NOVEMBER TWENTY THREE, THANKSGIVING DAY. UACB, THEY SHOULD BE DESIGNATED FOR HOLIDAY PAY ON THIS DATE.

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GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

Summary

This involves confrontation between police and students at Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 11/16/72, which resulted in deaths of two students and wounding of others. Attached advises summary of investigation conducted 11/29/72.

Interviews with faculty and Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) staff continues; about 80 additional students interviewed and no pertinent information developed. b7D

[redacted] instructor advises he observed most of incident from second floor of [redacted] and gave conclusion that officers acted as individuals with no noticeable leadership based on manner in which they positioned themselves and pointed weapons at students without apparent provocation; however, his position precluded observation of sheriff's deputies facing students in critical confrontation point. Review of available television film and still photographs does not indicate officers mentioned by instructor as pointing weapons as described by him. Films available of Louisiana State Police troopers convey alternate impression--that of discipline and direction. b7D

Officer of East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office (EBRPSO) ordered [redacted] after victims shot.

From review of photographs, majority of EBRPSO deputies identified. Investigation continuing to identify principals responsible for killing victims.

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DAILY SUMMARY, DECEMBER FIVE, SEVENTYTWO

INTENSIVE REVIEW IN PROGRESS FOR EACH DEPUTY, EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE AGAINST FILM, STILL PHOTOS, AND INTERVIEWS TO ELIMINATE ALL POSSIBLE SUSPECTS.

[redacted] POLYGRAPH EXAMINER, ST. LOUIS DIVISION, b6 b7C SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE BATON ROUGE EVENING DEC. SIX NEXT.

INTERVIEWS WITH [redacted] OF VICTIM DENVER SMITH CONDUCTED, ONE IN GENERAL AREA AND ONE IN CONFRONTATION CROWD, NEITHER ABLE TO FURNISH INFO OF VALUE.

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GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

December 6, 1972

Summary

This involves confrontation between police and students at Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 11/16/72, which resulted in deaths of two students and wounding of others. Attached advises summary of investigation conducted 12/5/72. b6 b7C

Interview of [redacted] victim Smith conducted; no information of value developed.

Special Agent Polygraph Examiner from St. Louis Division to arrive Baton Rouge evening 12/6/72. b3

Investigation has identified [redacted]

Investigation continuing.

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DAILY SUMMARY TELETYPE DATED DECEMBER SIX, SEVENTY TWO.

[redacted] ISSUED SUPPLEMENTAL AUTOPSY REPORT AS RESULT OF EXTERNAL EXAMINATION BY X-RAY AND AUTOPSY COLOR PHOTOGRAPHS. EXAMINATION LOCATED AN ADDITIONAL MISSILE ENTRANCE INJURY ON LEFT SIDE OF FACE AT JAWBONE OF VICTIM BROWN.

ON PRESUMPTION, ALL FIVE IMPRESSIONS LOCATED IN SOUTHEAST CORNER OF ADMINISTRATION BUILDING ARE NUMBER FOUR BUCK (THERE IS SOME DOUBT RE TWO). THIS ACCOUNTS FOR TWENTY THREE OF THE TWENTY SEVEN PELLETS IN SINGLE NUMBER FOUR BUCK CARTRIDGE.

[redacted] PROFESSOR, Southern University in Baton Rouge ~~SUBR~~, STATES WAS AT COURTHOUSE DURING INCIDENT ATTEMPTING TO [redacted] HAS NO DIRECT INFORMATION RE INCIDENT. STATES STUDENT LEADERS RELUCTANT TO SPEAK WITH FBI FOR FEAR OF POSSIBLE PROSECUTION. ALSO SAID IF INFORMATION GOT OUT THEY TALKED TO FBI AND INTO NEWSPAPERS OR RELEASED TO LOCAL OFFICIALS, THEY WILL BE HARMED OR ARRESTED OR BOTH. [redacted] WAS WITNESS BEFORE BLACK PEOPLES COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY ~~(BPCI) AND HAS~~

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REPUTATION OF BEING [redacted]

CONTINUING INTERVIEWS WITH STUDENTS PRESENT DURING CONFRONTATION DEVELOPED NO INFORMATION HELPFUL TO SOLUTION.

ONE ADDITIONAL STUDENT PHOTOGRAPHER, [redacted] IDENTIFIED AND HAS AGREED TO GO AND GET HIS FILM AT UNDISCLOSED LOCATION IN NEW ORLEANS FOR TURNOVER TO FBI.

[redacted] A BLACK WHO WORKS OUT OF THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE, ADVISED HE WAS WITNESS BEFORE BPCI. [redacted] SAID WAS NOT ON CAMPUS AT TIME OF CONFRONTATION AND RECEIVED INFORMATION OVER HIS TWO-WAY RADIO. [redacted] SPELLED OUT HIS ROLE IN [redacted] WITH STUDENTS PRIOR TO INCIDENT.

ATTORNEY [redacted] ADVISED SHE WOULD BE COOPERATIVE AND IS ADVISING STUDENTS CONSIDERED LEADERS TO COOPERATE WITH FBI.

[redacted] ADVISED SHE WAS PRESENT AS COMMITTEE MEMBER AT BPCI HEARING, HAS NO PERSONAL EVIDENCE, WAS COOPERATIVE, BUT HAD NOTHING SUFFICIENT TO OFFER.

FURTHER REVIEW OF FILMS AND STILL PHOTOGRAPHS MADE TO COMPLETE AND STRENGTHEN IDENTIFICATIONS ON "LAST MINUTE"

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PHOTOGRAPHS OF DEPUTIES IN FRONT OF ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.

ANALYSIS TODAY WAS SEVENTY SIX DEPUTIES, EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE (EBRPSO) INTERVIEWED TO DATE. OF THESE, FIFTY NINE ELIMINATED AS SUSPECTS BECAUSE OF IMPROPER ARMAMENT, POSITION OR OTHER SIMILAR RELIABLE INDICATOR. OF SEVENTEEN REMAINING DEPUTIES, THREE TO FIVE ARE CONSIDERED IMPROBABLE SUBJECTS. REMAINDER UNDERGOING CAREFUL REVIEW AND RE-INTERVIEW.

POLYGRAPH EXAMINER NOW ON SCENE AND STUDYING FACTS DEVELOPED TO DATE IN PREPERATION FOR INTERVIEWS.

END.

cc: Mr. E. S. Miller

12/7/72

GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

SUMMARY

This involves the confrontation between police and students at Southern University, Baton Rouge, (SUBR), Louisiana, 11/16/72 which resulted in the death of 2 students and the wounding of others. [redacted] issued supplemental autopsy reporting additional missile located in face of victim Brown. On presumption all five impressions located in southeast corner of Administration Building are No. 4 buck (some doubt regarding 2) this now accounts for 23 of 27 pellets in single No. 4 buck cartridge. b6 b7C

[redacted] professor at SUBR with a reputation of being [redacted] interviewed. He could furnish no direct information regarding incident. He stated leaders reluctant to speak to FBI for fear of possible prosecution and if information got out they talked to FBI and into newspapers or released to local officials, they would be harmed or arrested, or both.

Continuing interviews with students developed no pertinent additional information.

Additional student photographer identified and has agreed to turn over his photographs to FBI.

[redacted] attorney for Black Peoples Committee of Inquiry, advised she would be cooperative as to advising student leaders to cooperate with FBI.

To date 76 Sheriff's deputies, East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office, interviewed, 59 eliminated, of 17 remaining 3 to 5 are considered improbable subjects. Remaining undergoing careful review and reinterview. Bureau polygraph examiner on scene and studying facts developed to date in preparing for interview.

Investigation continuing.

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DENVER ALLEN SMITH (Deceased),
LEONARD DOUGLAS BROWN (Deceased)-
VICTIMS;
Southern University,
Baton Rouge (East Baton Rouge
Parish), Louisiana

REPORT MADE BY: SA [redacted]

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Title is marked changed to include name of victim LEONARD DOUGLAS BROWN and to insert the middle name of victim DENVER ALLEN SMITH, title previously carried as "UNSUBS; DENVER A. SMITH (Deceased), UNKNOWN VICTIM (Deceased), [redacted] - VICTIMS."

REFERENCE: Bureau letter to New Orleans 11/17/72 with enclosed Departmental letter to Acting Director, FBI, 11/17/72.

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Eight enclosures are Appendices which consist of photographs, maps and sketches deemed pertinent to this investigation.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

All persons contacted in connection with this investigation were advised that the investigation was being conducted at the specific request of DAVID L. NORMAN, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice. Investigation was personally supervised by SAC W. A. SULLIVAN as a "Special" designated "BATWO." The instances where there is only one witness of record to a signed statement were occasioned by a second witness not being immediately available.

Specific leads are not being set forth in this report since leads have been set forth on a daily basis via telephone, teletype and airtel communications.

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AT BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA. Will continue to report investigation regarding instant matter.

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Report of: SA [redacted] Office: NEW ORLEANS b6 b7C
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Title: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
DENVER ALLEN SMITH (Deceased),
LEONARD DOUGLAS BROWN (Deceased) - VICTIMS;
Southern University, Baton Rouge
(East Baton Rouge Parish), Louisiana

Character: CIVIL RIGHTS; CIVIL RIGHTS - FEDERALLY PROTECTED ACTIVITIES

Synopsis: On 11/16/72, Southern University, Baton Rouge (SUBR), students DENVER ALLEN SMITH and LEONARD DOUGLAS BROWN were killed, and [redacted] were wounded. SUBR predominately black institution comprised of about 9000 students. School authorities indicate 11/16/72 confrontation followed month of demonstrations and other activities of protest regarding issues believed deeper than those of "creature comforts." Principal SUBR student group known as "Students United" served as spokesman regarding demands which included improved academic facilities and dismissal of SUBR President. Previous protest activity by SUBR students included 10/31/72 boycott, 11/6/72 assemblage, and 11/8/72 fire of unknown origin, all of which required police response. On 11/16/72, about 7:30 a.m., SUBR students occupied campus Administration Building with several hundred students gathered in front of building. Director of Administrative Services, SUBR, stated received phone call from SUBR President about 9:00 a.m., during which President requested assistance to enable him to leave Administration Building under student occupation. Louisiana Governor stated did not order law enforcement officers onto campus and their appearance was result of request by school official. Governor stated Louisiana State Police's (LSP) assignment on 11/16/72 was to act as backup for Sheriff's Office. Following several weeks of SUBR student protests and related activity, on 11/9/72, state warrants issued for seven students. These warrants were executed from 11/9/72 through 11/20/72. Individuals previously arrested declined

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to be interviewed. LSP and East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office (EBRPSO), assisted by campus security police, confronted SUBR students occupying and in front of Administration Building about 10:30 a.m., 11/16/72. Ambulance service company records indicate received call at 10:42 a.m. to proceed to campus and arrived at scene 10:55 a.m., whereupon two Negro males observed lying on sidewalk in front of Administration Building. Ambulance driver determined man lying closest to building still alive and was told by Deputy Sheriff that man lying farthest from building was dead. Injured victim, later determined to be SMITH, was taken to hospital where he expired at approximately 11:30 a.m. Interviews with medical personnel and coroner determined SMITH had been struck by eight missiles; four struck him in left forearm and hand, and four struck him in head. One of missiles that struck him in forearm and hand was recovered. Two of missiles that struck him in the head were recovered. [redacted] Deputy Coroner, offered speculation victim SMITH struck by missiles from 45 degree angle behind left shoulder. He opined shot came from ground level and SMITH's hand and arm were in position above his shoulder at moment of impact. Cause of death cerebral hemorrhage due to cerebral injury due to missile wounds of head. SMITH's clothing turned over to his mother and sisters. Investigation determined SMITH's mother burned clothing. SMITH determined to be off-campus student in his junior year at SUBR. No information developed indicating SMITH was an activist on campus. Ambulance drivers handling body of victim BROWN advised left their office en route to SUBR at 10:42 a.m. At about 10:55 a.m., they approached body covered with blanket and were told by Deputy he was "DOA." He checked for pulse and determined BROWN dead. BROWN taken to hospital. Interviews with medical staff and coroner determined individual later identified as BROWN arrived at hospital about 11:10 a.m. [redacted] examined body for life signs and diagnosed him as dead. She observed apparent gunshot wounds left side of head. Autopsy performed by [redacted] reported six pellets struck BROWN in head, two in front of left ear and four behind left ear. Additionally, he had

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wounds of left index finger and left wrist area, for total of nine pellets. [redacted] offered "professional opinion" missiles which struck BROWN came from direction perpendicular to left shoulder and left side of head. He described this direction as being 90 degree angle from left side of the body or within 10 degrees thereof. He felt there was no possibility for any greater angle of fire. His opinion was based on type and quality of holes caused by missiles and condition of skin surrounding wounds. Cause of death revealed as cerebral hemorrhage resulting from missile wounds to head. Coroner advised one of pellets recovered from BROWN was spherical and appeared unaltered; however, six others distorted and fragmented. He advised fragments turned over to LSP Crime Laboratory, 11/16/72. Clothing worn at time BROWN was killed retained and turned over to FBI for examination. Detailed coroner reports, photographs and slides depicting both examinations obtained. School records determined BROWN enrolled in College of Education in junior year. No information determined that BROWN was student activist. [redacted] struck by tear gas shells during confrontation. Neither seriously wounded. Search of area where [redacted] claimed was struck resulted in recovery of tear gas cylinder which still had adhered to it cloth fabric believed to be identical with fabric of jacket worn by [redacted] at time he was struck. Evidence submitted to FBI Laboratory for examination. Efforts to locate students present during fatal confrontation hampered by closing of school with majority of students ordered to leave campus and return home. Those who were interviewed who were at scene expressed reluctance to identify fellow students. They claimed fellow students in Administration Building and vicinity were unarmed and none was able to identify individual whom they believed fired shot that struck victims BROWN and SMITH. Over 100 students contacted in effort to secure witness account of events and no pertinent information. Faculty representatives at scene of confrontation observed discharge of tear gas in vicinity prior to fatal shooting; however, they could not identify individual or individuals believed responsible for shooting. [redacted] b3 representatives at scene furnished about [redacted] Sound tape recorded at time

of shooting obtained. Eye witness accounts of news media disclosed details concerning formation of police authorities and general conditions which existed at time two students were killed; however, none able to identify individual they believed responsible. All television and radio stations in area contacted in effort to secure additional films, tapes, or eye witness accounts of incident. LSP contacted and offered complete cooperation. Identities of LSP officers at scene at time of fatal shooting secured and majority interviewed. Photographs of incident obtained by LSP furnished. LSP furnished detailed accounts of activities, including discharging gas canisters and gas projectiles. All deny any LSP officer fired Number Four buckshot. LSP explained role was to assist EBRPSO, and formation of their men at time fatal shooting took place directly north and behind students who were killed. Scene described as enveloped in tear gas clouds with students fleeing at time of fatal shooting. LSP [redacted] b6 b7C advised believes [redacted] and expressed opinion no objects, including gas or hand grenade simulators had been thrown from students towards police officers. He felt it was not "humanly possible" for any State Policeman to have fired fatal shot since Troopers had ammunition in magazines and not in the chambers of the weapons and no Trooper fired any type of projectile from shotgun [redacted] Other State Police officers advised fired tear gas projectiles from other locations upon command; however, none admitted discharging buckshot. EBRPSO contacted and vowed complete cooperation in connection with investigation, and majority at scene interviewed. J. AL AMISS, Sheriff, EBRPSO, advised received telephone call about 9:00 a.m., 11/16/72, at residence, from [redacted] of this department advising of assemblage of students at Administration Building at SUBR. He stated was told [redacted] school official, had requested assistance of Sheriff's Office. Upon his arrival at staging area, officers in process of being briefed by [redacted] He spoke to deputies and claimed admonished them that they were dealing with students, and he did not want anyone injured or abused. He instructed [redacted] to make sure

black deputies were integrated among white deputies. He said at about 10:30 a.m., the entire group of deputies and State Policemen left the assembly hut in convoy and traveled to the campus of SUBR. Leading the convoy was a State Police vehicle called "Big Bertha." He entered "Big Bertha" to use public address system and announced to assembled students his identity and five-minute order to disperse with threat of arrest if they did not. He said about two thirds of the assembled students moved from the area. He thereafter made periodic announcements until the five minutes elapsed. Thereafter, he left "Big Bertha" and observed LSP and Sheriff's Officers move into position with his men forming a line on lawn directly across front of the Administration Building facing students. As he approached the front of his line of deputies to instruct them, he heard a loud blast near the State Police group assembled to his right (north) followed by other blasts. He saw tear gas projectiles discharged and retreated to position near "Big Bertha" to put on gas mask. He thereafter was told by [redacted] (LSP) two men were on the ground; one was dead, and one was injured. Sheriff AMISS said he did not consider himself to be in charge of the deputy group as far as giving any direct commands, and he relied on [redacted] in this regard. [redacted] EBRPSO, furnished substantially same information as Sheriff as to order of command. [redacted] of opinion object originating from student group caused explosion knocking deputy's helmet from head and occurred prior to discharge of tear gas. [redacted] said heard explosion of unknown origin which cut his finger and did not give order to fire nor did he hear such an order. Interviews with law enforcement officers resulted in no admission or knowledge of the discharge of buckshot. Campus security officers interviewed, and no information developed indicating any fired weapons. Search of area where students shot made by LSP and EBRPSO on 11/16/72, and FBI on 11/20/72. LSP advised in possession 12 pellets and some fragments. Three of these pellets purportedly were removed from victim SMITH and six

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pellets and some fragments purportedly were removed from victim BROWN. Three other pellets were recovered by the LSP from the scene. The Sheriff's Office furnished items of clothing and personal property identified as that of victim BROWN. FBI search resulted in location of miscellaneous pieces of metal and expended projectile and expended canister, a radio transmitter, and a projectile believed to have been that which struck [redacted] Ballistics examiner located three impressions on wall of Administration Building immediately behind location where victims BROWN and SMITH were shot which believes caused by pellets. The exact angle at time of impact could not be determined; however, because of location of large ornamental shrub, the minimum angle north of the impact area at which these projectiles could have been traveling was found to be approximately three degrees. Examination of samples for Winchester .12 gauge Number Four buck cartridge issue, EBRPSO, determined to contain 27 pellets. (Twenty pellets or pellet marks accounted for as described in details.) Investigation continuing.

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ENCLOSURES:

TO U. S. ATTORNEY, BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA

Enclosed for the U. S. Attorney, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, is one copy of an appendix which contains photographs, maps, and sketches.

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PREDICATION

By communication dated November 17, 1972, to the Acting Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D.C., DAVID L. NORMAN, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, advised as follows:

> "Please conduct a full investigation of the circumstances surrounding the deaths of Denver Smith and another youth which occurred on November 16, 1972, on the campus of Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Possible violations of 18 USC 242 and 245(b)(1)(e) are involved."

II. INSTITUTION OF INVESTIGATION

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A. AUTHORITIES NOTIFIED

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Governor Edwin W. Edwards, Governor of the State of Louisiana, was contacted on November 20, 1972, by Special Agents in Charge William A. Sullivan and Donald W. Moore and Senior Resident Agent [redacted] at the Governor's Mansion, Baton Route, Louisiana. At the outset, Governor Edwards expressed his sorrow and regrets over the shooting incident that occurred on the campus of Southern University, Baton Rouge (SUBR), on November 16, 1972. Governor Edwards declared that he was vitally interested in determining who was responsible for the action which resulted in the deaths of two black students and the wounding of two others. He offered the complete assistance and cooperation of himself, his staff, and any other members of the State Government of Louisiana.

Governor Edwards related his personal negotiations with students and faculty members and University officials at Southern University, New Orleans (SUNO), and SUBR for the past several weeks.

The original problems started on the campus of SUBR in October and subsequently spread to SUNO. Originally, the primary demand at SUBR was concerned with the resignation of Dr. Leon Netterville, President of the entire Southern University system. Thereafter, student demands varied, being constantly changed and increased, including some which the Governor described as being frivolous, such as the quality of meat in a hamburger. Two demands by the students included the resignation of Dr. Netterville and participation in the University administration system were not in the best interest of the people of the State of Louisiana, and Governor Edwards has consistently refused to concede to these two points. However, the Governor was willing to negotiate on all other points.

Governor Edwards stated he had met with students from SUBR at the State Capitol on October 24, 1972, after the students had marched from the SUBR campus to the State Education Building and from there to the State Capitol. He told the students that if they would return to classes and to the University, he would meet with them and negotiate with them on all of their demands. Governor Edwards stated that

as a result of this meeting with the students, a board was appointed to hear the grievances of the students, and this board attempted to meet with the students, and the students refused to meet with the board. Negotiations broke down with the students after the students attempted to take over the Administration Building at SUBR on October 31, 1972, and the school was closed. Governor Edwards advised that when the school was reopened, the dissident students were disruptive and that they would actually go in and remove students who were attempting to attend classes.

The Governor advised that during this time, students at SUNO had made some demands, the main one the removal of [redacted] of SUNO. On November 1, students at SUNO occupied the Administration Building there, and the Governor stated that in an effort to avoid any kind of conflict or confrontation, he did not take any action to have these students removed but attempted to negotiate with the students. He agreed with student leaders that he would meet all of the demands that they had made except the removal of [redacted] and also that on three occasions he had agreed to appoint a committee to resolve the grievances of the SUNO students and agreed to the composition of the committee as demanded by the students. In each instance, the students refused to honor the commitment about the committee. He stated that on one occasion, he personally went to New Orleans and met with leaders of the SUNO dissident students alone in an effort to resolve the grievances.

Governor Edwards advised that he did not order law enforcement officers onto the campus of either University and that the initial request for assistance of law enforcement officers on the campuses was given by an official of the University. In each instance, when law enforcement officers went onto the campus of SUBR, it was at the request of President Netterville or at the request of someone acting upon the authority of Dr. Netterville.

Governor Edwards was very emphatic in stating that in all of his negotiations with students at SUNO and SUBR, he told them that he could in no way relinquish control of the campus to the students and also would not remove President

Netterville and [redacted] of their positions. The Governor advised that [redacted] subsequently contacted him and told him that he was resigning his position at SUNO. The Governor tried to keep [redacted] from resigning, at which time [redacted] told him that some of the student leaders had shown him copies of affidavits from female students which alleged that [redacted] told the Governor that in order to avoid embarrassment to his family that he thought it best to resign and that maybe his resignation would settle the grievances of the students and SUNO could reopen in a peaceful atmosphere. Governor Edwards stated that he personally did not believe any of the allegations which [redacted] stated had been made against him, as [redacted] is approximately [redacted] years old and [redacted] and his character is such that to make the allegations unbelievable.

Governor Edwards advised that on the evening of November 15, 1972, Dr. Netterville telephonically informed [redacted] the Governor's [redacted] that Dr. Netterville expected trouble from the student dissidents on the campus of SUBR during the early morning of November 16, 1972. Dr. Netterville requested law enforcement assistance. Governor Edwards instructed [redacted] to tell Dr. Netterville to contact the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office for law enforcement assistance, protection, and security, as the Sheriff's Office has primary responsibility for policing the SUBR campus.

On the morning of November 16, 1972, Governor Edwards was informed by Colonel Donald Thibodeaux, Superintendent of the Louisiana State Police, that [redacted] East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office, had requested assistance of the Louisiana State Police as backup to the Sheriff's Officers who were planning to remove dissident students from the SUBR Administration Building. According to [redacted] a [redacted] SUBR, had requested the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office to remove students. Governor Edwards instructed Colonel Thibodeaux to make available the Louisiana State Police Riot Squad as backup to the Sheriff's Office.

Governor Edwards also instructed Colonel Thibodeaux that Sheriff Al Amiss would be in charge of the entire police operation and Sheriff Amiss would make the decisions as to the action to be taken.

Sometime thereafter, Governor Edwards was informed of the incident involving the shooting and deaths of two SUBR students and the wounding of two others. Governor Edwards immediately went to the scene to offer his leadership and assistance in whatever way possible to quieten the situation and to get it in hand.

Governor Edwards stated that his review of the information, the facts, and evidence developed indicates that the students were fired upon possibly by only one shotgun shell, more than likely which had been accidentally inserted in a shotgun by an officer who was excited and under the strain of the confrontation with the students. He did not rule out the possibility of the shooting being deliberate but in his best opinion, he would have to assume at this point that it was an accident.

Governor Edwards reiterated that he is vitally interested in determining whether this was an accident or deliberate action and the person or persons responsible.

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Special Agent in Charge WILLIAM A. SULLIVAN, on November 19, 1972, advised Sheriff J. AL AMISS, East Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Sheriff's Office, that the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) was undertaking an investigation into this matter.

Special Agent in Charge WILLIAM A. SULLIVAN, on November 20, 1972, advised Louisiana State Governor EDWIN EDWARDS and DONALD THIBODEAUX, Superintendent, Louisiana State Police, that the FBI was undertaking an investigation into this matter.

B. BACRGROUND CONCERNING SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY, BATON ROUGE (SUBR)

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Southern University was chartered in 1880 by Act 87 of the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana. The first campus was located in New Orleans, Louisiana. Southern University, Baton Rouge, was opened north of Baton Rouge on March 19, 1914.

The Southern University system is the largest predominantly black institution of higher learning in the country. The Southern University system is currently located on three campuses: Baton Rouge, New Orleans and Shreveport-Bossier City. Southern University is one of several institutions of learning under the authority of the Louisiana State Board of Education.

Southern University, Baton Rouge, is located approximately ten miles north of Downtown Baton Rouge and is situated on a tract of 512 acres on the banks of the Mississippi River.

There are 9,000 students enrolled at Southern University, Baton Rouge, for the 1972 Fall Semester.

III. EVENTS LEADING UP TO CONFRONTATION

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[redacted] Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, was interviewed on the campus of Southern University. [redacted] was advised as to the identity of Special Agent [redacted] Federal Bureau of Investigation. He was advised that this interview concerned the events which took place on the campus of Southern University on November 16, 1972. [redacted] furnished the following free and voluntary information:

He has been employed at Southern University in some capacity since about [redacted] He has been [redacted] at Southern University since [redacted]

[redacted] stated since about 1960 not a year has gone by at Southern University without some form of student unrest. No violent demonstrations have occurred during this period and he feels that many corrections were made on the campus as the result of these demonstrations.

Concerning the current strife at Southern University, he feels the real issue is deeper than the issue of "creature comforts," such as food, curfew, campus housing, et cetera, and that there are outside interest promoting the upheaval on the Southern University Campus. [redacted] stressed that he does not know who the outsiders are or what they want, but he feels they are involved because the issues raised by the students are not the type of issues generally thought of by students. He gave as an example of these issues, "Blackness to the nth degree, a truly black university, and how to survive in a white society."

[redacted] stated the current student unrest began in the beginning of October, 1972, when the Psychology Club wanted an office on campus and were not provided one. They, therefore, pitched a tent in front of the T. T. Allain Building and used it as an office.

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Another club, the Blackstone Society, joined with the Psychology Club and out of this group emerged the Students United movement.

In late October, 1972, the Students United presented a list of grievances to the Southern University Administration. Basically, this list consisted of two demands, which are (1) improved academic facilities and teachers, and improved dormitories, food and a new infirmary, and (2) the dismissal of President Netterville. The leaders of Students United are [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted] stated the Southern University Administration informed the students that the demands presented by Students United would be looked into and the students would be given an answer.

At the end of October, 1972, a general student assembly was held and the administration read their replies to each of the student demands; however, no mention was made by the administration of the demand for President NETTERVILLE's resignation.

The students reacted negatively and began holding more frequent mass meetings of Students United.

[redacted] stated he felt that at this point the majority of the students at Southern University were interested in following the administration's and Students United discussions, but were not individually involved, on one side or the other. Two faculty members apparently supported the Students United and he heard one of these faculty members state he was the unpaid advisor to Students United.

[redacted] stated he felt he would rather not identify these two faculty members and that their identities could be obtained from other sources.

The Students United were adamant in saying that all their demands would be met and that organized picketing of the classrooms at Southern University to prevent students from attending classes would be done. This picketing was held prior to the administration's response to the Students United demands and increased after the administration's response. Classes were also disrupted by students from Students United, who were going through classroom buildings, entering classes and disrupting the classes in session. The instructors usually dismissed the classes because of fear when this occurred.

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About one week ago, prior to the incident of November 16,1972, [redacted] stated he tried to arrange a meeting between Doctor NETTERVILLE and a representative of the student group through a student named [redacted] contacted [redacted] replied that he would not meet with Doctor NETTERVILLE unless he had in writing that Doctor NETTERVILLE would resign at the end of the school year.

Concerning Doctor NETTERVILLE, [redacted] stated he had been President of Southern University since July 1, 1967, and that he was more accessible to the students and had seen more students in his tenure as president, than had all the previous Southern University Presidents.

[redacted] described NETTERVILLE as a man very concerned about the welfare of the students and stated that he was probably just a symbol to the Students United that had to be removed.

Concerning the events of November 16, 1972, [redacted] stated he had no prior knowledge that anything out of the ordinary would occur that day and he expected it to be just another day of class disruptions and mass meetings by Students United.

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A. CAMPUS UNREST

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On October 30, 1972, black students at Southern University, Baton Rouge (SUBR), made demands on University and Louisiana state officials regarding the administration of SUBR. Student leaders declined to meet with members of the State Board of Education on the same date regarding student demands.

On October 31, 1972, approximately 750 to 1000 students remained out of classes, and their demands to meet with the University President Dr. LEON NETTERVILLE were refused by NETTERVILLE. The students then demanded that all professors, teachers, and administrative personnel leave the University. University officials thereupon ordered the University closed as of 6:00 p.m., October 31, 1972, and that all students depart the campus. National Guard units were called to duty by Louisiana Governor EDWIN EDWARDS, and Louisiana State Troopers were alerted.

The majority of students departed the campus. National Guard units remained on standby and as of 6:00 p.m., November 1, 1972, the campus was peaceful. The National Guard was released.

SUBR was reopened November 6, 1972, and at 10:00 a.m., approximately 500 students assembled in the campus gymnasium and then departed the gymnasium at 10:45 a.m. Louisiana State Police (LSP) and East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Officers sealed off the campus, and no confrontation between law enforcement authorities and students occurred. Approximately one half of the 500 students returned to classes and at 1:00 p.m., all law enforcement representatives withdrew from the campus.

On the evening of November 8, 1972, a fire of undetermined origin destroyed a barn on the campus. The campus was secured by East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's

Office Deputies and LSP Officers at approximately 7:30 p.m., November 9, 1972. No incidents occurred throughout the day.

At approximately 7:30 a.m., November 16, 1972, SUBR students occupied the campus Administration Building. President NETTERVILLE, together with his secretary, took refuge within the building and approximately 30 minutes thereafter was escorted from the building by campus security guards without incident.

At approximately 10:30 a.m., about 700 to 800 blacks of both sexes were observed in front of and inside the Administration Building. East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office representatives ordered the group to disperse within five minutes.

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[redacted] Administrative Services, Southern University and A and M College, was interviewed in his office, at which time he was informed that he was being contacted relative to the confrontation that occurred on campus on November 16, 1972

[redacted] furnished voluntarily the following signed statement:

"Baton Rouge, La.
Nov. 21, 1972

"I, [redacted] Administrative Services, Southern University and A. & M. College, furnish the following signed statement voluntarily to [redacted] who has identified himself to me as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I have been advised that I am not required to furnish a signed statement and that I may be called upon to testify to this information in a court of law at a future date.

"I presently reside at [redacted] I have served in my present capacity since [redacted] Prior to that I taught [redacted] from [redacted] here at the University and from [redacted] I served as [redacted] here at Southern University.

"As [redacted] Administrative Services I am responsible for [redacted] on main campus and all branch campuses. I am also responsible for [redacted] on the Baton Rouge campus.

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"On friday, Oct. 20, 1972, a group of students identifying themselves as 'Students United' gathered at the Administration Bldg. on the Baton Rouge Campus where they presented verbally a list of grievances to University President G. Leon Netterville, Jr. They requested and received permission to hold an assembly on monday, Oct. 23, 1972. The approved assembly was held at 10:00 a.m. on this date in the Mens' Gym. President Netterville attended and was furnished a typed list of the grievances which had been voiced on Oct. 20, 1972.

"On Oct. 24, 1972, the administration replied to the 'Students United' grievances by issuance of The University's Response to Student Grievances As Approved by the University Senate.

"'Students United' reacted to the 'Response' by organizing classroom boycotts which began on Oct. 24 and continued through Nov. 15, 1972. The boycotts included forcible ejection from class of some students by some student demonstrators. [redacted] has obtained signed statements from some students and some faculty members detailing instances of forcible ejection from class. b6 b7C

"As a consequence of this activity by members of 'Students United' complaints were made to the office of the District Attorney for East Baton Rouge Parish charging the following leaders of 'Students United' with violations of the Louisiana Revised Statutes dealing with disruption of educational institutions: [redacted] On Nov. 8, 1972, warrants of arrest were issued for these students. During the early morning of Nov. 9, 1972, [redacted] were arrested by the East Baton Rouge Parish

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Sheriff's Office. They were later released on their own recognizance. A decision was made not to execute the remaining warrants after an agreement was reached between the university administration and 'Students United' to discontinue the disturbances. In spite of the agreement the disturbances continued and on Nov. 15, 1972, [redacted] Campus Security, Sheriff Amiss and I decided it would be necessary to arrest the other protest leaders for whom warrants had been issued on Nov. 8, 1972.

"On Thursday, Nov. 16, 1972, I arrived at the Campus Security Office at 7:30 a.m. Shortly after 8:00 a.m. I received a call from [redacted] Campus Security, who reported that there was a gathering of students in front of Stewart Hall. [redacted] East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office, to inform him of the situation. At 8:30 a.m. [redacted] reported that the gathering had increased and that students had entered the building. [redacted] estimated there were between 50 and 75 students there led by [redacted]

"I again telephoned [redacted] at 8:40 a.m. and requested him to assemble his men for duty on the campus. A few minutes later [redacted] informed me that students had entered the Administration Bldg. I telephoned [redacted] again at 8:50 a.m. to report the latest development. A few minutes later President Netterville telephoned me to request assistance to enable him to leave the Administration Bldg. In a telephone conversation with [redacted] East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office, at 9:05 a.m. I reported the predicament of President Netterville.

"At 9:15 a.m. I received a report from [redacted] that he had safely conducted President Netterville

from the Administration Bldg. The Sheriff's Office telephoned at 9:30 a.m. to report they were forming at Ryan Airport. At 10:10 a.m. [redacted] advised that his department and the Louisiana State Police were enroute to the campus.

"I then left the Security Office and proceeded to the vicinity of the Women's Gym to join with [redacted] and about 10 of his men. From that location I could observe that approximately 200 students were congregated in front of the Administration Bldg. Within minutes, approximately 10:30 a.m., Sheriff Amiss together with his deputies and officers of the Louisiana State Police arrived at the Administration Bldg.

[redacted] his officers and I joined the other law enforcement officers in front of the Administration Bldg. From my position by 'Big Bertha,' the State Police armored vehicle, I could identify in the crowd of students on the front steps of the Administration Bldg. students [redacted]

"I can recall the warning being given by Sheriff Amiss for the students to evacuate the building and to disperse. I also recall a loud explosion just before the initial firing of tear gas. I did not detect the origin of the explosion. At this point there developed much confusion. One of [redacted] asked for permission to enter the building following the cessation of tear gas firing to escort remaining students from the building. His request was granted and it was only then as he moved toward the building that I realized for the first time that two individuals were lying in front of the building at the southeast

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corner. After the two bodies were removed by ambulance [redacted] entered the building.

"After some efforts to reopen the office of the President I went [redacted] and telephoned President Netterville to report the events to him.

"I have read the above statement consisting of this and five (5) prior pages and consider it to be true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

"/s/ [redacted]

"Witnessed by:/s [redacted] SA, FBI, Cleve., Ohio, 11-21-72
Witnessed by:/s/ [redacted]

[redacted] a black educator, advised he is [redacted] years of age, received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in [redacted] from [redacted] and a Masters Degree in [redacted] from [redacted]

He supplied copies of two documents which detail the grievances presented to the University on October 23, 1972, by "Students United" and a Plan of Implementation of Organization of Department and Executive Councils. He also furnished a copy of the University's reply dated October 24, 1972, entitled The University's Response to Student Grievances as Approved by the University Senate. These documents are as follows:

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It has become incumbent upon us, the students, to move most directly eradicating the problems that confront us at this institution; problems we feel are systematically caused to stagger our move into the consciousness of nationhood.

We as "Students United" find it necessary to exercise our duly possessed rights as Black men and women to abolish all conditions that threaten out existence. For too long we have been victims of constant neglect and administration censorship; for too long we have been denied a voice in the selection of those people that administer the functions of this university; for too long the administration has moved to discourage and/or remove those faculty and administrative personnel who have displayed a committment to the resolution os problems of students in particular and Black people in general; for too long we have been represented by administrators that are only concerned about their self-perpetuation.

Therefore, it has become most important that we address ourselves to bring to your attention knowledge of the kinds of suppressive conditions that has caused us to become elements of control:

1. The Administration has encouraged the resignation of/or actually removed such persons as [redacted] thus putting us, the students, at a loss.
2. We do not have proper equipment and facilities in various departments for their complete functioning (such as in the Psych., Poli Sci., Biology, Recreation Depts., etc.)
3. We need curriculum changes in the various departments (relative to a Black perspective).
4. We are forced to accept substandard housing--which lack the proper facilities for complete use.

5. Purposely, we do not have the proper and correct medical facilities.

These conditons are real, it has become evident that nothing is being done about them and other conditions; therefore, we question the need for an administration that has allowed these wretched conditions to exist.

We, are the backbone of the existence of Southern University; therefore we should take all necessary steps for our demands to be met.

We, Students United, in exercising our rights and responsibilities as Blacks, adults, and human beings, bravely address ourselves to the problem of establishing a just system of administration of this University and the dissemination of knowledge.

We are strong advocates of government of the people, for the people, and by the people. Since this conditon does not exist in the present form of governing of this University, we advocates the change which follows:

I. Department Council

There shall be the establishment of a department council consisting of the department chairman, department faculty, and department students.

The chairman of the respective department has the power to decide the manner in which faculty members of his/her department will be selected to the board.

It will be the responsiblity of the chairman to conduct a special election adhering to democratic principles for the purpose of organizing and establishing the student representation to this council. Their term of office shall be that of one year.

The student-faculty ratio shall be 2:1, with the total number of council members being determined by the chairmen.

The purpose of this body will be to co-ordinate the activities of said department. These activities include the hiring and firing of all faculty members within the department, including the chairman, and other necessary input within the department.

II. Executive Council

This Executive Council shall be composed of the President, of the University, his executive staff and students.

The Executive Staff shall be chosen by the President of the University.

Each college will be represented on this council by two students from that college. These students shall be elected during the same special election conducted to elect student representatives to the Department Councils. Their term of office shall be one year.

The purpose of this council shall be to function as a board of directors for the University. Their authority shall be superseded only by the Louisiana State Board of Higher Education.

The existence of this Executive Council shall be duly provided for in the statement of purposes in the by-laws of the Constitution of the University.

The President of the University shall preside as President of this Executive Council. All other officers (to be determined by the Council) shall be determined through a democratic election of Council members, with this board adhering to the co-operative principle of one member, one vote.

Having exhausted all other considerations of possible solutions to our situations, we present the above as representing the most viable vehicle to accomplish our intended end.

Plan of Implementation of Organization
of Department and Executive Councils

I. Responsibilities of the President of the University

A. Convene with Deans of Colleges and inform them to do the following in a meeting with the chairmen of the departments within their respective colleges.

1. Inform chairmen that they are responsible for conducting a special election adhering to democratic principles for the purpose of organizing the student representation to these councils. This entails a method of procedure for applicant filing, a deadline for filing and a date the election is to be held.

2. Inform the chairmen that they are responsible for deciding who and how many of their faculty will serve on the Department Council. Since the student faculty ratio on this council is 2:1, it is imperative that this selection be made prior to the election so that the students may be made aware of the applicant filing procedures and deadline for filing. Students should also be informed of this quota.

3. The ~~Department~~ College Student Representatives to the Executive Council shall be voted on during the above mentioned special election. The same methods of procedures for applicant filing and filing deadline shall also apply.

4. These councils are to be in effect within two weeks of this date.

II. Responsibility of the Deans of the College.

It is the responsibility of the Deans of the Colleges to meet with the Department Chairmen in their respective colleges and dispense the aforementioned information.

III. Responsibility of Department Chairmen

It is the responsibility of the chairmen to implement the the organization of the Department Council.

IV. Within two weeks of presentation of this document to the President, the Executive and Department Councils shall be existing and functioning bodies.

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The following are matters to be dealt with by the Department Councils. Grievances are outlined by departments and upon establishment of the department council they are to be refered to the respective department chairmen for immediate consideration and action.

I. Psychology Department

The Psychology Department hereby states that these following needs must be fulfulled immediately. They have been overlooked for an entire year. In order that the Psychology Department improve and move in a Black-oriented, progressive way, the following are demanded:

A. Department Reading Room
   1. Literature
      a. Books related to all fields of psychology
      b. Newspapers
      c. Magazines
      d. Psychological Journals
   2. Furniture
      a. Two couches
      b. Three lounging chairs
      c. Two large, long tables
      d. Sixteen (well-lined)
      e. Sixteen table chairs

B. Psychology Workshop
   1. Work bench
   2. Tool racks for the wall (two)
   3. Shelves
   4. Electrical outlet

C. Statistical Laboratory
   1. 20-30 Calculaors
   2. One Programmalsle Electronic Calculator
   3. Four long tables
   4. Chairs

D. Completion of Psychology Experimentla Laboratory
   1. Two, large, huge tables
   2. Stools
   3. Individual laboratories need 3 stools
   4. Two different highly security locks for the entrances of that room.

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II. Recreation Department and Physical Education Department
A. Corrections are to be made in the curriculum requirements in Physical Education activities first course and Health courses.
B. Corrections are necessary in the Nature Study (Ecology) class taught by [redacted]
C. Corrections need to be made in the women's Physical Education Activities class.
D. More personel are needed in the Recreation Department.
E. The deficiency in the utilization of facilities concerning students' needs is to be investigated.

III. Political Science Department
A. The Political Science Reading Room should be made available for students use at all times. Students desiring to use this room generally must secure a key from [redacted] and in view of the fact that she is a busy woman, she is usually unavailable.
B. Because of the limited amount of space and inadequate furnishings, Room 1&12 are not conducive to learning. The use of these rooms should be discontinued and more appropriate facilities should be provided.
C. More emphasis should be placed on the amount a student comprehends rather than the amount the teachers manage to cover in a given time.
D. The antiquated Political Science Building should either be rebuilt or repaired and restructured to the extent that it serves the needs of the students.
E. The department should establish and maintain an up-to-date, informative bulletin board system.
F. Teaching facilities for American Govt. classes.
G. Library help for Political Science Reading room.
H. Insulation of air conditioning and heating system.
I. Support (of) for lecture programs for Political Science Dept.
J. Funds should be allocated for student organization in each department. Funds should be allocated in school budget for each department to take field trips and recieve money from administration to help bear the expenses.
K. We strongly urge (you) the adminstration to hire [redacted] back to the [redacted] Department.
L. The American Government classes are too congested and students are therefore denied to relate to the instructor as they could if the classes were smaller. We feel we should be participants in these classes rather than stool pigeons so therefore we suggest you hire more qualified instructors.
M. We adhere to the hiring of more qualified instructors who are specified to teach that particular course.
N. We suggest you delete foreign languages form the cirriculum and re-examine each fields cirriculum and re-evaluate it.
O. We suggest that you give the student body a voice in the election of the University president.
P. We also suggest that funds be allocated to each department on the basis of a co-op bookstore, and that the bookstore work toward the benefit of the student body.
Q. We suggest further, a re-evaluation of the grading system. Within your major you are graded on the basis of A, B, C, D or E and all electives based on P=Passing or F=Failing.

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IV. Biology Department
- A. Functioning equipment is needed.
- B. Insturctors should be qualified, but more important they should be able to relate materials to students. Accordingly we request teachers and course evaluations which will be seriously considered by the fuculty and staff.
- C. Racist teachers should be eliminated from the staff and sub-standard teachers should not be hired simply because they possess a certain title or color.
- D. Immediate review of its' courses of credit, with a designed curriculum for every area.
- E. Better advisors, and more of them.
- F. An update in its' administration, with developed systematic methods of relaying information to its' students.
- G. All around better outlook on the well-fare of its' students; as humans, and not just another social experiment.

V. English Department
- A. Faculty members do not respect the minds of the students and feel that everyone is "C" average. They show little interest in the students and expect them to know what they have not taught.
- B. Faculty should make available to their majors information about job opportunities.
- C. [redacted] retirement is demanded. His [redacted] makes him unable to communicate with students.
- D. The freshman instructors are not understanding with students and discourage them.
- E. The present English courses being offered are antiquated. There are not enough Black Literature courses being offered, none that relate to Black culture. Presently there is one Black Literature course out of the fifteen being offered.

VI. Philosophy Department
- A. Some type of Educational allowances must be set up, to aid young Blacks in the field of philosophy.
- B. We need more Black teachers who care about Black students, and will make the goal of epostimology more than a good grade.
- C. Black students should be free to make their own inquiry about and critical judgement on contemporary philosophy in the context of universial implications.

VII. Home Economics Department
- A. A new dean, who is qualified, Black oriented and able to answer to the needs of this department is demanded.
- B. In order to gain all that this curriculum has to offer improvement of all laboratory equipment and facilities must be undertaken immediately.
- C. In that there are instructors over more than one area, teaching many subjects, we demand more qualified and relevant instructors. Also needed are advisors to advise students on courses they should be taking.
- D. Unnecessary required courses should be deleted from the curriculum.
- E. The entire Home Economics building must be centrally air-conditioned

VIII. Computer Science Department
- A. General
  1. Need for cooperation between the computer science department and the Southern University bookstore (e.g. coding sheets and templates) and textbooks.
  2. Need for a key punch room
  3. Provide for tutoring sessions
  4. Provide for field trips
- B. Schedule for Running Programs
  1. Existing schedules are not met
  2. Provide for more time to be allowed for running student programs
  3. computer science majors should have more access to the computers
- C. Advisors should provide for more scheduling of conferences between students and advisors.
- D. Curriculum
  1. Students should be notified of changes in the curriculum as soon as they are made.
  2. Every course should be offered every semester.
  3. Re-evaluation of the present computer science curriculum is needed.

IX. Mechanical Technology
- A. In order that we may get the best out of our educational endeavors, we need more up-dated equipment and reference materials.
- B. We need more instructors so that classes can be offered more frequently.
- C. Some arrangement needs to be made with both bookstores because required text are not available.

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X. Art Department

A. Better Equipment.

B. Nude Models - for purpose of close study of anatomy.

C. Ample working space.

D. Art exhibition shows of the students work to be presented to the student body and general community.

E. Better communication between Art Education and Fine Arts students.

F. Better methods of preparing students for outside challenges.

G. To allow the participation of various students in helping other students in their classes.

H. Better communication between students and instructors.

I. Better instructors that will be sincere with the needs of the students.

J. Lack of qualifications of incoming instructors.

K. Development of students own personal techniques.

L. Judgement of students work in a more critical fashion which should be benefical to him.

M. Black Orientated courses in relation to Art.

N. Methods of teaching are designed so that the students must perform according to these methods and "NO" other way. THESE METHODS MUST BE (illegible).

O. Art Library for students and faculty complete with lounging area for students.

P. Establishment of a current Art pamphlet and newspaper.

XI. Atheletic Department

A. Resignation of [redacted]

B. Resignation of [redacted]

XII. History Department

A. New building with name of [redacted]

B. More Black History Courses.

C. Also, expand history course offered in general.

XIII. Electronics Engineering Technology

A. Insufficient equipment. 32

B. Under-staffed department.

C. Courses not taught often enough

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D. Textbooks not available at beginning of semester.

E. Accreditation of the curriculum.

F. A budget for the curriculum.

XIV. Education Department

A. Efficiency in handling records.

B. More up-to-date material.

C. Why is the Special Education Department in Harris and other Education classes in Stewart Hall?

XV. Constructive Criticisms of the Business Department

A. There are too many white instructors that can not possibly relate to black students of today. Foreign instructors are sent here to learn to speak English and in many instances, do their practice teaching on us. Later they are sent to Purdue and Harvard. We will not be their guinea pigs.

B. Departmental heads should be changed frequently. Students are are to have a choice in who is hired and dismissed.

C. No one instructor should monopolize a field of study.

D. Too many irrevelant subjects are required for fulfillment of a major in business.

E. Every course should be offered every semester.

F. Many of the secretaries who were hired to help the students as well as the administration are very unfriendly.

G. In pre-registration, many times a student signs up for one and gets someone else's class.

H. There are not enough keypunch machines and typewriters.

I. Classes are overloaded. There should be no more than 30 students in each class.

J. Fundamentals and elementary ideas should be stressed more in technical feilds such as accounting.

K. There should be centralized offices set up for the specific purpose of counseling.

L. Teachers' office hours are often not convenient.

M. There should be no limit on the number of hours a student is allowed to take in a semester.

N. Applications submitted for a degree are frequently overlooked, and students cannot get their degree when desired. Students not notified until the last minute.

O. There are never enough books.

P. The following instructors are high on the list of grievances from the students in the Business Department:

1. [redacted] can't relate to students.

2. [redacted] just occupies a job; does not teach.

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3. [redacted] can't understand him and he can't add.

4. [redacted] - lacks ability to get subject matter over.

5. [redacted] - problems with girls etc. etc.

6. [redacted] - has never taught before, undoubtly has had no education and can relate nothing to students.

7. [redacted] very bad attitude, down right nasty at times.

XVI. Industrial Arts Department

Needs and Grievances:

A. Various types of shield aids and devices for small gas engine.

B. Air conditioning and heating system for shop classrooms.

C. More spaces needed for laboratory classes.

D. Funds available for instructional supplies.

E. Additional faculty members in the department.

F. Complete set of hand tools for woodwork and metal-craft.

G. Some type of co-op program in the department.

H. Job interviews for Industrial Arts students in various types of industry.

XVII. Other Grievances:

A. Registar's office needs an effective method in handling of grades.

1. Records sometimes misplaced.
2. Grades are not computed accurately.

B. The cafeteria area in the union needs cleaning up. Ash trays are needed in the cafeteria area.

XVIII. Division of Music

A. Faculty

1. The forcing of qualified faculty members to resign because of poor wages, insufficent facilities, and lack of administrative organization (i.e. faculty members are not informed in time concerning their employment status each year).

2. Alleviation of incompetent instructors wherever they are found at Southern University.

a. Some of the faculty at Southern University cannot and some will not relate to the students.

3. Need for more instructors to alleviate overloading or individual instructors in the Music Division.

B. Physical Plant

1. Lack of space for instruction.

2. Lack of Practice space.

3. Lack of space for performance (Recital Hall)

4. Lack of student lounge (students cannot study or quietly relax anywhere in the building, this, the halls become congested.

5. Music Majors on Work-Study should have first perference of job offers within the Music Division.

C. Equipment

1. Insufficient instruments

a. Instruments needed for ~~elementary~~ educational classes.

2. Pianos (tuned periodically)

3. Listening facilities

a. Tape recorders
b. Record players
c. Specialized music library in the Music Division.
d. Music library and listening room in University Library is adequate.

4. Choir robes

D. Curriculum

1. Band requirements are ~~to~~ too strenuous.

a. Ten (10) hours of practice for (1) hour of credit over a four year period in marching band.

E. Music Activities

1. Funds allocated for educational endeavors.

2. Ensemble tours (recruitment etc.)

a. Equal distribution of funds for vocal as well as instrumental ensembles.

F. We request organization of administrative business of Southern University.

The following are matters that must be dealt with immediately by the Executive Council.

I. The food services in Dunn Hall is not of a quality desirable to students. Steps must be taken to alter this situation.

II. The road blocks at dormitory entrances pose great inconveniences for students and prohibits the visiting rights of off-campus friends and families and should be immediately removed.

III. The seminar and colloquim classes have rendered themselves useless, ineffective, and a waste of time, and should be discontinued from the Freshman curriculum immediately.

IV. There should be a system of communication on this campus dedicated to disseminating relevant information on a daily basis. This communication system should be that of campus-community radio station.

V. We demand appropriate and correct medical services.

VI. In that the dormitory to which students are assigned is our home for our stay here, it is desirable that living conditions at least provide the necessities and issentials. For too long we have lived in substandard conditions and we refuse to allow these conditions to persist. We demand that immediate attention and action be given to the following grievances:

A. Elevators, thermostrats, radiators, and door locks are in need of immediately repair in all dormitories.
B. Santation in the dormitories is a pressing issue and must be dealt with immediately. Necessary to the remedy of this problem are more and better janitorial services, more and better bathroom facilities, i.e., hot water, showers, stoppers for tubs & face bowls. Also mops, brooms, and trash cans should be made available to each unit.
C. A better method of pest control is needed in all dormitories.
D. Young women entering Southern University are adults and should be treated accordingly, i.e., curfews must be declared null and void and the use of signing in and out cards shall be extinguished...
E. Draperies in the dormitories have deteriorated to the extent of being non-existent. In fact, many students are forced to use personal sheets and spreads as curtains.
F. Washerteries in working condition should be strategically co-located on the campus.
G. The safety of the students is gravely jepardized because

of lack of functioning fire extinguishers, non-existent fire escapes, and chained doors that prevent entering and leaving.

H. Water fountains must be placed on each floor of the dorms.

I. Adequate furnishing should be provided in the dorms for entertaining visitors.

J. Candy and cookies renders and coke machines must be made available in the dormitories and academic buildings.

K. Operating clocks should be strategically located in dormitories.

L. Qualified personell capable of communication and assisting students should be employed.

M. Study rooms should be set up in all students dormitories with adequate lighting, furnishing, and resource materials and reading materials.

The following is a recommendation we offers as a possible solution to the need for more "relevant" instructors in the various colleges of this institution:

The problems that exist in the various Colleges of this institution is the difficulty to obtain faculty members of competnece and equality that have the ability and motivation to relate to the soci-economic background of its students.

We propose as a solution to the problem, the development of a Co-operative Teaching Program.

We suggest as the method of implementation the following:

1. The University employ prospective graduates as instructors or teaching assistants upon graduation.

2. Permit these persons to teach one semester and attend graduate school the second semester.

3. Stipulate time for serving on the faculty upon receipt of advance degrees.

4. Guarantee employment as long as participant is successfully applying himself in graduate school and on the faculty.

5. Fund the graduates studies of each participant (tuition, books, and other related expenses).

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We suggest the following advantages of implementing this program:

1. It guarantees a "pool" of instructors in the various Colleges both experience and academic acheivement.

2. It makes available more persons with the capability of applying themselves to students' need.

3. It also makes available instructors who are continuously acquiring up-to-date information relative to the dissemination of materials to the students.

4. The participants would be also in a position of a learning and teaching environment that would give him the capability for (a) develop those techniques which are most useful in transmitting of information that is most imperative for correct teaching.

We suggest as potential funding the following sources:

1. Federal grants

2. U. N. C. F. grants

3. Faculty salary budgeting

4. Others

SUGGESTED PRESIDENTS OF SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

1. [redacted] - Chairman, [redacted] Department - Atlanta University--Atlanta, Georgia.

2. Saduakai, O. - President, Malcolm X Liberation University -Greensboro, North Carolina

3. [redacted] - Chairman, [redacted] - Howard University- Washington, D. C.

4. [redacted] Professor, [redacted] - Atlanta Universi Atlanta, Georgia.

5. [redacted] - Professor, Howard University, Washington, D. C.

6. Davis, Lawerence - Former President - Arkansas A & M.

7. [redacted]

8. Hare, Nathan - University of San Francisco - Editor, Black Scholar

9. [redacted] Professor - Northwestern University - [redacted]

10. [redacted] - Chairman, Department of [redacted] - Southern Universi Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

11. [redacted] - University of Michigan.

12. [redacted] - Fisk University - Professor, [redacted]

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Plan of Implementation of

Organization of Department and

Executive Councils

I. Responsibilities of the President of the University

A. Convene with Deans of Colleges and inform them to do the following in a meeting with the chairmen of the departments within their respective colleges.

1. Inform chairmen that they are responsible for conducting a special election adhering to democratic principles for the purpose of organizing the student representation to these councils. This entails a method of procedure for applicant filing, a deadline for filing and a date the election is to be held.

2. Inform the chairmen that they are responsible for deciding who and how of their faculty will serve on the Department Council. Since the student faculty ratio on this council is 2:1, it is imperative that this selection be made prior to the election so that the students of the applicant filing procedures and deadline for filing. students should also be informed of this quota.

3. The Department Student Representative to the Executive Council shall be voted on during the above mentioned special election. The same methods of procedures for applicant filing and filing deadline shall also apply.

4. These councils are to be in effect within two weeks of this date.

II. Responsibility of the Deans of the College.

It is the responsibility of the Deans of the Colleges to meet with the Department Chairmen in their respective colleges and dispense the aforementioned information.

We, Students United, in exercising our rights and responsibilities as Blacks adults, and human beings, bravely address ourselves to the problem of establishing a just system of administration of this University and the dissemination of knowledge.

We are strong advocates of government of the people, for the people, and by the people. Since this condition does not exist in the present form of governing of this University, we advocates the change which follows:

I. Department Council

There shall be the establishment of a department council consisting of the department chairman, department faculty, and department students.

The chairman of the respective department has the power to decide the manner in which faculty members of his/her department will be selected to the board.

It will be the responsibility of the chairman to conduct a special election adhering to democratic principles for the purpose of organizing and establishing the student representation to this council. Their Term of office shall be that of one year.

The student-faculty ratio shall be 2:1, with the total number of council members being determined by the chairman.

The purpose of this body will be to co-ordinate the activities of said department. Those activities include the hiring and firing of all faculty members within the department, including the chairman, and other necessary input within the department.

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II. Executive Council

This Executive Council shall be composed of the President, of the University, his executive staff and students.

The Executive Staff shall be chosen by the President of the University.

Each department will be represented on this council by one student from that department. These students shall be elected during the same special election conducted to elect student representatives to the Department Councils. Their term of office shall be one year.

The purpose of this council shall be to function as a board of directors for the University. Their authority shall be superseded only by the Louisiana State Board of Higher Education.

The existence of this Executive Council shall be duly provided for in the statement of purposes in the by-laws of the Constitution of the University.

The President of the University shall preside as President of this Executive Council. All other officers (to be determined by the Council) shall be determined through a democratic election of Council members, with this board adhering to the co-operation principle of one member, one vote.

Having exhausted all other considerations of possible solutions to our situations, we present the above as representing the most viable vehicle to accomplish our intended end.

XIII. Responsibility of Department Chairmen

It is the responsibility of the chairmen to implement the organization of the Department Council and its respective representative to the Executive Council.

XV. Within two weeks of presentation of this document to the President, the the Executive and Department Councils shall be existing and functioning bodies.

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THE UNIVERSITY'S RESPONSE TO STUDENT GRIEVANCES AS APPROVED BY THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

October 24, 1972

1. Every department shall establish an Advisory Council composed of an equal representation of departmental faculty and departmental student majors.
2. Faculty appointments, promotions and salary increments will be initiated at the departmental level. There will be no summary dismissal of faculty without academic due process in accordance with the 1958 AAUP statement on academic due process.
3. The membership of the University Senate will be broadened to include students, faculty and staff. The student membership will comprise one half of the membership of the Senate. The student membership will come from the several colleges in the same proportion as the faculty representation from that college. Students will be elected by their colleagues in their colleges. Presidents of AWS, Men's Federation and SGA will be members of the University Senate by virtue of their offices.
4. There will be a Faculty Senate.

We are in support of requests for improved facilities and equipment within various departments. The University will move to improve these facilities as funds become available. In the meantime, departmental chairmen have been requested to accommodate those grievances which can be implemented immediately. Departments will list their needs for improved facilities and submit them through the proper channels for consideration.

All efforts are being made to keep our food service program at the highest standing possible. The Food Service Committee is working to improve its service at the [illegible] encourage student input

interms of grievances to this committee which meets each Tuesday at 4:00 p.m. in Parker Dining Hall.

7. We call upon all students to cooperate with the University in maintaining the University equipment and facilities in good repair.

8. We are studying the feasibility of the road blocks mentioned in the grievances. These road blocks are now being used for the protection of the students.

9. The University is willing to meet with student representatives to discuss in detail any specific medical services and hospital plan.

10. Student personnel services (elevators, thermostats, radiators, door locks, etc.). Repairs and general upkeep are done on a continuous basis. It is interesting to note that at the same time these grievances were being presented, the repairmen were working on the elevators. Again, we call upon all students to help the University to keep the equipment operative. These requests have been reported to the Business Manager and the housing department for rectification.

11. Pest Control. Beginning with October 1, 1972, a new firm was employed to treat all dormitories. They fumigate on the first Monday of each month, and also ready when called on special occasions.

12. Janitorial Services (including hot water, shower head stoppers for face bowls and tubs). The requests have been referred to the proper departments for immediate attention.

13. Curfew. All women students 19 years and over, regardless of classification, have no curfew as recommended by women students (Spring and Summer, 1972)--accepted, approved and effective as of September, 1972. Where there is an objection, it is on the basis of disapproval of parent of guardian. For

weekend leave or overnight visitations, students are asked to sign out. This is for their own protection and there have been no complaints registered regarding this matter.

14. The question of draperies, additional washing machines located on the South side of the campus, water fountain repairs, more vending machines, working clocks on hallways were all referred to the Business Manager with recommendation for immediate installation. These requests all seem to be reasonable and by no means should they be neglected.

15. Study Rooms are available in all dorms along with lobbies which may be utilized. There are two small dorms with no study hall. However, plans are being made to create a room for studying purposes.

16. Fire Extinguishers. Fire extinguishers will be installed on the halls.

17. Chains on doors. This has been eliminated. However, this has been done on approval of the occupants of the dorms.

SUMMARY

In that the University has made every effort to address itself to the grievances expressed by students and has either created or identified appropriate vehicles for the re-dress of these grievances, it is expected that there will be no further disruptive actions. Further, the University will take appropriate steps to protect faculty, students and staff from violence and intimidation. Intimidation of teachers, students or other persons cannot be tolerated. The business of teaching and learning must be pursued. We call upon all students and faculty to unite behind this common goal.

Students must recognize and respect the rights and privileges of their fellow students as they seek rights and privileges for themselves. These include First Amendment rights of free speech and peaceful assembly, the right to pursue without hinderance one's course of study and the privilege of experimenting with ways of thinking, both conventional and unconventional. Threats, violence, coercive disruption of classes or lectures and similar acts that tread upon the rights of others are intolerable.

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[redacted] supplied the following identities of leaders of "Students United":

[redacted]

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B. STUDENT ARRESTS

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On November 9, 1972, warrants were issued by the 19th Judicial District Court, State of Louisiana, for seven Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, students. These warrants were executed over a period from November 9, 1972, through November 20, 1972. Subsequently, two additional arrests of Southern University, Baton Rouge (SUBR), students, namely, [redacted] and [redacted] were made.

Records of the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office (EBRPSO) disclosed background data concerning the nine students arrested as follows:

1. [redacted]

Race	Negro
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	[redacted]
Height	6 feet, 2 inches
Weight	170 pounds
Residence	[redacted]
Father	
Arrests	

2. [redacted]

Race	Negro
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	
Residence	[redacted]
Mother	
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3. [redacted]

Race	Negro
Sex	Female
Date of Birth	[redacted]
Height	5 feet, 5½ inches
Weight	98 pounds
Residence	[redacted]
Nearest relative	
Arrests	

4. [redacted]

Race	Negro
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	[redacted]
Residence	
Mother	
Arrests	

5. [redacted]

Race	Negro
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	[redacted]
Height	5 feet, 9 inches
Weight	150 pounds
Residence	[redacted]
Mother	
Arrests	

6. [redacted]

Race	Negro
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	[redacted]
Height	6 feet, 6 inches
Weight	187 pounds
Residence	[redacted]
Mother	
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7. [redacted]

Race	Negro
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	[redacted]
Height	6 feet, 2 inches
Weight	190 pounds
Residence	[redacted]
Mother	
Arrests	

8. [redacted]

Race	Negro
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	[redacted]
Height	6 feet
Weight	204 pounds
Residence	[redacted]
Uncle	
Arrests	

9. [redacted]

Race	Negro
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	[redacted]
Height	5 feet, 5½ inches
Weight	135 pounds
Residence	[redacted]

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Nearest relative

Arrests

[redacted]

Captain [redacted] Identification Division, Louisiana State Police, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on November 27, 1972, made available to Special Agent [redacted] the following identification records of the nine SUBR students described above:

Records of the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office also disclosed that all nine students are free on bond as of November 20, 1972.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription November 27, 1972

At [redacted] Special Agent [redacted] while conducting a neighborhood investigation, chanced upon [redacted] This Agent introduced himself as being a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation through a display of credentials. The following information was furnished to this Agent:

[redacted] stated that he nor [redacted] had any intentions of speaking with anyone from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). It was also stated to this Agent that [redacted] are in complete agreement and that all of the above have been instructed not to give statements concerning the incidents on November 16, 1972, on Southern University's campus to any FBI official.

[redacted] advised that if any FBI official wished to speak to any of the leaders of the demonstration which took place on November 16, 1972, the FBI is to contact their lawyer, whose name was given as [redacted]

[redacted] further advised that he and his following would be willing to sit and discuss any of the incidences that had taken place on November 16, 1972, at Southern University, but only if their lawyer is present. He further advised that all of them are interested in viewing whatever films the FBI has in their possession.

This Agent was instructed to leave; however, he was advised by [redacted] that he could recontact them in reference to any possible discussions concerning the incidents on Southern University's campus.

[redacted] also advised this Agent that he is no longer using his birth name. He advised that his name is [redacted]

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by SA [redacted] bal Date dictated 11/26/72

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Upon completion of this statement by [redacted] advised that his name is [redacted]

Following this, [redacted] advised that his name is [redacted]

[redacted] declined to comment.

During the course of the discussion with [redacted] there was an unidentified young black female, who declined to give this Agent her name, in the room.

At the request of [redacted] this Agent departed from the residence and this interview was terminated.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription November 27, 1972

While conducting a neighborhood investigation behind the campus of Southern University known as the "Avenues," Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] chanced upon [redacted] The following information was furnished to the Agents:

[redacted] and [redacted] advised they had been in contact with their lawyer, [redacted] She instructed [redacted] not to give any information to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) until after November 27, 1972.

[redacted] advised that he is unwilling to give any statements; however, he is still willing to discuss any of the events that had taken place on November 16, 1972.

[redacted] also advised this Agent that he had information that an unidentified young, black girl, a student at Southern University, was believed to have been shot on the steps during the incident which took place on November 16, 1972, at Southern University. [redacted] stated he has no information as to the unidentified female's name or her whereabouts; however, [redacted] did state that he possibly might give the FBI the information concerning the young female.

[redacted] also advised that a black male student from Southern University is believed to be missing. He advised that if the FBI may have information concerning this student's whereabouts, they are to contact [redacted] at telephone [redacted]

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IV. RECEIPT OF INFORMATION REGARDING POSSIBLE VIOLATION OF CIVIL RIGHTS STATUTE

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At approximately 10:18 a.m., on November 16, 1972, while on official duty in the Baton Rouge, Louisiana, area, Special Agent [redacted] heard transmissions over the radio frequency (39.6 mc) used by the Louisiana State Police (LSP) and the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office (EBRPSO). These transmissions regarded the moving of LSP Troopers and EBRPSO Deputies onto the campus of Southern University, Baton Rouge (SUBR), Louisiana.

Special Agent [redacted] proceeded to the Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Resident Agency of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and was joined by Special Agent [redacted] They proceeded to the SUBR Campus and arrived at approximately 10:50 a.m. They talked briefly with Lieutenant [redacted] Public Information Officer of the LSP. Lieutenant [redacted] advised there had been a confrontation between law enforcement officers and some SUBR students. He advised that tear gas had been used and that two students had been injured, one probably fatally.

The FBI Agents departed the campus and proceeded to the command post for the LSP and EBRPSO, located at the Junior Deputy Hut, Ryan Airport, Baton Rouge, and established liaison with the LSP, EBRPSO and the Louisiana National Guard.

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V. KNOWN DEAD AND WOUNDED, NOVEMBER 16, 1972

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A. DENVER ALLEN SMITH (DECEASED)

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1. Medical Records and Interviews with Medical Personnel

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[redacted] Baton Rouge, Louisiana [redacted] advised that he was employed as an ambulance driver by the Ambulance Service Company of Baton Rouge, 3122 Main St., Baton Rouge (344-0567).

[redacted] advised that he was so employed on November 16, 1972, and he said that in response to telephone calls from persons at the Southern University campus and the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office, he was dispatched to the Southern University campus on the morning of November 16, 1972. [redacted] consulted a log showing ambulance calls for November 16, 1972, which is maintained by the Ambulance Service Company of Baton Rouge and he then advised that the call was received at 10:42 a.m. and he subsequently radioed that he was on the scene at 10:55 a.m.

[redacted] said that he drove directly to the Southern University campus and went to the Administration Building where he observed two black males lying on the sidewalk. As he approached, a Deputy Sheriff, name unknown, stopped him and advised him not to concern himself with the individual lying farthest from the Administration Building because he already had been pronounced dead by a doctor.

[redacted] continued that he went directly to the man lying closest to the Administration Building and observed that blood was bubbling from his mouth which was an indication to [redacted] that this person was alive. In addition, he related that he heard gasps for breath and when he checked the victim's wrist for a pulse he felt same.

[redacted] immediately got a stretcher, placed the patient on the stretcher with the assistance of [redacted] and they placed the patient in the ambulance. He drove directly to Our Lady of the Lake Hospital. While enroute, [redacted] telephoned the hospital via radio to advise of the condition of his patient.

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On arrival at the hospital the patient was delivered to Emergency Room #1 and turned over to hospital personnel.

[redacted] said that he did not know the identity of this individual nor could he furnish any descriptive information concerning him or the other victim. He noted the fact that he had difficulty in seeing and driving the ambulance due to his exposure to tear gas while at the campus and, furthermore, due to fumes that were emanating from the patient himself. He further commented that hospital personnel also experienced difficulty with the tear gas when his patient arrived at the Emergency Room.

[redacted] was unable to furnish the identities of anyone that he observed on the campus, however, he pointed out that a news reporter from Channel 33 TV station rode with him from the campus of Southern University to Our Lady of the Lake Hospital. He noted that this individual was a white male, however, he did not know his name.

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[redacted] telephone [redacted] advised he has been employed for thepast [redacted] as an ambulance attendant with Ambulance Service Company of Baton Rouge, 3122 Main Street. He stated that as an ambulance attendant he sits in the back of the ambulance with the patient and renders aid. He stated that his training includes four years as a [redacted] and the completion of a six-month Emergency Medical Technicians course during the summer of [redacted].

[redacted] advised that on November 16, 1972, he and [redacted] who is the driver in unit number [redacted] and [redacted] and [redacted] who were in unit number [redacted] were dispatched to the Administration Building on the campus of Southern University. He stated that he logged out of the office at 10:42 a.m. and under emergency situation, that is, with the red lights and siren, arrived on the campus at 10:55 a.m.

Upon arrival on the campus, they parked in front of the Administration Building. He stated he observed sheriff's deputies and the State Police.

Both units proceeded to the two students on the ground in front of the Administration Building. He and [redacted] went to the student lying on his right side, to determine the extent of his injuries. He determined that the student was alive and they immediately placed him on the stretcher and then in the ambulance. Again, under emergency conditions, they proceeded to the Lady of the Lake Hospital.

He stated that while en route to the hospital, he put the airway down the student's throat because he was having trouble breathing. He stated the student had a head injury on the left side of his head and this wound was not bleeding profusely. There was blood on the student's head at which

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time he wiped the blood away to see if the student was bleeding from somewhere else. The student was also bleeding from the ear. He stated that before arriving at the hospital, he used a suction machine to get the excess blood and fluid out of the student's mouth.

[redacted] stated that the ambulance arrived at Lady of the Lake Hospital at approximately 11:15 a.m., at which time the student was struggling for breath and was semiconscious. The student was then transported to the emergency room of the hospital where hospital personnel took over.

In addition, [redacted] stated that they were only on the campus for approximately three minutes and there was a lot of tear gas in the area. He stated the tear gas fumes were very strong in the ambulance, probably from the student's clothing.

[redacted] stated he did not know the identity of this student and described him as a Negro male, 20 years of age, 5 feet, 11 inches to 6 feet tall, 150 pounds with a thin build.

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[redacted] Registered Nurse, [redacted] advised that on November 16, 1972, she was employed as the Head Nurse in the Emergency Room of Our Lady of the Lake Hospital in Baton Rouge and working the 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. shift.

At approximately 11:08 a.m. on November 16, 1972, two white males from the Baton Rouge Ambulance Service delivered a black male patient to the Emergency Room. This patient was later identified as DENVER SMITH. [redacted] identified one of the ambulance attendants as being [redacted] (last name unknown).

[redacted] noted that the patient had pulse rate and heart beat and she said that he was administered to by [redacted] and several other doctors and nurses.

[redacted] noted that the patient had wounds in the left temporal area and she said that she could observe brain tissue is his hair. She further commented that he reeked with tear gas and she said that it was necessary to use masks while treating him.

She noted that SMITH died at approximately 11:30 a.m. and she volunteered that another individual by the name of [redacted] arrived at the Emergency Room for treatment a minute or so before the arrival of SMITH, however, she said that she could not recall any trace of tear gas emanating from [redacted]

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[redacted] advised that on the morning of November 16, 1972, he was on duty at Our Lady of the Lake Hospital in Baton Rouge.

According to [redacted] at approximately 11:10 a.m. he responded to an emergency call and proceeded to the Emergency Room of the hospital and when he arrived there he administered aid to a Negro male. Other physicians and nurses assisted him in his endeavors and upon examination he determined that the victim was still alive.

[redacted] said that he initiated emergency measures and succeeded in keeping the patient alive for about twenty minutes. The man expired at 11:30 a.m. and [redacted] pronounced him dead.

[redacted] explained that the medical chart indicated that the individual's name was DENVER SMITH and he advised that SMITH had multiple wounds of the left arm which consisted of four or more penetrating wounds. Additionally, there were several penetrating wounds of the "left anterior and left lateral side of the face and skull." Furthermore, there was "apparent extrusion of brain tissue."

[redacted] noted that there was an abundance of tear gas fumes which necessitated the use of surgical masks by hospital personnel. He further commented that it was necessary to use electric fans in an effort to clear the Emergency Room of the fumes which were apparently emanating from the body and clothing of the victim.

[redacted] said that sometime within ten or twenty minutes thereafter [redacted] the Deputy Coroner, arrived at the hospital and [redacted] told him that the patient had expired and that the body was being kept in the back room.

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[redacted] also volunteered that he treated [redacted] a student at Southern University who furnished his address as [redacted] He was a black male and listed his age as [redacted] years.

[redacted] suffered a small wound to the [redacted] described this wound as being "the size of a [redacted] and he said it was an [redacted]

[redacted] further remarked that [redacted] was treated, admitted to the hospital, but was held under guard while in the hospital, and released the following morning to members of the Baton Rouge Sheriff's Office.

In further discussion of the wound received by [redacted] commented that there was no evidence of [redacted] and he appeared to have been hit by an object [redacted] A further explanation offered by [redacted] was that the wound may have been caused [redacted]

[redacted] said that he treated another student in the Emergency Room and this individual identified himself as [redacted] a black male [redacted] years of age, from [redacted] He also was a student at Southern University.

[redacted] complained of a [redacted] however, [redacted] said that upon examination he saw no [redacted] and he was released.

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[redacted] advised at around 12:40 p.m. on November 16, 1972, he arrived at Our Lady of the Lake Hospital in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to assist in the performance of the autopsy on DENVER SMITH.

[redacted] related that when he arrived [redacted] was in the area of the morgue, however, he said that he began to prepare the body for the autopsy. He assisted a member of the Baton Rouge Police Department as he took photographs of the body and he related that he had shaved the hair from the scalp of SMITH in the area of the head wounds, had recovered a pellet from a wound in the left arm and was preparing to remove the skull cap as [redacted] arrived in the morgue. He estimated that this time was approximately 1:20 p.m. [redacted] recalled that upon examination of the victim's brain two pellets were recovered. [redacted] said that he gave two bags which reportedly contained the clothing of the victim to SMITH's [redacted] He stated that he did not personally observe these items of clothing.

In summation, [redacted] advised that when he left the hospital Dr. LANDRY, the Coroner, had arrived and was conversing with [redacted]

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SA [redacted] on November 21, 1972, telephonically contacted [redacted] of DENVER A. SMITH, [redacted] advised that the clothing worn by DENVER SMITH at the time he was killed on the Southern University campus was turned over to the SMITH family by hospital authorities and that this clothing due to its bloody and torn condition was immediately burned by the family. [redacted] stated that the only wearing apparel left are the shoes that had been worn by SMITH at the time of his death.

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[redacted] advised that he is employed at the East Louisiana State Hospital in Jackson, Louisiana, as an autopsy assistant and he further advised that he is employed at the [redacted] in [redacted] He related that he is registered with the [redacted]

[redacted] advised that on the morning of November 16, 1972, he was at the East Louisiana State Hospital in Jackson when he received a telephone call from the East Baton Rouge Parish Coroner, Dr. LANDRY, requesting that he proceed to Our Lady of the Lake Hospital in Baton Rouge to assist during the performance of an autopsy.

[redacted] said that he arrived at the hospital at approximately 12:40 p.m. and he said that he did not take any action in connection with the body of DENVER SMITH until [redacted] arrived. He said that a police officer from the Baton Rouge Police Department was present and took photographs of the body and he indicated that the total time involved in the performance of the autopsy lasted from approximately 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

[redacted] noted that [redacted] took a blood sample, however, he was assisted by [redacted] in obtaining a urine sample.

[redacted] advised that he recalled that the victim had four wounds of the left side of the head, three wounds in the lower left arm and one in the wrist and hand.

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[redacted] Baton Rouge Police Officer, Badge No. [redacted] advised that he is an Identification Officer employed by the Baton Rouge Police Department and was so employed on November 16, 1972.

Officer [redacted] said that on November 16, 1972, between the hours of 1:00 and 2:15 p.m. he attended the autopsy which was performed at Our Lady of the Lake Hospital on the body of DENVER SMITH, a student at Southern University. Officer [redacted] related that he took photographs while the autopsy was being performed after being directed to go to the hospital by Baton Rouge Chief of Police EDDIE BAUER.

Officer [redacted] advised that he took a total of seven photographs of various shots of the head, face and left arm of SMITH. He related that the negatives of the photographs taken by him are now in possession of officials of the Baton Rouge Sheriff's Office. Officer [redacted] observed seven photographs which had been printed by [redacted] East Baton Rouge Sheriff's Office, and after observing same Officer [redacted] advised that these were prints of the photographs which he had taken during the autopsy of DENVER SMITH. Officer [redacted] initialed and dated each of these photographs.

Officer [redacted] related that during the course of the autopsy a black male, [redacted] (last name unknown) assisted [redacted] and when [redacted] arrived [redacted] was making preparations and opening the scalp for examination of the brain. [redacted] was attired in surgical clothing and he made notations as the autopsy progressed.

Officer [redacted] related that he did not observe anyone else in the morgue other than [redacted] and [redacted] however, he related that as he was leaving the hospital grounds he encountered the Coroner, Dr. LANDRY, in the parking lot near the emergency entrance. He noted that this was at approximately 2:15 to 2:30 p.m.

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[redacted] Deputy Coroner, [redacted], was interviewed at the Office of the Coroner, East Baton Rouge Parish, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

[redacted] advised that he is a Deputy Coroner and has assisted Coroner HYPOLITE LANDRY since the election of Dr. LANDRY in May of 1972. Additionally, he has served as Deputy Coroner for the past [redacted] years.

[redacted] related that he graduated from [redacted] in [redacted] and from [redacted] in [redacted] He has been a [redacted] from [redacted] through the present. During the past [redacted] years, he has assisted in the performance of autopsies and during the [redacted] years as Deputy Coroner he has performed numerous autopsies himself.

With regard to the events of Thursday, November 16, 1972, as they related to the incident at Southern University, Baton Rouge, and the death of DENVER A. SMITH, [redacted] advised as follows:

Sometime between 11:00 and 11:15 a.m. calls were received at the coroner's office requesting that the coroner report to Our Lady of the Lake Hospital and the Earl K. Long Memorial Hospital to conduct autopsies on the bodies of the two students who died as a result of the disturbance at Southern University.

The Coroner, Dr. LANDRY, instructed [redacted] to proceed to Our Lady of the Lake Hospital while he, Dr. LANDRY, went to Earl K. Long Memorial Hospital.

[redacted] arrived at Our Lady of the Lake Hospital at about 11:30 a.m. where he conversed with [redacted] who informed him that the body of the victim, DENVER A. SMITH, was in the hospital morgue.

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went to the morgue, observed the body thoroughly, and immediately observed wounds to the head, a hole in the skull, brain tissue and wounds on the left arm. commented that the rest of the body was "miraculously clean" and he said there were no other abrasions with the exception of what appeared to be abraded brush burns on the upper and lower lip. offered as a possible explanation the fact that these may have been the result of a fall or a near miss of a missile.

indicated that eight missiles struck the victim SMITH; four of these struck in the left forearm and hand. More specifically, one struck at the base of the thumb, entered at the thumb, followed a path across the inside of the hand and exited at the base of the little finger. The second, third and fourth entered the left arm in a vertical line above the hand. Two of the latter exited the arm, however, the third was recovered.

Four missiles struck the victim in the head with one of these entering in front of the left ear. This missile was not recovered. There was no exit wound and believed that it still remained in the body. The other three missiles made discrete well rounded entry holes behind the ear towards the back of the skull. There were no exit holes and two of the missiles were recovered.

advised that he turned the three recovered pellets over to the custody of of the Louisiana State Crime Lab. He described these pellets as being distorted and flattened.

said that no X-rays were taken of the body, however, photographs were taken during the autopsy by a member of the Baton Rouge Police Department whose name was unknown to

said that he was assisted during the autopsy by and that "nicked" the arm and removed the pellet from the arm and he also prepared the brain for examination. explained that after his initial examination and while waiting for to arrive at the hospital, he spent the time from approximately 11:45 a.m. to sometime after 1:00 p.m. doing other medical chores in the hospital. He was also awaiting the arrival of the members of the Police Department. When he returned to the morgue, was in the process of

"reflecting the scalp and cutting the skull plate."

[redacted] said that [redacted] assisted him in drawing a urine sample, however, this was the only participation on the part of [redacted]

[redacted] was questioned concerning the possible angle from which the pellets may have struck the body and he emphasized that he could only speculate that the pellets struck the victim from a 45 degree angle behind the left shoulder. He also believed that the shot came from ground level and he opined that the victim's hand and arm were in a position above his shoulder at the moment of impact.

At the termination of the autopsy, the body was held at Our Lady of the Lake Hospital morgue.

On November 23, 1972, [redacted] was contacted in the Emergency Room of Our Lady of the Lake Hospital at which time he made available the following signed Xerox copy of a 2-page Autopsy Report dated November 22, 1972, relating to the autopsy of DENVER A. SMITH.

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[redacted] Associate Pathologist, Our Lady of the Lake Hospital, 1600 North Riverside, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, advised that on November 16, 1972, he was employed and on duty at Our Lady of the Lake Hospital.

According to [redacted] on the above date he volunteered to assist [redacted] Deputy Coroner, during the autopsy that [redacted] was performing on the body of DENVER SMITH. [redacted] qualified his assistance by saying that the only action he took was to withdraw a urine sample from the body.

[redacted] stated that he made no other examination or observation at this time and he said he could offer no further information.

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The following receipt relating to documents made available from the East Baton Rouge Parish Coroner's Office dated November 22, 1972, was furnished by [redacted] secretary to HYPOLITE T. LANDRY, JR., M. D., Coroner of East Baton Rouge Parish:

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and PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE

ROOM B-15, COURTHOUSE

Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821

HYPOLITE T. LANDRY, JR., M. D.
Coroner, East Baton Rouge Parish

November 22, 1972

The following items were turned over to F.B.I. Agents [redacted] identification number [redacted] and [redacted] identification number [redacted]

1. One copy of the death certificate of Denver A. Smith.

2. One copy of the receipt of the Department of Public Safety showing the receipt of one glass jar containing metal fragments labeled "A-72-111" unidentified negro male. Submitted by Hypolite T. Landry, Jr. M.D. and received by [redacted]

3. One copy of the court order signed by Judge John S. Covington ordering the Sheriff's Office to take into their possession the bullets or projectiles which killed the two persons.

   (This court order was used when [redacted] turned three pellets over to [redacted] on 11-16-72.)

4. One copy of the identical court order indicating the receipt of pellets from [redacted] by Dr. Hypolite T. Landry on 11-16-72.

5. Certificate of death relating to Leonard Douglas Brown, Jr. indicating date of death 11-16-72. Copy.

6. One copy of the receipt of the Deaprtment of Public Safety showing the receipt of one B-D vacutainer tube containing three metal fragments. Tube labeled Denver Smith. Submitted by [redacted]

7. One copy of Coroner's report by Dr. Hypolite T. Landry, dated November 22, 1972 relating to the deaths of Denver Smith and Leonard Douglas Brown, Jr. on 11-16-72.

8. Necropsy Report by [redacted] Number A72-111 on Leonard Douglas Brown, Jr.

9. Autopsy report by [redacted] Dated Nov. 22, 1972 on Denver A. Smith.

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[redacted] secretary to HYPOLITE T. LANDRY, JR., M. D., East Baton Rouge Parish Coroner, made available copies of the following documents:

1) Coroner's report by Dr. LANDRY dated November 22, 1972 (two pages)

2) Certificate of Death relating to DENVER A. SMITH

3) Certificate of Death relating to LEONARD DOUGLAS BROWN, JR.

4) Court order of Judge JOHN S. COVINGTON dated November 16, 1972, directing that bullets or projectiles taken from the bodies of the two Negro males killed at Southern University on November 16, 1972, be released to the Sheriff's Department, East Baton Rouge Parish

Handwritten notation at bottom of this court order shows pellets received by Dr. HYPOLITE LANDRY from [redacted] on November 16, 1972.

5) Court order of Judge JOHN S. COVINGTON dated November 16, 1972, directing that bullets or projectiles taken from the bodies of the two Negro males killed at Southern University on November 16, 1972, be released to the Sheriff's Department, East Baton Rouge Parish

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Handwritten notation at the bottom of the court order shows three pellets received by [redacted] from [redacted] on November 16, 1972.

6) Receipts (two) signed by [redacted] on November 16, 1972, showing receipt of metal fragments as furnished by Dr. HYPOLITE T. LANDRY and [redacted] on November 16, 1972 - fragments were obtained in connection with the "death(s), Southern University"

Copies of the above documents are as follows:

IMPORTANT: Black Ink or Typewriter Ribbon Mandatory By State Law.

BIRTH NO.

STATE OF LOUISIANA

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

STATE FILE NO. 117

PERSONAL DATA OF DECEASED (Type or print names. Do not use numerals for month of death.)

1A. LAST NAME OF DECEASED: Smith
1B. FIRST NAME: Denver
1C. SECOND NAME: A
2A. DATE OF DEATH: MONTH Nov DAY 16 YEAR 1972
2B. HOUR: 11 23 AM
3. SEX—MALE OR FEMALE: Male
4. COLOR OR RACE: Negro
5. Married ☐ Never Married ☒ Widowed ☐ Divorced ☐
6. NAME OF HUSBAND OR WIFE:
7. DATE OF BIRTH OF DECEASED:
8. AGE OF DECEASED: YEARS MONTHS DAYS UNDER 24 HOURS HOURS MIN.
9A. BIRTHPLACE (CITY AND STATE):
9B. CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY:
10A. USUAL OCCUPATION (GIVE KIND OF WORK DONE DURING MOST OF WORKING LIFE, EVEN IF RETIRED):
10B. KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY:
11. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER:

PLACE OF DEATH

12A. CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION OF DEATH: Baton Rouge
12B. PARISH OF DEATH:
12C. NAME OF HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION (IF NOT IN HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION GIVE STREET ADDRESS OR LOCATION): Our Lady of Lake Hospital
12D. IS PLACE OF DEATH INSIDE CITY LIMITS? Yes ☒ No ☐

USUAL RESIDENCE OF DECEASED. (Where deceased lived. If institution: Residence before admission.)

13A. CITY OR TOWN: New Roads
13B. PARISH: 1
13C. STATE: Louisiana
13D. STREET ADDRESS—(IF RURAL GIVE LOCATION): Pennsylvania 1420 St.
13E. IS RESIDENCE INSIDE CITY LIMITS? Yes ☐ No ☐

PARENTS

14. FATHER'S NAME LAST FIRST MIDDLE
15. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME LAST FIRST MIDDLE

INFORMANT'S CERTIFICATION

I certify that the above stated information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.
16A. SIGNATURE OF INFORMANT ▷
16B. DATE OF SIGNATURE

CAUSE OF DEATH

PART I. DEATH WAS CAUSED BY: ENTER ONLY ONE CAUSE PER LINE FOR (A), (B), AND (C) — APPROXIMATE INTERVAL BETWEEN ONSET AND DEATH

17. Conditions, if any, which gave rise to immediate cause (a), stating the underlying cause last

IMMEDIATE CAUSE (a) Cerebral Hemorrhage
DUE TO, OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF: (b) Cerebral Injury
DUE TO, OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF: (c) Missile wounds of head

PART II. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS: CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO DEATH BUT NOT RELATED TO CAUSE GIVEN IN PART I (A)

18A. AUTOPSY Yes ☒ No ☐
18B. IF YES, WERE FINDINGS CONSIDERED IN DETERMINING CAUSE OF DEATH? Yes ☒ No ☐

DEATH DUE TO EXTERNAL VIOLENCE

19A. ACCIDENT ☐ SUICIDE ☐ HOMICIDE ☒
19B. DESCRIBE HOW INJURY OCCURRED. (ENTER NATURE OF INJURY IN PART I OR PART II OF ITEM 17.) Multiple wounds of head
19C. TIME OF INJURY: HOUR 11 00 AM MONTH Nov DAY 16 YEAR 1972
19D. INJURY OCCURRED: WHILE AT WORK ☐ NOT WHILE AT WORK ☒
19E. PLACE OF INJURY AT HOME, FARM, STREET, FACTORY, OFFICE BLDG., ETC. (SPECIFY): Southern Univ.
19F. CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION: Baton Rouge PARISH: East Baton Rouge STATE: LA

PHYSICIAN'S CERTIFICATION

20. I CERTIFY THAT I ATTENDED THE DECEASED From Yes Nov 1972 and that death occurred on the date and hour stated above.
21A. SIGNATURE OF PHYSICIAN: [signature]
21B. DATE OF SIGNATURE: 18 Nov 1972

FUNERAL DIRECTOR'S CERTIFICATION

22A. Burial ☐ Cremation ☐ Removal ☐ DATE THEREOF
22B. NAME AND LOCATION OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORY
23. SIGNATURE AND ADDRESS OF FUNERAL DIRECTOR ▷

BURIAL TRANSIT PERMIT

24. BURIAL TRANSIT PERMIT NUMBER
25. PARISH OF ISSUE
26. DATE OF ISSUE
27. SIGNATURE OF LOCAL REGISTRAR ▷

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1A. LAST NAME OF DECEASED	1B. FIRST NAME	1C. SECOND NAME	2A. MONTH DAY YEAR	2B. HOUR
Brown	Leonard	Douglas Jr	DATE OF DEATH: Nov. 16- 1972	12:45 PM

3. SEX—MALE OR FEMALE	4. COLOR OR RACE	5.	6. NAME OF HUSBAND OR WIFE
Male	Negro	Married ☐ Never Married ☒ Widowed ☐ Divorced ☐	

7. DATE OF BIRTH OF DECEASED	8. AGE OF DECEASED			UNDER 24 HOURS		9A. BIRTHPLACE (CITY AND STATE)	9B. CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY
	YEARS	MONTHS	DAYS	HOURS	MIN.		
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10A. USUAL OCCUPATION (GIVE KIND OF WORK DONE DURING MOST OF WORKING LIFE, EVEN IF RETIRED)	10B. KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY	11. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER
School		

PLACE OF DEATH

12A. CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION OF DEATH	12B. PARISH OF DEATH
Baton Rouge Louisiana	East Baton Rouge

12C. NAME OF HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION (IF NOT IN HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION GIVE STREET ADDRESS OR LOCATION): Earl K. Long Memorial Hospital

12D. IS PLACE OF DEATH INSIDE CITY LIMITS? Yes ☒ No ☐

USUAL RESIDENCE OF DECEASED (Where deceased lived. If institution: Residence before admission.)

13A. CITY OR TOWN	13B. PARISH	13C. STATE
Gilbert	Franklin	Louisiana

13D. STREET ADDRESS—(IF RURAL GIVE LOCATION): Route 1 Box 3-A

13E. IS RESIDENCE INSIDE CITY LIMITS? Yes ☐ No ☒

PARENTS

14. FATHER'S NAME: LAST _____ FIRST _____ MIDDLE _____

15. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME: LAST _____ FIRST _____ MIDDLE _____

INFORMANT'S CERTIFICATION

I certify that the above stated information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

16A. [redacted] 16B. DATE OF SIGNATURE: Nov. 18-72

CAUSE OF DEATH

PART I. DEATH WAS CAUSED BY: (ENTER DISEASES, INJURIES, OR COMPLICATIONS IF ANY, WHICH GAVE RISE TO THE IMMEDIATE CAUSE (A), AND (B), AND (C)

17. Conditions, if any, which gave rise to immediate cause (a), stating the underlying cause last	IMMEDIATE CAUSE	APPROXIMATE INTERVAL BETWEEN ONSET AND DEATH
	(a) Cerebral hemorrhage DUE TO, OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF:	Immediate
	(b) Cerebral injury DUE TO, OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF:	
	(c) Multiple wounds of head	

PART II. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS: CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO DEATH BUT NOT RELATED TO CAUSE GIVEN IN PART I (A)

18A. AUTOPSY Yes ☒ No ☐

18B. IF YES WERE FINDINGS CONSIDERED IN DETERMINING CAUSE OF DEATH? Yes ☒ No ☐

DEATH DUE TO EXTERNAL VIOLENCE

19A. ACCIDENT ☐ SUICIDE ☐ HOMICIDE ☒

19B. DESCRIBE HOW INJURY OCCURRED. (ENTER NATURE OF INJURY IN PART I OR PART II OF ITEM 17.): Multiple wounds of head

19C. TIME OF INJURY (HOUR) 11 PM (MONTH DAY YEAR) Nov 16 1972

19D. INJURY OCCURRED	19E. PLACE OF INJURY AT HOME, FARM, STREET, FACTORY, OFFICE BLDG., ETC. (SPECIFY)	19F. CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION	PARISH	STATE
WHILE AT WORK ☐ NOT WHILE AT WORK ☒	Southern Univ.	Baton Rouge	East Baton Rouge	LA

PHYSICIAN'S CERTIFICATION

20. I CERTIFY THAT I ATTENDED THE DECEASED From 16 Nov 1972 and that death occurred on the date and hour stated above.

21A. SIGNATURE OF PHYSICIAN: [redacted] MD

21B. DATE OF SIGNATURE: 18 NOV 1972

FUNERAL DIRECTOR'S CERTIFICATION

22A. Burial ☐ Cremation ☐ Removal ☐ DATE THEREOF

22B. NAME AND LOCATION OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORY

23. SIGNATURE AND ADDRESS OF FUNERAL DIRECTOR

BURIAL TRANSIT PERMIT

24. BURIAL TRANSIT PERMIT NUMBER	25. PARISH OF ISSUE	26. DATE OF ISSUE	27. SIGNATURE OF LOCAL REGISTRAR

PHS 16 (REV. 6/68) LOUISIANA STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, Bureau of Vital Statistics

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: PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE

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Considering the foregoing motion, it is ordered that the pathology departments of the Earl K. Long Hospital and the Lady of the Lake Hospital release to the Sheriff's Department of East BAton Rouge Parish those bullets or projectiles removed from the bodies of these two colored males who were killed at Southern University November 16, 1972.

Thus done and signed in chambers this 16th day of Nov. 1972.

JUDGE

Submitted by:

SARGENT PITCHER, JR.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

[redacted]

Assistant District Attorney

Received of [redacted] pellets
11/16/72 3:55 PM
DR. HYPOLITE LANDRY, CORONER

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JUDGE

Submitted by:

SARGENT PITCHER, JR.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

[redacted]

[redacted]ssistant District Attorney

Rec. from [redacted] three (3) pellets
from 11-16-72

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Submitting 9 File No. _____ (If Known)

STATE POLICE CRIME LABORATORY
P. O. BOX 1791—BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA 70821
(504) 389-7451

REQUEST FOR SCIENTIFIC ANALYSIS
(Please Print)

SP No. 13994

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Submitting Agency: Coroner's Office East Baton Rouge Parish
Officer Submitting Evidence:
Address: Courthouse, Baton Rouge, LA
Phone: 348-3215
Type Examination Requested: Firearms Identification
Suspect(s) 1: 2: 3:
Victim(s) 1: 2: 3:
Type Investigation: Death, Southern University
Parish: EBR
Itemize and Describe Evidence:

(1) One glass jar containing several metal fragments, jar labeled "A-72-111 unidentified negro male ...".

Signature of Submitting Officer: [redacted] Date: 11-16-72

Date: _____ Time: _____ Evidence)

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*Will be returned when SP No. has been affixed and form signed by Criminalist

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REQUEST FOR SCIENTIFIC ANALYSIS

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Submitting Agency: Coroner's Office East Baton Rouge Parish
Officer Submitting Evidence:
Address: Courthouse, Baton Rouge, La.
348-3219
Type Examination Requested: Firearms Identification

Suspect(s) 1	2	3
Victim(s) 1: Denver Smith	2	3

Type Investigation: Death - Southern University
Parish: East Baton Rou

Itemize and Describe Evidence

(3) One (1) "B-D Vacutainer" tube containing three (3) metal fragments. Tube labeled "Denver Smith"

Signature: [redacted] Date: 11-16-72

(Signature of Criminalist Receiving Evidence) [redacted]

Date Nov. 16, 1972 Time: 3:40

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[redacted] Southern University, advised that DENVER A. SMITH was an off-campus student, and as a consequence, his office has very little information of record concerning him.

He said SMITH was assigned Student Number 53016. His mailing address is listed as Post Office Box 95, New Roads, Louisiana, and his residence address as 1420 Pennsylvania Avenue, New Roads.

According to records, SMITH was a junior year student enrolled in the College of Sciences, Department of Computer Science. His [redacted] is listed as [redacted]

[redacted] suggested that additional information could be obtained from [redacted] Department Head, Department of [redacted] He added his records do not reflect that SMITH was ever the subject of any disciplinary action.

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[redacted] Department Head, Department of [redacted] College of Sciences, Southern University, advised that DENVER ALLEN SMITH was a student majoring in Computer Science.

According to records in the possession of [redacted] SMITH was born on [redacted] at New Roads, Louisiana, and graduated from [redacted] in New Roads. [redacted] are listed as [redacted] SMITH's cumulative average at the beginning of the fall semester, 1972, was 2.175 based on 4.0

[redacted] identified SMITH's faculty advisor as [redacted] He stated that [redacted] and Professor [redacted] who had SMITH in class, could possibly be of additional help.

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Professor [redacted] Department of [redacted] College of Sciences, Southern University, advised he had instructed DENVER A. SMITH in [redacted] He said he recalls SMITH as a serious student who was not afraid to ask for help with classroom problems.

He stated he has no reason to associate SMITH with any activist role in the recent protest activity on campus. He said that SMITH was a good student in [redacted]

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[redacted] Assistant Professor, Department of [redacted] College of Sciences, Southern University, advised that he had served DENVER A. SMITH as a faculty advisor.

He described SMITH as a very conscientious student of average ability, quiet and earnest about obtaining a good education. He said that while he is sure SMITH was concerned about improving the opportunity for a good education at Southern University, he does not believe SMITH was involved in any active role with regard to student protests on campus.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] at Baton Rouge, Louisiana:

On November 27, 1972, [redacted] Louisiana Department of Public Safety, Driver's License Central File Section, advised that records of that department indicate that DENVER A. SMITH had driver's license number 3402114.

SMITH's date of birth was furnished as August 2, 1952, and he was described as a Negro male, 5'9", 115 pounds, with brown hair. His address was shown to be Post Office Box 95, New Roads, Louisiana.

[redacted] further related that driver's license number 3280941 was issued to LEONARD D. BROWN, Route 1, Box 3A, Gilbert, Louisiana.

BROWN's date of birth was shown as August 16, 1952, and he was described as being a Negro male, 5'9", 132 pounds, with brown eyes.

On the dates listed, the following individuals were contacted with regard to any police record or intelligence information they might have concerning LEONARD DOUGLAS BROWN, JR. and DENVER A. SMITH. Each advised that prior to the incident at Southern University, Baton Rouge, wherein SMITH and BROWN were killed, these individuals were unknown to their respective departments:

Sergeant [redacted] East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office, detective records - November 25, 1972

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Deputy [redacted] East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office, [redacted] November 27, 1972

Sergeant [redacted] Record Room, Baton Rouge Police Department - November 25, 1972

Detective [redacted] Baton Rouge Police Department, [redacted] - November 27, 1972

[redacted] Louisiana State Police, [redacted] - November 27, 1972

[redacted] Louisiana State Police, [redacted] - November 27, 1972

3. Photographs (See Appendix)

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B. LEONARD DOUGLAS BROWN (DECEASED)

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1. Medical Records and Interviews with Medical Personnel

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[redacted] Baton Rouge, Louisiana, telephone number [redacted] advised he is currently employed with Ambulance Service Company of Baton Rouge, 3122 Main Street, as a driver. He stated he has been so employed for the past [redacted] years. He stated he has had [redacted] which was in [redacted] and completed the Emergency Medical Technicians course in [redacted]

[redacted] stated that on November 16, 1972, he was in the office and his supervisor, [redacted] told him that all available units were needed in front of the Administration Building at Southern University, Baton Rouge. He stated that he and [redacted] ambulance attendant, left the office in unit number [redacted] at 10:42 a.m.

Upon entering the campus, they asked some of the students directions to the Administration Building and arrived in front of the Administration Building at 10:55 a.m. He observed two students lying on the sidewalk and he ran over to see what could be done. He and [redacted] approached the student covered with an Army green blanket lying face down, at which time one of the sheriff's deputies stated, "Don't touch. He is DOA (dead on arrival)." He then checked the artery under the student's neck and felt his pulse and got no response and determined that the student was dead.

He then looked over toward the other student where [redacted] and [redacted] were attending the student. This student appeared to have an obstruction of his airway, giving him an asthmatic condition. This student was placed on the stretcher and taken away.

[redacted] advised that the student remained on the ground covered with the blanket. He stated there was a lot of tear gas in the area, so he got back into the ambulance.

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Later, an officer of the State Police told him to get the dead body in the ambulance and to take it to Earl K. Long Hospital.

The body was placed in the ambulance and taken to the emergency room of the Earl K. Long Hospital, at which time he informed the person on duty of the conditions at Southern University involving some of the students and the State Police. He then informed the person on duty that the body should be isolated until the coroner appears. He then observed a female, who was probably a doctor, look at the body and write down a time and date.

[redacted] stated he then washed his hands and left the hospital.

[redacted] stated that while he was on the campus, there was a lot of confusion and crying. Some of the sheriff's deputies had on gas masks and he heard glass being broken, as if a 50-gallon containerwas being hurled against the brick wall.

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[redacted] telephone [redacted] advised that he is employed by Ambulance Service Company of Baton Rouge, 3122 Main Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. He stated he is an ambulance attendant and has been so employed for the past [redacted] He stated he served as a [redacted] for [redacted] years.

He stated that on November 16, 1972, while on duty, [redacted] stated that all available units were needed at Southern University Campus in front of the Administration Building. He and [redacted] proceeded to the campus in unit number [redacted] under emergency conditions, that is, with the red light and siren going. They left the office at approximately 10:42 a.m., and arrived on the campus at 10:55 a.m. He stated these were the times they were logged.

He stated that upon arrival in front of the Administration Building, he observed two black males lying on the sidewalk and one was covered with an Army blanket. He proceeded to the student under the blanket and checked his pulse and pupils and determined the student to be dead. A State Police officer then came over and stated for the body to be taken to Earl K. Long Hospital and for the body to be placed in isolation and for no one to touch the body until the coroner appeared.

He stated the body was then transported to the emergency room of Earl K. Long Hospital where personnel from the hospital took over.

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[redacted] Medical Doctor, was interviewed at the Earl K. Long Memorial Hospital, and she advised that on the morning of November 16, 1972, she was the physician on duty in charge of the emergency room at the Earl K. Long Hospital.

[redacted] related that at approximately 11:10 a.m. on that date, an unidentified Negro male was brought into the emergency room by an ambulance service. [redacted] could not further identify the ambulance service, and she estimated the age of the victim to be approximately 20 to 30 years.

[redacted] said that one of the members of the ambulance service told her that the victim was "DOA" and had been received from the campus of Southern University.

According to [redacted] she examined the body for life signs, such as pulse and heart beat, and she checked his pupils and after doing so, diagnosed him as being dead. She advised that there were apparent gunshot wounds to the left side of the head.

She related that the body was then placed in an area known as "the burn room" where it remained for approximately 30 minutes and then upon the verbal authorization of the head of the hospital, [redacted] the body was removed to the morgue by [redacted] an employee of the hospital.

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[redacted] advised that he is employed at the Earl K. Long Memorial Hospital in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and was so employed on the morning of November 16, 1972.

[redacted] said that at approximately 12:00 noon on the above date, he was directed by [redacted] to transfer the body of an unidentified Negro male from the area known as the "burn room" to the hospital morgue. He was further directed by [redacted] to insure that no one was permitted near the body. [redacted] advised that he complied with the above directions and no one was permitted near the body until the arrival on the scene by [redacted]

[redacted] further related that he assisted [redacted] while [redacted] performed an autopsy on the body of this unknown Negro male.

[redacted] advised that the above-referred to unidentified Negro male was later identified as LEONARD D. BROWN, JR.

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[redacted] advised that he is the Head Pathologist at the Earl K. Long Memorial Hospital, 5825 Airline Highway, Baton Rouge, Louisiana (356-3361, Extension 211).

By way of medical background, [redacted] related that he graduated from [redacted] in [redacted] and he has had [redacted] years specialty training in pathology and internal medicine at various hospitals. He has been Head of Pathology at Earl K. Long Memorial Hospital for the past four years.

He related that he has performed over 100 autopsies per year for the past ten years and within the past year alone he has performed at least five autopsies in gun related matters.

[redacted] said that on November 16, 1972, he was on duty at Earl K. Long Memorial Hospital and sometime between 11:30 a.m. and 12:00 noon he received a call from a nurse in the Emergency Room who advised that [redacted] the Head of the hospital, had released a body from the Emergency Room to the morgue. At that time the identity of this body was unknown, however, [redacted] said that it was that of a student from Southern University in Baton Rouge.

[redacted] said that he had been contacted by Dr. HYPOLITE T. LANDRY, JR., East Baton Rouge Parish Coroner, and had been authorized by Dr. LANDRY to perform an autopsy on the body of this unidentified male Negro to determine the cause of death.

[redacted] said that he directed [redacted] an employee of the hospital, to get the body and take it to the morgue where he was to keep it locked and, furthermore, he was to permit no one to go near the body.

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At approximately 12:45 p.m., Dr. LANDRY, supra, pronounced the body officially dead. [redacted] noted that [redacted] had been on duty in the Emergency Room when the body had been received at the hospital and she had examined it and made the initial diagnosis of being dead on arrival.

At approximately 1:00 p.m., [redacted] initiated the autopsy which was to terminate at approximately 2:30 p.m. He was assisted by [redacted] A total of four X-ray photographs were taken of portions of the body before any further examination was conducted. Additionally, a total of ten slide photographs were taken by [redacted] during the course of the autopsy.

[redacted] reported that six pellets struck the victim in the head. Two of these hit in front of the left ear and four behind the ear. They penetrated the skull and brain. Additionally, he had wounds of the number two (index) finger and two wounds on the left wrist area.

[redacted] stated that there was no evidence of any additional cause of death or trauma other than as reported in his Autopsy Report, Necropsy No. A72-111.

Upon completion of the autopsy, the body was placed in a refrigerator in the hospital morgue and locked.

According to [redacted] on November 18, 1972, Dr. LANDRY contacted him about 3:00 p.m. to advise him that a [redacted] who was possibly the victim's [redacted] was asking to view the body. Dr. LANDRY said that if identification was confirmed by this individual the body would then be released. [redacted] agreed to this.

In response to a question regarding the possibility of offering an opinion relating to the direction from which the missiles struck the body, [redacted] responded that he could offer a definite professional opinion in this regard. He then went on to comment that it was his opinion that the missiles struck the body from a direction perpendicular to the left shoulder and left side of the victim's head. He said that it would be from a direction at a 90 degree angle from the side of the body or within 10 degrees either side thereof. He stated that in his opinion there was no possibility for any greater angle of fire.

In support of the above opinion, [redacted] said that his basis for same was due to the "nice round holes" that the missiles produced and the "punched out" effect that they caused. Furthermore, [redacted] said that the "denuded skin" and the "redness" of the skin completely surrounding the wound to the left shoulder, as well as the "punched out" effect left by this missile, were further evidence to support his thinking. He noted that the "punched out" effect was observed not only in the shoulder wound but also in the wounds to the head.

[redacted] reported that the missiles recovered from the body were fragmented and flattened. He surrendered these to the custody of Dr. HYPOLITE LANDRY on November 16, 1972.

[redacted] made available the following items relating to the autopsy which he performed on the body of the Negro male who he said was later identified as LEONARD D. BROWN, JR.:

(1) Xerox copy of Autopsy Report EKL No. A72-111

(2) Ten 35 mm slides

(3) Copy of Court Order signed by Judge JOHN S. COVINGTON relating to the release of projectiles removed from the body

(4) Copy of a Personal Possessions Report relating to Unidentified Black Male - EKL # A 72 111

(5) Copies of four X-rays

It should be noted that each of the above 35 mm slides was marked "BROWN, LEONARD D. JR. EKL A-72-111" and furthermore identified as to subject matter, i.e., left shoulder, exterior left skull, face, etc. One of the slides was that of the missile fragments.

A receipt for the above listed items was furnished to [redacted]

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[redacted] The following items were made available by [redacted] on November 20, 1972, and are set forth hereinafter:

(1) A 3-page copy of the Autopsy Report (Necropsy No. A72-111) by [redacted]

(2) A Xerox copy of a State of Louisiana Certificate of Death issued November 18, 1972, relating to LEONARD DOUGLAS BROWN, JR.

(3) A Xerox copy of the Possessions of Unidentified Black Male - EKL # A 72 111

(4) A Xerox copy of a Court Order issued November 16, 1972, by Judge JOHN S. COVINGTON relating to the release of the projectiles recovered from the bodies of the two Negro males killed by gunshot wounds at Southern University.

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BIRTH NO.

STATE OF LOUISIANA
CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

STATE FILE NO. 117

PERSONAL DATA OF DECEASED (Type or print names. Do not use numerals for month of death.)

1A. LAST NAME	1B. FIRST NAME	1C. SECOND NAME	2A. DATE OF DEATH: MONTH DAY YEAR	2B. HOUR
Brown	Leonard	Douglas Jr	Nov. 16- 1972	12:45 P M

3. SEX	4. COLOR OR RACE	5. MARITAL STATUS	6. NAME OF HUSBAND OR WIFE
Male	Negro	Married ☐ Never Married ☒ Widowed ☐ Divorced ☐	

7. DATE OF BIRTH OF DECEASED	8. AGE OF DECEASED (YEARS / MONTHS / DAYS / HOURS / MIN. — UNDER 24 HOURS)	9A. BIRTHPLACE (CITY AND STATE)	9B. CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY
Aug. 16- 1952		Gilbert La	U.S.A.

10A. USUAL OCCUPATION (GIVE KIND OF WORK DONE DURING MOST OF WORKING LIFE, EVEN IF RETIRED)	10B. KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY	11. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER
School	Southern University	

PLACE OF DEATH

12A. CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION OF DEATH	12B. PARISH OF DEATH
Baton Rouge Louisiana	East Baton Rouge

12C. NAME OF HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION (IF NOT IN HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION GIVE STREET ADDRESS OR LOCATION): Earl K. Long Memorial Hospital

12D. IS PLACE OF DEATH INSIDE CITY LIMITS? Yes ☒ No ☐

USUAL RESIDENCE OF DECEASED (Where deceased lived. If institution: Residence before admission.)

13A. CITY OR TOWN	13B. PARISH	13C. STATE
Gilbert	[redacted]	Louisiana

13D. STREET ADDRESS—(IF RURAL GIVE LOCATION): Route 1 Box 3-A

13E. IS RESIDENCE INSIDE CITY LIMITS? Yes ☐ No ☒

PARENTS

14. FATHER'S NAME: [redacted]

15. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME: [redacted] MIDDLE

INFORMANT'S CERTIFICATION

I certify that the above stated information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

16. [redacted] DATE OF SIGNATURE: Nov. 18-72

CAUSE OF DEATH

PART I. DEATH WAS CAUSED BY: [redacted] (A), (B), AND (C)

17. Conditions, if any, which gave rise to immediate cause (c), stating the underlying cause last

	IMMEDIATE CAUSE	APPROXIMATE INTERVAL BETWEEN ONSET AND DEATH
(a)	Cerebral hemorrhage	Immediate
(b) DUE TO, OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF:	Cerebral injury	
(c) DUE TO, OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF:	Gunshot wounds of head	

PART II. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS: CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO DEATH BUT NOT RELATED TO CAUSE GIVEN IN PART I (A)

18A. AUTOPSY Yes ☒ No ☐

18B. IF YES WERE FINDINGS CONSIDERED IN DETERMINING CAUSE OF DEATH? Yes ☐ No ☐

DEATH DUE TO EXTERNAL VIOLENCE

19A. ACCIDENT ☐ SUICIDE ☐ HOMICIDE ☒

19B. DESCRIBE HOW INJURY OCCURRED. (ENTER NATURE OF INJURY IN PART I OR PART II OF ITEM 17.): multiple wounds of head

19C. TIME OF INJURY HOUR MONTH DAY YEAR: 11 PM Nov 16 1972

19D. INJURY OCCURRED WHILE AT WORK ☐ NOT WHILE AT WORK ☒

19E. PLACE OF INJURY AT HOME, FARM, STREET, FACTORY, OFFICE BLDG., ETC. (SPECIFY): Southern Univ

19F. CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION: Baton Rouge PARISH: East Baton Rouge STATE: La

PHYSICIAN'S CERTIFICATION

20. I CERTIFY THAT I ATTENDED THE DECEASED From 14 Nov 1972 and that death occurred on the date and hour stated above.

21. SIGNATURE OF PHYSICIAN: [redacted] MD

21B. DATE OF SIGNATURE: 18 NOV 1972

FUNERAL DIRECTOR'S CERTIFICATION

22A. Burial ☒ Cremation ☐ Removal ☐ DATE THEREOF: Nov. 20-72

22B. NAME AND LOCATION OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORY: Oak Lawn Cem. Gilbert La.

23. [redacted] AL DIRECTOR: [redacted] La.

BURIAL TRANSIT PERMIT

24. BURIAL TRANSIT PERMIT NUMBER	25. PARISH OF ISSUE	26. DATE OF ISSUE	27. SIGNATURE OF LOCAL REGISTRAR
EKL 12	East Baton Rouge	Nov. 18-72	

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POSSESSIONS OF UNIDENTIFIED BLACK MALE - EKL # A 72 111

1	Watch - Sportman, 17 Jewel; black wide band
4	$1.00 bills
1 set	Keys - 1 red (Y150), 1 (EA27), 1 AB3-35), 1 EZ Set 65556-G
1	Finger Clipper
1 pair	Boots - Black front, brown side, zipper
1 pair	Socks, black
1 pair	Jeans, blue denim
1	Belt - wide, black & white with buckle
1	Shirt, long sleeve, pink - Jon Maurice perma press
1	Tee Shirt - white
1 pair	briefs - Sears brand
1	Jacket - nylon, blue (P/R) white stetching, silver snaps

[redacted]

Received by:

11/16/72 8:07 PM

Date Time

[redacted]

Witness:

Filmed per request of Lt. W. Lewis

IN RE: THE MATTER OF THE INVESTIGATION OF THE DEATHS OF TWO NEGRO MALES, UNIDENTIFIED : STATE OF LOUISIANA

: PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE

IN THE MATTER OF THE INVESTIGATION OF THE DEATHS OF TWO NEGRO MALES, UNIDENTIFIED

The State of Louisiana through the District Attorney's Office of East Baton Rouge Parish respectfully suggests to the Court that two colored males were killed on November 16, 1972, in East Baton Rouge Parish under riot conditions at Southern University; that these persons were killed by gunshot wound; and that in order to complete their investigation, it is necessary that the Sheriff's Department take into their possession the bullets or projectiles which killed these two persons and which mover is informed and believes are in the possession of the pathology departments of the Lady of the Lake Hospital and Earl K. Long Hospital.

Considering the foregoing motion, it is ordered that the pathology departments of the Earl K. Long Hospital and the Lady of the Lake Hospital release to the Sheriff's Department of East BAton Rouge Parish those bullets or projectiles removed from the bodies of these two colored males who were killed at Southern University November 16, 1972.

Thus done and signed in chambers this 16th day of Nov., 1972.

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Submitted by:

SARGENT PITCHER, JR.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

[redacted]

[redacted]ssistant District Attorney

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DR. HYPOLITE LANDRY, CORONER

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HYPOLITE T. LANDRY, JR., M. D., Coroner, East Baton Rouge Parish, Baton Rouge, Louisiana (telephone number [redacted] was interviewed at his office in the Baton Rouge Courthouse.

Dr. LANDRY advised that he graduated from [redacted] in [redacted] and he has practiced general medicine in Baton Rouge from [redacted] through the present day. On May 12, 1972, he was elected Coroner for East Baton Rouge Parish.

Dr. LANDRY stated that in any unexplained death, the Coroner is required to rule in the cause of death, and he related that he is permitted to request assistance of other individuals when and if necessary.

With regard to the events of November 16, 1972, as they related to the disturbance at Southern University, Baton Rouge, Dr. LANDRY related that at some time between 11:30 and 12:00 noon on that date he received a call from the Baton Rouge Sheriff's Office requesting that a Coroner be sent to Earl K. Long Hospital in Baton Rouge, and subsequently another call was received requesting that a Coroner be sent to Our Lady of the Lake Hospital, also in Baton Rouge.

Dr. LANDRY continued that he designated [redacted] to proceed to the Our Lady of the Lake Hospital to perform an autopsy on the victim who had been taken to that hospital. It should be noted that the latter individual was identified as DENVER A. SMITH.

Dr. LANDRY said that he proceeded to the Earl K. Long Memorial Hospital where he authorized [redacted] to perform an autopsy on the body of an unidentified Negro male which had been delivered to that hospital from the campus of Southern University. Dr. LANDRY noted that this

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individual was later identified as LEONARD DOUGLAS BROWN, JR.

[redacted], who is the Head Pathologist at Earl K. Long Hospital, was assisted during the performance of the autopsy by [redacted] who Dr. LANDRY identified as being in charge of the hospital morgue. Dr. LANDRY related that the autopsy report relating to victim BROWN had not as yet been prepared; however, he said that the autopsy revealed death was due to cerebral hemorrhage due to cerebral injury due to missile wounds of the head.

The doctor recalled that examination of the body revealed that two missiles had struck BROWN on the left wrist. He had missile wounds of the second (index) finger, a missile had struck in the deltoid muscle of the left shoulder, and he had a total of six wounds to the head, two of which were located in front of the left ear and four of which were located on the skull behind the left ear.

Dr. LANDRY advised that one of the recovered pellets was spherical in shape and appeared unaltered; however, six others were distorted and fragmented.

Dr. LANDRY furnished a receipt to [redacted] on November 16, 1972, for the pellets obtained during the autopsy of BROWN, and he subsequently turned them over to [redacted] of the Louisiana State Police Crime Laboratory in Baton Rouge.

Dr. LANDRY described the clothing worn by BROWN as follows:

Blue jean trousers with a tear in the right knee, pink shirt, white T-shirt, black socks, blue nylon jacket with the letters "PR" on front.

He noted that nothing was found in BROWN's pockets. However, he advised that a wristwatch, set of keys, and four or five $1 bills came from the person of BROWN.

Dr. LANDRY continued that he then proceeded to Our Lady of the Lake Hospital where he met with [redacted] and discussed the results of the autopsy of the body of DENVER A. SMITH. [redacted] was assisted by [redacted] who Dr. LANDRY identified as a mortician who quite often assists in performing autopsies.

With regard to the wounds suffered by SMITH, Dr. LANDRY noted the fact that he had not as yet received the official autopsy report from [redacted] but he explained that SMITH received four entrance wounds in the left arm and four wounds of the head. One of the latter wounds struck SMITH in front of the left ear, and three struck the skull behind the leftear.

Dr. LANDRY also recalled that he believed there might have been some lacerations around the lower lip and might possibly have been entrance and exit wounds in the chin area.

Dr. LANDRY said that this autopsy revealed death was due to cerebral hemorrhage due to cerebral injury due to missile injuries of the head.

Dr. LANDRY advised that photographs had been taken during the autopsy of SMITH by a member of the Baton Rouge Police, and he commented that he was unable to describe the clothing as worn by SMITH.

On the evening of November 16, 1972, the body of DENVER SMITH was transferred to the Earl K. Long Memorial Hospital where it was placed in the morgue.

On November 18, 1972, the body of BROWN was released to members of the Richardson Funeral Home of Winnsboro, Louisiana, and on that same date, the body of SMITH was released to members of the New Roads Funeral Home of New Roads, Louisiana. Positive identification of BROWN

had been made on November 17 by members of the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office and further identification had been made by [redacted] of BROWN. b6 b7C

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[redacted] advised that he is the "ETV" Producer at Earl K. Long Hospital.

He stated that on November 16, 1972, at approximately 12:45 p.m., [redacted] requested him to take photographs of an autopsy. Using his Pentax H/A camera by Honeywell with a flash attachment and using Kodachrome II daylight film, he took about 35 color slides of an unidentified black male, who had been shot. Of these 35 slides, he took three of the same position and angle. He stated he took these photographs in the morgue of Earl K. Long Hospital. He stated that present, in addition to [redacted] were [redacted] and [redacted] Medical Director of the hospital.

[redacted] advised that he packaged the film in pre-mail mailers and they were deposited at Kadair's, 6864 Florida Boulevard, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and they were to be mailed to Eastman Kodak, 3131 Manor Way, Dallas, Texas, for processing.

He stated he picked the slides up from Kadair's on November 20, 1972.

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[redacted] Southern University, made available information as follows regarding student LEONARD DOUGLAS BROWN:

Student Number:	52899
Residence Address:	Route 1, Box 3A, Gilbert, Louisiana
Campus Address:	Room 216, Grandison Hall
Enrollment:	College of Education Junior Year Student

[redacted] stated that BROWN was born on August 16, 1952, place of birth not reflected in school records, graduated on May 26, 1970, from Wismer-Gilbert High School, Louisiana, where he ranked 3 in a class of 44.

Records identify his [redacted] as [redacted] and indicate his father is deceased. They show him to be single and that he has [redacted] and [redacted] He enrolled at Southern University, Baton Rouge, in September, 1970. The records describe him as 5 feet, 10 inches, 175 pounds and in excellent health.

He was given an Educational Opportunity Grant and, according to its terms, was employed in a utility job on campus in William James Hall. A work performance evaluation by his supervisor, [redacted] rated him as very good in conduct, initiative, dependability and judgment, personality and appearance.

Records indicate he was a member of the Pershing Rifles, Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC). No disciplinary action is reflected in his student record.

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[redacted] advised he did not have any information to identify BROWN with a group known as Students United.

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[redacted] Vocational Education, College of Education, Southern University, advised that he served as faculty advisor to LEONARD DOUGLAS BROWN. He identified BROWN as a junior year student, whose major was Vocational Agriculture Education.

Records indicate that he had a cumulative point average of 2.37, based on 4.0.

[redacted] described brown as an above-average student and recalled him as conscientious, serious and regular in attendance. He recalled BROWN's goal was to become a vocational agriculture teacher.

He stated he does not identify Brown with the recent campus protest activities and is unable to explain his presence in the ranks of the protestors at the Administration Building on November 16, 1972.

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[redacted] Insurance Clerk, Medical Records Department, Our Lady of the Lake Hospital, 1600 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, was contacted at her place of employment and presented with the medical record release which had been previously furnished by [redacted]

[redacted] made available the attached copies of pertinent medical records relating to [redacted]

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[redacted] was contacted relative to the [redacted] Southern University at Baton Rouge (SUBR) campus on November 16, 1972, and was promptly informed of the identities of the interviewing Agents, SA's [redacted] and [redacted] thereafter stated that he did not prefer to provide a hand-written statement but promptly provided the following information:

[redacted] advised that he was a [redacted] majoring in [redacted] and resided on campus at SUBR. [redacted] stated that on the morning of November 16, 1972, he had breakfast at approximately [redacted] at the campus dining hall, then at approximately [redacted] proceeded to work at the [redacted] He stated that he found he needed a condenser to complete his work and that he would have to go to the Radio Shack in downtown Baton Rouge, Louisiana. He stated that he departed SUBR campus at approximately [redacted] and arrived downtown Baton Rouge at approximately [redacted]

[redacted] stated that upon his arrival at [redacted] on SUBR campus, he walked past the Student Union building to Swan Avenue where he noticed a crowd of students gathered. He stated that someone in the crowd told him that the police were all over at the Administration Building and that the students were already out of the Administration Building. He stated he was also told that two students had been shot and that they were still lying on the ground by the Administration Building. [redacted] added that he was told that the police were still shooting tear gas.

He stated that at that point he started to walk away from the crowd, noticing approximately 100 students on the lawn in front of the cafeteria and numerous students walking down the street. He added that he continued to walk east on Swan Avenue, on the north side of the street, heading

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in an easterly direction. He stated he was walking by a long steel railing and that on the opposite side of the street, he noticed a white wooden fence. [redacted] stated he was in front of the street which leads to the student cafeteria when he felt something strike [redacted] He stated he was almost at the bus stop when he [redacted] and at that point he knocked off his glasses as he reached for [redacted] He stated that he lost his glasses on the side of the street near the railing.

[redacted] advised that as he continued to walk he noticed that [redacted] He stated that he then flagged down a passing automobile which contained one lady unknown to him. [redacted] stated that the lady advised him that there was probably no one in the infirmary to treat him and at that time she flagged down a red and white ambulance as it was passing, headed toward the Administration Building.

[redacted] stated that the ambulance driver told him to get in back of the ambulance and that he was then taken back to the police line in front of the Administration Building. He stated at this point a police officer wearing a green uniform approached the ambulance driver and talked to him about taking one of the dead students in the ambulance. The ambulance driver then told the officer that he was going to take [redacted] to the hospital first. [redacted] stated that it appeared to him as if one of the students believed dead was still alive. [redacted] advised that the police officer then inquired as to his name and address.

[redacted] stated he was then transported via ambulance to Our Lady of the Lake Hospital. He stated that two police officers approached his nurse and inquired as to his name. He stated that these two officers were dressed in plain clothing and not in uniform. He stated he knew they were police officers because he noticed their badges as they displayed them to his nurse.

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He stated the two officers then approached him and [redacted] He added that he was [redacted]

[redacted] added that on the following morning, November 17, 1972, [redacted] He advised that he [redacted]

The following description of [redacted] was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	[redacted]
Race	Negro
Sex	Male
Height	6'2"
Weight	167
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Build	[redacted]
Date of birth	
Place of birth	
Address	
Social Security No.	
Education	[redacted]
Major	
Dress at time of incident	[redacted]

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[redacted] was contacted at his residence by SA's [redacted] and [redacted] who identified themselves as Special Agents of the FBI. [redacted] was requested to furnish a medical information authorization.

[redacted] executed an authorization for the release of medical information authorizing Our Lady of the Lake Hospital, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to release records in connection with his injury on November 16, 1972.

[redacted] was furnished with a copy of the release.

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A search was made of an area along Swan Road, east of College Drive, on the Southern University, Baton Rouge, campus.

This search failed to locate the projectile which struck [redacted] a Southern University student, on November 16, 1972. A pair of silver-colored sunglasses, which [redacted] stated he lost in this area, were not located.

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[redacted] Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, was contacted by SAs [redacted] and [redacted] for information concerning a Southern University student, [redacted]

[redacted] stated that [redacted] according to the best information available to him, was a commuting student who furnished a home address of [redacted] is listed as [redacted] telephone number [redacted] stated that [redacted] is a [redacted] or possibly a [redacted] majoring in [redacted] and is considered a full time student presently enrolled with 16 credits. [redacted] Student number is [redacted] [redacted] stated that [redacted] did not have a class at 11:00 a.m. on November 16, 1972.

[redacted] stated that the name [redacted] was not familiar to him and that he knew of no disciplinary problems that [redacted] had had while a student at Southern University. [redacted] also stated that he is not aware of any organizations to which [redacted] belonged on or off the Southern University campus.

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[redacted] Campus Security, Southern University at Baton Rouge (SUBR), was contacted at his office by SA [redacted]

[redacted] checked his records concerning [redacted] student number [redacted] and [redacted] student number [redacted] stated that his records reflect no information concerning either of these individuals and that they were not known to him by name.

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[redacted] Superintendent, Earl K. Long Memorial Hospital, 5825 Airline Highway, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, made available the following copy of the medical record for [redacted] Prior to making available the following copy, [redacted] was given a medical record release signed by [redacted]

The copy of the medical record is as follows:

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[redacted] was contacted by Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Agents at Earl K. Long Memorial Hospital, 5825 Airline Highway, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and provided the following information:

[redacted] stated that the patient, [redacted] arrived at the emergency treatment room at the hospital at approximately [redacted] added that her initial examination began with the vital life signs at 1:35 p.m., at which time [redacted] was found in [redacted]

[redacted] advised that patient [redacted] stated that she then conducted a further examination which revealed what she would describe as a [redacted] She stated that this wound was probably received [redacted]

In conclusion, [redacted] stated that [redacted]

[redacted] stated the above examination was conducted on November 16, 1972.

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[redacted] Earl K. Long Memorial Hospital, 5825 Airline Highway, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, was contacted concerning his treatment of [redacted] on November 17, 1972.

[redacted] stated [redacted] came to the Earl K. Long Memorial Hospital on November 17, 1972, at [redacted] complaining that [redacted] stated he briefly examined [redacted] and determined that the vital signs [redacted] was advised by [redacted]

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[redacted] was interviewed at his residence. [redacted] was advised as to the identities of the interviewing Agents, as well as the fact that he was being interviewed concerning the incident which occurred on the Southern University Campus, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, November 16, 1972. [redacted] provided the following voluntary information, after advising he would be willing to furnish a signed statement on November 22, 1972:

[redacted] stated he is a full-time student at Southern University, Baton Rouge (SUBR), and that he is a junior majoring in [redacted] and his student number is [redacted]

[redacted] stated that on the morning of November 16, 1972, he arrived on the SUBR campus at approximately [redacted] and parked his car by Stewart Hall. [redacted] stated that he had previously learned there was to be a meeting of students at Stewart Hall and, although he did not know the specific reason for this meeting, he thought it was possibly in connection with a planned student boycott of SUBR classes.

[redacted] estimated the number of students at Stewart Hall to be about 100. The students, as a group, left Stewart Hall and went to the Administration Building to see Doctor NETTERVILLE, President of Southern University. [redacted] stated the purpose of the group's visit to Doctor NETTERVILLE's office was to attempt to arrange the release from jail of four students who had been arrested early in the morning on November 16, 1972.

[redacted] stated that he knew three of the four students arrested and they were [redacted]

[redacted] stated that upon arrival in Doctor NETTERVILLE's office, which is located on the first floor of the Administration

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Building, he observed three campus security guards in Doctor NETTERVILLE's office. He knew one of the guards to be [redacted] who is also an [redacted] student at SUBR. [redacted] stated that the group crowded into NETTERVILLE's office and several of the students talked to Doctor NETTERVILLE about the students in jail to which Doctor NETTERVILLE replied he was leaving to attend a meeting and he would find out why the students were arrested and attempt to arrange for their release. At this point, Doctor NETTERVILLE left the Administration Building with the three campus security guards as escorts.

[redacted] stated that he was not in Doctor NETTERVILLE's office when Doctor NETTERVILLE left the Administration Building, but he was sitting on the steps of the University Chapel, which is adjacent to the Administration Building. At this point, [redacted] estimated there were 100 to 200 students inside the building and another 100 to 200 students outside the building.

[redacted] recalled that he waited around the Administration Building for awhile and then he and a friend, [redacted] (LAST NAME UNKNOWN), also a SUBR student, and another friend of [redacted] left the campus to take [redacted] car to the Scotlandville High School. [redacted] stated he drove his own car to the high school and that [redacted] followed him in [redacted] car. [redacted] stated he was taking this car to his [redacted] however, she was not on the SUBR campus on November 16, 1972.

After leaving the car at the high school, [redacted] returned to the SUBR campus with [redacted] stated that once back on the campus, the three of them split up.

[redacted] stated he then returned to the front of the Administration Building and learned that Doctor NETTERVILLE had not returned nor had the students received any information from Doctor NETTERVILLE concerning the release of the four arrested students.

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After waiting for awhile outside the Administration Building, [redacted] stated he then went back into the building and, after he was inside for approximately ten minutes, he observed numerous police officers beginning to arrive in front of the Administration Building. [redacted] recalled that either prior to the time he took his car off the campus or after he returned and was in the Administration Building for a second time, a student told the group that they were there not to take over the Administration Building, but to secure the release of the four jailed students. [redacted] further recalled that this was probably said after he returned to the campus after taking his car to Scotlandville.

[redacted] stated that when the police began to arrive in front of the building, the group of students began clapping and giving the Black Power salute to the police. [redacted] stated that at this point he was standing in or near the double doors, which are located at the front of the Administration Building. He recalled hearing someone say to the group of students to get out of the building or they would be forced out; however, he did not know who said this and, also, he did not believe the students inside the building heard this order to leave the building. [redacted] stated that when he heard this order to leave the building, he did not recall any specific time being given in the order for the students to leave the building. After hearing this order to leave the building, he walked from the front steps of the Administration Building over to an area near the Academic Building, which is located on the north side of the Administration Building.

[redacted] stated the line of police officers in blue uniforms were in a line generally in front of the Academic Building and that a line of police officers in green uniforms were in the street in front of the Administration Building. He recalled that the officers in blue uniforms were armed with guns which had extremely large barrels and were short in length and that the officers in blue uniforms also had shotguns. He recalled that the officers in green uniforms seemed to be armed only with shotguns.

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[redacted] stated that the officers in blue uniforms charged into a group of students and pushed them around, knocking several of them to the ground. [redacted] stated that this group of students into which the police with blue uniforms charged had not been in the Administration Building, but were standing outside and were just curious about what was happening at the building. At this time, [redacted] stated the police officers began firing tear gas at the Administration Building. The students began leaving the front of the Administration Building in a southerly direction, fleeing across the campus. [redacted] recalled that at this point he was still standing near the Academic Building and he then went through a side door of the Administration Building, but the gas that was inside the building was too strong and he immediately went back outside.

After leaving the Administration Building, he walked over to a circular drive, which is located in front of the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps (NROTC) Building.

After he had been standing in the circular drive for some five or ten minutes, he was struck [redacted] stated that the impact of this projectile knocked him to his knees and that upon regaining his feet, he immediately ran into the NROTC Building. When he was hit by this projectile, [redacted] recalled that he was standing near an automobile parked in the circular drive and he recalled only police officers with green uniforms in his immediate area. [redacted] stated that this group of police officers in green uniforms was near the side door of the Administration Building, which is south of where he was standing.

Once inside the NROTC Building, he stated that he received first-aid from a Naval officer who is an instructor in the NROTC program and he remained inside this building for approximately 15 to 20 minutes. Itwas while he was inside

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the NROTC Building that he realized upon looking out the window that two students were lying on the sidewalk in front of the Administration Building. Also, while he was watching through the windows of the NROTC Building, he saw the two students placed on stretchers and removed from the Administration Building in ambulances.

[redacted] stated when he thought things were quiet outside, the white Navy officer took him to the campus infirmary where he was again given first-aid for his wounds. After leaving the infirmary, he again met his friend [redacted] and he then went to a telephone to call his [redacted] He then got a ride with a campus bus driver whom he knows as [redacted] He rode on the bus to Scotlandville where [redacted] and her mother picked him up. They then took him to the Earl K. Long Memorial Hospital in Baton Rouge where he was [redacted]

[redacted] recalled that it was about 1:30 p.m. when he arrived at the hospital to be treated. He also recalled that while at the hospital, two police officers whom he thought to be East Baton Rouge Parish Deputy Sheriffs questioned him briefly and wrote down his name and birth date.

[redacted] stated that during the above incident, he did not see any of the students armed with any type of weapon.

[redacted] stated that on November 15, 1972, a group of students from the Southern University, New Orleans, campus had come to SUBR to attempt to get the students to boycott their classes. [redacted] stated that at no time did he or this group force any of the students to leave their classes, nor did they attempt to take over any of the classes. He further stated he did not know the names of the students from Southern University, New Orleans; however, he thought he would recognize them if he saw them again. [redacted] also stated he did not know any of the students who were killed on November 16, 1972, on the campus of SUBR, nor was he present on the campus when Louisiana Governor EDWARDS arrived by helicopter.

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[redacted] made available to the interviewing Agents a [redacted] jacket, size small, and a [redacted] size small, shirt. [redacted] also furnished the Agents with a release for information concerning his treatment at the Earl K. Long Memorial Hospital on November 16, 1972.

The following description of [redacted] was obtained from interview and observation:

Sex	Male
Race	Negro
Date of Birth	[redacted]
Place of Birth	
Height	5 feet, 6 inches
Weight	118 pounds
Parents	[redacted]
Marital status	
Miscellaneous	

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was recontacted by Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Agents at 1968 Rosenwald, Scotlandville, and thereafter transported by Bureau automobile to Southern University, Baton Rouge (SUBR), campus. The purpose of this re-interview was to have re-enact his actions and location on November 16, 1972.

pointed out to FBI Agents his exact location at the time he was initially stated that he was approximately Administration Building. He added that he was in a When asked how he could have been changed his initial statement and stated that he was showed FBI Agents his approximate position. Thereafter, a physical search was conducted of that area.

This search revealed a piece of

An additional search was conducted of the area directly in front of the This search revealed several marks on the side of the building the same approximate size as the aforementioned cylinder.

It is to be noted that on initial recovery of the cylindrical item, it contained a portion of the

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[redacted] again stated that he initially noticed [redacted] in the direction from which the [redacted]

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car to my girlfriend, [redacted] at Scotlandville High School.

[redacted] and his friend followed me to the High School and I returned to the campus with them. After arriving back on the campus the three of us split up and I did not see [redacted] until later in the day.

"I returned to the area outside the Administration Building and learned that Dr. Netterville had not returned. I then went inside the building and after I was inside about 10 minutes I saw police officers begin to arrive in front of the Administration Building. I do not know what time this was because my watch was broken and I was not wearing it. As the police were arriving the students began clapping and giving the Black Power salute. While this was happening I was standing in the main double doors of the Administration Building.

"I heard someone from the group of police officers tell the students to leave the building or they would be forced out. I do not know who said this to the students.

"After I heard someone tell us to leave the building I did not think all of the students heard the order nor did I hear anyone say anything about a time limit to leave the building. I then left the Administration Building by the front door and walked over near the Academic Building.

"I recall that police officers in blue uniforms were in front of the Academic Building and police in green uniforms were in front of the Administration Building. The police in blue uniforms had big barrel guns and the police in green uniforms had shotguns.

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[redacted] was contacted at his residence by SA's [redacted] and [redacted] He was requested to furnish the interviewing Agents an authorization for release of medical information from the Earl K. Long Memorial Hospital, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

[redacted] furnished the Agents with a release of information concerning his treatment at the Earl K. Long Memorial Hospital on November 16, 1972.

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[redacted] was contacted at his residence by SA's [redacted] and [redacted] was advised that the Agents desired to obtain from him a written signed statement concerning his knowledge of the incident which occurred at the Southern University, Baton Rouge, campus on November 16, 1972. The Agents had previously interviewed [redacted] and he was aware of their official identities. [redacted] thereafter furnished the following signed statement:

"November 23, 1972 [redacted]

"I, [redacted] make the following free and volutary statement to [redacted] and [redacted] who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I was born [redacted] at [redacted] I am 5 feet 6 inches tall, weigh 118 pounds, my parents are [redacted] and I reside at [redacted] I am not married and I am a Junior student majoring in [redacted] at Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. My student number is [redacted]

"On the morning of November 16, 1972, I was wearing [redacted] when I arrived at the Southern University, Baton Rouge (SUBR) campus. I arrived at Stewart Hall on the campus about [redacted] and parked my car.

"At Stewart Hall there were about 100 students gathered there. This group of students left Stewart Hall and walked to the Administration

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Building. Upon arriving at the Administration part of the group stayed outside but I went inside the Administration Building with part of the group and went to Dr. Netterville's office. Dr. Netterville is the president of SUBR. The purpose of our going to see Dr. Netterville was to talk to him about arranging the release of four students who had been arrested previously on November 16, 1972.

"When I got inside Dr. Netterville's office, which is on the first floor of the Administration Building, there were three uniformed campus security officers also in the office. I know one of these security guards as [redacted] who is also a SUBR student majoring in [redacted]

"Once inside Dr. Netterville's office several of the students talked to him about the arrested students and he told us that he was going to meeting to find out about the students.

"I left Dr. Netterville's office before he did and I was standing on the steps of the Chapel when he left the Administration Building. At no time while I was in the Administration Building was Dr. Netterville or the three security guards held against their will nor were the guards disarmed. Also, I saw no students with weapons of any kind, either in the Administration Building or anywhere on the campus on November 16, 1972.

"I waited around outside the Administration Building and the Chapel for a while for Dr. Netterville to return. While I was waiting outside a friend of mine, [redacted] whose last name I do not know and a friend of [redacted] whose name I do not know, agreed to follow me to Scotlandville so I could take my

"I saw police in blue uniforms charge into a group of students and push them around, knocking several of them to the ground. This group of students was near the Academic Building and not near the Administration Building. About this time the police began shooting tear gas at the Administration Building and the students began running south from the building.

"I then went through a door on the north side of the Administration Building but the gas was too strong inside and I immediately came back outside. I then walked over to a circular drive which is between the Administration Building and the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corp (NROTC) Building.

"After I had been standing in front of the NROTC Building on the south side of circular drive [redacted] I ran into the NROTC Building where I stayed for about 15 or 20 minutes. While inside the building [redacted] Also, while I was inside the building I looked out of the window and saw two students lying on the sidewalk. I also saw these two students placed on stretchers and taken away in ambulances.

"When I left the NROTC Building I went to the campus [redacted] I met my friend [redacted] and I went to a telephone to call my girlfriend. After

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making the telephone call I met [redacted] who drives a school bus and he gave me a ride to Scotlandville. In Scotlandville I again called my girlfriend and she picked me up [redacted] two police officers who I think are Deputy Sheriffs from East Baton Rouge Parish.

"On Wednesday, November 15, 1972, some students from Southern University, New Orleans campus came to SUBR. I went to a few classrooms at SUBR with several of the New Orleans students to ask the students if they were aware that a boycott was going on at the campus. We asked the students why they were not with us but we did not disrupt any classes or force any students to leave their classrooms. I do not know the names of any of the New Orleans students.

"I did not personally know either of the two students who were killed on November 16, 1972, nor was I present when Govenor Edwards arrived on the campus.

"At no time was I aware that the tear gas was to be shot at the students and I thought the police would only shoot the tear gas at the ground to make the students move.

"I recall that either before or after I took my car to Scotlandville a student in the Administrative Building told the group that the intention was not to take over the building but to talk to Dr. Netterville about the arrested students.

"I have read the above statement consisting of this and eight (8) other pages and I have initialed

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each page at the top and bottom and any corrections made on these pages. No threats, promises, or coercion were used to induce me to make this statement. I sign this statement as it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

"/s/ [redacted]

"Witnessed:
/s/ [redacted] Special Agent, FBI 11/23/72
/s/ [redacted] Special Agent, FBI 11/23/72

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[redacted] Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, was contacted by SAs [redacted] and [redacted] concerning a Southern University student [redacted].

[redacted] stated that, according to the information available to him, at the present time [redacted] was a commuting student who furnished an address of [redacted] and listed his parents as [redacted] who reside at the same address. [redacted] listed his home telephone number as [redacted] stated that [redacted] is a junior, majoring in [redacted] and has Student No. [redacted]. As [redacted] is presently enrolled for 15 credits, he is considered a full time Southern University student.

On Thursday, November 16, 1972, [redacted] was scheduled for a class in [redacted] from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. in Alain Hall.

[redacted] stated that [redacted] was not a disciplinary problem and not known to him to be a troublemaker on the campus. [redacted] also stated that he was not aware of any organizations on or off the Southern University campus to which [redacted] may belong.

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VI. INTERVIEWS WITH PROSPECTIVE WITNESSES

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A repeated frame-to-frame review of the various color motion picture films provided by Baton Rouge, Louisiana, television stations has been made. In particular, a review was made of these films to establish the conditions of the atmosphere and positions of possible witnesses at the critical moment, i.e., when the victims were killed.

Repeated examination of these films reflects:

a) Large quantities of crowd dispersing gases clouded the atmosphere in the critical area, reducing vision;

b) At the moment the victims were shot, the great bulk of Southern University, Baton Rouge, students who had been standing in front of the Academic Building in direct confrontation had turned, faced south and were running south from the area of initial confrontation. Therefore, the clear majority of these students had their backs turned to the area of impact and were running away from that area. The deceased victims were shot at the tail end of a long moving stream of exiting students.

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A. STUDENTS WHO WITNESSED CONFRONTATION

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[redacted] student, Southern University, was advised of the identity of Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] as Special Agents with the FBI, and the nature of the interview, as being regarding the killing of two students on the Southern University campus. [redacted] furnished the following information:

[redacted] advised four weeks prior to the fatal confrontation on campus, students had been meeting at the T. T. Alain Building for two hours each morning, and sometimes all day, in the women's gymn. She stated these students sometimes went to other classes trying to talk other students into missing classes to attend these meetings. She advised the purpose of these meetings was to discuss the dismissal of President NETTERVILLE, to get more voice in student-faculty relationships to the extent of hiring and firing of faculty members to obtain better housing and food; to obtain modern facilities in each department; and, the hiring of more qualified faculty members.

She advised that during most of these meetings security guards often came, asking them to disperse. She advised on November 15 a security guard, whom she does not remember, approached them in the women's gymn during one of their meetings, and told them they could not use the gymn again. She advised they sat there and continued the meeting.

[redacted] stated on the morning of November 16, 1972, students got together as they usually did for the previous month and began discussing the arrest of four students at 4:00 a.m. She stated she had gotten up at approximately 9:00 that morning and met with other students near Stewart Hall and proceeded to walk with approximately 100 students toward the Administration Building. She advised that two campus security guards met them at the front door and asked them for their identification cards if they wanted to enter the building. She stated the

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students began to yell that they did not want to show identification cards and would enter and force their way inside the Administration Building.

She advised she could not identify any of the leaders but she believed one to be described as a Negro male, short, with [redacted] dressed in [redacted] and the other to be an individual known as [redacted] wearing a [redacted] She stated she believed these two individuals to be the main leaders at that time.

She stated at approximately 9:20 the students crowded into the Administration Building and the two main leaders began talking to President NETTERVILLE and he told them that he did not have time to talk to the students at this time because he was scheduled for a 10:00 appointment and told the students they were welcomed to stay as long as they wished and walked out. She advised students then sat in the hallway in the president's office eating snacks and drinking sodas until [redacted] Security Guard, came in and told the students if they did not leave President NETTERVILLE would call the National Guard.

At this time [redacted] escorted the president's secretary outside of the building and the individual known as [redacted] told [redacted] that the president advised them they could use the office as long as they wished. She advised that at this time [redacted] left the Administration Building and told them he would let the students know what was going on outside the building. She advised she did not hear the sheriff make any comments and did not know of any sheriff's deputies or state troopers being on the campus until she heard sounds against the building and glass breaking on the second floor. She advised at this time gas was entering the building and she saw smoke. Then one of the students closed the door to NETTERVILLE's office. She advised she believed 70 to 75 students were inside the office at this time.

She stated that the shooting of the gas stopped for a short period of time, then started again and the students inside began putting filter tips in their noses and Vaseline on their faces. She advised at this time a knock came on the president's

door and [redacted] Security Guard, came in and asked the students to leave the Administration Building, telling them that two students had been killed. She advised the student by the name of [redacted] went out and came back in, stating two of the students had been killed, and all of the students followed [redacted] outside of the Administration Building. She advised she left the Administration Building, saw the two students who were hit lying on the sidewalk, and she went across the street.

She stated she believed the following people to have been in or near the Administration Building during the entire confrontation:

[redacted]

She advised [redacted] who is a freshman [redacted] major, knows most of the students who were on campus during the disturbance who live in [redacted] and [redacted] who are both students, supposedly know most of the students that were on campus at this time from [redacted]

[redacted] further advised she had furnished all the information which she could recall at this time, but in the event she received any new information she would cooperate.

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The following is a description of [redacted] as taken from observation and interview:

Name	[redacted]
Aliases	
Race	Negro
Sex	Female
Date of birth	[redacted]
Place of birth	

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Height
Weight
Home address

[redacted]

Education

Presently freshman student at Southern University, majoring in [redacted] with minor in [redacted]

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[redacted] was contacted at the extreme limits of Southern University Baton Rouge (SUBR), Baton Rouge, Louisiana. [redacted] was furnished the identities of the interviewing Agents and was also advised that she was being interviewed in connection with the shooting of two SUBR students; shooting having taken place on November 16, 1972, at the SUBR campus. It was explained to her that the investigation into this matter was based upon the possibility that these two deceased students may have had their civil rights violated. It was also explained to her that the Government and the FBI were attempting to identify the individual or individuals who may have fired the shots.

[redacted] advised that she is currently a sophomore at SUBR and her campus address is located in [redacted] was born [redacted] and currently resides at [redacted]

[redacted] thereafter furnished the following information:

She indicated that she first arrived at the Administration Building located at the SUBR campus on the morning of November 16, 1972, at approximately 10:30 a.m. Subsequent to tear gas being displaced in the building at a time she cannot specifically recall but believes to be near 1:00 p.m. on the same date, she left the Administration Building by the back entrance and placed herself on the ground in a prone position due to the fact that she had inhaled a quantity of tear gas. After regaining her breath she ran around the back of the Administration Building in an attempt to get to Parker Hall. As she approached College Drive, she heard an unidentified individual, otherwise undescribed, say "Someone's on the ground -- someone's been hurt." She indicated she glanced over her right shoulder and observed one Negro, sex unknown, lying on the ground at a specifically unrecalled location in the general vicinity

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of the Administration Building.

Due to the fact that additional tear gas was being dispensed by the various law enforcement agencies on the campus, she proceeded to Parker Hall where she remained.

[redacted] advised that "Students United" consists of all the students at SUBR who had been participating in the recent boycott. She listed its two main objectives as being more student control of the University and the immediate resignation of Dr. NETTERVILLE, President, SUBR, whom [redacted] advised "has been found incompetent." She claimed that "Students United" has no official leaders and on the morning of November 16, 1972, she was among a group of "Students United" who went to see President NETTERVILLE; however, a large number of students congregated at the Administration Building. b6 b7C

She advised, when specifically questioned, that she did not know LEONARD BROWN or DENVER SMITH by name. She did, however, indicate that one of the two victims had attended "a few" of the meetings of "Students United," however, she was unable to identify which of the two victims this was.

[redacted] was afforded an opportunity to view several 8 inch by 10 inch black and white photographs depicting students outside of the Administration Building at the SUBR campus. [redacted] acknowledged the fact that she knew the identity of several of these individuals but expressed her belief that they were entitled and privileged to anonymity. She was advised by the interviewing Agents that these individuals, depicted in the photographs, could be in a position to furnish valuable information concerning the deaths of the two students. She again declined to even view the photographs and said that she would contact the students pictured in the photographs and explain the reason for the FBI investigation to them and, thereafter, encourage these students to contact the FBI so that they may be interviewed.

[redacted] advised that she could not identify anyone who had fired any weapons and she specifically declined to furnish the interviewing Agents with a signed statement.

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[redacted] was contacted by SAs [redacted] and [redacted] concerning her knowledge of the shooting incident which occurred at the Southern University Baton Rouge campus on November 16, 1972. [redacted] was contacted on Harding Blvd. at the entrance to Southern University Baton Rouge campus.

[redacted] stated that she is a full time student at Southern University, has Student No. [redacted] and resides on campus in [redacted]

On the morning of November 16, 1972, she arrived at the Chapel building which is adjacent to the Administration Building on the Southern University campus shortly after 10:00 a.m. She stated that she took a sitting position on the north side of the Chapel steps to watch the students who had gathered in front of the Administration Building. [redacted] stated that she observed the police when they arrived and formed a line in front of the Administration Building and that she heard someone give an order to the students to leave the building within five minutes. She stated she also heard an order given in what seemed like two or three minutes for the students again to disperse, however, she found it difficult to hear what was being said over the public address system because of the helicopter which was hovering overhead.

After the police were close to the front of the Administration Building, they began putting on gas masks and firing tear gas into the group of students in front of the Administration Building. She estimated the group of students to be between 300 and 400. She stated that when the gas was fired she did not see any of the activity in front of the Administration Building between the students and the police nor was she able to see the two students when they were shot or when they fell to the sidewalk. She stated that, in fact, she had run from the steps of the Chapel when the gas was

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fired and did not know that the students had been shot until sometime later. She also recalled that the police fired tear gas at the students who had gathered behind the police lines to the east of College Drive.

She recalled that approximately five minutes before the police arrived, a student known to her only as [redacted] had come out of the Administration Building and told the group of students that they were there not to take over the building but to talk to the Southern University President, Dr. NETTERVILLE, about the students who had been arrested during the early morning hours of November 16, 1972. She stated that [redacted] repeated this statement several times to the group of students. She also recalled that at no time on the morning of November 16, 1972, did she see Dr. NETTERVILLE nor did she see any of the students armed with any type of weapon.

On the morning of November 16, 1972, [redacted] stated that she was wearing a [redacted]

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[redacted] telephone [redacted] was contacted by SAs [redacted] and [redacted] concerning the incident which occurred on the Southern University campus on November 16, 1972. [redacted] was contacted on Harding Blvd. at the entrance to the Southern University Baton Rouge campus.

[redacted] stated that she is a full time student at Southern University Baton Rouge, has Student No. [redacted] and resides on the campus in Room [redacted] of [redacted].

On the morning of November 16, 1972, she arrived at the Administration Building about 10:00 a.m. and shortly after she arrived a student leader, known to her as [redacted] told the group of students gathered outside the Administration Building that they were there not to take over the building but to talk to the President about the students who had been arrested previously on November 16, 1972.

She stated that she later saw on a television program the student leader she identified as [redacted]

[redacted] stated that she was standing outside the Administration Building in a position just north of the front steps with a group of students which she estimated to number 300. She stated that none of the students attempted to block the doors and that no students she saw were armed with any type of weapon. She did recall that someone told the group to throw back any tear gas canister which the police might throw at the group of students.

When the police arrived and formed a line in front of the Administration Building, she went through the front doors of the Administration Building and remained on the first floor. She stated that she did not hear any announcement telling the students to leave the building but, as it was noisy inside the building, she stated she may not

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have been able to hear this order. When tear gas was fired into the building she recalled that it broke several windows and that she and another group of students locked themselves in a room in the Administration Building. After being inside this room for several minutes, an Army ROTC Officer came into the room and told them that two students had been hurt or were killed and that he had asked the police to stop firing which they had done. This Army Officer then led the students out of the building and [redacted] recalled that she was [redacted] to leave the building. She stated that when she left the building neither of the dead or injured students was lying on the sidewalk.

[redacted] stated that she later determined that one of the students who was killed was DENVER SMITH who was [redacted] New Roads, Louisiana, and that she did not consider DENVER SMITH to be a student leader or activist in any group on the Southern University campus. She stated that she herself had attended several boycott meetings and that DENVER SMITH did not attend these meetings, however, he did participate in the student boycotts.

[redacted] recalled that the following students were known to her to be inside the Administration Building when the two students were shot:

[redacted]

[redacted] stated that all of the above students resided on the Southern University campus.

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[redacted] b6 b7C was contacted by SAs [redacted] and [redacted] concerning his knowledge of the shooting incident which occurred on the Southern University Baton Rouge campus on November 16, 1972. [redacted] was contacted on Harding Blvd. as he was entering the Southern University campus.

[redacted] stated that he is a full time Southern University student presently in the sophomore classification, majoring in [redacted] He stated his Student number is [redacted] and that he resides in [redacted] Room [redacted]

[redacted] stated that on the morning of November 16, 1972, he arrived at the Administration Building after 10:00 a.m. and that the police were already there and had formed a line in front of the steps of the Administration Building. He recalled that there were about 60 students near the front steps of the Administration Building. [redacted] stated that he was standing with several other students, none of whom he knows by name, in an area about 300 feet south of the Academic Building and about 100 feet east of the Southern University Chapel building.

[redacted] stated that he did not hear an order telling the students to move away from the Administration Building but that he did hear some announcement over a public address system but because it was not directed at him he did not understand what was said. When the police began firing tear gas at the front of the Administration Building, he began moving in a southerly direction and, because of the gas and smoke in front of the Administration Building, he was unable to see any of the students or the police. He stated that when the tear gas was fired, he immediately left the area of the Administration Building and travelled completely across the campus before he learned that two students had been shot near the Administration Building.

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[redacted] student, Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, permanent home address [redacted] telephone [redacted] campus address [redacted] furnished the following information:

She advised that on November 16, 1972 she was one of the students located in the Administration Building, Southern University, and was seated on the staircase. She stated that she had entered the building at approximately 10:15 a.m. and shortly thereafter gas was thrown into the building and she ran up to the second floor, down the back stairway and out the rear door. She advised at the time there were approximately 200 students in the building and on the steps of the Administration Building. She stated at the time she was accompanied by [redacted] and also [redacted]

She advised that from her position inside the building she was unable to observe the confrontation and did not see the students shot. She stated that after exiting the rear of the building she went directly to her campus residence.

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[redacted] student, Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, permanent home address [redacted] telephone [redacted] campus address [redacted] telephone [redacted] furnished the following information:

She was one of the students located in the Administration Building of Southern University on November 16, 1972. She advised that she entered the building at approximately 10:15 a.m. and sat on the steps inside the building. She stated that approximately fifteen to twenty minutes after she had entered she observed State Police and Deputies in the area of the Administration Building. She advised that shortly thereafter gas entered the building and she ran up the stairway to the second floor, came down the back stairs and exited the building through the back door.

She continued that from her position inside the building she was unable to observe the activities going on outside and did not see who threw the gas or from what direction the gas was thrown. She further stated that she was unable to observe the students outside the building. She advised that she estimates the group of students to be approximately 150 who were both inside and outside the Administration Building.

[redacted] advised after exiting the back door of the Administration Building she went directly to her campus residence and could furnish no additional information regarding the confrontation. She stated that she did not see the students shot nor who may have been responsible. She advised that also in the Administration Building with her at the time were [redacted] and [redacted]

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[redacted] student, Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Student Identification Number [redacted] permanent home address [redacted] telephone [redacted] furnished the following information:

At approximately 9:30 a.m. on November 16, 1972, he was located on the steps of the Administration Building at Southern University waiting for the return of President NETTERVILLE. He advised at this time there were approximately 100 students gathered in the area and they were being addressed by the [redacted] who advised them to keep cool and not cause any disruption. He advised that approximately forty minutes after their arrival, State Police and Sheriff's Deputies entered the area. He stated that shortly after their entry on the campus they started to fire tear gas at the students, at which time he ran toward the direction of the auditorium. He stated that he briefly stopped in the area of the auditorium, however, the tear gas was getting heavier so he ran to the dining hall to obtain some ice to put over his face. He stated that he entered the dining hall to get this ice and upon leaving the dining hall, from the steps of the dining hall observed two students lying on the ground near the Administration Building. He stated that he did not actually see anyone shoot or throw any gas nor did he observe the students being hit.

[redacted] stated that this entire confrontation lasted several minutes and because of the gas, he was unable to observe any specific actions by the Troopers or Sheriff's Deputies. He advised that after the confrontation and observing the students on the ground from the steps of the dining hall, he immediately left the area and could furnish no specific information regarding the incident.

[redacted] advised that the only other student that he knows who was on the steps of the Administration Building prior to the arrival of the State Troopers and Sheriff's Deputies is [redacted]

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[redacted] student, Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, permanent home address [redacted] telephone [redacted] off-campus residence [redacted] furnished the following information:

At approximately 9:45 a.m. on November 16, 1972 he observed a number of students gathered on the steps of the Administration Building. He stated that he went over to the area and learned that the students were waiting for President NETTERVILLE to return and were under the impression they were to have a meeting with the President. He advised that he remained in the area for approximately twenty minutes and departed shortly after 10:00 a.m. for his off-campus residence. He advised that at this time the State Troopers and the Sheriff's Deputies were not on campus. He further advised that the only individual he can recall being in the area at this time was a friend with whom he conversed, [redacted] who was on the steps of the Administration Building. He stated that he left the area prior to the confrontation and had heard about the shooting at his residence over the radio. He stated that he could furnish no specific information regarding the shooting of the two students.

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[redacted] student, Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Student Identification Number [redacted] permanent home address [redacted] telephone [redacted] furnished the following information:

On November 16, 1972, she was one of the students of approximately fifteen who were occupying the President's office in the Administration Building at Southern University. She stated that she entered the President's office shortly before 10:00 a.m. and was just sitting in the office, since they were told and instructed not to disrupt anything in the office. She advised that at approximately 10:15 a.m. they received a telephone call from some unknown individual who indicated that the State Troopers and Sheriff's Deputies were coming on to the campus. Shortly after this telephone call a tear gas shell was fired through the window into the President's office resulting in the students clearing the office.

She advised that she ran to the front door of the Administration Building and additional gas was coming in through the entrance of the building. As a result, she ran to the Secretary's office in the building. She advised that the gas at this time was getting so heavy in the building that she left the Secretary's office and ran out the front entrance of the Administration Building at which time she noticed blood on the sidewalk in front of the Administration Building. She stated that at this time the gas had stopped and the area was beginning to clear, however, she did not observe the bodies on the sidewalk, but only the blood. [redacted] continued that apparently when she had left the building the bodies of the students had already been removed from the area.

She advised that she did not observe any of the activities outside the building and could not furnish any specific information as to the shooting of the students. She

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advised further that several other individuals whom she knew were in the building at the time, namely [redacted] and [redacted] who all reside on campus at [redacted]

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[redacted] and [redacted] identified themselves through a display of credential as being Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to [redacted] was advised as to the nature of this interview, which concerned his observation of events that had taken place on the campus of Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, November 16, 1972.

[redacted] advised he would consider discussing this matter with the Agents, as well as possibly furnishing a signed statement, at some future date.

The following description was obtained:

Name	
Address	[redacted] (temporary address while attending Southern University, Baton Rouge)
Parents' address	[redacted]
Father	
Occupation	
Date of Birth	
Place of Birth	
Matriculation Number	
Education	Four years of high school - [redacted] 3½ years - Southern University - currently a senior - majoring in [redacted]
Race	Negro

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