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| | |
|---|---|
| Sex | Male |
| Height | [redacted] |
| Weight | |
| Hair | |
| Eyes | |
| Social Security Number | [redacted] |
| Arrests | None claimed |

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## B. OTHER STUDENTS ON CAMPUS

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The information set forth hereinafter was furnished telephonically by [redacted] telephone [redacted]

[redacted] was contacted to make an appointment to speak with her regarding any information she might have about the shooting at Southern University at Baton Rouge (SUBR). The interviewing Agent called at about 4:55 PM and offered to drive immediately to [redacted] or come any time the following day. [redacted] said she had nothing pertinent to furnish about this matter and would not make herself available for interview because she had no information and was suffering from a thyroid condition and was very nervous.

She said she was going to Opelousas, Louisiana, on November 22, 1972. She explained that some investigator from the Department of Defense or some government agency had interviewed her in the morning about a character reference for some individual looking for a government position or clearance for a government position. This investigator asked [redacted] her opinion about what took place at Southern University. [redacted] stated it appeared to her this investigator must have then talked to the FBI since the FBI was now trying to make an appointment to interview her about the shooting at Southern University.

[redacted] stated that on the day of the shooting she was in her apartment, [redacted] telephone [redacted] cousin, [redacted] was also in the apartment. [redacted] has a [redacted] who is a student at Southern University. [redacted] on the day of the shooting, received a telephone call from a [redacted] who lives in New Orleans. [redacted] who has a brother at Southern University, called [redacted] since she, too, had a [redacted] at Southern University. [redacted] did not talk with [redacted] on the telephone but

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apparently [redacted] was calling to discuss the trouble at Southern University.

[redacted] said if she had any information of value, she would furnish it to the FBI. She said she has no facts about the shooting, knows nothing about any Black Panther members or any students who might have had weapons. [redacted] said that if her cousin, [redacted] had any information of value she would have mentioned it to [redacted]

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[redacted] was interviewed in the Academic Building of Southern University and furnished the following information:

He is a first-year law student at Southern University and knows almost no one outside those students in the law school. At the time of the demonstration on November 16, 1972, he did not wish to participate or be involved in it in any way and confined himself to the law building on campus.

He was unable to identify anyone in photographs which were displayed to him depicting numerous demonstrators.

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[redacted] was interviewed in the Academic Building of Southern University and furnished the following information:

He is a first-year law student at Southern University and knows very few students outside the law school. He anticipated there would be trouble on the Southern University campus and, not wishing to be a part of it, left the campus to go home November 15, 1972, the day prior to the demonstration.

He viewed a set of photographs depicting student demonstrators and was unable to identify anyone.

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On November 25, 1972, the following Southern University students were contacted by Special Agent [redacted] at the Harding Boulevard entrance checkpoint as they were returning to the campus to recover their personal effects. All those contacted with one exception, as noted below, advised they were either off campus or elsewhere on campus and not in the vicinity of the Administration Building on the morning of November 16, 1972. The students contacted are as follows:

| Name | Student Number |
|---|---|
| [redacted] | [redacted] |
| [redacted] | [redacted] |
| [redacted] | [redacted] |
| [redacted] | [redacted] |
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Name | Student Number

[redacted] | [redacted]

[redacted] Student Number [redacted] advised that during the demonstration at the Administration Building, on November 16, 1972, he was standing in front of the Law Building and, while he was too far away to distinguish individuals, he did observe the firing of tear gas. He added he also distinguished what sounded to him more like gunfire than the discharge of tear gas. He said he could furnish no other pertinent information.

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On November 26, 1972, the following students were contacted by SA [redacted] in the vicinity of the Harding Boulevard campus entrance checkpoint upon their return to Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to obtain their personal effects. These students advised they were not present in the vicinity of the Administration Building during the demonstration on the morning of November 16, 1972:

| Name | Student Number |
|---|---|
| [redacted] | [redacted] |
| [redacted] | [redacted] |
| [redacted] | [redacted] |
| [redacted] | [redacted] |
| [redacted] | [redacted] |
| [redacted] | [redacted] |

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Name | Student Number

In addition to the above students, the following students were also contacted as indicated above and advised as follows:

student number residence address advised that she was present in the group of students who were seated on the front steps of the Administration Building during the confrontation with law enforcement officers on the morning of November 16, 1972. She said she would be available for interview.

student number residence address advised she was one of the students inside the Administration Building during the demonstration on the morning of November 16, 1972. She said she would be available for interview.

student number residence address advised that while she was not present in the vicinity of the Administration Building on the morning of November 16, 1972, she has talked with students since the demonstration who were present in the Administration Building that morning. She said she is available for interview and will identify those students.

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The following students were contacted by SA [redacted] on November 27, 1972, at the Harding Boulevard campus entrance checkpoint as they returned to Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to recover their personal effects. They advised they were not present in the vicinity of the Administration Building on the morning of November 16, 1972, during the demonstration:

| Name and Address | Student Number |
|---|---|
| [redacted] | [redacted] |
| [redacted] | [redacted] |
| [redacted] | [redacted] |
| [redacted] | [redacted] |
| [redacted] | [redacted] |
| [redacted] | [redacted] |
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On November 27, 1972, the following individuals were contacted by SAs [redacted] and [redacted] on Harding Blvd. at its entrance to Southern University Baton Rouge. All of the individuals were contacted concerning their knowledge of the shooting incident which occurred on the Southern University Baton Rouge campus on November 16, 1972. The below listed individuals could provide no positive information concerning the shooting incident:

[redacted]
Campus residence - [redacted]
Student No. [redacted]

[redacted]
Student No. [redacted]

[redacted]
Southern University Campus
Student No. [redacted]

[redacted]
Campus residence - [redacted]
Student No. [redacted]

[redacted]
Campus residence - [redacted]
Student No. [redacted]

[redacted]
Student No. [redacted]

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on November 27, 1972 at Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

The below-listed students were contacted and advised they could furnish no information regarding the shooting of two students on November 16, 1972. It is noted that although these students were on campus at the time, they were not in the vicinity of the Administration Building.

[redacted]
Student Identification Number [redacted]
Home address: [redacted]
Campus address: [redacted]

[redacted]
Student Identification Number [redacted]
Home address: [redacted]
Campus address: [redacted]

[redacted]
Student Identification Number [redacted]
Home address: [redacted]
Campus address: [redacted]

[redacted]
Student Identification Number [redacted]
Home address: [redacted]
Campus address [redacted]

[redacted]
Student Identification Number [redacted]
Home address: [redacted]
Campus address: [redacted]

[redacted]
Student Identification Number [redacted]
Home address: [redacted]

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C. FACULTY MEMBERS WHO WITNESSED CONFRONTATION

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Mr. MARTIN L. HARVEY, Dean of Student Affairs, Southern University at Baton Rouge (SUBR), voluntarily furnished the following signed statement at his office on the campus of SUBR:

"Nov. 24, 1972
Baton Rouge, La.

"I, Martin L. Harvey, hereby furnish the following free and voluntary statement to Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. No threats or promises have been made to me and I furnish this statement under my own free will.

"I am presently employed as the Dean of Student Affairs at Southern University, Baton Rouge, La. I was born 8/17/11, at Newburg, New York.

"On the morning of 11/16/72, while I was entering the campus, a secretary by the name of [redacted] advised me that the Administrative Building on the campus had been occupied by students. This was at 9:25 AM.

"At 9:30 AM, I observed approximately fifty students on the steps of the Administration Building but I am unable to identify any of these students.

"I then proceded to the Southwest corner of the Academic Building where I talked to several members of the campus staff.

"At approximately 10:15 AM, the State Troopers and Sheriff Deputies arrived on campus and approached the Administration Building. There were now approximately

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200 students on the steps of the building and [redacted] of the Sheriff's Office told the students to leave the building in five minutes. At this time, approximately one half of the students left the steps.

"Several minutes later, [redacted] again gave an order telling the remaining students to leave in one minute. It was during this time that the deputies and State Police had moved into their positions in front and on the side of the administration building.

"At approximately 10:20 AM, I then observed the State Police and deputies begin firing tear gas towards the students. I also observed what appeared to be tear gas canisters being hurled towards the Sheriff's deputies. I did not hear any orders being given to fire the tear gas and did not see anything that would have caused the shooting of the tear gas.

"I do not know who was in charge of the police officers and after the shooting began, the students began to run in all directions.

"I also heard, at this time, tear gas being fired in the area of Parker Hall but I did not know the reason for this.

"Approximately one minute later, I observed two students lying on the ground by the Administration Building. At that time, I did not know what had happened to them nor did I see them fall.

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"Several minutes later, a student unknown to me ran up to me and said 'they' killed two students.

"I went over and observed the two students lying on the ground and then I went into the administration building at approximately 10:45 AM.

"When I entered the building, I saw [redacted] of the ROTC trying to get approximately forty or fifty students out of the building who were in the President's office, the office appearing to be locked. I stayed in the building for approximately three minutes and then left.

"I have read the above statement, consisting of three (3) pages, and now sign my name below because it is true to the best of my recollection.

"/s/ Martin L. Harvey

"Witness: /s/ [redacted] Special Agent, FBI, Nov. 24, 1972, Baton Rouge, La.

/s/ [redacted] Special Agent, FBI, Baton Rouge, La. 11/24/72"

The following description of Dean HARVEY was obtained through interview and observation:

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| Name | MARTIN L. HARVEY |
| Race | Negro |
| Sex | Male |

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| Date of birth | August 17, 1911 |
| Place of birth | Newberg, New York |
| Height | 5'6" |
| Weight | 165 |
| Miscellaneous | Glasses, corrected to 20/20 |

Dean HARVEY advised that on November 16, 1972, while standing at the southwest corner of the Academic Building, he was struck by what appeared to him as a 12 gauge shotgun shell. Mr. HARVEY advised this struck him in the neck as it was being ejected from a State Trooper's shotgun and caused a minor burn on his neck. This injury was treated at the Infirmary located on Southern University and also by [redacted] whose office is located on North Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Dean HARVEY further indicated that just prior to the shooting incident at Southern University, he observed the following people in the immediate vicinity: [redacted] all members of the Southern University faculty.

Dean HARVEY indicated that the only prior knowledge he had of the events which occurred on November 16, 1972, were a number of anonymous telephone calls which he received on November 15, 1972, advising him that students were planning to occupy the Administration Building. He indicated that he did not advise [redacted] of the Security Department in that he believed that [redacted] would be aware of this situation. Dean HARVEY indicated that the only other individual that he knew that was in the area of the Administration Building at the time the initial shooting began was one [redacted] (Last Name Unknown), an employee of Southern University who was in charge of the [redacted] Department.

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[redacted] of Purchasing, Southern University, was advised of the identities of SA's [redacted] and [redacted] and that he was being interviewed in relation to the events on the campus of Southern University on November 16, 1972. [redacted] was advised by SA [redacted] that a signed statement furnished by him could become the basis for testimony in a court of law. [redacted] stated that he fully understood this and would be willing to testify if it became necessary. [redacted] furnished the following statement:

"Baton Rouge, Louisiana
November 25, 1972

"I, [redacted] furnish the following statement freely and voluntarily to [redacted] and [redacted] who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I am aware that this statement may become the basis for testimony in a court of law and in that event I am willing to appear as a witness.

"I arrived on the Southern University campus at approximately 8:10 AM, 11/16/72, and went to the Auto Mechanic Shop and from there I went to my office on the first floor of the Administration Building. I worked in my office until about 9:00 AM when I overheard someone in the office say that 'the students are on their way.'

"I walked into the hallway of the Administration and observed President Netterville standing in his inner office. I also observed approximately five or six students and the [redacted] I heard one of the students tell the President that they wanted him to arrange for the release of the students arrested that morning. I heard the President reply that

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he was going to a meeting of the State Board of Education in Baton Rouge and he said, in effect, that he would not be coerced into arranging for the release of the arrested students. [redacted] for this group of students was later identified to me as [redacted]

"I went to the front door of the Administration Building and observed 40 - 50 demonstrators attempting to enter the building. I returned to my office to pick up my keys and when I returned to the hallway, and I observed that the demonstrators had gotten into the building and that some of them were occupying President Netterville's office.

"I then went into the President's officer by a side door where I observed [redacted] the President and officer [redacted] I was told by [redacted] had been contacted of the Campus Security office to send additional officers to the Administration Building. I remained with this group awaiting the arrival of the campus security office. The room in which we were located had been secured so that the students could not gain entrance. About 5 - 10 minutes later [redacted] arrived and got the President out of the building.

"Before the President left the campus [redacted] again demanded that he get the arrested students released. I heard President Netterville tell [redacted] that he had to attend the State Board meeting but he would call the Sheriff's Office to see what could be done. I then observed the President leave in his car.

"I remained outside the Admin. Bldg. with [redacted] and asked what were the university's plans for dealing with the students. I was informed by [redacted] that the

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Sheriff's Office had been called by [redacted] Director of Administrative Services. I remained outside for another thirty minutes and then I returned to the inside of the building to determine if all of the secretaries had left. I did not observe any demonstrators in the Business Office. I did observe approximately 60 - 65 demonstrators occupying the hallway and the office of the President.

"I went back outside and stood with [redacted] in front of the chapel. At this time I observed a continuous movement of students in and out of the Administration Building. I observed an individual known to me as [redacted] leave the Admin. Bldg. with three or four other demonstrators and walk east on Swan Street. I also heard [redacted] tell [redacted]

"At approximately 10:05 the campus security officers were told to leave the Admin. Bldg. and group together on Harding Blvd. I then walked across College Drive and in the direction of my car. I then started to walk towards the parking lot of the Women's Gymnasium where I could see the Campus Security forces grouping. While walking, a convoy of cars carrying Sheriff's Deputies and State Police came down College Drive towards the Admin. Bldg. I then stopped and waited for the Campus Security people to come up from the parking lot. I observed the Sheriff's Deputies and State Troopers form into lines. I heard an individual announce over a public address system that the students were to clear the building. About 15 - 20 minutes passed when the Sheriff's Deputies started to move towards the Admin. Bldg. At this time I was standing across College Drive near Cottage Five. From where I was standing it appeared that a tear gas cannister was thrown from the

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direction of the State Police into the crowd of demonstrators and that a demonstrator had picked up the cannister and thrown it into the advancing Deputies who were not at that time wearing gas masks. I observed the Deputies retreat to put on their masks and then to again advance towards the building. At this time considerable amounts of tear gas were being thrown at the crowd and returned by the demonstrators. The initial volley lasted approximately 3 - 5 minutes. I moved from my original location to where my car and moved it over to the parking lot of the Women's Gym. I estimate that another five minutes of gassing took place after I left.

"I did not know that the two students had been killed until I returned to the area of the Admin. Bldg. after the demonstrators had been cleared from in front of the building.

"I have read the above statement consisting of this and seven other handwritten pages and to the best of my knowledge it is true and correct.

"/s/ [redacted]
11/25/72

"Witness: /s/ [redacted] - FBI
"Witness: /s/ [redacted] S.A., FBI"

The following description was obtained through observation and interview:

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| Name | [redacted] |
| Race | Negro |
| Sex | Male |
| Age | [redacted] |

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Education — Bachelor of Science Degree, [redacted]

Employment — [redacted] Purchasing, Southern University, since [redacted]

Residence — [redacted] home phone [redacted]

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## D. OTHER FACULTY MEMBERS

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President G. LEON NETTERVILLE, JR., Southern University and A & M College, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, was interviewed at his residence, 1870 Harding Boulevard, Baton Rouge.

President NETTERVILLE was advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents as being Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He was advised that the Agents wished to interview him concerning the events which took place on the campus of Southern University on November 16, 1972.

President NETTERVILLE provided the following signed statement:

"Baton Rouge, Louisiana
November 24, 1972

"I, G. Leon Netterville, Jr., voluntarily furnish the following signed statement to [redacted] and [redacted] who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I have been informed that I am not required to furnish a signed statement and that any such statement I do furnish may be used in a court of law at a future date. I am willing to testify to the following information if necessary.

"I reside at 1870 Harding Boulevard, Baton Rouge. I served as Business Manager of Southern University and A & M College, Baton Rouge, from 1938 to 1962. In 1962, I was appointed Vice President for Finance and Business and served in that capacity until 1968, when I was appointed to serve as President of the University, an office I presently hold.

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"On Thursday, November 16, 1972, I arrived at my office in the Administration Building at approximately 9:00 A.M. I was scheduled to attend a meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Education in Baton Rouge at 10:00 A.M. that morning. A few minutes after my arrival I received a telephone call from the Campus Security Office to inform me that students were assembled in the vicinity of T. T. Allain Hall and were proceeding in the direction of the Old Campus. A few minutes later, I noticed from a window that approximately 75 students were assembled in front of the Administration Building. The security officer at the front door permitted a few of the students to enter the building. They came to my office and requested me to telephone the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's office to secure the release of some arrested students. I cannot recall the identities of the students who made this request.

"I told them that I would not consider such a request made of me in a situation of duress. I informed the students that I was agreeable to meeting with them in the auditorium to discuss their request. At this point, I received a telephone call from [redacted] Louisiana State Board of Education, relative to another matter. I left my outer office to take the call in the office of [redacted] His office is located down the hall, also on the first floor of the Administration Building. I took this action because by that time many more students had forced their way past the security officers and into the building.

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"With me in the office of [redacted] was [redacted] of the University, and [redacted] After completing my conversation with [redacted] I was advised by my colleagues to remain in that office and not return to my own. [redacted] and [redacted] had placed office furniture against the door of the secretary's office leading to the hallway to impede students who were attempting to force their way into the office of [redacted] secretary.

"At this point, I telephoned upstairs to the office of [redacted] Administrative Services and recommended he telephone the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office for assistance. I reached [redacted] at the Campus Security Office.

"At about the same time, [redacted] and one of his security officers passed by the window of [redacted] office. He was able to rap on the window, secure the attention of [redacted] and explain our situation. [redacted] then entered the building and conducted me safely from the building.

"I would like to state that during this period of time, which lasted approximately thirty minutes until 9:30 A.M., I was not mistreated or threatened and did not feel any sense of physical danger.

"Upon leaving the building, I was [redacted] to my car parked

nearby. I observed [redacted] a student protest leader, at the door of the outer office of the Administration Building and also exchanged words with [redacted] another student protest leader, near my automobile.

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"I drove away to attend the Louisiana Board of Education meeting. During the meeting in downtown Baton Rouge, I received a telephone call at about 11:00 A.M. from [redacted] who reported that a student had been killed and another one wounded. I shared this news with the board members and with Governor Edwards who was present. A short time later, I received a second call from [redacted] to report that the second wounded student had died and that a fire was in progress at the Registrar's Office.

"I then left the meeting and returned to the university. I was prevented from going onto the campus by law enforcement officers who did not recognize me. I then returned to my residence.

"Protest events on campus which culminated in the events of November 16, 1972, began on or about October 20, 1972, when a group of students engaged me on the front steps of the Administration Building to make certain verbal demands on me, do this, do that, or resign. I agreed with them then to meet in an assembly on campus on October 23, 1972, at which time I would receive their written list of grievances. The assembly was held as scheduled and following that I met with the University Senate to consider an Administration response which was decided upon and issued on October 24, 1972.

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"I would like to add at this time that during this period of protest, I and my staff made every effort to preserve freedom of speech on the campus. We made available to the protestors ample space for their meetings and saw to it that the space was equipped with public address equipment, etc. I recall, too, that the day prior to the shooting incident, November 15, 1972, was one of harrassment of numbers of faculty people by the protestors.

"I have read the above statement consisting of this and five prior pages and consider be true correct to the best of my knowledge.

"/s/ G. Leon Netterville

"Witnessed by:

"/s/ SA [redacted] FBI, Cleve., Ohio, 11-24-72

"/s/ [redacted] Special Agent, FBI, 11/24/72"

President NETTERVILLE, a Negro educator, advised he is 66 years of age. He said he holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Southern University, a Master of Arts Degree from Columbia University, New York, New York, an honorary Doctor of Laws (LLD) Degree from Centenary College, Shreveport, Louisiana, and an honorary Doctor of Literature (LitD) Degree from Wiley College, Marshall, Texas.

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## E. NEWS MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES

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On November 20, 1972, SA [redacted] secured from [redacted] Chief Photographer, WRBT - TV, Channel 33, that film shot by [redacted] and Photographer [redacted] for Channel 33 at the Southern University campus, Baton Rouge, on November 16, 1972.

The film was delivered to Telefilms, Inc., 1738 Wooddale Boulevard, Baton Rouge. It was given into the custody of a [redacted] film technician, for copying done at time of delivery.

After copying, the film was returned to the custody of [redacted] at Channel 33 by the Agent.

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[redacted] Program Director, WBRZ - TV, Channel 2, 1650 Highland Road, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, telephone [redacted] said he would decline to furnish the original film taken by WBRZ - TV photographers at Southern University campus, Baton Rouge, on November 16, 1972. He noted he would obtain a copy of the film and provide it to the FBI.

[redacted] said he was then of the belief that the following persons, described by him as reporters for Channel 2, were present at the Southern University campus on November 16, 1972:

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[redacted]

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[redacted] Chief Photographer, WRBT - TV, Channel 33, 5220 Essen Lane, telephone [redacted], provided the original film shot at the Southern University campus at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on November 16, 1972. He noted the film was the product of the combined efforts of both himself and one [redacted] Louisiana News Service, a free-lance photographer working part-time for Channel 33.

He noted the film was edited at Channel 33 for showing on local television that same date. Those portions edited from the original film shot by both individuals, described by [redacted] as out takes, were later spliced into the original film both prior to and after that portion of the film aired on the news programs. Splicing was made by [redacted]

He noted this film was maintained at Channel 33 studios until Friday, November 17, 1972. On that date it was taken by [redacted] East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office, who delivered it to Telefilms, Inc., in Baton Rouge, for copying. [redacted] returned the film to Channel 33 on Saturday, November 18, 1972.

[redacted] said the film was then maintained in the newsroom on the film shelf until Monday morning, November 20, 1972. On that date it was provided to SA [redacted] FBI, for copying. On that same date it was returned to Channel 33 by the Agent for further retention of that station.

[redacted] noted that approximately 16 frames were removed from that portion of the film shot by [redacted] who sold these frames to Life magazine.

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[redacted] News Director, and [redacted] Vice President of Operations and Engineering, WAFB - TV, Channel 9, 844 Government Street, Baton Rouge, telephone [redacted] advised that the State Attorney General had requested the original film shot by Channel 9 Photographer [redacted] on the Southern University campus at Baton Rouge on November 16, 1972.

[redacted] and [redacted] were apprised of the hope of the FBI to obtain the original, to which they replied they would provide the FBI a copy of the film in question. They indicated a desire for the station to retain possession of the original until such time as it was decided to whom the film would be given for retention as evidence.

Accordingly, on that same date, the film was taken by [redacted] WAFB - TV employee, to Telefilms, Inc., where it was copied.

It was returned to the station where the copy was provided to SA [redacted] The original film was then locked in the desk of [redacted]

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[redacted] News Director, WAFB - TV, Channel 9, Baton Rouge, stated that a copy of the film shot by Channel 9 Photographer [redacted] at the Southern University campus, Baton Rouge, on November 16, 1972, and provided to the FBI on November 20, 1972, was not the entire film shot. He said he had later recalled approximately 100 feet of additional film had been removed from that shot by [redacted] at the time of editing. He noted these out takes were, themselves, spliced together and placed on a second reel.

[redacted] advised this second reel was turned over to a Deputy U. S. Marshal on that same date following receipt by the station of a subpoena so ordering. [redacted] said also the original film copied for the FBI on November 20, 1972, was likewise surrendered.

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Date of transcription November 22, 1972

[redacted] News Director, WAFB-TV (Television), Guaranty Broadcasting Corporation, Channel 9, 844 Government Street, telephone [redacted] stated he was present on the campus of Southern University, Baton Rouge, on November 16, 1972, at the time of a confrontation between students and police. He said he was accompanied by one [redacted] a WAFB-TV photographer.

[redacted] noted that subsequent violence which ended with the dispersing of the demonstrators and the killing of two students was photographed by [redacted]

Shortly after the activity to which he referred, according to [redacted] he was requested by Colonel THIBODEAUX, Superintendent of Louisiana State Police, to rush development of the film recording the events. To expedite this, [redacted] secured the film from [redacted] and was flown by State Police helicopter to 1738 Wooddale Boulevard, Baton Rouge, the location of Telefilms, Inc., and the film was left by [redacted] with a [redacted] of that firm.

[redacted] continued by saying the helicopter returned them to Southern University and [redacted] was driven to WAFB-TV studios by one [redacted] an employee of [redacted]

Within two hours thereafter, the film was delivered to WAFB-TV by an unknown employee of Telefilms, Inc. It was then placed on a projector and run in its entirety. Those present were the Governor, Colonel THIBODEAUX, the Chief of Police of the Baton Rouge Police Department, Sheriff AMISS, East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office, plus a large number of additional persons from the state and local levels.

One [redacted] a Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS) representative from New Orleans, Louisiana, made a video tape

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copy of the film at WAFB-TV for later showing at New Orleans, Louisiana.

The film was then taken to the editing room at the studios where it was edited for showing on the 6 and 10 o'clock news programs that same date. Editing was done by [redacted] and [redacted] all employees of WAFB-TV.

On Friday, November 17, 1972, the original film was given into the care of one [redacted] Deputy Sheriff, East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office. It was taken by Deputy [redacted] to Telefilms, Inc., where it was copied. Thereafter, that same date, it was returned by Deputy [redacted] to WAFB-TV.

The film was then taken into the custody of one [redacted] Night Editor, who retained possession of the film for the balance of that date and the weekend of November 18-19, 1972.

On November 20, 1972, the film was once more returned to Telefilms, Inc., by one [redacted] WAFB-TV employee, for an additional two copies to be made for distribution to the State Attorney General's Office and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The film was retrieved that same date by [redacted] and returned to WAFB-TV. The film was then locked in the desk of [redacted] Vice President of Operations and Engineering for WAFB-TV.

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[redacted] Associate Editor and Production Manager, State Times and Morning Advocate, 525 Lafayette Street, Baton Rouge, telephone [redacted] stated that neither newspaper had a representative present on the Southern University campus at Baton Rouge on November 16, 1972.

[redacted] noted that on that particular date, the regular police reporter was on his day off. The employee designated to cover for him called in sick. In the interim while a replacement was being chosen, the confrontation between police and students, leading to the deaths of two students, took place on campus. b6 b7C

[redacted] said that one [redacted] a free-lance photographer, and [redacted] also a free-lance photographer, were present on the Southern University campus on that date. Both photographed the events which took place and both eventually sold photographs to the Morning Advocate and State Times. Consequently, according to [redacted] the photographs appearing in editions of both newspapers were the products of the labors of [redacted] and [redacted]

Mr. PALMER noted that contact could be made with [redacted] through WRBT - TV, Channel 33, and [redacted] at [redacted] telephone [redacted]

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[redacted] was interviewed and agreed to furnish a signed statement, which is as follows:

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by [redacted] MVD/clm Date dictated 11/28/72

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November 22, 1972
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

I, [redacted] herewith furnish the following free and voluntary statement to [redacted] who has identified himself to me as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I realize that this statement may be used in a court of law. I am currently employed as a news reporter for station WBRZ - TV, Channel 2, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. I am [redacted] years of age and was born on [redacted] at [redacted] On the morning of November 16, 1972, I arrived at my office at WBRZ - TV, 1650 Highland Road, Baton [redacted] at 9:00 AM. At approximately 9:15 AM, Assignments Editor [redacted] informed me he had information that students had occupied the Administration Building at Southern University. I was assigned to cover the story with [redacted] informed me that Reporter [redacted] was already on the campus. We arranged to meet officials from the Sheriff's Office at the Junior Deputy Center located at Ryan Airport and to follow their activities.

At about 10:00 AM or shortly thereafter, the assembled Deputies and State Police officers left in a motorcade from Ryan Airport en route to the Southern University campus. [redacted]

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[redacted] and I rode in the Sheriff's Office "paddy wagon" near the front of the convoy. We arrived at the Southern University campus in the vicinity of the Administration Building at or about 10:20 AM.

At 10:27 AM, by my watch, Sheriff Al Amiss used a public address speaker located in the State Police riot control tank to warn students that they were staging an illegal gathering and had five minutes to disperse. He warned that after five minutes officers would disperse the crowd and make as many arrests as were necessary or possible.

At 10:29 AM, by my watch, Sheriff Amiss made a second warning, telling students they had three minutes to disperse. This warning was met by shouting from students and some showing of the "black power" salute. At that time, approximately twelve students walked away from the crowd of some 200 who were gathered in front of the Administration Building and joined another crowd behind police lines. During the warning period the State Police tactical unit was moved into a position to the immediate right of the Administration Building as you face it. The squad of about 20 to 25 Deputies formed a line extending from the State Police

position to the street in front of the Administration Building. Another squad of 30 to 40 Deputies lined up along the street parallel to the front of the Administration Building. At 10:39 AM, a squad of about 20 Deputies from these two lines moved forward in a slanted line at an angle to the students with the Deputies toward the right side of the building advancing in the foremost position.

I was advancing with the Deputies at the left side of the line, walking directly toward the door of the Administration Building. When the Deputies were about 50 feet from the students, a white smoking object arced out of the body of students in front of the Administration Building and over the heads of the advancing Deputies. I recognized it as being either a tear gas or military smoke grenade. At that instant an intensive gas attack was launched by officers of both the State Police and the Sheriff's Office. Many of the Deputies were still struggling to get their gas masks on. A number of tear gas devices were picked up by students and thrown back at the officers. Within 10 to 15 seconds by my estimate, the entire group of students broke up, and most of them fled away from the officers. Some retreated inside the building and the rest

ran to the left of the entrance to the building as seen from the front.

Two of the last three students ran about 30 feet from the doorway in a direction left of the doorway as seen from the front and suddenly dropped to the ground. At that point, I was gassed myself and had to retreat back to the street.

Almost immediately I returned to the Administration Building to a point within approximately 15 feet of the two persons sprawled on the sidewalk. Both appeared to be seriously injured. The one furtherest away from the building had obvious head wounds and did not appear to be breathing. The one nearest the building was bleeding from the mouth and nose but appeared to be still alive.

A civilian, whom I took to be a school official, examined both persons and shouted for an ambulance. It was almost 20 minutes after the gas attack was launched before an ambulance arrived at the scene. The time of the arrival of the ambulance was 10:55 AM.

A State Police helicopter landed briefly before the ambulance arrived but then took off again without removing the bodies.

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Officers secured the area and, because of several references by newsmen to gunshot death, I began an immediate search of the area looking for expended ammunition. I criss-crossed the area repeatedly and found numerous expended tear gas shells. I found no shells from live ammunition, either pistol, rifle, or a shotgun. At 11:05 AM, a large group of some 40 to 50 students were brought out of the Administration Building by uniformed campus security officers and school officials. At this point, State Police officers apprehended one male who was subsequently placed in the "paddy wagon". Shortly thereafter, I left the scene and returned to Ryan Airport and subsequently to my office.

I have had considerable experience with shotguns and I am unable to state conclusively that I heard any sound resembling a shotgun blast. I wish to note here that prior to my present employment, I served for one year with the [redacted] and during that time, participated as a [redacted]

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In viewing news film of the events at Southern University on November 16, 1972, which were taken by WBRZ cameramen, I observed a State Police officer holding what appeared to be a tear gas canister in a position which indicated to me that he was preparing to throw the canister underhanded toward the crowd. The film sequence indicates to me that this occurred immediately prior to my observing the canister being thrown from the body of students over the heads of the advancing line of Deputies.

I have read the above statement consisting of this and five other pages, and it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I have initialed each of the other pages, as well as changes and corrections appearing thereon.

/s/ [redacted]

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Witness:

/s/ [redacted] Special Agent, F.B.I. 11/27/72
/s/ [redacted] Special Agent, F.B.I. 11/27/72

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The statement was prepared for [redacted] signature, and he signed it on November 27, 1972.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] at Baton Rouge, Louisiana: b6 b7C

On November 22, 1972, [redacted] Assistant News Director, WBRZ Television, 1650 Highland Road, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, was interviewed, and advised that he had assigned reporters [redacted] to cover the student disturbance which took place on the campus of Southern University, Baton Rouge on November 16, 1972. He stated that these individuals left his office sometime between 9:15 and 9:30 a.m. on November 16, 1972. He said that later he assigned reporter [redacted] to cover the disturbance. He reached [redacted] in his radio car at approximately 9:30 a.m. and told him to join [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted] advised that he was born on [redacted] at [redacted].

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] at Baton Rouge, Louisiana:

On November 22, 1972, [redacted] News Reporter, WBRZ Television, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, advised that on the morning of November 16, 1972, he arrived at work at about 10:00 a.m. Upon arrival, he learned of the student take-over of the Administration Building at Southern University. He was told to go to the Southern University campus to relieve reporter [redacted]

He stated he went to the campus and arrived at about 11:15 a.m. There he met television camera crews from Channel 6 in Baton Rouge, Channel 4 in New Orleans, and Channel 8 in Lafayette, Louisiana. With these crews, he entered the campus past the State Police guard which blocked the entrance. After crossing the bridge to the campus and approximately in front of the married student residences, he was confronted by four black males who appeared to be students. These students ordered him and the other television crew members off the campus. The students had rocks and other objects in their hands and threatened the television crews with bodily harm if they did not leave. [redacted] and the other television crews thereupon left the campus.

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[redacted] stated that he was not in the area of the Administration Building at all on the morning of November 16, 1972. He pointed out that [redacted] of WRBT, Channel 33, [redacted] told him that he had been in the area of the Administration Building and had actual film of the shooting.

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[redacted] Photographer, WAFB - TV, Channel 9, Baton Route, furnished to SA [redacted] a copy of a sound tape containing audio reproductions of sounds emanating from the confrontation between students and police at the Southern University campus at Baton Rouge on November 16, 1972.

[redacted] noted the original recording had been made by a [redacted] photographer of WBRZ - TV, Channel 2, Baton Rouge. He said the original tape is now in the possession of Channel 2.

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One reel of 16 millimeter movie film labelled "Southern University Battle Scene" from WBRZ-TV was picked up from [redacted] in the United States Marshal's Office, Baton Rouge. This film was transported to the Pan American Film Laboratory, New Orleans, Louisiana, and turned over to [redacted] for copying. Special Agent [redacted] accompanied [redacted] through the entire copying process. The film was then returned to the Baton Rouge Louisiana Resident Agency of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and secured in a locked vault. The film was returned to [redacted] at the United States Marshal's Office on November 24, 1972.

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[redacted] Chief Photographer, WRBT-TV, Channel 33, 5220 Essen Lane, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, stated he had gone to the Southern University campus at Baton Rouge on November 16, 1972, and thereafter related the following concerning his observations of events that day:

[redacted] arrived on campus at approximately 11:00 a.m. by automobile and parked on the street (College Drive) at a point approximately one and one half blocks south of the Administration Building. As he left the car, he could hear sounds of "gunfire" and could see clouds of tear gas in the vicinity of the Administration Building and directly across the street (College Drive) to the east.

As he approached closer, he observed "Big Bertha," an armored-type vehicle of the Louisiana State Police, and noted a "spurt" of tear gas fired through an opening from the inside.

[redacted] said he saw small groups of students mingling about a large grass area on the east side of the street (College Drive) and across from the front of the Administration Building.

As he arrived in the vicinity of the Administration Building, he met one [redacted] Channel 2 Photographer, who told him two students had been killed prior to the arrival of [redacted] on campus. He noted he then saw two bodies lying on the sidewalk at the southeast corner of the Administration Building. He then went to that location where he photographed both bodies where they were lying.

A State Police helicopter landed nearby, and it was worded about by various persons in the immediate area that the helicopter was to remove the bodies to a hospital.

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However, sirens of approaching ambulances were heard, and the helicopter departed.

Two ambulances arrived on the scene, and the bodies were removed. As these persons were being placed in the emergency vehicles, [redacted] heard the sound of breaking glass. He looked in the direction of the windows in the south wall of the Administration Building and saw glass being broken from some windows in that wall. The glass was observed to shatter outside indicating to [redacted] that persons inside the building were responsible for the breakage.

[redacted] saw a "campus security" officer on the outside near the windows hollering at those inside to come out and that they were to be given "amnesty."

At about this point, [redacted] walked to a sidewalk near and parallel to the street (College Drive). As students began to exit from the front of the Administration Building, he took photographs.

After those inside had abandoned the building, according to [redacted] they joined other students on the east side of the street (College Drive). He noted more tear gas was loosened at their direction, and the students then dispersed.

[redacted] said that calm then seemed to prevail, and he spent approximately the next two hours wandering about that area of the campus in the vicinity of the Administration Building.

[redacted] advised he later observed smoke billowing into the air from a building further to the east of the Administration Building where he was then located. He said he did not go to the area of the fire and was later told that the fire had started in the Registrar's Office.

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[redacted] said he remained on campus until approximately 3:30 to 3:45 p.m., when he returned to Channel 33 studios.

NOTE:

Parenthetical wording appearing hereon is that of the Agent and used only to further clarify the identity of the street to which referred by [redacted] but not being known to him by name at time of interview.

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On November 20, 1972, SA [redacted] secured from [redacted] Chief Photographer, WRBT - TV, Channel 33, that film shot by [redacted] and Photographer [redacted] for Channel 33 at the Southern University campus, Baton Rouge, on November 16, 1972.

The film was delivered to Telefilms, Inc., 1738 Wooddale Boulevard, Baton Rouge. It was given into the custody of a [redacted] film technician, for copying done at time of delivery.

After copying, the film was returned to the custody of [redacted] at Channel 33 by the Agent.

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[redacted] Photographer, WAFB-TV, Channel 9, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, stated that he was on assignment at the Southern University campus, Baton Rouge, on November 16, 1972. He stated he was accompanied by [redacted] News Director, Channel 9, and they arrived on campus at approximately 9:20 to 9:30 a.m. He said they parked in front of the residence of the President of the University, and he, [redacted] walked to a point approximately midway between the President's residence and the Auditorium Building immediately to the south of the Administration Building. He said he stood in a position at that point roughly parallel with the front steps of the Administration Building. He noted that [redacted] remained in the automobile.

He continued by saying that he saw a large number of students milling about in the vicinity of the steps of the building, and he stopped at that point to converse with [redacted] Director, and one [redacted] Channel 2 Photographer. After standing at that location for an undetermined period of time, all three of these individuals then walked towards the rear of the Auditorium with the intention to enter the rear of the adjacent Administration Building. [redacted] said it was their hope to get into the building to go to the office of [redacted] and to further determine if the building had been taken over by students. As the trio neared the back of the Auditorium, they were joined by one [redacted] described by [redacted] as a [redacted] He noted that [redacted] was also accompanied by a second "student type" unknown to [redacted] He said [redacted] told the trio they would not be permitted inside the building. [redacted] said that thereafter followed a bantering-type conversation back and forth between himself and [redacted] On arriving at the rear door of the Administration Building, they

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found the door to be locked from the inside. All then returned to the point where they had initially met, and [redacted] and his associate returned to the front of the Administration Building. b6 b7C

Some moments following their return, "Big Bertha," an armored car type vehicle of the Louisiana State Police, was driven onto the scene from the south to a position generally parallel with the northeast corner of the Administration Building. Numerous cars accompanied this vehicle, the cars containing officers from the Louisiana State Police and Deputy Sheriffs from the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office. These officers parked their cars parallel with the front of the building on the street (College Drive). [redacted] said he filmed the arrival of the armored vehicle and the automobiles filled with police. He said he walked to the front of the Administration Building where he wandered about from point to point on a sidewalk paralleling the street (College Drive). b6 b7C

He said that he heard an announcement by an unknown officer allowing the students five minutes to disperse from the front steps of the Administration Building. He said that following this order, approximately 80 percent of the students wandered off to other locations. He said many of them formed in groups behind police officers and to the east of the street (College Drive).

He said State Police officers lined up and trotted to a position at the north end of the Administration Building where they pushed a small group of student watchers in an easterly direction away from the near vicinity of the Administration Building. These police then moved to the northeast corner of the building and formed in a group extending generally east and west from the corner of the building. He said Sheriff's Deputies formed a line in front of the Administration Building extending generally north and south where they faced westward toward the front of the building. He said the area to the left of officers and between

the officers and the building was left open to allow students space to exit. He said that as these activities were taking place, he captured the movements on film.

[redacted] said he later heard a "pop" sound followed by a pause. He said he did not know the origin of this sound but it seemed to come from that area where State Police had gathered. He said moments later there was a series of gas projectiles either fired or thrown in the direction of the students. He said he commenced filming the students who immediately began running in a southerly direction. He stated that in so filming these movements he did not at any time see a gun fired by any law enforcement officer. He said as he continued to film this action, the tear gas became "super, super heavy." He said there appeared to be more gas directed at the students after they were running and apparently dispersed than initially directed at them. He noted too that when the shooting started, the State Police officers backed off somewhat from their position. b6 b7C

He stated that he was suddenly aware that two male students were lying on the sidewalk at the southeast corner of the building, but he had not earlier been aware of their falling at that location. He said he then went forward and filmed the bodies where they were lying. He noted that shortly thereafter a State Police helicopter landed in a grassy area at the front of the Administration Building to remove the casualties. He said they were not taken out by helicopter, as shortly thereafter, two ambulances arrived.

He said that at about the time of the arrival of the ambulances, he observed an "ROTC Colonel" go the south wall of the Administration Building where "he broke some windows." [redacted] observed this individual to yell inside to students and to urge them to come out. He said this person, accompanied by a campus security man, then went into the building through the front entrance. He said he would assume that conversation then followed as some minutes later, the students inside began to leave the building from the front entrance. b6 b7C

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[redacted] said that the State Police officers kept a distance and held a position mostly as they had held during the entire series of events. [redacted] said he saw one student walk from the building and proceed easterly where he directed abusive language towards officers on the scene. He was arrested by officers and placed in a police vehicle nearby. [redacted] said he later observed [redacted] leave the building. He noted that State Police officers gave an indication of arresting [redacted] at which time this individual ran back inside the Administration Building. Moments later, he again came outside and ran in a southerly direction along the sidewalk. In doing so, one of the State Policemen directed him to halt and aimed a rifle at him. [redacted] stopped [redacted]

[redacted] said he remained on campus and wandered aimlessly about. Approximately two hours later, according to [redacted] a fire broke out in the Registrar's office on the campus. He said he went over to film this activity and while there observed only a very few students on the scene. He said that when he went to this latest location, he was accompanied by [redacted] earlier identified, and one [redacted] said by [redacted] to be with the "Mayor's Office."

He said that on his return to the area of the Administration Building, he was told by [redacted] earlier identified, that [redacted] had been asked by Colonel THIBODEAUX to develop the film [redacted] had taken at the very earliest opportunity. [redacted] said he furnished [redacted] with the film he had shot, and it was taken by [redacted] in a State Police helicopter for developing.

[redacted] concluded by saying more precise observations of original gassing operations and the fleeing of students were hampered by his concentration on filming these segments of the activities and were seen through the confines of the camera lens.

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[redacted] News Director, WAFB-TV, Channel 9, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, informed that he was present on the campus of Southern University, Baton Rouge, on the morning of November 16, 1972. He stated he had gone there with Channel 9 Photographer [redacted]

[redacted] stated that they arrived at approximately 9:20 a.m. and parked their vehicle approximately 200 to 300 yards south of the Administration Building on the left side of the street (College Drive) in order to be in a position to look to the north across a grassy area at the front of the Administration Building. He noted that at this point there were approximately 100 or fewer students at the front of the Administration Building. He said there were others scattered about at various other locations in the near vicinity. He continued by saying that as time passed, the group on the steps grew in size and reached approximately 200 to 300 in number.

[redacted] said he saw at approximately 9:45 a.m. the arrival of State Police officers and Deputy Sheriffs from the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office. He stated he had been seated in his car until the arrival of these law enforcement officers and with their arrival he left his car and walked with them to a point where Deputy Sheriffs formed a line facing the Administration Building. He stated this line of Deputy Sheriffs extended across the front of the building and in a north to south direction. He said the State Police officers took up positions at the northeast corner of the Administration Building in a group extending generally in an east-west direction.

He stated they all stood there for an undetermined amount of time when he heard a verbal order allowing the students five minutes to clear the area in front of that

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building. [redacted] said he was not certain from what point the order had been given.

He advised that at this time, he was standing approximately 75 feet east from the southeast corner of the Administration Building. He said he was likewise standing from six to ten feet behind the line of Deputy Sheriffs, and most of his observations later made were made from that point.

He said the five minutes elapsed, and shortly thereafter, he heard an "explosion." He said in his opinion it was probably a tear gas cannister as he has heard this same sound on prior occasions at other locations. He said this noise emanated from somewhere near the front of the building. He said thereafter there was a series of other explosions, and he saw "smoke boiling up." He stated he became aware that tear gas cannisters apparently were being thrown both ways, that police were hurling them at students, and students were throwing some back at police. He stated that during this time, he heard two distinct kinds of sounds described by him as "loud bangs" and "pops." He said that never at any time from his vantage point did he see guns held by the officers being fired. He said he was only aware generally of a great movement, and he sought shelter behind a nearby tree.

He said he was subsequently driven away from his location by the tree by tear gas. He said he retreated to the east across the street in an easterly direction from the Administration Building. At this last location, he overheard someone say, "Two people are down." He stated by this time he had breathed a considerable amount of tear gas, and he was retching. He continued that when his stomach settled, he went over to the Administration Building where he observed the bodies of two students lying on the sidewalk at the southeast corner of the building.

He noted he later saw tear gas directed into groups of students on the east side of the road (College Drive)

where he had earlier been. He described the scene from beginning to end as one of general mass confusion.

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[redacted] stated that he remained as a general observer on campus until approximately 1:30 p.m. While generally wandering about, he observed smoke from a fire in a campus building to the east at approximately 1:00 p.m. He said he then directed Channel 9 Photographer [redacted] to go to that location and make photographs. [redacted] said he did not accompany [redacted] but remained in the general vicinity of the Administration Building.

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[redacted] said that Colonel THIBODEAUX, Superintendent of the Louisiana State Police, sought him out of the crowd and requested he develop the Channel 9 film as quickly as possible as the Governor wanted to see it. He said that on the return of [redacted] to his location, he obtained the film [redacted] had taken and was transported by Colonel THIBODEAUX in a State Police helicopter to Telefilms, Incorporated, Baton Rouge, where it was immediately developed.

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A discussion was held between Mr. DOUGLAS M. GONZALES, United States Attorney, Middle District of Louisiana, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and Special Agent [redacted] concerning that action required to safeguard the chain of accountability with respect to [redacted] The point was made that both the State Attorney General and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) sought to obtain [redacted] to be held as evidence. b3 b6 b7C

At that time, Mr. GONZALES telephonically contacted and thereafter conversed with WILLIAM A. GUSTE, Louisiana State Attorney General. It was agreed that the Federal Government should by subpoena duces tecum obtain custody of [redacted] b3

Accordingly, on November 21, 1972, those legal steps noted were taken and service of a subpoena was made by [redacted] United States Marshal, Middle District of Louisiana, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to an official of each [redacted] b3 b6 b7C

[redacted] was provided the sought-after [redacted] returned [redacted] to the Federal Building at Baton Rouge where it is currently maintained as evidence in the care, custody, and control of the United States Marshal.

The following three pages comprise verbatim copies of all three subpoenas served:

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# United States District Court

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FOR THE
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA
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To [redacted] b3

You are hereby commanded to appear in the United States District Court for the Middle District of Louisiana at Room 316, 707 Florida in the city of Baton Rouge on the 21st day of November, 19 72 at Instanta o'clock M. to testify before the Grand Jury and bring with you[1] any and all [redacted]

This subpoena is issued on application of the United States of America.

CHARLES H. BANTA

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*Clerk.*

Date November 21, 19 72

By .....
*Deputy Clerk.*

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On November 22, 1972, the [redacted] obtained by subpoena from [redacted] was obtained by SA [redacted] from [redacted] U. S. Marshal [redacted] Middle District of Louisiana, at Baton Rouge.

[redacted] was thereafter taken to [redacted] one [redacted] employee of [redacted] It was immediately thereafter returned to the custody of the U. S. Marshal at Baton Rouge.

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[redacted] stated that on November 16, 1972 [redacted]

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[redacted] had been turned over to [redacted] were then locked in the desk of [redacted] where these items remained until turned over to a Deputy United States Marshal following service upon [redacted] of a subpoena, so directing, on November 31, 1972.

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[redacted] Photographer, WRBT-TV, Channel 33, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, informed that he was on assignment for Channel 33 at the Southern University campus, Baton Rouge, on November 16, 1972. He said he arrived approximately 25 minutes prior to what was to be a confrontation between students and police.

He stated he parked his automobile on a grassy area approximately 400 yards southeast from the Administration Building off College Drive. He then went with his photography equipment to an area where Deputy Sheriffs from the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office and officers from the Louisiana State Police had gathered off College Drive near the Administration Building. On arrival, he wandered about and spoke with various Deputies.

He noted that approximately 50 to 75 students had been gathered at the front of the Administration Building on his arrival. He noted also that there were approximately 10 to 15 students to his left as he faced the building and approximately 25 to 30 students generally grouped in the area around the northeast corner of the building. He noted some additional students were seen walking back and forth in front of this building.

[redacted] reported they saw "Big Bertha," an armored-type vehicle belonging to the Louisiana State Police, parked on College Drive at the front of the Administration Building.

After a period of some minutes, he overheard [redacted] of the Louisiana State Police tell his men to gather up. The troopers were thereafter seen to place gas masks on and gather at a point near a building located to the north and east of the Administration Building. Following this, they trotted along the sidewalk in a westerly direction where

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they moved students away from the doorstep of this same building. He said the students were seen by him to move to an area west of this building and to the north of the Administration Building. He pointed out that various students were yelling obscenities at the police and were seen to wave their arms and yell, "Come and get us."

Shortly thereafter, police officers from the Louisiana State Police lobbed tear gas canisters in the direction of this group. He said that meanwhile Deputy Sheriffs had moved in a single line generally parallel to the front of the Administration Building and on the grass in front of that building. He said the line formed up approximately 50 feet east of the sidewalk running parallel and directly in front of the Administration Building. [redacted] said he had taken a position between this line of Deputies and the sidewalk and at a point approximately 10 to 12 feet from the south end of the line of Deputies and approximately 15 to 20 feet from the sidewalk earlier mentioned.

[redacted] said he commenced filming as Louisiana State Police tossed gas canisters at the group of students north of the Administration Building as earlier noted. He said that these students then dispersed, and the State Police officers then assembled in a group at the northeast corner of the Administration Building.

According to [redacted] State Police officers then started lobbing gas canisters, light in color, at students in front of the Administration Building near the steps and just to the north of the steps. These students then started running south towards [redacted] and just to his left or to the west side of him. He continued by saying he was aware that Deputies had turned around and had run away from the building after a considerable number of gas canisters had been thrown.

He said he continued to film the action of the students and later became aware that some Deputies had again

formed up and had "thrown some gas" in the direction of students. He said he likewise momentarily saw gas being shot from "Big Bertha." [redacted] advised he was aware of hearing "three or four pops" as from a small caliber gun.

He said this gas eventually overtook him, and he turned and ran east across College Drive. He said he became sick at his stomach for a minute or two, following which he returned to near his original position to continue photographing.

On his return as noted he said he saw two bodies lying on the sidewalk at approximately the southeast corner of the Administration Building. He said he went over and filmed them where they were lying and noted that the individual lying farthest from the building was hit in the head and had from six to ten small holes at the back of his left shoulder "like holes from buckshot." He said he also had some type of wounds on the back of his head and neck. [redacted] said there was little doubt in his mind that this individual was then dead.

He noted the second individual appeared wounded in the same general area of his body as had the other one to which he referred. He said this second man appeared to be breathing, and [redacted] noted his left arm to move up and down slowly and that his body "jumped once in a while."

[redacted] went on to say he ran to a Deputy Sheriff to report that one man was apparently dead but that one still appeared to be alive. He asked if an ambulance could not be summoned. He then returned to the location near the bodies and shot some additional photographs of the bodies and other individuals nearby. He continued to stay at this location while awaiting the arrival of an ambulance. He said that approximately 15 minutes later two ambulances did arrive, and he filmed the bodies being placed in these vehicles. He noted he asked permission of the driver of the ambulance carrying the body of that person believed alive to ride in front en route to the hospital. He was granted

permission by the driver and accompanied the ambulance to Lady of the Lake Hospital, Baton Rouge. At that location, he filmed the wounded individual being carried into the hospital.

[redacted] said he did not at any time see any Deputy Sheriff fire a weapon. He said he likewise had never observed any Deputy point a weapon at any of the students. He said he likewise did not see State Police officers shoot any handguns.

He noted he did not recall hearing a shotgun fired at any time. He said he is aware of the sound a shotgun makes when it is fired as he is an owner of a shotgun and has been a hunter for a number of years. He reiterated he was aware only of "popping" sounds that day.

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[redacted] Photographer, Capitol City Press, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, stated that on November 16, 1972, he travelled by bus to the campus of Southern University at Baton Rouge, arriving at Scenic Highway and Swan Avenue, a campus thoroughfare, at approximately 10:15 a.m. He noted he then walked to a parking lot to the east of and adjacent to the football stadium on campus where he stopped to watch band members practicing. He pointed out that he was on campus that date to commence a photograph essay on the band for later sale to one of the national publications.

After some minutes, according to [redacted] he walked to the Music Building on campus to speak with a cousin. As he arrived at the Music Building he heard the sounds of "shooting" from off to the west on campus.

He hurried in the direction of the "shooting" along Swan Avenue which eventually empties onto College Drive located parallel to the front of the Administration Building and extending north to south.

[redacted] went on to say he saw numerous State Policemen and Deputy Sheriffs from the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office. He observed tear gas being directed at various groups of students in a grassy area east of College Drive and south of Swan Avenue.

While asking various law enforcement officers and others present in that general area what had happened, he learned two persons had been shot. He saw their bodies lying on a sidewalk at approximately the southeast corner of the Administration Building.

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[redacted] said he then ran to that location and took still photographs with his 35 mm camera. He said he saw a State Police helicopter land at the front of the Administration Building and again go airborne shortly

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before the arrival of two ambulances.

[redacted] said he then photographed both bodies being placed in the ambulances and their removal.

According to [redacted] he continued to take random photographs, including a few of students who were later to leave the Administration Building by the front entrance.

This witness said that matters seemed "relatively calm" during that time he spent in the vicinity of the Administration Building and he reiterated the shooting of the two students had taken place prior to his arrival, as had, generally, the dispersing of other students from that area.

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[redacted] concluded by saying he remained on campus in the same general locale until approximately 1:30 p.m. when he was offered a ride back to Baton Rouge.

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[redacted] Television News Reporter, Station WBRZ Television, 1650 Highland Road, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, was interviewed and furnished the following signed statement. The interview took place on November 22, 1972, and after being transcribed into signed statement form was signed by [redacted] on November 28, 1972:

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November 22, 1972
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

I, [redacted] herewith furnish the following free and voluntary statement to [redacted] who has identified himself to me as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I realize that this statement may be used in a court of law.

I am currently employed as a [redacted] I am [redacted] years of age and was born on [redacted] at Baton Rouge.

On the morning of November 16, 1972, in accordance with instructions from my superiors, I arrived on the campus of Southern University at about 9:45 AM. I saw a large group of students in front of the Administration Building when I arrived. I parked my car to the left of the building and walked to the intersection nearest the left front of the building. At this time no police were present near the building.

I spoke to [redacted] a public relations man for Southern University, who told me that students had taken over the Administration Building. We attempted to get to [redacted] office by going to the rear of the Administration Building. Before we

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were able to enter the building, we were stopped by an individual named [redacted] Last Name Unknown (LNU). This individual is a student leader at Southern University who was arrested later on November 16, 1972. [redacted] (LNU) said he wanted no photographs taken inside the Administration Building, and since I had a camera, he would not permit me to enter it. I returned to the front of the building at this time.

When I had made my way to the front of the building, I saw the first of the convoy of Sheriff's Deputies arriving. I stood at the edge of the street which parallels the front of the Administration Building to observe this. The Sheriff's Deputies pulled in and waited about five minutes until more Deputies arrived and, accompanied by State Police, assumed positions in front of the building.

When the police, both Sheriff's Office and State Police, were in position, a warning was announced over a bullhorn to the students that they had five minutes to vacate the building and disperse from in front of it.

After this time was up, State Police started up the walk to the right front of the building and in doing so, broke up a

crowd of students in front of a gray building located to the right front of the Administration Building. The State Police unit advanced to the right front corner of the Administration Building and stopped. Sheriff's Deputies approached to the front of the Administration Building in a spread-out line.

I moved up behind the line of Deputies, operating my camera as I went. As the Deputies got close to the students, an object which appeared to be a tear gas canister came from the State Police unit into the students assembled. A student picked the canister up and threw it at State Police. Then the crowd broke loose and ran. The wind changed and blew the gas that was present in the air at the Deputies. The Sheriff's Deputies and the State Police retreated then and threw in more gas in various forms of projectiles and canisters. This launching of tear gas went on for three to five minutes by my estimate. The students assembled in front of the Administration Building started to run away from the Sheriff's Deputies and State Police in a direction paralleling the front of the building towards the left end of the building.

As the students ran, two individuals who were among the very last few of the students to run fell to the ground. When they fell they were at the very end of the fleeing students and were not surrounded by any crowd.

I approached them and saw that they were shot or hit on the left side of their heads.

During the firing of tear gas I heard some deep sounds which sounded to me like gunfire. These caused me to back away from the line of Deputies.

After the students had dispersed, the police proceeded into the area directly in front of the Administration Building. A student spectator and [redacted] of the Southern University administrative staff, approached the bodies on the ground, with me. I felt the pulse of the individual nearest the street and judged him to be dead. I then looked at the other individual located nearer the building and saw that he was apparently alive but in very bad condition. [redacted] and a student stayed with the two fallen individuals. I joined [redacted] who is

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also employed as a news reporter with WBRZ - TV, and we looked on the lawn in front of the Administration Building for expended shells of ammunition. I did not find anything. At this time, the police were continuing to disperse the students and were using more tear gas in order to do so.

At about this time, Governor Edwin Edwards arrived at the scene and spoke to Sheriff Al Amiss. I heard the Sheriff say that he was sure none of his Deputies had fired any buckshot. Prior to the arrival of the police, I noticed several students looking down from the top of the Administration Building. I also noticed Joe Johnson, an instructor at Southern University, who was among the students in front of the Administration Building before the police arrived, was not there subsequent to their arrival.

I have read the above statement consisting of this and four other pages and it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I have initialed each of the other pages as well as changes and corrections appearing thereon.

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Witnessed:

[redacted] FBI, Baton Rouge, La.

[redacted] Special Agent, F.B.I.

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RADIO STATIONS AT BATON ROUGE,
DENHAM SPRINGS AND PORT ALLEN, LOUISIANA

On November 24, 1972, SA [redacted] canvassed those radio stations noted to determine the identities, if any, of employees of the respective stations who were present on the Southern University campus on the morning of November 16, 1972.

The representatives contacted, the names of whom are likewise noted, all reported no employees were present on campus at the time of the confrontation between police and students:

WAFB,
844 Government St.,
Baton Rouge,
per [redacted] News Director

WAIL,
5700 Florida Blvd.,
Baton Rouge,
per [redacted] Program Director

WLUX,
7370 Airline Highway,
Baton Rouge,
per [redacted] News Director

WYNK,
Commerce Building,
Baton Rouge,
per [redacted] News Director

WLBI,
108 Hummell Ave.,
Denham Springs,
per [redacted] News Director

WIBR,
Highway 987-3,
Port Allen,
per [redacted] News Director

WLCS,
204 North St.,
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WQXY,
1364 Nicholson Dr.,
Baton Rouge.
per [redacted] who stated he acts as News Director for both WLCS and WQXY. [redacted] noted one [redacted] a student at Louisiana State University, represented the two stations and went to the campus of Southern University, but did not arrive until the afternoon of November 16, 1972.

WXOK,
6819 Cezanne Ave.,
Baton Rouge.
per [redacted] Announcer. [redacted] noted he and fellow announcer, [redacted] went to the Southern University campus on November 16, 1972, but did not arrive until early afternoon.

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[redacted] News Director, Radio Station WIBR, Highway Number 987-3, Port Allen, Louisiana, telephone number [redacted] said he was not present on the Southern University campus on November 16, 1972 at the time of a confrontation between students and police.

He said his station and radio station WTIX in New Orleans, Louisiana exchange news items, and that on November 16, 1972 he was provided a taped interview of one [redacted] by WTIX newsman [redacted] described [redacted] as a representative of a television group, which group televises Grambling College football. He expressed the opinion that in all probability [redacted] was present on the Southern University campus on November 16, 1972 in that capacity as Grambling was to play at Southern University on November 18, 1972.

[redacted] pointed out that [redacted] recounted events as he observed them at the time of the confrontation, but that the account of [redacted] was, in part, in error. [redacted] noted that, among other things, [redacted] stated he saw National Guardsmen with big black clubs on campus, when in fact National Guard troops were not called on to the Southern University campus until several hours later.

On the day following interview, November 25, 1972, [redacted] made available to SA [redacted] a copy of the taped interview to which he had earlier referred.

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by SA [redacted] :vwm Date dictated 11/26/72

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The following inquiries were conducted by SA [redacted]

On November 27, 1972, [redacted] Baton Rouge Correspondent for the Times Picayune Newspaper, New Orleans, Louisiana, was contacted at the Capitol Press Room, Baton Rouge. He stated he had not been on campus at Southern University, Baton Rouge, on November 16, 1972. He noted, however, that Times Picayune Reporter [redacted] had been on campus that date, but he was not aware of the extent of the observations of [redacted]

On November 28, 1972, [redacted] Associated Press Correspondent, Capitol Press Room, Baton Rouge, stated he had gone to the Southern University Campus on November 16, 1972, arriving there after the shootings and moments before the arrival of ambulances.

[redacted] said he had seen various Baton Rouge television personnel and other news media employees while there. He furnished the names of those known to him, but it was noted the names were of those previously identified and interviewed.

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Since the inception of investigation in this matter, some 900 feet of 16 millimeter film, color and black and white, have been obtained from three television stations and the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office. This film pictorially depicts those events occurring at the Southern University campus at Baton Rouge on November 16, 1972, prior to, during and following the confrontation between students and police.

In addition, sound tapes have been secured containing audio reproductions of interviews with students and witnesses, as well as a tape containing audio reproductions of the sounds at the height of the drama taking place at Southern University on November 16, 1972.

There have been gathered several hundred still photographs from a number of sources in law enforcement and the news media, together with autopsy photographs of both victims from the Coroner's Office.

All material noted is currently undergoing a close and careful scrutiny to cull those items, or portions thereof, considered of no particular benefit and to isolate those considered of significance to these inquiries.

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# VII. LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS AT SCENE

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# A. LOUISIANA STATE POLICE

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# 1. Officials

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[redacted] Administrative Division, Louisiana State Police (LSP), 109 South Foster, advised that on the morning of November 16, 1972, his agency had two photographers on the scene during the confrontation at Southern University in Baton Rouge. He related the identities of these photographers as [redacted] and [redacted]

[redacted] provided at this time several photographs depicting the following events:

1) The crowd gathered in front of the Administration Building prior to the confrontation

2) Actions of law enforcement officers during the time of the confrontation

3) The victims lying on the sidewalk in front of the Administration Building

4) Students coming out of the front door of the Administration Building after the shooting

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[redacted] Louisiana State Police, [redacted] was advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents, the purpose of the interview, and thereafter was advised of his constitutional rights at which time he was shown a form known as "Interrogation; Advice of Rights." He stated he fully understood these rights and executed the signing of this form. He thereafter furnished the following information:

[redacted] advised that he is the [redacted] of the armored personnel carrier, which is based at State Police Headquarters in Baton Rouge. He advised that the crew which operates this personnel carrier, often referred to as "Big Bertha," are all experienced state policemen and all have experience in actual shootouts or riot conditions.

He advised that on October 24, 1972, the personnel carrier was returned to Baton Rouge from Shreveport, Louisiana, where the personnel carrier had been on display at the state fair. He stated that the personnel carrier remained at the State Police Headquarters until October 30, 1972. It was at this time that he first learned of possible disturbances at Southern University, Baton Rouge (SUBR), and on that date he was ordered to take the armored personnel carrier to Ryan Airport, which was to be used as a stand-by location in the event trouble occurred at Southern University.

He stated that on November 9, 1972, the personnel carrier was used for the first date on Southern University Campus and that it was used only as a backup for the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office, which was on campus serving warrants on some of the student agitators. He stated the personnel carrier was not actually used for anything on November 9, 1972, other than parking at the back of the campus

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and remaining there on stand-by in the event of trouble.

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advised he was on duty on November 15, 1972, all day and, for him, this had been a normal workday and he was not on duty during the night of November 15, 1972.

On November 16, 1972, he reported to his regular job at the State Police Headquarters, Baton Rouge, and this began as a normal workday. At approximately 9 a.m., on November 16, 1972, approached him and advised him to activate the armored personnel carrier. He stated he immediately proceeded to Ryan Airport where the personnel carrier was at that time parked. Only a portion of his crew was immediately available; however, the remaining portion of the crew subsequently joined with him at Ryan Airport prior to 10 a.m.

He advised that when he arrived at the Ryan Airport, he conferred with who is of Troop A, and informed him that they would be going on the campus and that it was his understanding that the students had taken over the Administration Building. informed him that the armored personnel carrier would be the lead vehicle and that the remaining law enforcement officers would follow in a convoy.

informed him that Sheriff AL AMISS wanted to use the loudspeaker from inside the personnel carrier and that the sheriff should be picked up on campus.

advised that he picked up Sheriff AMISS on Harding Boulevard and the sheriff told him that he was going to make an announcement to the students.

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When the armored personnel carrier arrived on campus, they parked in front of the Administration Building next to the curb on the street. He advised that immediately upon arrival, which was exactly 10:32 a.m., the sheriff told the students over the loudspeaker system that they had five minutes to disperse. He stated he was not sure of all of the wording used by the sheriff; however, he believes the sheriff recited a state law in which the students were in violation of at that time.

[redacted] advised that upon arriving in front of the Administration Building he observed what he would estimate as being 150 students standing around the front of the Administration Building and in front of the building immediately to the north of the Administration Building. He advised that the crowd was somewhat orderly and that no one was throwing any objects; however, he could not hear from inside the armored personnel carrier as to whether or not the students were hollering or screaming at the police.

He stated that three minutes after the sheriff made the announcement to the students to disperse, he had informed the sheriff that the three minutes were elapsed and he also informed the sheriff when seven minutes had elapsed. He then stated that at 10:39 a.m., which was moments after, he had told the sheriff seven minutes had elapsed, he saw the the first movement from the crowd. He stated that this was some sort of a missile which appeared to have come out from the crowd of students and which appeared to be a canister which looked like some type of tear gas. He stated that at this particular time he had looked toward [redacted] and his squad of men who were on the sidewalk on the north corner of the Administration Building. He stated that he could see [redacted] squad backing up and by this time he could observe that tear gas was being fired as he could see it in the air, but he could not tell for certain who was firing the gas.

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He advised that at this particular time he was concentrating on the students who were on the second floor of the Administration Building and [redacted]

He advised that [redacted] He also said that the personnel carrier was equipped with shotguns and other types of weapons; however, the ammunition for the shotguns was in a locker underneath some seats and was never even pulled out from under the seats. He stated further that the shotguns were on the racks inside the truck and were never removed from the racks, and none of the guns had been loaded. He stated [redacted]

He stated that Sheriff AMISS was inside the armored carrier with him at the time the tear gas was being fired and that he does not believe that the sheriff gave an order to fire any tear gas and that this probably was a decision made by one of the officials outside of the armored personnel carrier.

He advised that [redacted] he noticed that the students were backing up from in front of the Administration Building and running south along the sidewalk at which time [redacted] from the armored personnel carrier to the crew inside. Shortly [redacted] cease fire order to [redacted] outside of the personnel carrier at which time he was approached by [redacted] He stated [redacted] asked him to call Colonel THIBODEAUX of the Louisiana State Police and for him to mobilize all of the State Police. [redacted] informed him that two students had been shot and he was fairly certain one was dead and the other seriously wounded. [redacted] also asked him to call an ambulance and he did by radio.

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[redacted] members of the [redacted] have attended some schools regarding the assignments [redacted] and that they participated in the trouble in Baton Rouge on January 10, 1972, when a shootout occurred between police and Black Muslims in which five people were killed, including police officers. He also advised [redacted] participated in the shootout with Black Panthers in New Orleans, Louisiana, in 1971. He also advised that [redacted] participated in racial confrontation in Denham Springs, Louisiana, about three years ago. He stated these were some of the more publicized incidents where [redacted] gained experience, but they have actually put in numerous hours in actual experience in operation [redacted]

He advised that he has no knowledge of any individuals from outside the State of Louisiana being involved in the uprising at Southern University. He does not know what the grievances of the students were or any of the internal problems.

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

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| Name | [redacted] |
| Race | White |
| Sex | Male |
| Date of Birth | [redacted] |
| Place of Birth | |
| Height | |
| Weight | |
| Hair | |
| Eyes | |
| Employment | [redacted] |
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Home telephone [redacted]

[redacted] advised that [redacted] and had [redacted] in Mississippi back to Baton Rouge for one day only and that he, at that time, was conferring with members of the Louisiana State Attorney General's Office concerning the shooting of the two students at Southern University on November 16, 1972, and because of a time factor he did not desire to furnish a signed statement at this time, but at some future time he would reconsider.

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TOM J. BRADLEY, Major, Field Supervisor, Louisiana State Police, was advised of the identity of the contacting Agents and of the nature of the interview, as being regarding the killing of two students on the campus of Southern University. Special Agent [redacted] furnished TOM J. BRADLEY with an "Interrogation; Advice of Rights" form, at which time TOM J. BRADLEY read, advised that he fully understood his rights, and thereafter furnished the following information:

TOM J. BRADLEY advised on November 15, he was in the Troop M area just outside of New Orleans and received a call from a Troop M Trooper that [redacted] had advised of rumors of a disturbance on the Southern University campus the following day. He stated he was advised trouble was expected and he was to come to Troop A headquarters on Airline Highway.

He stated on November 16, 1972, at approximately 8:00 a.m., he reported to Troop A headquarters and was told by [redacted] trouble was expected on the Southern University campus and Troop A was to remain on standby. He stated that at approximately 9:00 a.m., Sheriff AL AMISS, or one of his associates, made a call to [redacted] to tell him that students on the Southern campus had seized the Administration Building and were holding President NETHERVILLE, and his office wished assistance from the state police. BRADLEY stated [redacted] at this time advised his riot squad to proceed to Ryan Airport Sheriff's Annex, also known as the Junior Deputies Complex. He advised at approximately 10:20 a.m., [redacted] had a discussion with [redacted] (phonetic), and [redacted] and they departed the complex at 10:21 a.m.

He stated the convoy arrived on campus approximately 10:30, with "Big Bertha", the Louisiana State Police armored car, in front; sheriff's armored personnel carrier second; then the sheriff's car and the state police, with himself and [redacted] and [redacted] and Trooper [redacted] as driver. He advised Sheriff AMISS got into "Big Bertha" announced his identity, asked students in the Administration Building and on campus to disperse, and stated he would give them five minutes to do so. Approximately three minutes later the sheriff told them that they had two minutes

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to move. BRADLEY stated at this time he was standing beside "Big Bertha" with [redacted] and six minutes after the first warning by the sheriff, they began moving, with [redacted] as commander and [redacted] as squad leader, toward the front of the Academic Building, where large groups of students (approximately 100 inside and out) were dispersed by the troopers with a little resistance. The troop stopped momentarily and began forcing this group of students toward the other group of students in front of the Administration Building, which totalled approximately 300.

He stated [redacted] led his men in column formation toward the students in front of the Administration Building where [redacted] positioned himself three or four feet in front of the students and told them something to the effect, "You have heard what the sheriff told you. We request you do what you are told and move on." He stated the students replied among themselves to other students to lie down, sit down, and not to move. BRADLEY stated at this time he was positioned behind [redacted] with Trooper [redacted] and [redacted] who was not assigned to the riot squad and was just carrying the captain's radio.

He stated at this time [redacted] told the students that if they did not move they would be gassed, and told his men to step back and mask up. BRADLEY stated at this time he saw a gas canister gently rolled into the crowd from the position of the troopers. He stated he believed the canister was rolled by either [redacted] or [redacted] He advised at this time a student picked up the rolled canister and threw it over the heads of the troopers and it exploded in the air. He advised at this time gas began coming from everywhere, to include the deputies and "Big Bertha".

He stated approximately six to eight minutes later the students began to clear out and [redacted] told him two people were hurt and he did not know if they were dead. BRADLEY stated that when the gas was being thrown he could not give any details of what was occurring, inasmuch as he was trying to put on his gas mask.

He advised at this time [redacted] made a call to state police headquarters for more troops and made a call for an ambulance or helicopter to remove the two students who he believed were hurt. He stated after the students had dispersed

from in front of the Administration Building, three tear gas shells were fired by [redacted] at a crowd located in the northwest direction, behind the Administration Building, in front of the Navy ROTC Building. He stated that [redacted] gave him three fired tear gas shells and one live tear gas shell and they are now in [redacted] office. BRADLEY advised he did not see [redacted] fire these shells, or any other trooper fire any rounds during the entire confrontation.

He stated after the crowd dispersed from the front of the building, groups of students started leaving the Administration Building. He stated at this time one individual, who is known to him as [redacted], was yelling, [redacted] BRADLEY advised that at this time he [redacted] and took him to [redacted] He stated [redacted] is described as a Negro male, 5'5" tall, smooth shaven, 150 pounds, wearing a [redacted] and BRADLEY believed him to be from [redacted] He stated deputies [redacted] placed him in the [redacted] handcuffed him, and then placed him in a [redacted].

BRADLEY advised that at this time reinforcements arrived and he began searching the area for evidence and other material for the State Crime Lab.

BRADLEY advised that during the confrontation the only weapon he had in his possession was a 9 millimeter, Model 39, Smith and Wesson. He advised [redacted] had either a .357 magnum or a .38 Smith and Wesson in his possession. [redacted] and [redacted] and the rest of the men had side arms, to the best of his knowledge.

He stated there was no communication between "Big Bertha" and the riot squad during their entire confrontation.

BRADLEY advised he first realized there was unrest on the campus on October 24th, when students marched to the State Building and demonstrated at the Education Building, and the troopers were called out on standby. BRADLEY advised he was on campus as an observer and adviser to the Troop Commander, [redacted] He stated his duties are those of field supervisor for Districts A, B, L, and M, and he does not have control over training or any other phase of command.

He advised each district has its own riot troop and they all train three hours a month and his duties do not include the training of these units.

Major BRADLEY gave the following list of persons from the state police who were on campus at the time of the disturbance: b6 b7C

Troop A Tactical Unit:

[redacted] Squad Leader
Trooper First Class (TFC) [redacted]
TFC [redacted]
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Louisiana State Patrol "Big Bertha" Crew:

[redacted] Commander
[redacted]

Other Persons from the State Police:

Trooper [redacted]
[redacted]
(First name unknown) [redacted]
[redacted]
TFC [redacted]
[redacted] Troop A
Trooper [redacted]

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Trooper [redacted]
Trooper [redacted]

The following is a description of TOM J. BRADLEY, as taken from interview and observation:

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| Race | White |
| Sex | Male |
| Date of birth | February 14, 1911 |
| Place of birth | Oak Grove, Louisiana |
| Home address | 518 Tucker Avenue<br>New Orleans, Louisiana |
| Employment | 32 years, Louisiana State Police |

TOM J. BRADLEY advised inasmuch as he was then on standby in the event of a disturbance at Southern University campus, he could not furnish a signed statement at this time.

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[redacted] Troop A, Louisiana State Police, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, was advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents and the nature of the interview, regarding the confrontation on Southern University on November 16, 1972. Special Agent [redacted] furnished [redacted] with an "Interrogation; Advice of Rights" form, at which time [redacted] read and advised he fully understood his rights; thereafter, he signed the form. [redacted] furnished the following information:

He has been a member of the Louisiana State Police for the past [redacted] years and [redacted] Troop A since [redacted]. At approximately 8:00 a.m., on November 16, 1972, he received a call from the East Baton Rouge Sheriff's Office advising that the students had taken over the Administration Building at Southern University and were holding Dr. NETTERVILLE, President of Southern University, as a hostage. The sheriff's office requested the assistance of Troop A, particularly their Tactical Unit. [redacted] continued that upon receipt of this request, he contacted [redacted] to assemble the Tactical Unit at Ryan Field as soon as possible.

While the Tactical Unitwas being assembled, [redacted] made an aerial survey of Southern University campus by helicopter and estimated the number of students gathered at the Administration Building and its immediate vicinity at approximately 500 to 600. After this aerial survey he went to Ryan Field to rendezvous with [redacted] and the Tactical Unit.

[redacted] advised that upon his arrival at Ryan Field he was advised that the president of Southern University was released as a hostage and the students were now holding a campus security officer as hostage. He stated that upon the formation of the Tactical Unit and other members of law enforcement, these units left Ryan Field in convoy for the campus of Southern University, which convoy was led by the Louisiana State Police tank known as "Big Bertha".

[redacted] continued that the convoy arrived at

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the campus of Southern University at approximately 10:25 a.m., where they were met by [redacted] and Sheriff AL AMISS, who advised him that the students were tearing up the building and they intended to clear the Administration Building. Sheriff AMISS boarded "Big Bertha" so that he would have the opportunity to utilize the public address system in "Big Bertha". The convoy then proceeded to the area of the Administration Building at which time Sheriff AMISS addressed the students and advised them that they would have five minutes to clear the building.

After a lapse of approximately five minutes, the order to clear the building was given by Sheriff AMISS at approximately 10:30 a.m. [redacted] stated that most of the students proceeded to disperse after the announcement by Sheriff AMISS; however, approximately 75 to 100 students remained on the steps of the Administration Building and approximately 15 to 20 remained on the steps of the gray building. At this time the skirmish line of the Tactical Unit of Troop A was formed in the vicinity of the gray building, which line moved up and cleared the steps of the gray building without incident. The students on the steps of the gray building dispersed in the area between the gray building and the Administration Building and several joined the demonstrators at the Administration Building.

Following the clearing of the gray building, the tactical line moved up to approximately [redacted] from the steps of the Administration Building. [redacted] stated that he began to converse with the students, advising them that they would have to disperse; however, in turn, was subjected to profane and vile language, accompanied by insults.

[redacted] stated that it was obvious the students were not going to cooperate and he turned to the tactical line stating that it may be necessary to use gas. [redacted] stated that apparently this statement was misinterpreted by [redacted] who was positioned behind the line, as an order to gas. Upon completing his statement, [redacted] The canister was picked up by one of the students and hurled back into the state police, going over their heads; however, while it was in air, exploded and smoke and gas proceeded to cover the Tactical Unit. He advised at this point "all hell broke loose" and gas was thrown from all directions. [redacted] also stated that at this point [redacted] He advised that the

whole incident lasted approximately five minutes and when the smoke cleared he noticed two students lying on the sidewalk at the far corner of the Administration Building. He advised at this time he was of the opinion that they were overcome by gas; however, when he approached the two students noticed a considerable amount of blood and realized that they had been injured.

[redacted] stated that his position during the confrontation was [redacted] this line consisting of approximately [redacted] men.

[redacted] stated that when the smoke began to clear and it was realized that the two students were injured, other students who were positioned between the Administration Building and the gray building began to come into the area of the Administration Building, at which time [redacted] and this group dispersed.

[redacted] continued that he was concerned with the activities and the safety of his men and does not know the position or the action taken by the sheriff's deputies. He did state, however, that behind his tactical line there was a line of sheriff's deputies; however, he does not know what action they took during the confrontation.

[redacted] stated that he did not know how the students were injured and did not know which individuals fired any weapons or threw any gas [redacted] He stated that at the time he was armed with a side arm and three tear gas grenades [redacted] stated that he did not recognize any of the students on the steps of the Administration Building or the gray building and could not give any information as to the identity and positions of the sheriff's deputies.

[redacted] advised that he was born on [redacted] is [redacted] feet tall, weighs [redacted] pounds, [redacted] and is a high school graduate. He stated he has been involved in many other demonstrations and disturbances and is a graduate of the [redacted]

[redacted] stated that due to his pressing duties at this time, he is unable to furnish a signed statement, but would be willing to furnish such a statement at a future date should this be requested.

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[redacted] Louisiana State Police (LSP), Baton Rouge, Louisiana, was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents and that the interview concerned the shooting of two students on the campus of Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on November 16, 1972. SA [redacted] furnished [redacted] with an Interrogation; Advice of Rights Form, at which time [redacted] read the form and advised that he fully understood his rights and thereafter signed the form. [redacted] then furnished the following information:

[redacted] advised that he is regularly assigned to Troop A of the Louisiana State Police but that he is not a regular member of the tactical unit. On November 16, 1972, he was called to the Southern University campus along with members of the tactical unit of Troop A. He was assigned as a [redacted] and as such he [redacted]. He first arrived on the campus sometime between 10:00 and 10:30 a.m. He heard Sheriff AMISS issue an order from the State Police armored vehicle for the crowd of students to disperse from in front of the Administration Building. [redacted] advised that the majority of the crowd did in fact obey the Sheriff's orders. The order was then issued to the tactical unit to proceed and clear the steps of the Academic Building of a small group of students. [redacted] was positioned in the rear of the skirmish line as the troop proceeded to disperse the crowd in front of the Academic Building. The unit was then ordered to proceed to the Administration Building and to disperse the crowd that still remain there. [redacted] estimated that approximately 75 students were gathered there. [redacted] was still stationed in the [redacted] to the Troop Commander. [redacted] advised he was still focusing his attention on the Academic Building. [redacted] advised that he turned toward the Administration Building just in time to see a tear gas cannister being hurled from the crowd. He further advised that the cannister exploded in mid air. He also advised that

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at this time neither he nor any members of the tactical unit were wearing their gas masks. [redacted] attempted to don his gas mask after the first cannister was thrown and as a result he did not notice what the other law enforcement officers were doing at this time although he heard the explosions of many tear gas shells. [redacted] advised that after he donned his gas mask, [redacted] in front of the Administration Building.

[redacted] advised that he first noticed two Negro males lying on the sidewalk in front of the Administration Building approximately five or six minutes after the first tear gas cannister was thrown. He advised that he did not see the students fall, and his first reaction was that they had been overcome by gas.

[redacted] advised that he was armed with a .12 gauge shotgun that was loaded with 00 buckshot. He advised that he did not fire his weapon and as far as he knows, [redacted] Naval Reserve Officers' Training Corps (NROTC) Building.

[redacted] was shown photographs taken on the campus at the time the disturbance occurred, but he was unable to identify any of the law enforcement officers from the Sheriff's Department or any of the students that were shown milling about the campus.

[redacted] further advised that after the disturbance had quietened down, he noticed a Negro Army officer, accompanied by a white Army officer, take a brown billfold from the body of the victim who was later identified to be one (First Name Unknown) BROWN. [redacted] advised that the Negro Army officer handed the billfold to an unidentified faculty member and that the billfold was found three days later in victim BROWN's dormitory room.

[redacted] at the time of the interview stated that [redacted]

Troop A Headquarters and that he did not have the time to provide a signed statement. He advised that he would be glad to give one in the future should it become necessary.

The following description was obtained through interview and observation:

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Name
Occupation [redacted] Louisiana State Police, for [redacted] years
Date of birth
Place of birth
Height
Weight
Marital status
Education

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[redacted] Troop A, Louisiana State Police (LSP), Baton Rouge, Louisiana, was advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents, the purpose of the interview, and thereafter advised of his constitutional rights regarding his being interviewed, after which he was furnished a form entitled "Interrogation; Advice of Rights," which he executed by signing same. He thereafter furnished the following signed statement, which he advised is a written statement to his commanding officer, [redacted] and that this statement is an accurate account of his activities, as well as the Troop A, Tactical Unit, from the period of October 24, 1972, through November 21, 1972:

"To: [redacted]

"From: [redacted]

"Subject: Troop 'A' Tactical Unit Duties
October 24, 1972 Thru
Southern University_ Baton Rouge, Campus

1 - October 24, 1972
Tactical Unit reported to duty at 1200 PM due to a large number of Southern U. Students marching from the campus to state buildings in downtown area. Unit remained at Troop 'A' until (illegible)

2 - October 31, 1972
Tactical Unit reported to duty at 1200 PM due to large unauthorized student gatherings on campus. Troop A unit remained in Ryan Airport area until 1000 PM

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3 - November 1, 1972
Tactical Unit reported to duty at 600 AM and remained on standby alert at Ryan Airport until 11 AM.

4 - November 4, 1972
Tactical Unit reported to duty at 500 PM. Unit patroled Scotlandville area in two man units due to large amount of sheriffs deputies on duty at LSU. Unit on duty until 1200 AM 11-4-72.

5 - November 6, 1972
Tactical Unit reported to duty at 0600 AM because of trouble on campus. Unit remained on duty at Ryan Airport thru 1000 PM.

6 - November 7, 1972
Tactical Unit reported for duty at 0600 AM and remained on standby alert at Ryan Airport until 600 PM.

7 - November 8, 1972
Tactical Unit reported for duty at 1100 AM Remained on standby alert at Ryan Airport until 1700 PM

8 - November 9, 1972
Tactical Unit reported for duty at 0600 AM and reported to Ryan Airport for duty. Unit was sent onto the campus at 0830 AM and assembled at the Gymnasium. Warrants had been issued for several students and Tactical Unit was to back up S/O in enforcing

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9 - November 16, 1972

Tactical Unit reported to duty at Ryan Airport at 0900 AM. Unit was advised that students had taken over Southern University Administration building and had a campus security officer hostage. Unit arrived on campus at approximately 1000 AM and observed a large group of students around the Administration and another building. To the north of the Administration Building. Tactical Unit was ordered to disperse the students at the front of this building. Unit formed a line and marched from east to west in front of the building clearing students before it. Unit encountered moderate resistance as some students had to be forcably shoved out of the way. After clearing this building the unit took up a line position on the northeast corner of the Administration building and awaited orders to disperse the students. The students were ordered to disperse under threat of tear gas several times. After being called profanities by the students the unit was ordered to remove the students.

[redacted] At least one cannister was observed being thrown back. Tear gas was by then being thrown by other officers in the area and the students began dispersing with the exception of the students occupying the building. A large group of students then started forming on our flank and rear near the NROTC Building. These students were dispersed with [redacted] At 700 PM the unit was ordered to remove all students from the campus. This

was accomplished by a building to building search. Unit remained on campus until 1000 PM.

10 - November 17, 1972
Unit reported to duty on Southern Campus at 0600 AM. Unit remained on duty at Administration building until 700 PM.

11 - November 18, 1972
Unit reported to duty on Southern Campus at 0600 AM. Unit remained on duty at Administration building until 700 PM.

11 - November 18, 1972
Unit reported to duty on Southern Campus at 0600 AM and remained on duty until 0900 AM. Unit was relieved until 6 PM.

Unit reported back to duty at 600 PM and was assigned to back up patrol duty in the Scotlandville area until 0600 AM on;

12 - November 19, 1972
Unit was assigned to patrol duty in the Scotlandville area from 1200 AM until 0600 AM, relieved and returned to duty at 600 PM. Assigned to patrol duty from 600 PM until 0600 AM on;

13 - November 20, 1972
Unit assigned to patrol duty in the Scotlandville area from 1200 AM until

0600 AM, relieved and returned to duty at 500 PM with same assignments. Patroled from 500 PM until 0700 AM on.

14 - November 21, 1972
Unit assigned to patrol duty in the Scotlandville area from 1200 AM until 0700 AM.

Relieved from duty on campus for remainder of day.

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"/s/ [redacted]
"11-22-72

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"/s/ [redacted] Special Agent, FBI, Cleveland, Ohio 11/22/72

"/s/ [redacted] Special Agent, FBI, Baton Rouge, La. 11/22/72"

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In addition to the above statement, which had previously been prepared by [redacted] and which he initialed each page and signed a copy of this statement, he furnished the following information:

[redacted] advised that on November 15, 1972, the Tactical Unit of Troop A, including himself, was on standby duty at Ryan Airport in Baton Rouge until approximately 7 p.m., on that date.

[redacted] advised he was not under any physical strain. He further advised that he had a normal night's sleep on the night of November 15, 1972, and was in noway physically exhausted when he reported to work on the morning of November 16, 1972.

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On November 16, 1972, [redacted] reported to work at approximately 6 a.m., to the standby point, which was Ryan Airport in Baton Rouge. Sometime between 8 a.m. and 9 a.m., he observed a lot of activity between the high-ranking sheriff's officials and Major BRADLEY and [redacted] of the Louisiana State Police (LSP).

At approximately 9 a.m., he recalled overhearing one of the sheriff's officials telling [redacted] and Major BRADLEY that the students had taken over the Administration Building at Southern University. He stated he believed this message had come to the sheriff's officials by way of their car radios. Additionally, he overheard a conversation at the same time that the students had a campus security officer as a hostage. He heard [redacted] East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office, say that they were going in and clean out the Administration Building.

[redacted] advised that at this time he began preparing his men, Tactical Unit of Troop A. This was at approximately 10 a.m.

He said that his men were to spread out and go in with the convoy; however, he did not allow his men to scatter and, as a result of this, he and the Tactical Unit rode to the campus in the last vehicles of the convoy.

Upon arriving on the campus, he drove his vehicle upon the grass of the east side of the street so that he could lead the Tactical Unit down close to the Administration Building and park the vehicles at an intersection in front of the Administration Building. He immediately got his troops out and had them to fall into squad order. He advised that this is a pre-arranged plan and that each member of the Tactical Unit has a number assigned to him. He then had his men to put their gear on, which consisted of dark blue jump suits, blue helmets, bulletproof vests, and sap gloves.

He advised that each member of the unit had his own personal firearm weapon, which was a .357 Magnum, and that nine men were armed with shotguns, one man was armed with an AR-15 rifle, one man was armed with a .35 caliber rifle, and two men were armed with 37 millimeter Federal gas guns, 1.5 caliber. He advised that he was armed with a 12-gauge pump shotgun with no shotgun shells, his side-arm, which is a Colt 357 Magnum revolver, four canisters of CN blast-type gas, and five 12-gauge CN barricade projectiles, Peligan brand.

He advised that after the men had formed into a unit, [redacted] came over and told him to move to the Academic Building. He advised that the Academic Building is immediately to the north of the Administration Building, approximately 20 to 30 yards. He stated he moved his men out in a slow run or double time to the edge of the sidewalk, which would be to the east of the steps of the Academic Building.

He stated that [redacted] told him to clear the steps of the Academic Building and he had the men to form in a squad line and proceed forward. He advised that they received only moderate resistance from the students on the steps of the Academic Building and it was only a very short time that the estimated 35 or 40 people on the steps moved from the steps of the Academic Building over to the steps in front of the Administration Building. He stated that in moving the students out, it was only necessary to forcibly push or shove several of the students.

He advised that after clearing the steps of the Academic Building, his men had scattered out of the formation because several of them had to go upon the steps. He stated that after reaching the northwest corner of the Academic Building, he had to stop and reorganize the unit into squad lines.

After regrouping, he moved the formation around with a line facing south and from there proceeded forward toward the Administration Building to just past the corner of this building. He stopped the Tactical Unit there and, at this time, [redacted] was talking to some of the students, apparently trying to persuade them to clear the steps of the building; however, at this point, he didnnot actually hear the conversation. At this point, he advised he would have been the [redacted] man in the unit and in front would have been [redacted] He advised that [redacted] and Trooper [redacted] however, these two men were not part of a Tactical Unit.

He stated that while they were stationary on the sidewalk in front of the Administration Building, some 10 to 15 yards to the north of the steps, he did, at that point, overhear [redacted] telling the students something to the effect that the sheriff had asked them to leave and if they did not leave, we may have to use gas. While [redacted] was talking to the students, he told the squad to prepare their gas.

[redacted] stated he then ordered the unit to prepare for gas, which meant to put their gas masks on. He stated the position of the men would have been to put their weapons between their legs while they used both hands to put the gas masks on. Before finishing with the gas masks, [redacted] said to him, [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that the canister had a two-second delay, but, from experience, usually a four-second delay is more accurate. [redacted]

[redacted]

He advised that [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted] stated that as far as he knows [redacted] He stated he did not hear any explosion or any other noise, other than from the [redacted] and that he is almost certain that no objects, including gas or hand grenades simulators, had been thrown from the students toward any police officers.

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[redacted] advised that by the time the [redacted] ignited, the students had began moving away from the steps, generally along the sidewalk in a southerly direction. He advised he would estimate that the total number of students on the steps of the Administration Building at the time [redacted] to be somewhere between 100 and 150.

He advised that during the time [redacted] he was aware of some East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Deputies being behind the Tactical Unit of Troop A of the Louisiana State Police. He advised that the [redacted] in charge of this group was [redacted] and he believes there were about 13 or 14 of these deputies in this group. He also said there was a line of deputies having been lined from close to the Academic Building, north, back across in front of the Administration Building, facing south. He stated he could not tell who the deputies were who were in the line running north and south in front of the Academic Building.

[redacted] advised that during the time [redacted] he had not been able to put his gas mask on and, as soon as the gas began to clear, he looked down the sidewalk to the south, in front of the Administration Building and saw two individuals lying on the sidewalk. He advised his first thought was that they had been overcome by the gas. He immediately walked over to these two individuals; [redacted] to observe them, and he immediately saw that one of the two appeared to be dead from some type of wound. He stated he looked at the second person and he could see this person hemorrhaging from the nose and the mouth. He stated he realized this person had been seriously wounded. He advised his first thought, after seeing the two wounded persons, was "What happened?" He stated at this time he walked back to his unit.

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He advised that after rejoining his unit, an Army Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) Lieutenant Colonel came running over and said get an ambulance. He stated he then radioed to a helicopter circling overhead. He was unable to communicate with the helicopter, so he then radioed the armored personnel carrier, which was parked in front of the Administration Building, to send for the ambulance.

He advised that at this time he moved his men back north of the Administration Building, noting that about 200 to 300 students were generally approaching his area from the north from an area around the Navy ROTC Building. He advised that one student nearby became very vocal, shouting at his unit. [redacted] stated he grabbed this individual and made him lie down on the ground and handcuffed him with plastic handcuffs.

At about this time, another person, presumed to be a student, came from the west door of the Academic Building and threw some object at his unit. He advised he took up chase after this student, but the student ran back into the building and escaped.

[redacted] advised [redacted]

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He advised that after [redacted] they became somewhat calm. He stated that after the bodies of the two wounded victims had been removed, [redacted] began to clear the Administration Building.

[redacted] advised he has no knowledge whatsoever concerning the shotgun blasts that allegedly killed the two students. He advised he does not believe that it was humanly possible for any of the state policemen to have fired this fatal shot, noting that the troopers had their ammunition in the magazine and not in the chamber and that no trooper fired any type of projectile from his shotgun, [redacted] He stated they were all having difficulty with the gas which had floated through the ranks, and they would not have been able to see at that particular time.

[redacted] advised that the Tactical Unit of Troop A was the first Tactical Unit organized in the Louisiana State Police and it is the most experienced of the Tactical Units, noting that each troop has one. He stated Troop A Unit has been in existence for about three years. He advised that he and all the members of this unit have had numerous hours of training, as well as experience in crowd controls and other disturbances.

The following description was obtained through observation and interview:

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| Name | [redacted] |
| Race | White |
| Sex | Male |
| Age | [redacted] |
| Date of Birth | |
| Place of Birth | |
| Hair | |
| Eyes | |
| Weight | |
| Height | [redacted] feet, [redacted] inches |

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Employment [redacted] Louisiana State Police,
11117 Airline Highway,
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

[redacted] furnished the following list of all members of Troop A Tactical Unit and the type of weapons and ammunition each was issued, along with the actual type and amount used during the confrontation with students at Southern University, Baton Rouge, on November 16, 1972:

"#1 [redacted]

1 - Shotgun .12 gauge Pump — No Shotgun Shell
2 - Colt .357 Magnum Revolver
3 - 4 canisters CN Bast Type
4 - 5 12 gauge CN Barricade projectiles (Pelican Brand)

Expended [redacted]

#2 [redacted]

Armed with (4) 400 B.,. - 12 gauge Shotgun
1 canister C.N.
1 Baseball Type C.S.
1 357 Magnum

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#3 [redacted]
Armed with 37 MM Fed. Gas Gun
10 True Flight Barricade projectiles

Expended [redacted]
357 Mag.
2 Mighty Mights

#4 [redacted]
Armed with 35 Cal. Rifle
1 canister C.N.
1 Baseball C.S. (Rubber)
1 357 Magnum

Expended [redacted]

#5 [redacted]
Armed with 12 ga. Shotgun
1 canister C.N.
4 shells in gun 1 B.B. C.S.
1st. 00B - 3-4B. .357 Mag.
Bandalier - 18 #4B 12 #00B

Expended [redacted]

#6 [redacted]

Armed with 12 ga. Shotgun
4 shells in gun 1 canister C.N.
00B 1 B.B.
Bandalier 30 00B 357 Magnum

Expended [redacted]

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#7 [redacted]

Armed with 12 ga. Shotgun
4 shells in gun 1 can
00B 1 B.B.
Band. 10 #4B 357 Mag.
4 Slugs
10 00B

Expended [redacted]

#8 [redacted]

Armed with 12 ga. Shotgun
4 shells #4 in gun
1 can.
Bag of Shotgun shells 1 B.B.
5 Boxes #4 B 357 Mag.
Ammo Carrier

Expended [redacted]

#9 [redacted]

Armed with 12 ga. Shotgun
4 shells in gun #4 B
Band. 1 can
24 mixed #4 & 00B 1 B.B.
357 Mag.

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#10 [redacted]

Armed with

1 can
1 B.B.

37 M.M. Fed. gas gun 1.5 cal.
6 True Flight Barricade projectiles 350 yds.

7-150 yd. blast dispersal C.N.
357 Mag.

Expended [redacted]

#11 [redacted]

Armed with
4 shells #4B
Band.
18 #4 B

12 ga. Shotgun
1 can
1 B.B.
357 Mag.
Ammo. Carrier for Stevenson
7 True Flight Barricade

Expended [redacted]

#12 [redacted]

Armed with
4 shells in gun #4
12 #4 B in pocket

12 ga. Shotgun
1 can
1 B.B.
357 Mag.

Expended [redacted]

#13 [redacted]

Armed with
1 clip in gun
54 rounds on person

A.R. 15 Rifle
1 can
1 B.B.

Expended [redacted]

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[redacted] ? [redacted]

Expended [redacted]

[redacted] [redacted]

Armed with 308 Rifle & .357

[redacted]

[redacted] [redacted]

.357 Mag.

[redacted] [redacted]

.357 Mag.

Major Bradley [redacted]

.357 Mag.

[redacted] Beside [redacted]

Armed with 12 ga. Shotgun
4 shells 00B 357 Mag.

[redacted] [redacted]

357 Mag.

Vision blocked A.R. 15
60 rds. ammo.

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[redacted] [redacted]

Vision blocked 12 ga. Shotgun
4 shells 00B
Band 357 Mag.
24 00B

Expended [redacted]

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Headquarters, Louisiana State Police, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, furnished the following signed statement:

"Baton Rouge, La, 11/27/72

"I, [redacted] Louisiana State Police, Headquarters, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, voluntarily furnish the following signed statement to [redacted] and [redacted] who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation:

"I have been advised of my rights as listed on form entitled 'Interrogation; Advice of Rights' and have signed this form. No threats or promises have been made to me in regard to this statement.

"I am [redacted] years of age and have [redacted] years of college.

"On 11/15/72 I received an adequate amount of sleep. On 11/16/72 I reported to duty at headquarters, Louisiana State Police, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, as usual.

"I was advised by [redacted] to prepared the tank 'Bertha' to go to Ryan airport, Baton Rouge. 'Bertha' and crew then proceeded to Ryan airport. We arrived at Ryan airport approximately 9:15 am. At Ryan airport we were advised the students had control of the Administration building at Southern University, Baton Rouge.

"At approximately 10:00 am we proceeded to Southern University convoy style, being the lead vehicle. We arrived at Southern University at approximately 10:10 am where Sheriff Al Amiss of East Baton Rouge Parish held a short conference with [redacted]

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by SA [redacted] SA DHH : mrc Date dictated 11/27/72

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of Southern University. Subsequently Bertha, [redacted] was parked at College Drive and Swan Avenue in front of the Administration building. There were various groups of people on the scene, with one group consolidated in front of the administration building.

"Sheriff Al Amiss made an announcement over the public address system of Bertha to the students in front of the administration building that this was an unlawful gathering and he asked them to move on or they would be arrested. They had five minutes to leave.

[redacted] of Louisiana State Police inside Bertha told the sheriff that the time was 10:32 am. The students in front of the administration building responded with derisive gestures and comments, and some of them sat down. The students were warned at one minute intervals.

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"The Troop A Tactical Unit, Louisiana State Police, proceeded to vicinity of South West corner of Academic building. The sheriff's deputies of the East Baton Rouge Parish formed a curved line in front of the administration building.

"The Troop A unit then proceeded to the North East corner of the administration building.

"During this time, I was making a constant survey of the windows of the academic building and the administration building for possible snipers.

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"I then observed [redacted]

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[redacted]

Shortly thereafter someone came up to Bertha and said two were dead. [redacted] then called headquarters for back-up men. I had no idea what happened to the two students.

"I did not know any of the students on the scene.

"To the best of my knowledge, the following sheriff's deputies were on the scene, but I have no idea as to their position:

[redacted]

"During the aforementioned confrontation, I was armed with a .357 caliber revolver. I did not fire any weapon or throw any gas during this confrontation.

"I have been a member of the Louisiana State Police approximately [redacted] years and have received periodic training in riot control.

"I have read the above statement consisting of 6 pages of long hand writing and initialed each page and all corrections. This is a true statement to the best of my knowledge.

"/s/ [redacted]

Baton Rouge, La. 70821

"/s/ [redacted] Special Agent, Baton Rouge, La. 11/27/72

/s/ [redacted] Special Agent, FBI, Baton Rouge, La, 11/27/72"

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In addition to the aforementioned signed statement, [redacted] furnished the following information:

He is a white male, [redacted] at [redacted] tall, [redacted] pounds, [redacted] hair, [redacted]

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[redacted] a large blue vehicle owned by the Louisiana State Police known as "Big Bertha". [redacted] The "Big Bertha" vehicle had seven regular crew members [redacted] Upon arriving at Southern University with "Big Bertha", the crew members were joined by Sheriff AL AMISS of the East Baton Rouge Parish, and [redacted] of the Louisiana State Police.

Upon arriving at Southern University, Sheriff AL AMISS held a short conference with [redacted] of Southern University prior to parking the vehicle and preparing for a confrontation. He advised he did not know any of the Southern University students.

He advised that to the best of his knowledge, the following deputies of the Baton Rouge Sheriff's Office were on the scene:

[redacted]

He advised that due to the equipment worn by the sheriff's deputies, he had no idea as to their exact location in the confrontation.

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[redacted] Louisiana State Police, Bureau of Identification, Headquarters, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, was contacted and furnished the following signed statement:

"TO: [redacted]

"FROM: [redacted]

"SUBJECT: ACTIONS DURING RIOT AT SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY ON 11/16/72.

"On 11/16/72, I was assigned in the State Police [redacted] at Southern University Campus in front of the Administration building. At approximately 10:41 A.M. upon orders from [redacted]

"/s/ DEC [redacted]

"Nov. 27, 1972
Baton Rouge, La.

"I, [redacted], hereby furnish the following signed statement to [redacted] & [redacted] who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I have been advised of the purpose of this statement and advised of my constitutional rights regarding this interview. No threats or promises have been made to me.

"In addition, to the handwritten statement I am

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furnishing to the FBI, I also furnish a one paragraph typewritten statement and this typewritten statement is set forth above.

"I am [redacted] years of age, and have been a member of the Louisiana State Police approximately [redacted] years, and a member of the [redacted] approximately several years. I have had numerous hours of training and actual experience [redacted] I am a high school gradute and currently attending college in the evening. I served two years with the United States Armed Forces.

"On 11/16/72, I was a member of the [redacted] and served as [redacted] At no time did I fire a weapon [redacted] I recall having seen the Troop A Tactical Unit at the North East corner of the Administration building. I recall a few sheriffs deputies in a position behind Troop A Tactical Unit. I also recall a curved line of sheriffs deputies roughly in front of the administration building. I can not recall the movements of the sheriffs deputies in front of me for the next few minutes as I was concentrating on [redacted]

"Later I heard there were two students lying on the ground in front of the administration building. I had no idea what happened to these students.

"I have read the above statements consisting of one typewritten paragraph and one page of long hand writing and initialed each page and all corrections. This is a true statement to the best of my knowledge.

"/s/ [redacted]

"/s/ [redacted] Special Agent, FBI, Baton Rouge, La. 11/27/72

/s/ [redacted] Special Agent, FBI, Baton Rouge, LA, 11/27/72"

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In addition to the aforementioned signed statement, [redacted] furnished the following information:

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He is a white male born [redacted] at [redacted] in height, [redacted] pounds, with [redacted]

On November 15, 1972, the day prior to the confrontation, he received an adequate amount of rest.

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On November 16, 1972, he reported to work at headquarters as usual and subsequently reported to [redacted] and went to Ryan Airport, Baton Rouge. Subsequently he accompanied the [redacted] to the SouthernUniversity campus, Baton Rouge. At Southern University he observed a group of students in front of the Administration Building. At 10:32 a.m., he heard Sheriff AL AMISS order the students to disperse. Sheriff AL AMISS used the public address system of "Big Bertha" to make this announcement. The sheriff gave the students five minutes to disperse. Subsequently he observed a canister of gas come from the students grouped in front of the Administration Building and explode over the heads of the Troop A Tactical Unit, Louisiana State Police, who were at the northeast corner of the Administration Building. He also observed various gas projectiles come from the vicinity of the students in front of the Administration Building and land behind a group of sheriff's deputies who were lined up across the front of the Administration Building.

He then took a position [redacted]

building between the Administration Building and the auditorium. b7D

[redacted] the group in front of the Administration Building scattered. He later heard it mentioned that there were two on the ground. He [redacted] observed two individuals lying on the ground in front of the Administration Building. He had no idea what happened to these individuals. He did not know any of the students at Southern University. He did not know specifically the location of the sheriff's deputies at this confrontation.

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[redacted] Louisiana State Police (LSP), was advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents and that they wished to discuss the events at Southern University at Baton Rouge (SUBR) on November 16, 1972. SA [redacted] furnished [redacted] with an Interrogation; Advice of Rights form, at which time [redacted] read the form, stated he fully understood his rights, and thereafter signed the form. [redacted] then furnished the following signed statement:

"11/27/72
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

"I, [redacted] hereby furnish the following signed statement to [redacted] and [redacted] who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I have been advised of my rights and I fully understand these rights. No threat or promise has been made to me, and I am furnishing the below statement voluntarily.

"I am [redacted] years old, and can read and write the english language. I have completed 12 years of education. I have served [redacted] months in the [redacted] and have been employed by the Louisiana State Police for [redacted] years, [redacted] yrs. as a trooper.

"On November 16, 1972 at about 9:00 AM I was ordered by [redacted] to report to the tank. We then went to Ryan Airport. From Ryan Airport we drove to the Administration Building of Southern University. When we arrived, Sheriff Al Amiss entered the tank and told the students that they had 5 minutes to clear the area. The next thing I saw was a white object fly from the area of the students, over the heads of the Troop A Tactical Unit, which was lined up

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by [redacted] RJE/clm Date dictated 11/28/72

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at the north corner of the Administration Building. At this time [redacted] The first time I knew of the students being killed was when [redacted] and told me that two students had been hit and to request that ambulances be called. During this time I received no radio contact from anyone on the ground.

"I have read the above statement consisting of one and one-half pages of long handwriting. I have initialed each page and all corrections. This is a true statement, to the best of my knowledge.

"/s/ [redacted]
[redacted] La. State Police

"Witness: /s/ [redacted] Special Agent, FBI, Baton Rouge, La., 11/27/72
/s/ [redacted] Special Agent, FBI, Baton Rouge, La., 11/27/72"

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[redacted] advised that he heard no explosion prior to the initial firing of tear gas.

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He furnished the following names as members of the [redacted]

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[redacted] then furnished the following descriptive information:

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| Name | [redacted] |
| Race | White |
| Sex | Male |
| Address | [redacted] |
| Date of birth | |
| Place of birth | |
| Height | |
| Weight | |
| Entered on duty | |

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[redacted] Louisiana State Police, was advised of the identities of the contacting Agents and that they wished to discuss the events at Southern University at Baton Rouge (SUBR) on November 16, 1972. SA [redacted] furnished [redacted] with an Interrogation; Advice of Rights form, at which time [redacted] read it, advised he fully understood his rights, and thereafter signed the form. He then furnished a statement which he had prepared on November 18, 1972:

"11/18/72

"TO: [redacted]

FROM: [redacted]

SUBJECT: REPORT OF ABOVE OFFICERS OBSERVATIONS AND ACTIVITIES ON DATE OF 11/16/72 AT SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

"On date above, H.Q. 18 (Big Bertha) was ordered to proceed on to Southern University campus, to the Administration building, at approximately 10:00 A.M. from its position at Ryan Airport. We arrived in front of the Administration building at approximately 10:30 A.M., a few moments later Sheriff Amiss, who was in the unit at this time, talked to the students in front of the building over H.S. 18 public address system, telling them they were breaking the law by being there and that they were being given five (5) minutes to disperse or they would be dispersed. Immediately after which the students started jeering, cursing, and giving the black power sign of clenched fist. Two minutes later Sheriff Amiss warned the students they only had 3 minutes left, and one minute later warned that there was only 2 minutes left. The students made no effort to leave, with the exception of a few who walked away. About

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this time the State Police riot squad started moving toward the front door of the Administration building, from the north towards the south, stopping several feet from the students at the front of the building and started to put gas masks on. The Sheriff's riot squad deployed east and northeast of the students. About this time a white object shaped like a tin can flew from the crowd of students towards and over the heads of the State Police squad, exploding in the air and behind the squad.

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"Upon arrival in front of the Administration building

[redacted]

"An order was then given to stop firing which was obeyed. The students had ran away from the building, some of them going inside it. A short time later, two of the students were found laying on the ground in front of the Administration building and the students inside the building were allowed to leave.

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"SUMMATION:

"The students were given a lawful order to disperse which they chose to ignore.

"An order was given [redacted]

"An order to [redacted] which was obeyed.

[redacted]

[redacted]

"Respectfully Submitted

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"/s/ [redacted]

"This is a true copy of a statement written by me on Nov. 18, 1972. I have read and initialed both pages of this statement, and it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

"/s/ [redacted]

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"Witnesses: /s/ [redacted] Special Agent, FBI, Baton Rouge, La. 11/27/72
/s/ [redacted] Special Agent, FBI, Baton Rouge, La., 11/27/72"

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[redacted] further advised that on November 15, 1972, he had worked the 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM shift in the office of the Bureau of Identification, Louisiana State Police. He stated that prior to the initial firing of tear gas on November 16, 1972, he heard no explosions.

[redacted] furnished the following descriptive information:

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|---|---|
| Name | [redacted] |
| Race | White |
| Sex | Male |
| Address | [redacted] |
| Date of birth | |
| Place of birth | |
| Height | |
| Weight | |
| Entered on duty | |
| Education | |
| Military service | |

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[redacted] was interviewed at the headquarters of Troop A, Louisiana State Police (LSP), Baton Rouge, Louisiana, by [redacted] and [redacted] who identified themselves as Special Agents of the FBI. He was advised that he was being interviewed relative to the incident which occurred at the Southern University campus on the morning of November 16, 1972. He was advised of his rights during interview which he read, acknowledged, and waived, as shown on a duly executed Advice of Rights Form. [redacted] furnished the following information:

He is employed as a Trooper for the LSP. On the morning of November 16, 1972, he was at home on telephone standby, having been previously alerted due to his position on the riot squad that there might be trouble on the Southern University campus. About 9:00 a.m., he was called by the office to bring his riot gear and report to Ryan Airport. He arrived there at approximately 10:00 a.m., got his gear out of the car, and got into Unit A-10 with Trooper [redacted] and Trooper [redacted] They then convoyed to Southern University and entered on Harding Boulevard, traveling back on campus to an area which he now knows as near the Administration Building where the convoy stopped. He got out of the car and into his riot squad formation. Regarding the riot squad formation, he is [redacted] in the column and has a [redacted] While standing in formation, he and the other men were [redacted]

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[redacted] They then started to move in line at a half step across the front of the building as [redacted] ordered this area to be cleared. As soon as the unit started to move, the students in front of the Academic Building ran away, and the unit continued to move across the building and made a left turn to a position near the corner of the Administration Building. All across the way, [redacted] advised it was very difficult to hear because of students shouting and hollering at the officers. Until the State Police unit got to the Administration Building, [redacted] stated he had not seen much of an assemblage of [redacted]

[redacted] came to the front of the [redacted] and went forward and appeared to talk to some of the students. He then stepped back, [redacted] observed a canister of gas rolling across the grass from the State Police area toward the students. It came from up in front of the formation on the left side which would have been the area away from the building. A student picked up this canister and lobbed it in a high arc over the State Police unit. It landed behind [redacted] then observed that three or four more gas canisters were thrown from the State Police area and then suddenly a whole bunch of canisters started being lobbed into the crowd.

[redacted] stated he tried but could not get his gas mask out of its container. He commented that [redacted] and the gas did not seem to bother him too much. All

up and down the line men were trying to get their gas masks on. [redacted] All during this time, he heard a lot of noises but nothing which he could relate to anything specific. Just about this time, the students began to run. [redacted] Groups of 25 to 30 students were milling about in the area of the Naval Reserve Officers' Training Corps (NROTC) Building. [redacted] stated that [redacted] These groups were split and dissipated. Just after that, [redacted] stated it was brought to his attention that two persons were on the sidewalk area in front of the Administration Building. He then heard someone yell to get an ambulance.

[redacted] had moved to the door of the Administration Building and then a campus security man and a Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) man went into the building, and people began coming out in an orderly fashion, obviously suffering from the effects of the tear gas. As the people were coming out, someone behind him hollered that they had a warrant for a tall male Negro student who was wearing [redacted] who was in the exiting crowd. This subject apparently heard this [redacted] advised, because he immediately tried to run back into the building and then came back out, and [redacted] observed him try to get down low and sneak along with the other people. [redacted] stated that [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that [redacted] had previously instructed that any man who fired a shot without an order to do so would get an automatic five-day suspension without pay.

[redacted] stated that the only thing he saw students throw were tear gas canisters back at the police.

[redacted] stated he has been a member of the State Police for [redacted] years and that during this time he has been assigned to Troop A and on the Troop A riot squad for the past [redacted] years. He attended a three-day school on riots and crowd control and has participated in three hours of practice once a month for the past [redacted] with the Troop A riot squad.

The following description was obtained from interview and observation:

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|---|---|
| Name | [redacted] |
| Race and sex | White male |
| Date of birth | [redacted] |
| Place of birth | |
| Address | |
| Height | [redacted] feet [redacted] inches |
| Weight | [redacted] pounds |
| Marital status | [redacted] |

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Bachelor of Arts degree

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[redacted] Louisiana State Police, was located and was advised of the identity of the contacting Agents and the nature of the interview regarding a potential civil rights violation on the Southern University, Baton Rouge, campus. SA [redacted] furnished [redacted] with an Interrogation; Advice of Rights Form, at which time [redacted] read, advised that he fully understood his rights and thereafter signed the form. [redacted] then provided the following signed statement:

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Baton Rouge, La.

"I, [redacted] hereby furnish the following signed statement to [redacted] and [redacted] who have identified themselves to me as special agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I have been advised of my rights and fully understand these rights. No threats or promises have been made to me and I am giving this statement voluntarily.

"I am [redacted] years old and have graduated from high school. I have served [redacted] in the [redacted] and have been employed as a Louisiana State policeman for [redacted] years [redacted] months.

"On the morning of Nov. 16, 1972, at approximately 9 AM, I received a telephone call from Trooper [redacted] advising me to get all my riot gear, and 10-19 (return to) Ryan Airport. I loaded my equipment into my car and arrived at Ryan Airport approximatly 40-45 later.

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"When I arrived, trooper 'A' riot squad was preparing to leave. I was told by Trooper [redacted] to get dressed and get ready to go. I put on my equipment and got into my car with [redacted] I was the [redacted] in the convoy behind [redacted] I was [redacted] unit back. While I was in route I asked [redacted] what was going on to which he replied he didn't know but we'd probably just sit around all day again. When we arrived at Southern University, [redacted] gave the order to assemble. We assembled and at a quick step pace advanced toward a group of students at the steps of the Social Science Building, at [redacted] order. These students were dispersed without physical contact. We were ordered by [redacted] to form a line and move to the Administration Building. We marched to area near [redacted] and halted. At this point [redacted] had a bullhorn, and he advised the students they would have to move. The students shouted back indicating they would not move. [redacted] again ordered the students to move and they refused. The elasped time was approximatel 3 minutes. At this point [redacted]. At this point [redacted] I cleared my mask, and my first sight was of the two fallen youths. As a matter of clarification when we assembled for the purpose of advancing on the

students on the Social Science Building steps, when we advanced at a quick step pace to the corner of that building, where we waited for the order to advance. When that order was given we marched in an orderly line to the steps of that building.

"I have read the above statement consisting of 2½ pages of long hand writing and initialed each page and all corrections. This is a true statement to the best of my knowledge.

"/s/ Tfc. [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

"Witness:/s/ SA [redacted] FBI, 11/22/72 b6 b7C
/s/ [redacted] Special Agent, FBI, 11/22/72, Baton Rouge, La."

[redacted] provided the following descriptive information:

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| Name<br>Address | [redacted] b6 b7C b7D |
| Place of birth | |
| Date of birth | |
| Height | [redacted] inches |
| Weight | pounds |
| Marital status | [redacted] |
| Education | |
| Employment | Louisiana State Police, Trooper First Class, entrance on duty |

[redacted] stated that to the best of his recollection, on November 15, 1972, he was at Ryan Airport from approximately 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on standby duty. [redacted] stated his normal shift for November 16, 1972, was 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. [redacted] stated that he estimated the number of students on the steps of the Administration Building to be approximately 75.

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[redacted] stated his normal position in an anti-riot line of Troop A, Louisiana State Police, would be [redacted] but further that after the Southern University student returned a can of tear gas over the heads of the Troopers in that line their ranks became somewhat disarranged. [redacted] stated that he believed when they regrouped, Trooper First Class [redacted] was to his left and Trooper First Class [redacted] was to his right. [redacted] stated that he heard no loud noises or explosions prior to the time when the tear gas cannister was thrown [redacted] and the only noise he heard of that nature were the shots fired after that time. [redacted] stated that his equipment under these conditions consisted of a helmet and mask and flak vest, a service revolver of caliber .357, a .12 gauge Ithaca riot gun, five shot capacity. [redacted] stated that his riot gun was loaded with four rounds of Number Four buckshot with no round in the chamber. [redacted] advised that the only shots fired by members of his unit that he knew of were those fired by [redacted]

[redacted] stated that he believed their purpose for being at Southern University was merely one of crowd control. [redacted] stated that he had completed 40 hours of training with crowd control while in the Louisiana State Police Academy. [redacted] advised that subsequent to that time, he has participated in a minimum of three hours per month in crowd control tactics training. [redacted] further stated that this was his first actual encounter in crowd control since leaving the academy.

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[redacted] Trooper, Louisiana State Police (LSP), was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents and of the nature of the interview which concerned the events on November 16, 1972, on the campus of Southern University during which two students were killed. SA [redacted] furnished [redacted] with an Interrogation; Advice of Rights Form, which [redacted] read, advised he understood his rights, and signed the form. [redacted] furnished the following information:

[redacted] advised he was working in the office of Troop A, LSP, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on the morning of November 16, 1972. Sometime that morning, [redacted] was not sure of the time, the tactical unit of Troop A of which he has been a member for [redacted] years was called to Ryan Field because of an alleged disturbance on the campus of Southern University in Baton Rouge. [redacted] advised that he proceeded to Ryan Field with [redacted] so that the tactical unit could form up and proceed to the campus. The members of the unit met at Ryan Field and proceeded in convoy to the campus of Southern University. Immediately upon arrival, the tactical unit formed a skirmish line and at the command of [redacted] moved to the [redacted] of the gray Academic Building which was being occupied by 35 to 40 students. [redacted] advised that this unit cleared the steps without any confrontation or further problem. [redacted] then gave the order for the unit to move towards the Administration Building to assist in clearing approximately 75 students from the front steps area. The unit skirmish line [redacted] [redacted] Troop A. [redacted] gave the verbal order to the students who were massed in front of the Administration Building to clear the area. His order was met by various obscenities. When the crowd failed to disperse, [redacted]

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[redacted] advised that a student in the crowd picked up this cannister and hurled it back at the Troopers. [redacted] further advised that he did not hear any explosion or loud report prior to the time that [redacted] He further advised that the members of his unit were unable to don their gas masks and that as a result the entire unit was gassed when the student threw back the gas cannister. [redacted] advised that [redacted] He further advised that he was for all intents and purposes blinded by the gas for approximately three to four minutes. It was after the gas began to drift off that he noticed two Negro males lying on the ground near the south corner of the Administration Building. [redacted] advised that he was unable to observe the activities of any of the other law enforcement officers who were on the campus at that time because of the heavy tear gas and because he was not wearing his gas mask. [redacted] advised that after [redacted] and the entire area was inundated with tear gas.

[redacted] advised that he was equipped with a riot helmet, gas mask, flak vest, sidearm, and a barricade gas gun and ten barricade projectiles. He advised that he did not fire any of these weapons during the commotion. He further advised that none of the other members of his unit fired any weapons [redacted]

[redacted] advised that approximately one week before the shooting of the students, his unit had been called to the Southern University campus but that there was no confrontation or trouble at that time. [redacted] advised that his unit has been on emergency standby for approximately one week because of the trouble at the University. It was [redacted] understanding that their job was to assist the local Sheriff's Deputies in quieting any disturbance that might arise. [redacted] further advised that there were no preexisting

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commands or orders as to what to do should any commotion arise at the University and that as far as he knew there was no information that they would meet any sort of armed resistence should they be called to the University. [redacted] further advised that neither he nor any member of his unit suffered any injuries during the commotion.

[redacted] gave the following signed statement:

"November 22, 1972
Baton Rouge, La.

"I, [redacted] do give this free and voluntary statement to [redacted] and [redacted] who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I have been advised of my rights and have duly executed the form entitled 'Interrogation; Advice of Rights.' I am employed as a Trooper for the Louisiana State Police and have been so employed for [redacted] years. I have been assigned to the Tactical Unit of Troop A, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, for the past [redacted] I was so employed on November 16, 1972. On that day I and the Tactical Unit were sent to the Southern University campus in Baton Rouge sometime during the morning. My unit was under the command of [redacted] Upon arrival, [redacted] The squad moved these people without any physical confrontation. These people moved towards the Administration building, [redacted] The order was then immediately given to clear the steps of the administration building. [redacted] The line held for two or three minutes while [redacted] gave an order to the crowd to disperse. There was approximately one one hundred people there at the time. The crowd ignored the

[redacted] This cannister was thrown back into the squad by the crowd. [redacted] The smoke cleared in about 3 or 4 minutes and two Negro males were lying on the ground in front of the administration building. I did not see these two men fall. I was also not able to observe what the deputies from the Sheriff's Office were doing at this time. [redacted] I was not injured nor were any members of the squad injured during this confrontation. [redacted] have completed high school, and have undergone special riot control training.

"I have read this statement consisting of two pages and acknowledge it as true.

"/s/ [redacted]

"Witnessed:
/s/ [redacted] Special Agent, FBI
/s/ [redacted] Special Agent, FBI

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The following description was obtained through observation and interview:

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| Name | [redacted] |
| Occupation | Trooper, Louisiana State Police, length of service [redacted] years |
| Date of birth | [redacted] |
| Place of birth | [redacted] |
| Height | [redacted] feet [redacted] inches |
| Weight | [redacted] pounds |
| Hair | [redacted] |
| Eyes | [redacted] |
| Marital status | [redacted] |
| Education | High school graduate |

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[redacted] Trooper First Class, Troop A, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, furnished the following signed statement:

"November 24, 1972, Baton Rouge, La.

"I, [redacted] hereby furnish the following signed statement to [redacted] and [redacted] who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I have been advised of the purpose of this statement and also advised of my constitutional rights regarding the purpose of this statement. No threats or promises have been made to me and this statement is given voluntarily.

"I am [redacted] years of age and employed as a State Trooper with the Louisiana State Police, Troop A, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. I have been employed as a trooper for approximately [redacted] years. I am a high school graduate.

"On 11/16/72 I was assigned as [redacted] Louisiana State Police, Troop A Tactical Unit, Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

"I arrived on the Southern University Campus at approximately 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM. Within a minute or two after my arrival at Southern University

[redacted]

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"During the confrontation in front of the Administration Building I was in no position to observe the activity in front of the Administration Building but did hear noises similar to that generated by gas canisters exploding. I did not know of any injuries until approximately two or three ___ later when I heard [redacted] of the Louisiana State Police on the state police radio requesting an ambulance. b6 b7C

"While on campus at Southern University on 11/16/72 I was not armed with a shotgun.

"I have read the above statement consisting of 3 pages of long hand writing and initialed each page and all corrections. This is a true statement to the best of my knowledge. b6 b7C b7D

"/s/ [redacted]

"/s/ [redacted] Special Agent, FBI, Baton Rouge, La. 11/24/72. b6 b7C

/s/ [redacted] Special Agent, FBI, Baton Rouge, LA, 11/24/72"

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In addition to the aforementioned signed statement, b6 b7C b7D Trooper [redacted] furnished the following information:

He was born on [redacted] and is described as follows:

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| Race | White |
| Sex | Male |
| Height | [redacted] |
| Weight | [redacted] pounds |
| Hair | [redacted] |
| Eyes | [redacted] |
| Complexion | [redacted] |
| Build | [redacted] |

On November 16, 1972, at approximately 9:00 a.m., he was called and told to report to [redacted] Ryan Airport, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Shortly thereafter, the

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Troop A Tactical Unit drove to the campus of Southern University arriving there at approximately 10:00 or 10:30 a.m. He was assigned along with Trooper [redacted] by [redacted] to act as [redacted] At this time there were approximately 300 students in the vicinity of the Louisiana State Trooper [redacted]

The students were moved away but [redacted] He was personally armed with an AR-15, .223 caliber, semi-automatic rifle and his personal .357 caliber revolver. He fired no live ammunition and he did not hear any live ammunition fired.

[redacted] He first heard that some students had been hurt when he heard [redacted] ask over the state police radio for an ambulance. He did not know any of the students. [redacted] was behind a large blue tank-type vehicle known as "Big Bertha", which position prevented him from seeing what was occurring in front of the Administration Building. He could hear tear gas canisters being exploded, but was in no position to observe any of the firing or exploding of tear gas canisters. When he arrived on the scene at Southern University, it appeared that approximately 150 students were in front of the Administration Building.

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[redacted] was advised of the identities of the contacting Agents and of the fact that they wished to discuss with him the events at Southern University, November 16, 1972. Special Agent [redacted] furnished [redacted] with an "Interrogation; Advice of Rights" form, at which time [redacted] read the form and advised that he fully understood his rights and thereafter signed the form. [redacted] furnished the following statement:

"11/24/72
Baton Rouge, La

"I, [redacted] hereby furnish the following signed statement to [redacted] and [redacted] who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I have been advised of my rights and I fully understand these rights. No threat or promise has been made to me, and I am furnishing the below statement voluntarily.

"I am [redacted] years old and can read and write the english language. I have completed two years of college at [redacted] I served [redacted] years in the [redacted] and have been employed as a Trooper in the Louisiana State Police for [redacted]

"On November 16, 1972, I was assigned as [redacted] At the time when the shooting took place [redacted] Prior to the time when the teargas was thrown [redacted] When the tear gas was thrown the students held their position for about 15 seconds and then ran in a southerly direction. When the students were about twenty yards beyond the end of the Administration Building, I saw the two students laying on the ground. From my position [redacted] I was unable

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to determine who fired any of the shots.

"I have read the above statement consisting of (2) pages of long handwriting. I have initialed each page and all corrections. This is a true statement, to the best of my knowledge. b6 b7C b7D

"/s/ Trooper [redacted]

"Witnesses: /s/ [redacted] Special Agent, FBI, 11/24/72 Baton Rouge La

/s/ [redacted] Special Agent, FBI, Baton Rouge, La, 11/24/72"

In addition to the above statement, COOK also provided the following information:

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| Name<br>Address | [redacted] |
| Date of birth | |
| Place of birth | |
| Race | White |
| Sex | Male |
| Height | [redacted] |
| Weight | pounds |
| Marital status | [redacted] |
| Children | |
| Employment | Louisiana State Policer Trooper , Computer Number [redacted] entered on duty [redacted] |

[redacted] advised further that on November 15, 1972, it was his regular day off. November 16, 1972, he was working a regular 6:00 a.m., to 2:00 p.m., shift and was advised at approximately 8:30 to call the office, at which time he was advised to return to the office. Upon arriving at Troop A Headquarters, he was told to proceed to Ryan Airport and assume his duties which were that of an [redacted] in a Louisiana State Police [redacted] advised that he was [redacted]

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[redacted] advised that [redacted] was [redacted] who is the [redacted] for Louisiana State Police. [redacted] advised that his equipment at the time of his [redacted] consisted of a [redacted] stated that he was approximately [redacted] the activity for most of the time and his first knowledge of the death of the two students was when [redacted] He assumed they were to transport one of the students; however, an ambulance arrived and their services were not necessary.

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[redacted] was advised of the identities of the contacting Agents and of the fact that they wished to discuss with him the events at Southern University November 16, 1972. Special Agent [redacted] furnished [redacted] with an "Interrogation; Advice of Rights" form, at which time [redacted] read the form and advised that he fully understood his rights and thereafter signed the form. [redacted] furnished the following statement:

"Baton Rouge La
November 24, 1972

"I, [redacted] hereby furnish the following signed statement to [redacted] and [redacted] who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I have been advised of my rights, and I fully understand these rights. Threat or promise has not been made to me, and I am furnishing the below statement voluntarily.

"I am [redacted] years old and can read and write the english language. I have completed 12½ years of education. I have been employed as a Louisiana State Policeman for [redacted] years.

"On November 16 1972 I was called to Southern University and ordered to [redacted] At that time we were concerned with a crowd of approximately 300 students in the area of the cafeteria. [redacted] to restrain these students and were unable to see any action in the area of the Administration Building because of the crowd between our position and that location. I have read the above statement consisting of one and half page of long hand writing. I have initialed each page, and all corrections. This statement is true to the best of my knowledge, and therefore I sign my name.

"/s/ [redacted]

"Witnesses: [redacted] Special Agent FBI,

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by SA [redacted] SA RPW : mrc Date dictated 11/25/72



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/s/ Special Agent, FBI, Baton Rouge, La, 11/24/72"

also furnished the following information:

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| Name | |
| Date of birth | |
| Place of birth | |
| Race | White |
| Sex | Male |
| Marital status | |
| Children | |
| Education | Completed one year of college |
| Employment | Louisiana State Police as a Trooper First Class, Louisiana State Police Computer Number having entered on duty |

advised that on November 15, 1972, he was on vacation due to the fact that he had previously injured his knee. He advised that at approximately 9:00 on the morning of November 16, 1972, had called him and asked if he was fit for service, to which replied that he was. At that point advised him to go to Ryan Airport and meet with the other members of Troop A.

advised he first learned of the disturbance at Southern University from when he was advised he should load up his equipment and prepare to go to Southern University. Upon his arrival at Southern University, was assigned the duty of Trooper and Trooper advised that his principal concern was a crowd of approximately 300 students in the area of the cafeteria, who were attempting to stated he was required to use to repel these students

stated his equipment consisted of the normal riot helmet and mask. He was also carrying a and carrying about stated he heard

loud, predominant noise from the direction of the Administration Building, which seemed to indicate the beginning of action; however, he stated his view of the Administration Building was blocked by crowds and he could see no real action in that area.

[redacted] stated that after the crowd at the cafeteria had been dispersed, he went to the area of the fallen students and assisted in a crime scene search, at which time he noticed some wadding material and a shot gup near the base of the wall of the Administration Building. He stated that this material was left in place but was photographed by [redacted] (phonetic).

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[redacted] Louisiana State Police, was advised of the identities of the contacting Agents and of the nature of the interview regarding a potential civil rights violation on the Southern University, Baton Rouge, campus. SA [redacted] furnished [redacted] with an Interrogation; Advice of Rights form, at which time [redacted] read, advised he fully understood his rights, and thereafter signed the form. [redacted] then furnished the following signed statement:

"11/25/72
Baton Rouge, La.

"I, [redacted] hereby furnish the following signed statement to [redacted] and [redacted] who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I have been advised of my rights and I fully understand these rights. No threat or promise has been made to me, and I am furnishing the below statement voluntarily.

"I am [redacted] years old, and can read and write the english language. I have completed [redacted] years of education. I have served [redacted] years in the U. S. Army, and have been employed by the Louisiana State Police for [redacted] years.

"On November 16, 1972, I was called at my home at 9:00 AM and instructed to pick up Trooper [redacted] and proceed to Ryan Airport. When I arrived at the airport I was told to put my riot equipment in the white van of [redacted] At 10:00 we proceeded to Southern University. When we arrived we formed a line at the [redacted] said 'I want the front of that building cleared.' We advanced to the stairs and the students moved without incident. We then moved to the Administration Building and formed

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a line approximately [redacted] requested that the students leave the front of the Administration Building. The students refused and [redacted] A tear gas canister was then rolled into the students. One of the students picked up the canister and threw it [redacted] I then started to put on my gas mask. While I was putting on my mask I heard [redacted] but I cannot be sure from which direction the shots were fired. When I got my gas mask on, the students had cleared the front of the Administration Building and two students were on the ground.

"I have read the above statement consisting of 1½ pages of longhand writing. I have initialed each page and all correction_. This statement is true to the best of _knowledge and therefore I sign my name.

"/s/ TFC [redacted]
L.S.P. A - B.R. La.
11-25-72 2:45 PM

"Witness: /s/ [redacted] Special Agent, FBI, Baton Rouge, La., 11/25/72 b6 b7C
/s/ [redacted] Special Agent, FBI, Baton Rouge, La., 11/25/72"

[redacted] provided the following descriptive information: b6 b7C b7D

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Date of birth
Place of birth
Height
Weight
Marital status
Education
Employment

[redacted]

One year college
Louisiana State Police,
Trooper First Class,
entered on duty [redacted]

[redacted] stated that on November 15, 1972, he had worked the 2:00 PM to 10:00 PM shift. [redacted] stated that his [redacted] on November 16, 1972, was [redacted] and that Trooper First Class [redacted] was to his left but could not recall who was to his right. [redacted] stated that he heard no loud noises or explosions prior to the canister of tear gas being thrown [redacted] He advised that his equipment consisted of a helmet, mask, flak vest, .357 caliber service revolver, and a five shot, .12 gauge Ithaca riot gun. [redacted] stated the riot gun was loaded with one round of 00 and three rounds of number four buckshot. He had received crowd control tactics in the police academy and at least three hours of practice each month. [redacted] stated this was his first encounter of this type.

[redacted] stated that the [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that when the first gas was thrown at the students he saw approximately [redacted] in front of the Administration Building.

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[redacted] Trooper First Class, Troop A, Tactical Unit, Louisiana State Police, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, was contacted and furnished the following signed statement regarding his activities on November 16, 1972:

"Baton Rouge, Louisiana, November 25, 1972

"I, [redacted] voluntarily furnish the following signed statement to [redacted] and [redacted] who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. No threats or promises have been made to me in regard to this statement. I have been advised of my rights as indicated on form entitled "Interrogation; Advise of Rights," and have signed this form.

"I am a high school graduate and have completed [redacted] years service with the United States Army Reserve. I am [redacted] years of age.

"On 11/16/72, I was called at home by the Louisiana State Police and told to report to Ryan Airport, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, with my riot gear. I reported to Tactical Troop A about 30 to 40 minutes after being notified. After some few minutes, my unit proceeded to the campus of Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. We grouped on the [redacted] across from the Administration building. We double-timed to the [redacted] of the Academic building. We then proceeded to the front of the Academic Building where we cleared the steps of approximately 75 students who were grooped there.

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"We then regrouped and marched [redacted] of the Administration building. The unit stopped several yards from the students. I recall [redacted] talking to the students. The next thing I recall is an explosion behind me which sounded like a gas canister exploding. I was immediately engulfed in gas as I did not have my gas mask on. I proceeded, with difficulty, to put my gas mask on and attempted to clear my gas mask.

"I heard numerous popping and explosive type noises, but due to being blinded by gas, could not observe anything for the next few minutes.

"I was armed with an Ithica 12 gage pump shotgun, containing four rounds of number 4 buck-shot in the magazine. There was no round in the chamber. I did not fire this weapon at any time. I was also armed with a .357 caliber revolver, which I did not fire. I did not see any other law enforcement officer on the scene fire a weapon of any kind. Subsequently, I observed two students lying on the sidewalk in front of the Administration building. I had no idea what happened to these students.

"After seeing the students lying on the sidewalk, I observed [redacted]

"I have read the above statement consisting of four pages of long hand writing and initalled each page and all corrections. This is a true statement to the best of my knowledge.

"/s/ [redacted]

"Witnesses

"/s/ [redacted] Special Agent, FBI, Baton Rouge, La., 11/25/72

"/s/ [redacted] Special Agent, FBI, Baton Rouge, La., 11/25/72".

In addition to the above signed statement, Trooper [redacted] furnished the following information:

He is a white male; born [redacted] feet [redacted] inches; [redacted] pounds, with [redacted] hair.

He advised that on November 15, 1972, he had received an adequate amount of sleep.

He could not identify where any of the [redacted] were located at the time the action started. Subsequently, he observed [redacted]

Trooper [redacted] advised he has been a member of the Louisiana State Police for approximately [redacted] years, and has been a member of the Troop A, Tactial Unit, for approximately [redacted]

He stated he has had monthly training in riot control, plus he has had numerous training in riot control while he was employed by the [redacted] for a [redacted] period approximately [redacted] years ago.

He advised he did not know any of the Southern University Students involved in the aforementioned confrontation.

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[redacted] Trooper First Class, Tactical Unit, Louisiana State Police, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, furnished the following signed statement: b6 b7C b7D

"I, [redacted] Trooper 1st Class, Troop A, Tacitcal Unit, Louisiana State Police, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, voluntarily furnish the following signed statement to [redacted] and [redacted] who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I have been advised of my rights as listed on form entitled 'Interrogation; Advise of Rights,' and have signed this form. No threats or promises have been made to me in regard to this statement.

"I am [redacted] years of age and have completed one year of college. I have been a member of the Louisiana State Police for [redacted] and have been a member of the Troop A, Tacitcal Unit, for approximately [redacted] I am a [redacted] year veteran of the [redacted]

"On 11/16/72, at approximately 9:00 a.m., I was called by the Louisiana State Police to report to Ryan Airport, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, with my riot gear. I arrived at Ryan Airport at approximately 9:45 a.m. I joined my unit and at about 10:10 a.m. my unit proceeded by way of convoy to the campus of Southern University. My unit grouped up at the [redacted] in front of the Administration building. We were issued gas at this time and then proceeded double-time to a position [redacted] gave the order to move the crowd away from in front of the Academic building. There were approximately 50 students in

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front of the Academic building. We move_ to the front of the Academic building and cleared the crowd from in front of the Academic building, meeting little resistance.

"We then proceeding [redacted] toward the Administration building where we regrouped. We regrouped then proceeded [redacted] of the students in front of the Administration building.

[redacted] talked to the students in front of the Administration building. [redacted] The next minute I was involved in putting on my gas mask. I cannot recall gas being thrown, but was aware that gassing was taking place.

"After putting on my gas mask, I observed that the students had moved South from the Administration building. I then observed two students lying on the sidewalk in front of the Administration building. I had no idea what happened to these students. Then our unit entered the Administration building but was forced to leave this building as [redacted] did not have his gas mask on.

"Subsequently, I observed [redacted] in order to move a crowd away from the scene.

"I have read the above statement consisting of 4opages of long_hand writing and initialed each page (and all corrections). This is a true statement to the best of my knowledge.

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"/s/ TFC [redacted]

"/s/ [redacted] Special Agent, FBI, Baton Rouge, La., 11/25/72

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"/s/ [redacted] Special Agent, FBI, Baton Rouge, La., 11/25/72"

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In addition to the aforementioned signed statement, Trooper [redacted] furnished the following information:

He is a white male; born [redacted] He is [redacted] feet, [redacted] inches in height; [redacted] pounds; [redacted] hair, and [redacted] eyes.

On November 15, 1972, Trooper [redacted] stated he received an adequate amount of sleep.

On November 16, 1972, he was called at his residence at approximately 9 a.m., by the Louisiana State Police (LSP), and was told to report to Ryan Airport, Baton Rouge, with his riot gear. He was picked up at his residence by Trooper [redacted] LSP, and they drove to Ryan Airport, arriving there at approximately 9:45 a.m.

He grouped at Ryan Airport with his Troop A, Tactical Unit, LSP.

At approximately 10:10 a.m., Troop A, Tactical Unit, LSP, left Ryan Airport and proceeded by convoy to the campus of Southern University, Baton Rouge, arriving there at approximately 10:20 a.m. Upon arriving at Southern University, they were apprised of the problem they confronted. They then formed in formation on the [redacted] from the Administration Building. They put their full riot gear on with the exception of their gas masks. They then proceeded in formation double time to the

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[redacted] of the Academic Building. They then regrouped and [redacted] Troop A, Tactical Unit, issued instructions to clear the crowd from in front of the Academic Building. They proceeded into this crowd, which numbered approximately 50 students, and met little resistance as the crowd scattered.

After this, they proceeded to the [redacted] of the Academic Building. They grouped up at the [redacted] of the Academic Building and [redacted] gave them instructions to clear the crowd from in front of the Administration Building. They proceeded in formation to the [redacted] of the Administration Building at which time [redacted] told the troop to hold up. [redacted] went to the front of Troop A and talked to the students. [redacted]

[redacted] stated he next observed two students lying on the sidewalk in front of the Administration Building. He said he had no idea what happened to these students.

[redacted]

An unidentified student was then [redacted]

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[redacted] stated he then observed [redacted] to move this crowd away from the scene.

[redacted] advised that during the aforementioned confrontation he was armed with a .357 caliber revolver and a 12-gauge Ithaca pump shotgun loaded with four rounds of Number 4 buckshot, which was in the magazine. He advised he fired no weapon during this confrontation and he did not throw any gas.

He stated he observed that [redacted] and [redacted] Troop A after the aforementioned confrontation had taken place.

[redacted] stated he has been a member of Troop A, Tactical Unit, for approximately [redacted] and has received monthly training in riot control.

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[redacted] Trooper, Louisiana State Police, Troop A, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, was advised of the identities of [redacted] and [redacted] as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Trooper [redacted] was advised of the nature of the interview, that being to investigate circumstances surrounding the shooting of two students on the campus of Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on November 16, 1972. Special Agent [redacted] furnished [redacted] an "Interrogation; Advice of Rights" form, which he read, advised he fully understood his rights, and thereafter signed the form. [redacted] provided the following free and voluntary information:

[redacted] advised that on November 16, 1972, he proceeded to Ryan Airport where he joined the Tactical Unit of Troop A of the Louisiana State Police. He then proceeded with his unit to the campus of Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, because of student disturbance on the campus.

Upon arrival on the campus, [redacted] moved to the Academic Building to clear the front entrance of a group of students who had congregated on the steps. The front of the Academic Building was cleared without incident and his troop was ordered to proceed to the Administration Building where a group of students had congregated.

[redacted] approached the group of students at the Administration Building and ordered them to disperse. The students ignored his order at which time [redacted]

[redacted] advised he started to put his gas mask on when he saw a gas canister being hurled from the crowd of students. [redacted] advised that by the time he got his mask on, the students had dispersed from in front of the building and it was then that

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he first noticed two Negro males lying on the ground. He advised that after the gas canister was hurled at his unit by the students, numerous gas explosions could be heard, but he did not he did not notice who was throwing gas or who might have fired their weapons.

[redacted] advised he did not observe the activities of the students or of any law enforcement officers during the disturbance.

[redacted] advised that he, himself, did not throw any gas or fire his weapon while he was on the campus.

[redacted] was shown photographs which were taken during the campus disturbance and he advised he was unable to identify any of the students or law enforcement officers, other than members of his own unit who were shown in these photographs.

[redacted] advised he had an appointment for an interview with investigators from the State Attorney General's office, and he did not have the time to give a signed statement, but he would be available at some future date, if necessary.

The following descriptive data was obtained from observation and interview:

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| Name | [redacted] |
| Date of Birth | |
| Place of Birth | |
| Race | White |
| Sex | Male |
| Height | [redacted] feet, [redacted] inches |
| Weight | [redacted] |
| Hair | |
| Eyes | |
| Marital status | |
| Occupation | Trooper, Louisiana State Police, for [redacted] |

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Former law enforcement experience [redacted]

Education High school graduate; [redacted] credit hours from [redacted]

[redacted] Major

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[redacted] Trooper, Louisiana State Police, Troop A, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, was advised of the identities of [redacted] and [redacted] as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Trooper [redacted] was advised of the nature of the interview, that being to investigate circumstances surrounding the shooting of two students on the campus of Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on November 16, 1972. Special Agent [redacted] furnished [redacted] an "Interrogation; Advice of Rights" form, which he read, advised he fully understood his rights, and thereafter signed the form. [redacted] provided the following free and voluntary information:

[redacted] advised that on November 16, 1972, he was called to Ryan Airport, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, as he is a member of the Tactical Unit of Troop A of the Louisiana State Police. He stated he had been on emergency stand-by duty for approximately one week because of student disturbances on the campus of Southern University.

[redacted] advised that his unit formed at Ryan Airport and proceeded to the campus of Southern University. He advised he is not sure of the time his unit arrived on the campus.

Upon arrival, the Tactical Unit formed a skirmish line and was ordered to move approximately 35 to 40 students from the steps of the gray Academic Building. His unit moved the students without any incidents. He further advised that his unit was immediately ordered to proceed over to the Administration Building where approximately 75 students were massed around the front steps. His unit moved in the direction of the Administration Building with [redacted] at the head of the line. [redacted] ordered the students to disperse, but his order was met with a round of obscenities from the students. [redacted] tear gas canister into the crowd of students. An unidentified student picked up the canister and threw it in the direction of the

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Tactical Unit. [redacted] advised that none of the members of the unit had their gas masks on at this time. As a result, most of them became incapacitated by this gas canister. By the time [redacted] was able to put his mask on, the crowd had dispersed from the Administration Building. It was at this time that he first noticed two Negro males lying on the sidewalk in front of the Administration Building.

[redacted] advised he was unable to observe the activities of the other law enforcement officers and students because of the heavy volume of gas and because of the fact that he was not wearing his gas mask. He advised, however, that except for [redacted]

[redacted] was shown photographs of the disturbance, but he was unable to identify any of the students or sheriff's deputies in the photographs. He further advised he did not know any of the students he saw on the campus during this time.

[redacted] advised he was equipped with a 12-gauge shotgun and it was loaded with four Number 4 buckshot shells and the chamber was unloaded and open during the entire disturbance. He advised he did not fire his weapon or throw any gas during the confrontation.

[redacted] advised he had an appointment for an interview with investigators from the State Attorney General's Office and, as a result, he was unable to give a signed statement at this time. He advised he would be available at some future date should it become necessary to give a signed statement.

The following description was obtained through observation and interview:

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| Name | [redacted] |
| Occupation | Trooper, Louisiana State Police, for [redacted] years |
| Race | White |
| Sex | Male |

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| Height | [ ] feet |
| Weight | [ ] pounds |
| Hair | |
| Eyes | |
| Marital status | |
| Education | High school graduate; [ ] credit hours earned at |

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[redacted] Trooper First Class, Louisiana State Police, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, was advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents and the nature of the interview regarding a potential civil rights violation on the Southern University, Baton Rouge (SUBR) campus. SA [redacted] furnished [redacted] with an Interrogation; Advice of Rights form, which [redacted] read, advised he fully understood his rights, and thereafter signed the form. [redacted] furnished the following information; however, he advised he did not wish to furnish a signed statement at this time:

[redacted] advised that on November 15, 1972, he worked the 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM shift. On November 16, 1972, he went on duty at 7:00 AM in the Motor Vehicle Inspection Office. At approximately 9:00 AM he was told to report to Ryan Airport. When he arrived at the airport, he was assigned to [redacted] to Southern University. He stated that they drove to Southern University in a convoy.

[redacted] stated that when they arrived at Southern University, Sheriff AL AMISS told the students that they had five minutes to clear the area. When the five minutes elapsed, the students had not moved, so the Louisiana State Police formed a line at the [redacted] of the gray building. They then cleared the students from the steps of the gray building.

[redacted] stated they then moved to the [redacted] of the Administration Building. He stated that he estimated there were 500 students in front of the building. [redacted] requested that the students move and the students said they would not move. [redacted] stated that [redacted] stated that as he started to put on his gas mask, a canister went off behind him. He then moved back

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[redacted] in order to go to the armored vehicle, Big Bertha, to get water to clear his eyes.

[redacted] stated that he heard no explosion before the first tear gas went off, that he does not know who fired any shots, and that to his knowledge, no Louisiana State Police Troopers fired any shots.

[redacted] advised that his equipment consisted of a .357 caliber service revolver, helmet, mask, and a two-way radio. He stated he received 15 hours of crowd control tactics in the Louisiana State Police Academy and has had experience in controlling crowds on numerous occasions. He stated he does not take part in the monthly drills because he is not assigned to the riot control squad.

[redacted] then furnished the following descriptive information:

Name
Address

Date of birth
Place of birth
Height
Weight
Marital status
Employment

[redacted]

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B. EAST BATON ROUGE SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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1. Officials

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J. AL AMISS, Sheriff, East Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana, was interviewed at the Parish Prison concerning the events that occurred on the campus of Southern University at Baton Rouge (SUBR) on November 16, 1972. Prior to any questioning, Sheriff AMISS was advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents and was furnished with a copy of an "Interrogation; Advice of Rights" form which he read, stated he thoroughly understood, and signed. Prior to signing this form, he expressed a willingness to cooperate with the FBI in any way he could and stated he had no objections to answering any questions and had no objections to any of his men speaking with the FBI. He furnished the following information:

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Sheriff AMISS stated initially that he was elected to his present position February 2, 1972, and in addition to being Sheriff, he is also the Parish Tax Collector. He was born [redacted] in [redacted] and prior to his election as parish Sheriff, [redacted] His residence address is [redacted] home telephone number [redacted] office telephone number, courthouse, 348-5971, (private number [redacted].

Concerning the events which occurred on November 16, 1972, on the campus of Southern University at Baton Rouge (SUBR), Sheriff AMISS advised that on the evening of November 15, 1972, he attended a meeting at the Parish Prison wherein a discussion was had concerning four state warrants which had been issued for four university students who were charged under Louisiana state statute which makes it illegal to disrupt the activities at a state school. Present at this meeting were [redacted] Campus Security, [redacted] and [redacted] The university authorities had previously made the complaint upon which the issuance of these warrants was based, and they had been in existence for about one week. The meeting was held to decide whether or not to

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SAs [redacted] and

by [redacted] NPS/clm 397 Date dictated 11/21/72

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execute the warrants, and consideration was being given to whether this arrest of students would stir up trouble and add to the unrest already existing on the campus. It was decided at this meeting that the Sheriff's Office would execute these warrants during the early morning hours of November 16, 1972.

About 9:00 on the morning of November 16, 1972, Sheriff AMISS received a telephone call at his home from either [redacted] or [redacted] advising him that a large number of students were assembling in the Administration Building and that the State Police were also being notified inasmuch as [redacted] had requested the Sheriff's Deputies to come onto the campus. Sheriff AMISS got dressed and went immediately to the Junior Deputy Hut located adjacent to the Parish Prison on the property of Ryan Airport. When he arrived there he felt about two-thirds of the Deputies and State Police had already assembled and were being briefed by both [redacted] and [redacted] He advised that he spoke to the assembled Deputies and admonished them that they would be dealing with students and that he did not want anyone injured or abused in any way. He also recalled telling [redacted] [redacted] that he wanted to make sure that the black Deputies were integrated among the white Deputies so that they would not be together in one group.

During this briefing period, [redacted] furnished the Deputies with the administrative details, instructions and commands, and he was not present during this conversation because of intermittent telephone calls received which required his attention within the hut.

At approximately 10:30 AM, the entire group of Deputies and State Policemen left the hut in convoy and traveled onto the campus of SUBR. Leading this column was a large armored

vehicle owned by the State Police and called "Big Bertha". Upon arriving on the university campus they drove to a point on College Drive directly in front of the Administration Building, whereupon Sheriff AMISS advised he entered "Big Bertha" in order to use the public address system contained therein. He made an announcement to the assembled students in and around the Administration Building and told them, "This is Sheriff AMISS of the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office - I'm ordering you to disperse - I'm giving you five minutes to clear the area and leave the building and if you do not, there is a possibility you will be placed under arrest - if you are arrested, chances are great that you will be expelled from the university and not allowed to return", or words to that effect. Upon the issuance of this initial command, about two-thirds of the assembled students began to move away from the area. In his opinion, Sheriff AMISS estimated that approximately 1,000 students were present outside the Administration Building upon his arrival and after his announcement, approximately 600 moved away from the front of the building, but, in all probability, remained somewhere within the area where they could maintain a vantage point.

Subsequent announcements were made over the public address system advising the students that they had three minutes left and then two minutes, et cetera, until the five minutes had expired. At the expiration of the five minutes, Sheriff AMISS got out of "Big Bertha" and immediately observed that the State Police present at the scene were moving to his area as he faced the Administration Building and took up a position near the northeast corner of the building. One or two squads of Deputies went to the same area and remained behind the State Police. Two other squads of Deputies formed a line on the lawn directly across the front of the Administration Building. After the men were assembled, Sheriff AMISS advised that he decided to move

to the front of the Deputies and again make an announcement to the students requesting that they disperse and vacate the building. At this point, Sheriff AMISS stated he still felt that this crowd could be handled and the building cleared without placing anyone under arrest. His Deputies were all armed with handguns, and most of them carried shoulder weapons, either shotguns or carbines. He personally was armed with a Browning .380 automatic pistol, which he had in a holster on his belt.

As he moved toward the front door of the Administration Building, he heard a loud blast near the State Police group that was assembled to his right as he faced the building. This blast startled him and he jumped back and looked up to the upper floor of the building thinking there might be snipers there, and then he believes he saw tear gas projectiles shooting out of the window. It appeared to him to be a projectile as it had a white tail like a rocket. At this point, he recalled hearing another loud blast near him and was aware that he was enveloped in tear gas. He immediately retreated to a point near a tree next to the street and put on his gas mask, whereupon he moved to his right and took up a position next to "Big Bertha".

He next recalled having a conversation with [redacted] who advised him that there were two men on the ground and that he believed one was dead and one was injured. He immediately got in "Big Bertha" intent on calling for an ambulance and is not sure whether he did this or whether someone else had done it.

Sheriff AMISS advised that he did not consider himself to be in charge of the Deputy group as far as giving any direct commands or directing any activity while on the campus.

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The tactical administration of the Deputies present is left to his [redacted] and [redacted] He felt that as Sheriff he had to be there to make the announcement to the students and authorize any arrests that might have had to be made.

Concerning observations made by him after the initial confrontation, he stated that he saw a young Negro male, whose name he believed to be [redacted] waving his hand in what appeared to be an effort to keep students from leaving the Administration Building and encouraging those who had already left to return. He observed this individual being placed under arrest by either Deputies or State Troopers after observing his efforts.

Another observation he recalls was that [redacted] came over to where he was and showed him a deep laceration that he had received on his finger. Two other Deputies had passed out from the tear gas but as far as he could tell, there were no other injuries to any of his men.

The Sheriff advised that he remained on the campus of SUBR for about an hour after the confrontation until he was advised by Colonel THIBODEAUX that the Governor had requested a meeting between the State Police and the Sheriff in his office. He then departed the campus in the State Police helicopter along with [redacted] and [redacted]

Sheriff AMISS explained that the administration of law enforcement on the campus at SUBR is primarily the responsibility of the Sheriff of East Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana. The Louisiana State Police has been designated by the Governor as a supporting unit to the Sheriff's Office in

handling problems of the university. During the activities on November 16, 1972, Sheriff AMISS stated that he at no time fired his pistol, and he did not personally see any of his Deputies fire their weapons. He stated that he personally feels that they may have fired their weapons without his knowing it or being aware of it.

The Sheriff's Department had four squads present consisting of between 10 and 12 men each, and each squad had been told to have two men armed with carbines to be utilized for sniper defense. The plan formulated for clearing the Administration Building included leaving the students an avenue of escape to the south, and as a consequence, Deputies and State Police were deployed to the north of the entrance and to the east of the entrance, so that as the students came out of the building peacefully, they would be permitted to turn south and leave the area.

Sheriff AMISS stated that the trouble at SUBR started b6 b7C about three and one-half or four weeks ago when students were congregating and grouping together on the campus over a dispute that they had with the university officials. He had been called on several occasions by [redacted] and [redacted] when they were of the opinion that trouble was imminent on the campus and the students looked like they might take over a building. These requests generally came from [redacted] and when received, were referred to [redacted] who assembled Deputies to be ready in case trouble did break out and even on two prior occasions, Deputies were taken on the campus; however, there had been no prior confrontations between the students and the police except for a lot of verbal abuse on the part of the students.

At the conclusion of this interview, Sheriff AMISS was advised that the FBI would prefer to incorporate his comments into a statement for his signature. Sheriff AMISS stated that

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he would prefer to wait until he had an opportunity to review radio logs and other official records so that his statement would not in any way be inaccurate. The interview was terminated by Sheriff AMISS stating that he would be willing to sign a statement of his participation in the events occurring on November 16, 1972, at a later date if it was felt that it was needed.

The following description was obtained through observation and interview:

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| Name | J. AL AMISS |
| Race | White |
| Sex | Male |
| Date of Birth | |
| Place of Birth | |
| Residence | |
| Height | |
| Weight | |
| Hair | |
| Eyes | |

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[redacted] East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, was interviewed at the Parish Prison.

Prior to any questions being asked [redacted] he was advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents and was furnished with a copy of an Interrogation; Advice of Rights form, which he read and stated he understood. He advised that he had no objections whatsoever to answering questions and discussing his participation in the events that occurred on the campus of Southern University at Baton Rouge (SUBR) on November 16, 1972. After this statement, [redacted] signed the waiver portion of this form.

[redacted] advised that at 8:00 AM on November 16, 1972, he was present in the Detective Bureau of the Sheriff's Office in the courthouse in Baton Rouge. Because of the trouble anticipated from the previous day at the campus of SUBR, he was dressed in his jumpsuit. At approximately 2:30 AM, he had been out working on a personnel matter and had heard patrol teams on the police radio discussing plans for the arrest of five individuals which was scheduled for 5:00 AM that morning. He had been out most of the night and was aware at 8:00 AM that four out of five individuals for whom there were outstanding warrants had been arrested by Sheriff's Deputies. These individuals had been charged with a violation of Section 14:328 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes in that they were obstructing or interfering with the operation of a state school. At approximately 8:35 or 8:40 AM on November 16, 1972, [redacted] received a telephone call from [redacted] at the university reporting to him that a group of students were going to take over the Administration Building on the campus. Shortly after the first call [redacted] called again and advised [redacted] that the students had, in fact, taken over the building and had the President and one campus security officer barricaded within the building.

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The caller, believed to be [redacted] left them with the impression that the President and the security officer were not able to leave the building. Sometime during this telephone call, the Sheriff's secretary received a similar call from someone else at the university reporting the same information.

[redacted] then issued orders that all the Deputy Sheriffs designated as standby were to be called and told to report to the Junior Deputy Hut at Ryan Airport. Considering that they had mustered Deputies two or three times in the past three or four weeks, he anticipated that this would have resulted in a force of 70 or 80 Deputies reporting at the Junior Deputy Hut. The men who were selected as standby were the men who had worked the shift from 9:00 PM the previous day until 5:00 AM that morning.

He then left the Sheriff's Office and travelled to Ryan Airport along with [redacted] When he arrived at the airport, he was told that [redacted] had made several additional calls requesting the Deputies to come as quickly as possible and also to furnish them with status reports. One of the things that he was told was that the President of the university was then out of the building along with his secretary but that the security officer was still inside the building with the students. The telephone call reporting this information was received by [redacted] but the impression that both he and [redacted] had at this time was that the campus security officer was being held as a hostage.

Because of the urgency of the situation, [redacted] stated that he decided to move into the campus even though all the men requested had not as yet reported in. According to [redacted] had previously called

[redacted] of the Louisiana State Police as this was prearranged to have the State Police support the Sheriff's Office while on the campus.

He recalled mentioning during this initial preparation period to Colonel THIBODEAUX that they might need tear gas to get the students out of the Administration Building. Most of the men who were reporting to the hut at this time knew which squad they were assigned to. This information had been told to them on October 31, 1972, when they had previously gone on the campus because of behavior on the part of the students which had caused university officials to request their presence. During the visitation on October 31, 1972, a large force of Deputies and State Troopers had gone onto the campus in the morning and stayed there for several hours at the request of the university because a large group of students had formed, and it was anticipated that they were planning on occupying one of the buildings. There was no confrontation between the police and the students on October 31, 1972, but there was a hostile mood on the part of the students which was exhibited by verbal abuse directed at the Deputies and particularly at the black Deputies.

Some of the men who were arriving were not assigned to a squad until they got there and were then immediately assigned. One of the squads is normally commanded by [redacted] but they were not successful in reaching [redacted] and [redacted] took over this squad.

[redacted] stated that he issued certain basic instructions to the men as they were formed and these instructions were essentially the same that he had issued on each prior occasion during which the men assembled in anticipation of going onto the campus. These instructions were as follows:

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1) No rounds of ammunition were to be carried or loaded into the chamber of either the shotguns or the rifles except on the order of the squad leader, given through either the Sheriff, [redacted] or himself.

2) No firing of ammunition except on the direct order of either the Sheriff, [redacted] or himself.

[redacted] clarified these instructions by stating that there was no restriction on the loading of tear gas and its loading was left to the discretion of the men.

3) He cautioned the men not to overreact over any abuse that they received and not to do anything which would hurt the students.

4) No use of nightsticks unless it was absolutely necessary for self defense or for controlling the students.

5) No more than two .30 caliber carbines were to be carried among the complement of anyone's squad.

[redacted] stated that at this time he felt there was a very definite possibility that the police present on the campus would have to forcibly remove the students from the Administration Building that day. He clarified this further by stating that he felt that the police were definitely going to have a major confrontation with the students.

In addition to the above instructions issued by him, both the Sheriff and [redacted] spoke to the Deputies and pretty much reiterated what he had already told them. Present at this time was a Sheriff's Department station wagon

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that contained ammunition and tear gas devices which was available for the men. Some of the men came and got some ammunition from the station wagon at this time, but most of the men had ammunition and tear gas in their possession which had previously been issued to them on a similar alert and which had not been returned.

[redacted] stated that in the Sheriff's Department, shotguns are issued on the basis of one gun per two-man car. The ammunition to be utilized in these guns is carried by the Deputies as their needs require. Some of the Deputies carry their personally owned shotguns in their car, and some of them probably had their own shotguns with them that day.

Concerning standard instructions existent in the Sheriff's Office, [redacted] stated that the two standing instructions that had been repeated many times to the men in the three or four weeks prior to November 16, 1972, was the rule of not carrying live ammunition in the chamber of their weapons and also instructions on the law concerning the use of deadly force only to protect yourself or another deserving person.

Since the events of November 16, 1972, it was obvious to [redacted] that he and his men would be questioned concerning the identity of the Deputies on the scene and the guns and ammunition they had in their possession. Consequently, he had each squad leader prepare a list containing this information:

SQUAD NUMBER [redacted] (TACTICAL SQUAD)

| Individual | Armament |
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| [redacted] | F.N. ASSO rifle 7.65 caliber, property Sheriff's Office |

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Individual

[redacted]

Armament

Browning automatic shotgun, property Sheriff's Office

.30 caliber carbine, 15 round clip, personally owned

Browning automatic 12 gauge, four number one buckshot

Remington automatic 12 gauge, four 00 buckshot, owner [redacted]

.30 caliber carbine, 30 round clip, personally owned

Browning automatic 12 gauge, two number one buck and two slugs, property Sheriff's Office

Ithaca 12 gauge pump, four-0 buck, property Sheriff's Office

Remington 12 gauge pump, two 00 buck and two number four buck, property Sheriff's Office

.30 caliber carbine, 15 round clip, owned by [redacted]

No shotgun, no carbine

Ithaca pump 12 gauge, four number one buck, property Sheriff's Office

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SQUAD NUMBER

| Individual | Armament |
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| | Shotgun with tear gas shells |
| | Shotgun 00 and number four buckshot |
| Deputy | Shotgun with 00 and number four buckshot |
| Deputy | Nightstick |
| | .308 caliber rifle |
| Deputy | Shotgun with tear gas shells |
| | Shotgun with tear gas launcher attached |
| Deputy | Shotgun with tear gas shells |
| Deputy | Rifle, .30 caliber carbine and tear gas grenades |
| Deputy | .30 caliber carbine |
| Deputy | Shotgun with 00 and number four buckshot |
| | .30 caliber carbine |

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| SQUAD NUMBER | |
| Individual | Armament |
| | .30 caliber carbine, night-stick and tear gas |
| Deputy | Nightstick and tear gas |
| Deputy | Shotgun with tear gas shells |
| Deputy | Tear gas |
| Deputy | Shotgun loaded with buckshot |
| Deputy | Shotgun loaded with tear gas |
| Deputy | Nightstick, tear gas |
| Deputy | .30 caliber carbine |
| Deputy | Shotgun loaded with buckshot |
| Deputy | Nightstick |
| Deputy | Nightstick |
| SQUAD NUMBER | |
| Individual | Armament |
| | Remington 12 gauge pump shotgun |
| | 12 gauge automatic |

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| Individual | Armament |
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| [redacted] | Universal .30 caliber carbine |
| | Plainfield .30 caliber carbine |
| | J. C. Higgins 12 gauge pump shotgun |
| | No shotgun |
| | Field Classic 12 gauge pump shotgun |
| | Remington 12 gauge automatic |
| | J. C. Higgins 12 gauge pump |
| | No shotgun, no rifle |
| | No shotgun, no rifle |

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Somewhere between 10:00 AM and 10:30 AM, the decision was made to move onto the campus at SUBR. The Louisiana State Police had their armored vehicle known as "Big Bertha" leading the column, and the rest of the Deputies and State Police proceeded in single file in sundry motor vehicles. After entering the campus, the column met [redacted] at the corner of Harding Avenue and College Avenue, and [redacted] had a few words with [redacted] They then proceeded to a position on

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College Avenue directly in front of the Administration Building, dismounted from their vehicles, and the men formed in their respective squads. At about this time, the Sheriff entered "Big Bertha" and, utilizing the public address system contained therein, made an announcement to the crowd asking them to disperse and indicating to them that there was a possibility that they would be arrested if they did not leave the building. The students in front of the building began shouting at the Deputies and it was immediately obvious that their mood was hostile, and he formed an opinion that the students probably would not move from within or in front of the building unless they were forced to do so.

Upon arrival, there were approximately 200 to 300 students in front of the Administration Building located on the sidewalk and steps between the front door and a row of shrubbery which bordered the sidewalk. There were other groups of students to both the left and the right of the building, as well as behind the Deputies on the other side of the street. Upon the announcement by Sheriff AMISS, perhaps 30 to 40 percent of the students located in front of the building dispersed from that location but did not leave the area and merely moved to either side or to a point across the street.

After the announcement had been made and while they were waiting for the five-minute period to elapse, [redacted] stated he had a conversation with [redacted] of the State Police and it was decided that if it became necessary to use tear gas to remove the students, it could best be accomplished from the [redacted] of the building, leaving the southeast corner as an avenue of escape for the students as they used gas and caused the students to move away quickly. As a consequence, [redacted] moved the State Police directly to the [redacted] of the building by way of the sidewalks, and they were followed by one and perhaps two squads of Sheriff's Deputies. These officers moved into position by

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jogging in single file. [redacted] took up a position in the same area as [redacted] and [redacted] of the State Police, and while there, he estimated that approximately ten minutes had elapsed from the time the announcement was made on the loud speaker. [redacted] approached the students on the front steps of the building and spoke to them. He assumes [redacted] again ordered them to disperse, but he could not hear what [redacted] said.

The students were screaming and shouting, giving the black salute with a clenched fist raised in the air, and cursing.

At this point, [redacted] was of the opinion that the students were not going to move from in or around the building.

It was at this point while generally watching the students on the steps that [redacted] observed an object in the air coming from the direction of the students at the top of the steps. He immediately heard and felt a loud explosion to [redacted] in the vicinity of Deputy [redacted] As he glanced toward [redacted] he saw [redacted] to the ground. He is not sure that the explosion caused [redacted] Deputy [redacted] reflexly flinched and knocked it off himself. His impression at the time was that a student threw some sort of explosive device and that is still his impression. It was at this point that he heard and saw gas canisters being thrown both toward the students and from the students toward the police. He immediately turned to his rear to protect himself and the other Troopers and made an immediate effort to clear away a group of students who were approaching the Deputies in his area from the rear. This was a moment of mass confusion,

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and he recalls putting his hands on one student and pushing him after this student failed to respond to his command to move back. During this time he recalls that he already had his gas mask on, and his visibility was limited, but he does recall a large quantity of tear gas in the entire area in front of the Administration Building.

[redacted] stated that his only weapon was a nine millimeter automatic pistol which he did not remove from the holster. He had three Mighty Mite gas grenades in his pocket, but he did not throw them or shoot any gas whatsoever. He did not recall having given any commands to use force or gas of any kind nor did he see anyone fire a weapon. He did see people throw gas grenades.

Sometime during this confusion, [redacted] glanced to the southeast corner of the building and saw two men lying on the sidewalk. His immediate impression was that they were State Troopers because one of them was dressed in blue clothing. It took him several seconds looking through the mist of gas before he decided that they were not Troopers. He then went directly to the area of "Big Bertha" and talked to one or two of his squad leaders and asked them if anyone had fired live ammunition. The squad leaders said they did not see anyone fire nor did they give anyone the command to fire.

Sometime during this period he instructed the people in "Big Bertha" to call an ambulance, and then again conferred with his men. During this period he recalls looking toward the area where the two men were on the ground and seeing a black Reserved Officer Training Corps (ROTC) officer administering to the two students on the ground. Eventually several ambulances arrived and removed the two students from the sidewalk, following which the black ROTC officer and two other black people in business suits went into the building and shortly thereafter, the students who were in the building came out the front door in an orderly fashion.

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[redacted] advised that he remained in the area for about an hour before he left for a conference with the Governor. During that time he examined the grass area in front of the Administration Building for spent shells but did not find any. One black faculty member who was short of stature came up to him claiming he had been struck on the neck by a projectile, and he had an expended shotgun casing in his hand. This man told [redacted] that his men were shooting live ammunition and after examining the shell casing, he asked [redacted] to give him a tear gas shell. He explained to this man that the expended casing he had was a tear gas projectile. He then returned the expended shell casing to this faculty member.

Another thing that he remembered after the two students were struck was that several students were beginning to congregate in the area on the other side of the street behind the police. [redacted]

[redacted] stated that the only 37 millimeter tear gas gun owned by the Sheriff's Office was in the Sheriff's Office armored car which was [redacted]

All of the men present that day from the Sheriff's Office have been exposed to a limited amount of crowd control training either through their attendance at training schools at Louisiana State University or some other school. The Sheriff's Office was currently in the process of training their own people, one squad at a time, and the squad commanded

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by [redacted] had already received this training. It was anticipated that three squads would be trained but only one squad had already received the training. There has been no formal training by the Sheriff's Office in the use of tear gas, but most of the men have received training in tear gas through their attendance at other schools.

[redacted] advised that this account of the activities of November 16, 1972, furnished by him is as accurate as he can recall, but he declined to furnish a signed statement at this time, stating he would prefer to review all the information available to him before he would give consideration to signing a statement.

The following description was obtained through observation and interview:

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| Name | [redacted] |
| Race | White |
| Sex | Male |
| Height | [redacted] |
| Weight | |
| Hair | |
| Complexion | |
| Age | |
| Characteristic | |
| Employment | [redacted] East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office, |
| Police experience | [redacted] |

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[redacted] was interviewed at the East Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana, Jail. The Agents identified themselves, and SA [redacted] said that the Agents wished to discuss with him the events on November 16, 1972, on the campus of Southern University during which two students were killed. SA [redacted] furnished [redacted] with an Advice of Rights Form which he read, said he understood, and executed.

[redacted] said he is the [redacted] at the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office and has been so employed since [redacted] He was formerly with the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office from [redacted] through [redacted] and was an [redacted] at the [redacted] from [redacted] through [redacted] said he is age [redacted] and resides at [redacted]

Concerning the events of November 16, 1972, on the campus of Southern University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, [redacted] furnished the following information:

At approximately 8:35 a.m., November 16, 1972, he was on duty at the Parish Courthouse in Baton Rouge when he received a call from a [redacted] who is [redacted] the President of Southern University, advising [redacted] that a large crowd of approximately 1000 students was forming at the Administration Building on the campus. [redacted] told [redacted] that [redacted] had information that the students planned to take over the Administration Building, and [redacted] requested that the Sheriff's Office immediately come to the campus. At this point, [redacted] explained that an agreement had previously been worked out providing that the Sheriff's Office would respond to any request from University officials for police assistance and the Sheriff's Office would call upon the Louisiana State Police for any assistance that the department needed. He also explained that pursuant to the agreement, the Sheriff's Office had primary jurisdiction and command.

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[redacted] said that following the call from [redacted] Sheriff AL AMISS was notifed of the request [redacted] Approximately ten minutes after the first call from [redacted] again called [redacted] and told him that students had broken into the Administration Building, and the President of the University was barricaded in his office. During this second call from [redacted] asked if Sheriff's Deputies were on the way and was told that they were not as yet on the way to the campus. At this same time, [redacted] to the Sheriff, told [redacted] that she had received a call from someone at the University (identity unknown) to the effect that the University President was barricaded in his room. [redacted] said he called [redacted] Troop A, Louisiana State Police (LSP), Baton Rouge, and advised him of the situation and request from [redacted] and requested assistance from the LSP. It was agreed that the Sheriff's personnel and the State Police personnel would meet at a building known as the Junior Deputy Hut which is located next to the East Baton Rouge Parish Prison at Ryan Airport. After talking to [redacted] and [redacted] of the Sheriff's Department left the Parish Courthouse and drove to the Junior Deputy Hut.

[redacted] said that between 9:15 a.m. and 10:00 a.m., he received four different calls from [redacted] wanting to know how much longer it would be before the Sheriff's Office arrived at the campus. During the last call from [redacted] told [redacted] that the President of the University was no longer in the Administration Building and that approximately 75 students were in the Administration Building, and one campus policeman was being held in the building.

[redacted] said that approximately 45 Deputy Sheriffs and approximately 35 Louisiana State Troopers were mustered at the Deputy Hut. He said that Sheriff AMISS, [redacted] briefed the Sheriff's Deputies. He said that he did not specifically recall what instructions he gave to the Deputies but did remember that the Sheriff cautioned the men about overreacting, and he felt that [redacted] gave the majority of the instructions.

[redacted] said that the Sheriff's Deputies were divided into four different squads. One squad, a recently-developed tactical unit, was led on November 16 by [redacted] who acted in the absence of a lieutenant. The other three squads were led by [redacted]

[redacted] said that the Sheriff's Deputies are under standing orders that tear gas is to be used only upon the order of a squad leader (normally a lieutenant) or someone higher in command. They are also instructed that firearms are to be used only upon the direct order of the Sheriff, the [redacted] or [redacted] He explained that a car is assigned to a two-man team and under normal circumstances, the cars are kept by these men 24 hours a day. He said that a shotgun is assigned to each car; however, tear gas is optional.

He said that on this morning, the people in charge were Sheriff AMISS, [redacted] of the LSP, and Major BRADLEY of the LSP.

After the men were organized, they left the Junior Deputy Hut and moved onto the campus. He said the first vehicle in their convoy was a State Police armored truck known as "Big Bertha." Following "Big Bertha," the Sheriff's Office cars and LSP cars were intermingled. Upon entering the campus, they met [redacted] at the intersection of Harding and College Drive. He said that in addition to the commanders mentioned above, he was also accompanied by [redacted] of the Sheriff's Office, who is in charge of uniformed personnel.

He said that Sheriff AMISS got into "Big Bertha," and the convoy moved in front of the Administration Building on Southern University campus. "Big Bertha" was positioned almost directly in front of the Administration Building on College Drive with the other vehicles behind "Big Bertha."

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All of the law enforcement officers formed into their respective groups, and at approximately 10:27 a.m., the Sheriff announced over the public address system in "Big Bertha" that he was the Sheriff and that the students had five minutes to disperse from the area of the Administration Building as they were in violation of state law. He recalled that the Sheriff notified the students when they had three minutes left and finally told them that their time was up.

[redacted] estimated that when the law enforcement officers first arrived in front of the Administration Building there were approximately 300 to 400 students directly in front of the Administration Building and numerous small groups of students all around the immediate area. [redacted] estimated that after the five minutes were up, approximately one half of the students had left the immediate area in front of the Administration Building.

[redacted] said that [redacted] and BRADLEY jointly decided that the State Troopers and the Sheriff's Deputies under the leadership of [redacted] would proceed to the northeast corner of the Administration Building and that if tear gas had to be used, it would be those two squads on the northeast corner that would use the tear gas, as the wind was coming out of the north. These two units would position themselves at the northeast corner of the building. [redacted] were with this squad of Sheriff's Deputies. The remaining three squads of Sheriff's Deputies positioned themselves on the lawn directly in front of the Administration Building, and the Sheriff was with these three groups. He estimated that the other three Sheriff's groups were approximately 30 to 35 feet from the front of the Administration Building.

[redacted] said that at this time the purpose of the law enforcement personnel was to arrest those people inside the Administration Building and if they refused to leave the building to use tear gas. He said that after the law enforcement personnel were in position, [redacted] again spoke to the

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students in front of the Administration Building, asking them to disperse. He estimated that the group of State Troopers and the one group of Sheriff's Deputies at the northeast corner of the building were approximately ten feet from the students.

[redacted] said that after [redacted] talked to the students, something exploded near where he was standing which was at a point between the building and a row of hedges that are next to the walkway in front of the building. He said that the concussion from the explosion was similar "to a hand grenade going off in a foxhole." [redacted] said he does not know what it was that exploded or where it came from, but he could feel the concussion in the crowd. Following the explosion, he reached for his tear gas mask which was on his side, at which time he noticed that his middle finger on his left hand was cut at the middle joint. He said that he required no hospitalization for this injury.

He said that immediately following the first explosion, tear gas went off in a group of State Troopers and then he saw tear gas going off in front of the students that were in front of the Administration Building. He said that during the period of time when tear gas was going off, he moved closer to College Drive away from the Administration Building. He said that he did not actually see anyone throw tear gas, and he saw no one fire any weapon. He pointed out that he heard an additional two loud explosions that were similar to the first explosion. He said that he did not give any order to fire tear gas or weapons, nor did he hear any such order from anyone else.

[redacted] said that his equipment on this morning consisted of a .38 caliber revolver, a Browning automatic shotgun loaded with 00 buck and three Mighty Midget tear gas canisters. [redacted] said that he did not use any of these weapons, nor did he use any tear gas. He said that departmental orders under such circumstances are that any shoulder weapon not have a live shot in the chamber. Concerning tear gas shot from a shotgun, the shotgun should be loaded with two tear gas shells and two buckshot shells.

After the confrontation with the tear gas, the majority of the people had cleared away from the Administration Building, and he heard someone (identity unknown) say that there were two people on the sidewalk. He did not go over to look at the two people on the ground, and shortly thereafter, ambulances came and took the two people away. After this, approximately 125 to 150 people came out of the Administration Building and dispersed. [redacted] said that he decided not to arrest any of the people coming out of the building in view of the fact that two people had been injured, and he felt that by making any mass arrests, more problems would be created. He said that within 45 minutes to an hour after the initial confrontation, there was a fire in the Registrar's office on the campus.

[redacted] said that standard equipment used by his department is a .38 caliber revolver, a nine millimeter automatic pistol, a .380 automatic pistol, and pump and automatic shotguns. The shotgun ammunition issued would be either Number Four buckshot, 00 buckshot, or 0 buckshot. He said that frequently Sheriff's Deputies utilize their personal weapons and that on the morning of November 16, 1972, it is likely that many Deputies had their personal shotguns or carbine rifles.

Chief Deputy [redacted] said that he does not know who shot the two students on the campus of Southern University, and he said that one possibility would be that a law enforcement officer, realizing that if needed he would have to fire tear gas from his shotgun first, may have loaded the shotgun in the wrong manner, meaning that he mistakenly loaded the tear gas shells into the magazine first followed by regular buckshot which would naturally mean that if the weapon were fired, the regular buckshot would be fired first. [redacted] said that this is only a possibility and does not have any knowledge of such an incident actually happening. He pointed out that his department had recently formed a tactical unit, but this unit had not received much training as when the training started approximately three weeks ago, the personnel involved were required for duty in connection with disturbances on the campus of Southern University.

[redacted] said that the officials of his department had not questioned their personnel on the scene at Southern University on the morning of November 16 regarding who may have shot the two students because they felt that to do so may be construed as "trying to put words in their mouths," and the Sheriff and he realized that the Federal Bureau of Investigation was going to conduct an investigation.

[redacted] said that he personally had [redacted] which included [redacted] of training during [redacted] in riot control. He said he also attended a riot control school sponsored by the LSP about [redacted] years ago and received training in riot control at the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy and the Southern Police Institute at the University of Louisville. He said he also [redacted]

[redacted] said that at this time he did not want to furnish a signed statement.

The following description was obtained from interview and observation:

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| Name | [redacted] |
| Race and sex | White male |
| Date of birth | [redacted] |
| Height | [redacted] feet [redacted] inches |
| Weight | [redacted] pounds |
| Hair | [redacted] |

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[redacted] East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office, was located at the Special Command Post for the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office located at Southern University at Baton Rouge (SUBR) campus. He was immediately advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents and advised that the Agents would like to interview him concerning the events which occurred in front of the Administration Building, SUBR, on the morning of Thursday, November 16, 1972. He was advised of his rights as contained on an "Interrogation; Advice of Rights" form, which he read, stated he understood, and signed. He stated that he would be willing to be interviewed but did not wish to furnish a signed statement.

[redacted] stated that he came to work at approximately 8:00 AM, Thursday, November 16, 1972, at the Sheriff's Office in downtown Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Shortly thereafter he was advised by a [redacted] that the President of SUBR and possibly other staff members were being held in the Administration Building by SUBR students. Members of the Sheriff's Office were gathered at "the hut", which is a junior deputy camp located at the edge of Ryan Airport, Baton Rouge. Four squads of East Baton Rouge Sheriff's Deputies with approximately 10 to 12 men on each squad met shortly after 9:00 AM at the hut. They were given orders by [redacted] to "not have any shell in the chamber of their shotgun, and not to fire unless given a direct order." The Deputies had no specific number or type of shells furnished them for use that morning. There was a station wagon at the scene at the hut from which the men could get additional ammunition at their discretion.

The four squads of Deputies and supervisors went by vehicle together to the area of the Administration Building, arriving there shortly after 10:00 AM. The squads were formed under the direction of their respective leaders in the area in front of the Administration Building.

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by SAs [redacted] and [redacted] LAW/clm Date dictated 11/23/72

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[redacted] stated his responsibility was [redacted] The only specific thing he did was [redacted] their position in front of the Administration Building. He pointed out that State Police covered the [redacted] area of the Administration Building, and he felt there should be an opening for the students to disperse in a southerly direction from the entrance to the Administration Building.

As the squads were forming, Sheriff AL AMISS talked on a public address system or bullhorn and told the crowd that they were given five minutes to clear the building. Nothing happened after five minutes, and he gave the same order again. Again the crowd did not disperse. At about this time, he saw an object thrown from the crowd into the area where the State Police were formed at the northeast corner of the Administration Building. Smoke was mushrooming up from the ground.

A few seconds later he heard a missile explode and observed a trail of smoke from it as it hit the ground and rolled in an easterly direction away from the Administration Building. He did not know whether this device had come from the crowd or possibly was a gas shell fired by the State Police tank which ricocheted off the building.

About this time, he stated he received a very bad dosage of the gas and his eyes watered and burned and he was coughing. At about the same time he heard many different shots fired but could neither identify nor see which Deputies or others were shooting.

[redacted] advised his eyes finally cleared up enough that he could see the front of the Administration Building and all the group of students were gone from that area. Someone said "two are down" and to call an ambulance.

The crowd gathered across the street and further gas was used by Deputies to disperse the crowd.

[redacted] stated he was wearing a fatigue uniform, had a .38 pistol in a hip holster, had handcuffs and a chemical Mace canister. He also had a 12 gauge Browning automatic shotgun belonging to the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office. He had a "game bag" with several different kinds of buckshot and gas cans - amount unknown.

[redacted] advised that he had a four-day riot control training program at the edge of Ryan Airport, Baton Rouge, about [redacted] years ago under the direction of the U. S. Marine Corps Training Unit.

[redacted] offered the opinion that he believed the shooting of the two individuals was completely accidental. He also offered the opinion that due to the extra "kick" of a shotgun when firing buckshot, as opposed to gas shells, the person who fired the buckshot would have known that he had done so.

The following descriptive data is set forth as obtained from observation and interview:

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| Name | [redacted] |
| Race | White |
| Sex | Male |
| Date of birth | [redacted] |
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| Height | |
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| Scar | [redacted] |
| Education | Completed high school |
| Social Security Account Number | [redacted] |
| Occupation | East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office; has been with the department since [redacted] |
| Residence | [redacted] |

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[redacted] East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office, was interviewed at the Parish Prison. He was immediately advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents and that they wished to question him concerning his participation in the events which occurred on the campus of Southern University at Baton Rouge on November 16, 1972. He was furnished a copy of a form captioned "Interrogation: Advice of Rights", which he read, stated that he understood, and stated that he had no objections to answering any questions concerning his participation or observations in the confrontation at Southern University with students on November 16, 1972. He then signed the waiver portion of this form.

[redacted] advised that he was at home on Thursday morning, November 16, 1972, when he received a telephone call from someone at his department advising him to proceed to the Junior Deputy Hut at Ryan Airport. He immediately formed the impression in his mind that they would be going on to the campus at Southern University because of student unrest which had been occurring there almost daily for the past two or three weeks. He arrived at Ryan Airport and immediately began forming his squad which is made up of his entire [redacted] of eight Deputies plus a few other Deputies assigned for purposes of riot control. The assembled Deputies were briefed by [redacted] and told that they had been asked to go on to the campus of Southern University as the students had taken over one of the buildings. He instructed his men to get their equipment ready which they had in their patrol cars. He did not pay particular attention to what type of ammunition his men carried but assumed that they would be carrying the equipment that they had utilized on previous occasions when there was trouble at the University. He stated that he did not have any particular plan but felt that he would use his squad in whatever way he was instructed when they arrived on the campus.

Sometime prior to 10:30 a.m. the assembled Deputies moved from Ryan Airport to the campus of Southern University

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in a single column of automobiles lead by the armored vehicle owned by the State Police. Upon arrival on the campus the column stopped on the street in front of the Administration Building where he assembled his men in a column formation and awaited instructions. He heard Sheriff AMISS speak to the crowd on the loud speaker but he was not sure what he said. Sometime after this the Louisiana State Police Riot Squad began to move and the Deputies followed them in a single file and his squad was positioned in line behind [redacted] squad, making him the [redacted] squad of Deputies in line. The State Police Officers moved down the street to the sidewalk in front of the Academic Building and then turned left or west and proceeded down that sidewalk with the Deputies in single file behind them. When the State Police got to the end of that sidewalk and turned [redacted] they were at the [redacted] corner of the Administration Building. At this point his squad was [redacted] in front of the Academic Building. Someone then ordered the Deputies to move across the lawn and line up directly in front of the Administration Building, which they did, arriving at a point near the sidewalk facing the Administration Building. By the best of his recollection he determined that [redacted] squad was on his left facing the building and [redacted] squad was on his right.

When they arrived on the campus he estimated there were as many as 300 students around the outside of the Administration Building and large numbers of students scattered in the area away from the Administration Building, and by the time they had assembled directly in front of the building the number of students in front of the door was probably about 100.

[redacted] advised that he was positioned on the [redacted] of his squad [redacted] but could not recall whether he was [redacted] which runs through the middle of the lawn. He checked his squad a few times from the rear and at one point recalled that he was standing with [redacted] on his left but he did not know who was on his immediate right.

[redacted] advised that shortly after taking up this position he heard a loud explosion to his [redacted] in the area occupied by the State Police and then immediately heard popping sounds which sounded like tear gas grenades. He had previously placed his gas mask over the butt of his sidearm,

and squatted down and started to put his gas mask on. He recalled at this point that a student in the crowd picked up a big gas canister and threw it directly at the Deputies, just missing hitting [redacted] in the head. He advised that he got his mask into position and did not retreat when the gas was thrown.

[redacted] stated that he did not fire his weapon nor did he throw any tear gas canisters. He recalled that he had six Mighty Mite gas grenades when they formed up at the Junior Deputy Hut but he gave three of them to [redacted] and one of them to [redacted] and does not recall having any tear gas with him when the melee started. He advised that he did not see anyone fire their weapon but did recall hearing loud gunshots coming from the State Police vehicle known as "Big Bertha", and assumed that they were firing tear gas from that vehicle.

He recalled watching the students run from the steps in front of the Administration Building but did not see the two students fall to the ground and only became aware of them a few minutes later when someone told him that two students were on the ground. He recalled walking over to them and could immediately see that they were badly hurt. Someone instructed him to get back away from them and to watch the building because the building was still occupied by the students. During the confrontation with the students [redacted] advised that he did not hear any comments given nor did he give any himself. He stated that he has received riot training at the Baton Rouge City Police Department several years ago, but it was only for two or three hours during his off-duty time. He has used tear gas two or three other times during his police career but has not used gas in two or three years. [redacted] stated that he was dressed on the morning of November 16, 1972 in green military fatigues and that the sleeves of his shirt had black camouflage stripes running parallel to the ground which he had put there himself as he used this shirt for hunting. He wore a military flak jacket and a plastic crash helmet but had no face mask.

[redacted] stated that he would prefer not to furnish a signed statement.

The following description was obtained through observation and interview:

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| Name<br>Address | [redacted] |
| Date of birth | |
| Place of birth | |
| Race | White |
| Sex | Male |
| Height | [redacted] |
| Weight | [redacted] pounds |
| Hair | [redacted] |
| Eyes | |
| Employment | Employed East Baton Rouge Sheriff's Office - [redacted] years. |
| Previous police experience | [redacted] |

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[redacted] East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office, was interviewed in the office of the Parish Prison in Baton Rouge and was immediately advised of the identity of the contacting Agents and their desire to speak with him concerning his participation in the events which occurred on the campus of Southern University in Baton Rouge on November 16, 1972. SA [redacted] furnished [redacted] with a copy of an Interrogation and Advice of Rights form which he read, stated he thoroughly understood, and then signed the waiver portion of this form, stating he had no objection whatsoever to answering questions.

On the morning of November 16, 1972, [redacted] advised that he was instructed to go to the Junior Deputy Hut at the Ryan Airport at about 9:00 a.m., as the men were being assembled because of a distinct possibility of trouble on the campus of Southern University at Baton Rouge (SUBR). His squad, which had previously been designated as Squad Number [redacted] is comprised mainly of the [redacted] in East Baton Rouge Parish. Upon his arrival at this location he immediately received instructions from either [redacted] or [redacted] that the students had occupied one of the buildings on the campus and that University officials had requested the Sheriff to come on to the campus to restore order. Both [redacted] and [redacted] instructed the assembled deputies that they were not going on to the campus to shoot people and that no unusual force was going to be used, and that they did not want any of the students to be injured. [redacted] explained that the instructions were not particularly detailed in that they were merely a reiteration of plans and instructions previously furnished two and one-half or three weeks before when they were preparing to handle possible student unrest on the campus.

[redacted] stated that the plan for his particular squad was formulated by himself and he had specific assignments for his personnel regarding what type armament and equipment they should have on their person.

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[redacted] advised that he was personally armed with a .45 caliber sidearm and a 12 gauge shotgun which he had loaded in the magazine with four tear gas shells. He advised that the remainder of his squad was armed as follows:

[redacted] had a nine millimeter sidearm and a shotgun loaded with 00 and Number 4 buckshot.

[redacted] had a .38 caliber sidearm and a shotgun with 00 and Number 4 buckshot.

[redacted] had a .38 caliber sidearm and a nightstick.

[redacted] had a .38 caliber sidearm and a 308 caliber rifle.

[redacted] had a .38 caliber sidearm and a shotgun with tear gas shells.

[redacted] had a .38 caliber sidearm and a shotgun with tear gas launcher attached.

[redacted] had a .38 caliber sidearm and a shotgun with tear gas shells.

[redacted] had a .45 caliber sidearm and a .30 caliber carbine.

[redacted] had a 357 magnum sidearm and a .30 caliber carbine.

[redacted] had a .38 caliber sidearm and a shotgun with 00 and Number 4 buckshot.

[redacted] had a nine millimeter sidearm and a .30 caliber carbine.

[redacted] stated that [redacted]

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[redacted] pointed out at this point that during the melee which occurred [redacted]

[redacted] stated that sometime after 10:00 all the deputies left the Deputy Hut and drove in column formation to the campus at SUBR. When they arrived they parked their cars on the street in front of the Administration Building and formed up into squads on the grass east of the Administration Building and east of College Drive. When they decided to move in to disperse the students who were assembled in front of the Administration Building and in front of the Academic Building to the north, they were following in single file behind a squad of Louisiana State Troopers which lead the column. [redacted] squad lead by [redacted] followed the State Police [redacted] in line. They moved north on the street to the sidewalk which passes in front of the Academic Building and then turned west on that sidewalk. The State Troopers made a wedge formation and started down the sidewalk clearing a group of students assembled in front of the Academic Building. [redacted] squad followed behind the State Troopers [redacted] The State Police squad moved forward and turned left on the sidewalk going in front of the Administration Building and moved right up to the northeast corner of that building. [redacted] squad moved up into the position behind the State Troopers. He then moved his squad on to the grass along with two other squads and lined up across the lawn in a line running parallel to the sidewalk in front of the Administration

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Building, and he was on the [redacted] the Administration Building with Squads [redacted] lined up to his [redacted] When they had reached this static formation they started to move forward to a point [redacted] in front of the Administration Building. [redacted] recalled that he was to the [redacted] of his squad, making [redacted] on his squad to the State Police.

[redacted] stated that he was aware that [redacted] stepped forward near the students on the steps of the Administration Building and said something to them that he could not hear. Suddenly someone hollered either "masks" or "gas". Upon hearing this he reached for his mask and as he did he saw a projectile which was gray in color and trailing gray smoke come from the crowd and fly through the air toward the position occupied by the Louisiana State Police Troopers. This projectile exploded in mid-air over the heads of the State Police and Deputies assembled at the [redacted] corner of the Administration Building. The explosion made a fairly loud noise but he said he did not know what this projectile was. [redacted] advised that he then put on his gas mask but had to take it off again because it was not on properly and he tried to correct it. During these few seconds he saw several gas grenades tossed into the crowd of students and saw them immediately picked up and thrown back toward the Deputies.

At this point [redacted] squad to lock and load. [redacted] He continued observing this area and watched the advancing students stop and then retreat out of the way of this gas.

At this point [redacted] recalled that he put his gas mask back on and saw Deputies in the line to his left moving back and he recalled hearing someone he believes to be [redacted] telling the Deputies to move back. [redacted] that stood in front of the Administration Building, and after taking up this new position [redacted] He recalled at this point looking and seeing a man lying on the sidewalk near the southeast corner of the Administration Building. He saw [redacted] moving up toward the man on the ground and then heard someone tell [redacted] to get back, which [redacted] did. He then heard [redacted] shout to someone to get an ambulance. [redacted] for approximately fifteen minutes, during which he observed the ambulance come to transport the two people who were on the ground away from the area, and also saw the students who had been in the building come out from the building and disperse in a southerly direction.

At some point after the confusion had subsided he checked his squad and observed that Deputy [redacted] was in position in his squad between Deputy [redacted] and Deputy [redacted] He noted this because [redacted] is not on his squad, and felt that he probably arrived there during the confusion.

Following the initial confrontation he individually questioned each of his men whether they had fired their weapons [redacted]

It was at this point that [redacted] told him that he had chambered buckshot into his weapon on the initial command to lock and load but did not fire his weapon. [redacted] stated, however, [redacted]

[redacted] stated that he had previously been trained in riot control at the [redacted] receiving this training on Saturdays and Sundays for one month near the prison at Ryan Airport, and this training

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was furnished to him approximately [redacted] years ago. He advised that he is a graduate of the [redacted]

[redacted] advised that he would prefer not to furnish a signed statement at this time.

The following description was obtained through observation and interview:

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| Name | [redacted] |
| Race | White |
| Sex | Male |
| Date of birth | [redacted] |
| Place of birth | [redacted] |
| Height | [redacted] |
| Weight | [redacted] pounds |
| Hair | [redacted] |
| Eyes | [redacted] |
| Employment | Employed as Deputy Sheriff since [redacted] |
| Military training | [redacted] |

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Date of transcription November 27, 1972

[redacted] East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, was advised of the identities of [redacted] and [redacted] as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He was advised of the fact that the Agents wished to discuss with him the incidents which occurred on the morning of November 16, 1972, near the Administration Building on the campus of Southern University, Baton Rouge. Special Agent [redacted] furnished [redacted] with an "Interrogation; Advice of Rights" form, which he read, stated he fully understood his rights, and thereafter signed the form. [redacted] stated he would rather not furnish a signed statement, but would consider doing so at a later date. He then freely and voluntarily furnished the following information:

A little after 9 a.m., Thursday, November 16, 1972, he was called at his home to report to the Junior Deputy Hut, a gathering place for deputy sheriffs near the Ryan Airport, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The deputy sheriffs formed there by squads and were told they were going to the Administration Building on the campus of Southern University. He heard from someone within the group that approximately 200 to 250 students had taken over the building.

They drove from the Junior Deputy Hut to the area of the Administration Building caravan style, and "formed up" by squads in the street.

[redacted] stated that on that morning he was wearing a tan, long sleeved deputy's shirt; olive green pants with a stripe; buttoned up armored vest, olive green in color; olive green fiber glass helmet and black cowboy boots.

He stated he was carrying in his holster a Smith and Wesson 9 millimeter automatic owned by the sheriff's office. This weapon was unloaded. For this weapon, he carried two

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clips of eight shells each--one clip in his pocket and one on his belt. He also wore a cartridge belt with an assortment of Number 4 buckshot and 00 buckshot, amount of each unknown. He stated he carried four "Mighty Mite" gas dispensers. He also carried a 12-gauge Browning automatic shotgun owned by the sheriff's office. He also carried a gas mask.

After the four squads formed on the street that moved in front of the Academic Building, behind the State Police, the sheriff's squads moved in a southerly direction, spread out along the sidewalk which is parallel to the front entrance of the Administration Building. [redacted] was the squad leader of the squad to which he [redacted] was assigned.

[redacted] gave an order to go to the [redacted] which extends in a [redacted] direction from the Administration Building. As they were lined up, [redacted] was on his right and [redacted] was on his left.

They were still moving to the above mentioned position when he observed the State Police, who were in the area right next to the northeast corner of the Administration Building, putting on their gas masks. At this time, he saw a tear gas canister in mid air coming from the direction of the crowd at the front steps of the Administration Building. He observed this canister land among the State Police. [redacted] immediately ordered the men in his squad to put their masks on, which [redacted] stated he did right away. He estimated it only took three or four seconds to get his mask on, so, therefore, he did not have any problem with the tear gas.

Right after he got his mask on [redacted] About this time, he saw another canister coming from the front toward the deputies. He cannot recall the specific area in which this canister landed.

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During the next few minutes, he was looking in the area in front of the Administration Building, but he did not fire any rounds with his shotgun, or pistol, nor did he throw the "Mighty Mite" gas canisters. He stated he did not see who fired their weapons or threw gas from among the deputies. His only recollection is of concentrating on the crowd and observing them move to his [redacted] in a [redacted] direction. He does not remember anybody "going down" or being shot.

He stated that after a few minutes he moved to an area near the street, which is farther away from the entrance of the Administration Building. He heard someone had been shot from one of the deputies. He stated he walked back from this area to near his original position and saw one black male lying on the sidewalk, then went back to his position on the street.

[redacted] stated he could think of nothing else which would be pertinent in the above described incidents.

[redacted] advised he has never had any formal riot control training, except a few sessions [redacted] years ago which was conducted by the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office.

The following descriptive data was obtained through observation and interview:

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| Name | [redacted] |
| Race | White |
| Sex | Male |
| Date of Birth | [redacted] |
| Place of Birth | [redacted] |
| Height | [redacted] feet [redacted] inches |
| Weight | [redacted] pounds |
| Hair | [redacted] |
| Eyes | [redacted] |
| Occupation | [redacted] East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, |
| Marital status | [redacted] |

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[redacted] was interviewed at the East Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana, Jail. The identities of the interviewing Agents were made known to him, and SA [redacted] said that the Agents wished to discuss with him the events on November 16, 1972, on the campus of Southern University during which two students were killed. SA [redacted] gave [redacted] an Advice of Rights Form which he read, said he understood, and executed.

[redacted] said that he is a [redacted] in the [redacted] of the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office and has been employed by the Sheriff's Office as a Deputy since [redacted] and was made [redacted] He said he is age [redacted] and resides at [redacted] telephone number [redacted]

Concerning the events on the campus of Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on the morning of November 16, 1972, [redacted] furnished the following information:

He said that at approximately 10:00 a.m. on November 16, 1972, he was at the Sheriff's Department's main office in downtown Baton Rouge and was notified to report to the Junior Deputy Hut which is located next to the Parish Prison at Ryan Airport. He proceeded from downtown Baton Rouge to the Junior Deputy Hut where Sheriff's Deputies and Louisiana State Policemen were congregating. On the scene were [redacted] and [redacted] of the Sheriff's Office. One of these two men told him that students were at the Administration Building at Southern University and that the Sheriff's Department was going onto the campus.

He said that [redacted] instructed the personnel present that if students had to be removed from the Administration Building, no unreasonable force was to be used and that if tear

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gas had to be used, the squad leaders would receive orders and would in turn instruct their squads. [redacted] said that he specifically instructed his squad that no live rounds of ammunition were to be in the chamber of any weapon. He assigned [redacted] of his squad to carry the tear gas for this squad. [redacted] was equipped with tear gas cannisters, tear gas grenades, and tear gas shells that are used in shotguns. [redacted] himself had two Mighty Midget tear gas cannisters. [redacted] said that he knew of no one else on his squad that was carrying tear gas on that morning. [redacted] said his squad was Squad Number [redacted] and consisted of himself and ten Deputies identified as follows:

[redacted] (carrying a Remington .12 gauge automatic shotgun)

[redacted] (carrying a Universal .30 caliber carbine)

[redacted] (carrying a Plainfield .30 caliber carbine)

[redacted] (carrying a J. C. Higgins .12 gauge pump shotgun plus gas)

[redacted] (carrying sidearm only)

[redacted] a reserve Deputy (carrying a Field Classic .12 gauge pump shotgun)

(First Name Unknown [redacted] (carrying a Remington .12 gauge automatic shotgun)

[redacted] (carrying a J. C. Higgins .12 gauge pump shotgun)

[redacted] a reserve Deputy (carrying a sidearm only)

(First Name Unknown [redacted] (carrying a sidearm only)

[redacted] said that he does not know exactly what each Deputy had loaded in their shoulder weapons, but [redacted] was carrying a Remington .12 gauge pump shotgun loaded with four shotgun shells and no tear gas. [redacted] said that the Sheriff's Deputies and the Louisiana State Police (LSP) proceeded in a convoy from the area of the Parish Prison to the campus of Southern University on Harding Avenue. Their convoy was led by the LSP's armored truck known as "Big Bertha" which stopped in front of the Administration Building on the campus. The Deputies and the Troopers formed into their squads behind "Big Bertha." He said that he saw approximately 200 (possibly more) people in the area of the main doors to the Administration Building and on the sidewalk in front of the building. He said that there were numerous smaller groups of people all around the area.

At an unrecalled time, Sherifff AMISS gave an order over the public address system in "Big Bertha" to the students, but [redacted] does not recall what the Sheriff said as he was busy getting his squad organized.

[redacted] of the Sheriff's Office instructed the Deputies to form by squad numbers [redacted] behind the team of State Police. They were then instructed to proceed down the walk in front of a [redacted] of the Administration Building and to disperse students who had gathered in that area. This was done by the group of State Police and then the State Police and Squad [redacted] of the Deputies led by [redacted] positioned themselves at the [redacted] corner of the Administration Building between the building and [redacted] in front of the Administration Building.

The other three groups of Deputies were instructed to form a line directly in front of the Administration Building. This was done, and [redacted] group, Squad [redacted] was situated on the [redacted] of the line of Deputies as one faces the Administration Building. Squad [redacted] under the command of [redacted] was to the [redacted] of [redacted] group,

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and Squad [redacted] led by [redacted] was between Squad [redacted] and Squad [redacted] which was led by [redacted] As they were initially lining up, he recalled that [redacted] instructed him to move his group further back from the Administration Building, and he recalls [redacted] saying something like, "Give them an opening." He then instructed his men to back up.

[redacted] said that the first forcible act that he observed by either the students or the law enforcement personnel was by a Negro male wearing a green military-type helmet in the crowd of students in the area of the front steps of the Administration Building. He saw this person turn to the rear and then turn back facing the area of [redacted] group and throw something in his direction. This object exploded in mid air, and [redacted] said he thought it was a hand grenade at first. He did not believe that it was tear gas. Immediately following this, tear gas started going off in all areas around the students and the law enforcement personnel. His group backed up and put their gas masks on. He recalled something was being fired from "Big Bertha." He said that at one point [redacted] for gas to be used, but he does not know if anyone heard [redacted] He said [redacted] later told him that [redacted] did throw a cannister of tear gas. He recalls that at one point as tear gas was going off all over, [redacted] yelled to [redacted] "Who the hell's firing," and [redacted] yelled back that he did not know. He then heard someone yell, "Two men down." He does not know who said this, but his first impression was that there were two Deputies down and then he saw two people lying on the sidewalk on the south end of the Administration Building. The students had left the area and were congregating across the street on a field near the cafeteria, and thereafter, students started coming out of the building.

[redacted] said that he never fired any weapon nor did he use tear gas. He said that he did not see anyone firing a weapon during this confrontation.

He said that he attended a one-week riot control school at [redacted] in [redacted] in approximately [redacted] and several years ago had one week's training in riot control at the Baton Rouge Police Department.

[redacted] said that he would prefer not to put the above information in the form of a signed statement but that it is all true and correct to the best of his knowledge.

The following description was obtained through interview and observation:

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| Name | [redacted] |
| Race and sex | White male |
| Date of birth | [redacted] |
| Height | [redacted] feet |
| Weight | [redacted] pounds |
| Hair | [redacted] |

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[redacted] East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office, was interviewed on the campus of Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. [redacted] was advised of his Constitutional rights by SA [redacted] and was furnished written statement of his rights which he read and stated he understood and signed. [redacted] volunteered the following information:

[redacted] advised he has been a full time employee of the Sheriff's Office since [redacted] and is currently assigned as [redacted] working out of the Parish Courthouse handling mainly [redacted] stated that he is assigned to [redacted] squad and was on duty on the campus of Southern University on the morning of November 16, 1972. [redacted] furnished the following narrative of events.

At approximately 8:00 a.m. he and [redacted] rode to work together, reporting to the Junior Deputy Hut at about 8:00 a.m. Approximately two hours were spent forming up and organizing squads before any effort was made to go on to the Southern University campus. [redacted] stated that the riot control group traveled on to the Southern University campus by private automobile and Sheriff's Office vehicles at an unrecalled time during the mid-morning hours. [redacted] stated that when he arrived he assigned two deputies, whose names he could not recall, to remain with the parked vehicles as guards.

[redacted] advised that his squad formed up on the street in front of the Administration Building where a large crowd of students was gathered. The Sheriff requested the assembled crowd to leave giving them several minutes to do so, however, very few if any departed. A riot squad from the Louisiana State Police was also on duty and was considered to be the most experienced and best trained crowd control unit present. [redacted] stated that one squad of Sheriff's Deputies have received crowd control training and this squad was positioned next to

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the State Police squad. He stated that when the State Police and Sheriff's crowd control squads moved to the vicinity of the Administration Building, his squad was deployed in a single file line running roughly north and south from the vicinity of the State Police squad to somewhere just south of a line running from the front entrance of the Administration Building to a palm tree located near the entrance. [redacted] stated that when his squad was in position he was at the [redacted] end of his squad and he was the nearest man in his squad to [redacted] squad. He stated that located [redacted] of [redacted] squad was [redacted] squad. [redacted] stated that he was at one end of his squad and [redacted] was at the other end of the squad, [redacted]

[redacted] stated that almost immediately after they moved into position an object was thrown from the crowd into the air above the State Police squad. [redacted] stated he did not observe any officer throw anything into the crowd and the first object that he saw was this object which came from the crowd. He stated that when he first saw this object he believed it to be a pop bottle, and when it exploded he thought perhaps it was a fragmentation-type bomb. He stated that the object did not appear to be a tear gas grenade or canister.

[redacted] stated that when the object exploded in the air a cloud of smoke was created and he decided to put on his gas mask at that time, which he did. He stated that several seconds later when he got his gas mask on and looked around he observed officers from the State Police and apparently some Deputy Sheriffs tossing tear gas canisters into the crowd and some members of the crowd tossing the canisters back. He stated the crowd did not move from the steps of the Administration Building until the area became clouded with tear gas.

[redacted] stated he did not observe any member of the crowd who appeared to have been injured and was not aware that someone had been shot until later on. He stated that he did not hear or otherwise become aware of anything which would have suggested that someone was firing live ammunition. [redacted] noted that during the brief period of tear gas tossing many gunshots were heard which he believed to have been tear gas projectiles being fired from both tear gas guns and from tear gas loads fired from shotguns. [redacted] further noted that during the brief period that the tear gas was being put into use he concerned himself

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primarily with watching people in the crowd to determine if they were using any type of weapon or if it appeared they might attempt to rush the line of officers.

[redacted] furnished the following inventory of equipment he carried during the above time:

Clothing

Uniform pants and shirt.
Flak jacket.
Green nylon uniform vest.
Light green rubber boots and black rubber leggings.
Helmet, old style, two-tone without visor.

Equipment

One M1 carbine, personally owned, with three 30 round clips taped together.

One 10 round clip for carbine carried in jacket pocket.

One bayonet with white grip fixed on carbine.

One Model 39 Smith and Wesson 9 millimeter pistol carried in belt holster, unloaded with the clip in vest pocket.

One gas mask hanging on pistol handle.

Three "Mighty Mite" tear gas grenades carried on belt.

[redacted] advised that there were fifteen men in his squad at that time, to the best of his recollection. He stated four men, including himself, were assigned to carry rifles. He stated he could not recall the number of shotguns assigned. He stated that some men with shotguns were assigned to carry tear gas ammunition only while others were assigned to carry live ammunition.

[redacted] stated that when the tear gas was first put into use the man nearest to him on his right was [redacted] who is assigned to the Juvenile Division of the Sheriff's Office. He stated [redacted] was wearing olive

drab coveralls with a flak jacket worn outside the coveralls and an old style two-tone helmet. He stated [redacted] was equipped with a Sheriff's Office property shotgun which was to have been loaded with tear gas cartridges. In addition [redacted] carried a revolver in a belt holster. [redacted] stated he did not know if [redacted] fired any shots. To the [redacted] of [redacted] was a [redacted] also assigned to the [redacted] who was armed with an M1 carbine and wore an old style two-tone helmet.

[redacted] stated he did not know the identity of the man next to him on his left except that whoever it was was a member of [redacted] squad and at some time during the period of gas usage [redacted] was beside him on the left. He recalled that [redacted] was armed with a carbine.

[redacted] stated that he had last had riot control training in [redacted] He stated he has had no training in the use of tear gas. [redacted] stated that during [redacted] he attended a school in [redacted] sponsored by the [redacted] in [redacted]

[redacted] stated that the only other individuals and their arms who were on duty with [redacted] that he could recall were [redacted] who carried a shotgun loaded with tear gas, and [redacted] who carried a shotgun with a gas grenade launcher attached to the muzzle of the shotgun. He said he did not know if [redacted] made use of the grenade launcher.

[redacted] declined to furnish a signed or written statement of the above information

The following physical description was obtained from interview and observation:

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| Name | [redacted] |
| Race | White |
| Sex | Male |
| Date of birth | [redacted] |
| Place of birth | [redacted] |
| Height | [redacted] |
| Weight | [redacted] pounds |
| Hair | [redacted] |
| Eyes | [redacted] |
| Residence | [redacted] |

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[redacted] East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office, was interviewed at the East Baton Rouge Parish Prison. He was initially advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents and that they wished to discuss with him his participation in and observations made at an incident occurring on the campus of Southern University at Baton Rouge on November 16, 1972. He was furnished with a copy of "Interrogation; Advice of Rights" form which he read and stated that he understood. He signed the waiver portion of this form and stated that he had no objections whatsoever to answering any questions.

On November 16, 1972, [redacted] advised he was on duty in the Detective Office of the Sheriff's Department in downtown Baton Rouge at approximately 8:30 in the morning, when he was advised by someone whose identity he does not recall to report to the Junior Deputy Hut at Ryan Airport because there was a possibility that some students at Southern University had taken over the Administration Building. He drove to Ryan Airport with [redacted] and upon arrival he formed his men into a squad formation and received instructions from [redacted] Part of the instructions received were to ask that no one should have any live rounds in the chamber of their weapon and they were not to use any tear gas unless the Louisiana State Police used tear gas first. He advised that after his men were prepared he checked each weapon only to determine whether anyone had a live round in the chamber.

Sometime between 10:00 and 10:30 all the assembled deputies and State Policemen formed in their automobiles and drove in convoy to the campus of Southern University at Baton Rouge, and upon arrival positioned their automobiles on the street at a point directly in front of the Administration Building. He was then instructed to utilize his squad as [redacted] During the time they were forming up he heard Sheriff AMISS make an announcement on the public address system of the armored truck owned by the State Police, and noticed that

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upon this direction approximately half of the students assembled in the front of the Administration Building began to move away from that location. He estimated that when they arrived there were 300 or 400 students near the front of the Administration Building and after the Sheriff's announcement about half of them had moved, while the remaining students because of their shouted comments left him with the impression that they had no intention of moving.

Sometime during this period following the announcement on the public address system, [redacted] advised that the Louisiana State Police formed in a column and he moved his squad directly [redacted] They moved from the street down the sidewalk that runs across the front of the Academic Building. The State Police then moved a large group of students who were assembled in front of the Academic Building and then continued on to an area located at the [redacted] corner of the Administration Building. Upon arrival at this location he overheard [redacted] of the State Police tell the students to move from the steps in front of the building. It was obvious to him that the students were not going to move as they were shouting comments such as, "come and get us you honky ...", or words to that effect.

According to [redacted] the first thing he recalled happening was some sort of projectile trailing smoke came from the vicinity of the top of the steps and traveled over the heads of the State Troopers and the Deputies and exploded next to the head of [redacted] This explosion was extremely loud and he observed [redacted] and saw [redacted] Another projectile exploded to his [redacted] in the vicinity of [redacted] [redacted] None of the Deputies had their gas masks on and several of them immediately suffered the effects of heavy concentrations of tear gas. Among them were [redacted] [redacted] and [redacted] [redacted] appeared to be completely disabled by the tear gas. As best [redacted] can recall, the first projectile came from the crowd although he did recall seeing [redacted] toss a gas canister into the crowd after the first projectile came from the crowd. This canister was immediately tossed back toward the Deputies and landed near [redacted]

[redacted] advised that from his position he immediately concentrated on the upstairs windows and the top of the building in an effort to protect from sniper fire. After about two or three minutes of mass confusion he advised

he moved forward and observed two men lying on the sidewalk near the southeast corner of the building. He recalled one wore a brown jacket. He inquired of the Deputies on his squad whether anyone had fired a shot and they advised him that they did not. He then checked each weapon on his squad to determine whether any shots were fired only to the extent of checking the chambers which were empty. He did not break each weapon down to determine how many rounds were in the magazine of the shotgun. He advised that he himself did not fire and that he was armed with a 7.65 caliber rifle which he always carries.

[redacted] stated that he feels he has sufficient experience with a shotgun to tell the difference between the sound of tear gas and the sound of live ammunition being fired. During the confrontation he heard several loud reports which sounded to him like a shotgun fired live ammunition, but he did not see anybody fire anything. He was aware that loud reports were coming from "Big Bertha" and he assumed that they were firing the tear gas gun.

[redacted] stated that he would prefer not to furnish a signed statement.

The following description was obtained through observation and interview:

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| Name<br>Address | [redacted] |
| Race | White |
| Sex | Male |
| Date of birth | [redacted] |
| Height | |
| Weight | [redacted] pounds |
| Hair | [redacted] |
| Eyes | |
| Employment | Deputy Sheriff for past [redacted] years; [redacted] |

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[redacted] was interviewed at the East Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana, Sheriff's Office Prison. The Agents identified themselves, and SA [redacted] told [redacted] that the Agents wished to discuss with him his knowledge of a confrontation between law enforcement personnel and students on the campus of Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on the morning of November 16, 1972, which resulted in the deaths of two students. SA [redacted] gave [redacted] an Advice of Rights Form, which he read and stated he understood. [redacted] signed a Waiver of Rights Form and furnished the following information:

He was on duty on the morning of November 16, 1972, and at about 9:20 a.m., he received a radio call to report to the Junior Deputy Hut by the Parish Prison at Ryan Airport. He said he arrived at the Hut within a minute and was the first one to arrive. He said that subsequently, about 60 Sheriff's Deputies and Louisiana State Policemen arrived, and they were instructed by [redacted] of the Sheriff's Office that they would probably have to go onto the campus of Southern University. They were also told that students were causing trouble on the campus, and [redacted] cautioned everyone that no one was to put a live round of ammunition into the chamber of any shotgun or rifle except on a direct command. [redacted] also said that no unnecessary force was to be used.

On this occasion [redacted] was armed with a .38 caliber revolver and a Sheriff's Office issue .12 gauge Ithaca pump shotgun with a grenade launcher attached to the end of the barrel. He said while at the Hut, he loaded this shotgun with four primer cartridges for launching gas grenades and said that these cartridges, which are the same size as a shotgun shell, have a white bottom. He said he had no live buckshot in the gun nor any tear gas cartridges in the gun. He was

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equipped with five tear gas canisters that could be shot out of the grenade launcher. On this occasion, he was wearing the regular Sheriff's Office uniform with a long-sleeve shirt and a flak jacket, no regular jacket, and a helmet.

He said that he is assigned to the squad under the command of [redacted] and [redacted] of the Sheriff's Office finally said that the Deputies were going to go onto the campus of Southern University, and the law enforcement personnel traveled in a convoy led by a State Police armored truck known as "Big Bertha." "Big Bertha" parked on the street in front of the Administration Building at approximately 10:30 a.m. [redacted] organized his squad of men, and all the Deputies formed into their respective squads on the grass across College Drive from the Administration Building. He pointed out that during the past several weeks they had already been assigned their certain squads due to disturbances on the campus. He noticed approximately 150 students directly in front of the Administration Building plus others on either side of the Administration Building. As they were forming into their squads, he heard orders being given to students to disperse, but he did not know where these orders were coming from. He said the Deputies followed in single file [redacted] to an area in front of the gray building located to the north of the Administration Building. The squad of State Policemen moved up near the [redacted] corner of the Administration Building, and [redacted] of Deputies went with them. This squad of State Policemen and the [redacted] of Deputies were positioned on the [redacted] side of a [redacted] in front of the Administration Building. [redacted] squad formed in a line between [redacted] which is in the front of the Administration Building. He said [redacted] was next to the hedges. [redacted] was on [redacted] right, and [redacted] was on [redacted] left as they stood in line facing the students. [redacted] estimated that he was approximately [redacted] people away from [redacted] Two other squads of Deputies lined up on the grass facing the

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students to the [redacted] of [redacted] squad. He recalled that students on the steps of the Administration Building were hollering to other students near the street to join the students on the steps and sit down because they were not going to move.

[redacted] said he thinks someone in the State Police squad gave an order to put gas masks on, but he is certain that [redacted] gave a command to put gas masks on. At about this time, something came out of the crowd by the steps to the Administration Building and exploded several feet above the ground behind the State Policemen. This object then started smoking. He did not see who threw this object. He put his gas mask on but had to take it off because smoke had gotten inside of it. He observed gas canisters coming from his right and going into the crowd of students. What he believes to be tear gas guns were being fired from "Big Bertha." He observed canisters coming out of the crowd of students and going towards the Deputies to his left.

His squad fell back to [redacted] building located to the [redacted] of the Administration Building.

The crowd of students in front of the Administration Building was moving in all directions. He said that within two or three minutes, the smoke cleared, and he could see that one person was lying on the ground by the south corner of the Administration Building. He was under the impression that this person had been gassed and it was not until later in the day that he found out that two students had died. He said he never fired any weapon and never used any tear gas. He said he saw no one fire any weapon, and he does not recall hearing any shotguns being fired.

[redacted] declined to furnish a signed statement.

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The following description was obtained through observation and interview:

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| Name<br>Address | [redacted] |
| Race and sex | White male |
| Date of birth | [redacted] |
| Height | [redacted] feet [redacted] inches |
| Weight | [redacted] pounds |
| Hair | [redacted] |
| Employment | Deputy Sheriff, East Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana, Sheriff's Office, since [redacted] |
| Former employment | [redacted] |

[redacted] said that the only riot control training he has had was several days of classroom instruction in approximately [redacted] at the Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Police Department.

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[redacted] East Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Parish Sheriff's Office (SO), was interviewed at the Parish Prison. The Agents identified themselves, and SA [redacted] told [redacted] that the Agents wished to discuss with him his knowledge of the events on the morning of November 16, 1972, when Sheriff's Deputies confronted students on the campus of Southern University at Baton Rouge (SUBR). SA [redacted] furnished him with an Advice of Rights form, which he read and said he understood, [redacted] signed a Waiver of Rights and furnished the following information:

He is [redacted] years of age and resides at [redacted] home telephone [redacted] He said he was employed by the East Baton Rouge Parish SO from [redacted] through [redacted] and then again from [redacted] to the present time. He said he has been [redacted] for over [redacted] years. He said he had riot and crowd control training for several days in [redacted] or [redacted] through the Baton Rouge Police Department, and he had some classroom instruction in crowd control in [redacted] at [redacted]

[redacted] said that at an unrecalled time on the morning of November 16, 1972, he was instructed to report to the Junior Deputy Hut next to the Parish Prison, which he did. When he arrived at the hut, Sheriff's Deputies received information from either Sheriff AMISS, [redacted] or [redacted] of the Sheriff's Department that students had taken over the Administration Building at SUBR. He said he recalled that one of the three above commanders instructed the Deputies not to overreact when the Deputies went onto the campus and that there was to be no firing of weapons unless a specific order was received to do so. He said that on this occasion he was armed with a .38 caliber revolver and three small tear gas canisters. He said he had no shotgun or rifle and he was wearing the normal issue helmet, a flak jacket, and

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a long-sleeve uniform shirt. He said he did not believe he was wearing the regular issue Sheriff's jacket. On this occasion he was assigned to a squad of Deputies under the command of [redacted] The Deputies, who were accompanied by Louisiana State Policemen, moved into the campus of SUBR. He noted that his was the last car in the convoy, and he was accompanied by Deputy [redacted] The officers assembled in the area of the street in front of the Administration Building on the campus in the vicinity of where a State Police armored truck known as "Big Bertha" was parked. At this point, [redacted] pointed out that his shotgun, an Ithaca pump shotgun, was in the possession of Deputy [redacted] and he is certain that before the convoy went onto the campus, either he or Deputy [redacted] loaded this shotgun with four gas shells.

He said he recalled the squad of State Policemen moved up to a gray building located to the north of the Administration Building and dispersed a group of students in front of the gray building. He said when this happened there seemed to be spontaneous movement by the Sheriff's Deputies and he noticed the State Policemen moved up to the corner of the Administration Building close to the students who were in front of the building and numbered approximately 300 to 350. He said the Sheriff's Deputies formed a line on the grass in front of the Administration Building and were facing students who were immediately in front of the building. He said he did not recall the exact positions of the squads of Deputies and that he was unable to keep the men in his squad in a straight line. He said as best he recalls, he was directly in front of the doors to the Administration Building, approximately 12 to 13 feet away from a row of hedges in front of the building. He said [redacted] was to his left and Deputy [redacted] was close to him [redacted] on his right.

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He recalls that something exploded in the air near him, but he does not recall seeing where this object came from. His first thought was that it was a grenade. Smoke started filling the area where he was, and he observed a State Policeman (identity unknown) throwing a tear gas canister into the crowd of students in front of the steps to the Administration Building, and immediately what he believes was the same canister came out of the crowd [redacted] When the canister came out of the crowd of students, it was smoking and [redacted] by this canister. As he did, he fell over another Deputy behind him. He said the canister was traveling at a height which would have made it [redacted] This canister hit the ground several feet behind him, at which time he suffered a lot of exposure to tear gas.

At this time, he moved back to the street and went to his car where he wiped his face off with a rag. After this he went back to the same area where he originally had been facing the students. He said it took him about five minutes from the time he first retreated until he got back to the same area.

He noted that the squads of Deputies were all mixed up and some unknown person said somebody was knocked down by the bushes. He looked and saw one person on the sidewalk by a small bush on the south corner of the Administration Building.

[redacted] said he never fired any weapon and did not use any tear gas. He does not recall hearing any order to use tear gas or any weapon. He said he saw no one fire any weapon with the exception of his hearing something being fired from "Big Bertha".

After the confrontation was over, he personally checked the shotgun in the possession of Deputy [redacted] and this shotgun

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still had four tear gas shells in the chamber.

[redacted] did not want to furnish a signed statement regarding the above information.

[redacted] is a white male, date of birth [redacted] [redacted] pounds, [redacted] hair.

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[redacted] was interviewed at the Parish Prison. The Agents identified themselves, and SA [redacted] stated that the Agents wished to discuss with him his knowledge of the events on the morning of November 16, 1972, when the East Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Parish Sheriff's Office (SO) was called onto the campus of Southern University at Baton Rouge (SUBR). SA [redacted] furnished him with an Advice of Rights form, which he read, said he fully understood, and executed.

[redacted] said he is [redacted] years of age and resides at [redacted] He said he has been employed by the East Baton Rouge Parish SO since [redacted] and is specifically assigned as [redacted] He said that prior to being employed by the SO, he was employed for [redacted] years as a [redacted] in [redacted] He said he has had no specific riot or crowd control training.

He stated that at approximately 9:00 AM on November 16, 1972, he received a call and was instructed to meet the Sheriff at the Junior Deputy Hut located near the Parish Prison at Ryan Airport. He said he arrived at the hut between approximately 9:15 AM and 9:30 AM, at which time Deputies and Louisiana State Policemen were arriving and were being briefed. He said he could not specifically recall any instructions given to the Deputies or State Policemen at this time nor could he recall anyone who gave any instructions. He was instructed that the Deputies and State Policemen were going to go onto the campus of SUBR, and the law enforcement officers left in a convoy and proceeded from the Junior Deputy Hut to the campus of SUBR, where all the law enforcement officers formed into squads in the vicinity of the Administration Building. He said his only specific function at this time was to [redacted]

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On this occasion he said he was armed with a .38 caliber revolver, a pump shotgun which was loaded with buckshot and birdshot, none of which were actually in the chamber, and chemical Mace. He said he had no tear gas and was wearing the issued jacket over a flak jacket.

[redacted] said that Sheriff AMISS got into the State Police's armored vehicle known as "Big Bertha". He estimated that there were approximately 400 or 500 students gathered in front of the Administration Building on the campus, and he heard Sheriff AMISS announce over "Big Bertha's" public address system that he was the Sheriff and that the students had five minutes to get away from the building. The Sheriff again announced the fact that there were three minutes left, and [redacted] noticed students were leaving the area. He heard voices in the crowd of students saying something to the effect that they were going to stay seated and that the police would have to come and get them.

The next thing he recalls is the State Troopers and a group of Sheriff's Deputies proceeding to the [redacted] corner of the Administration Building and the remainder of the Sheriff's Deputies forming in a line on the grass facing the students in front of the Administration Building. Sheriff AMISS joined [redacted] outside of "Big Bertha" and the two of them joined the Deputies on the grass in front of the students. He said that he and the Sheriff were situated in front of the doors to the Administration Building. He said the Deputies started moving toward the students, and he then saw an explosion over the heads of the State Troopers and the Sheriff's Deputies who were with the Troopers. He said whatever exploded came from the direction of the students in front of the Administration Building, but he cannot be more specific as to where this object came from.

He said he did not think it was a tear gas canister. Following this explosion, tear gas came out of the crowd by the steps of the Administration Building directly toward the Deputies in front of the doors to the building. This tear gas canister was smoking as it was traveling from the students to the Deputies, and the Deputies began backing away and gas started going off around them and all over the front of the Administration Building.

He recalls seeing gas being fired from "Big Bertha" toward the Administration Building. [redacted] recalls that he moved back behind a State Police car parked on the street in front of the building and put his gas mask on with the assistance of Deputy [redacted] one of the Sheriff's Office photographers. After putting on his gas mask, [redacted] walked back to the area where he had been standing when the first explosion went off and met Sheriff AMISS, whose eyes were watering. He said that it was about this time when he saw two people on the ground near the south end of the Administration Building.

[redacted] said he and the Sheriff first thought that the two people had been trampled by students getting out of the area. He recalled seeing several people around the two individuals on the ground and someone near them requested a blanket. [redacted] said he got a blanket from one of the Troopers from "Big Bertha" which was parked on the street and took the blanket to the people standing by the two persons on the ground. He did not stay in this area but went back and joined other Deputies.

He said the next thing he recalls is ambulances coming and taking away the two people on the ground. Following this, approximately 200 people came out of the Administration Building and dispersed.

[redacted] said he never fired any weapon and did not see anyone else firing any type of weapon. He said he never heard any order to fire a weapon or use tear gas.

[redacted] remarked that on Halloween Day, 1972, the SO was called into the campus at SUBR, on which occasion the students were verbally abusive to the black Sheriff's Deputies.

[redacted] said that he would prefer not to make a signed statement concerning the above information.

[redacted] is a Negro male, date of birth [redacted] [redacted] pounds.

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[redacted] was interviewed at the East Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Parish Prison. The Agents identified themselves as being Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. SA [redacted] explained to [redacted] that the Agents wished to discuss with him the events on the morning of November 16, 1972, on the campus of Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, during the course of which two students were killed. Special Agent [redacted] gave him an "Advice of Rights" form, which he read, stated he understood, and executed.

[redacted] advised that he is [redacted] years of age and resides at [redacted] He said he is employed as a [redacted] for the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and has been so employed for [redacted] years and [redacted] months. He said he was recently assigned to a newly formed Tactical Unit within the department; however, this unit has not been able to start specific training due to the heavy work load in recent weeks.

He said that on the morning of November 16, 1972, at approximately 9 a.m., he was at home at which time he received a call and was instructed to report to the Junior Deputy Hut, which is located near the Parish Prison at Ryan Airport. He reported to the hut at approximately 9:30 a.m., at which time he was instructed by someone, not specifically recalled, that students were taking over the Administration Building at Southern University.

Approximately ten or fifteen minutes later, [redacted] of the sheriff's office, told the assembled deputies that they were going to go onto the campus at Southern University. He said [redacted] reminded all the deputies that they were going onto the campus to restore order and that only necessary force was to be used, and that they were not

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going on campus to hurt anyone. On this morning, his squad was led by [redacted] in the absence of the usual commanding Lieutenant.

A convoy of sheriff's deputies and Louisiana State Policemen left the Junior Deputy Hut and traveled onto the campus of Southern University and arrived in front of the Administration Building at approximately 10:15 a.m. He recalled that upon arriving in front of this building, he saw no less than 200 to 300 people directly in front of the Administration Building, and he saw other people gathered in front of a gray building located to the north of the Administration Building.

The deputies and the State Police were instructed to form into squads, and his squad was instructed to follow the State Policemen to disperse students gathered in front of the gray building. This was done, and then the State Policemen moved up close to the main steps to the Administration Building. [redacted] unit took a position behind the State Policemen, but away from the building on the sidewalk.

[redacted] said just as his squad came to a stop behind the State Policemen, he saw what he believed was a tear gas canister come out of the crowd of students on the steps of the Administration Building. He said he followed it with his eyes and it was smoking. He said he watched it go [redacted] and when it was approximately [redacted] it exploded in the air. He recalled seeing it break into two pieces and something, which appeared to be white pieces of paper, come out of it. He said it exploded at a point right above Deputy [redacted] and tear gas began to spread all around his immediate area. He recalled turning around and seeing Deputy [redacted]

[redacted] trying to put on his gas mask. At this time, he heard students laughing all around them. He said he backed up and put on his gas mask and came forward again, but had to take his gas mask off because gas was already inside of it. He then saw another tear gas canister come out of the crowd of students on the steps of the Administration Building and fall on the lawn by a large tree on the grass in front of the Administration Building. After this, tear gas began going off all over the area in front of the Administration Building. The students began dispersing and then he recalled seeing two people lying on the sidewalk near the south end of the Administration Building.

Deputy [redacted] said he did not fire any type of weapon and did not see anyone else fire any type of weapon. He said he was equipped with a 9 millimeter automatic pistol, a .30 caliber carbine rifle and two Mighty Midget tear gas canisters, which he did not use. He said he has no idea as to who may have shot the two people. He pointed out that his group of deputies was not in a position to shoot in the direction where the two people fell, as the State Policemen were directly in front of his group.

Deputy [redacted] declined to furnish a signed statement.

[redacted] is a white male; date of birth [redacted] feet, [redacted] inches; [redacted] pounds, with [redacted] hair.

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Date of transcription 11/25/72

[redacted] East Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Sheriff's Office, was interviewed at the Parish Prison. The Agents identified themselves, and SA [redacted] told [redacted] that the Agents wished to discuss with him his knowledge of events on the morning of November 16, 1972, on the campus of Southern University at Baton Rouge (SUBR) when Sheriff's Deputies confronted students. SA [redacted] furnished [redacted] with an Advice of Rights form which he read and said he thoroughly understood. [redacted] signed a Waiver of Rights and furnished the following information:

He was born on [redacted] and resides at [redacted] He has been employed by the Sheriff's Office (SO) since [redacted] and the only riot or crowd control training he has had has been a small amount of classroom instruction during his basic training period.

He said that on the morning of November 16, 1972, at approximately 10:00 AM. he was at home and received a call from [redacted] who said that they had to go to the Junior Deputy Hut by the Parish Prison. [redacted] picked him up in a car at home and they drove to the Junior Deputy Hut, arriving at approximately 10:15 or 10:20 AM. While driving to the Junior Deputy Hut, [redacted] told [redacted] that students had taken over a building on the campus of SUBR. Deputies and State Policemen gathered at the hut where [redacted] and [redacted] of the SO told them there was a disturbance on campus and the SO had been requested to come onto the campus of SUBR to control the situation. [redacted] warned the Deputies not to use any unnecessary force and if there was any order to fire tear-gas or any weapon, the order would be made by the Sheriff, [redacted] or [redacted]

The Deputies and State Policemen drove in a convoy onto the campus of SUBR. [redacted] was riding in a car with

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[redacted] All of the law enforcement personnel gathered across the street from the Administration Building and formed into their individual squads. [redacted] is assigned to a squad led by [redacted] He said there was a large group of students in front of the Administration Building but he could not estimate their number.

He observed the State Policemen move in a unit in front of a gray building located to the north of the Administration Building, and they stopped by the corner of the Administration Building. He said that there was possibly [redacted] of Deputies with the State Policemen and the remainder of Sheriff's Deputies moved to a position on the grass directly in front of the Administration Building. He believed their position was near a sidewalk on which there was located [redacted] His squad was located in an area facing the doors to the Administration Building, and he said a squad of Deputies led by [redacted] was to his squad's right. He said there was a squad to his squad's left, but he does not recall which squad it was.

After the Deputies had lined up he heard something explode in the area of the State Policemen and what appeared to him to be small pieces of paper floated to the ground in the area of the explosion, and smoke began to fill the area by the State Policemen. He said this object exploded in mid-air and he believed it came from a crowd of students located between the State Policemen and the steps to the Administration Building. He said he then recalled tear gas coming from the Deputies' rear, probably from the State Police armored truck known as "Big Bertha" which was parked on the street. This gas was hitting the face of the Administration Building and gas seemed to fill the whole area in front of the building. He said he saw a student by the steps of the Administration Building throw what looked like a tear gas canister toward the area where he was standing. This

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object passed him on his [redacted] side, and he recalled that the object was smoking as it left the hands of the student who threw it. He said he believes, but is not positive, that the student who threw this object was wearing what he described as an Army green helmet liner.

He said he reached for his gas mask and ran back toward the street where he took off his helmet, put his shotgun between his legs and put on his gas mask. He then proceeded back to the area where he was originally located when the trouble started and noticed that most of the students had cleared away from the front of the building. He then saw two people on the ground by the south corner of the building, and he thought they had been knocked out. He recalled that he subsequently went back to the area of the street and took tear gas shells out of his shotgun and replaced them with regular buckshot. He said he was armed with a Sheriff's Department pump shotgun which contained four tear gas shells, none of which were in the chamber, when the confrontation started. He also had a .38 caliber revolver and no other form of tear gas. He said he recalled loading the shotgun with tear gas while the Deputies assembled at the hut prior to going onto the campus.

He said he was wearing the standard Sheriff's Office uniform, a helmet and a flak jacket. His shirt had short sleeves and he does not believe he was wearing the regular issue jacket.

He said he cannot remember who was standing next to him in line when the trouble started, and he never heard any order to fire tear gas nor any weapon. He said he never fired any weapon and never saw anyone else fire any weapon.

Deputy [redacted] said he did not want to make a written statement.

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[redacted] is a white male, date of birth [redacted] b6 b7C
[redacted] height [redacted], weight [redacted] hair.

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[redacted] Deputy Sheriff, East Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana, was interviewed at the Parish Prison. Deputy [redacted] was advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents and the fact that they wished to question him concerning his participation in the events which occurred on the campus of Southern University at Baton Rouge (SUBR) on November 16, 1972. Prior to any questions being asked of him, he was furnished with a copy of an Interrogation; Advice of Rights form, which he read and stated he understood, after which he signed the waiver portion of this form, stating he had no objections to answering questions or discussing events occurring on November 16, 1972.

Deputy [redacted] advised he was at home about 9:00 AM the morning of November 16, 1972, when he was called by [redacted] and told to report to the Junior Deputy Hut at Ryan Airport. Having been mustered several times during the past three weeks for the same purpose, Deputy [redacted] advised there was no doubt in his mind that there was trouble with the students on the campus of SUBR.

He drove to Ryan Airport, arriving there about 9:30 AM. [redacted] briefed the Deputies as they assembled, and he recalls that he was told to get his gear as they were going onto the campus because the students were occupying one of the buildings and possibly were holding someone hostage.

[redacted] said he was dressed in green uniform trousers and a long sleeve khaki shirt, over which he put on a military-type flak jacket and a green riot helmet with a bill in the front. He obtained his shotgun from his police car and checked and determined it contained three rounds of 00 buckshot. He stated this shotgun was a Browning automatic, and it is maintained on a rack on the front of the front seat of his patrol car.

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[redacted] advised that he also obtained one round gas grenade shaped like a baseball and one canister of tear gas the size of a beer can. Both of these grenades contained tear gas.

[redacted] stated that after a short briefing by [redacted] during which he recalls being told that no one was to have live ammunition loaded in the chamber of their weapon and that no one was to use any excessive force or to hurt any of the students, they got in their cars and drove in convoy from Ryan Airport to the campus of Southern University.

Upon arrival at the campus, the Deputies parked their cars on the grass on the east side of the street in front of the Administration Building, got out of their cars, and formed up on squads. A squad of Louisiana State Policemen lined up and when they started to move, the State Troopers were in the front of the column, followed by all the Deputies in single file. The State Police went north on College Avenue to the sidewalk in front of the Academic Building and then turned west and proceeded down that sidewalk to a point at the northeast corner of the Administration Building. [redacted] stated that there were several hundred students assembled around the front of the Administration Building when they first arrived but when they moved into position, the number of students was about half of what had been there originally. He would estimate this group immediately in front of the building as being about 100 students.

When the State Police stopped moving forward, the Deputies who were lined up behind them moved through the hedges and swung around on the front lawn so they were lined up all the way across the Administration Building.

[redacted] stated that when they reached their positions, he recalls being lined up almost in front of the door to the Administration Building. He stated that he cannot recall who was on his immediate right or left but does recall seeing Deputy [redacted] somewhere close to him.

About this time he recalls seeing somebody near the door of the Administration Building throw something which landed near his feet. He jumped to the left and stumbled over another Deputy whom he believes to have been [redacted] advised that he immediately backed up and put his gas mask on, which he had been wearing on the top of his head. The mask had some gas in it, and he recalls that he could not breathe and as he backed up, he attempted to adjust his mask without success and finally removed it.

Deputy [redacted] stated that he heard shotguns being fired and heard something being fired from "Big Bertha", but he did not see anyone fire a weapon nor did he fire his weapon at any time. He stated that he did not even rack the action on his gun to load a shell.

He recalls that when they got back near the street, he heard someone state that there were two people hurt over near the Administration Building, but he could not see who it was because of the smoke and gas.

Deputy [redacted] was asked to review a set of five photographs, which he did, but was unable to identify himself or anyone else in the pictures.

The following description was obtained through observation and interview:

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| Name | [redacted] |
| Address | |
| Telephone | |
| Race | White |
| Sex | Male |
| Date of birth | [redacted] |
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| Height | [redacted] |
| Weight | |
| Hair | |
| Eyes | |
| Employed | Deputy Sheriff past [redacted] years |
| Training | Riot, crowd control training, [redacted] one hour per day for two or three days, [redacted] years ago |

Deputy [redacted] advised that he would prefer not to furnish a signed statement.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription November 25, 1972

[redacted] Deputy Sheriff, [redacted] East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, was advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents as being Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He was advised of the fact that the Agents wished to discuss the matters which occurred near the Administration Building, Southern University Campus, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on the morning of November 16, 1972. Special Agent [redacted] furnished Deputy [redacted] with an "Interrogation; Advice of Rights" form, which he read, stated he understood, and signed. Deputy [redacted] stated he would be willing to furnish a signed statement at a later date, if necessary. Deputy [redacted] then provided the following oral information freely and voluntarily:

On the morning of Thursday, November 16, 1972, he received a call at his residence from the sheriff's office headquarters to report to the "Hut," a training and gathering center for the sheriff's office, at the edge of Ryan Airport, Baton Rouge. When he reported, he was told, as part of the group assembled, by [redacted] and [redacted] that the students at Southern University had taken over the Administration Building and the State Police and the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Deputies were to go there and "get the Administration Building back."

[redacted] stated he was wearing a green flak jacket, short sleeved brown shirt, olive green pants with a stripe and black boots. He was carrying a loaded .38 caliber pistol and 42 rounds of ammunition for it on his gun belt. He also had a tear gas grenade on his flak jacket and a 12-gauge Ithaca pump shotgun owned by the sheriff's office, one pocket of tear gas shells and one pocket of assorted shot shells. He had a gas mask and was wearing a fiber glass riot helmet.

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As part of a convoy, he went to the Administration Building, Southern University, to assemble. He advised he did not know the time of day.

Deputy [redacted] advised he was assigned to Squad [redacted] under [redacted] and his squad was one of [redacted] squads from the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office. He stated they lined up in front of and facing the Administration Building. He said the squads lined up by height, and, as they were facing the Administration Building, the bigger men were on the right, which was the northern side.

During this period of time, he heard the sheriff order the occupants of the Administration Building to leave the building. Five or ten minutes passed and the occupants did not leave the building or the area of the Administration Building.

Deputy [redacted] stated his position was almost exactly opposite the main entrance of the Administration Building and he was facing west toward that entrance. He was standing just in front of the second walk away from the building. He was in a ready position with tear gas shells in his shotgun when he observed a tall Negro wearing a green helmet liner reach back, pick something up, and throw it toward the Louisiana State Police, who were located near the northwest corner of the Administration Building. He observed it explode in the air and noticed gas immediately in the area of the above described position of the State Police. Right after that, he saw a missile of some kind coming toward him and his fellow squad members from the crowd on the steps of the Administration Building. This missile apparently was some type of a tear gas dispenser. He advised he ducked to the ground to avoid being hit. He stated he did not hear any comments from any of the officers of the sheriff's office to the deputy sheriffs. He advised he raised himself to one knee after ducking and, in the kneeling position, put on his gas mask. He then fired a gas shell from his shotgun low

along the ground and observed this gas shell bouncing along under the bushes in front of the entrance to the Administration Building. He advised that was the only round of ammunition that he fired there.

Shortly thereafter, he recalls adjusting his gas mask and noticing two Negro males fall who had been running in a southerly direction.

Shortly thereafter, he went across the street and fired a gas shell over the heads of the crowd which had assembled in that position further east from where the previous activity had taken place.

Deputy [redacted] stated he does not know who might have fired the shot which killed the students, and has heard no one comment as to who this individual might be.

Deputy [redacted] stated he has not had any riot control training. He advised he had been in [redacted]

The following description was obtained during interview and observation:

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| Name | [redacted] |
| Race | White |
| Sex | Male |
| Date of Birth | [redacted] |
| Place of Birth | [redacted] |
| Height | [redacted] feet, [redacted] inch |
| Weight | [redacted] pounds |
| Hair | [redacted] |
| Eyes | [redacted] |
| Occupation | Deputy Sheriff, [redacted] East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office |
| Residence | [redacted] |
| Education | High School |

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[redacted] Deputy Sheriff, East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, was advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents as being Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He was advised of the fact that the Agents wished to discuss the events which occurred near the Administration Building, Southern University Campus, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on the morning of November 16, 1972. Special Agent [redacted] furnished Deputy [redacted] with an "Interrogation; Advice of Rights" form, which he read, stated he understood, and signed. Deputy [redacted] stated he would be willing to furnish a signed statement at a later date, if necessary. He thereafter furnished the following free and voluntary information orally:

On November 16, 1972, he was called at his residence to report to the Junior Deputy Hut, which is a gathering area, near Ryan Airport, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, for the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office. He does not recall the time he reported, nor does he remember the time of any other incidents which occurred on the morning of November 16, 1972.

[redacted] of the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office, told the assembled group of deputies that "The students have taken over a building on Southern University Campus," and that they should not have any rounds in the chambers of their shotguns, nor were they to load their weapons, nor use tear gas without an order.

Deputy [redacted] stated on that morning he wore a short sleeved tan deputy sheriff's shirt, olive green pants with a stripe, and was wearing a coat. He was wearing a gun belt with 12 rounds of ammunition for a personally owned and loaded .357 Magnum, which he was carrying in its holster. He was also carrying a billy club and one tear gas canister. He stated he did not have any other weapons or ammunition with him at that time or later in the morning.

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by SA [redacted] and SA [redacted] LAW:bal Date dictated 11/24/72

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The assemblage of deputy sheriffs went to the Administration Building on the campus of Southern University caravan style in cars. They assembled on the street by squads. He was on the squad of [redacted] one of the four sheriff's office squads.

[redacted] stated he was standing some distance from the front of the Administration Building behind the vehicle of which Sheriff AL AMISS was issuing an order concerning the dispersal of the crowd in front of and inside the Administration Building.

He advised the squad assembled by height, but he does not recall who was on either side of him, either in the first assemblage or later on when he took his position with the squad on the walk by the palm tree, parallel to and facing the Administration Building.

Within a few minutes, as he was facing the building, he heard a small explosion and saw smoke rising by the State Police who were assembled near the northwest corner of the building. Soon, thereafter, he saw a Negro male, on or near the steps of the Administration Building, reach, pick something up, and throw it at the deputies directly in front of the building near where he was standing. He heard no explosion, but saw smoke and smelled gas. Right after that, he observed another tear gas dispenser rolling toward the students in front of the building from the northwest. He saw a student pick it up and throw it toward the row of deputies directly in front of the building. He stated [redacted] He stated he had taken a dose of gas by this time and was coughing and his eyes were watering.

He went back across the street to the east, away from the Administration Building, and put his gas mask on.

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He then went back to the original area where he had been located. He stated that by this time, the students had generally cleared and he noticed two Negro males lying on the sidewalk in front of the building, and there was no movement from either of them.

Across the street near the area where he had put his gas mask on, a crowd of students had gathered and were finally dispersed due to more tear gas being used.

He stated he had no idea as to who shot the two Negro males during this activity.

Deputy stated that he has never had any formal riot control training.

The following description was obtained through observation and interview:

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| Name | |
| Race | White |
| Sex | Male |
| Date of Birth | |
| Place of Birth | |
| Height | feet |
| Weight | pounds |
| Hair | |
| Eyes | |
| Occupation | Deputy Sheriff, East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office, since |
| Residence | |

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[redacted] was advised of the identity of the contacting Agents and that he was being interviewed concerning the incident which occurred at Southern University campus on the morning of November 16, 1972. He was advised of his rights during interview, which he read and acknowledged by duly executing a standard advice of rights form. [redacted] furnished the following information:

On the morning of November 16, 1972, he was called to assemble with his riot gear at Ryan Airport, approximately 9:00 a.m. When he got there, word was passed that Southern University students had taken over a building and that about 8:30 or 9:00 a.m., the campus security people had called the sheriff's office for possible assistance.

At the airport, [redacted] and Sheriff AMISS gave a briefing about what to expect and what they would be expected to do. All weapon carriers were cautioned about not having cartridges in the chambers of their guns, etc.

[redacted] the East Baton Rouge Sheriff's Office armored car, which is a converted half track-type personnel carrier nicknamed the "Green Hornet". In the carrier [redacted] carrying an M-1 carbine, was [redacted] Deputy [redacted] also with a carbine, and Deputy [redacted] carrying a shotgun.

[redacted] personally was equipped with an issued 37 millimeter gas gun. He was wearing green fatigues, flak jacket, gas mask, plastic riot helmet, and his personally owned .38 combat Masterpiece revolver.

About 10:00 a.m., the Louisiana State Police armored car ("Big Bertha") and the sheriff's vehicle led off the convoy of units to the campus. When he arrived, the sheriff made an announcement for the demonstrators to disperse and clear the building in five minutes. The law enforcement officers dispersed to their positions and [redacted] and his men remained in the vehicle, as the Louisiana State Police Riot Unit moved across

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the front of the Academic Building and continued over by the corner of the Administration Building. He got out of his vehicle and put on his helmet and gas mask. No tear gas had been used up to this time. [redacted] commented that he has been involved in several riots and "actions", and was determined to be prepared and not to get trapped. It was his impression that as soon as the crowd started to move out there would be trouble. He filled his pockets with gas projectiles and moved into [redacted] in front of the Administration Building, just to the [redacted] of the sidewalk, which runs perpendicular to that building. About that time a gas projectile came across the lawn from the direction of the students. [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

All "hell" was breaking loose and as the crowd moved south along the walk, [redacted] A group to the south began to surge toward the area and he moved back toward the street [redacted] He then noted a group across the area from the law enforcement vehicles and moved around in that direction [redacted] He then stayed in the street near the vehicles for nearly an hour, watching a crowd of approximately 1,000 students mingling on the street to the east. [redacted]

[redacted] advised he did not see anyone get shot and never, in fact, saw the bodies at anytime.

[redacted] advised he has received riot training consisting of three to four different riot control schools in the past [redacted] years. He has been a law enforcement officer for [redacted] years.

The following description was furnished from observation and interview:

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Home address [redacted]

Date of birth
Place of birth
Marital status
Height
Weight [redacted] pounds
Hair
Eyes

[redacted] stated that the oral statement which he furnished would stand on its own and because of other pressing duties he wished not at the present time to furnish a signed statement although he clarified that he would, should it be necessary, furnish a signed statement at anytime in the future.

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[redacted] was interviewed at the campus headquarters of the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office, Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, by [redacted] and [redacted] who identified themselves as Special Agents of the FBI. He was advised that he was being interviewed relative to the incident which occurred at the Southern University campus on the morning of November 16, 1972. He was advised of his rights during interview which he read, acknowledged, and waived, as shown on a duly executed Advice of Rights Form. [redacted] furnished the following information:

On the morning of November 16, 1972, he was assigned to work with [redacted]. He was wearing brown corduroy pants, a tan uniform shirt, flak jacket, and a Marine Corps utility cap. He carried a .38 automatic pistol and an issued Remington .12 gauge pump shotgun which was loaded with buckshot. He had neither gas cannisters nor gas mask.

Inasmuch as he was primarily concerned with the [redacted] he concentrated on watching the people [redacted] and also maintained close observation on the upper windows and nearby campus windows for snipers. His activities coincided with that of the Sheriff, and he did not observe the killing or see the deceased.

He was gassed quite a bit when a tear gas cannister was thrown near the Sheriff. They left the scene [redacted] and went away from the Administration Building across the street. At this time [redacted] briefly to get some water from a nearby Louisiana State Police vehicle to wash his eyes. He then immediately [redacted] and determined that the students had already been shot.

He has received riot training at the [redacted] the Baton Rouge Police

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Academy, and two or three additional riot training sessions which were put on by state and Army officials. Having been a law enforcement officer for the past [redacted] years, he has participated in a number of riots and disturbances.

The following description was obtained from interview and observation:

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| Name | [redacted] |
| Also known as | |
| Race and sex | White male |
| Home address | [redacted] |
| Occupation | [redacted] East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office |
| Place of birth | [redacted] |
| Date of birth | |
| Height | [redacted] feet [redacted] inches |
| Weight | [redacted] pounds |
| Hair | [redacted] |
| Eyes | |
| Marital status | |

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[redacted] Deputy Sheriff, East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office, was interviewed at the Parish Prison. He was immediately advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents and the fact that they wished to question him concerning his participation in the events which had occurred on the campus of Southern University at Baton Rouge (SUBR) on November 16, 1972. Prior to any questioning, he was furnished with an Interrogation; Advice of Rights form, which he read, stated he understood and then signed the waiver portion of the form. Deputy [redacted] stated he had no objections whatsoever to answering questions.

On the morning of November 16, 1972, [redacted] advised he was at his home when he received a telephone call from [redacted] who requested him to pick him up as they were going to assemble at the Junior Deputy Hut at Ryan Airport because of possible trouble on the campus of SUBR.

Upon arrival at the Junior Deputy Hut, the assembling Deputies and State Policemen formed up in their normal squads. To the best of his recollection, [redacted] advised he was wearing uniform trousers and long sleeve khaki uniform shirt. While at the hut he put on a regulation flak jacket and a green fiber riot helmet with a bill, but it did not have a plastic face mask. He was armed with his service revolver and a 12 gauge Browning automatic sawed-off shotgun and three small red tear gas canisters believed to be called Mighty Mites. He obtained the shotgun from his police car, and it was loaded at that time with four rounds of live ammunition believed to be buckshot, but the chamber was empty as that is the way it is maintained while in the car. [redacted] explained that while at the Junior Deputy Hut, both tear gas shells and number four buckshot shells were available but he did not take any. He

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stated he did not take any tear gas shells because his shotgun is sawed-off and the muzzle is somewhat burred, and he was afraid if he fired tear gas shells, the weapon might explode.

[redacted] stated at this point that following the confrontation at the university, he removed the four live rounds from his shotgun and discovered then that the second one was a rifle slug and the other three were 00 buckshot, which he then replaced with four rounds of number four buckshot, which rounds are still in the magazine of his gun.

While at the Junior Deputy Hut, the Deputies were advised by [redacted] that the students on the campus were occupying the Administration Building and that they were going to go onto the campus and attempt to restore order. They were instructed to have the chamber of their weapon empty and not to load anything into their guns unless the command was given to them by either [redacted] the Sheriff, or the Chief Deputy Sheriff.

Sometime between 10:00 and 10:30 AM they left Ryan Airport in convoy and drove to the campus of SUBR, stopping the convoy in the street in front of the Administration Building, where they lined up in squad formation on the grass to the east side of the Administration Building and across the street. [redacted] stated that there were instructions furnished to the squad leaders but he did not personally hear what was told to them until he was instructed by [redacted] to move out in single file behind the number [redacted] squad. He could not remember who was next to him in formation, but he believes that Deputy [redacted] was next to him most of the time. The group moved out in single file, moving north up College Avenue, with a squad of Louisiana State Police in the front of the column. The column

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turned west on the sidewalk in front of the Academic Building and proceeded down that sidewalk while the squad of Louisiana State Policemen removed students from the sidewalk and the steps in front of the Academic Building. The State Police moved down the sidewalk which turns partly to the left and they stopped their movement when they reached the northeast corner of the Administration Building, at which time the last [redacted] squads of Deputy Sheriffs moved south through the shrubbery and swung their line around to a semi-circular formation across the lawn in front of the Administration Building. At this point, [redacted] believed that Deputy [redacted] was on his left and Deputy [redacted] was on his right.

After this line was formed, the Deputies moved forward and crossed the sidewalk which runs through the middle of the front lawn and has a large palm tree in the middle of it. Sometime at this point, [redacted] recalled seeing a projectile come from the students on the steps near the front door of the Administration Building and travel in the air toward the squad of State Troopers. This projectile was trailing smoke, but he did not see precisely where it landed. Immediately things started popping, which he determined were tear gas grenades which he recalls being thrown by the State Police, Deputy Sheriffs and also by the students. He advised he immediately put his shotgun between his legs and took his gas mask, which was hanging on his pistol, and tried to put it on and adjust it. There was gas in the mask, and he had difficulty tightening the mask on his face and recalled dropping his helmet on the ground. [redacted] stated he did not move from his original spot for a considerable time and recalls picking up his shotgun and racking a shell into the chamber and checking the safety to make sure it was on. He put the shotgun in his left hand and took a tear gas canister from his left flak jacket pocket and hung the pin on the middle finger of his left hand which was holding the shotgun and held the grenade in his right hand. He did not pull the pin.

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He observed then that everyone was moving back and he was all alone on the line, so he gradually retreated, walking backwards until he got to the street where most of the men on his squad were then located.

[redacted] stated that while backing up, he saw two tear gas projectiles fired into the hollow between the Administration Building and the building to the left, which he presumes were fired from a tear gas gun somewhere behind him. He recalls also while backing up that he put the tear gas canister in his hand back in his pocket but left his helmet lying on the ground.

He stated that when he got to the street after most of the confusion was over, he checked his shotgun and emptied all the shells from it. It was then that he found that the second shell was a rifle slug. He put all the shells in his pants pocket and reloaded the shotgun with number four buckshot, putting four rounds in the magazine. [redacted] advised that at no time did he fire his weapon and at no time did he hear anyone give the command either to load or to fire. [redacted] Later, near the street he saw [redacted]

[redacted] continued by stating that during the confusion he heard gunfire, but he cannot be sure what time or where it came from. He did recall that "Big Bertha", the State Police armored car, was firing something which made a lot of noise.

[redacted] reviewed a set of five photographs and was able to point out an individual whom he believes to be himself on three of these photographs.

[redacted] stated that after the Deputies had fallen back to the street, he recalled someone indicating to him that there

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were one or two people down on the sidewalk, and he looked in that direction and saw what could have been one or two individuals lying on the walk near the southeast corner of the Administration Building. He stated he did not go to the area of the men lying on the ground but did recall asking another Deputy to go forward and retrieve his helmet, but he cannot recall whom he asked to do this.

The following description was obtained through observation and interview:

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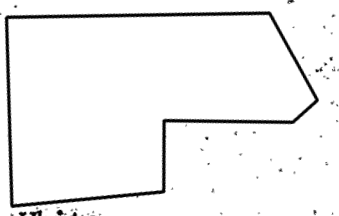
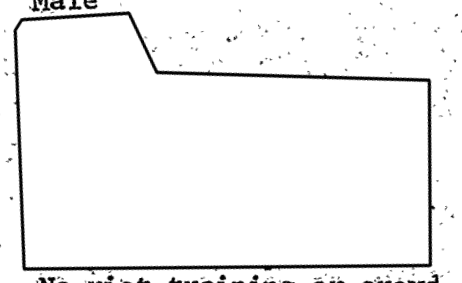
| Name | |
| Address | |
| Telephone | |
| Height | |
| Weight | |
| Race | White |
| Sex | Male |
| Hair | |
| Eyes | |
| Date of birth | |
| Place of birth | |
| Employed | |
| Previous employment | |
| Training | No riot training or crowd control training |





Deputy [redacted] stated that he would prefer not to furnish a signed statement.

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[redacted] Deputy Sheriff, East Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana, was interviewed at the Parish Prison. He was immediately advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents and the fact that they wished to discuss with him his participation and observations in the events which occurred on the campus of Southern University at Baton Rouge (SUBR) on November 16, 1972. Prior to any questions being asked of him, he was furnished with an Interrogation; Advice of Rights form, which he read, stated he understood and then signed the waiver portion of this form, stating he had no objections whatever to answering questions regarding his participation in the events of November 16, 1972.

On the morning of November 16, 1972, Deputy [redacted] advised he was at home as it was his day off when he received a telephone call about 9:00 AM from [redacted] who commands his shift. Deputy [redacted] explained that he is employed primarily as a [redacted] but during the past few weeks has, several times, been assigned to [redacted] squad as the need arose. He was told to report to the Junior Deputy Hut at Ryan Airport, which he did, arriving there at approximately 9:30 AM. He was wearing green uniform trousers and a long sleeve khaki shirt.

He assembled with the other members of [redacted] squad, and they all received instructions from [redacted] who told them they were going onto the campus of Southern University. [redacted] told them that [redacted] and one campus security officer were being held hostage at one of the buildings on the campus. He assembled his equipment, which included a .38 caliber pistol which he carried on his belt, a flak jacket, gas mask and old fashioned motorcycle helmet, two-tone (green with tan top), and a nightstick.

[redacted] stated that when they moved out from Ryan Airport, he rode with [redacted] in his car, and they traveled onto the

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campus in convoy and parked their cars on the street and on the grass almost directly in front of the Administration Building. After parking the assembled Deputies formed into four squads and then got into a single column and his squad was the third squad in that line. He recalled being told back at Ryan Airport that they would be furnished orders when they arrived at the campus and that these orders would be specifically given before anyone was to fire.

[redacted] recalled that someone made an announcement over a loud speaker and he believes that they instructed the students assembled in and around the Administration Building to disperse and leave the area. Some of the students did move away from the area in front of the building, but there was still a large group of maybe a hundred students who appeared as if they were not going to obey this order. About this time, a group of Louisiana State Police Troopers formed a two-column formation and proceeded down the sidewalk in front of the Administration Building with a single column of Sheriff's Deputies following behind. When the State Troopers reached the northeast corner of the Administration Building, the Deputies were instructed to fan out to their left in a semi-circle across the lawn in front of the Administration Building. One squad of Sheriff's Deputies moved in behind the State Troopers who were located near the steps in front of the Administration Building.

[redacted] advised that after his squad moved through the hedges and swung around across the lawn he was located north of the big palm tree in the middle of the lawn.

[redacted] advised that he recalled seeing a State Trooper approach the students on the steps and speak to them, but he could not hear what was said.

About this time, he observed a white object travel through the air from the group of students near the front door

toward the area behind the State Troopers. He did not hear any explosion or noise but immediately saw white smoke over near the State Troopers. He next observed several canisters of gas thrown into the group of students. At some point during this initial confusion, he came in contact with a large amount of tear gas and immediately retreated to a point behind the State Police armored vehicle where he attempted to clear his face from tear gas and put on his gas mask.

He recalled while being in this position that someone from "Big Bertha" was shooting what he believed to be gas projectiles at the Administration Building. After affixing his gas mask, he returned to the area near the big palm tree and attempted to rejoin his squad. He had difficulty recognizing where his squad was but did recall one man on his squad still near the front of the line but does not know his name.

[redacted] explained that since he is not regularly assigned as a [redacted] Deputy, he did not know the Deputies who were on his squad that day with the exception of Deputy [redacted] and Deputy [redacted] but he is not sure if the remaining Deputy in the front of the line was either of these two.

[redacted] recalled that at this point, almost all of the students were gone from the front of the building, and the Deputies began to back up and form a wider circle in their line. He recalled someone telling him that [redacted] had ordered an ambulance because one of the students had been hurt. He did see something lying on the sidewalk near the southeast corner of the Administration Building and saw lots of photographers gathered around taking pictures but could not see well enough to even determine whether it was a person on the sidewalk.

The Deputies remained in this wider semi-circle formation back near the street for about 20 minutes while several ambulances came, and then he observed someone leading about 100 students out the front door of the Administration Building.

[redacted] stated that at no time did he fire his pistol or use his nightstick to strike anybody. He did not see anyone fire their weapons but did see several Deputies throw tear gas canisters into the crowd. He was not able to recognize any of them. He did see one student pick up a canister and throw it at the Deputies, and he believes that it was tear gas from this canister which came in contact with him.

Deputy [redacted] stated he cannot recall who was immediately next to him when they first lined up across the lawn, but he did recall that [redacted] was located several men to his left.

The following description was obtained through observation and interview:

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| Name | [redacted] |
| Alias | |
| Address | |
| Telephone | |
| Race | White |
| Sex | Male |
| Date of birth | [redacted] |
| Place of birth | |
| Height | |
| Weight | |
| Hair | |
| Eyes | |
| Employed | Deputy Sheriff, [redacted] years |
| Military service | None |
| Training | No riot training; did attend [redacted] retraining school one night a week for 14 weeks |

Deputy [redacted] stated that he did not desire to furnish a signed statement.

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Deputy [redacted] was interviewed at the East Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana, Sheriff's Office Prison. The Agents identified themselves, and SA [redacted] told [redacted] that the Agents wished to discuss with him his knowledge of the events surrounding a confrontation by law enforcement personnel and students on the campus of Southern University at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on November 16, 1972, which resulted in the death of two students. SA [redacted] gave him an Advice of Rights Form, which he read and stated he thoroughly understood. [redacted] signed a Waiver of Rights Form and furnished the following information:

On the morning of November 16, 1972, he was on duty, and at approximately 8:15 a.m., he received instructions to report to the Junior Deputy Hut located next to the Parish Prison at Ryan Airport. He changed into his regular Sheriff's Office uniform and arrived at the Hut at approximately 9:15 a.m. Upon arriving, he learned from someone, believed to be [redacted] of the Sheriff's Office, that the Sheriff's Office might have to go onto the campus of Southern University and that the Sheriff's Office had received information that the President of Southern University was being held in his office by students. Sheriff AL AMISS told the Deputies that they were not going onto the campus to hurt anyone but only to get the President of the University out if he was being held hostage.

[redacted] said that he was assigned to a squad of Deputies under the command of [redacted] He said he recalled specifically that on this morning [redacted] instructed the squad not to put live buckshot in any shotgun but rather tear gas, and if tear gas was to be used, not to fire directly at any person but over their heads. [redacted] specifically instructed the squad to double check their weapons. Deputy [redacted] pointed out that the

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Deputies had previously received instructions that in such a situation they are not to put a live round in the chamber of a shotgun and not to fire a weapon without a specific order of the squad commander.

[redacted] said that on this morning when he eventually went on campus, he was wearing the regular Sheriff's Office uniform, a bullet-proof vest, and a helmet. He said he was armed with a .38 caliber snub revolver and a Sheriff's Office issue automatic shotgun which he said he loaded at the Junior Deputy Hut with four tear gas shells.

The Sheriff's Office Deputies received instructions that they were going to go onto the campus of Southern University, and they moved in a convoy with Louisiana State Policemen onto the campus. [redacted] said he was driving a Sheriff's Office car and was accompanied, he believes, by Deputy [redacted] and Deputy [redacted] The convoy was led by a State Police armored truck known as "Big Bertha" which pulled up on the street in front of the Administration Building on the campus. The Deputies assembled into the squads on the grass across the street from the Administration Building. He said that he recalled seeing approximately 300 students directly in front of the Administration Building, and there were other groups of students all around the immediate area. He said that as the Deputies were assembling into their squads, he heard someone speaking over the loudspeaker system in "Big Bertha," but he does not know who was speaking or what was said.

He said the next thing he recalls is that the Louisiana State Policemen began running and formed in an area by the northeast corner of the Administration Building close to students who were in that area. The Deputies followed, and one squad of Deputies formed behind the State Police. [redacted] squad formed on the grass between a row of hedges and a palm tree in front of the Administration Building. He does not recall who was on his right or left once their line

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had formed and they were facing the students. He said he assumes that [redacted] was to his right. He said he heard some student, identity unknown, telling others to stay seated.

He said the next thing he recalls is a tall student wearing blue jean pants and a blue jean jacket and who was standing on the top step of the Administration Building throw what he thinks was a tear gas canister which was white or silver in color. This canister was smoking, and it went some place to [redacted] left. At this time, he heard someone say "lock and load," which means to put a cartridge into the chamber of one's weapon. He said he tried to chamber a cartridge into his shotgun, but the shotgun stuck, and he could not get a round into the chamber. At this point, he moved to his right and over a row of hedges in front of the gray building to the north of the Administration Building. He went across the street in front of the Administration Building and put on his gas mask and then rejoined his squad which had retreated to an area near the street by the gray building. At this time, he noticed that the front of the Administration Building was clear of students, and he observed a person on the ground by the south end of the Administration Building. He said he did not realize at this time what had happened to this person, and about 30 minutes later he heard a reporter known only to him as [redacted] from [redacted] in Baton Rouge make a statement to someone that one student had been killed and one was critically injured. [redacted] said he never went up to observe the students that he saw on the ground.

He said that after the confrontation was over, a large crowd of students came out of the Administration Building. He said that he never fired any weapon, and he never heard any commands to fire a weapon or to use tear gas. He said he did not use any tear gas. He stated that while he was still in the line of Deputies after the tear gas started, [redacted]

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Deputy [redacted] said that he would prefer not to furnish a signed statement.

The following description was obtained from interview and observation:

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| Name | [redacted] |
| Address | |
| Race and sex | Negro male |
| Date of birth | [redacted] |
| Height | [redacted] feet [redacted] inches |
| Weight | [redacted] pounds |
| Employment | East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office for [redacted] years and [redacted] months, currently assigned to the [redacted] |

Deputy [redacted] said that he has had no riot or crowd control training.

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[redacted] Deputy Sheriff, [redacted] East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, was advised of the identities of [redacted] and [redacted] as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and of the fact that they wished to discuss with him the incidents which occurred on the morning of November 16, 1972, near the Administration Building on the campus of Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Special Agent [redacted] furnished Deputy [redacted] with an "Interrogation; Advice of Rights" form, which he read, stated he fully understood his rights, and thereafter signed the form. He stated he would be willing to furnish a signed statement at a later date, if necessary. He then freely and voluntarily furnished the following information:

On the morning of Thursday, November 16, 1972, he was told to go to the "Hut," the gathering place of the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office, near Ryan Airport, Baton Rouge. He does not recall the time he reported nor the exact time of any of the incidents on the morning of Thursday, November 16, 1972.

Deputy [redacted] stated he went with the caravan to the Southern University Campus where he heard there were some problems with the students. His job assignment on the campus was to [redacted] His position as [redacted] from the Administration Building.

After he had been performing this duty for a little while, he heard a loud noise first; then, heard numerous shots, and during this time he saw gas or smoke rising in the air. Because of obstructions between his position and the area where he observed the above, he stated he did not know what was happening, since he could see very little. He did observe

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some black people running from the area of the Administration Building. Sometime later, length of time not recalled, he heard that two people had been shot.

Deputy [redacted] stated he has no idea who might have shot the students.

He advised he could think of nothing further that might be pertinent to these incidents.

The following descriptive data was obtained through observation and interview:

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|---|---|
| Name | [redacted] |
| Date of Birth | |
| Place of Birth | |
| Height | [redacted] feet [redacted] inches |
| Weight | [redacted] pounds |
| Race | White |
| Sex | Male |
| Eyes | [redacted] |
| Hair | |
| Occupation | Deputy Sheriff, [redacted] East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, since [redacted] |
| Marital status | [redacted] |

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[redacted] was interviewed at the campus headquarters of the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office, Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, by [redacted] and [redacted] who identified themselves as Special Agents of the FBI. He was advised that he was being interviewed relative to the incident which occurred at the Southern University campus on the morning of November 16, 1972. He was advised of his rights during interview which he read, acknowledged, and waived, as shown on a duly executed Advice of Rights Form. [redacted] furnished the following information:

On the morning of November 16, 1972, he was at work at the Sheriff's Office about 9:00 a.m. when he was alerted to report with riot gear to Ryan Airport. He went home, packed up his gear, and arrived at Ryan Airport just as the men were leaving for the campus. He was not in time for a briefing and jumped into a unit with Deputy [redacted] and Deputy [redacted] and they traveled by convoy to the Southern University campus.

Commenting on the fact that he had not arrived at the assembly area [redacted] stated that he did not feel particularly handicapped because of this inasmuch as it had been so routine in the past several weeks that all of the men were thoroughly familiar with the instructions such as not having live ammunition in the chambers of their guns, not firing unless ordered, etcetera, and any additional briefing which he might have received would have simply been relative to the specific incident or problem at hand.

After arriving, [redacted] who was assigned to [redacted] squad, immediately formed in the street under [redacted] command. When they started to move the squad, [redacted] was just behind him, but after they had moved out, they ran up behind the Louisiana

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State Police unit and then had to climb over a hedgerow onto the lawn in front of the Administration Building and form into a line abreast position in front of the Administration Building. After climbing over the hedgerow, some men got out of their original positions, and he lost track of who was to the left and right of him. His position was near the sidewalk which runs perpendicular from the front of the Administration Building, and he was posed directly in front of the Administration Building steps facing the building.

From this position, he could see a student reach behind him and throw an object across the front of the building toward the State Police unit. Just prior to this, as he was moving up toward the building, he saw a student take off his white T-shirt and tie it around his head. He observed that at this time he felt there was going to be trouble.

After the initial gas cannister was thrown, he stated that he immediately turned and started to move back on the sidewalk toward the street, trying to get his gas mask on. He could hear gas cannisters "popping" and tear gas shells being fired. The next thing he knew, everything seemed to have stopped, and he found himself in a position about halfway to the street. He had his gas mask on, and he stopped and turned and observed that the smoke and gas was still quite thick. Several other members of his squad were with him, but as they all had gas masks on by then, he was unable to recognize anyone. He and the other men maintained this position and watched a crowd forming to the east.

During the time of this action, he was equipped only with a .38 caliber revolver, a night stick, and a gas mask. He was wearing an olive drab fatigue uniform and flak vest and plastic riot helmet. He was equipped with no gas cannisters whatsoever.

Since he has been employed as a Deputy Sheriff, he has attended [redacted] riot control schools put on by the Baton Rouge Police Department and the Sheriff's Office Academy.

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| Name | |
| Race and sex | White male |
| Address | |
| Age | |
| Date of birth | |
| Place of birth | |
| Height | feet inches |
| Weight | pounds |
| Hair | |
| Eyes | |
| Education | |
| Marital status | |
| Occupation | Deputy with East Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana, Sheriff's Office since |

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[redacted] was interviewed at the headquarters of the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, by [redacted] and [redacted] who identified themselves as Special Agents of the FBI. He was advised that he was being interviewed relative to the incident which occurred at the Southern University campus on the morning of November 16, 1972. He was advised of his rights during interview which he read, acknowledged, and waived as shown on a duly executed Advice of Rights Form. [redacted] furnished the following information:

He is employed as a Deputy in the [redacted] of the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and has served in this capacity since March, 1972. On the morning of November 16, 1972, he was on routine patrol when directed by the radio dispatcher to report to "the hut" at Ryan Airport for duty. After he arrived and the men were assembling, [redacted] and [redacted] briefed the assembled men that no rounds were to be chambered in their weapons and also advised, "Don't have an attitude we are going to take over the campus. We are going in in an orderly fashion. Don't provoke anyone. We are only going there if we are needed." He traveled with the other men by a convoy to the Southern University campus, and when they arrived, he formed up with his squad under the command of [redacted] gave additional instructions to insure that no rounds were chambered in weapons and that nothing but tear gas was to be used. Additionally, [redacted] told his squad to take out their gas masks and hang them on their sidearms.

[redacted] advised that he carries a .30 caliber M-1 carbine and is specifically assigned to protect the man with the gas launcher which on his squad is [redacted] was in the initial formation the person to his

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immediate right. To his immediate left was Deputy [redacted] who was also armed with a carbine and a reserve supply of gas canisters. [redacted] advised that to his knowledge, [redacted] had his tear gas launcher mounted on the barrel of his shotgun while on the line and up until such time as they had to retreat to put on their gas masks, [redacted] did not fire any tear gas.

After the squad was assembled, they moved out with the other troops to a position approximately in front of the Academic Building and then moved south and west across the lawn forming a semicircle with [redacted] in a position near the hedgerow approximately in a line directly adjacent to the northeast corner of the Administration Building, and the rest of the squad arcing southeast from his position. [redacted] stated that his position was approximately midway through this arc just to the left of the center facing the Administration Building.

In this position, he observed several canisters of gas being thrown from the crowd. [redacted] gave the command for the men to "lock and load." One canister went across the front of the building towards the State Police riot squad. One was thrown from the steps of the Administration Building almost perpendicular out over the heads of the Deputies, and a third landed ten to twelve feet in front of him on the lawn. A fourth landed in the bushes near [redacted] at which time he broke and ran back to the parking lot near "Big Bertha." He then, along with other men, got his mask on and cleared and returned to a position adjacent to and on the north side of the palm tree which is located directly in front of the Administration Building stairs.

During the entire confrontation, [redacted]

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[redacted] he believes; however, he was distracted by what sounded like four or five small caliber shots and one shot which sounded similar to a .38 which seemed to come from the crowd. He advised he ducked closer to the tree and was watching the crowd run south from the building trying to see if one of them had a gun. Suddenly, he saw a student fall to the sidewalk, and he recognized immediately that the person was dead because of the way he fell. He is unable to say whether [redacted] He stated that in the confusion at hand it was very difficult for him to maintain his perspective relative to what was going on immediately around him.

He stated that from his position by [redacted] on his left were two unidentified Deputies, then he believes Deputy [redacted] was standing and next to [redacted] was Deputy [redacted]

The gas subsided as the last of the students exited the area, and his unit backed up (east), reformed, and then milled around waiting for other duty which was not required.

Deputy [redacted] advised he has received no formal riot training instruction.

The following description was obtained through observation and interview:

Name [redacted]
Occupation Deputy [redacted] East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office, since [redacted]

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Home address [redacted]

Place of birth
Date of birth
Height [redacted] feet [redacted] inches
Weight [redacted] pounds
Eyes
Hair
Marital status

[redacted] advised that he would be more than happy to furnish a signed statement relative to the events of November 16, 1972; however, at the moment, he was on vacation, and just as soon as the interview was over, he was leaving for northern Louisiana and a one week vacation trip. Therefore, he did state he would prefer not to give a signed statement at this time.

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[redacted] Deputy, East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office, was advised of the identities of the contacting Agents and the fact that the interviewing Agents wished to discuss his knowledge of the incident which occurred near the Administration Building, Southern University campus, Baton Rouge, on the morning of Thursday, November 16, 1972. SA [redacted] furnished [redacted] with an Interrogation; Advice of Rights form, at which time he read it, advised that he understood his rights, and thereafter signed the form. He stated that he would be willing to furnish a signed statement at a later date if asked to do so. Thereafter, he freely and voluntarily furnished the following information:

At approximately 8:30 AM, November 16, 1972, he was called to report to the "hut" near Ryan Airport, Baton Rouge. This is the gathering place for the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office Deputies. He does not recall the exact time that he was part of the gathering of Deputy Sheriffs at the hut. At that time, he was told as part of the group by [redacted] that they were going on campus because the students had taken over the Administration Building and that campus security wanted them moved.

[redacted] stated that on this morning he was wearing a tan short sleeve shirt, olive pants with a stripe, olive green long sleeve jacket, and olive green helmet. He was carrying a loaded .38 caliber Smith and Wesson revolver. He had no other ammunition for it. He carried no shotgun nor gas nor shot shells. He carried a nightstick.

They went to the campus in cars, caravan style, and upon arriving, formed by squads. He was on the squad whose leader was [redacted] As they were forming in the street in front of the Administration Building, someone gave the order for the crowd at the Administration Building to move on within a few minutes or they would have to be moved. In a

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of the squads were continuing to disperse the students by using tear gas, but to the best of his knowledge, the squad that he was on, squad [redacted] did not participate in the dispersal of the students.

[redacted] stated that he has never been involved in any riot control training. He further advised that he could furnish no further information concerning who might have been the individual who shot the two students.

The following descriptive data is set forth from observation and interrogation:

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|---|---|
| Name | [redacted] |
| Race | Negro |
| Sex | Male |
| Date of birth | [redacted] |
| Place of birth | [redacted] |
| Height | [redacted] |
| Weight | [redacted] |
| Occupation | Deputy, [redacted] East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office, entered on duty on [redacted] |
| Residence | [redacted] |
| Marital status | [redacted] |

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[redacted] Deputy Sheriff, East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office, Louisiana, was interviewed at the courthouse. [redacted] was immediately advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents and that they wished to discuss with him the events occurring on the campus of Southern University on November 16, 1972. [redacted] was advised of his Constitutional rights by SA [redacted] and was furnished a written statement of his rights. [redacted] signed a waiver of his rights and volunteered to make a statement. He then furnished the following signed statement:

"November 27, 1972
Baton Rouge, La.

"I, [redacted] Deputy Sheriff, East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office, make the following voluntary statement to [redacted] and [redacted] who I know to be Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

"On November 16, 1972, I was assigned to duty on the Sheriff's Office riot squad under the command of [redacted] and [redacted] We were at Southern University to clear a crowd of students from the Administration Building. My squad was serving as [redacted]

"As we approached the [redacted] corner of the Administration Building I observed a white tear gas cannister come flying through the air from the crowd of students on the steps of the Administration Building toward where I was standing. As I saw this object coming toward me I reached for my gas mask and removed my helmet to put on my mask. The cannister went off [redacted] I was

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partly blinded by the thick tear gas as was several other deputies on my squad. After the tear gas exploded [redacted] I observed students from the crowd running south, away from us, and I saw several deputies shooting shotguns in front of the building.

"I recall seeing [redacted]

"I have read this statement, and it was read to me. This statement is true.

"/s/ [redacted]

"Witnessed:
"/s/ [redacted] 11/27/72
"/s/ [redacted] 11/27/72"

In addition to the foregoing signed statement, [redacted] furnished the following information:

He advised he has been employed as a full-time Deputy Sheriff since [redacted] and is currently assigned to the [redacted] stated that [redacted] Riot Squad [redacted] He stated that this squad was formed about the first of November, 1972, as a result of prior disturbances on the campus of Southern University at Baton Rouge (SUBR). He stated the squad consists

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of 12 men, including [redacted] and that they, as a squad, have received approximately four, eight-hour days, of crowd control training. He stated this training has consisted of one day on an outdoor firearms range and approximately three days of classroom and lecture training provided by the Louisiana State Police. [redacted]

[redacted] stated he has observed the above, but has not actually had personal experience. [redacted] stated he has had regular monthly training with his sidearm and has had no shotgun training. He stated that he does carry a 12 gauge shotgun on [redacted] in his Sheriff's car.

[redacted] stated that on the day of a confrontation between Sheriff's Deputies and black citizens on North Boulevard during January, 1972, [redacted]

On the morning of November 16, 1972, [redacted] stated he and other Deputies assembled at the Junior Deputy Hut between 8:00 and 9:00 AM. He stated that seven or eight men, including himself, from the Sheriff's Office [redacted] were present and the squad was supplemented with several other Deputies. He recalled that one of the Deputies temporarily assigned to the squad was [redacted] pointed out that they had been on standby four or five days due to disturbances on the SUBR campus and had gone through the forming up procedure daily. He stated that the existing instructions for riot duty, which were reviewed daily by supervisory officials, included specific instructions not to shoot except to defend someone's life and that weapons were to be carried with no cartridges in the chamber.

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[redacted] stated that when they proceeded onto the SUBR campus, their intent was to clear students from the Administration Building. He stated that on the campus his squad acted as [redacted]

[redacted] stated that on November 16, 1972, his clothing consisted of uniform pants and short sleeve shirt, long styled bullet proof vest (not a flak jacket), baseball style helmet and Wellington type boots.

He stated he carried the following equipment: .38 caliber revolver in belt holster, gas mask hanging on his revolver, gas mask case attached to his belt, 12 gauge Browning automatic shotgun loaded with four rounds of 00 buckshot. He stated all equipment he carried was issued to him by the Sheriff's Office.

[redacted] stated that he recalled the following persons serving on the [redacted] with him at the time of the above incident: [redacted] Deputies [redacted] (phonetic).

[redacted] viewed a map depicting a portion of the SUBR campus and placed an X at approximately where he was standing at the time he heard shooting.

The following physical description was obtained from observation and interview:

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|---|---|
| Name | [redacted] |
| Race | Negro |
| Sex | Male |
| Date/place of birth | [redacted] |
| Height | |
| Weight | |
| Hair | |
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| Residence | |

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[redacted] was interviewed at Southern University Campus Security Headquarters concerning a possible violation of Civil Rights Act. [redacted] was advised of the official identity of Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] and was also advised of his rights through the use of an advice of rights form. [redacted] read the form, stated he understood his rights, and waived his rights as evidenced by an executed signed advice of rights form. [redacted] furnished the following statement freely and voluntarily to Special Agents [redacted]

"11/22/72
2:50 PM

"I, [redacted] make the following free and voluntary statement to [redacted] and [redacted] who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I have read my rights and waived them and make this statement voluntarily without any threats or promises.

"I am [redacted] years old and reside at [redacted] I attended high school, graduated, and attended [redacted] for two years as a [redacted] Major. I have been a member of the Southern University Campus Security for approximately [redacted] years and for the last [redacted] years have held the rank of [redacted]

"I arrived for duty at about 6[50] AM on Thursday, Nov 16, 1972. On this particular morning [redacted] arrived shortly after I did and questioned me about if all the officers on this morning shift were ready for duty. I said yes, and then the [redacted] told me we'd be working in the [redacted] that morning. At approximately 7[20] AM we arrived at this [redacted] building and went to the [redacted] floor. At this time approximately 75 students were beginning to form outside the building. We were observing this group until approximately 8 AM when

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students began arriving for their classes. We remained on the [redacted] floor as the group outside began growing in number. Seven officers and myself observed about 100 students outside the building at 8 AM. One student identified as [redacted] started speaking to the students. I could not hear what he was saying because I was still on the [redacted] floor and couldn't understand what he was saying. [redacted] at this time left the building and went to a security car to speak to the students through the use of a public address mike on the car radio. He had asked the students no to disrupt the doorway or classes and to allow the other students to go to class without any trouble. By this time it was about 8[10] AM and two other officers had arrived for work. [redacted] told four men to patrol the first floor, three to patrol the second floor and the remaining three to go to the third floor. I was assigned to the [redacted] floor along with [redacted] in case it was needed. The outside demonstrators then entered the building and started going throughout the building and trying to encourage the remaing students who were in class to join in the demonstration. Then all students started leaving the classroom. From then until about ten o'clock the students just walked around and then they all regrouped in front of the building and started marching toward the upper campus. They marched toward Harris Hall, to the Union Building and to the Administration Building. The demonstrators picked up support along the way. I went to the [redacted] At time this time we rode to the Administration Bldg. and saw the students were inside the building. We went inside to get the President and escorted him to his car. Some students followed him outside and then his aides asked him to leave. PRESIDENT NETTERVILLE left and we went to the [redacted] At about 11 AM I saw the Troopers and Deputies coming. [redacted] had told me the Troopers were coming since the students had taken over the hall. I then went [redacted] The State Troopers marched in front of the Academic Bldg and the Deputies formed a line from the president's home and in front of the Administration Building at

a distance of about 300 feet from the front. I went to an area about [redacted] from the front of the Administration Building standing on the lawn. The State Troopers talked to the students in the building and through the use of a bull horn told them they had to leave. Just then an explosion sounded and there suddenly was much noice. I can't remember what exactly happened and the sound lasted about 5 minutes. Gas was in the air so I grabbed my gas mask and ran back and [redacted] At this time students were out in front of the building heading toward the presidents home. I then went over toward [redacted] Hall and tried to tl tell the students to leave the area. I had heard from the students that a brother was dead. At this time some unidentified officer said something was on fire and I drove over to [redacted] From then on I observed the happenings at [redacted] It was now about 2 PM and I stayed in the area away from the Administration Bldg for the remainder of the day. [redacted] All of these events happened and I went off duty at about 11 PM.

"I would like to add that in the morning at about 10 AM I couldn't hear the student leader give instructions but he was making gestures with his hands. Also, I observed a fire in the afternoon at Grandison Hall.

[redacted] advised that he has read the statement consisting of this page and four other pages and everything is true and correct. He stated he did not want to initial any pages or the corrections made on pages 2 & 3 (statements crossed out) but that he was advised as to the reason behind the initialing of each page and mistake.

"/s/ [redacted] SA,FBI 11/22/72
/s/ [redacted] SA,FBI,11/22/72"

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It is to be noted that the above statement, furnished voluntarily by [redacted] is not signed due to the fact that

was reluctant to initial the pages, initial any mistakes, and place his signature at the conclusion of the statement.

The following was obtained through interview and observation:

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| Name<br>Address<br><br>Telephone number | [redacted] |
| Sex | Male |
| Race | Negro |
| Date of birth<br>Place of birth<br>Physical characteristics | [redacted] |
| Military service | |
| Employment | [redacted] of Southern University Campus Security [redacted] years) [redacted] [redacted] total years experience - [redacted] |
| Training | On-the-job; Firearms; Handling of Campus Disorders; Searching for Explosive Devices; Building Student-Faculty Rapport |
| Education | High school graduate; two years [redacted] Major) [redacted] |
| Weapon | .22 caliber revolver - personally owned |

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[redacted] Director of Security, Southern University, advised that neither DENVER A. SMITH nor LEONARD DOUGLAS BROWN were known to his office as troublemakers or protestors.

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[redacted] Security Officer, Southern University at Baton Rouge (SUBR), was contacted by [redacted] and [redacted] who identified themselves as Special Agents of the FBI. SA [redacted] orally advised [redacted] of his rights as appear on an "Interrogation; Advice of Rights" form. Immediately thereafter this form was furnished to [redacted] for his reading. After reading the "Interrogation; Advice of Rights" form, [redacted] orally advised that he understood his rights, was willing to waive his rights, and immediately thereafter signed the form. He then furnished the following signed statement:

[redacted] Special Agent, FBI
Baton Rouge, La. 11/22/72

"I, [redacted] make the following free and voluntary statement to [redacted] and [redacted] who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents with the F.B.I. I have read my rights and waived them, and make this statement voluntarily without any threat or promises.

"On 11/16/72, I was working the second shift at Southern University that being the 7:00 AM to 1:40 PM shift. My instructions for that day, 11/16/72, were to monitor student activity at [redacted] It was my job to see that normal classroom activities were not interupted. These instructions were given to me by my superior, [redacted] I had no prior knowledge of any unusual activity or 'take over' by the students, other than their past two weeks activities. While located in front of the administration building I overheard someone telling a group of students to leave the steps of the administration building. I then noticed a

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state trooper who was located to the [redacted] of me which is at the north end of the administration building lobbed a tear gas canister into the crowd of students. The tear gas canister did not explode immediately and an unknown student picked up the tear gas canister and through it back toward the state trooper. It was about this time that both the state troopers and sheriff deputies started throwing the tear gas into the crowd and shooting what appeared to be shotgun tear gas shells toward the students. At this time the students in front of the administration building started to run in all directions. After about 30 seconds the shooting stopped and I noticed two individuals laying on the sidewalk in front of the administration building. I have no knowledge of who may have fired the shot or shots that killed the two students. I have read the above statement consisting two pages and sing my name below bicause it is true.

"/s/ [redacted]

"Witness: /s/ [redacted] Special Agent, FBI
/s/ Special Agent, F.B.I.,
11/22/72"

[redacted] also advised that he has been employed as a security officer at SUBR for the past six and one half years and that prior to this, he had been a military policeman in the U. S. Army for eight years. [redacted] indicated that he has received the normal on-the-job training while a security officer at SUBR, including two-week training programs during the summer.

[redacted] b6 b7C further indicated that on November 16, 1972, he was carrying his authorized weapon, that being a .357 Magnum revolver, and was carrying no other weapon. He advised that he received no injuries during the incident on November 16, 1972.

A physical description is as follows:

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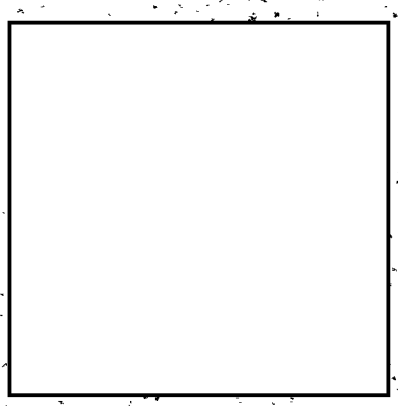
Name
Date of birth
Place of birth
Height
Weight
Hair
Eyes
Social Security No.
Education
Physical defect



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[redacted] Security Officer, Southern University at Baton Rouge (SUBR), was contacted by [redacted] and [redacted] who identified themselves as Special Agents of the FBI. SA [redacted] orally advised [redacted] of his rights as appear on an "Interrogation; Advice of Rights" form. Immediately thereafter this form was furnished to [redacted] for his reading. After reading the "Interrogation; Advice of Rights" form, [redacted] orally advised that he understood his rights, was willing to waive his rights, and immediately thereafter signed the form. He then furnished the following signed statement:

[redacted]
Special Agent, F.B.I.
Baton Rouge, La. 11/23/72

"I, [redacted] make the following free and voluntary statement to [redacted] and [redacted] who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the F.B.I. I have read my rights and waived them and make this statement voluntarily without any threats or promises.

"On 11/16/72, I was working as a security officer on Southern University on the second shift, that being from 7:00 AM to 1:40 PM. I was assigned to the [redacted] building to see that classes were not disturbed by other students. My commander was [redacted] On 11/16/72, I had no fore knowledge of any unusal activity of the students other than what had transpired during the past two weeks. I was instructed to go to the [redacted] building where I heard on my radio that approximately 75 students were gathering in front of the administration building. I was then instructed by [redacted] to proceeded

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to the women gym area. At approximately 10:00 AM I was instructed by [redacted] to go to the administration building and get [redacted] After I got [redacted] I was instructed by [redacted] to standby for the arrival of the Sheriff's deputies. When the Sheriff's deputies arrived I was instructed to watch a group of students which had formed behind the deputies who had now formed a line in front of the administration building. [redacted] and the first indication I had that something unusal was happening was when I heard some popping noises or bangs. When I turned around tear gas got into my eyes so I went over behind Parker dining hall to clear my eyes. Approximately 10 minutes later I returned to a position between the administration building and [redacted] At this time some of the students were running in all directions except west. [redacted] It was about this time that I was told by one of my fellow security officers, who's identity I do not recall, that one of the students had been killed.

"I did not see who started the initial shooting nor did I see the shooting of the two students.

"I have read the above statement consisting of 3 pages and sign them because they are true.

"/s/ [redacted]

"/s/ [redacted] Special Agent, F.B.I. 11/23/72
"/s/ [redacted] Special Agent, FBI 11/23/72
11/23/72
Baton Rouge, La."

[redacted] advised that he has been a security officer at SUBR for approximately [redacted] years and that he has received the normal on-the-job training plus the two-week special training programs given by SUBR during the summer.

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[redacted] further indicated that on November 16, 1972, he was carrying his authorized weapon, that being a .38 caliber revolver, and this was the only weapon he was carrying. [redacted] stated that on November 16, 1972, he was working with [redacted]

He advised that he received no injuries during the disturbance at SUBR on November 16, 1972.

A physical description is as follows:

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| | |
|---|---|
| Name | [redacted] |
| Date of birth | |
| Place of birth | |
| Height | |
| Weight | |
| Hair | |
| Eyes | |
| Social Security No. | |
| Home address | |
| Education | Three years college, |
| Physical impairment | [redacted] |

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[redacted] was interviewed at Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, concerning a possible violation of the Civil Rights Act. [redacted] was advised of the official identity of Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] and advised of his rights through the use of an advice of rights form. [redacted] stated that he understood the form and waived his rights as evidenced by an executed advice of rights form. [redacted] furnished the following signed statement freely and voluntarily to Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted]

"11/24/72
Baton Rouge, La.

"I, [redacted] make the following free and voluntary statement to [redacted] who has identified himself to me as a Special Agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I have read my rights and waived them and make this statement voluntarily without any threats or promises.

"I received a call from [redacted] who advised to report to the [redacted] because the students had taken over the Admin. Bldg. I went directly to the [redacted] and arrived there at about $10^{15}$ AM. Myself and a few Sheriffs deputies were stationed at [redacted] and were told to guard [redacted] and answer the telephone. At one time I answered the phone and an unidentified male said 'We've taken over the Admin. Bldg. and we're taking over the Presidents house next.' This caller then hung up. From that time on until approximately $12^{30}$ PM I stayed at [redacted] as a guard. At this time I left [redacted] and went to the campus, dressed in my uniform, and began patrolling the campus along with fellow officer [redacted] We patrolled the area of the campus near the Registrar's Office and observed the building burn. From that time on I patrolled the area and at one

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instance I helped evacuate the New Education Bldg, when a bomb threat was received. At the New Education Bldg, an unidentified male, approx. age [redacted] was apprehended by [redacted] as this young male was attempting to leave the building. This particular male was taken to Campus Security Headquarters and then was eventually taken to the East Baton Rouge Parish Jail.

"I have read the above statement consisting of two pages and to the best of my knowledge it is true and correct.

"/s/ [redacted]
11/24/72
Baton Rouge, La.

"/s/ [redacted] SA, FBI, 11/24/72
/s/ [redacted] SA, FBI, 11/24/72"

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The following was obtained through interview and observation:

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|---|---|
| Name<br>Address | [redacted] |
| Sex | Male |
| Race | Negro |
| Physical characteristics<br>Date of birth<br>Place of birth<br>Height<br>Weight<br>Military service | [redacted] |
| Employment | Officer, Southern University Campus Security [redacted] years) |
| Training | Campus Security Program: Criminal; Firearms; Handling of Demonstrations; Building Student-Faculty Rapport; Searching for Explosive Devices |

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| Education | High school graduate; presently in fourth year as student at [redacted] major), tentative graduation - [redacted] |
| Weapon | Personally owned .357 magnum |

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[redacted] Security Officer, Southern University at Baton Rouge (SUBR), was advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents as well as the fact that he was being interviewed concerning a possible Federal violation. [redacted] was advised of his rights orally and having been advised of same, was furnished a printed copy of these rights, which he read and signed, as shown on an executed Warning and Waiver form.

Having been advised of his rights, [redacted] voluntarily furnished the following signed statement:

"Nov. 22, 1972
Baton Rouge, La.

"I, [redacted] hereby make the following free and voluntary statement to [redacted] who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I have read my rights and waived them and now make the following statement without any threats or promises.

"On Nov. 16, 1972, I was working the 8 - 5 PM shift at Southern University, Baton Rouge, and was in a patrol car when I observed approximately one hundred students standing on the steps of the Administration Building. [redacted] my commanding officer, ordered me to take a position in front of the [redacted] I stayed there until the Sheriff's deputies arrived at which time I proceeded to a location in front of the Administration Building and was facing [redacted] beside the deputies who had also taken a position in front of the building.

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"The deputies arrived on campus at approximately 10:00 AM as did the state troopers. At approximately 10:10 AM the state troopers and deputies began to move toward the Administration Building. At approximately 10:15 AM I heard a noise and observed tear gas smoke rising in the vicinity of the front steps of the Administration Building.

"When this happened, everyone started to fire tear gas towards the building and the students began to run off the steps of the building towards the southeast.

"The shooting lasted five minutes and after it stopped, I observed a large number of students standing across from the President's house. The state troopers and deputies fired tear gas at this crowd and they left.

"At this time, I then approached the Administration Building because the tear gas smoke had cleared and it was at this time that I observed two students on the ground near the building. I do not know who shot them.

"Approximately five minutes later, I saw Officer [redacted] coming out of the Administration Building being followed by approximately 60 - 80 students.

"I have read the above statement consisting of two pages and I now sign my name below because it is true.

"/s/ [redacted] 11/22/72

"/s/ [redacted] Special Agent, F.B.I., 11/22/72
"/s/ [redacted] Special Agent, FBI, 11/22/72,
Baton Rouge"

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[redacted] In addition to the above statement furnished by he also stated that he has been employed in law enforcement for [redacted] at the university and receives a two-week instructional course in law enforcement once a year. He stated that he carries a .38 caliber revolver and is presently [redacted]

[redacted] stated he has no physical defects and that [redacted]

The following description of [redacted] was obtained through observation and interview:

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| | |
|---|---|
| Race | Negro |
| Sex | Male |
| Height | [redacted] |
| Weight | |
| Eyes | |
| Hair | |
| Date of birth | |
| Place of birth | |
| Social Security No. | |
| Military status | |
| Serial No. | |
| Residence | |
| Telephone | |
| Characteristics | |

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[redacted] concluded the interview by stating that he was not injured in any way during the events which occurred on the morning of November 16, 1972, and although he observed numerous students in the vicinity and on the steps of the Administration Building located on Southern University campus, he would be unable to identify any of these students.

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## D. MISCELLANEOUS LAW ENFORCEMENT REPRESENTATIVES NOT AT SCENE

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[redacted] Troop A, Louisiana State Highway Patrol, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, furnished a copy of Troop A's radio log from the time of 9:14 a.m., to 1:24 p.m., on the date of November 16, 1972.

He advised that this log only pertained to radio calls that were directed to Troop A or a message from Troop A to a particular unit and did not contain any messages from car to car or any handie-talkie messages, unless they were, of course, directed to Troop A.

He advised that the radio operator on duty in the morning on November 16, 1972, was [redacted] and that the original of the radio log is maintained at Troop A of the Louisiana State Police.

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STATE OF LOUISIANA
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA
DIVISION OF STATE POLICE

## STATION LOG

| COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION Troop A | FREQUENCY 39.3 & 39.5 |
|---|---|
| ON [redacted] | [redacted] |
| ON 6th | OFF 2P |

| DATE | TIME | STATION | NATURE OF TRANSMISSION |
|---|---|---|---|
| 11-16-72 | 9 14 | HQ-41 | 108 |
| | 9 19 | A-10 | 108 |
| | 9 24 | A-17 | 108 to [redacted] |
| | 9 27 | A-25 | 108 |
| | 9 28 | A-36 | 108 |
| | 9 28 | A-12 | 106 [redacted] |
| | 9 29 | A-41 | 106 |
| | 9 31 | A-2 | 108 |
| | 9 33 | A-30 | 108 |
| | 9 37 | A-17, A-28 | 109 [redacted] |
| | 9 46 | A-17 | 106 [redacted] |
| | 10 04 | A-13 | 104 [redacted] |
| | 10 20 | A-24 | 106 |
| | 10 28 | A-26 | 106 |
| | 10 36 | A-5 | 108 |
| | ~~10 40~~ | ~~A-20~~ | ~~4561 & 73 RD~~ |
| | 12 45 | A-29 | 108 |
| | 1 24 | HQ-49 involved [redacted] | 2 miles off LA 408 |

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[redacted] Deputy Sheriff, East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office, was advised of the identity of the contacting Agents and their desire to discuss the events on the campus of Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on November 16, 1972. SA [redacted] furnished [redacted] with an Interrogation; Advice of Rights form, at which time he read it, advised he fully understood his rights, and thereafter signed the form. [redacted] furnished the following statement.

[redacted] advised that he is employed in the Criminal Division of the Sheriff's Office and is assigned an office job in the courthouse. [redacted] stated that on the morning of November 16, 1972 he was attending to his normal assignment in the Parish Courthouse and had no personal knowledge of events at the Southern University campus that morning. [redacted] stated he has been employed as a full time Deputy Sheriff since [redacted] He stated that he had received firearms training which included pistol shooting only, and had never received training in the use or handling of a shotgun or tear gas. He stated he had no crowd control training.

The following physical description was obtained from observation and interview:

| | |
|---|---|
| Name | [redacted] |
| Race | White |
| Sex | Male |
| Date of birth | [redacted] |
| Place of birth | |
| Height | |
| Weight | [redacted] pounds |
| Hair | [redacted] |
| Eyes | |
| Marital status | |

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[redacted] stated that on November 16, 1972 he was on duty at the Parish Prison where he is a Shift Sergeant. He stated he has been a Deputy Sheriff since [redacted] and has worked at the Parish Prison since [redacted] stated he is the [redacted] stated he had no personal knowledge of the shooting which occurred on the campus of Southern University. [redacted] stated that as a prison employee he had received no training in use of the shotgun, tear gas or riot control.

Concerning firearms training, [redacted] advised that since July 1972 a handgun practice and training requirement has been adopted by his department requiring each deputy, regardless of assignment, to qualify with his revolver once each month. The qualifying consists of firing thirty rounds at a bullseye target and attaining a minimum score. He noted that in the past firearms training has been on an irregular basis.

The following physical description was obtained from observation and interview:

| | |
|---|---|
| Name | [redacted] |
| Race | White |
| Sex | Male |
| Date of birth | [redacted] |
| Place of birth | [redacted] |
| Height | [redacted] |
| Weight | [redacted] pounds |

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[redacted] advised that on November 16, 1972 he worked a [redacted] at the [redacted] and had no personal knowledge of the shooting incident which occurred on the Southern University campus that date. [redacted] stated that even though he was not personally present on the campus he knew that no policy or procedure existed which would have caused a member of his department to intentionally injure anyone.

The following physical description was obtained from observation and interview:

| | |
|---|---|
| Name | [redacted] |
| Race | White |
| Sex | Male |
| Date of birth | [redacted] |
| Place of birth | |
| Height | |
| Weight | [redacted] pounds |
| Eyes | |
| Hair | |
| Residence | [redacted] |

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[redacted] stated that on November 16, 1972 he got off work at the Parish Prison at 4:00 a.m. and was at home asleep at the time the shooting incident occurred on the Southern University campus. He stated he had no personal knowledge of the incident. [redacted] stated that his assignment is as a correctional officer at the Parish Prison. He advised he had some experience in the Army handling tear gas as well as limited military police experience. [redacted] stated he has been employed as a deputy sheriff since [redacted]

The following physical description was obtained from observation and interview:

| | |
|---|---|
| Name | [redacted] |
| Race | Negro |
| Sex | Male |
| Date of birth | [redacted] |
| Place of birth | |
| Height | |
| Weight | [redacted] pounds |
| Eyes | [redacted] |
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[redacted] advised that he is employed as a guard at the Parish Prison and was on duty at the Parish Prison during the morning hours of November 16, 1972. [redacted] stated he had no personal knowledge of the events that occurred on the Southern University campus that day. [redacted] noted that he has been employed as a Deputy Sheriff since [redacted] and is currently attending a law enforcement training program at [redacted]

The following physical description was obtained from observation and interview:

| | |
|---|---|
| Name | [redacted] |
| Race | Negro |
| Sex | Male |
| Date of birth | [redacted] |
| Place of birth | [redacted] |
| Height | [redacted] |
| Weight | [redacted] pounds |
| Hair | [redacted] |
| Eyes | [redacted] |
| Residence | [redacted] |

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[redacted] advised that on November 16, 1972, he got off work at 4:00 a.m. and was at home asleep during the later morning hours that date. [redacted] stated he had no personal knowledge of the incident on the campus at Southern University that date. [redacted] stated he is assigned as a guard at the Parish Prison working an 8:00 p.m. to 4:00 am. shift.

[redacted] stated that it was his understanding from other Deputy Sheriffs that a tremendous amount of tension existed on the Southern University campus, and this tension had caused many people to expect violence from dissidents on the campus.

The following physical description was obtained from observation and interview:

| | |
|---|---|
| Name | [redacted] |
| Race | White |
| Sex | Male |
| Date of birth | [redacted] |
| Place of birth | |
| Height | |
| Weight | [redacted] pounds |
| Hair | [redacted] |
| Eyes | |
| Marital status | |
| Residence | [redacted] |

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[redacted] Deputy Sheriff, East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office, was interviewed and was advised of his rights as set out on the form entitled Interrogation; Advice of Rights. He waived his rights as set out on the form and furnished the following information:

[redacted] advised he has been with the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office since [redacted] He has had no prior experience in law enforcement.

[redacted] stated that on November 15, 1972, he went to work on his regular shift at the East Baton Rouge Parish Prison at 8:00 p.m. His shift terminated at 4:00 a.m. on November 16, 1972. He went to his home after completing the shift and went to bed. He first heard of the problem at Southern University at about noon time from his wife who had heard it on the radio and who had notified him by telephone. He went to the prison at approximately 12:30 p.m. and spent the remainder of the day at the prison on standby duty. He stated that he did not at any time on November 16, 1972, have occasion to go to the Southern University campus.

[redacted] stated that he has received training in the Sheriff's Office in the use of his sidearm but has had no training in the use of the shotgun or tear gas.

| | |
|---|---|
| Full Name | [redacted] |
| Race | White |
| Sex | Male |
| Date of Birth | [redacted] |
| Place of Birth | |
| Height | [redacted] |
| Weight | [redacted] lbs. |
| Hair | |
| Eyes | |
| Marital Status | |
| Residence | [redacted] |

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[redacted] East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office, was interviewed and was advised of his rights as set out on the form entitled Interrogation; Advice of Rights. He waived his rights as set out on the form and furnished the following information:

[redacted] stated that he has been with the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office since [redacted] His regular assignment at the present time is as a Guard at the East Baton Rouge Parish Prison. He has no other law enforcement experience.

He stated that on the morning of November 16, 1972, he was off duty at his home. He heard a report of the disturbance at Southern University on the radio and reported to duty at the jail at approximately 12:00 noon on that day. He was on duty at the prison for the remainder of the day. At no time on November 16, 1972, did he have occasion to visit the Southern University campus.

[redacted] stated that he has received training in the use of the handgun but has had no shotgun or tear gas training from Sheriff's Office personnel or any other instructors.

The following description of [redacted] was obtained through observation and interview:

| | |
|---|---|
| Full Name | [redacted] |
| Race | Negro |
| Sex | Male |
| Date of Birth | [redacted] |
| Place of Birth | [redacted] |
| Height | [redacted] |
| Weight | [redacted] lbs. |
| Hair | [redacted] |
| Eyes | [redacted] |

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[redacted] was interviewed and was advised of his rights as set out on the form entitled Interrogation; Advice of Rights. He waived his rights as set out on the form and furnished the following information:

[redacted] stated that he has been with the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office since [redacted]. Prior to that time he spent [redacted] years with the Louisiana State Police as an [redacted]

[redacted] stated that his regular assignment with the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office is as a Guard at the East Baton Rouge Parish Prison.

He stated that he commenced his regular shift at 8:00 p.m. on November 15, 1972, and worked at the Parish Prison until 4:00 a.m. on November 16, 1972. After work he went home and slept through the morning of November 16, 1972. He heard of the disturbance on the Southern University campus at about 6:00 p.m. on November 16, 1972, but had no occasion to go to the campus of Southern University on that date for any reason. He added that he has been assigned to duties at the Parish Prison since [redacted]

[redacted] stated that he has received training from the Sheriff's Office in the use of his sidearm but has had no shotgun or tear gas training from Sheriff's Office personnel. He stated that he had some training in the use of tear gas canister type grenades while he was with the Louisiana State Police but has not received any such training subsequent to that time.

The following description of [redacted] was obtained through observation and interview:

Full Name
Alias [redacted]

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| | |
|---|---|
| Race | White |
| Sex | Male |
| Date of Birth | [redacted] |
| Place of Birth | |
| Height | |
| Weight | [redacted] lbs. |
| Hair | |
| Eyes | |
| Marital Status | |
| Residence | [redacted] |

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[redacted] was interviewed and was advised of his rights as set out on the form entitled Interrogation; Advice of Rights. He waived his rights as set out on the form and furnished the following information:

[redacted] stated that he has been with the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office since [redacted] Prior to that time he had served in the Navy and while in Navy service occasionally saw duty as a [redacted]

On November 16, 1972, [redacted] stated that he was on duty at the [redacted] He worked the 4:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon shift and during that time had no occasion to leave [redacted]

Concerning the training given to Deputy Sheriffs of the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office, [redacted] stated that the deputies, including himself, must qualify monthly with their sidearms. This qualification consists of 30 rounds of .38 ammunition fired at a bullseye target. In order to qualify, the deputies must score 70 out of a possible 100 averaged over three strings of ten shots each. [redacted] stated that he has received no formal training with either the shotgun or tear gas.

The following description of [redacted] was obtained by observation and interview:

| | |
|---|---|
| Full Name | [redacted] |
| Sex | Male |
| Race | White |
| Date of Birth | [redacted] |
| Place of Birth | |
| Hair | |
| Eyes | |
| Height | |
| Weight | [redacted] lbs. |

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[redacted] Deputy Sheriff, East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office, was interviewed and was advised of his rights as set out on the form entitled Interrogation; Advice of Rights. He waived his rights as set out on the form and furnished the following information:

[redacted] advised that he has been employed as a Deputy Sheriff since [redacted] with the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office. He has had no other law enforcement experience.

On November 16, 1972, [redacted] was on duty on his regular assignment at the Parish Prison from 4:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. He remained on duty after that time at the prison until sometime in the evening of November 16, 1972. At no time on that date did he have occasion to visit the campus of Southern University.

[redacted] stated that his entire career in the Sheriff's Office has been spent on assignment at the East Baton Rouge Parish Prison.

[redacted] stated he has had training with the handgun but has received no shotgun or tear gas training.

The following description of [redacted] was obtained through observation and interview:

| | |
|---|---|
| Full Name | [redacted] |
| Race | Negro |
| Sex | Male |
| Date of Birth | [redacted] |
| Place of Birth | |
| Height | |
| Weight | [redacted] lbs. |
| Hair | |
| Eyes | |

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Officer [redacted] Security Officer, Southern University, was advised of the identity of [redacted] and [redacted] as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Officer [redacted] was orally advised of his rights as found on an Interrogation; Advice of Rights form by SA [redacted] after which he was given a copy of the Interrogation; Advice of Rights form to read. After reading his rights as found on the Interrogation; Advice of Rights form, Officer [redacted] advised that he understood his rights, was willing to make a statement, signed the Interrogation; Advice of Rights form, and immediately thereafter furnished the following information:

Officer [redacted] indicated that on November 16, 1972 he was working as a Security Officer at Southern University in the third section shift, which was from 12:20 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. He advised that he came to work at approximately 12:00 Noon and was immediately assigned to the protection of the campus Security Building and maintained this watch until approximately 11:00 p.m., November 16, 1972. He further advised that he had no prior knowledge that the students were planning to occupy the Administration Building and that the first knowledge of this fact was learned by him while listening to his radio at home.

A description of Officer [redacted] is as follows:

| | |
|---|---|
| Name | [redacted] |
| Race | Negro |
| Sex | Male |
| Height | [redacted] |
| Weight | [redacted] pounds |
| Social Security Account Number | [redacted] |
| Date of birth | [redacted] |
| Place of birth | [redacted] |
| Miscellaneous | [redacted] |
| Education | [redacted] |

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Officer [redacted] Security Officer, Southern University, was advised of the identity of [redacted] as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Officer [redacted] was orally advised of his rights as found on an Interrogation; Advice of Rights form by SA [redacted], after which he was given a copy of the form to read. After reading his rights as found on the Interrogation; Advice of Rights form, Officer [redacted] advised that he understood his rights, was willing to make a statement, signed the Interrogation; Advice of Rights form, and immediately thereafter furnished the following information:

Officer [redacted] advised that on November 16, 1972, he was working as a Security Officer at Southern University during the third shift, which is from 12:20 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. He advised that while at his residence he had the occasion to hear a news broadcast which advised of trouble on Southern University campus. Officer [redacted] advised that at this time he proceeded to his assigned place of duty, which was Southern University's President's residence on Harden Boulevard, Baton Rouge. He indicated that he remained on duty at the President's residence until approximately 8:00 a.m., November 17, 1972. He further indicated that he had been assigned to the protection of the President's residence for approximately two weeks prior to November 16, 1972, and that he had not been on campus during that period or on November 16, 1972.

The following description of [redacted] was obtained through interview and observation:

| | |
|---|---|
| Name | [redacted] |
| Race | Negro |
| Sex | Male |
| Height | [redacted] |
| Weight | [redacted] pounds |
| Date of birth | [redacted] |
| Place of birth | [redacted] |
| Address | [redacted] |

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# VIII. PHYSICAL SEARCH AND RESULTANT EXAMINATIONS AT SCENE OF SHOOTING

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# A. LOUISIANA STATE POLICE

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[redacted] b6 b7C of the Louisiana State Police Laboratory, advised Special Agent [redacted] that his laboratory was in possession of 12 pellets and some fragments. Three of these pellets were purported to have been removed from [redacted] Six pellets and some fragments were purported to have been removed from [redacted] Three other pellets were recovered by his laboratory from the scene.

One of the pellets from the scene was found on the sidewalk ten feet from the southeast corner of the Administration Building. The second pellet was found four feet from the southeast corner in a flower bed. The third pellet was found one foot from the southeast corner on the ground.

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[redacted] Louisiana State Police Crime Laboratory, Post Office Box 1791, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, provided a copy of a preliminary report of the laboratory examination of blood and urine submitted by the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office and metal fragments by the Coroner's Office, East Baton Rouge Parish, obtained from the bodies of DENVER SMITH and LEONARD DOUGLAS BROWN.

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DENVER SMITH, Victim

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Death - Southern University

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Address: Courthouse, Baton Rouge, La.

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 Rouge

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(3) One (1) "B-D Vacutainer" tube containing three (3) metal fragments. Tube labeled "Denver Smith".

[redacted]

Signature: [redacted] Date: 11-16-72

[redacted] (Receiving Evidence)

Date Nov. 16, 1972 Time: 3:40 pm

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Officer Submitting Evidence:

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Phone: 348-3219

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pe Investigation: Death, Southern University

Parish: EBR

mize and Describe Evidence

One glass jar containing seven metal fragments, Jar labeled "A-72-111 unidentified negro male ...".

nature of Submitting Officer: [signature] Date: 11-16-72

(Signature of Criminalist ... g Evidence)

Date 11-16-72 Time: 4:15 PM

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*RELIMINARY REPORT - November 22, 1972 - RESULTS OF LABORATORY EXAMINATION: Blood of Denver mith (Specimen 1) was determined to be free of alcohol.*

*ellets from Denver Smith (Specimen 3) and Leonard Douglas Brown (Specimen 4) were determined e lead with weight consistent with No. 3 or No. 4 buckshot.*

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[redacted] East Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana, Sheriff's Office, advised that he is a photographer for the Sheriff's Office, and on the morning of November 16, 1972, he took photographs on the campus of Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, immediately prior to a confrontation between law enforcement personnel and the students in the area of the Administration Building at Southern University. He said he took photographs with a 35 millimeter camera using Tri-X film. He said the negatives were developed at A. J. Walker Studio, Cloverleaf Shopping Center, Baton Rouge, and the negatives were printed by [redacted] of the Sheriff's Office. [redacted] possesses the original negatives.

[redacted] furnished the Agents with eight photographs. He said Numbers One through Six were taken shortly before the confrontation and show students in the area of the doors to the Administration Building on the campus. He said Numbers Seven and Eight show students running from the area of the Administration Building during the confrontation.

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On November 20, 1972, Deputy Sheriff [redacted] East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office, turned over to SA [redacted] the following items, which are the clothing and personal property of LEONARD DOUGLAS BROWN:

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 pair boots, black front, brown side, zipper

1 pair socks, black

1 pair jeans, blue denim

1 belt, wide, black and white, with buckle

1 shirt, long sleeve, pink

1 T-shirt

1 pair shorts

1 jacket, nylon, blue

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On November 19, 1972, [redacted] East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office (EBRPSO), provided a sample of .12 gauge Number Four buck shotgun shell as used and issued to Sheriff's Deputies. The sample was a Winchester Western Super X with a plastic body.

This sample cartridge was cut open and among other things determined to contain exactly 27 pellets approximately one quarter inch in diameter.

On the same date, a review of a book The Shotgun by JACK O'CONNOR was made. It reflects that a .12 gauge shotgun shell of Number Four buck contains 27 pellets of approximately one quarter inch in diameter.

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On November 20, 1972, Special Agents of the FBI [redacted] and [redacted] conducted a search of the grounds outside and around the Administration and Auditorium Buildings located on the Southern University campus at Baton Rouge for anything that might possibly be of an evidentiary nature. A search was also conducted inside the Administration Building, and the following-described items were found:

1) SA [redacted] found miscellaneous pieces of metal which appeared at one time to possibly be a projectile in the hallway on the second floor of the Administration Building.

2) SA [redacted] found an expended metal projectile which appeared to be at one time possibly a gas projectile. This item was located 19 feet 1 inch from the southeast corner of the Auditorium Building underneath a bush.

3) SA [redacted] also located an expended metal canister which appeared to be a gas canister 17 feet 3 inches from the southeast corner of the Auditorium Building underneath a bush.

4) SA [redacted] located an Olympia brand six transistor radio transmitter commonly referred to as a "handie talkie" under the northeast corner of the Auditorium.

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An examination of the area where DENVER A. SMITH and LEONARD DOUGLAS BROWN, JR., were killed on the campus of Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, November 16, 1972, was made by Special Agent [redacted] on November 21-23, 1972.

Three impressions were found in the east front wall of the Administration Building, near the southeast corner which are consistent with those that could have been produced by spherical projectiles, such as buckshot. The first impression is located 3 feet, 9 inches north of the southeast corner and 4 feet, 10 3/4 inches above the ground. The second impression is located 3 feet, 7 3/4 inches north of the southeast corner and 4 feet, 8 inches above the ground. The third impression is located 4 feet, 7 3/4 inches north of the southeast corner and 4 feet, 6 3/4 inches above the ground.

These impressions appear to have been produced by projectiles traveling approximately parallel to the ground and at an angle to the wall. The exact angle could not be determined inasmuch as the impressions are not sufficiently characteristic to make this determination. However, they 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, due to the presence of a large ornamental shrub in front of the east wall, was found to be approximately 3 degrees.

Two other shallow partial impressions in the area of the above-mentioned three were found. One was located 5 feet, 5¼ inches north of the southeast corner and 6 feet, 11 1/8 inches above the ground. The other impression was located 3 feet, 9½ inches north of the southeast corner and 3 feet, 10 1/8 inches above the ground. It was not possible to determine what could have produced these impressions. It

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is pointed out that these impressions were not produced by projectiles traveling at the same velocities as those which produced the aforementioned impressions.

No other impressions were found in the east wall at student level which appear to have been produced by buckshot.

No injury to the large ornamental shrub, which could have been produced by buckshot, was found from an examination of this plant.

No metal fragments, which could have been buckshot, were found during search of the immediate area.

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A search was conducted in an area located between the Administrative Building and Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps Building on the Southern University, Baton Rouge (SUBR), campus. This area is on the north side of the Administration Building.

Located between the Administrative Building and the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps (NROTC) Building is a circular drive with a traffic island situated in the center of the driveway. The traffic island is approximately 15 feet long, 8 feet wide and oval in shape.

A search of the traffic island located a piece of blue material, circular in shape, approximately one-half inch in diameter. This piece of material was located on the south side of the island, near the western end, about one foot from the curbing.

Also located on the traffic island was a silver colored cylindrical object, approximately 1½ inches long, 3/4 inches in diameter, with a piece of blue material attached to one end of it. This material appeared to be similar to the circular piece of material located previously. The cylindrical object, with material attached, was located near the center of the traffic island and on the east side of some bushes which are also located in the center of the traffic island.

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Observations were made by SA [redacted] on November 23, 1972, at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, of the clothing of LEONARD BROWN, a student at Southern University, Baton Rouge, who was killed on the morning of November 16, 1972, while at the campus of Southern University.

It was noted that in the red long sleeved shirt worn by BROWN there appeared the following:

Two small holes on the shirt collar, one of which was located on the left vertical edge of the collar, the other of which was located at the crease of the collar approximately 4 inches from the left edge;

Three small holes along the forward side of the seam on the left shoulder;

One small hole approximately 3 inches from the top of the left sleeve seam;

One small hole on the bottom edge of the left sleeve at the wrist.

Concerning the blue nylon jacket with the letters P/R, the following was observed:

One small hole approximately 1½ inches from the left corner of the collar along the top edge;

One small hole on the left sleeve approximately 1½ inches from the bottom edge of the sleeve;

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Five small tear holes near the upper left shoulder area and one hole in the area of the left chest.

It should be noted that each of the "small holes" referred to above approximated the size of a B.B. shot.

With regard to the trousers, a jagged tear approximately 1½ inches long was noted in the vicinity of the right knee and a small tear approximately ½ inch long was noted in the vicinity of the right front pocket.

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Photographer [redacted] currently assigned to the Photographic Unit of the FBI Laboratory at Washington, D.C., was furnished the following items:

Ten 35 mm color slides taken during the autopsy of LEONARD BROWN, a Negro male who died of gunshot wounds on November 16, 1972

One roll of 16 mm color film, approximately 500 feet in length, secured from television station WBRZ-TV, Channel 2, Baton Rouge, Louisiana b3

One roll of 16 mm color 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

The above described photographic material, currently deemed to be of evidentiary value, were furnished to Photographer [redacted], so that individual enlargements of critical footage may be made.

Photographer [redacted] accepted these items, above described, so that they may be brought with him, in his personal care, custody and control, to Washington, D.C., b6 b7C

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noting that Photographer [redacted] departed Baton Rouge, Louisiana (Ryan Airport), via Texas International Airline at 4:05 p.m., N vember 27, 1972, ultimately to arrive at Friendship Airport at 9:30 p.m. on the same date.

Photographer [redacted] is to keep these items in his personal custody during the entire trip.

# X. MISCELLANEOUS

# A. WEATHER CONDITIONS

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[redacted] Meteorologist in Charge, National Weather Service Office, Ryan Airport, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, was contacted, at which time he furnished the following information on the prevailing weather conditions on the morning of November 16, 1972:

8:00 a.m.

Partly cloudy
Six miles visibility
Haze and smoke overcast
Temperature 45 degrees
Humidity 77 percent
Northwest winds at 5 miles per hour

9:00 a.m.

Partly cloudy
Four miles visibility
Haze and smoke overcast
Temperature 48 degrees
Humidity 71 percent
Northwest winds at 7 miles per hour

10:00 a.m.

Partly cloudy
Five miles visibility
Smoke and haze overcast
Temperature 50 degrees
Humidity 66 percent
Northwest winds 9 miles per hour

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11:00 a.m.

Partly cloudy
Haze and smoke overcast
Five miles visibility
Temperature 54 degrees
Humidity 61 percent
Northwest winds 7 miles per hour

12:00 Noon

Partly cloudy
Five miles visibility
Temperature 55 degrees
Humidity 59 percent
Northwest winds 6 miles per hour

The strongest winds occurred at 10:43 a.m., which were 12 miles per hour

[redacted] advised that the certified original records indicating the aforementioned forecast could be located at the National Climatic Center, Federal Building, Ashville, North Carolina.

The aforementioned weather forecast was taken in the vicinity of Ryan Airport, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

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[redacted] Louisiana State Police, furnished an unsigned letter to the interviewing Agents which was addressed to [redacted] concerning class interruptions at Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The letter reads as follows:

"To: [redacted]

"From: Department of [redacted]

"Re: Class Interruption

"Since October 18, 1972 the members of the [redacted] Department have attempted to hold their classes as scheduled. Not only have a large per cent of the students boycotted these classes, but they (the classes) have been interrupted from time to time by roving bands of dissident students who have literally scared many students from the classroom or 50 to 75 students have come into the class making it impossible to continue class activities.

"It seems to this faculty that the administration is either unwilling or unable to protect students and teachers in spite of its demand that classes continue as usual. This faculty feels that teaching and learning cannot go on under these circumstances. Therefore, we feel that until such time that those who want to learn and teach can be assured of the right to attend scheduled classes we will be unable to hold such classes.

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"All undersigned teachers will continue to report to the university in order to fulfill their obligations."

[redacted] did not furnish a date on which or by whom the above letter was found.

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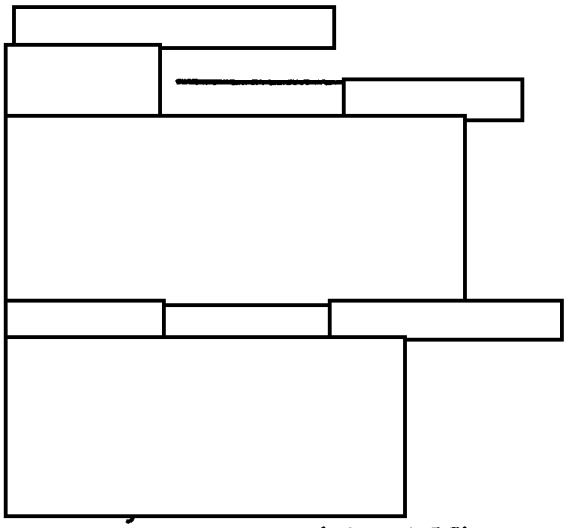

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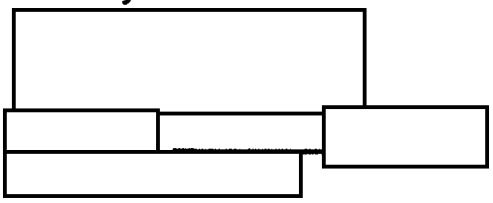

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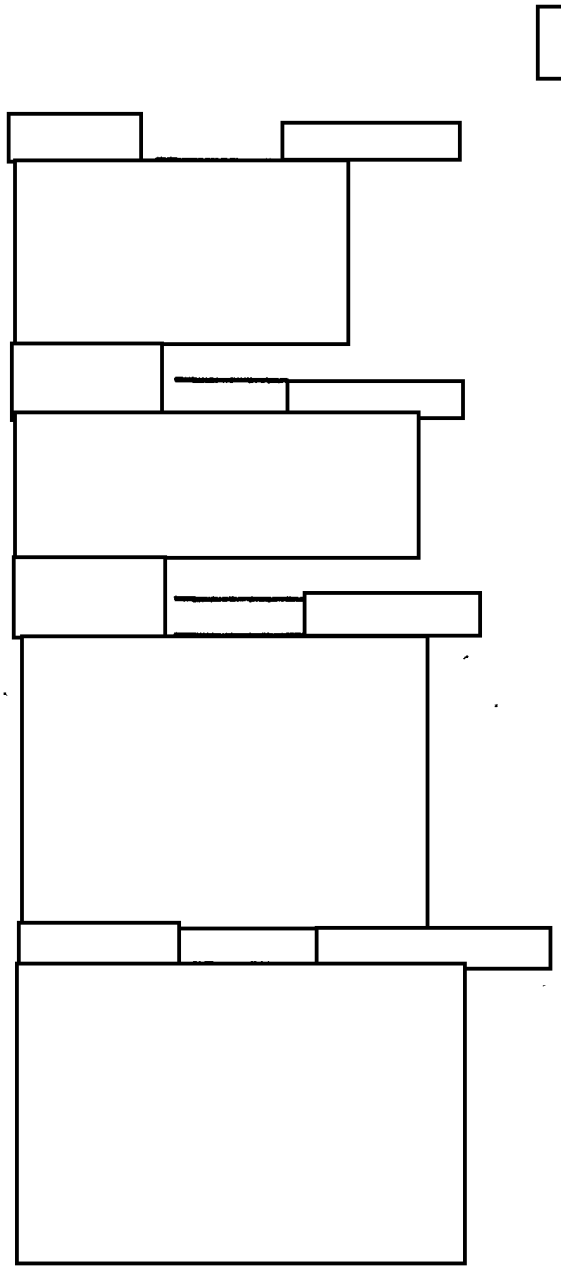

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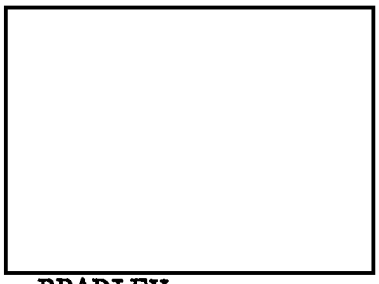


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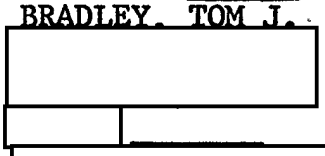


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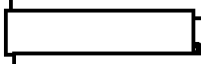


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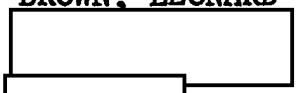


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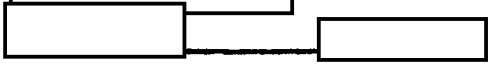


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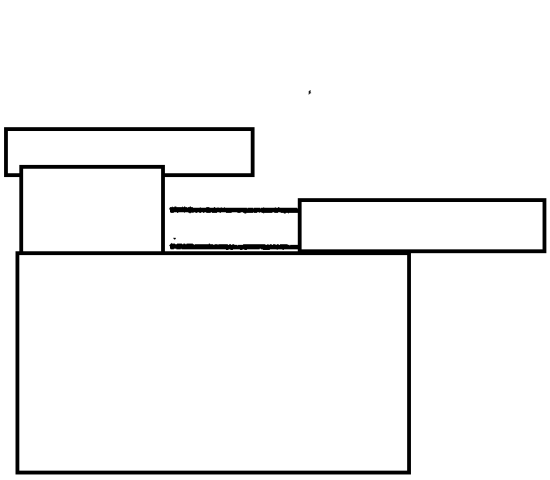

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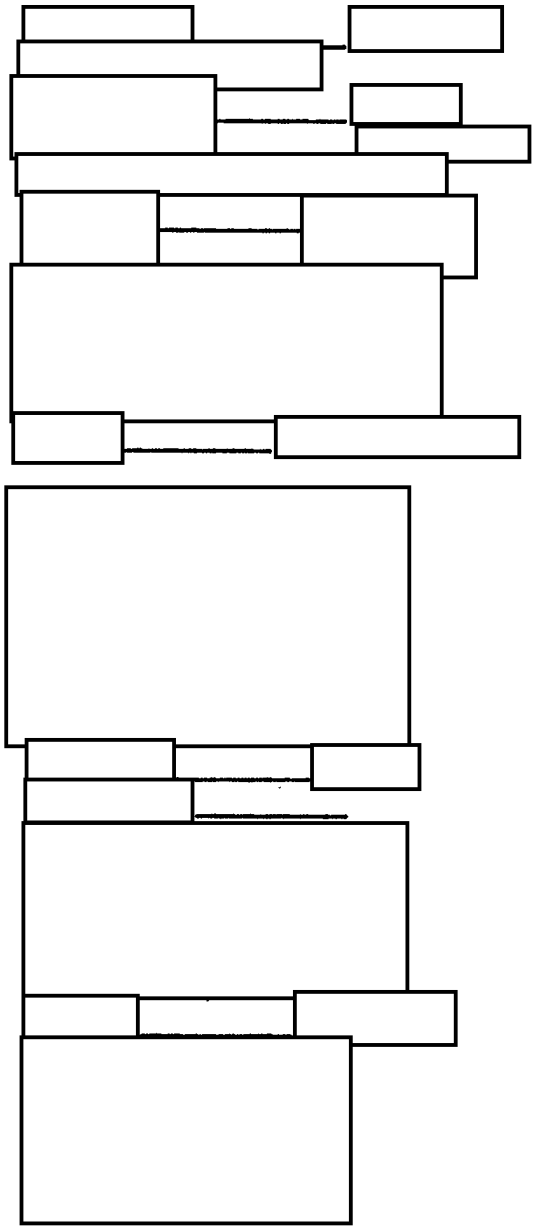

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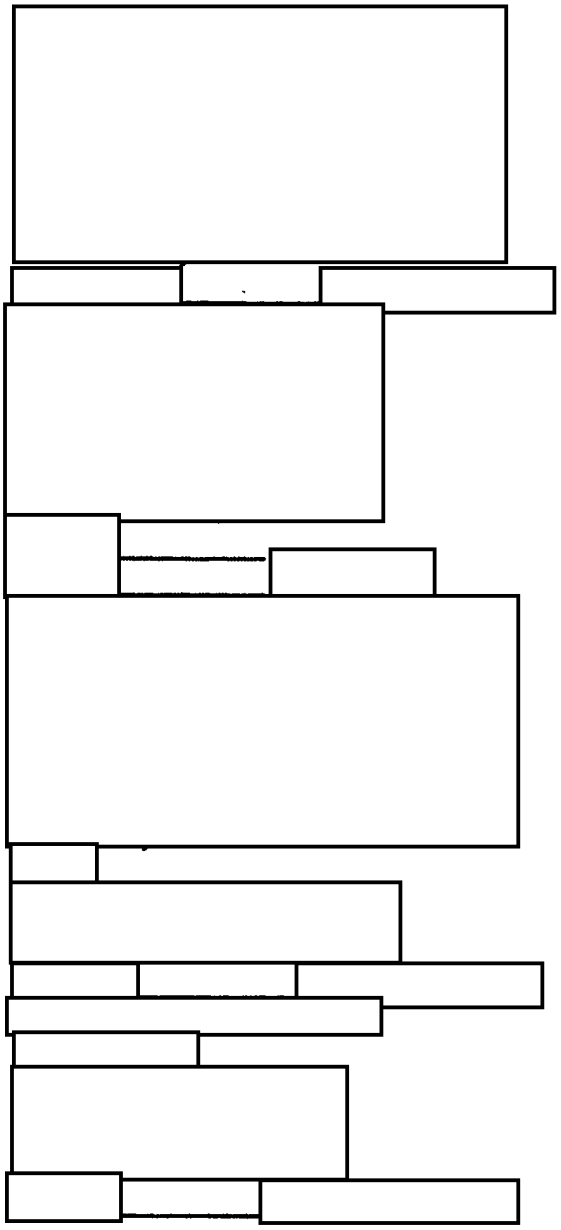

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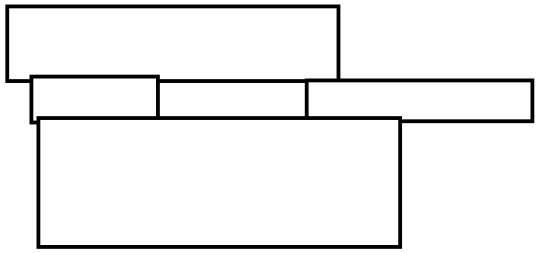

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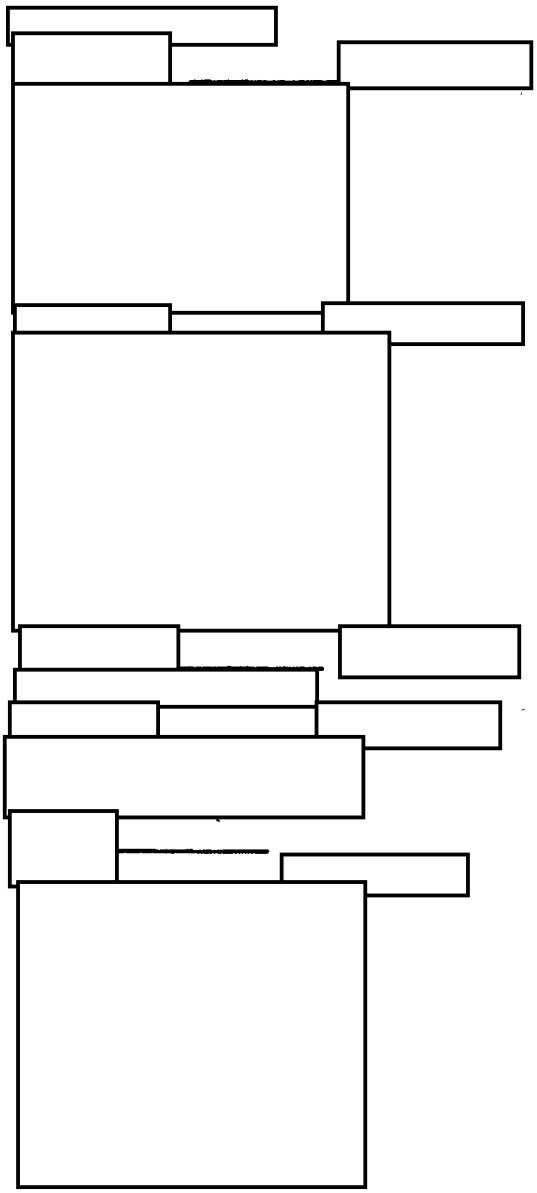

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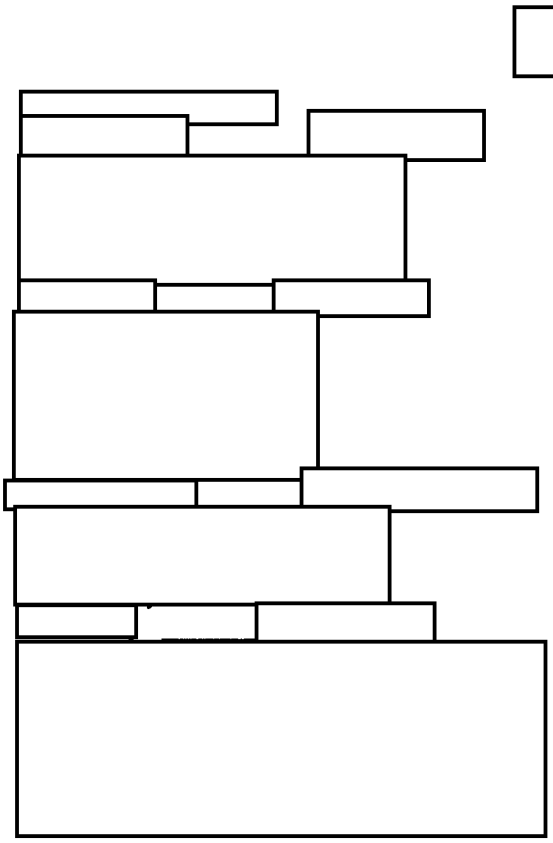

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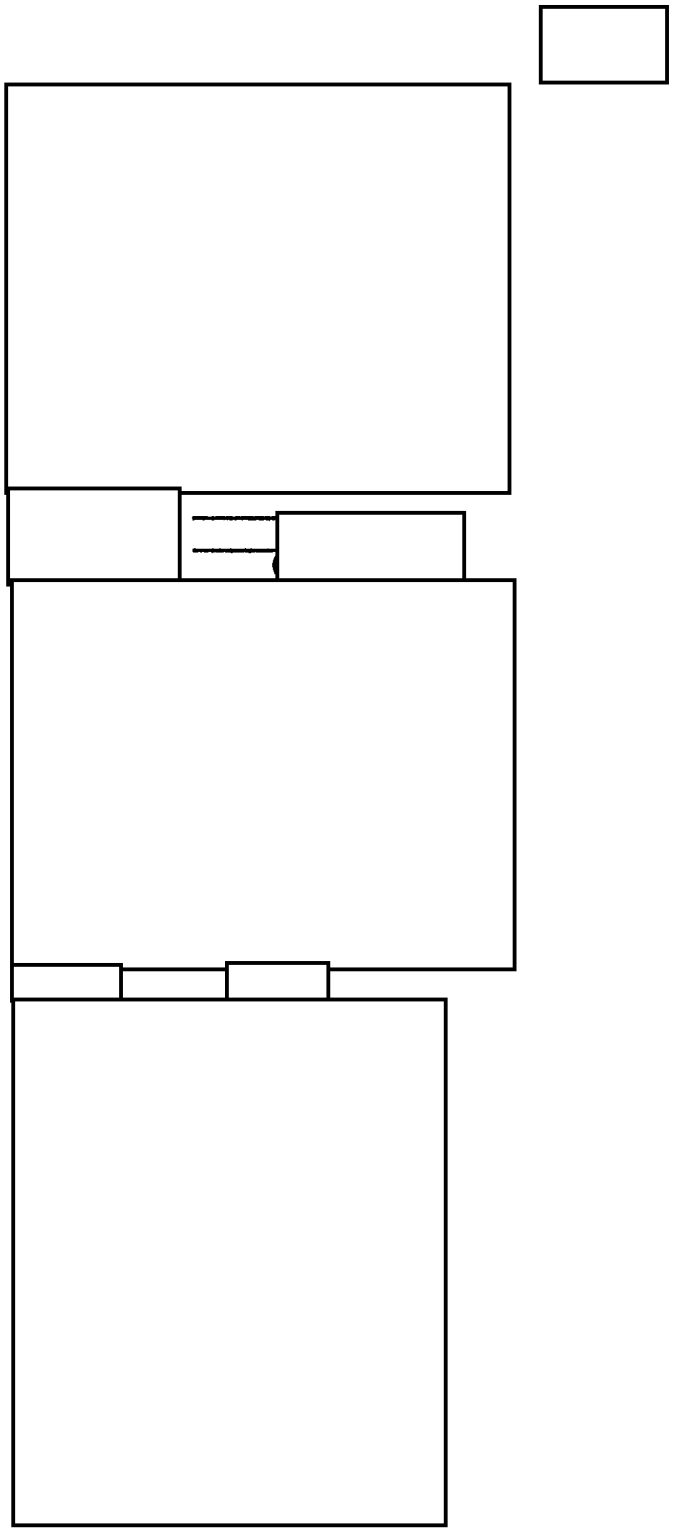

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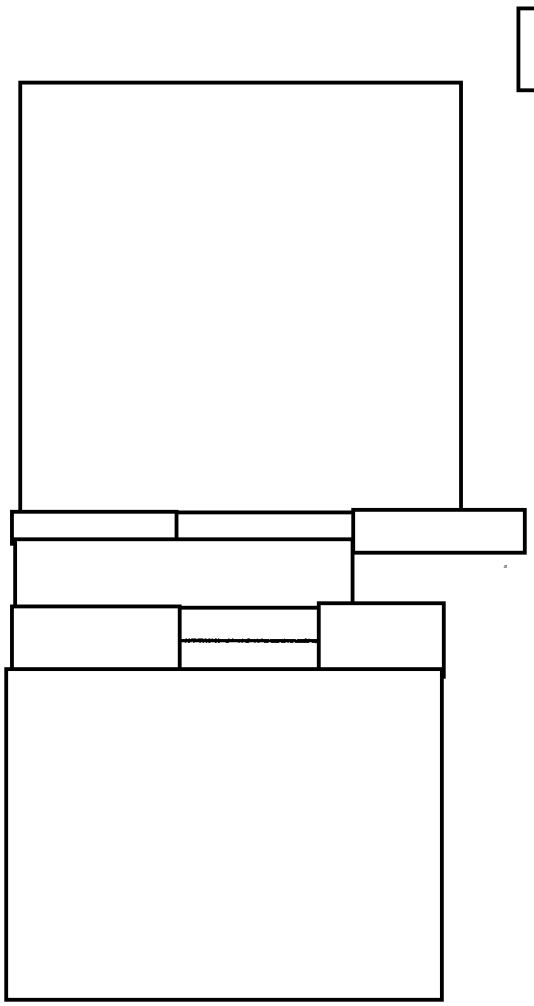

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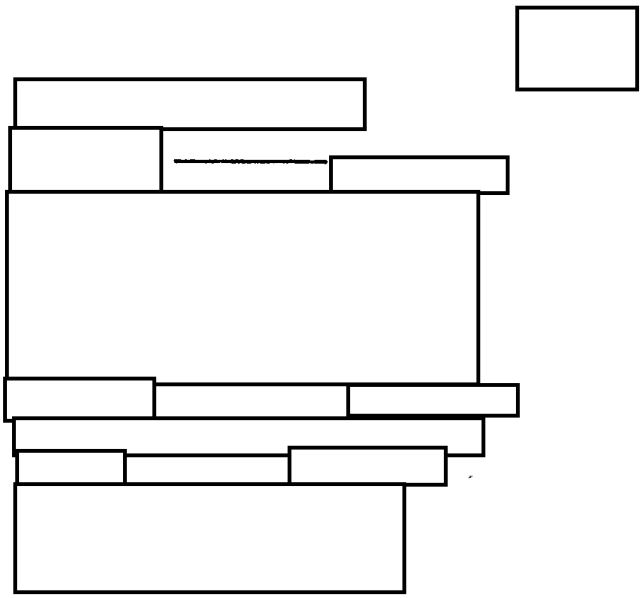

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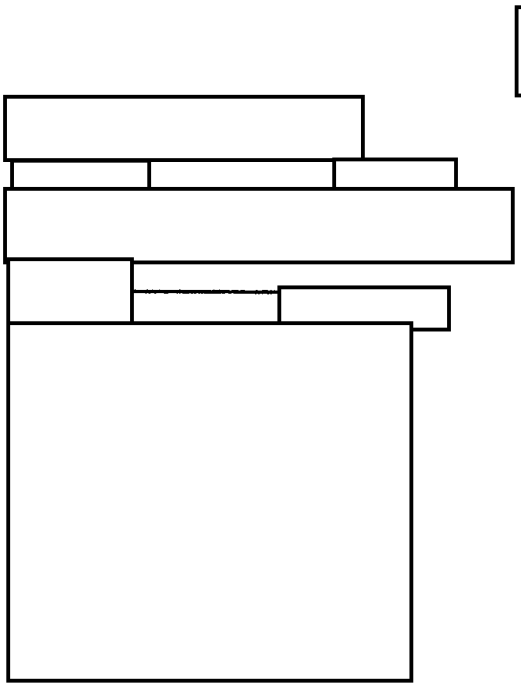

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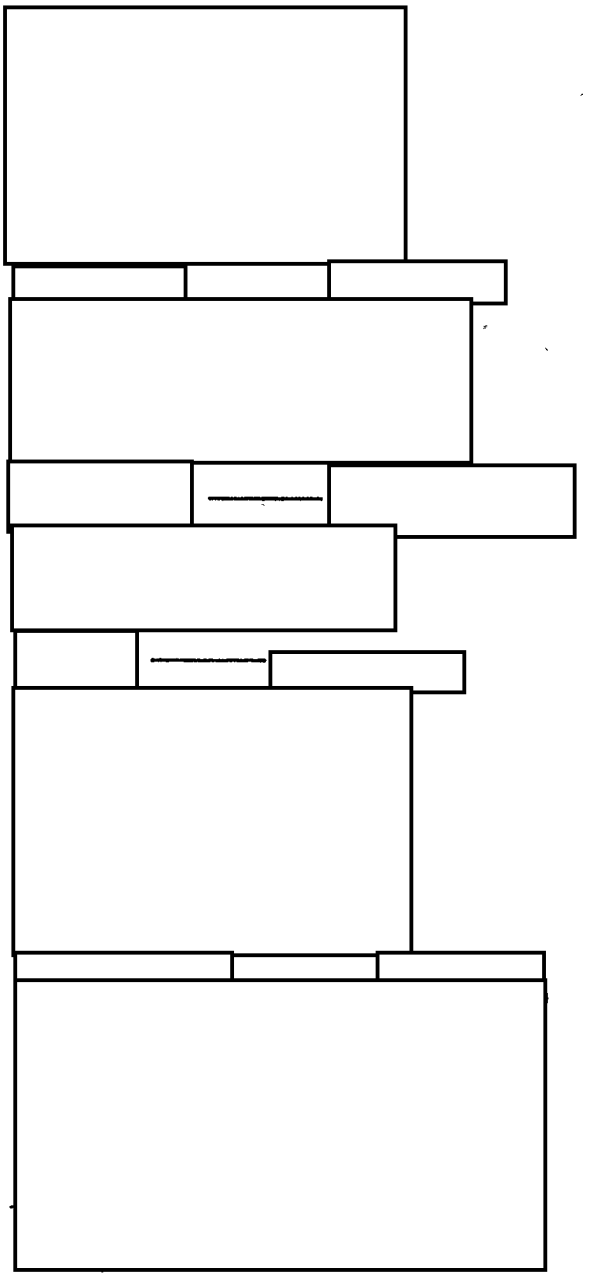

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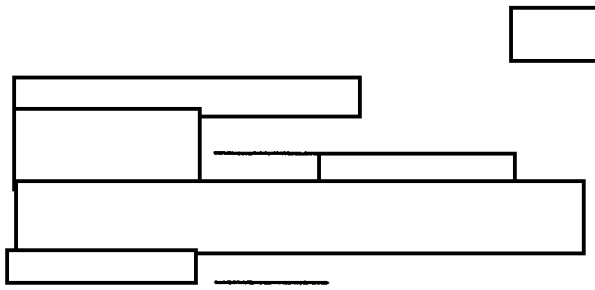

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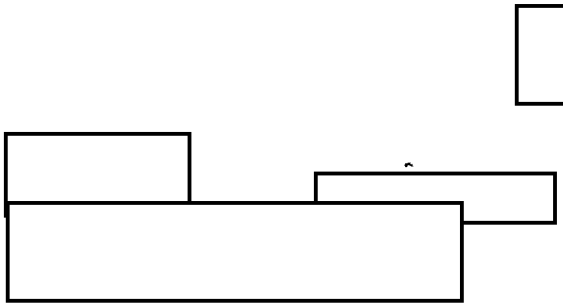

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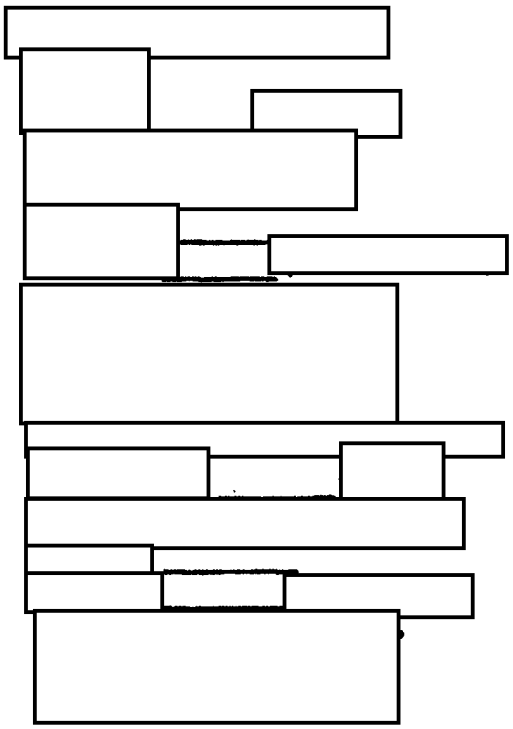

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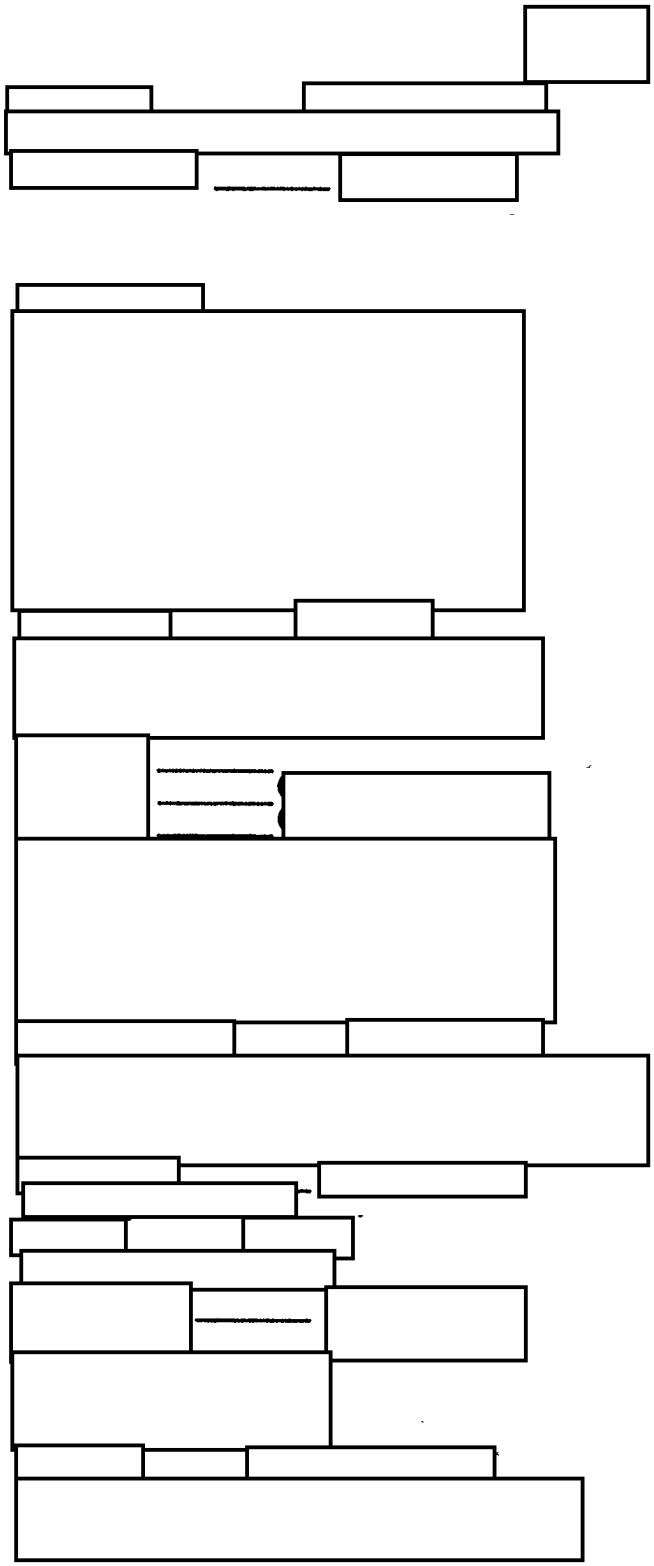

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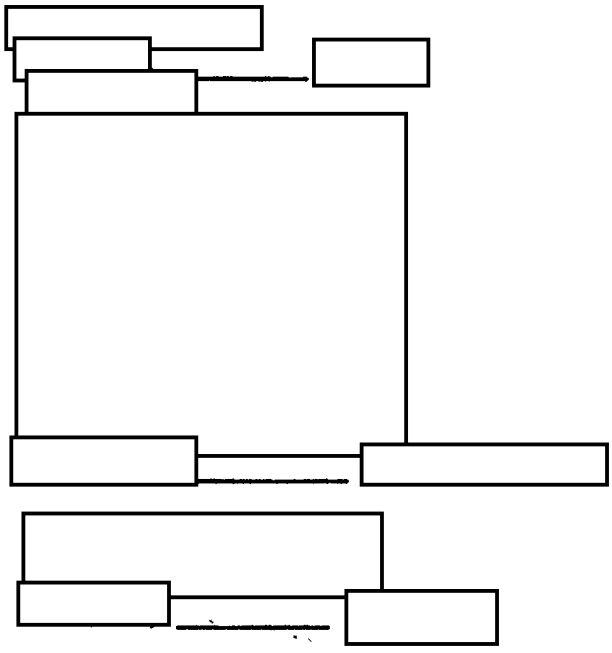

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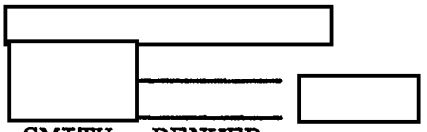

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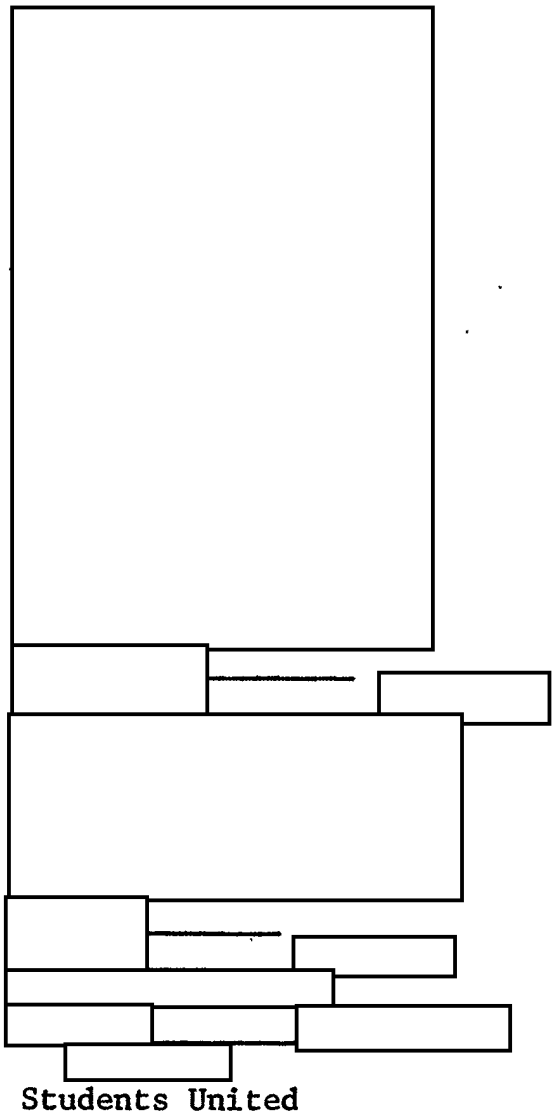

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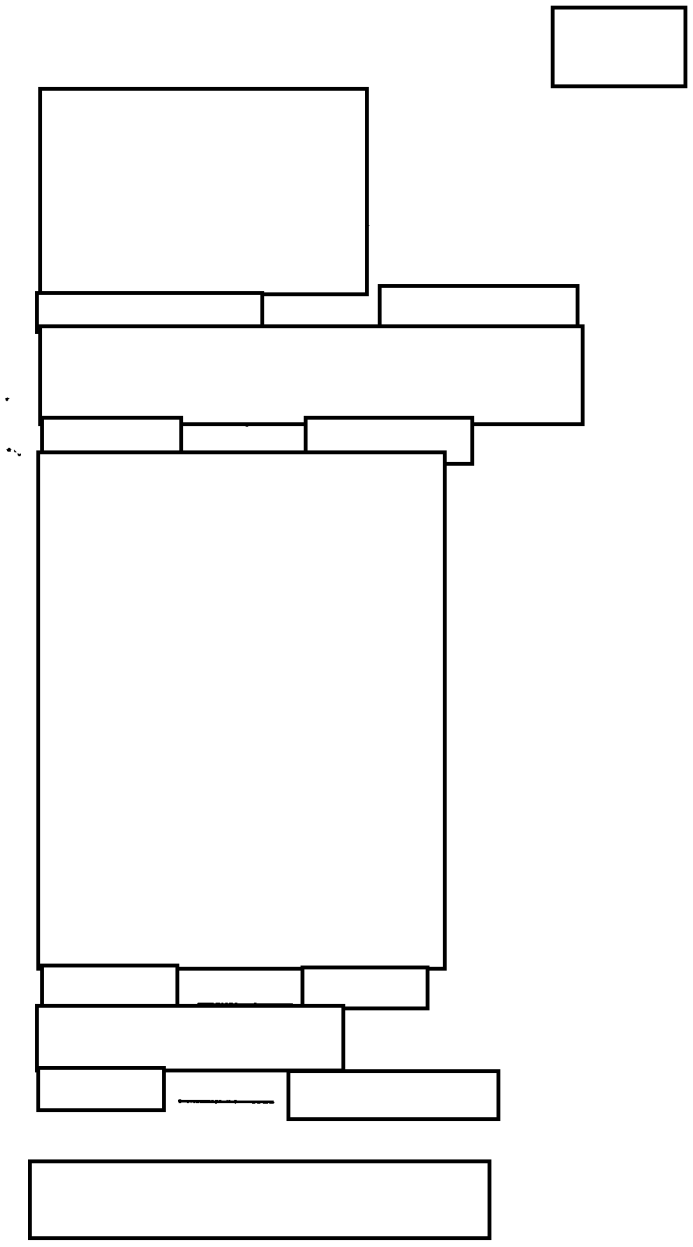

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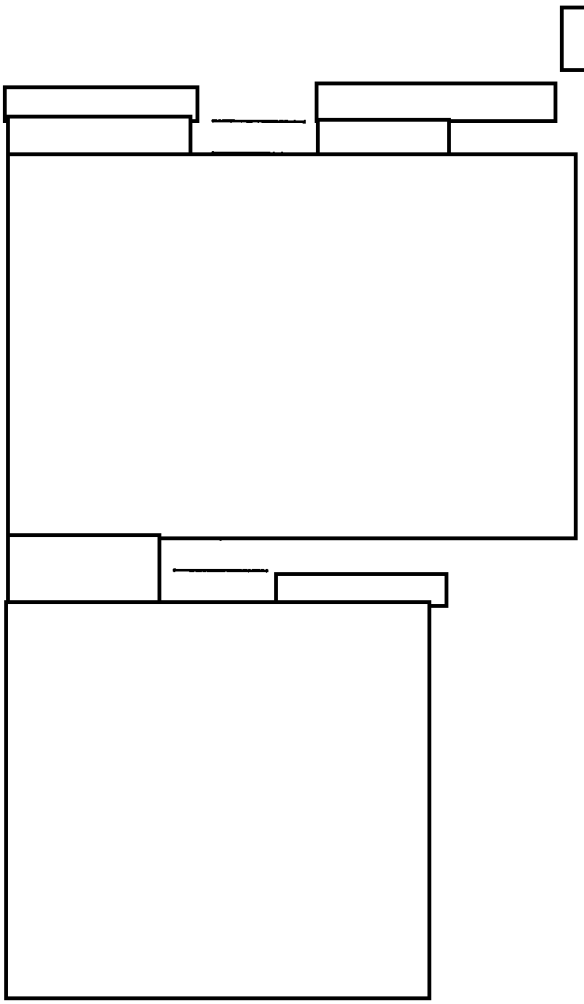

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Synopsis: Interviews with witnesses, [redacted] and [redacted] set forth.

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home phone number [redacted] was interviewed at his place of employment, [redacted] office phone number, [redacted]

[redacted] advised that he and [redacted] left [redacted] November 15, 1972, for a recruiting trip to Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. At Baton Rouge, they met a third [redacted] recruiter, [redacted] stated that they arrived on the Southern University campus between 8:30 a.m. and 8:45 a.m., November 16, 1972, and they went immediately to the Placement Building to prepare for their first interview which was scheduled for approximately 9:00 a.m. His first interviewee did not show up so he went out to the front of the building and there he saw some students milling around the steps of the Administration Building. This building is approximately twenty-five yards away from the Placement Building. He overheard some students say that a group of students were inside the Administration Building and were probably taking it over. [redacted] advised that there were about one hundred or less students outside the Administration Building, and he saw a person who he believed to be the president of Southern University, talking to some security guards, after which he got into his car and drove off. This was between 9:15 and 9:30 a.m. [redacted] advised that about 9:30 a.m., he went back into the Placement Building for his second scheduled interview. When he returned inside the building most of the students had gone into the Administration Building. [redacted] stated that he interviewed [redacted] from 9:30 until about 10:05 a.m. Then he talked to a [redacted] Part way through the interview with [redacted] they heard a commotion and some people came by and said that the fuzz were there. [redacted] abruptly got up and said he had to leave. [redacted] followed [redacted] outside and he stood on the steps of the Placement Building. He saw approximately two hundred students standing close together in a straight line starting at the front of the Administration Building door and curving toward the Placement Building. The police were in a line facing the students to the right of the building and tailing out into the grass area. The police were in different

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colored uniforms; blue, brown and green. He recalls some of the students having what appeared to be grease on their faces, and believes this was there to offset tear gas. [redacted] stated that he heard the police ask the students to disperse. He does not know how long they stood facing each other. Suddenly, he saw a policeman in blue, lob a grenade type canister in an arch towards the students. This and several others that were lobbed at the students, which were admitting a cloud, were returned by the students. He stated that this happened about five to ten minutes after the abrupt end of the [redacted] interview. Standing fairly near to the Placement Building were a group of fifteen or so men who were with the police contingent, who were dressed in what appeared to be Army green fatigue uniforms. They were comanded by a man who had [redacted] on. [redacted] stated that he watched this group to see what kind of control they had. He said all the members of the police contingent were well disciplined. He said his attention was drawn to the person wearing [redacted] who appeared to be the leader of the group in the Army fatigue clothing, and he stood five or so paces behind [redacted] Suddenly, he heard a shot ring out. He saw the [redacted] with what appeared to be a rifle, being it to his shoulder, aim and fire. [redacted] stated that he was no more than [redacted] from this man. He saw a brass cartridge eject, and this gun did not have a grenade on it. It was at about this time that two students toppled over. When he saw the cartridge eject, he returned inside. This happened very quickly and he does not know whether the [redacted] hit anyone and he does not know if it was a gas shell, buck shot or what, but he does know that the ejected cartridge was brass. He described the [redacted] as a white male, tall, [redacted] well built, 200 to 225 pounds, [redacted] hair at the sides. He does not know whether he could identify him again or not but he was positive he was the [redacted]

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[redacted] home telephone number [redacted] was interviewed at his place of employment, [redacted] office phone [redacted]

[redacted] stated that he had been in New York City on business and departed there November 14, 1972, and arrived at Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on a recruiting trip for [redacted] the evening of November 15, 1972. He advised that on the morning of November 16, 1972, he commenced his first interview in the Placement Building, Southern University, at 9:30 a.m. The first person interviewed was [redacted] At about 9:50 to 9:55 a.m., he started his second interview with a [redacted] when they heard noises on the floor above them in the Placement Building. The noises got louder and [redacted] stated that it did not sound like a change in classes. [redacted] stated that he got up, went out on the steps of the Placement Building and saw students on the steps of the Administration Building; fifty to one hundred of them. He stated the students were being faced by groups of officers in different colored uniforms. Some were sheriff's officers, local police, state police and Southern University Security Police. He stated that this was about 10:00 a.m. or immediately thereafter. He stated what he presumed to be tear gas exploded amongst the students. He assumed this because he saw the smoke rise. He stated the police were lobing canisters among the students and the students were throwing the canisters back at the policemen, and all this time, the students were verbally taunted by policemen. He stated that other than the above there was nothing violent from either side. About this time he saw one police officer in [redacted] fire a carbine and this man had [redacted] on the [redacted] and appeared to be a leader of a group of men in fatigues directly in front of the Placement Building. He could not tell if this person fired his gun in the air or not, but he did see the shell eject in the barrell of the gun, which had appeared to be about the size of a finger. He also had a side arm on. The shell that he saw ejected was orange colored like a bird shot casing. He was a white male and was approximately fifteen in his group, and there were [redacted] in this group.

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He advised that the following persons appeared before the Board of Inquiry on November 28, 1972, and that those persons are: [redacted] a Negro male, and a student at Southern University, approximate age [redacted] (phonetic), a Negro male and a student at Southern University; [redacted] Major (First Name Unknown) [redacted] a Negro male presently assigned to Southern University; [redacted] (First Name Unknown) [redacted] a Negro male, and possibly a [redacted] Officer at Southern University; and Councilman JOSEPH DEPLIT (phonetic).

[redacted] stated that the Black Peoples Committee of Inquiry was organized by a staff composed of attorneys from the Baton Rouge area. He advised that to the best of his knowledge, the following persons compose that committee: [redacted] Attorney, present address unknown; [redacted] Attorney, present address unknown; and [redacted] a Negro female, also, a [redacted] Attorney, home phone [redacted] stated that to the best of his knowledge, numerous persons came forth to testify on the committee, but that it became necessary for the Legal Staff to screen individuals as they requested to come before the board and that those who had no pertinent information to furnish were excluded from testifying.

He advised that the Black Peoples Committee of Inquiry examined numerous bullet hole markings in the outer walls of the Administration Building and that through subsequent interviews with students, they were able to determine that the student body was unarmed.

He stated that the board determined that several local arrest warrants were issued by the local parish Sheriff on members of the "Students United" and that these warrants were issued on November 8, 1972, but not served until November 16, 1972. He stated that it was his own belief that the warrants had been issued and served for purely political reasons.

He advised the Committee of Inquiry was also able to determine that the students who participated in the demonstration at Southern University did not seize the Administration Building and close it off. He advised that to the best of his knowledge the building was occupied, but that it remained open to the public.

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[redacted] home phone number [redacted] was interviewed at his place of employment, [redacted] office number [redacted]

[redacted] advised that he accompanied [redacted] to Southern University on a recruiting drive for [redacted] and commenced interviews at 9:00 a.m., in the Placement Building, which is located about twenty-five to thirty yards from the Administration Building. Each interview lasted thirty minutes. After the second interview at 10:00 a.m., or shortly thereafter when the third interviewee did not show up for his appointment, [redacted] stated he went looking for the applicant. When he got to the front door, which is glass, he observed a group of students milling around the front steps of the Administration Building. Facing them was a line of policemen in various colors of uniforms. [redacted] stated that when he saw this he did not go outside the doors but observed through the glass in the doors. He said he saw the policement lobbing gas grenades into the group of students and the students were tossing the gas back at the policemen, and advised that the police and students were about ten feet apart. At about 10:15 to 10:20 a.m., he saw two of the students fall. He thought they were tripped and he could not hear very well through the glass doors and he did not see what caused the students to fall. He said he was about thirty or so yards from the front of the Administration Building. He said that shortly after the students fell, the confrontation appeared to break up, at which time he returned inside the building.

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Professor [redacted] stated that he received from an unknown source information to the effect that a Deputy Sheriff, [redacted] had also fired on the Administration Building for no apparent reason.

Professor [redacted] stated that he could be contacted at any time through the Administration Office of the [redacted] He further advised that he had no additional information to furnish at this time.