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LEONARD DOUGLAS BROWN (DECEASED) -
VICTIMS; SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY,
BATON ROUGE (EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH),
LOUISIANA

REPORT MADE BY: SA WILLIAM MC GRATH

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CHARACTER OF CASE

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REFERENCE: Baton Rouge teletype to Atlanta, 12/2/72.
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ADMINISTRATIVE:

All persons contacted were advised that this investigation is being conducted at the specific request of Assistant Attorney General DAVID L. NORMAN, Civil Rights Division, U. S. Department of Justice, Washington, D. C.

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED [X] NONE						ACQUIT-TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
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Title: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
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BATON ROUGE (EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH),
~~Character:~~ LOUISIANA

~~Synopsis~~ CIVIL RIGHTS; CIVIL RIGHTS -
Character: FEDERALLY PROTECTED ACTIVITY

Synopsis: [redacted] advised he served as member of Black Peoples Committee of Inquiry (BPCI) at Baton Rouge, La., on 11/27/72. He identified 5 witnesses who appeared before that group. Believes transcripts of proceedings maintained and possibly in custody of Legal Coordinating Committee for BPCI. Identified 2 individuals of Legal Committee as [redacted] Attorneys [redacted] and [redacted] a Negro female. Estimated most pertinent testimony furnished by (FNU) [redacted] Baton Rouge community leader. Advised no physical evidence presented and inquiry board based preliminary findings on both history and present conditions surrounding Southern University. [redacted] Professor of [redacted] advised he served on BPCI on 11/27-28/72. Identified 5 additional witnesses who testified on 11/28/72. Furnished name of additional member of Legal Committee as [redacted] also [redacted] attorney. Advised BPCI examined bullet holes in Administration Building and determined through interview students unarmed. Also determined Administration Building not closed off as alleged but merely occupied by Southern University students.

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[redacted] was contacted at his office, [redacted] He was advised of the identity of the Agent conducting the interview and as to the nature of the investigation being conducted. He was further advised that any information furnished by him regarding this matter could be used as testimony in a court of law.

[redacted] stated that he would decline to furnish a signed statement regarding this matter, but wish to furnish the following information orally:

He stated that he served as a member of the Black Peoples Committee of Inquiry at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on November 27, 1972. He stated that the purpose of the above committee inquiry was to clarify the circumstances surrounding the shooting death of two students at Southern University at Baton Rouge.

He advised that during the time that he sat on the Black Peoples Committee of Inquiry, he recalls having listened to the following witnesses at Baton Rouge:

[redacted] a Negro male, approximate age, [redacted] years, and a student at Southern University

[redacted], a Negro female, also a student at Southern University

[redacted] possibly a member of the [redacted] and additionally, possibly the head of a [redacted] in Louisiana

Professor [redacted] Southern University

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(First Name Unknown) Negro female, and possibly a community leader in the Baton Rouge area

further stated that it was his understanding that a written transcript was maintained of the entire proceedings of the inquiry and that they possibly may be in the custody of the Legal Coordinating Committee, which organized the proceedings.

He stated that to the best of his recollection, the Legal Committee was composed of several attorneys from the area and that among those was a Negro male, address unknown, and a Negro female, also a attorney, also address unknown. stated that he believes the identity and location of all witnesses who appeared before the Inquiry Board could be obtained through a review of the transcripts.

He stated that there was no physical evidence presented to the Black Peoples Committee of Inquiry for examination, but that he feels that the most important verbal testimony was given by inasmuch as she is familiar with the history and present conditions of both Baton Rouge and the areas surrounding Southern University. He further advised that he recalls that related her conversation between in the area of Southern University and that advised him that the local Sheriff had once stated that he would do anything that was necessary to put down a demonstration.

He further advised that the preliminary findings of the Black Peoples Committee of Inquiry was based primarily on the study made on the racial conditions which existed prior to the incident at Southern University. He further advised that a good deal of consideration was also given to the fact that lack of proper precautions were taken to avoid such a situation and that no positive action was either proposed or implemented on the part of the Southern University President or the Governor of Louisiana when it appeared that a demonstration was forthcoming.

further advised that he could be contacted at any time through his office and that he wished to assist in any way possible to resolve this matter.

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[redacted] stated that he would decline to furnish a signed statement regarding this matter, but did wish to furnish the following information orally:

He advised that he is presently a Professor of [redacted] at [redacted] and that on November 27 and 28, 1972, he sat on the Black Peoples Committee of Inquiry at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, with the purpose of clarifying and determining the causes surrounding the shooting death of two Negro students at Southern University at Baton Rouge.

He advised that he recalls listening to the following witnesses on November 27, 1972, who voluntarily appeared before the board:

[redacted] a member of the [redacted]

[redacted] (First Name Unknown) [redacted] a Negro female, and a resident of Baton Rouge, Louisiana

[redacted] a Negro male, and possibly a discharged student from Southern University

[redacted] a Negro female, presently a student at Southern University

[redacted] a member of the faculty of Southern University

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dressed in [redacted] It was at this time that he saw two students topple over as if they had been tripped and learned later that they were shot.

Things quieted down at this time. Standing near him at this time on the steps of the Placement Building was a well dressed school representative, a black State Legislator and a well decorated man in uniform. The well dressed man turned out to be [redacted] of Southern University and showed a bruise on his neck and produced a shell casing and said the bruise was caused by this shell. The legislator called over a nearby sheriff who appeared to have a rouged type face, heavy hair on the sides and asked what the shell was and he pointed to the bruise on the educators neck. The shell was orange in color like a bird shot gun shell. Before the sheriff could answer, another uniformed man said it was a crowd dispenser shell, stating that he fired five or six of them and it was not a live shell. [redacted] stated that he pointed to the man [redacted] and said to the legislator that [redacted] had fired his gun. The [redacted] heard this and said he did not fire and his gun had not been loaded that day. [redacted] stated that he thought to himself, now is the time to be quiet.

At this time the uniform policemen wanted to clear the Administration Building and the school security police asked for and were granted five to ten minutes to clear out the students. When the students started to come out of the building, the uniform policemen approached the students. At this time, the security police called to the uniform police, "We ask you to let us handle this". At that the uniform police backed off. Suddenly, one young man in the student group in a vinyl jacket with a red, black and green emblem on the back, who stood out from the other students and appeared to be a leader, started to run. Nine or ten uniform men held their guns at shoulder position ready to fire. The young man stopped and the policemen took him away. At this time a group of students started to gather about one hundred yards from the building behind the uniform policemen, that fired gas grenades at them and it dispursed them. About fifteen minutes or so after the confrontation at the Administration Building a third disturbance took place beyond the president's home in the graves of past presidents. When the police fired tear gas at the students it seemed to break it up. [redacted] stated that he, [redacted] and [redacted] at the suggestion of the Placement Officer of Southern University, left the campus at about 11:00 a.m.

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KALLEN, INC., LAND SURVEYORS, MADE VARIOUS MEASUREMENTS ON SITE WITH SURVEYING INSTRUMENTS TO ESTABLISH POSITION OF DEPUTIES AS STAKED ON LAWN AREA, AS WELL AS ESTIMATED-AVERAGE ANGLE OF FIRE OF FATAL SHOT. RESULTS BEING PREPARED AVAILABLE AT LATER DATE.

POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION PROPOSED TO ~~SO~~ SHERIFF'S OFFICE DEPUTY [redacted] [redacted] SAID HE WAS WILLING BUT WANTED TO GET APPROVAL FROM HIS ATTORNEY WHO HAD ADVISED HIM NOT TO TAKE TEST UNLESS ATTORNEY PRESENT. ATTORNEY NOT IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE. [redacted] TO BE EXAMINED AS SOON AS HE AGREES, OUTSIDE PRESENCE OF ATTORNEY.

POLYGRAPH EXAM CONDUCTED ~~SO~~ SHERIFF'S OFFICE DEPUTY [redacted] HE WAS ELIMINATED AS SUSPECT. AS RESULT POLYGRAPH EXAM, [redacted] ADMITTED PICKING UP HAT OF VICTIM BROWN AT DEATH SCENE AND RETAINING IT AT HOME. ARRANGEMENTS MADE TO SECURE AND SUBMIT HAT TO LABORATORY FOR APPROPRIATE EXAMINATIONS. END

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By communication dated November 17, 1972, Mr. David L. Norman, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, requested this Bureau to conduct a full investigation in connection with the shooting incident at Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on November 16, 1972.

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Detailed results of the investigation conducted to date are set forth in the enclosed report. This report is in excess of 600 pages with an appendix containing photographs and diagrams relating to this incident. Subsequent reports will be furnished as soon as they are received.

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SUMMARY

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

The attached relates that Kallen, Inc., land surveyors, made on site measurements to establish the position of East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office (EBRSO) Deputies on lawn area, as well as the estimated average angle of fire of fatal shot. Measurement results to be available at later date.

Polygraph examination eliminated one EBRSO Deputy as suspect; however, led to information he had picked up victim Brown's hat at death scene and was retaining it at home. Hat will be obtained and forwarded to FBI Laboratory for examination.

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Southern University,
Baton Rouge (East Baton Rouge Parish), Louisiana

REPORT MADE BY: SA [redacted] TYPED BY: mae

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REFERENCE:

New Orleans report of SA [redacted] 12/1/72.

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AT BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA

Will continue to report investigation regarding instant matter.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED ☒ NONE						ACQUIT-TALS
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CASE HAS BEEN:
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All persons contacted in connection with this investigation were advised that the investigation was being conducted at the specific request of DAVID L. NORMAN, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, U. S. Department of Justice.

This investigation was personally supervised by SAC W. A. SULLIVAN as a "special" designated "BATWO."

The instances where there is only one witness of record to a signed statement were occasioned by a second witness not being immediately available.

The overlap of investigative period as compared with referenced report is occasioned by the large volume of FD-302's in a state of transcription, some of which were not immediately available for use in the initial report.

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Southern University, Baton Rouge
(East Baton Rouge Parish), Louisiana

Character: CIVIL RIGHTS; CIVIL RIGHTS - FEDERALLY PROTECTED ACTIVITIES

Synopsis: Interviews with law enforcement officers at scene of 11/16/72 confrontation on Southern University, Baton Rouge (SUBR), campus where two students killed continued. Louisiana State Police (LSP) [redacted] Section, advised after confrontation over he checked general area for remnants of explosives but found nothing other than remains of tear gas canisters. East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office (EBRPSO) Deputy [redacted] advised that as member of Squad Number [redacted] under command of [redacted] he was third or fourth in line to [redacted] across the lawn towards the Administration Building on SUBR campus. [redacted] described observing exchange of tear gas canisters between students, LSP Troopers, and EBRPSO Deputies, after which he heard what he believed to be about four rapid shots which he assumed emanated from a small caliber weapon. [redacted] unable to tell who fired this weapon or origin of shots. [redacted] recalled looking straight ahead and observing students running from the front steps and porch of the Administration Building and passing directly in front of him. [redacted] saw two students running a short distance behind the initial group of students, and as he watched them, he heard a loud shot and immediately saw both students fall head first on the sidewalk. [redacted] estimated that from his position the shot came from behind him and perhaps 25 feet to his right which he pointed out would have been [redacted] in front of the lawn.

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EBRPSO Deputy [redacted] advised that he was a member of [redacted] squad which took up a curved line position between [redacted] which border the sidewalk just prior to the confrontation. [redacted] estimated this line was about 20 or 25 feet from the students assembled in front of the Administration Building. He recalled the appearance of tear gas and while unable to remember exactly what he did, he feels that he retreated a few steps and put his gas mask on. He then heard [redacted] give the command "lock and load," at which time [redacted] recalled seeing one student fall face down on the walk in front of the shrubbery but at the time thought that this person had tripped. He believes he saw the student fall after he had [redacted] but recalls that the student was on the ground before he [redacted] stated he was extremely careful [redacted] stated that he did not [redacted] and does not know anyone who did. EBRPSO Deputy [redacted] advised that during the confrontation he was located with a squad that formed a line running [redacted] the front of the Administration Building. He stated that when the area became clouded with tear gas he stepped back to put on his mask and eventually retreated even further in order to clear his eyes. He stated sometime prior to this in a sequence of events not now clear to him he heard a sound of small firearms, perhaps four or five shots, in rapid succession coming from the southeast corner of the Administration Building. When he looked in that direction he observed a

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Negro male fall onto the sidewalk. EBRPSO Deputy [redacted] advised that he was present at the confrontation as a member of [redacted] Number [redacted] Squad. [redacted] stated that this squad formed a line in a direction generally [redacted] facing the front of the Administration Building. [redacted] advised that during the confrontation he heard shotgun blasts to his left, and he is of the opinion that someone in his squad may have fired the fatal shot. [redacted] advised he did not know who might have fired this shot. EBRPSO [redacted] advised that following the confrontation he was handed two expended shotgun shell casings by Deputy [redacted] who reminded [redacted] that [redacted] had advised [redacted] stated that a subsequent examination of the shell casings determined that one of them had three marks on it and that the other was unmarked. [redacted] felt that the one with the markings was a shell [redacted] Both cartridge casings handed to him by [redacted] were long range type shells. [redacted] SUBR student, indicated the precise spot where he alleges to have seen an [redacted] with rank of [redacted] firing a shotgun into the crowd of students during the confrontation. [redacted] stated this spot is on the grass on the northeast side of the sidewalk running diagonally between the front steps of the Administration Building and the front steps of the Academic Building. [redacted] reiterated that he observed this [redacted] fire from a standing position

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several times and after each shot unload the expended shell into his hand and then put it in his pocket. Numerous students who were on campus 11/16/72 contacted and unable to furnish pertinent information concerning fatal shooting. Numerous members of SUBR faculty interviewed and none able to furnish pertinent information relative to fatal shooting of victims. FBI Laboratory examination determined that scrapings from impressions on front of Administration Building contain lead but due to the limited quantity present it was not possible to specifically identify this lead as having originated from buckshot. Detailed review of motion picture films taken at SUBR, 11/16/72, conducted and sequence of filming and contents set forth. [redacted] member of Black Peoples' Committee of Inquiry (BPCI), advised that the purpose of the BPCI inquiry held 11/27-28/72 was to determine the parties at fault for the deaths of the two victims and to determine the types of weapons and amount of force used against black students by law enforcement officers. [redacted] advised her committee did not know who fired the fatal shot.

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DETAILS:

I. LAW ENFORCEMENT AT THE SCENE

A. LOUISIANA STATE POLICE

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was advised of the identity of the contacting Agents and the nature of the interview as being that of the killing of two students on the campus of Southern University. Special Agent furnished with an "Interrogation; Advice of Rights" form, at which time read, advised that he fully understood his rights, and thereafter signed the form and furnished the following information:

advised he is not an employee of the Louisiana State Police, but is employed as a by the as a He stated he does not have command or make command decisions, and his main duties are those of organization of training, and communications. stated that on the morning of November 16, 1972, he was informed by Colonel DONALD J. THIBODEAUX to report to Ryan Airport with the other members of Troop to include on standby, in the event of a disturbance on the Southern University campus, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. He advised he waited near "Big Bertha" (armored personnel carrier), not in the command post, but down the straightaway. He stated he does not know who gave the command, but he conferred with Major BRADLEY, Field Supervisor and was told to go in "Big Bertha" to the Southern University campus.

He advised he proceeded to the campus at approximately 10:02 a.m., inside "Big Bertha" and was the first to arrive on the campus, and parked approximately 60 to 70 yards from the Administration Building on the street near the curve, facing north at a 45 degree angle from the building. He advised "Big Bertha" led the convoy with the sheriff's armored vehicle being second in line. He stated was of "Big Bertha"; He stated took no part in the shooting, but just recorded information as he saw it. advised he does not remember if Sheriff AMISS was in "Big Bertha" when they left the airport, but he remembered seeing him inside when they arrived at the campus.

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He stated when they arrived on campus there were groups of students milling around and approximately 300 students were in front of the Administration Building and 100 students in front of the Academic Building, adjacent to the Administration Building. He advised that Sheriff AL AMISS did not give commands from "Big Bertha", but at exactly 10:32 a.m., he remembers the sheriff began speaking to the students and advised he does not recall the exact words, but they referred to the students' dispersing and leaving the building.

He advised at this time state troopers began to move in an easterly direction toward the Administration Building while the sheriff's deputies moved in front of the palm tree toward the group of students located at the front of the Administration Building. He advised that at 10:35 a.m., the sheriff asked him how much time had passed and he told the sheriff three minutes had passed and the sheriff made another appeal to the students to disperse.

He advised that at 10:37 a.m., state troopers began to advance north and approximately 100 students that were in front of the Academic Building began to move toward the Administration Building to merge with that crowd of approximately 300 students. He advised that approximately two minutes later he saw a tear gas canister being thrown from the students back against the wall of the Administration Building and remembered [redacted] to have given the command to fire tear gas into the Administration Building. He stated [redacted] fired a tear gas projectile into the second floor window of the Administration Building, which entered the window on the left side, and another projectile entered the window on the right side. He advised that at no time did anyone use any other type of weapon, nor was any other weapon pulled off the wall rack. Other tear gas projectiles were fired by [redacted] and [redacted] and by [redacted]

After the disturbance came to an end, he was told by [redacted] that two students were possibly dead and he, in turn, related this information to Sheriff AMISS. He advised he then exited "Big Bertha", and along with [redacted] [redacted] began picking up pieces of evidence and gas shells. He advised 13 projectiles were fired from "Big Bertha" and the shells are presently in [redacted] office. He stated he did not fire any weapons and was armed only with his own personal .38 caliber revolver for personal protection.

He advised the state troopers were armed with their own personal weapons inasmuch as the state did not provide any weapons. He stated the troopers were armed with their own shotguns and one trooper had a gas gun.

He stated there was no communication between "Big Bertha" and the Tactical Unit located in front of the Administration Building, to his knowledge. He stated state troopers on the scene were trained in riot demonstrations and had been a unit together for approximately three years. He advised troopers are drilled and tested as a squad and have classroom actually set up riot demonstrations with the National Guard and are the most experienced in the entire Louisiana State Police. He stated this unit has had, at a minimum, 175 hours of experience with actual incidents, including demonstrations at high schools, grade schools, and the January incident involving Black Muslims and the sheriff's department. He advised training also consists of special problems, weapons training, and the most realistic training involving riot control, which takes place three hours each month. He advised state troopers on the scene had adequate rest and November 16 was considered as another work day. He further stated [redacted] were trained at the [redacted]

He stated to the best of his knowledge he believed the incident on November 16, 1972, had been expected since approximately two weeks ago, when students lowered flags on the Grambling College and Southern University campuses and raised their own flags.

[redacted] advised that because of meetings and other job-related business, he could not furnish a signed statement at this time.

The following description of [redacted] was taken from observation and interview:

Name	[redacted]
Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of birth	[redacted]
Place of birth	
Height	5'6"
Weight	135 pounds

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Eyes	Blue
Hair	Blond
Home address	[redacted]
Employment	[redacted] Division of Louisiana State Police, Department of Public Safety
Former employment	[redacted]
Education	Bachelor of Science Degree, [redacted] Masters Degree, [redacted]

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[redacted] 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 [redacted] with an "Interrogation; Advice of Rights" form, at which time [redacted] read, advised that he fully understood his rights, and thereafter furnished the following information:

[redacted] advised he had been a trooper for the Louisiana State Police approximately three years and was scheduled to be off on the day of November 16, 1972. He advised he was at John Allen High School giving a lecture to students when he received a call at the principal's office at 9:15 a.m., to report to the state police office. He advised he reported to headquarters and was told to proceed to Ryan Airport on standby in the event of a disturbance on the Southern University campus. He advised he arrived at Ryan Airport approximately 9:45 a.m., and met with other troopers from Troop [redacted]

He advised he left Ryan Airport with Trooper [redacted] in Car Number [redacted] at which time he does not recall, en route to the Southern campus. He advised when he arrived on the campus he parked on the lawn and [redacted] issued him two grenades, one a gas canister and the other a gas canister in the form of a ball, and told him his number was ten, and his position. He stated at this time he double-timed with the state troopers in formation toward the Academic Building where they were told to form a line by [redacted] to clear the students from the building.

[redacted] advised he had in his possession a bulletproof vest, 1.5 caliber gas gun, six barricade projectiles, seven gas projectiles, and his service revolver, a .357 magnum. He advised after clearing the students from the front of the Academic Building they moved in line formation alongside the Administration Building. He stated he could not give a crowd estimate, but there was a very large crowd in front of the Administration Building.

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

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He advised [redacted] told the crowd to move and the crowd began yelling obscenities. He stated at this time [redacted] gave the order to fire. He stated at this time Trooper [redacted] was on his left and believed [redacted] to be the third man from the wall on his right. He advised he believed [redacted] who was a fire team leader for the second group of troopers, to be the first man in front of the wall

He stated that as [redacted] gave the order to fire he believed [redacted] to be the trooper to throw gas on the ground and that a student picked the canister up, throwing it back toward the troopers. He advised he believed the gas canister went off near the student's head as he was tossing it. He stated he believed a second canister came from the crowd also. He advised Trooper [redacted] tossed one gas canister into the crowd and he reached for one canister, but as he was putting his finger in the ring to pull the pin, he became engulfed in gas and replaced it on his belt. He stated at this time he put his gas mask on and turned to his left to help Trooper [redacted] who was having difficulty removing his mask from the case. He stated after Trooper [redacted] got his mask on, the students began to disperse.

He advised during the time the gas was first thrown, he did not see any other troopers, sheriff's deputies, or anyone else until the gas cleared. He advised as students were dispersing he saw sheriff's deputies behind the troopers and a large group of students in front of the Navy ROTC building. He advised [redacted] shot four 12 gauge tear gas shells, one hitting the Navy ROTC building, one landing in the street, and two into the crowd. He stated three of the tear gas shells were recovered but he remembered seeing a civilian picking up the fourth empty hull. He advised this civilian was wearing a brown suit, was in his older fifties, short, [redacted] black hair, was a Negro male, and was believed to be a faculty member. He stated at this time students began leaving the campus and he was then on campus only as a back-up.

[redacted] advised he was presently on duty and at this time declined to furnish a signed statement.

The following is a description of [redacted] taken from interview and observation:

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Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of birth	[redacted]
Place of birth	
Home address	
Former employment	Marine Corps, [redacted] and formerly city policeman
Education	Two years at [redacted]

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[redacted] Trooper, Troop [redacted] 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 Trooper [redacted] read and advised he fully understood his rights; thereafter, he signed the form. Trooper [redacted] furnished the following information:

Trooper [redacted] advised that he has been a member of the Louisiana State Police for the past [redacted] years - [redacted] years employed with the [redacted] and [redacted] years as a trooper. He advised that on November 16, 1972, he was on duty with the [redacted] of Troop [redacted] at Southern University. He stated that the members of the [redacted] were receiving their orders from their unit commander, [redacted] He advised at approximately 10:30 a.m., the [redacted] was ordered to clear the steps of the gray building at Southern University, where approximately 15 to 20 students had congregated. He stated that the tactical line was formed with [redacted] [redacted] in front of the line and [redacted] to the rear of the line. The line moved up, cleared the steps of the gray building, without incident, proceeded to sweep across the area and the walkway between the gray building and the Administration Building, and proceeded up, in formation, to approximately [redacted] [redacted] the steps of the Administration Building.

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Trooper [redacted] advised that he was the thirteenth man (last man on line) and was armed with an AR-15 rifle, 54 rounds of ammunition, a side arm, a can of CN gas, and a baseball-shaped canister containing CS gas. He advised that his duty as the thirteenth man in line [redacted]

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Trooper [redacted] continued that upon his arrival at the steps of the Administration Building, [redacted] conversed with the students, stating that they had to disperse; however, his order was ignored, at which time he heard [redacted] [redacted] from the rear of the line, state, "Prepare to gas."

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

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[redacted] stated that he and the other troopers on the line proceeded to put their gas masks on when from the corner of his eye he spotted a student throwing what appeared to be a gas canister at the troopers, at which time this canister exploded as it went over the heads of the troopers on the line. [redacted] stated that at this time none of the troopers had their masks on as yet and as a result were caught off guard. He stated that after the explosion of this canister, gas came from every direction and he could no longer see what was transpiring.

[redacted] stated that this confrontation lasted approximately five minutes with a great deal of gas being thrown, as a result, clearing the steps of the Administration Building. When the gas and smoke had cleared, he noticed two students lying on the sidewalk at the far corner of the Administration Building. He stated that due to the smoke and gas, he could not observe any of the actions or activities of either the members of the state police or the sheriff's office. He further advised that when the smoke and gas had cleared, [redacted] went over to observe the students lying on the ground and returned to the line, mentioning to the troopers that he thought the students were dead. [redacted] advised that at this time a campus security guard, wearing a side arm, came from the direction of the gray building and stated that he would go into the Administration Building to get the students out. He was followed by a Negro [redacted] officer who went past the line to the two students lying on the sidewalk, remained there for several seconds, returned to the Administration Building, proceeded up the steps, at which time he turned to the state troopers and stated, "If you hit me I'll get my people", and entered the Administration Building.

Trooper [redacted] continued that following the confrontation and when the students who were gathered between the gray building and Administration Building had heard that two students were injured, they proceeded to come toward the Administration Building, at which time [redacted] fired several rounds of gas shells from his shotgun, thus dispersing the crowd. He advised at this time a Negro male had come forth from the group that was between the gray building and Administration Building, and wanted to go over and help his "brothers" who were lying on the sidewalk; however, [redacted] had him lie on the ground and handcuffed, and this individual was later turned over to the sheriff's department.

Trooper [redacted] stated that at this time the students inside the Administration Building began to come out, led by the

campus security guard and the Negro [redacted] officer who had earlier entered the building. He further stated that one of the individuals coming out of the Administration Building was identified as [redacted] who had a warrant outstanding against him, and was placed under arrest by the state police and later turned over to the sheriff's office.

Trooper [redacted] stated that following the confrontation, the [redacted] re-formed and remained in the area between the gray building and the Administration Building to contain any individuals that may have tried to approach the Administration Building or go over to the students lying on the sidewalk. Trooper [redacted] stated that prior to the confrontation and after the announcement by the sheriff to clear the Administration Building, he estimates the number of students remaining on the Administration Building steps to be approximately 100.

Trooper [redacted] stated that due to his temporary incapacitation as results of the gas and smoke, he was unable to see any of the activities relating to the confrontation and did not know what action was taken by any individuals. He stated that he did not fire his weapon, nor throw any gas into the demonstrators. He further advised that he was not acquainted with the positions of the sheriff's deputies other than there was a line of deputies behind the line of the [redacted] He also stated that he did not recognize any of the students who were on the steps of the Administration Building or the gray building.

Trooper [redacted] stated that he was born on [redacted] at [redacted] is 5'8" tall, 150 pounds, is married, and a high school graduate. He further advised that he is a member of the [redacted] and has received riot training.

Trooper [redacted] stated that inasmuch as he is on duty, he is unable to furnish a signed statement at this time; however, would be most willing to do so at a future date should this be requested.

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[redacted] Trooper, Louisiana State Police, Troop [redacted] Baton Rouge, Louisiana, was advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents and the nature of the interview, namely, the shooting of two students at Southern University on November 16, 1972. SA [redacted] furnished Trooper [redacted] with Interrogation; Advice of Rights form at which time Trooper [redacted] read it and advised he fully understood his rights and thereafter signed the form. Trooper [redacted] furnished the following information:

He has been a member of the Louisiana State Police for the past [redacted] year. He advised that on November 16, 1972, He was on duty with the [redacted] of Troop [redacted] at Southern University. He stated that almost immediately upon their arrival at the campus, he was issued one CS canister and one CN canister of gas. The [redacted] was then ordered by [redacted] to clear the steps of students on the gray building. He advised that in his opinion the students at the gray building numbered approximately 20. Trooper [redacted] continued that the gray building area was cleared without incident after which the [redacted] regrouped and proceeded up to the Administration Building where at this time approximately 100 to 125 students were gathered on the steps.

Trooper [redacted] advised that at this time his position on the line was number two man nearest the wall of the Administration Building with Trooper [redacted] on his immediate right. [redacted] advised that [redacted] at this point was addressing the students on the steps of the Administration Building, advising them that they would have to clear the area and disperse. He stated that the students did not abide by [redacted] order at which time [redacted] turned toward the line and indicated that the students would have to be gassed. [redacted] stated that he did not recall the exact words of [redacted] but did recall hearing the word gas.

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[redacted] continued that as soon as [redacted] completed his statement, [redacted] gave the order to prepare for gas and immediately rolled a gas canister into the crowd of students which canister was picked up by one of the students and hurled back over the heads of the State Troopers. [redacted] stated at this time he placed his rifle between his legs, removed his helmet, and prepared to put his gas mask on when gas canisters came in from all directions. [redacted] stated that he was temporarily incapacitated as a result of the gas and was unable to observe who had fired any of the gas into the crowd or threw any of the canisters. He stated that the entire confrontation lasted no more than three or four minutes and, by the time he had put his gas mask on, the gas and smoke was beginning to clear and he observed two students lying on the sidewalk at the far corner of the Administration Building.

Trooper [redacted] continued that at this time [redacted] turned to the area between the Administration Building and the gray building and fired four gas shells from his shotgun. [redacted] stated he did not hear anything that sounded like an explosion or any type of shots other than the popping of gas canisters and did not actually see the students hit or go down. He stated that he was concerned about putting his gas mask on and protecting himself and did not pay attention to the actions of the other individuals on the [redacted] line or the Sheriff's Deputies.

He also advised that he did not recognize any of the students on the steps of either the gray building or the Administration Building and did not know the positions of any of the individual Sheriff's Deputies. He stated, however, that there was one squad of Sheriff's Deputies consisting of approximately 12 men which were positioned directly behind the [redacted] further advised that he did not see any of the students throw any objects other than the individual who raised his arm in a position to throw the gas canister which was rolled into the students by [redacted] He stated that he did not see any students with any weapons nor were any weapons found in the Administration Building.

Trooper [redacted] advised that aside from the gas which he was issued, he was carrying a shotgun with four shotgun shells in the magazine and eight shotgun shells on

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his bandolier and his service sidearm. He advised, however, that he did not throw any gas or fire his weapon.

Trooper [redacted] stated that he was born [redacted] at [redacted] is 5'8" tall, 165 pounds, is married, and has completed one semester of college at [redacted] He further advised that as a member of the [redacted] he has received riot training.

Trooper [redacted] stated that inasmuch as he is on duty at this time he is unable to furnish a signed statement, however, would be most willing to do so at a future date should this be requested.

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[redacted] was contacted and advised of the identities of the contacting Agents and the fact that they wished to interview him regarding his participation in the incident at Southern University on November 16, 1972. [redacted] was furnished the form "Interrogation; Advice of Rights" by Special Agent [redacted] and read this form, stated he understood his rights, and signed the waiver portion of that form. [redacted] stated that he had taken extensive notes during the period at Southern University and would furnish a copy of those notes to the contacting Agents. [redacted] expressed the desire that the copy of his original handwritten notes take the form of a signed statement from him since they were taken contemporaneously with all events and would represent his best recollection. The following is a transcribed copy of the handwritten notes furnished by [redacted]

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BERTHA ACTIVATED THIS A.M. UPON REQUEST OF SHERIFF AL AMISS AND [redacted]

9:33 (?) Bertha reported to Jr. Deputies Building at Ryan Field

10:14 (?) Order given to report to the Administration Building on Southern Campus

Bertha in lead followed by (tank) East Baton Rouge Sheriff's Office and other vehicles

10:20 (?) Sheriff Amiss (while Bertha on Campus) left his vehicle and came into Bertha with crew

10:32 Arrived in front of Administration Building, large group was gathered; Sheriff ordered to disperse at 10:32 A.M., that they were being given five (5) minutes to move - that they were in violation of the law.

10:39 Group did not move. Sheriff Amiss advised to move them

10:40 [redacted] formed his squad to the north side of the Administration Building (front) when he, alone; advanced about 6' from his squad to talk to them. A projectional with white smoke was thrown over his head and his squad by someone in the group.

The Sheriff's Office squad had advanced to the front when the same type of projectiles were thrown over into their ranks.

The order was then given by [redacted] from Sheriff Amiss to fire gas over their heads.

Bertha was parked directly in front of the Administration Building and the firing began.

(Note the firing was high over the heads of the group into the windows of the Administration Building.

Could not fire low because of squad of Sheriff's men between Bertha and group).

No firearms were used - only gas guns - no firearms were loaded

Gas used were as follows:

~~Ten~~ ELEVEN (10) Long Range Riot Projectile "CN" Tear Gas - 150 yards range

Two (2) True-Flite Barricade Projectile "Irritant Agent (CS)." This was only fired at an upstairs (two windows) between the Administration Building and another building

One (1) only 200 yards riot projectile #560 Federal Long Range Mark 22 (fired at the two windows above)

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Measurement was made from Bertha to front of Administration Building and it measured 47 paces, approximately 141'

To the back alley, windows measured 20 more paces, approximately 201'

11:05 Chief Deputy [redacted] treated for a laceration of the finger of the left hand

11:08 Sheriff Amiss issued ordered to arrest any and all students or personnel in the Administration Building

11:09 [redacted] and [redacted] were collecting fragments to determine what was possibly thrown by the group

Unit A-1 reported at 12:23 P.M. that a building was on fire in the middle of the Campus - requested Campus Security and also Bertha

12:23 P.M. Call requested for Baton Rouge Fire Department - escort will be furnished

1:35 P.M. Noticed a large group running towards a building next to South Hall Dormitory. Fire was on third floor - mattresses. Fire Department Scotlandville Fire Department with Bertha on scene

1:52 P.M. One (1) riot stick to [redacted] Troop [redacted]

4:21 P.M. Bomb was reported ticking in William Wallace Stewart Hall
Next report (few seconds later - bomb had gone off)

4:24 P.M. [redacted] and [redacted] went into Stewart Building, second floor [redacted]

4:27 P.M. [redacted] called in reference of the ticking package and a request for [redacted] 10-18

4:59 P.M. Building secured by [redacted] and Trooper [redacted] (some sort of electronic gear)

5:01 P.M. Bertha 10-8 from Stewart Hall to Administration Building 10-18

5:01 P.M. [redacted] and Trooper [redacted] 10-18 to a gate on Mills Avenue - holding a vehicle loaded with electronic equipment and wires

5:05 P.M. 10-6 Administration Building

5:37 P.M. Unit A-1 requested Bertha Crew to follow him in clearing buildings

9:34 P.M. [redacted] was picked up by HQ 41 10-19 HQ's Authority HQ 1

9:55 P.M. HQ 18 secured and locked. Keys given to [redacted] Night Commander

5:30 A.M.	HQ 18 Crew met at HQ's this date - traveled to Southern University by patrol units.
6:00 P.M.	HQ 18 10-8.

(A copy of the original handwritten log regarding the above information was furnished by [redacted] and is being maintained as an exhibit.)

[redacted] also furnished the following information:

Name Address	[redacted]
Date of birth Place of birth Education Employment	Completed high school Louisiana State Police, [redacted]

[redacted] advised that at approximately 8:55 a.m., on November 16, 1972, [redacted] advised him to accompany [redacted] to Ryan Airport for the purpose of joining other state policemen en route to Southern University. [redacted] stated that upon his arrival at Ryan, he was assigned to the Louisiana State Police vehicle known as "Big Bertha", at which time he was instructed by [redacted] to take notes during the entire incident. [redacted] stated that also in the tank were the following persons:

[redacted]

[redacted] stated that upon their arrival on campus at Southern University, they were joined by [redacted] and Sheriff AL AMISS, Sheriff of East Baton Rouge Parish.

[redacted] advised that his position in the vehicle was the rearmost, lefthand gun port, and his visibility of

the events was through a windowpane approximately fourteen inches by sixteen inches in dimension. [redacted] further advised that during the time he was taking notes, [redacted] Special Agent with the FBI, entered the entry of the vehicle and observed [redacted] taking notes.

[redacted] stated his only weapon was a .380 Walther PPKS, which he did not fire. [redacted] stated he had no knowledge of anyone who did shoot and no knowledge of any students on the scene.

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[redacted] Section Headquarters, Louisiana State Police, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, was contacted regarding his activities on November 16, 1972, at Southern University, Baton Rouge (SUBR). [redacted] was immediately advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents and of his rights, as listed on a form entitled "Interrogation; Advice of Rights", and he signed this form. Subsequently, [redacted] furnished the interviewing Agents a copy of a memorandum he prepared for his commanding officer, [redacted] explaining his activities at SUBR on November 16, 1972. No threats or promises were made to [redacted] regarding his giving this copy to the interviewing Agents. This copy contains the following information:

"On Nov. 16, 1972 I was assigned to La. State Police Armored Car, HQ 18 when we parked in the street directly in front of the Administration Building. My assignment was that of [redacted]

"Approximately 10:32 Sheriff Amiss, who was riding in HQ 18 announced over the PA System to the students gathered in and around the Administration building that they had 5 minutes to leave the building or be arrested. Approximately 7 minutes later the Troop [redacted] moved up on the [redacted] side of the building in a line formation. The Troop [redacted] had moved to within approximately 15 feet of a large crowd of colored youths gathered on the steps when a white object was thrown from the center of the crowd and exploded in the immediate area of the Troop [redacted] At this time the Troop [redacted] withdrew a few feet and began throwing gas. At this time the order was given inside HQ 18 to fire gas. Upon hearing this command I began firing my weapon which was a 37 M M Tru-Flite gas gun.

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SA's [redacted] and

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

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"My first 2 shots which were 150 yard bursting projectiles penetrated the glass windows on the second floor immediately over the steps of the Administration building. I saw a group of people in the doorway and around the windows on the second floor in the Centrex Telegraph Office. I shot 2 shells which were also 150 yard bursting projectiles at the right window of the Centrex Telegraph office but missed the window and the shell burst against the building. I shot a 200 yard Riot projectile at the same location but again missed the window.

"At this time the order was given inside HQ 18 to stop firing.

"/s/ [redacted]
"Nov. 28, 1972

"/s/ [redacted] Special Agent, FBI, Baton Rouge, La., 11/28/72
"/s/ [redacted] Special Agent, FBI, Baton Rouge, La., 11/28/72"

In addition, [redacted] furnished the following information:

He is a white male, born [redacted] at [redacted] He has been a member of the Louisiana State Police (LSP) approximately [redacted] years. He served [redacted] years in the U. S. Army Reserve. He has attended numerous schools in [redacted] and has had numerous hours of riot training. He is a graduate of [redacted] with a Bachelor of Science Degree in [redacted]

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

He advised that regarding the confrontation at Southern University on November 16, 1972, he was aware that numerous Deputies of the Sheriff's Office were present on the scene, but he had no idea as to their location or identity during this confrontation. He later became aware that two students had been hurt during this confrontation but had no idea how this happened. He stated that the only shot he distinctly remembers being fired from a shotgun was when he saw a Sheriff's Department Deputy standing on top of the green armored Sheriff's vehicle and firing a shotgun in a direction away from the students at the Administration Building. Later, after the confrontation was over, he checked the general area of the Administration Building for remnants of explosives but found nothing other than the remains of tear gas canisters.

He stated he did not know any other students at the aforementioned confrontation.

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[redacted] was contacted and advised of the fact that an investigation was being conducted into the incident at Southern University on November 16, 1972. [redacted] was furnished the form "Interrogation; Advice of Rights" by Special Agent [redacted] which he read, stated he understood and signed, [redacted] then provided the following signed statement:

"11/27/72
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. 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 12 years of education. I have served [redacted] years in the military and have been employed as a Louisiana State Policeman for [redacted] months.

"On November 16, 1972 I was instructed to proceed in a convoy to Southern University by [redacted] Upon arrival at Southern I was assigned to assist troopers [redacted] and [redacted] in guarding our vehicles. My attention was centered on a crowd of students near my position. My vision of the Administration Building was blocked by the crowd between me and that point. The large crowd of students occupied my complete attention and I can provide no information as to the events at the Administration Building.

"I have read the above statement consisting of (1) page of long handwriting. I have initialed each page and all Corrections. This is a true

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true statement, to the best of my knowledge.

"/s/ [redacted]

"Witnesses: /s/ [redacted] Special Agent, FBI, 11/27/72
/s/ [redacted] Special Agent, FBI, 11/27/72"

After furnishing this statement, [redacted] provided the following information:

Name	[redacted]
Race	White
Sex	Male
Place of birth	[redacted]
Date of birth	
Height	6'2"
Weight	240 pounds
Residence	[redacted]
Employment	Louisiana State Police Trooper, Computer Number [redacted] entry on duty - [redacted]
Education	Completed high school

[redacted] advised that on November 15, 1972, he was off duty on vacation and that he came back to duty at 8:00 a.m., on November 16, 1972. [redacted] advised further, that at approximately 9:00, [redacted] advised him to stand by and a few minutes later advised him to go with his partner, [redacted] to Ryan Airport and await further instructions.

Upon arrival at Ryan, he was advised by [redacted] to drive in a convoy to Southern University and, upon arrival at Southern, to park at the rear of the convoy at such a position so as not to be blocked in.

[redacted] advised that after the shooting incident, he was requested to conduct a crime scene search in his

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official capacity as [redacted] to determine any evidence of, or residue from, an explosion which may have occurred, with particular emphasis on the explosion of a grenade simulator. [redacted] stated unequivocally that he could determine no evidence of any explosion whatsoever.

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[redacted] Photographic Section, Louisiana State Police, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents and the nature of the interview, that being to discuss 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 it, advised that he understood his rights, and thereafter signed the form.

[redacted] advised that on the morning of November 16, 1972 he was ordered to report to Ryan Airport with other members of the State Police, and from there he proceeded in a convoy to the campus of Southern University. [redacted] advised that immediately upon his arrival he began to take photographs of the area in front of the Administration Building. He took several "sweeps" from the hood of the State Police armored vehicle which is known as "Big Bertha", and which was parked in front of the Administration Building. [redacted] advised he then walked through the area in front of the Administration Building taking numerous photographs. He heard an announcement over the public address system in the armored vehicle, advising the students that they had a certain number of minutes to disperse from in front of the Administation Building. Whoever was making the announcement began counting the minutes down and when he got to one minute [redacted] advised that he proceeded back to the hood of "Big Bertha". He made photographs of a "300 degree circle" from the hood of "Big Bertha". [redacted] advised that he did not know how many photographs he took but he would approximate the number to be 300. He further advised that he began taking photographs approximately five minutes before the start of the confrontation between students and police, and continued to photograph from the hood of "Big Bertha" until he was overcome by tear gas.

[redacted] advised that he does not know what precipitated the throwing of tear gas nor does he know who first threw the gas. He does not remember any particular action that caught his attention during the confrontation. He did not know that

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by SA [redacted] and SA TWC:vwm Date dictated 11/30/72

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anyone had been shot until approximately five minutes after the confrontation ended. [redacted] further advised that he did not know the identity of any of the deputies on the Sheriff's Office skirmish line which had formed in front of the Administration Building. [redacted] advised that he preferred not to give a signed statement.

The following description was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	[redacted]
Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of birth	[redacted]
Place of birth	[redacted]
Occupation	[redacted] Louisiana State Police
Length of service	[redacted] years
Education	High school graduate.

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[redacted] photographer, Louisiana State Police, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, was advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents and the nature of the interview, that being to ascertain the facts surrounding the shooting of two students on the Southern University campus, Baton Rouge, Louisiana on November 16, 1972. [redacted] gave the following information:

[redacted] advised that on the morning of November 16, 1972 he was ordered to report to Ryan Airport because of student disturbances on the campus of Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. [redacted] advised that he proceeded to the campus in a convoy of police vehicles that was lead by the State Police armoed vehicle known as "Big Bertha". [redacted] advised that he immediately began to photograph upon his arrival on the campus and that during the time he was there he remained in the general area in front of the Administration Building. [redacted] advised that he was using a telephoto lens and that he took shots of individuals who were peering out of the windows of the Administration and Academic Buildings.

He advised that he did not know that any of the students had been shot until after the gas had cleared. It was then that he first saw the two students lying on the sidewalk in front of the Administration Building. His first reaction was that they had been overcome by gas. [redacted] advised that he did not have a gas mask and that he himself was overcome by gas during the confrontation, and as a result he was unable to describe the activities of any of the law enforcement officers in the area.

[redacted] advised that he is [redacted] years old and has been employed as a photographer by the Louisiana State Police for [redacted] years. He is a white male.

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[redacted] Helicopter Section, Louisiana State Police, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents and of the nature of the interview, that being to ascertain the facts surrounding the shooting of two students on the campus of Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on the morning of November 16, 1972. 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 that on the morning of November 16, 1972 he was ordered to Ryan Airport, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, in the State Police helicopter. He was accompanied by Trooper [redacted] of the Louisiana State Police. [redacted] advised that he left Ryan Airport in the helicopter at the same time that the police vehicles left. Upon arriving over the campus of Southern University, he observed 200 to 300 people milling about the Administration and Academic Buildings. He advised that most of these individuals were congregated near the Administration Building. He further advised that approximately 200 more people joined this group by the time the law enforcement vehicles arrived on campus from Ryan Airport.

[redacted] advised that he saw Louisiana State Troopers disperse a small crowd from the vicinity of the Academic Building. He further advised that he saw a Louisiana State Trooper roll a gas canister into the crowd that was still gathered near the Administration Building. He advised that he also saw someone from the crowd throw the same canister back in the direction of the State Police.

[redacted] further advised that the crowd in front of the Administration Building moved in a southerly direction away from the front of the building as more gas was thrown or fired by the law enforcement officers. It was not until the crowd had dispersed and the gas had cleared that he noticed two Negro males lying on the sidewalk in front of the Administration Building. [redacted] advised that he did not see these

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individuals fall. He advised that he was asked to land and remove one of these individuals to a hospital. He advised that by the time he landed he was told that this individual was no longer alive, at which time he took off again and continued to maintain aerial patrol.

[redacted] advised that he preferred not to give a signed statement in this matter, as he was aloft at the time of the alleged shooting and he was not sure of his position at the time the shooting occurred, and he felt that he had no testimony of any value to give.

The following description was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	[redacted]
Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of birth	[redacted]
Place of birth	
Height	6'
Weight	185 pounds
Hair	Brown - [redacted]
Eyes	Blue
Educational level	Graduate of [redacted]
Occupation	[redacted] Louisiana State Police
Length of service	[redacted] years
Former flight experience	Served as [redacted] with United States Marine Corps with rank of [redacted]

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On November 22, 1972, [redacted] Campus Security, Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, provided the following signed statement:

"Baton Rouge, La.
11/22/72

"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 have been advised of my rights by having an 'Interrogation; Advice of Rights' form shown to me. I have read this form, understand it and waived my rights by signing it. I have been advised I am being interviewed concerning a possible violation of Federal law involving civil rights.

"I am a black male, age [redacted] have completed four years of college and possess a Master's Degree.

"I am employed as [redacted] Security at Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. About 8:00 AM on the morning of 11/16/72 about 150 to 200 students were forming in front of the W. W. Stewart Building on campus. I informed one of my security men, [redacted] to block the entrance to the women's gym because I though the students would attempt to meet inside the gym. The group of students moved to the academic building on campus and entered the academic building. I informed [redacted] to remain at the women's gym. In the meantime I had three officers stationed at the Administration Building. These three officers were [redacted] and [redacted] At about 9:30 AM, [redacted] advised me that the students had taken over the Administration building. I went to the Administration building and saw my three officers in the hallway of

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"the Administration Building among a crowd of students. I told these officers to go into the President's office and to try and remove the President, Dr. NETTERVILLE. I was aware that another one of my officers, [redacted] was with the President and I was also concerned about his safety. The officers dissappeared into the crowd. I saw [redacted] a student leader, in the crowd and asked him to vacate the President's office. [redacted] and I went outside the Administration Building to talk. At the same time I ordered [redacted] to leave the women's gym and come over to the Administration Building. I heard a knock which came from either the southeast window or south window of the Administration Building and saw [redacted] at the window. [redacted] said 'get us out of here'. I also saw Dr. NETTERVILLE through the window. I went into the Administration building and with my officers, we formed a ring around the door of the President's Office. [redacted] and President NETTERVILLE along with Officer [redacted] left and we took Dr. NETTERVILLE to his car which was parked by the Auditorium. The President stopped to talk to [redacted] the student leader, and [redacted] asked the President to have five students, who were arrested earlier on 11/16/72, released. These students were arrested as a result of earlier charges of disrupting classes and breaking and entering arising out of prior demonstrations on campus. Four of these students I recall were [redacted] and [redacted] The President refused and left in his car accompanied by Officers [redacted] and [redacted] said to the President 'you better be back by 9:30' as the President left. I then called my [redacted] who is [redacted] Administrative Services at Southern University. [redacted] informed me that the Sheriff had been called. I understand the Sheriff was initially going to send a small force to help us get the President out, but that after he learned the President was free, the decision was made to send a larger force to clear the Administration Building. I assume the Sheriff learned that the President was released from [redacted] I instructed my officers to get riot helmets and gas masks and to assemble at the infirmary. The Sheriffs Officers and the State Police arrived in a large convoy and stopped on College Drive in front of the Administration Building. I formed my campus police which totaled 8 individuals

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"including myself at this point, at the end of the line of officers facing the Administration Building. The Sheriff's Deputies were to our immediate right and further to the right were the State Police. The Sheriff announced that the students had five minutes to leave the Administration building. After five minutes elapsed, the State Police formed a line at the north end of the Administration building and the Sheriff's Deputies and my men moved up closer. The next thing I noticed all hell broke loose. As to who fired the first volley I do not know. Tear gas cannisters were thrown at the students and I observed the students throwing the cannisters back at the officers. I heard shotgun blasts and assumed the officers were firing the tear gas. Because of the gas I moved back across College Drive with several other officers. Students were running south from the Administration Building and Officers kept firing gas. The gas cleared away and a [redacted] a [redacted] instructor, ran up to me and said get an ambulance. I told one of my men, [redacted] to get the Patrol unit and then cancelled the order when it was obvious that a State Police Helicopter was landing in front of the Administration Building to pick up the wounded man. Officer [redacted] then said to me that there were still some people in the Administration Building and asked my permission to get them out. I told him he had my permission and [redacted] went in with some other officers and about 75 people came out of the Administration Building. [redacted] the student leader, was among this group and somehow, was by himself in front of the auditorium where he was arrested. The ambulances at this point were removing the bodies of the students. After the bodies were removed, I went into the Administration Building and it was empty. At this point a crowd had gathered near the Lake across from the Administration Building and I ordered my men to move the crowd back which they did. I then noticed smoke on the campus and someone informed me that the Registrar's Office was on fire. I dealt with this fire and also a few false bomb scares later on.

"I am certain that none of my men fired their weapons on the Campus during the confrontation in front of the Administration Building. My men are

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"equipped with sidearms only and had no shotguns in their possession. [redacted] The following officers have received 200 hours of law enforcement training: [redacted] The following officers have received 160 hours of law enforcement training: [redacted] The following officers have received 80 hours of law enforcement training: [redacted]

"The following officers have received no law enforcement training under me: [redacted] and [redacted]

"The training my officers receive was furnished through a Federal grant for the Security Officers of Southern University System. The Louisiana State Police, East Baton Rouge Sheriff Office and other agencies acted as consultants for this training.

"I have recounted the events of 11/16/72 as best I can recall them.

"I have read this statement consisting of this and six other handwritten pages, have initialed each page and correction and now sign it because it is true.

"/s/ [redacted] Nov. 22, 1972

"Witness: /s/ [redacted] - FBI.
"Witness: /s/ [redacted] - FBI"

In addition [redacted] provided a list of all his campus security officers and the weapons that they carried. None of his officers are issued weapons, but must provide their own. Only uniforms are issued by the University. The above-mentioned list is set forth as follows:

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SOUTHERN BRANCH POST OFFICE
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA 70813

CAMPUS SECURITY

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November 22, 1972

CAMPUS SECURITY OFFICERS AND THEIR RESPECTIVE SIDE ARM

Section 1

1.	[redacted]	.38 Cal.
2.		.38 Cal.
3.		.32 Cal.
4.		.38 Cal.
5.		.38 Cal.
6.		.38 Cal.

Section 2

1.	[redacted]	.22 Cal.
2.		357 Mag.
3.		.38 Cal.
4.		.38 Cal.
5.		.38 Cal.
6.		.38 Cal.

Section 3

1.	[redacted]	357 Mag.
2.		.38 Cal.
3.		.32 Cal.
4.		.38 Cal.
5.		357 Mag.

Section 4

1.	[redacted]	.38 Cal.

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2. [redacted] 357 Mag.
3. .38 Cal.
4. .38 Cal.
5. 357 Mag.
6.
7. .22 Cal.

Administrative Section

1. [redacted] .32 Cal.
2. .38 Cal.

The Campus Security Office was permitted to purchase tear gas and masks on November 14, 1972. [redacted] produced a Purchase Requisition sheet showing the amount of tear gas bought and also the number of tear gas masks. Bureau Agents also were shown his stock of tear gas and it appeared to be all present and accounted for. The Purchase Requisition is set forth as follows:

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DEPARTMENT: Campus Security

DIVISION:

DELIVER TO: 6009 Campus Security

PURCHASE REQUISITION

Purchasing Department
SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

DATE OF REQUISITION: Nov 14, 1972

S. R. NO.:

REQUISITION NO.: 110018

ITEM NO.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Date Wanted										
Amt. on Hd. & on Order										
Used For										

ITEM NO.	QUANTITY BY UNIT OF MEAS.	DESCRIPTION	INDICATE AMOUNTS TO BE DELIVERED EACH MONTH OF A GIVEN QUARTER			PURCHASE ORDER NUMBER
1	10	Baseball type Tear Gas $12.95 each (Federal)	$129.50			
2	10	Tear Gas Canister $10.45 each (Federal)	$104.50			
3	10	Gas Mahks $52.50 each	$525.00			
4		Total Tax	$759.00 45.54			
5		Grand Total	$804.54			
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9		Vendor: Stienburgs 832 Saint Phillips St. Baton Rouge, LA				
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DIVISION	SECTION	APPROPRIATION	ALLOTMENT	ACT.	CHARACTER AND OBJECT
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ESTIMATED PRICES:

REQUISITIONED BY:

PURCHASE AUTHORIZED BY:

SIGNATURE APPROVED BY:

CHECKED FOR VALIDATION:

APPROVED:

FUNDS AVAILABLE:

PURCHASE OF

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Certain professors on the Southern University faculty were believed to be very instrumental in the establishment of Students United. Those professors are believed to be:

[redacted] Assistant Professor of [redacted]

[redacted] Chairman of [redacted] Department.

[redacted] Associate Professor of [redacted]

[redacted] Assistant Professor of [redacted]

[redacted] Assistant Professor of [redacted]

[redacted] Assistant Professor of [redacted]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription November 28, 1972

[redacted] Officer, Southern University Campus Security, was advised of the identities of Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] and that he was being interviewed concerning the events on the campus of Southern University, November 16, 1972. [redacted] was furnished an "Interrogation; Advice of Rights" form by SA [redacted] which he read, advised that he fully understood his rights and signed. [redacted] then furnished the following signed statement:

"November 23, 1972
"Baton Rouge, Louisiana

"I, [redacted] make the following free and voluntary statement to [redacted] and [redacted] who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents with the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I have read my rights and waived them and make this statement voluntarily without any threats or promises being made to me.

"I reported for duty at 7:00 a.m. to the Campus Security Office on November 16, 1972. At 7:20 a.m., [redacted] told me to go with Officer [redacted] to the T. T. Allain Building on the campus. When I got to the building I didn't see signs of a demonstration outside the building. I observed approximately seventy students in the area near T. T. Allain. I went through the building looking for students who might be demonstrating or disrupting the classes. I returned to the second floor of T. T. Allain and stood around in the hall while the students went into the classrooms. About an hour and a half later, I received a call on

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by SA [redacted] and SA [redacted] GCS:bal Date dictated 11/27/72

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my walkie-talkie from [redacted] to meet him on the west side of T. T. Allain Building. I met [redacted] there and went with him to W. W. Stewart Hall. When we got there, I observed one of the leaders of the demonstration, known to me as [redacted] on the first floor of W. W. Stewart standing with two other individuals. I also observed another leader in a group of thirty students leaving W. W. Stewart Hall by the northwest entrance to the building.

"I remained by the northwest door to observe where the students were going. I saw them proceed to T. H. Harris and the Registrar's Office and walk through the breeze-way. At this point, myself and three other security officers proceeded to the Women's Gym. I was told to remain there and determine the direction the demonstrators would be taking and whether or not the demonstrators would be going to the Administration Building. I remained in the area near the Women's Gym for approximately thirty minutes. I saw the demonstrators, numbering between 60 to 80, going to the Administration Building. I was called to move into the area near the Administration Building. I stayed there ten minutes and was then ordered by [redacted] to arrest [redacted] [redacted] who I observed walking away from the Administration Building. At this time, the students were milling around in front of the Administration Building.

"I went to the eastside of the Old Education Building and waited for five minutes until I could see that Harris was alone. I saw [redacted] leave the area near the Education Building and proceed in a direction towards

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the Administration Building. Myself and one other security officer attempted to approach [redacted] but he ran from me and went through the Old Education Building and from there into the Student Union. I returned to the area of the Administration Building and advised [redacted] of these facts. I was told to return to the area near the Women's Gym. Other officers were told to go and get gas masks and helmets. I overheard a conversation in which it was stated that [redacted] (phonetic) of the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office would be coming to the campus with his men.

"I stayed for another ten minutes in the area near the Gym and then moved to the area near the Administration, because I had heard over the walkie-talkie that the demonstrators had moved into the building and had taken over the President's office. At the Administration Building I went inside with [redacted] and assisted in escorting the President out of the building. As I was leaving the building with the President, an individual known to me as [redacted] approached the President and asked him what he was going to do about the students who had been arrested that morning. I heard [redacted] also say that 'I know you have a meeting downtown at 10: o'clock, but we want the brothers and sisters who were picked up to be on the ground before that.' I saw the President walk away from [redacted] to his car. I saw [redacted] pursue the President to his car and I heard him again ask the President, what he was going to do about it.' At this

time the crowd began to move toward the President's car and myself and other security officers formed a line in front of the car. At this time, [redacted] asked the President if he could speak to him which the President agreed to. At this time, the crowd began chanting 'We want them free.' I observed the President drive away. At this time, there were a large number of students outside of the building and inside the Administration Building. I heard one of the students say from the steps of the Administration Building, 'If anybody wants to see President [redacted] they can now.' I had earlier observed, an individual known to me as [redacted] inside of the Administration Building.

"I returned to the area near the Women's Gym to pick up a gas mask and helmet. About twenty minutes later I saw the State Troopers and the Sheriff's Deputies arriving. I saw the State Troopers gather near the intersection of Swan and College Drive and then moved in a line in front of the Academic Building. I saw the Sheriff's Deputy move towards the Administration Building. At this time, I heard [redacted] tell [redacted] [redacted] to go to the Administration Building and tell the students to disperse. I accompanied [redacted] Before we were able to get to the building, tear gas was thrown by the Sheriff's Deputies and State Troopers. I returned for safety to a tree located on a corner of the intersection of Swan and College. I observed one of the Sheriff's Deputies walk over to the area

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where I was standing. The Deputy said he had been hit by something thrown from the crowd. I saw the Deputy point to a mark under his right eye. The Deputy said, 'One guy is laying up there dead.' At this time, the tear gas was still being thrown. The Deputy was carrying a riot gun and had a revolver in a holster. I saw the Deputy taken by another Security Officer to the infirmary.

"Shortly thereafter I moved from the area of the tree to a position across the street from the Administration Building. I assisted the State Troopers and the Sheriff's Deputies in dispersing students after the shootings and the tear gassing. Some of the students asked me and other security officers to use our guns against the State Troopers and Sheriff Deputies.

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

"/s/ [redacted]
Baton Rouge, La., 11/23/72

"/s/ [redacted] SA, FBI, Baton Rouge
11/23/72

"/s/ [redacted] SA, FBI, Baton Rouge
11/23/72"

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The following description was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	
Race	Negro
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	
Place of Birth	
Height	5 feet, 11 inches
Weight	167
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Residence	
Home telephone	
Employment	Officer I, Southern University Campus Security - [redacted] years
Training	200 hours law enforcement training, including firearms training from New Orleans Police Department [redacted]
Education	High school graduate
Military service	United States Air Force, Military Policeman
Handicaps	None

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Date of transcription November 23, 1972

[redacted] Southern University Campus Security Officer, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, was contacted at the Campus Security Police Office by [redacted] who identified himself, through display of credentials, as being a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Officer [redacted] was advised as to the nature of the interview, which concerned his participation in the confrontation on the campus of Southern University between the students and the authorities on November 16, 1972.

Officer [redacted] was orally advised that before he answered any questions, he should understand that he had the right to remain silent, anything he would say could be used against him in a court of law, he had the right to talk to a lawyer for advice before this Agent questioned him, and to have a lawyer with him during this questioning. If he could not afford a lawyer, one would be appointed for him before any questioning, if he wished. If he decided to answer questions without a lawyer present, he had the right to stop answering at anytime.

Officer [redacted] stated he understood his rights and that he was willing to make a statement and answer questions. He stated he did not desire to have a lawyer at this time and he understood what he was doing. He advised that he understood that no promises or threats had been made to him, and that no pressure or coercion at anytime had been used.

Officer [redacted] voluntarily provided the following signed statement:

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by SA [redacted] bal Date dictated 11/22/72

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November 21, 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 an officer with the Campus Security at Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and I can read and write the English language. I am [redacted] years of age, having been born on [redacted] at [redacted] I reside at [redacted]

On the morning of November 16, 1972, I left my residence at [redacted] to go to work on the campus of Southern University, Baton Rouge, as a campus security officer.

At 10 a.m., on November 16, 197, I was at the Campus Security Headquarters located in the center of the campus. [redacted] and I were attending to administrative duties in the office.

At 9 a.m., Officer [redacted] called from the Administration Building and stated that the students were walking toward the Administration Building, which is located on the west side of the campus. I instructed [redacted] that [redacted] and other campus security officers were on the way. During this radio transmission, [redacted] interrupted and stated that he was instructed to go to the women's gym, located on the southwest end of the campus, by [redacted] Campus Security at Southern University.

At 9:25 a.m., I was recontacted by Officer [redacted] said the students were then in the Administration Building and inside President Netterville's Office, located in the same building.

At 9:30 a.m. [redacted] and I left the Campus Security Office with a hand radio in [redacted] vehicle. We proceeded to the Administration Building.

At 9:34 a.m., [redacted] and I parked on the south side of the Administration Building, which is near the rear of the University Chapel. We entered the Administration

Building through the rear. We went up to the second floor and then down the front stairs and could not enter the president's office. We were unable to reach President Netterville. We went out the front door and stood on the south side of the building and radioed Officer [redacted] who was in a small back room of the president's office with President Netterville and two other staff members. [redacted] instructed them to stay there until help arrived.

At 9:40 a.m., [redacted] Administrative Services, radioed us and asked us to remove the students from the building. [redacted] also advised that the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Department had been notified and they were on their way to assist.

At 9:45 a.m., Officer [redacted] who was driving radio car [redacted] and [redacted] who was driving radio car [redacted] arrived in front of the Administration Building on College Drive. [redacted] instructed me to ask for one of the units to remain put and the officer in the

other unit to disembark from his vehicle and remain at the Administration Building.

[redacted] and I drove unit [redacted] back to the Campus Security Office where we met [redacted] We told [redacted] that we came for tear gas, riot helmets and gas masks. [redacted] stated that someone from the sheriff's office was going to bring the tear gas. I acknowledge this and proceeded to load the patrol cars with helmets and gas masks. I then went back to the Administration Building.

At 10 a.m., [redacted] and I arrived at the Administration Building at which time we drove upon the lawn of the chapel. We saw the students gathered around President Netterville's car, and we also saw President Netterville and [redacted]

At 10:03 a.m., I saw President Netterville leaving in his automobile. As President Netterville was driving away, I noticed that an unidentified student had confronted President Netterville by gesticulating with his finger at President Netterville in a manner which indicated a warning. President Netterville turned and reached to lock his driver's side door and proceeded to drive off. With President Netterville, in his

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cars were [redacted] and [redacted] and I remained stationed in our unit, which was parked in front of the chapel.

While we were sitting in the car we overheard a radio transmission from one of the students, who had obtained one of the campus security radios. The student answered a radio transmission by [redacted] whereupon [redacted] was asking for the number of students gathered in front and inside the Administration Building. The student stated, "There are 9,000 strong and we mean business."

At 10:15 a.m., this same individual called for [redacted] by saying, [redacted] to [redacted] Tell the President we are 9,000 strong and we mean business." [redacted] intervened and said, "Disregard, since one of the students has one of our radios. If you don't recognize any of your fellow officers' voices, don't answer."

At 10:20 a.m., [redacted] called [redacted] and myself to report to the overpass at Harding Boulevard.

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While we were en route to this destination, we were flagged down by [redacted] and other officers who were standing in front of the women's gym on the west side of the campus. It was at this location that gas masks and riot helmets were issued to each security officer who was on duty. [redacted] ordered that all of his men at this location standby until the sheriff's department arrived on the campus.

At 11:40 a.m., the sheriff's deputies and the Louisiana State Police proceeded south down College Drive to the Administration Building. They disembarked from their vehicles and lined up along the east side of College Drive. Looking from north to south on College Drive, there were State Police, sheriff's deputies, campus security officers and more sheriff's deputies. This formed a straight skirmish line stretching across the front of the Administration Building down to the end of the chapel. This line was approximately 60 yards from the steps of the Administration Building.

"Big Bertha," a blue armored vehicle owned by the Louisiana State Police, was stationed at the intersection of College Drive and Swan Street. The sheriff's wagon was behind "Big Bertha."

The sheriff or the State Police was speaking through the bullhorn located on the armored vehicle. I noticed that the students were laughing at what was being said to them. I was also unable to decipher what was being said over the bullhorn.

At 11:50 a.m., the state police and the sheriff's department began to move closer to the Administration Building where they began to take up certain positions. The State Police were perpendicular to the Administration Building at the north end and the sheriff's deputies were parallel (across) to the Administration Building on the east side of the building. This formed an "L-shaped" pattern. This same process and procedure was formed on the south end and the east side of the chapel with campus security police and sheriff's deputies. Directly in front of the Administration Building were the sheriff's deputies and the campus police were farther to the left, going south.

At 11:53 a.m., someone threw a tear gas grenade from the crowd of students, which landed between the campus police and the sheriff's deputies, about 15 feet away. Shooting began and tear gas canisters were being thrown. At this particular time, I ran back toward College Drive, eastward, and hid behind a tree and attempted to put my gas mask over my face. A State Policeman ran over to me and said that a man was lying over by the Administration Building and he was dead.

Having unsuccessfully attempted to put my gas mask on, I went across the street and situated myself between two State Police cars in an effort to acquire some air For the next ten minutes (approximately), I was unable to see as a result of the tear gas.

At 12:00 Noon, there were students scattered all over the campus as a result of the tear gas. Some of the students were still throwing tear gas back at the police. For approximately 20 to 30 minutes, there was a barrage of tear gas was being thrown back and forth by the local and state authorities and the students.

At 12:30 p.m., I was instructed, along with the other campus security officers, to encourage the students to go home.

I noticed later that smoke was rising from the south end of the campus. Two units, full with campus security police, headed toward the direction of the smoke. We arrived at the registrar's office, which was on fire.

At 1 p.m., I, along with others, assisted the fire department in extinguishing the fire.

After this was done, I noticed more smoke was rising from the south end of the campus, which was later determined to be Gradison Hall, a men's dormitory. I arrived at this dormitory and found that a mattress was burning on the lawn. A local fireman used a foam extinguisher to put the fire out.

At 1:15 p.m., [redacted] and I started a general patrol of the campus.

At 6 p.m., I left the campus and went home.

I have read the above statement consisting of this page and nine 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]

Witnesses: /s/ Special Agent [redacted] FBI
11/29/72

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The following description was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	[redacted]
Race	Negro
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	[redacted]
Place of Birth	
Address	
Telephone number	
Height	5 feet, 8 inches
Weight	170 pounds
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Black - closely cut
Complexion	Brown
Military status	United States Army, [redacted]
Service Number	[redacted]
Social Security Number	
Occupation	Campus Security Policeman, Number [redacted] (grade), since [redacted]
Arrests	None claimed
Marital status	Married
Wife	[redacted]
Children	
Education	Four years of high school at [redacted] High School, [redacted] years

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It is to be noted that [redacted] provided the signed statement on November 21, 1972, but did not sign the statement until after transcription of same on November 29, 1972.

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[redacted] Officer, Southern University, Campus Security, was advised of the identities of Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] and that he was being interviewed in regard to his knowledge of the events on the campus of Southern University on November 16, 1972. [redacted] was orally advised of his rights by SA [redacted] and was furnished an Interrogation; Advice of Rights form which he read, stated he understood, and signed. [redacted] then furnished the following statement:

"November 24, 1972
Baton Rouge, La.

"I, [redacted] make the following free and voluntary statement to [redacted] and [redacted] who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents with the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I have read my rights and waived them and make this statement voluntarily without any threats or promises being made to me. I understand that this statement may become the basis for testimony in a court of law and I am willing to do so if that becomes necessary.

"I reported for duty at 7:00 AM on November 16, 1972 to the residence of Dr. NETTERVILLE, President of Southern University, located on Harding Boulevard. At the present time I am an Officer I in the Southern University Campus Security Office.

"I went to the President to determine his schedule for the day including his time of departure. I was informed that he would be leaving at 8:45 AM. I was also told by the President that he had a meeting with the State Board of Education in Baton Rouge at 10:00 AM. I drove the President

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by SAs [redacted] and [redacted] 68 GSC-gre Date dictated 11/24/72

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to his office in the Administration Building on the campus and went with him into the building. At all times I was ___ possession of walkie talkie which I used to report my movements on campus to the Security Office.

"Approximately ten minutes after arriving at the Administration ___ I heard over the walkie talkie that a crowd of demonstrators was moving towards the Parker Hall area which includes the area occupied by the Administration Building. As a result of this information I proceeded to secure the entrances to the Administration Building which was the standard procedure. I secured the rear entrance and observed that there were three other security officers on the front door. I returned to the doorway of the President's offices. I could observe 50-75 demonstrators moving towards the front entrance of the Admin. Bldg. I would describe the temper of the crowd as being forceful and I became concerned for the safety of the President.

"I heard a statement from an unidentified source at the front entrance to the effect that five demonstrators should be allowed entrance to see the President. At the time I observed three security officers, [redacted] and [redacted] at the front door along [redacted] the University [redacted]

"I then observed five demonstrators enter the building among whom was an individual later identified to me as [redacted] I was standing in the doorway to the President's office when they approached me. At this point [redacted] said to me, 'We are going to see the President.' At that time I also observed the door to the Admin. Bldg. open and a large number of demonstrators enter the building. I observed [redacted] making hand gestures as if to encourage the crowd to enter the building. At this time the President came to the doorway behind me and I heard him say, that he would speak with a few of the students. I recall [redacted] then

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saying to the President 'Pick up the phone and get our brothers out of jail.' I heard the President say that he could not do that and he would not do that. I observed the President turn around as if to return to his office and immediately three of the demonstrators followed the President and went into his office. The President had remained with [redacted] in the hallway. I followed the three demonstrators into the office and attempted to talk with them. I returned to the reception area of the office where I observed 40-50 demonstrators. I then escorted the President to an office off of the reception room, closed the door and moved a desk against a door leading to the hallway.

"I then attempted to call the Campus Security Headquarters to ask for assistance in getting the President out of the Admin. Bldg. I was told by the dispatcher that they were on their way. I could observe from the window in [redacted] office a continuous movement of demonstrators walking towards the Admin. Bldg. in front of the Auditorium. Approximately 8-10 minutes later I observed [redacted] tapping on the window of the office and motioning to come out. I escorted the President through the office of [redacted] and from there out of the building to the President's car parked on the grass in front of the Admin. Bldg. At this time I could observe approximately twelve security officers in the vicinity of the car and approximately 200 demonstrators and observers milling around in front of the building. I then observed [redacted] come out of the building, walk up to the President and again demand the release of the arrested students. I heard [redacted] say to the President, 'I know where you're going' and 'We will be here till you get back.' I mentioned to the President that we should leave the area. The President then asked that someone get his briefcase from his office. I was ordered by [redacted] to go into the building and get the briefcase. I went back into the office where I observed an individual known to me as [redacted] (phonetic) who was wearing a green helmet liner. I also observed an individual known to me as [redacted] who was sitting

in a chair. I got the briefcase and returned with it to the President's car.

"While in the presence of the President that morning and the rest of the day I do not recall him requesting assistance from any outside law enforcement agency. I do know that the President requested additional Campus Security officers at the Administration Building.

"I got into the car with the President and I requested an additional security officer to ride in the front seat with myself and the President. I left the campus without incident and drove the President to the State Board of Education. At the time I left the area of the Admin. Bldg. I did not observe any Sheriff's Deputies or Louisiana State Troopers.

"Upon arrival at the State Board of Education Building I observed a group of 100 black youths both outside and inside the building. I observed some of the youths enter the reception area leading to the Conference Room. I heard some of the youths asking black committee members who they were and what they were doing there.

"During the course of the meeting attended by the President he was in telephonic contact with officials at the campus concerning the situation. It was as a result of one of these calls that the President was advised of the deaths of two students on the campus. I remained with the President the rest ___ ___ day during which time he was in constant discussion with state officials about the status of the University. As far as the activities of the rest of the day I do not recall any pertinent facts which could shed any light on the events in front of the Administration Building which lead to the shooting of two students.

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

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"/s/ [redacted]
Baton Rouge LA.
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"Witnessed by:
/s/ [redacted] Special Agent, FBI, 11/24/72
/s/ SA, FBI, 11/24/72."

The following description was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	[redacted]
Date of Birth	
Place of Birth	
Height	5'11"
Weight	175 lbs.
Handicaps	None
Military Service	[redacted]
Education	[redacted] Attended [redacted] year at [redacted]
Employment.	Security Officer, Southern University, [redacted] months; Security Policeman, [redacted] Public School System, [redacted] years. Received training in firearms and police techniques from [redacted]
Weapon	Carries a .38 caliber Smith & Wesson revolver, 4" barrel

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[redacted] telephone [redacted] was advised of the identity 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, and executed warning and waiver form. Having been advised of his rights, [redacted] then furnished the following signed statement:

"Nov. 27, 1972
Baton Rouge, La.

"I [redacted] hereby 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. No threats or promises have been made to me and I furnish this statement under my own free will.

[redacted] at the Union building at approximately 9:20 am when a student came by and told other students to go to the Administration building.

"I then called the Security office to see what was happening. I then went to the Administration building where [redacted] told me to put my uniform on. It was at this time that I observed numerous students standing on the steps of the Administration building.

"After I got my uniform, I returned to the Administration building and I heard someone tell the students to leave the steps in five minutes. This was at approximately 10:00 am.

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"At approximately 10:15 am I saw tear gas being fired but I do not know what caused the firing of the gas. The tear gas caught everyone by surprise and the students began to run towards Parker Hall. Some of the students tried to return to the Administration building and tear gas was shot at them.

"After the gas cleared away, I heard that two students were shot. I saw them lying on the ground and then the ambulance came. I did not see the students being shot.

"I have read the above statement consisting of two pages and now sign my name below_

"/s/ [redacted]

"Witness: /s/ [redacted] Special Agent, FBI 11/27/72

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

In addition to the above signed statement, [redacted] stated that he is employed presently at the Southern University campus as a security officer and has been employed in that capacity the last three months. [redacted] stated that he receives a two week training course yearly while employed at the campus and has never been employed in law enforcement prior to this. [redacted] stated that he was not injured during the morning of November 16, 1972 and he presently carries a .32 caliber revolver.

The following description of [redacted] was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	[redacted]
Race	Negro
Sex	Male
Height	6'1"
Weight	200 pounds
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Black
Date of birth	[redacted]
Place of birth	

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Social Security Account Number	[redacted]
Marital status	Married
Residence	[redacted]
Prior arrests	None
Education	[redacted]
Physical defects	None

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[redacted] Security Officer, Southern University, was advised of the identities of [redacted] and [redacted] as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. SA [redacted] thereafter orally advised [redacted] of his rights as found on an Interrogation; Advice of Rights form and immediately thereafter this form was given to [redacted] for his reading. After reading the Interrogation; Advice of Rights form, Officer [redacted] advised that he fully understood his rights, was willing to make a statement at this time, and signed the Interrogation; Advice of Rights form.

Officer [redacted] advised that on November 16, 1972 he came on duty at 11:00 a.m., however, his place of duty on this date was not located on Southern University campus, but on November 16, 1972 he was assigned to the campus President's house located on Harding Boulevard. Officer [redacted] indicated that he remained at the President's house from 11:00 a.m., November 16, 1972, until 8:00 a.m., November 17, 1972, and that he had no knowledge of the shooting which occurred on Southern University campus.

A description of [redacted] obtained through interview and observation is as follows:

Name	[redacted]
Race	Negro
Sex	Male
Date of birth	[redacted]
Place of birth	[redacted]
Height	6'
Weight	175 pounds
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Black
Social Security Account Number	[redacted]
Address	[redacted]
	telephone [redacted]

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[redacted] Security Officer, Southern University, was advised of the identities of [redacted] and [redacted] as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. SA [redacted] thereafter orally advised [redacted] of his rights as found on an Interrogation; Advice of Rights form and immediately thereafter this form was given to [redacted] for his reading. After reading the Interrogation; Advice of Rights form, Officer [redacted] advised that he fully understood his rights, was willing to make a statement at this time, and signed the Interrogation; Advice of Rights form.

Officer [redacted] advised that on November 16, 1972 he did not come to work until 6:20 p.m. He further indicated that by the time he had arrived at Southern University for his normal work shift, everything had calmed down. Officer [redacted] further indicated that he had worked at Southern University on the previous day, however, he had received no prior knowledge of a student action on the Administration Building for November 16, 1972.

A description of [redacted] was obtained through interview and observation and is as follows:

Name	[redacted]
Race	Negro
Sex	Male
Date of birth	[redacted]
Place of birth	
Height	6'6"
Weight	210 pounds
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Black
Social Security Account Number	
Address	[redacted]

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[redacted] Officer [redacted] Southern University Campus Security, was advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents and that he was being questioned in relation to the events on the campus of Southern University, November 16, 1972. [redacted] furnished the following information:

[redacted] advised that he reported for duty at 12:20 a.m. on November 16, 1972, and until 7:00 a.m. that day patrolled the campus of Southern University in an official car.

[redacted] stated that at 7:00 a.m. he was reassigned by [redacted] the Campus Security, to go with three other officers to the Administration Building. [redacted] related that he positioned himself at the main entrance to the building.

[redacted] advised that sometime between 8:45 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. he observed a large number of demonstrators approaching the Administration Building and he relayed this observation to [redacted] at Campus Security Headquarters by means of a walkie talkie. [redacted] stated that he was instructed by [redacted] not to attempt to physically restrain the students from entering the building but to talk them out of any attempt to take over the building. [redacted] estimated that 250 to 300 students were in the group approaching the building.

[redacted] stated that when the group arrived at the building a spokesman asked him to be admitted to see President NETTERVILLE. [redacted] related that he told the spokesman that he could not let everyone into the building, but would allow two or three students to go inside. [redacted] advised that the students did not like this arrangement and he told them that he would allow five to enter the building. [redacted] stated that he allowed a group of five to enter the building and told the remaining students to stay outside until

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the five returned. [redacted] advised that some students then began attempting to enter the building at which time he again radioed [redacted] stated that at this time he and Officer [redacted] were rushed by the students and a large number of them entered the Administration Building and went to President NETTERVILLE's office.

[redacted] stated that he followed the crowd into the President's office and heard President NETTERVILLE being asked by some of the leaders to call downtown and have the students released from jail who had been arrested that morning. [redacted] advised that he heard NETTERVILLE tell them that he could not do that because it was out of his hands.

[redacted] related that NETTERVILLE was then escorted from his office by other Campus Security officers into an adjoining office. [redacted] advised that many of the students began to sit down in chairs and on the floor in President NETTERVILLE's office.

[redacted] stated that while he was in the President's office with the students a transmission came over his walkie talkie from [redacted] to [redacted] advised that [redacted] said in this transmission, "The people is coming with the gas".

[redacted] stated that he, Officer [redacted] and Officer [redacted] decided to leave the building but were restrained by several students who suggested that they be kept as hostages. [redacted] advised that he observed a student, known to him as [redacted] sitting in the President's office as well as one [redacted] also known to him as a Southern University student. [redacted] stated that he and the two other officers finally made their way out of the building where he then observed President NETTERVILLE talking to a student known to him as [redacted] stated that he did not overhear any of the conversation between NETTERVILLE and [redacted]

[redacted] advised that one of the Campus Security officers then suggested to NETTERVILLE that he leave the campus. [redacted] stated that Officer [redacted] asked him to ride in President NETTERVILLE's car with him and the President. [redacted] stated that they left the campus at approximately 9:30 a.m. and drove NETTERVILLE to the State Board of Education Building where he was scheduled to attend a meeting.

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[redacted] stated that he did not learn of the death of the two students at the Administration Building until a security guard at the State Board of Education informed him. [redacted] stated that he could furnish no additional pertinent information.

The following description was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	[redacted]
Race	Negro
Sex	Male
Date of birth	[redacted]
Place of birth	
Residence	
Employment	[redacted] years with Southern University Campus Security
Education	High school graduate. [redacted]
Weapon	Carries .38 caliber revolver.

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[redacted] telephone number [redacted] was advised of the identity 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, and executed warning and waiver form. Having been advised of his rights, [redacted] furnished the following signed statement:

"Nov. 28, 1972
Baton Rouge, La.

"I, [redacted] hereby 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. No threats or promises have been made to me and I furnish this statement under my own free will.

"I reported for work on Nov. 16, 1972 at 7:00 am & was assigned to the T. T. Allian Hall at the Southern University campus.

"While there, I observed about seventy-five students enter a classroom and have a conference. They left the Hall and proceeded to the W. W. Stewart building and then to the men's gym. From there, they went to the Administration building where I was ordered to go by [redacted]

"I then proceeded back to the gym at which time [redacted] told me to go back to the Administration building and help the President leave. I then went back to the woman's gym and was issued a gas mask.

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"At this time the Sheriff's deputies and troopers arrived at the Administration building and I moved into position with them. I then heard a loud speaker and turned to see who was using it. As I turned back towards the Administration building I got tear gas in my eyes. I ran towards Parker hall because I did not have my mask on, and went behind a car until the shooting stopped.

"At that time, I heard some students say that 'two of our brothers are lying dead'. I did not see the dead students until they were being placed in an ambulance. I do not know who killed and students and did not witness any shooting.

"I have the above Statements consisting of two pages and now sign my name below_

"/s/ [redacted]

"Witness: /s/ [redacted] Special Agent, FBI
11/28/72
/s/ [redacted] Special Agent,
F.B.I. Baton Rouge, La. 11/28/72"

In addition to the above signed statement, [redacted] advised that he was not injured in any way during the morning of November 16, 1972 and that he presently carries a .38 caliber Smith and Wesson revolver. [redacted] stated that he has been employed as a security guard at Southern University for approximately [redacted] years and receives a two-week training course yearly while employed as a security guard.

The following description of [redacted] was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	[redacted]
Race	Negro
Sex	Male
Height	5'11"
Weight	155 pounds
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Black
Date of birth	[redacted]
Place of birth	
Social Security Account Number	[redacted]

Physical handicaps	None
Prior arrests	None
Education	12th grade.

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[redacted] telephone number [redacted] was advised of the identity 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 he read and signed as shown in an executed warning and waiver form. Having been advised of his rights, [redacted] voluntarily furnished the following information, but stated that he did not, at this time, wish to furnish a signed statement:

[redacted] stated that he reported for duty on November 16, 1972, at 12:20 a.m., and was assigned a patrol car and toured the campus until 7:00 a.m., on November 16, 1972.

[redacted] went on to state that between the hours of 7:30 a.m., and 8:00 a.m., he was assigned to the Administration Building on the Southern University campus to monitor the hallways. [redacted] stated that his immediate supervisor at this time was [redacted] and there were no disturbances in the building, that he could recall, until 10:00 a.m., of that morning.

[redacted] went on to state that at approximately 10:00 a.m., [redacted] of the Security Department called him and advised him that approximately 150 to 200 students were en route to the Administration Building and to be alert. [redacted] stated that when the students arrived at the building they told him that they wished to enter the building in order to drop classes which they were attending. [redacted] stated that he advised the students that he would only allow five students to enter the building at one time. He stated that he let five students enter the building and they immediately went into the president's office. [redacted] then stated that he left the front door of the building in order to see where the five students had gone and it was at this time that all of the remaining students entered the Administration Building.

[redacted] went on to state that when the students entered the president's office they immediately sat on the floor of the

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office while several other of the students proceeded to the back of the building and carried on a conversation with [redacted] who is the comptroller for the university.

[redacted] then stated that the president, Mr. NETTERVILLE, then came out of his office and advised the students that he had to attend a board meeting and that he was leaving the building.

[redacted] went on to state that [redacted] called him on the telephone at this time and advised him that the sheriff's deputies and state police were on their way to the Administration Building. [redacted] then stated that he advised the students of this and asked the students to leave the building immediately. He stated that several of the students at this time left the Administration Building, but the large majority stayed.

[redacted] went on to state that he himself then left the Administration Building and this was at approximately 10:30 a.m., on the morning of November 16, 1972. [redacted] then advised that he proceeded to the women's gymn on the campus, where he obtained a gas mask. [redacted] then stated that he at that time proceeded back to the Administration Building and it was at this time that he observed the sheriff's deputies and state troopers at the building, having arrived during his absence. [redacted] went on to state that an unidentified deputy then informed the students that they had five minutes to leave the steps of the Administration Building. [redacted] stated that he was positioned behind the sheriff's deputies at this time and that this warning was given to the students at approximately 10:50 a.m. [redacted] then stated that approximately three minutes later a tear gas canister was thrown by an unidentified student and exploded in mid air. It was at this time, [redacted] stated, that the shooting of tear gas began by both the sheriff's deputies and the state troopers. [redacted] stated that he recalled hearing both rifle shots and tear gas shots from the state troopers and sheriff's deputies.

[redacted] went on to state that the tear gas caught him by surprise and he had not, as yet, had his gas mask on. [redacted] stated that in view of this he moved back away from the Administration Building and did not witness any of the happenings which occurred subsequently.

[redacted] stated that approximately 30 minutes after the shooting began he heard that two students were still in the

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Administration Building and, in view of this, he proceeded back toward the building in order to aid the two students to vacate. [redacted] stated that it was at this time, while he was approaching the Administration Building, that he saw two bodies lying on the ground outside of the Administration Building.

[redacted] stated that he then proceeded into the Administration Building and attempted to enter the president's office in order to take the students out. He stated that there were approximately 80 students left in the president's office, but they refused his entry. [redacted] stated that he continued talking to the students asking them to leave the building and told the students to let him enter the president's office and that he would take his gun off if they let him in the office. [redacted] then stated that the students finally let him enter the office and it was at this time that he advised the students that two students had been killed outside of the Administration Building and that it would be for their betterment if they followed him out of the building.

[redacted] then stated that the students finally consented to leaving the building and he led the students through the front doors and down the steps. [redacted] stated that he would be unable to identify any of the students who were in the building and had no information concerning the shooting, nor did he witness the shooting of the two students outside of the Administration Building.

The following description was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	[redacted]
Date of birth	
Place of birth	
Height	6'2"
Weight	203 pounds
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Black
Social Security Number	[redacted]
Residence	
Scars or marks	
Weapon	Carried .38 caliber Spesco (German make)
Marital status	Single
Physical handicaps	[redacted]
Race	Negro

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Sex Male

Education [redacted]

Employment Security Officer, Southern University, since [redacted]

[redacted] stated that he was not injured in any way during the happenings of November 16, 1972, and that he has been employed as a police officer for [redacted] years, having no prior experience before that.

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[redacted] was advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents and of the nature of the interview, namely, the shooting of two students at Southern University on November 16, 1972. SA [redacted] furnished [redacted] with an Interrogation; Advice of Rights form at which time [redacted] read and advised that he fully understood his rights, thereafter signed the form. [redacted] then furnished the following information:

He is a member of the Campus Security Force and [redacted] He advised that he has been a member of the Security Force for the past [redacted] years.

On November 16, 1972, he reported for duty at approximately 8:00 a.m. and was instructed by [redacted] of the Campus Security Force to report to the Administration Building. He arrived at the Administration Building at approximately 8:15 a.m. and took up his duties, namely, checking students coming into the building. He advised for approximately one and a half to two hours his duties were routine in nature with no problems arising during this time. However, at approximately 9:45 a.m. about 25 to 30 students arrived at the Administration Building and advised that they wanted slips for the purpose of dropping classes. He stated that they admitted five of the students into the building, however, these five went directly into the President's Office.

[redacted] continued that [redacted] was advised that students had entered the President's Office at which time [redacted] ordered himself and Security personnel [redacted] and to go into the President's Office and remain with President NETTERVILLE. [redacted] stated, however, that by the time he entered the President's Office, President NETTERVILLE had left the office and the students were awaiting his return. During this period other students had

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entered the building and a number came into the President's office totalling approximately 20 at this time.

[redacted] stated that Security Officer [redacted] received a call advising that law enforcement units were coming on to the campus which message was passed on to the students in the President's office who were asked to clear the office. [redacted] continued that several students did leave the office, however, most remained.

[redacted] continued that at this time he and the other Security personnel were ordered to leave the Administration Building and go to the Women's Gymnasium where they were to be issued riot equipment. [redacted] stated that while at the Gymnasium law enforcement units of the Louisiana State Police and East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office arrived on the campus. The Campus Security followed the Sheriff's Office into the area of the Administration Building and remained positioned behind the Sheriff's Deputies. He stated that while the Sheriff's Deputies were getting into position, an announcement came over a bullhorn or loud speaker advising that the students had five minutes to clear the area. After a short period following this warning, gas started to be thrown from all directions. He advised that he did not see who started throwing the gas nor could he furnish any information as to any specific individuals who may have thrown gas or fired their weapons.

[redacted] advised that this confrontation lasted a few minutes and after the gas in the area started to clear he was given permission by [redacted] to enter the Administration Building and clear the building of additional students remaining. He stated at this time he moved up to the Administration Building and observed two students lying on the ground in front of the Administration Building. He entered the building, however, gas was so heavy that he came out immediately and went to the left side of the Administration Building past the two students lying on the ground and positioned himself outside the window of the President's Office. He advised that he remained at this location for a brief period of time and then was ordered to the area of the Registrar's Office where a fire had broken out and left the area of the Administration Building.

He advised that he did not see the students shot but noticed them on the ground after the gas had cleared.

He stated that he could not furnish any information as to who may have been responsible for the shooting of the students. [redacted] advised that he did not fire his weapon or throw any tear gas. He further advised that he could not identify any of the law enforcement officers since they were unknown to him personally and could not recall any names of particular students who were gathered on the steps of the Administration Building or inside the building. [redacted] further advised that other than himself and Security Officer [redacted] he does not recall anyone else going into the building after the gas cleared.

The following descriptive data was obtained by interview and observation:

Name	
Residence	
Race	Negro
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	
Place of Birth	
Height	5'9"
Weight	190 lbs.
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Social Security No.	
Military Service	U.S. Marine Corps,

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[redacted] Southern University, was advised of the identities of [redacted] and [redacted] as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. SA [redacted] thereafter orally advised [redacted] of his rights as found on an Interrogation; Advice of Rights form and immediately thereafter this form was given to [redacted] for his reading. After reading the Interrogation; Advice of Rights form, [redacted] advised that he fully understood his rights, was willing to make a statement at this time, and signed the Interrogation; Advice of Rights form.

[redacted] advised that on November 16, 1972 he was working the 12:00 midnight to 8:30 a.m. shift on Southern University. He further indicated that at 8:30 a.m. he left Southern University and did not return until approximately 1:30 p.m. on November 16, 1972. [redacted] further indicated that he had no knowledge of any of the incidents which occurred on Southern University campus during 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. on November 16, 1972.

A description of [redacted] obtained through interview and observation is as follows:

Name	[redacted]
Race	Negro
Sex	Male
Date of birth	[redacted]
Place of birth	
Height	5'6"
Weight	165 pounds
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Social Security Account Number	[redacted]
Residence	[redacted]
	telephone [redacted]
Education	High school graduate

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Miscellaneous [redacted] year in law enforcement work.

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[redacted] Deputy Sheriff, East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office, was interviewed and furnished the following information:

Prior to any questions being asked of Deputy [redacted] he 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 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on November 16, 1972, during which two black University students were killed. Deputy [redacted] was furnished with a copy of an Interrogation; Advice of Rights form which he read, stated he understood, and then signed the waiver portion of the form, stating he had no objections whatsoever to answering questions.

Deputy [redacted] advised that on November 16, 1972, he was off duty and at home when he received a call from his office at approximately 9:30 a.m., advising him to get dressed into his uniform and to report to the Junior Deputy Hut at Ryan Airport. He immediately dressed in a pair of green Army fatigue pants and a long sleeve khaki shirt bearing Sheriff's Office insignia on both sleeves, and combat boots. He drove to Ryan Airport and upon arrival obtained the rest of his riot equipment which consisted of a green plastic riot helmet with a peak in front and a gas mask. His weapons were a .357 Colt Magnum Pistol and a Universal .30 caliber weapon with a 15 round magazine and a standard military type flak jacket.

He then assembled with the rest of the squad, which was Squad No. [redacted] commanded by [redacted] and they lined up in that squad according to height. During this period of preparation they were all instructed either by [redacted] or [redacted] that the students on Southern University campus had taken over one of the buildings and that they were going to go on to the campus at the request of the University. All the men were further

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instructed not to have a round in the chamber of their weapon and that there was to be no shooting except in defense of your own life.

The assembled Deputies then formed up in a column and proceeded from Ryan Airport to the campus of Southern University. Upon arrival the Deputies left their vehicles and assembled on the grass on the east side of the street in front of the Administration Building and again formed up in squad formation. During this time, Deputy [redacted] heard Sheriff AMISS speaking over the loud speaker from the State Police armored vehicle, known as Big Bertha, but he could not hear what he was saying. He was instructed at this point to remove his gas mask from its pouch and hang it on the butt of his pistol which he did.

The men then waited about ten minutes and then moved out in single file with the Louisiana State Police Riot Squad leading the column. This group was followed by the Riot Squad of the Sheriff's Office who were followed in line by the next three squads of Deputies. The column moved west on the sidewalk in front of the Academic Building, clearing some students from this area, and then moved to the northeast corner of the Administration Building. The [redacted] squad did not get onto the sidewalk in front of the Academic Building but fanned toward the [redacted] to form a line across [redacted] the Administration Building [redacted]

With all the Deputies facing the Administration Building, the [redacted] squad was on the [redacted] of the line. Deputy [redacted] recalled that in this position, Deputy [redacted] was on his left and a black Deputy, whose name he does not know, was on his right. He advised that he was [redacted] in line to the [redacted] of the sidewalk which runs westerly across the lawn towards the Administration Building.

When all the Deputies were in line, he recalls hearing a Louisiana State Trooper attempting to speak to the students but he could not hear what was said because of the general noise and shouting by the students. He did observe one tall black male in a green helmet liner shouting at the other students not to run and also encouraging the ones who had gone to come back to the front of the

building. Suddenly this individual bent down and then stood up and threw something over the heads of the State Police which went off in that area and he immediately realized it was a tear gas bomb. He saw another bomb thrown from the area of the State Police into the crowd of students and this one was immediately thrown out. He then saw about six canisters of tear gas thrown into the crowd simultaneously and then saw several of them thrown back out toward the Deputy Sheriffs.

Immediately after that there was considerable confusion with students and Deputies moving about and he could hear shooting from the area of the Deputies and he could also hear loud reports coming from Big Bertha and he immediately assumed that the tear gas gun was being fired from that vehicle.

Deputy [redacted] then described hearing what he believed to be about four rapid shots which he assumed were fired from a small caliber weapon. These shots were heard in rapid succession and sounded, as he described them, as "pap-pap-pap-pap." He immediately assumed someone was firing a small caliber weapon but he couldn't be sure who was firing it or where it was being fired from. b6 b7C

As he looked straight ahead he could see the students running from the front steps and porch of the Administration Building, passing directly in front of him. He saw two students dragging a short distance behind the initial group of students and as he watched them he heard a loud shot fired and immediately saw the students fall head first on the sidewalk. The student closest to him did not move but the other student farthest away rolled over on his back at the edge of the walk. He stated he could immediately tell that they had been shot and were badly hurt. He estimated that from his position the shot came from behind him and maybe [redacted] which he pointed out would have been [redacted] of the big palm tree in front of the lawn.

Deputy [redacted] stated that during this entire short period of confusion, he did not move from his position more than one step and did not take his eyes from the front of the Administration Building. He did not fire his gun and did not see anyone else fire. He again stated that he immediately concluded in his mind that someone had fired a

shotgun as both students were hit simultaneously by the same shot. He repeated again that he did not see the person who fired this shot and does not know who it was and that his recollection is that it came from about 25 feet to his right and a few feet behind him.

Deputy [redacted] stated that he stayed in front of the line for a few minutes after the students had been shot and then moved to the rear and later took up a position south of the area to protect several automobiles that were parked on the lawn.

Deputy [redacted] stated that he did not wish to furnish a signed statement concerning the above related information.

The following description was obtained through observation and interview:

Full Name Address Telephone Number Date of Birth Place of Birth	[redacted]
Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	6'1"
Weight	220 lbs.
Hair	Blond
Eyes	Brown
Employment	East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office Detective, [redacted] years
Training	Had riot and crowd control training, U.S. Army Reserves - 2 months duration

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[redacted] was interviewed at the East Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana, Courthouse. The Agents identified themselves, and SA [redacted] told [redacted] that the Agents wished to discuss with him his knowledge of the facts surrounding a confrontation between law enforcement personnel and students on the campus of Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on the morning of November 16, 1972, during which two students were killed. SA [redacted] gave him an Advice of Rights Form which he read, said he understood, and executed. He furnished the following information:

He said that at approximately 9:00 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. on the morning of November 16, 1972, he was instructed to report to the Junior Deputy Hut next to the Parish Prison. He was with Deputy [redacted] and both of them traveled to the Junior Deputy Hut, and because of recent disturbances on the campus of Southern University, they both anticipated that Deputies were being gathered for another disturbance on the University campus. They arrived at the Junior Deputy Hut at approximately 9:45 a.m. where other Deputies and Louisiana State Policemen were gathered. At the Hut, [redacted] of the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office told the Deputies that a call had been received from either the President of Southern University or the campus security force that students were forming at the Administration Building on the campus and that they needed the Sheriff's Office on the campus.

[redacted] of the Sheriff's Office instructed the Deputies that they were to go on the campus in an orderly manner and to ignore any harassment from students. The [redacted] told them that there would be no firing of tear gas or live ammunition unless ordered to do so. [redacted] said that in the previous several weeks, [redacted] had briefed the men similarly whenever they were notified of trouble on the campus.

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Subsequently, [redacted] instructed that the Deputies proceed from the Hut onto the campus, and a convoy was formed consisting of State Policemen and Sheriff's Deputies. The convoy arrived on the campus in front of the Administration Building at approximately 10:10 a.m., and [redacted] noticed approximately 200 students in front of the Administration Building. He said he observed what appeared to be the leaders of the students on the steps of the Administration Building, and these people were shouting to the other students, but he could not hear what was being said.

On this occasion, [redacted] was wearing a standard Sheriff's Office uniform with a long-sleeve shirt. He was wearing a bullet-proof vest, but no jacket and no helmet. He was armed with only a .38 caliber revolver, and he had no tear gas on his person. He said Sheriff AMISS used the public address system from a State Police armored vehicle known as "Big Bertha" to give the students an order to clear away from the building within five minutes. The Sheriff subsequently notified the students when they had two minutes to move and when they had one minute to move. [redacted] said he was not assigned to any squad as he is the Chief Photographer for the Sheriff's Office. He took a position south of the Administration Building and east of the sidewalk on which a large palm tree is located in front of the building. He could hear no orders being given in the individual squads of Deputies, and he observed a State Policeman clear a path through students as they were approaching a position near the northeast corner of the Administration Building. He said he did not recall seeing any Deputies with the State Policemen, but Deputies formed a line between the sidewalk located just south of the Administration Building and a row of hedges in front of the Administration Building. He said he then heard what he thought were shots, but he saw Deputies putting on their gas masks and realized that it must not be shots that were fired. He said tear gas started all over the area in front of the Administration Building, and students started moving away from the building, and Deputies began backing up

trying to put on their masks. He said he retreated back to the spot in front of the Administration Building and got into a station wagon belonging to the State Police. He stayed there for about five minutes and watched the crowd disperse. While he was in the station wagon, he saw someone covering a person with a blanket on the ground by a small tree at the south corner of the Administration Building. He said after students cleared out of the Administration Building, he saw that there were two people on the ground and subsequently learned that they had been shot.

He said he never fired any weapon, and he never heard any order to use gas or weapons. He said he did not see any Sheriff's Deputies or State Policemen or anyone else firing any weapons although he did recall seeing some Deputies throwing tear gas. He pointed out that his sole function was to take photographs.

[redacted] said he did not want to furnish a signed statement.

The following descriptive information was obtained from observation and interview:

Name Also known as Address	[redacted]
Race and sex	White male
Date of birth	[redacted]
Place of birth	
Height	5 feet 10½ inches
Weight	200 pounds

[redacted] advised he has been employed by the Sheriff's Office since [redacted] having no previous law enforcement experience. He said he has never had any training in riot or crowd control.

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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 Federal Bureau of Investigation. 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 then stated he understood his rights and agreed to be interviewed but stated he preferred not to sign the standard warning and waiver form. He furnished the following information:

On the morning of November 16, 1972, he was called at home and told to report to the "Hut" at Ryan Airport. He was picked up by his patrol partner, [redacted] and they arrived at Ryan Airport just as the convoy of law enforcement personnel was leaving. They fell in line near the end of the convoy and proceeded to Southern University. When they got to the campus, he formed with the "Sheriff's [redacted] under the direction of [redacted] across from the Administration Building. His unit moved [redacted] Louisiana State Police Riot Squad across the front of the Academic Building and then [redacted] the Administration Building. About one-third of the way to the Administration Building the unit formed [redacted] formation. His position in [redacted]

The unit then moved forward behind the Louisiana State Police. Just about the time his unit stopped, a canister of gas burst on his right near his feet and he was completely engulfed with gas. Although his gas mask was hanging ready from his sidearm, he was unable to get his helmet off and it took some time before he was able to tear it off and get his gas mask on. All the while he was backing away, trying to get out of the gas. When he finally got his

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mask on, it was so filled with tear gas it would not clear and he vaguely recalls someone bumping into him, causing him to lose his night stick. He finally found himself incapacitated on the ground east of the hedge in a position roughly two-thirds of the way on a line between the palm tree and the porch of the Academic Building.

Two Deputies finally came to his assistance and helped him (half carrying him) eastward to the other side of the middle north-south sidewalk behind where a line of Deputies was beginning to form. Someone then brought him medication for his face and eyes which he utilized to gain some relief from the gas.

Because of the intense gassing which he received, he did not see anything nor did he see anyone fire or throw gas. He did not see the victims until the State Police helicopter arrived and had no idea anyone was even hurt until that time.

[redacted] He stated he has been a Deputy Sheriff only since [redacted] and has received no prior riot training.

The following description was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	[redacted]
Residence	
Occupation	Deputy Sheriff, Uniform Patrol Division, East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office, since [redacted]
Date of Birth	[redacted]
Place of Birth	
Height	5'11"
Weight	210 lbs.
Eyes	Hazel
Hair	Brown
Marital Status	Married
Education	Includes [redacted] year at [redacted]

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[redacted] was interviewed at the East Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana, Courthouse. The Agents identified themselves, and SA [redacted] told [redacted] that the Agents wished to discuss with him his knowledge of the events concerning a confrontation between law enforcement personnel and students on the campus of Southern University at Baton Route on the morning of November 16, 1972. SA [redacted] gave him an Advice of Rights Form, which he read, said he understood and executed. He furnished the following information:

At approximately 7:00 a.m. on November 16, 1972, he reported to the Junior Deputy Hut next to the Parish Prison after receiving instructions to do so the previous night. On this occasion, he was armed with only a .38 caliber revolver and was wearing the standard Sheriff's uniform with a long-sleeve shirt, a bullet-proof vest, but no jacket.

Sheriff's Deputies and State Policemen assembled in the area, and they were instructed that they had been requested to go onto the campus of Southern University because students were taking over the Administration Building. He said [redacted] told the Deputies not to fire any weapon unless they were commanded to do so by their squad commander, and they were not to put any live rounds in the chamber of a weapon unless instructed to do so. He said he was working with Deputy [redacted] as both of them are photographers. His assignment was to take 16 millimeter movies of the events that transpired. The Deputies and State Policemen moved in a convoy onto the campus and assembled in front of the Administration Building. He said he observed State Policemen move in a unit to the [redacted] of the Administration Building, and Sheriff's Deputies formed a line [redacted] Administration Building. He said he got into the line of Deputies who were in an area [redacted] the Administration Building. He observed a tear gas grenade

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coming toward him from the direction of a crowd of students in front of the building, and this caused Deputies to begin backing up. He said he retreated to the street where he wiped off his eyes which were hurting because of tear gas. He recalled seeing [redacted] around the street, and he assisted [redacted] in putting on his gas mask. He said that when the tear gas started and while he was retreating, he heard a loud explosion which he felt came from the vicinity of students located between the front steps and the left side of the Administration Building as one faces the building.

After helping [redacted] put on his gas mask, he got in the back of the Sheriff's Office's green armored truck with [redacted] and Deputy [redacted] of the Sheriff's Office who were already in the back of the truck. He said sometime during the course of this activity and within a period of time he estimates to be approximately 30 seconds, he heard what he believed to be from four to six cracks which he felt were either small arms fire or firecrackers which he believed came from the general area of the Administration Building. He said that while he was in the back of the Sheriff's Office armored truck, he heard what he thought was a bullet ricocheting off of a tree which was located behind him on the grass at the southeast corner where College Drive intersects Swan Avenue. He said he could not be more specific concerning the four to six cracks that he heard.

He said that when the smoke in front of the building cleared, he saw two people on the ground by the south end of the Administration Building. He said the only person he ever saw fire a weapon was Deputy [redacted] who, after the two people were on the ground, shot tear gas from a shotgun on the ground behind a crowd of students moving past the Auditorium Building located directly south of the Administration Building. He said he knows that it was tear gas as he saw the shot hit the ground and the gas explode. He said that he himself never fired any weapon.

He said he did not wish to furnish a signed statement.

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The following description was obtained from interview and observation:

Name Address	[redacted]
Race and sex	White male
Date of birth	[redacted]
Height	5 feet 9 inches
Weight	185 pounds
Hair	Dark brown

He said he has been employed as a Deputy Sheriff for almost [redacted] years but has never had any riot or crowd control training.

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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 Federal Bureau of Investigation. He was advised that he was being interviewed relative to the incident which occurred on the Southern University Campus on November 16, 1972. He was advised of his rights, which he read, acknowledged and signed as shown on a duly executed Warning and Waiver form. He thereafter furnished the following information:

On the morning of November 16, 1972, he was called from home by the sheriff's office and told to report to "The Hut" at Ryan Airport, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

At "The Hut" his [redacted] briefed their squad and they then proceeded by convoy to the Southern University Campus.

At the campus, they disembarked from their vehicles and formed on a sidewalk across from the Administration Building. His squad then marched from where they were to a position [redacted] a large group of students on the Administration Building steps. He was in a position [redacted] the Administration Building at a point approximating [redacted] of the building.

[redacted] advised he was near the end of his squad. Deputy [redacted] was on his left and Deputy [redacted] and [redacted] were on his immediate right; however, he is not sure which one was next to him.

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by SA [redacted] and SA [redacted] DOO:bal Date dictated 11/29/72

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[redacted] stated he carried a bag of gas canisters and a .30 caliber M-1 carbine. His specific position was to watch for snipers and, if necessary, throw or resupply gas to those who were throwing gas.

[redacted] advised that from his position he observed the Louisiana State Police (LSP) riot squad in front of him and to the right. He heard an explosion and saw a missile trailing smoke in flight toward the LSP unit. The missile appeared to come from a window in the Administration Building; however, he did not actually see where it originated. He then heard several loud reports, which sounded to him like 37 millimeter gas guns. He stated it was his impression that these may have been coming from "Big Bertha." He observed the LSP unit step back and begin to don their gas masks.

[redacted] stated he heard [redacted] order "lock and load." He [redacted] chambered a round in his carbine. He did not fire his carbine because he saw no snipers and he did not throw any of the gas which was in his bag.

He advised, as best he can recall in the confusion, his squad backed off five to ten yards while putting their gas masks on and then the men moved back toward their original positions, himself included. There was quite a bit of gas going off "all over the place," and his gas mask was fogged up, restricting his vision somewhat. He continued to watch the crowd for persons throwing objects and persons with weapons. He advised he saw no one with weapons or throwing objects.

During this period, he advised that he heard noises along the line of deputies which sounded like shotguns, but the noise seemed to him to not be as loud as regular buckshot, so he assumed that they were all tear gas.

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After the students had moved away to the south, he stated his squad moved back to the sidewalk by the street and stood guard. He did not see the victims until after it was all over.

As a point of clarification, [redacted] stated that the person assigned to launch gas on his squad is [redacted] who had a black "can-like" launcher affixed to the barrel of his shotgun. He did not see [redacted] fire either tear gas canisters or anything else from his weapon.

[redacted] advised he was wearing the following clothing:

Green uniform pants
Tan long sleeved uniform shirt
Flak jacket
Gas Mask
Solid green plastic riot helmet

[redacted] further stated he was carrying the following weapons:

.30 caliber M-1 carbine (personally owned)

.45 caliber automatic pistol (worn in a right hand holster)

Green canvas bag containing gas canisters (hung over his right shoulder and hanging on his left front)

[redacted] advised he would be more than happy to furnish a signed statement at sometime in the future; however, due to other commitments, he did not care to take the time required to furnish one at this time.

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The following description was obtained through interview and observation:

Name Address	[redacted]
Occupation	Deputy, [redacted] Division, East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, since [redacted]
Date of Birth Place of Birth	[redacted]
Height	5 feet, 8 inches
Weight	170 pounds
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Hazel
Marital status	Married
Education	High school graduate
Race	White
Sex	Male

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[redacted] Deputy Sheriff, was interviewed at the East Baton Rouge Parish Courthouse and furnished the following information. Prior to any questions being asked of Deputy [redacted] he was advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents and told that the Agents wished to question him about his participation in the events which occurred on the campus of Southern University at Baton Rouge on November 16, 1972, which resulted in the deaths of two University students. After this information was furnished by SA [redacted] he also furnished Deputy [redacted] with a copy of an Interrogation; Advice of Rights form which he read and stated he understood. He stated he had no objection to answering questions about this incident and he then signed the waiver portion of this form.

Deputy [redacted] advised that on the morning of November 16, 1972, he reported for duty at the East Baton Rouge Parish Courthouse at 8:00 a.m. At approximately 9:15 a.m. he was instructed by [redacted] to proceed to the Junior Deputy Hut at Ryan Airport to meet with other Deputies. It was understood by him that this meant they were probably reporting there to stand by for possible duty on the campus of Southern University. He left the courthouse and rode to Ryan Airport in a police car driven by [redacted] who is his regular riding partner.

Upon arriving at the Junior Deputy Hut, he changed from civilian clothes into his regular uniform consisting of dark green uniform trousers and a long sleeve khaki shirt. He put on his regulation green plastic helmet, which helmet did not have a plastic face shield attached, and his regular flak vest. He advised he carried his regular .38 caliber Smith & Wesson snubnose revolver and a 12 gauge Remington Wingmaster pump shotgun with a regular sized barrel. This shotgun is the property of theSheriff's Office and he has had it in his possession for the past four weeks and has utilized it when they had previously been

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alerted and had gone on the campus of Southern University. He advised that in his possession at the time he had seven rounds of tear gas shotgun ammunition, comprised of five long range type shells and two barricade type shells. Also on his person he had a standard issue cartridge belt with twelve shotgun shells which were a mixture of 00, #4, #1 and 0 buckshot. He did not have any grenades or canisters of tear gas except for the shotgun shells.

While at the Junior Deputy Hut he recalls receiving instructions from either [redacted] or [redacted] who told the men that they were going to go on to the campus as some of the students had occupied the Administration Building. The men were further instructed not to have any rounds in their chambers and to keep the safety on and not to shoot except to protect your own life. All the orders to be given to the men were to come from the individual squad leaders. Deputy [redacted] advised that he had previously received instructions from [redacted] who was commanding his squad, and these instructions designated him as one of three tear gas men in the squad along with [redacted] and Deputy [redacted]

After receiving instructions all the men entered their vehicles and formed a motorized column and travelled from the Junior Deputy Hut at Ryan Airport to the campus at Southern University and upon arrival the car in which he rode was parked on the side of the street at a spot south of the Administration Building. He left his vehicle and walked up near the front of the Administration Building where the men were assembling on the grass on the east side of the street in front of the building. The Deputies then formed up into the squads in single file according to height. He recalled that in this lineup he had [redacted] in front of him and [redacted] behind him.

Someone then gave the command to move out and the men started moving north on College Drive with the [redacted] of Troop [redacted] of the Louisiana State Police leading the column. The [redacted] then turned [redacted] of the Academic Building and moved forward, clearing some students away from the front of the Academic Building, and then proceeded [redacted] and then turned [redacted] and went directly to the [redacted] of the Administration Building. The State

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Police squad was followed by the Sheriff's [redacted] or [redacted] who took up a position [redacted] the State Police. His squad, commanded by [redacted] then moved [redacted] of the Sheriff's [redacted] State Police.

When they had formed this line, Deputy [redacted] advised that on the [redacted] was [redacted] and then moving toward the [redacted] was [redacted] Deputy [redacted] Deputy [redacted] and then [redacted] He was on [redacted] left and then on his left was [redacted] The remainder of the Deputies in his squad from [redacted] to the left were present but their position in line is unrecalled by him. He stated he recalled that [redacted] had a tear gas launcher attached to the end of his shotgun.

Deputy [redacted] stated that when they were formed into this line, they were about 20 or 25 feet from the students assembled in the front of the Administration Building and he would estimate that there were between 75 and 100 students on the outside of the building. He remembers that the students were shouting to the students assembled behind the Deputies at the street and requesting them to come over and join them. He recalls seeing [redacted] of the Louisiana State Police walk over to the students and speak to them but he couldn't hear what was said.

He suddenly became aware of what appeared to be a large cloud of tear gas in the vicinity of the State Police and heard an immediate roar from the crowd. He stated at this point he cannot remember exactly what he did but he feels after talking to other Deputies that he backed up a few steps and put on his gas mask although he does not remember putting his gas mask on but does remember shortly thereafter that he had his mask on.

He next heard [redacted] give the command "Lock and load" at which time he worked the action on his shotgun and chambered a shell. He stated that [redacted]

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[redacted] He stated he did not pay any attention to the expended shell casings and did not make any effort to pick them up.

Deputy [redacted] advised that he recalled seeing one student fall to the sidewalk and saw him face down on the walk in front of the shrubbery bordering the sidewalk. When he saw him fall he remembered thinking that this individual had tripped. He then stated that he believes he saw this student fall [redacted] but recalls that the student was on the ground [redacted] He stated he was fairly positive of this.

In response to a direct question, whether he was given an order to fire, Deputy [redacted] stated that he did not hear any order to fire and just wanted to get some tear gas up near the students with the rest of the tear gas that was already up there. He again stated that he did not see anyone shoot any weapon and particularly did not see [redacted] shoot but that [redacted] later told him that he did shoot twice and he, in turn, told [redacted] that he had fired three times.

In response to a direct question, whether he might accidentally have fired a round of buckshot into the students, Deputy [redacted] stated that he was extremely careful in loading his shotgun, making sure that he only had four long range tear gas shells in the magazine. He stated these shells are distinct as they have no writing on the casing.

After about a minute or two, all the students were gone from the front of the building and his entire squad moved back on the grass almost to the street where they waited several minutes and then watched the other students come out of the Administration Building. He stated that during that time he looked over on the sidewalk near the southeast corner of the building and was aware that there were two students lying on the walk but he did not know until much later that they were dead.

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He advised that he wouldn't know whether the Deputy who might have shot buckshot would know that he had done it even though tear gas shells when fired from the shotgun have very little recoil. He explained this by stating that in the excitement one might not know whether he had fired buckshot or not.

Deputy [redacted] stated again that he did not shoot any live ammunition and does not know anyone who did.

Deputy [redacted] stated that he would prefer not to furnish a signed statement concerning the above comments he had made.

The following description was obtained through observation and interview:

Name Address	[redacted] telephone [redacted]
Date of Birth Place of Birth	[redacted]
Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	5'11"
Weight	175 lbs.
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Gray, crew cut
Employment	East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office [redacted] for [redacted] years
Riot Training	Few hours at City Police Academy several years ago. Never fired tear gas shells before.
Characteristics	[redacted]

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[redacted] East Baton Rouge Sheriff's Office, was advised of the identity of the contacting Agents and the fact that the Agents wished to discuss the incident which took place near the Administration Building, Southern University campus, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on the morning of Thursday, November 16, 1972. Special Agent [redacted] furnished [redacted] with an "Interrogation; Advice of Rights" form, at which time [redacted] read it, advised that he fully 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 necessary. He then freely and voluntarily furnished the following information:

On the morning of Thursday, November 16,1972, he was called at his residence at approximately 9:00 a.m., to report to the "Junior Deputy Hut", a gathering place for the sheriff's office near Ryan Airport, Baton Rouge. He stated he did not realize there was any hurry to report and when he did report a while later, time unknown, a caravan of deputies was leaving the area. He rode with Deputy [redacted] at the end of the caravan to the campus area.

On that day [redacted] stated he was wearing a tan, long-sleeved deputy shirt, a bulletproof vest, olive green pants with a stripe, black boots, and a steel helmet with a fold-up plastic shield. He wore a .38 Smith and Wesson Combat Masterpiece, which was loaded. He also carried a Remington 12 gauge pump shotgun. Both of these weapons are owned by the East Baton Rouge Sheriff's Office. He also carried six extra rounds of ammunition for the .38. He also wore a bandolier ammunition belt with an assortment of 12 gauge shotgun and tear gas shells. His weapon was loaded with two 00 buckshot shells and two Number 4 buckshot shells. He also carried four or five "Mighty Might" tear gas canisters and one big red tear gas canister.

Arriving at the campus he heard a loud speaker from the area of the street in front of the Administration Building, but he could not hear what was said. His squad

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"fell in" on the sidewalk next to the street in front of the Administration Building. He was on the [redacted] which was ordinarily led by a [redacted] was not there that day and a [redacted] was in charge. After a short time the [redacted] followed a state police unit to an area in front of the Academic Building. This state police unit ordered the people on the steps of that building to move, which they did. The [redacted] continued following the state police, who formed [redacted] of the Administration Building. The [redacted] formed [redacted] also, with Deputy [redacted] on the point facing the Administration Building. [redacted] stated his position was about the fourth man on the left wing [redacted] Deputy [redacted] was behind him. He cannot recall the specific positions of any of the others in the [redacted]

[redacted] advised that shortly after forming in the above position, he heard a popping sound and saw gas rising from in front of the [redacted] He heard state police officers say, "Gas." He stated he immediately backed up a few steps and put on his gas mask. He got the mask on properly and was never bothered by the gas thereafter. The next few minutes he heard continued popping noises, but he cannot recall where any gas landed. He simply recalls the whole area seemed to have a lot of gas. During all of these activities, he never fired any weapon or threw any gas. He did not see, or recall, any [redacted] member shooting anything or throwing anything.

After a few minutes, Sergeant [redacted] told the squad to take a new position in a line between the Academic Building and the Administration Building. Immediately after moving to this position, he observed two people lying on the sidewalk in front of the Administration Building near that building's southeast corner. He stated he had not seen them fall. He has no idea who might have shot these individuals, and has heard nothing mentioned as to who might have shot these individuals.

Soon thereafter, he observed a Negro [redacted] coming out of the Administration Building saying, "They're coming out." He was holding a gun belt and holster at arm's length in front of him. Following him the crowd came out, including a tall Negro male wearing a blue denim jacket, at which time Deputy [redacted] Riot Squad, hollered out "That's [redacted] He's not supposed to be here."

The [redacted] then moved forward several paces. [redacted] went back in the entrance to the Administration Building and a minute or so later came out and went south on the sidewalk. [redacted] stated he observed his apparent arrest near the southeast corner of the Administration Building, where two men, wearing blue jumpsuits, apparently state police, had arrested [redacted]

The [redacted] then changed position to the walk in front of the chapel building, the building immediately south of the Administration Building. After a few minutes they re-formed in the street. He could furnish no other pertinent information concerning the above-described events.

[redacted] stated that in 1968 he had riot control training conducted through the Baton Rouge Police Academy and in 1969 riot control training through the Law Enforcement Institute, Louisiana State University. In addition, he has had various refresher courses conducted by the sheriff's department.

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

Name	[redacted]
Alias	
Sex	Male
Race	White
Date of birth	[redacted]
Height	6'
Weight	220 pounds
Eyes	Hazel
Hair	Brown [redacted]
Marital status	Married
Occupation	[redacted] Uniformed Patrol Division, East Baton Rouge Sheriff's Office; has been with the department since [redacted]
Residence address	[redacted]

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Deputy [redacted] was interviewed at the East Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana, Courthouse. The Agents identified themselves, and SA [redacted] told [redacted] that the Agents wished to discuss with him his knowledge of the events concerning a confrontation between law enforcement personnel and students on the campus of Southern University at Baton Rouge on the morning of November 16, 1972. SA [redacted] gave him an Advice of Rights Form, which he read, said he understood and executed. He furnished the following information:

He said that on the morning of November 16, 1972, he was on duty with Deputy [redacted] and received a radio call to go to the Junior Deputy Hut next to the Parish Prison, arriving there at about 9:30 a.m. Sheriff's Deputies and State Policemen were gathered at the Hut. [redacted] of the Sheriff's Office told them that they were going to go onto the campus of Southern University and work with campus security men to control some students who were causing trouble. Sheriff AMISS instructed the Deputies not to put any live shots in their guns because he did not want any shooting on the campus. They left the Junior Deputy Hut and proceeded to the campus of Southern University in a convoy. The Deputies formed in their squads near the Administration Building, and while forming, [redacted] observed approximately 300 or 400 students in front of the Administration Building. He said some were around the Academic Building and the Auditorium. [redacted] is assigned to the Sheriff's Office riot squad, which, on November 16, was commanded by [redacted] The State Policemen started moving, and [redacted] told his squad to follow them. His squad and the State Policemen proceeded past a gray building located to the north of the Administration Building and on the way cleared out some students. The State Policemen then formed [redacted] of the Administration Building, and [redacted] squad formed [redacted]

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by SA [redacted] and SA [redacted] /RLM/mae 118 Date dictated 11/28/72

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State Policemen. [redacted] was located on the side of the [redacted] the Administration Building, and he was facing [redacted] of the building. Deputy [redacted] was located one or two men to [redacted] left, and he heard [redacted] say, "Watch out," just as something exploded in the air right around [redacted] Immediately, tear gas got into [redacted] eyes, and he kneeled down to put on his gas mask. He said he knew that his helmet was off, but he does not remember whether he took it off or whether it fell off. He said he immediately moved back to the southwest corner of the gray Academic Building where he stayed for about five minutes before he could see anything. When he could see, he saw that the students had moved from the front of the Administration Building to an area across College Drive near Swan Avenue, and there was a lot of tear gas in that area. He then saw two people lying on the ground near the south end of the Administration Building, and he later learned that they had been shot. He said he never heard any command for the use of tear gas and never heard an order to fire any weapons. He said that during the five minutes when he could not see, he heard a number of shots, but he does not know if they were tear gas shotguns or pistols. He said he himself never shot any weapon and never saw anyone else shoot a weapon. He said he was never aware that several squads of Deputies [redacted] of the Administration Building on the grass.

He said he did not want to furnish a signed statement.

The following description was obtained from interview and observation:

Name	[redacted]
Also known as	
Address	
Race and sex	Negro male
Date of birth	[redacted]
Place of birth	

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Height 5 feet 9 inches
Weight 225 pounds

On the morning of November 16, 1972, [redacted] was wearing the regular Sheriff's Office uniform with a short-sleeve shirt and steel helmet, a face guard, and a flak vest. He said he was not carrying a sidearm and the only weapon he had was a pump shotgun loaded with buckshot. [redacted] said he is assigned to the [redacted] Division at the Sheriff's Office and has been a Deputy Sheriff for [redacted] years. He said he had five days training in riot control with the Louisiana State Police in October, 1972, and some riot control training through Louisiana State University in 1970. He said he, [redacted] Masters Degree.

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[redacted] Deputy, East Baton Rouge Sheriff's Office, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, was advised of the identity of the contacting Agents and of the fact that they wished to interview him concerning the incidents which took place in the area of the Administration Building, Southern University campus, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on the morning of Thursday, November 16, 1972. SA [redacted] furnished Deputy [redacted] with an Interrogation; Advice of Rights form, at which time he read it, advised that 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 November 16, 1972, he was contacted to report to the Junior Deputy Hut, the gathering place for the Sheriff's Office near the Ryan Airport, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. He does not recall the time that he arrived there, nor the specific time of any other activities on that morning. He was one of the squad members of the squad commanded by [redacted] He was told by [redacted] that he would not have any gas shells for his shotgun. They traveled from the "hut" to the area near the Administration Building, Southern University campus, in caravan style by automobile

On that morning Deputy [redacted] stated he was wearing his long sleeved tan deputy sheriff's shirt, olive green pants with a stripe on the side, a flak bulletproof vest, an olive green plastic helmet, and black boots. In addition, he was wearing a Bandolier ammunition belt with approximately a dozen Number 4 buckshot in it. He carried no gas shells or gas canisters. He did, however, have a gas mask. His holster belt contained a .38 Special revolver which was loaded, and in addition he had 18 extra rounds on the belt and in a clip. He carried an Ithaca 12 gauge pump shotgun with at least three Number 4 buckshot and another unknown shot shell in the magazine. Both the shotgun and the .38 Special are owned by the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office and issued to him.

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After arriving in the area of the Administration Building they "formed up" in the street directly east of the Administration Building. The squad he was on then moved to an area in front of the Academic Building steps, then moved south and formed in a line running north and south parallel with the front of the Administration Building. They were in rank according to height. [redacted] was on the far right of the squad in the most northerly position, [redacted] To [redacted] left was [redacted] Deputy [redacted] stated he was next in the squad formation, namely the third man from the right, or northernmost position. He cannot recall with certainty, but he believes that a Deputy [redacted] (ph) was on his left.

A state police trooper who was part of the squad formed near the northeast corner of the Administration Building said something to the crowd on the steps and in front of the Administration Building. He could not hear what was said, but right after this he saw a canister with a white substance, possibly smoke, coming from the crowd. At about the same time [redacted] stated that two other tear gas canisters came from the area of the crowd in a generally easterly direction towards the area where the deputy sheriffs' squads were lined up. He advised by this time he had "taken" some tear gas from these canisters, and he stepped back several steps to pull his gas mask on. He stated he could not see with it on because of his glasses fogging so he did not use it at that time. He moved back into his original position but the gas got so bad that he could not see what was happening, so he went back to the street, took off his glasses and tried to clear his eyes with the back of his hands.

He stated sometime prior to this, sequence of events not now clear to him, he heard and saw the following: He heard a sound of small firearms, maybe four or five shots in rapid succession, coming from near the southeast corner of the Administration Building. When he looked in that direction he observed a Negro male fall on to the sidewalk.

Deputy [redacted] stated he did not observe the activity of any of the other men on his squad during any of the above activities, and therefore could not state who fired their weapon or threw any gas.

He stated that because of the problem he had with the tear gas affecting him, it took him some period of time to clear up, and he remembers nothing else pertinent on that

morning. He stated he has no information as to who might have fired the shot that killed the two students.

He advised that he has never had any formal riot control training.

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

Name	[redacted] also known as [redacted]
Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of birth	[redacted]
Height	6'4"
Weight	200 pounds
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Current title in East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office	Deputy, [redacted] Division
Length of employment with East Baton Route Parish Sheriff's Office	[redacted] to present
Marital status	Married

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[redacted] Deputy Sheriff, was interviewed at the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office and was immediately advised by Special Agent [redacted] of the identities of the interviewing Agents and the fact that they wished to question him concerning the events which had occurred on the campus of Southern University on November 16, 1972, which resulted in the deaths of two students. Prior to any questions being asked, Deputy [redacted] was furnished with a copy of an Interrogation; Advice of Rights form which he read and stated that he understood. He stated that he had no objection to answering questions concerning his participation in this incident. Following this, he signed the waiver portion of the form.

Deputy [redacted] advised on the morning of November 16, 1972, he had reported for work at the Sheriff's Office in the Courthouse at Baton Rouge at approximately 8:00 a.m. Sometime after that he was advised by [redacted] to go immediately to the Junior Deputy Hut at Ryan Airport to stand by for possible duty on the campus of Southern University. He immediately changed from civilian clothing into his uniform which he described as being comprised of green trousers, a long sleeve khaki shirt and a waist length jacket. After changing his clothes, he left the Courthouse and proceeded to Ryan Airport in Unit [redacted] with his riding partner, Deputy [redacted]

Upon arriving at the Junior Deputy Hut, he knew from previous occasions that he was assigned to [redacted] squad so he proceeded to where that squad was forming after putting on the remainder of his riot gear which consisted of a regulation flak vest which he put on under his waist length jacket and his green plastic riot helmet which had no plastic shield affixed to it. He was armed with a .38 caliber Smith & Wesson snubnose revolver and a J. C. Higgins 12 gauge pump shotgun which he described as his personally owned weapon. He advised that he has had

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this weapon for several years but until four weeks ago he had not used it for several years. He started carrying it four weeks ago during the times when they had previously been mustered to go on to the Southern University campus. He advised that he had five 00 buckshot shells in his possession but only loaded two 00 buckshot shells in his magazine as his magazine is plugged and will not take any more ammunition. He carried the three remaining shells in the pocket of his flak vest.

While assembling at the Hut he recalls receiving instructions from [redacted] who told them that they were going on the campus at the request of the University as some students had taken possession of the Administration Building. He was also instructed, as were the rest of the Deputies, not to have a round in the chamber and that no one was to shoot or harm any students unless their life depended on it.

They then moved in convoy from the Junior Deputy Hut to the campus of Southern University and upon arrival parked their car across the street from the front of the Auditorium located next to the Administration Building. They formed their squad according to height and he was about the fourth man from the end. Immediately in front of him was Deputy [redacted] and immediately behind him was [redacted] Deputy [redacted] then instructed everybody again to make sure that they did not have a round loaded in the chamber.

Someone gave the order to move out and the Deputies started in a single file column led by the [redacted] of the Louisiana State Police with the [redacted] from the Sheriff's Office following behind. The column moved [redacted] the Administration Building and then the State Police Riot Squad [redacted] the Sheriff's [redacted] took up a position [redacted] of the Administration Building. The remaining three squads of Deputies [redacted] and took up a position [redacted] the Administration Building. When the squad was in position, Deputy [redacted] was on his right and Deputy [redacted] was on his left. Deputy [redacted] was the designated tear gas man on their squad.

When they were in position in front of the students,

Deputy [redacted] estimated that there were approximately 150 to 175 students both in front of the Administration Building and to his left near the front of the Auditorium. At this point he observed a tall, thin, black male in a green G.I. helmet liner stand up and throw something in the general direction of the Deputies assembled immediately in front of the steps. Someone believed to be Deputy [redacted] pushed him, exclaiming "Look out!" He next recalled hearing [redacted] give the order for gas and observed Deputy [redacted] throw a big red canister of tear gas into the crowd which was immediately picked up and thrown back into their squad. All the Deputies started to back up and tried to get their gas masks on but he received a large quantity of gas which choked him and obscured his vision. He stated he finally got his mask on but couldn't see because the lenses were fogged up.

Deputy [redacted] stated that he then retreated to a point in front of the State Police armored car, known as "Big Bertha," where he was able to clear the gas from his eyes and get his mask on. He recalled that while in this position he helped Sheriff AMISS get his mask and helmet on. He was aware while therethat firing was being done inside Big Bertha but he did not see who or what was being shot. He stated that he did not return to the front of the line and waited at the rear until several minutes later when his squad fanned out to the south in front of the Auditorium to protect the police cars which had parked on the lawn at this point. During this period he observed campus police throwing tear gas to the east to disperse a crowd of students who were gathered behind the Deputies near the school cafeteria.

He advised that at no time did he chamber a live round in his gun nor did he shoot his gun. He did not see anyone else shoot and did not see the two students who were killed fall to the ground. He did recall hearing some gunfire and did recall later seeing two black students lying on the sidewalk and he saw several people gathered around and did see the State Police helicopter land on the grass. He observed some men removing the seats from the helicopter and understood that they were going to transport the wounded in the helicopter but before the seats were removed several ambulances arrived and the students were removed by ambulance. Sometime after that he observed a large group of students come out of the building and were led to the

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south across the lawn where he was posted. He recalls receiving a lot of verbal abuse from these students who shouted insults, calling him and other black Deputies "Uncle Tom"and "black butchering bastards."

Deputy [redacted] related that on the Saturday before, he worked as a part of the security force at the football game between the Florida A&M team and Southern University. Prior to the beginning of the game after the National anthem had been played, about 300 or 400 students stormed on to the field carrying signs and delayed the start of the football game for about a half an hour before leaving the field. He stated that the black student in the green helmet liner was there that day and seemed to be one of the leaders of the group.

Deputy [redacted] advised that he would prefer not to sign a statement setting out the comments listed above.

The following description was obtained through observation and interview:

Name Address	[redacted] telephone [redacted]
Date of Birth Place of Birth	[redacted]
Height	5'8"
Weight	184 lbs.
Sex	Male
Race	Negro
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Education	Graduate of [redacted]
Employment	Deputy Sheriff with East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office since [redacted]
Prior Employment	[redacted]
Military	U.S. Army Military Police - [redacted] months
Riot Training	Limited U.S. Army and 3 or 4 hours with National Guard in October, 1972.

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On November 29, 1972, [redacted] was located at [redacted] advised of the identities of the contacting Agents and their desire to discuss with him the events which occurred near the Administration Building on the campus of Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on November 16, 1972. [redacted] was provided the form Interrogation; Advice of Rights by SA [redacted] which he read, stated he understood, and signed the waiver portion thereof. [redacted] then provided the following information:

[redacted] advised that on November 15, 1972, he was at home most of the day as it was his regular day off.

On November 16, 1972, [redacted] advised that he received a call from a [redacted] at approximately 9:00 a.m. advising him to proceed to the Junior Deputy Hut at Ryan Airport. [redacted] advised that since he is a [redacted] he told his wife to call the rest of his men and he left for the Junior Deputy Hut.

[redacted] advised that upon his arrival at the Junior Deputy Hut, he was told by [redacted] to put on his equipment and get in a vehicle with Sheriff's Deputy [redacted] advised that his clothing on November 16, 1972, consisted of the regular Sheriff's Office uniform; slacks with a gold stripe, long sleeved khaki shirt, a dark green helmet with face shield, green flak vest and a gas mask which was hung on a nightstick worn in a ring on his belt. [redacted] advised that his weapons for that day consisted of a .38 caliber Smith & Wesson revolver with a four inch barrel and a 12 gauge Field Classic pump action shotgun which was loaded with five rounds of #6 birdshot in the magazine under the barrel. [redacted] also carried one red hand grenade type CN canister.

[redacted] advised that when they arrived at Southern University they formed into squads, [redacted] being assigned

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by SAs and [redacted] RPW:gre Date dictated 12/2/72

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to Squad [redacted] under [redacted] He stated that they followed in order after the State Police and went into position around the entrance to the Administration Building. [redacted] observed what appeared to be gas being thrown by a student at the State Police and just after that a second canister being thrown toward the Sheriff's Office Deputies.

[redacted] stated he attempted to put on his mask but the gas had so affected him that he left his position and retreated toward the Louisiana State Police vehicle, known as "Big Bertha," where he stopped and put on his mask. [redacted] advised that by the time he had his mask on and had returned to his position, most of the activity had already been completed and he observed the two bodies on the sidewalk. [redacted] could provide no information of value as to who may have fired the shot.

[redacted] stated that the only person he observed fire a shotgun was a Deputy in the green Sheriff's Office vehicle but that was sometime after the incident in front of the Administration Building.

[redacted] stated he would provide a signed statement at a later date if necessary.

Name	
Address	[redacted]
	telephone [redacted]
Race	Negro
Sex	Male
Height	6'2"
Weight	206 lbs.
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Date of Birth	[redacted]
Place of Birth	
Marital Status	Married
Education	Completed high school
Employment	[redacted]
Military Service	None
Training	[redacted] Sheriff's Office Deputy since [redacted] No experience in crowd control and no training provided by East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office.

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Date of transcription 12/4/72

[redacted] Deputy, East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Department, was advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents and that they wished to discuss the events at Southern University on November 16, 1972. 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] advised he did not wish to furnish a signed statement at this time; however, he furnished the following information:

[redacted] advised that on November 15, 1972, he worked from 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM for the East Baton Rouge Parish Board of Education. On November 16, 1972, at 6:00 AM, he read in the newspaper that Deputies were on standby. He went to the Junior Deputy Hut at Ryan Airport. No one was there so he found a Deputy unit and rode with them. At 9:00 AM they received a radio call to report to the Junior Deputy Hut. When he arrived, he was assigned to Squad [redacted] and rode to Southern University. [redacted] stated that the squad he was in formed [redacted] the Administration Building.

[redacted] gave the order to advance toward the building. At this time a gas canister was thrown from a group of students and landed near the Deputies. [redacted] stated that he stepped back, went down on his knees and tried to put on his gas mask. He stated he heard "Big Bertha" firing tear gas and also heard shots and canisters going off in the area north of the palm tree.

Prior to the gas, Deputy [redacted] was to his right and Deputy [redacted] was to his left. When the gas cleared he saw the bodies of the two students, but he thought they had been hit by tear gas canisters.

[redacted] stated he was wearing a tan short sleeve shirt, green pants with a gold stripe, flak vest, green Deputy jacket

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over the vest, a green and gold helmet, and black boots. He stated he had a four inch stainless steel, .38 caliber Smith and Wesson revolver and a riot stick.

[redacted] then furnished the following descriptive information:

Name	[redacted]
Race	Negro
Sex	Male
Date of birth	[redacted]
Place of birth	
Height	5'10"
Weight	180
Address	[redacted]
Telephone	
Employment	

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Date of transcription December 2, 1972

[redacted] East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, was interviewed in the facilities of the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office by [redacted] and [redacted] who identified themselves as Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He was advised that the nature of the interview was relative to the incident which occurred November 16, 1972, on the campus of Southern University. He was advised of his rights during interview, read, acknowledged, and waived same as shown on a duly executed Warning and Waiver form. [redacted] furnished the following information:

[redacted] advised that on the morning of November 16, 1972, he was on duty at the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office. He advised he was directed to go to Ryan Airport, Baton Rouge.

Upon his arrival at Ryan Airport, he assembled with the "half-track" crew. [redacted] stated it is the duty of this crew to observe for snipers, et cetera.

[redacted] stated his crew followed the armored tank, "Big Bertha" to the campus of Southern University.

He stated that upon their arrival on the campus of Southern University, they parked behind "Big Bertha." He advised the sheriff made an announcement over "Big Bertha's" public address system for the students to clear the Administration Building within five minutes. He stated that his vision was obscured by a large tree from his position in [redacted] the vehicle.

[redacted] stated that all of a sudden things started to happen and a tear gas canister went off near his vehicle and they were gassed. He stated they then concentrated on

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donning and clearing their gas masks in the fear that while incapacitated the vehicle might be overrun by fleeing students and, also, that they were not able to carry out their assignments relative to snipers.

[redacted] stated they "cleared" and he continued surveillance of people looking out the second floor windows of the Academic Building, as well as a large group of students who had gathered to the east of them on and south of Swan Drive.

[redacted] stated that the next thing he knew, a man, name unknown, from a local television station, Channel 33, ran up and told him two men had been shot. He stated he [redacted] immediately radioed the sheriff's office for some ambulances.

He said that by then the students had moved out to the south and they and the group to the east were trying to move back into the area.

[redacted] stated he then directed Deputy [redacted] to fire tear gas rounds from his 12 gauge shotgun over the heads of the group to the south and east and one round toward the front of Swan Drive to hold the crowds back.

[redacted] advised that from there on, it was more or less all over.

[redacted] advised that on the morning of November 16, 1972, he was wearing fatigues, a flak jacket and an all green plastic helmet.

[redacted] stated he had the following equipment with him on November 16, 1972:

.30 caliber M-1 carbine
Smith and Wesson Model 39 - 9 millimeter sidearm
Gas mask
Mini Mite tear gas canisters (6-8)

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[redacted] stated he would be willing to furnish a signed statement at sometime in the future; however, due to other commitments, he did not care to take the time required to furnish one at this time.

The following description was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	
Address	[redacted]
Date of Birth	
Place of Birth	
Height	5 feet, 8 inches
Weight	200 pounds
Occupation	[redacted] East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office, [redacted] Division, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, since [redacted]
Race	White
Sex	Male

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Date of transcription December 3, 1972

(telephone number was advised of the official identity of the interviewing Agents, and he was advised that an investigation was being conducted in connection with the shooting deaths of two students at Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on the morning of November 16, 1972.

advised that for the past 12 years he has been employed by the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office and currently holds the rank of advised that he had one year law enforcement experience as a with the

SA furnished with an Interrogation; Advice of Rights Form, at which time read same, advised that he fully understood his rights, and thereafter signed the form.

advised that he would prefer not to furnish a signed written statement, but he said that he would be willing to furnish an oral statement. He then related the following:

With regard to the events of November 16, 1972, advised that he was in an off-duty status that morning when he received a call at approximately 10:00 a.m. ordering him to report to the Sheriff's Office Junior Deputy Hut adjoining the prison near Ryan Field. noted that the Sheriff's Deputies had been on standby duty for the previous three weeks as a result of student unrest at Southern University, Baton Rouge.

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Upon his arrival at the Junior Deputy Hut, [redacted] advised that [redacted] of the Sheriff's Office was in the process of briefing other Deputies and reporting that students had taken over the Administration Building and that Southern University authorities had requested assistance from the Louisiana State Police (LSP) and the Sheriff's Office. [redacted] volunteered that a detachment of officers from the LSP were also being briefed in a nearby area.

Sheriff AL AMISS and [redacted] of the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office were also present during the briefing by [redacted]

With regard to instructions which were being given at that time, [redacted] related that [redacted] told the men that they were to join their assigned squad, that they were to listen to commands and follow the instructions of their squad leaders, that they were not to "lock and load" their weapons until instructed to do so, that they were not to overreact, and finally [redacted] told them that they were not to shoot unless "I give the order."

Deputy [redacted] related that he heard no other instructions; however, he pointed out that he was at the Junior Deputy Hut for a period of only two or three minutes.

In connection with the wearing apparel worn by [redacted] he related that he was dressed in the regulation East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office uniform which consisted of a short-sleeve khaki shirt with sergeant chevrons and Sheriff's Office patches on both shoulders. Additionally, he wore green trousers and black shoes. He wore no tie. He also wore the regulation solid green flak jacket which was cut off at the shoulders. He wore a green riot helmet which had silver Sheriff's stars on the front and on the back and which also had gold sergeant chevrons on the front. The helmet was not equipped with a face shield at this time.

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[redacted] said that he carried a Smith and Wesson .38 caliber service revolver in a black holster worn at the belt on the right hip. He also carried a Remington 308 automatic rifle with scope. This weapon had no sling, and he identified it as his own personal weapon. He carried two boxes of 308 ammunition in two chest pockets.

[redacted] continued that he also was equipped with a gas mask which he carried in a bag attached to his gun belt on the left side. He said that he carried no tear gas canisters of any type.

Upon the termination of the briefing at the Junior Deputy Hut, [redacted] said that he drove from the hut directly to Southern University in a convoy with members of the Louisiana State Police and the Sheriff's Office. Accompanying [redacted] in his automobile were [redacted] and Deputies [redacted] and [redacted]

It should be noted that at this point in the interview a diagram showing the Administration Building of Southern University was displayed to [redacted] He observed this diagram and advised that this was a reasonable reproduction of the area as it is known to him. As the interview progressed, [redacted] designated on the diagram areas where certain events took place, and as he referred to these areas, numbers were placed 1, 2, 3, etcetera, to indicate his position or the position of other individuals. Upon completion of the interview, Deputy [redacted] initialed and dated this diagram which is being incorporated as the last page.

[redacted] arrived at the campus at approximately 10:45 a.m., and he parked his car on the east side of College Drive in an area opposite from the President's house (Position Number One on attached diagram).

As they departed from the automobiles, [redacted] who was [redacted] of [redacted] squad

(Squad Number [redacted] told the men to form squads. In compliance, [redacted] said his squad formed up on [redacted] (Position Number [redacted] on attached diagram). [redacted] noted that there were normally 13 men in the squad and that they had been instructed to line up according to height.

Before his squad had completed formation, the LSP unit had moved out and ultimately located in a position on the [redacted] (Position Number [redacted] on attached diagram). The Sheriff's Office tactical unit under the leadership of [redacted] lined up [redacted] the State Police unit (Position Number [redacted] on attached diagram).

[redacted] unit lined up in a line formed in a direction generally [redacted] facing the front of the Administration Building (Position Number [redacted] on attached diagram). A third squad led by [redacted] (Position Number [redacted] on attached diagram).

A fourth squad [redacted] of the sidewalk which runs in front of the Academic Building (Position Number [redacted] on attached diagram). The leadership of this squad was unknown to [redacted]

[redacted] stated that there were no other law enforcement personnel in the area to his knowledge.

He reported that the LSP riot tank, commonly referred to as "Big Bertha" was positioned on [redacted] (Position Number [redacted] on attached diagram). Directly behind this vehicle and also [redacted] was the Sheriff's Office riot wagon (Position Number [redacted] on attached diagram).

[redacted] advised that his squad normally consists of 13 men; however, he pointed out that on this date the squad was not at full strength. He was unable to identify the men who were not present at the scene; however, he furnished the following lineup as he recalled for the men in his squad and the shoulder weapons that they carried:

1) [redacted]
carbine or shotgun

2) [redacted]
.12 gauge Browning automatic shotgun office issue

3) [redacted]
wore pistol, carried no shoulder weapon

4) [redacted]
308 automatic rifle with scope

5) [redacted]
.12 gauge Browning automatic shotgun office issue

6) Either [redacted]
.12 gauge Browning shotgun office issue

or [redacted]
.12 gauge pump shotgun with tear gas grenade launcher affixed

7) Either [redacted]
.12 gauge Browning shotgun office issue

or [redacted]
.12 gauge pump shotgun with tear gas grenade launcher affixed

8) [redacted]
carbine

9) [redacted]
carbine

[redacted] noted that [redacted] was the last man in his squad, and he commented that there were other men present in the squad; however, he could not recall their identities nor could he state who the absent squad members might be.

He stated that in regard to the grenade launcher carried by [redacted] previous instructions had been given that he was not to have in his possession nor fire buckshot from his weapon when it was equipped with the grenade launcher. Additionally, he advised that his responsibility as a squad member was to act as [redacted] and thus be alert for sniper fire.

The students of Southern University were lined up and congregated in a group which extended from the north side of the steps in front of the Administration Building to an area located between the Administration Building and the auditorium. Furthermore, students generally encircled the police officers in their locations around the area at various points in the immediate campus vicinity.

He further pointed out that certain members of the [redacted] office, including [redacted] identity unknown, and other older individuals who he assumed to be University administrators had gathered in the immediate proximity.

With regard to the actions of the students, [redacted] volunteered that they shouted obscenities, called the officers "m----- f------ pigs," shouted "come get us, we're ready," made obscene gestures, and displayed raised clenched fists.

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He further commented that a few of the students began to sit down on the sidewalk in a cross-legged position. One of the students took off his shirt and put it over his head which was an indication to [redacted] that he was preparing himself in the event of tear gas. He said that it appeared to him that two individuals in particular were acting as leaders of the group, and he identified these persons as both being male Negroes. One of these men wore a military helmet liner, and he described the second as being approximately six feet three inches tall and 190 pounds. [redacted] did not know the identity of either of these individuals, but he said that the crowd in general appeared to follow their orders.

According to [redacted] once the police officers had taken their positions about the Administration Building, Sheriff AL AMISS began to make announcements by use of a portable megaphone. Sheriff AMISS was situated [redacted] and [redacted] squad (Position Number [redacted] on attached diagram). Sheriff AMISS was talking to the students and according to [redacted] apparently giving them orders. [redacted] noted the fact that he did not hear what AMISS was saying because of the helmet that he was wearing which somewhat impeded his hearing, and also because of the fact that he was concentrating on the activities of the men in his squad. Sheriff AMISS was joined at that location by [redacted] and [redacted]

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Shortly thereafter, [redacted] observed a student who was sitting towards the right center side (south side) of the Administration Building front steps bend over and throw an object towards the [redacted] This object landed at the feet of [redacted] of the LSP [redacted] said that the object exuded a powdery white substance as it flew through the air.

In response, members of the State Police threw tear gas canisters back at the students.

At this point, [redacted] and [redacted] gave the order for the Deputies to don gas masks and to "lock and load." He clarified the last order by saying that this meant to place a projectile into the chamber of the weapon. At this point, he further related that some of the Deputies were equipped with tear gas shells and others were equipped with buckshot. In each case he noted that if a man was equipped with buckshot, he would not be equipped with any gas or vice versa; however, he went on to comment that in some instances, the men chose to carry ammunition belts of their own which contained both buckshot and tear gas shells.

[redacted] said that he was not personally aware of the type of ammunition that each man carried, but he said that [redacted] had a list of who loaded what type ammunition. He said that he, himself, never gave an order for his men to fire their weapons, and he said that he never heard anyone else issue an order to fire.

When the tear gas first became evident, [redacted] said that it was standard procedure for alternating men in the rank and file to stand back a couple of paces to cover the adjoining men as they donned their gas masks. He noted that he stepped back, and he commented that because of the fact that his mask was already full of gas, he was never able to use it. Some of the men were successful in placing the masks over their faces. He related that while he stepped back he scanned the rooftops and windows of the buildings in accordance with his duty as [redacted] however, he said that he saw no one at these locations, and he attributed this to the fact that "Big Bertha" had begun to fire tear gas projectiles at the building.

He now observed that three or four Deputies who b7D
he referred to as stragglers had moved into the area between [redacted] to the Administration Building to his [redacted] Position Number [redacted] on attached diagram). The only individual of this group that

he could identify was [redacted] He did not know the weapon carried by [redacted]

[redacted] described by [redacted] as a new Deputy, broke from the tactical unit and began to run past his squad. [redacted] grabbed him and stationed him in a position next to himself.

By this time, the students in the vicinity of the Administration Building started to run in a group along the sidewalk in a southerly direction. [redacted] commented that the individual wearing a helmet liner was among the first to leave the area.

At this point in the interview, [redacted] was questioned as to who might have fired a weapon, and he responded that he did not know the identity of any man in his squad who fired a shot or for that matter any man in any other squad who might have fired. He commented that he heard two or three rounds going off "to my left." He said that he heard shots; however, he did not know if these might have been tear gas or buckshot shells being fired. He further commented that he thought that he had heard pistol shots; however, he could not explain from where they might have been coming.

[redacted] reported that a student in the vicinity of the Administration Building was observed by him to catch a canister of tear gas in mid air which had been thrown by a member of the [redacted] or the LSP detachment. The student thereupon threw this same canister directly at the Deputies in his squad, and it landed at their feet.

[redacted] indicated that he did not see either of the two students who were killed fall to the ground. He said that once the students had cleared from the area, he observed the two men lying on the ground. He commented that there was mass confusion at this time.

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The [redacted] referred to previously by [redacted] then walked through the ranks of [redacted] squad and went directly to the two fallen students. He was accompanied by [redacted] known to [redacted] as [redacted] dispatched Deputies [redacted] and [redacted] to remove the [redacted] and the [redacted] from that area. The [redacted] walked back to the sidewalk and took up a position somewhere behind [redacted]

Unbeknown to [redacted] and the other Deputies, some students still remained in the Administration Building and they ultimately began to exit from the building. In the interim, [redacted] said that he was able to regroup his squad and position them in the general vicinity of their original location.

[redacted] noted that [redacted] and (First Name Unknown) [redacted] from the campus security became involved in an altercation outside the Administration Building, and they began to push each other and argue about getting the people removed from the Administration Building. When the students came out of the building after a two or three minute period of time, they were screaming and yelling and went southward and finally located on the east side of College Drive.

A helicopter was then able to land in the grassy area in front of the Administration Building, and [redacted] observed that seats were being removed from the helicopter in preparation for what he assumed to be the removal of the victims to the hospital. He said that he observed that one of the men was covered with a blanket and after that he resumed watching the students and other individuals, and he said that he did not see the actual removal of the student victims from the scene.

[redacted] said that he did not participate in any subsequent tear gassing at the campus, and he commented

that he and his squad held their position for approximately three to four hours.

[redacted] said that during the altercation at the campus at no time did he fire a round of ammunition of any kind from any weapon.

[redacted] offered the opinion that the fatal shot emanated from a position between [redacted] It was brought to his attention that this would be from a location in the area where [redacted] and he concurred that this was a fact. He pointed out that [redacted] squad was originally located [redacted] and thus also would fall within his suspected area.

[redacted] volunteered that he observed three indentations on the front wall of the Administration Building where he believed that missiles may have struck the building. He placed one of these indentations approximately eight feet from the ground, and he noted that he could not touch it with his arm extended. The two other indentations he placed at a height of about four feet. He noted that his theory with regard to the direction of fire was based on his observations of the indentations he observed on the building wall.

[redacted] stated that he was of the opinion that [redacted] may have fired the shot which struck the victim students and when questioned with regard to his reasons for thinking same he responded that this was based on his observations of the impact area on the brick facing of the building, and he further commented that he felt that the shot came from an area [redacted] as he stood in squad formation, again noting the fact that he heard shotgun blasts [redacted]

In response to the question as to who may have fired the fatal shot, he responded that he did not know.

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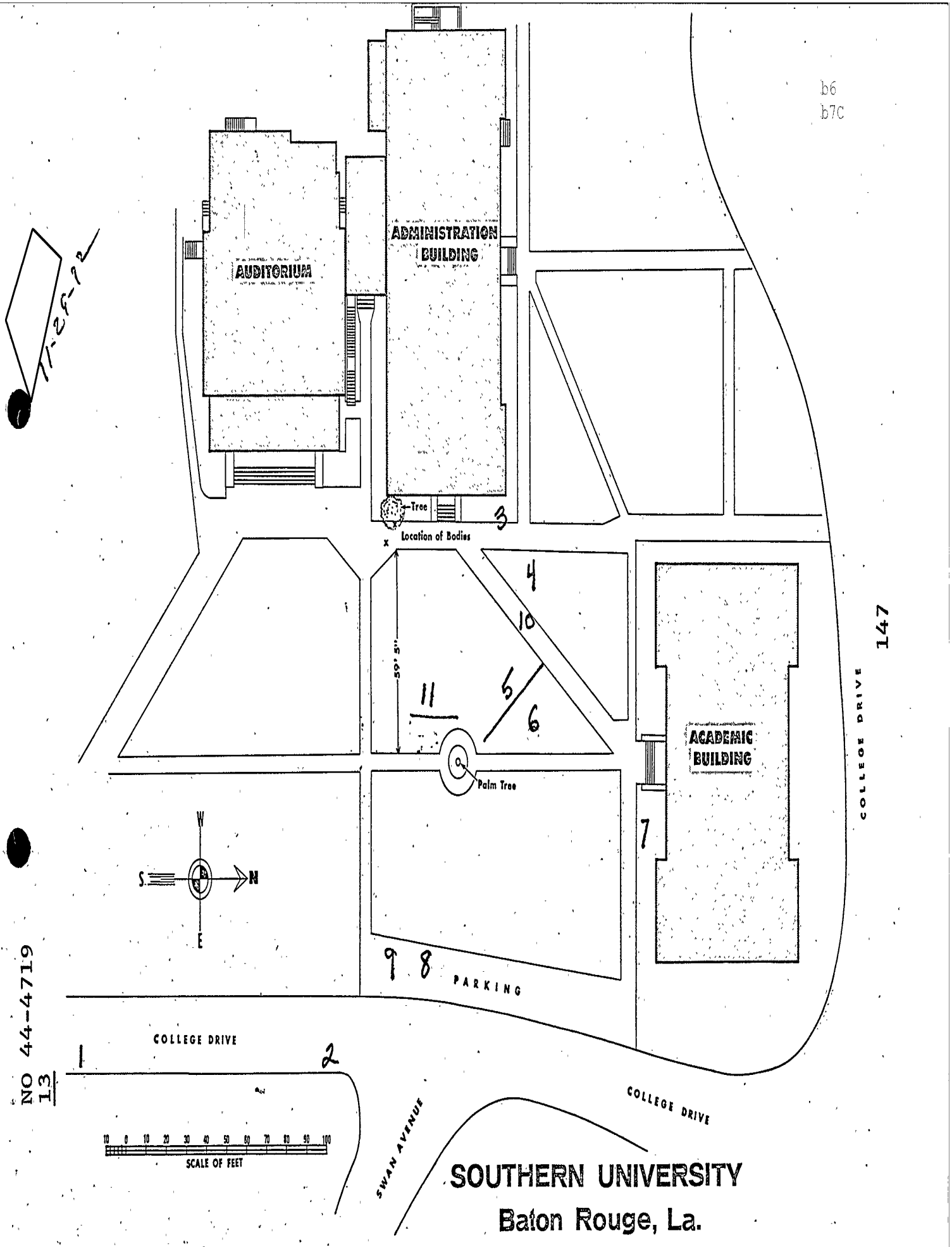
The following description was obtained from interview and observation:

Name	[redacted]
Race and sex	White male
Date of birth	[redacted]
Place of birth	
Height	6 feet
Weight	235 pounds
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Eyeglasses	None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Date of transcription December 3, 1972

[redacted] Deputy Sheriff, East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, was interviewed and was advised of the identities of [redacted] and [redacted] as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. [redacted] was advised the Agents wished to interview him concerning the events which took place on the campus of Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on November 16, 1972. [redacted] was advised of his rights as set forth on the form entitled "Interrogation; Advise of Rights," by Special Agent [redacted] waived his rights as set out on the form, and furnished the following information:

"Baton Rouge, La.
November 29, 1972

"I, [redacted] herewith furnish 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 realize that this statement may be used in a court of law.

"I am currently a Deputy Sheriff in the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office. I joined the Sheriff's Department on [redacted] Prior to that time I spent [redacted] years with the [redacted] Sheriff's Office. I am a graduate of [redacted] at [redacted] with a major in [redacted]

"On 11/16/72, I was working a 4 AM to Noon shift. At about nine AM, my partner and I were told by radio to go to the Junior

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by SA [redacted] and SA MVD:bal Date dictated 11/30/72

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Deputy Hut. There [redacted] told us that the students had taken over the Administration Building at Southern University. We were told to use only force sufficient to overcome that with which we were met.

"We then proceeded to the Southern University Campus. We assembled on College Drive and then followed a State Police unit past the front of the Academic Building to the vicinity of the [redacted] of the Administration Building.

"I am an [redacted] of the Sheriff's Office [redacted] which is normally commanded by [redacted] was not present on 11/16/72, prior to tear gas being utilized and the squad on that morning was commanded by [redacted]

"The [redacted] was lined up in a loose double file behind the State Police unit.

"At this point, we experienced tear gas in and around the Sheriff's [redacted] I did not see a canister or hear an explosion. I put on my gas mask at this point and it became fogged up and a light film of tear gas material was inside the mask. This impaired my eyesight. I threw a 'mighty mite' tear gas grenade in the general direction of the students. I carried a carbine, .30 caliber, but did not fire my weapon. [redacted] and [redacted] were in my immediate area but I do not know their exact positions. Everyone in the squad had some kind of shoulder weapon, except [redacted]

[redacted] who had a night_stick and a sidearm. I don't recall who had shot_guns and who had rifles.

"I did not hear anything I could identify as a live round fired from any weapon. I did not see anyone shoot at the students. I did not see the individuals fall. I first saw them when the [redacted] was spread loosely from the [redacted] of the Administration building to the [redacted] of the Academic Building. This was after most of the smoke blew away.

"I have read the above statement of this and three 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 all changes or corrections appearing thereon.

"/s/ [redacted]
Nov. 29, 1972

"Witnessed

"/s/ [redacted] Special Agent, FBI, 11/29/72

"/s/ [redacted] Special Agent, FBI, 11/29/72"

In addition to the material furnished in the signed statement, [redacted] furnished a description of the clothing he wore on November 16, 1972, as follows:

Black Army combat boots
Sheriff's office uniform pants, dark green in color, having a gold stripe lengthwise on the side

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A khaki, short sleeve uniform shirt
A flak jacket, olive green in color
An Army helmet, green in color, with no visor

He also stated that he wore his uniform gun belt, black in color, and carried as his sidearm a Smith and Wesson .38 caliber combat masterpiece with a 4-inch barrel.

[redacted] marked on a map of the Administration Building area his approximate location immediately prior to the tear gas being thrown on November 16, 1972.

The following description of [redacted] was obtained by observation and interview:

Name	[redacted]
Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	[redacted]
Place of Birth	
Height	5'9"
Weight	187
Eyes	Blue
Marital status	Single
Residence	[redacted]

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Deputy [redacted] was advised of the identity of the contacting Agents and their desire to interview him concerning events on the campus of Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on November 16, 1972. Special Agent [redacted] furnished [redacted] with an "Interrogation; Advice of Rights" form and told him of his constitutional rights. [redacted] read the form, advised that he fully understood his rights and thereafter signed the form. [redacted] furnished the following signed statement:

"November 29, 1972
Baton Rouge, La.

"I, [redacted] make the following voluntary statement to [redacted] and [redacted] who have identified themselves as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

"I have been a Deputy Sheriff in East Baton Rouge Parish since [redacted] On November 16, 1972 I was assigned to [redacted] squad (squad [redacted] for crowd control duty on the campus of Southern University (S.U.).

"When we moved into position in front of the Administration building our squad moved [redacted] I observed a crowd of people on the steps of the administration building. One member of this crowd was wearing an army helmet. I saw the male wearing the helmet reach down, pick up something and throw it toward the area of squad #1. At about the same time I heard an order to put on gas masks. I kneeled on my right knee and pulled off my helmet. As I did so, my glasses fell off, but I did not try to find them. I put on my gas mask and stood up very cautiously because I heard things whistling past my head. I thought me were being shot at. I also heard deputies near me shooting shotguns. I recall [redacted] fired two shots from his shotgun.

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by SA SA [redacted] DWH : mrc Date dictated 11/30/72

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[redacted] was supposed to be next to me on my [redacted] but I cannot state for sure it was him. I also recall seeing a deputy with a grenade launcher on his shotgun appear to fire a shot. I believe many tear gas shots were fired by deputies during this incident. I did not see the two students as they were shot.

"As the shooting went on my squad fell back toward the street. After my squad had moved back and the crowd had moved away I asked for permission to walk back up and look for my eye glasses. I ran up to the area of the hedge and found my glasses on the ground. I picked them up and put them in my pocket. I hurried back to my squad because there were still many people in the building. I do not know of anyone who fired real shots during the above incident.

"I have raid the above statment consting of this and two other pages and it was raid to me. This statment is true and corect to the best of my knowledge.

"/s/ [redacted]

"WITNESSED
/s/ [redacted] Special Agent, F.B.I.,
11/29/72
/s/ [redacted] Special Agent, FBI,
11/29/72"

In addition to the signed statement, Deputy [redacted] advised that he was assigned to Squad [redacted] commanded by [redacted] The assistant squad leader was [redacted] He stated that Squad 3 was formed along with the other crowd control squads in late October, 1972, in response to the need for crowd control on the campus of Southern University. Deputy [redacted] noted that Squad [redacted] was composed of men from the Patrol Division, as well as a few individuals, including himself, from the parish prison. Deputy [redacted] stated that neither he nor other people in Squad 3 had received any special training in mob or crowd control.

Deputy [redacted] recalled that on the morning of November 16, 1972, after arriving at the Junior Deputy Hut, [redacted] and [redacted] spoke to the assembled deputies pointing out they should not overreact to any provocation experienced on the campus and that no one should have ammunition in the chamber of his weapon. After arriving on the Southern University campus, the sheriff made a general announcement over a loud speaker to the assembled students, giving them five minutes to move away. Subsequent announcements were made on two or three occasions, in a countdown manner, before any officers moved from the street. Deputy [redacted] recalled that [redacted] had given an order to the members of his squad to take their gas masks out of the belt case and to hang it on the handle of their side arm. Deputy [redacted] further recalled that when his squad moved into position on the lawn in front of the Administration Building they were spaced on both sides of the palm tree.

Deputy [redacted] stated that he recalled seeing a male Negro wearing an army-type helmet standing on the steps of the Administration Building and shouting to those on the steps. [redacted] stated he assumed this individual was a leader in the crowd. He stated that as his squad moved closer to the front of the building he saw this individual, wearing the helmet, reach down and pick up an object and throw it toward Squad Number [redacted] He recalled that at that time he assumed this individual was throwing a rock at the officers. At about the same time he observed tear gas being dispensed and recalled that when this occurred he was about [redacted] in front of the Administration Building. Deputy [redacted] stated that he also recalled hearing an explosion at about the same time he observed tear gas and recalled hearing [redacted] give an order to put on gas masks. He stated that his eyeglasses fell off as he was putting on his gas mask, but he did not attempt to find them at that moment as he was concentrating on watching the crowd and the rooftops. He stated that at that moment he believed he was being shot at because he heard objects passing over his head.

Deputy [redacted] recalled that after putting on his gas mask he heard explosions which he believed to be gunshots both behind and beside him. He stated that at the same time the squad began backing up and although he heard no order to retreat he also backed up to stay with his squad. He stated that after

retreating back almost to the street, he requested permission to go forward and find his eyeglasses. He recalled that after walking up, alone, to near the hedge, he found his glasses lying in the grass about two feet from the hedge. He stated that at this time he observed two bodies lying on the sidewalk to his left. He recalled that one was lying completely still and the other was jerking slightly. He stated he then returned to his squad.

Deputy [redacted] stated that during the above incident he was wearing black Wellington-style boots, uniform pants, and a short sleeved uniform shirt. Over the shirt he was wearing a flak jacket and also wore a baseball-type helmet with no visor. [redacted] stated he carried with him a black plastic billy club about three feet long and carried his .38 caliber revolver in a belt holster on the right side.

Deputy [redacted] noted that he observed another deputy with a tear gas launcher attached to his shotgun, who appeared to have shot once or twice without a tear gas grenade on the launcher. Deputy [redacted] further recalled that the two shots he heard on his near left were, in his opinion, not as loud or sharp as regular shot shell reports.

Deputy [redacted] stated that he recalled other people in his squad were equipped as follows:

[redacted] - carbine;
[redacted] - shotgun;
[redacted] shotgun;
[redacted] - billy club;
Plus other shotguns totalling seven or eight shotguns on the squad

Deputy [redacted] noted that he was equipped with a billy club at his own request and noted that he had previously been employed as a correctional officer at the State Penitentiary, [redacted] He stated he had riot experience while employed at the State Prison and found the billy club to be a better riot control weapon.

Deputy [redacted] added that the individual who was in the crowd on the steps of the Administration Building wearing the army helmet had come to his attention again the following morning. [redacted] stated that he was on duty at the roadblock

on Clark Drive at about 6:00 a.m., on the morning of November 17, when an automobile approached the roadblock containing this same individual still wearing the army-type helmet. This individual presented both a [redacted] identification card for identification. [redacted] stated that he radioed this information and was advised by [redacted] that he should not allow this person onto the campus unless he was accompanied by campus police officers. [redacted] stated he denied admission to the campus to this individual, who got out of the car and then stood by for about an hour. The automobile in which he arrived had departed immediately. After about one hour a campus police car arrived, containing two campus police officers and an individual whose name was not recalled, but who had identified himself as a [redacted] on the Southern University campus. These people vouched for the helmet-wearing person and stated he was an [redacted] stated he did not see that individual again.

The following physical description was obtained by observation and interview:

Name	[redacted]
Sex	Male
Race	White
Date of birth	[redacted]
Place of birth	
Height	6'2"
Weight	265 pounds
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Employment	East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office, [redacted] - present; previously employed for [redacted] years as correctional officer, State Prison, [redacted]

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Date of transcription November 30, 1972

At approximately 9:30 a.m. on November 30, 1972, SA's [redacted] and [redacted] were in the office of Sheriff J. AL AMISS in the East Baton Rouge Parish Courthouse. [redacted] and [redacted] were examining enlargements of photographs taken on November 16, 1972, in an effort to further identify Deputy Sheriffs who appeared in these photographs. [redacted] who was present in the Courthouse, was requested to come to the Sheriff's Office to assist in identifying Deputies on his squad. Following his examination of these photographs, he requested of SA [redacted] whether he [redacted] could recall whether during his original interview he had mentioned anything about [redacted] during the confrontation between the police and students on November 16, 1972. It was pointed out to [redacted] by SA [redacted] that he could not recall whether this fact had been explored during the original interview.

[redacted] then accompanied SA's [redacted] and [redacted] to the Capitol House Hotel, where he explained the following facts as he recalled them:

[redacted] stated that after the initial confrontation wherein two students were shot and killed, he regrouped his squad back near the street east of the Administration Building, and when the confusion had subsided somewhat, he individually questioned the members of his squad as to whether they had fired their weapons. He determined through his questioning that Deputy [redacted] told him that he had fired three times. He recalls he mentioned to [redacted] that [redacted] had fired his shotgun two times. [redacted] Following a further dispersement of his

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by SA [redacted] and SA [redacted] NPS/mae Date dictated 11/30/72

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squad to an enlarged perimeter. recalled being approached by

Sometime later, he took these shell casings from his pocket and examined them. He observed that one of these shell casings had three marks on it. The other was unmarked. He deduced from that that the one with the markings was a shell that he had fired, but the one without the markings was one that someone else had fired.

Another thing that he recalled was that he fired his second shot into the grass in front of some students who were approaching from the corner of the Academic Building to his right. After the confusion, he examined the grass and found a streak mark in the grass in the area where he had fired, and after checking beyond the end of the streak mark, he found the rubber projectile part of a penetrating tear gas round lying on the concrete.

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[redacted] stated at this point that he had [redacted] at his home. He was accompanied by SA's [redacted] and [redacted] to his home where he turned over to them [redacted]

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[redacted] was advised of the identity of the contacting Agents and their interest in interviewing him concerning the events on the campus of Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on November 16, 1972. Special Agent [redacted] advised [redacted] of his constitutional rights and furnished him 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 signed statement:

"November 30, 1972
Baton Rouge, La.

"I, [redacted] make the following voluntary statement to [redacted] and [redacted] who have identified themselves as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

"I am a Deputy Sheriff in East Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana, and was on duty on November 16, 1972, on the campus of Southern University. I rode to the campus in the Sheriff's Office armored truck and stayed in the truck for the first hour or more after arriving on the campus. My assignment was to guard the vehicle and watch for snipers. I was armed with a M-1 carbine and a Browning 9mm pistol. I did not fire any gun shots while on the campus.

[redacted] and [redacted] also rode in the truck with me. [redacted] drove the truck and was also armed with a .37 mm tear gas gun. [redacted] was armed with a carbine and Deputy [redacted] had a shotgun. [redacted] fired about three tear gas shots from the shot gun onto the lawn in front of the auditorium on orders from [redacted] got out of the truck and may have fired at least one tear gas projectile against the front of the Administration Building.

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"I did not see the students who were shot until the tear gas incident had ended and they were lying on the side walk. I did not see who fired a real shot shell and do not know who may have shot the students.

"I have read this statement consisting of this and one other page. This statement true to the best of my knowledge.

"/s/ [redacted]

"Witnesses:
/s/ [redacted] Special Agent, F.B.I., 11/30/72
/s/ [redacted] Special Agent, FBI. 11/30/72"

[redacted] advised, in addition to the above statement, that he had arrived at the Junior Deputy Hut at approximately 9:00 a.m., that morning, and had received instructions from [redacted] and other officials concerning caution to be exercised by deputies on the Southern University campus. [redacted] stated that the sheriff's office armored truck is commonly referred to as the "Armadillo".

The following physical description was obtained by observation and interview:

Name	[redacted]
Sex	Male
Race	White
Date of birth	[redacted]
Place of birth	
Height	5'10"
Weight	297 pounds
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Residence address	[redacted]
Employment	East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office, [redacted]

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Employment (continued) [redacted] Present, assigned to parish prison; United States Army, [redacted]

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Date of transcription 12/3/72

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On November 30, 1972, [redacted] was located at the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office and advised of the identities of the contacting Agents and their desire to discuss with him the events which occurred around the Administration Building of Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on November 16, 1972. [redacted] was provided the form Interrogation; Advice of Rights by SA [redacted] which he read, stated he understood and signed the waiver portion thereof. [redacted] provided the following information:

[redacted] advised on November 15, 1972, his regular shift was 6:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. which he worked and went home in a normal manner after work with no extended overtime.

[redacted] stated that on November 16, 1972, his regular shift was also 6:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and that while in the Detectives Office doing normal work, he was advised by [redacted] to proceed to the Junior Deputy Hut at Ryan Airport as soon as possible. [redacted] stated he went out to his car, obtained some clothing which he described as Army fatigue clothes, changed clothes and went to the Junior Deputy Hut. [redacted] advised that during his trip to the Junior Deputy Hut he was accompanied by a [redacted]

Upon arrival at Ryan Airport [redacted] stated he started to form up into his squad at which time [redacted] and [redacted] advised that they were going to the Southern University Campus but instructed them not to chamber any rounds and not to fire any rounds unless ordered. [redacted] stated they then formed a convoy and proceeded to Southern University during which time he was accompanied by a [redacted]

[redacted] advised that his equipment consisted of a .30 caliber carbine manufactured by Universal Arms, a .357 magnum with a 2½ inch barrel, flak vest, gas mask and dark green National Guard type helmet.

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[redacted] advised that he is part of the Sheriff's Office [redacted] and, as such, was lined up [redacted] State Police. [redacted] stated that his position was next to Deputy [redacted] who was point man. [redacted] stated he was on the left hand side of the point man. [redacted] stated that they followed the State Police who had cleared the steps of the Academic Building and were standing behind them at the northeast corner of the Administration Building when someone from the State Police advised that they should prepare for gas.

At that point [redacted] observed a gas canister coming from the direction of the students through the air toward his position. As he observed it, it went over him and went off very near him. [redacted] advised he attempted to put on his gas mask but it was filled with gas since it had been hanging over the handle of his revolver. [redacted] said he put on his mask but had to remove it due to its contaminated condition. [redacted] advised he could not see but heard many popping noises from his left, however, he could not be specific on their relative distance. [redacted] advised that it was approximately, in his estimation, five minutes before he saw the bodies and he could provide no relavent information as to who may have fired the shot.

[redacted] stated he would provide a signed statement at a later date if necessary.

The following information was obtained through observation and interview:

Name Address	[redacted]
Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth Place of Birth	[redacted]
Height	6'
Weight	220 lbs.
Hair	Black (graying)
Eyes	Hazel
Marital Status	Married
Education	Completed 15 years
Military Service	U.S. Army, [redacted] years
Occupation	Deputy Sheriff, East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office, since December [redacted] as [redacted]

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Training	Has had no formal training since employed by the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office

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Date of transcription December 4, 1972

[redacted] Baton Rouge, Louisiana (telephone number [redacted] was advised of the official identity of the contacting Agents and of the fact that he was being contacted in connection with the possible violation of Federal law in connection with the disturbance which occurred on the campus of Southern University at Baton Rouge on [redacted]

SA [redacted] furnished [redacted] with an Interrogation; Advice of Rights Form, which [redacted] read, advised that he fully understood his rights, and thereafter signed the form.

[redacted] said that he would prefer not to furnish a signed written statement; however, he would be willing to furnish an oral statement. He then related the following:

He has been employed as a member of the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office since [redacted] and is currently a [redacted] of the [redacted] Division of that department.

With regard to the events as they related to the disturbance at Southern University, Baton Rouge, on November 16, 1972, [redacted] related that he was in an off-duty status when he received a call at approximately 9:00 a.m. ordering him to report to the Sheriff's Office Junior Deputy Building at Ryan Airport. He commented that there had been unrest on the campus for a period of approximately two weeks prior to that date, and the Deputies had been maintained in a standby alert status.

When he arrived at the Junior Deputy Building at approximately 9:30 a.m., other Deputies had already begun to assemble, and [redacted] and [redacted] were present. The men were told that the students at Southern had taken over the Administration Building.

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by SA [redacted] and SA [redacted] /JHS/mae Date dictated 12/1/72

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[redacted] cautioned the men against overreacting, he cautioned everybody several times about not putting any ammunition in the chamber of their weapons, and several times he told them that they were not to take any action unless specifically commanded by their squad leaders.

[redacted] said that no other instructions were given at that time to his recollection; however, he reported that during the two week standby period, instructions had been given as to who would carry a particular weapon and what ammunition each was to use.

[redacted] squad (Squad Number [redacted]) was commanded by [redacted] and [redacted] had previously furnished instructions to the men, and he had a list of the members of his squad, their assigned weapons, and what ammunition or tear gas each member was to have.

[redacted] further explained that the squad members were designated to carry weapons based upon what weapon they might personally have available to them. He noted that he personally owned a .30 caliber carbine, and therefore, that was the weapon which he was assigned to carry. He pointed out that there was in fact some swapping of weapons within the squad, as well as between members of other squads.

With regard to the manner in which [redacted] was dressed on November 16, 1972, he advised that he wore a green Army type flak vest which was office issue, a green Army long-sleeve fatigue shirt with Sheriff's Office patches on both shoulders, light-colored or beige Levi trousers, brown construction-type boots, and a dark green Sheriff's helmet with the Sheriff's Office emblem on the front. [redacted] said that he had detached the protective shield from the helmet and left it in his vehicle.

[redacted] remarked that he carried a gas mask in a bag which was affixed to his gun belt on the left hip. His service revolver was worn in a black holster on his hip at

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the right side, and he carried a black nightstick on the belt on the left side.

After the briefing at the Deputy Building, the officers moved in convoy along with members of the Louisiana State Police (LSP) detachment to the campus. [redacted] drove a green Ford van truck accompanied by fellow squad members [redacted] and [redacted]

It should be noted that at this point in the interview a diagram showing the Administration Building of Southern University was displayed to [redacted] He observed this diagram and advised that this was a reasonable reproduction of the area as it is known to him. As the interview progressed, [redacted] designated on the diagram areas where certain events took place, and as he referred to these areas, numbers were placed 1, 2, 3, etcetera, to indicate his position or the position of other individuals. Upon completion of the interview, [redacted] initialed and dated this diagram which is being incorporated as the last page.

[redacted] advised that the convoy arrived on the campus sometime between 10:15 and 10:30 a.m. He parked the van on the east side of College Drive in a position opposite the President's home (Position Number One on attached diagram). At the direction of [redacted] the squad formed up on the [redacted] of College Drive in an area located generally [redacted] (Position Number [redacted] on attached diagram).

[redacted] volunteered that a full complement of the squad would consist of 16 members; however, in view of the fact that some of the men would be on duty elsewhere, it would be extremely rare to have a full complement. He said that they had previously been instructed to line up by height with the tallest men toward the front. He then furnished the following squad lineup as was his recollection with the weapons that each man carried:

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1) [redacted]
shotgun

2) (First Name Unknown) [redacted]
Reserve Deputy
shotgun

3) (First Name Unknown) [redacted]
sidearm only

4) [redacted]
.30 caliber carbine
no tear gas of any kind

5) [redacted]
weapon unknown

6) [redacted]
shotgun and round baseball type and
tear gas canister

7) (First Name Unknown) [redacted]
Reserve Deputy
sidearm only

8) [redacted]
Regular Deputy
weapon unknown

[redacted] recalled that there were approximately 11 members present in the squad that day, and he remembered that [redacted] was present but could not furnish his position. He also remembered that he observed [redacted] and [redacted] squad members, on the campus, but he was not aware that they were on the campus at the time of the shooting.

Shortly after the men formed in their squads, the LSP detachment moved out in a single file fashion and

proceeded down the sidewalk in front of the Academic Building and subsequently ended up in a position on the [redacted] (Position Number [redacted] on attached diagram). The Sheriff's Office [redacted] (Squad Number [redacted] followed the LSP detachment and formed up behind and to [redacted] of these men (Position Number [redacted] of attached diagram).

Sheriff's Office Squads [redacted] and [redacted] followed [redacted] to the front of the Academic Building. The men positioned themselves facing towards the Administration Building.

Squad Number [redacted] was located in an area extending approximately [redacted] (Position Number [redacted] on attached diagram). Squad Number [redacted] was [redacted] (Position Number [redacted] on attached diagram), and Squad Number [redacted] was located in a file [redacted] Squad Number [redacted] (Position Number [redacted] on attached diagram).

[redacted] placed the LSP riot tank, commonly known as "Big Bertha," in a position on [redacted] near [redacted] (Position Number [redacted] on attached diagram). He placed the Sheriff's Office armored car in a location directly in front and to the north of "Big Bertha" (Position Number [redacted] on attached diagram).

At the time when the Deputies were lined up as explained above, [redacted] said that the students were lined up and generally congregated in front of the Administration Building and extending southward to an area between the Administration Building and the auditorium. Some of the students were located on the steps of both buildings.

As the police formations began to form, several of the students sat down on the ground. He related that they,

the students, were hollering and yelling and said that the Deputies had no business there and that if they wanted them out they would have to move them out. [redacted] commented that they referred to the men as "white m----- f------."

As this was transpiring, [redacted] was walking back and forth in front of the squad cautioning the men to remain calm and to "keep cool."

[redacted] related that he then saw an individual known to him as [redacted] throw an object in the direction of the LSP detachment. The object appeared to explode with a white vapor, and it landed about three or four members back in the unit.

[redacted] described [redacted] as a Negro male, about six feet four inches or six feet five inches, with a slender build, and he noted that he has previously seen him in person on two different occasions, and he has previously observed his photograph in a newspaper on one occasion. He said that [redacted] was wearing a green Army type helmet, and a blue denim jacket with a large red, black, and green patch on the back. He said that [redacted] was later arrested as he ran from the Administration Building, and he pointed out that [redacted] was not wearing the helmet at this time. He further responded that he could not recall seeing any other individual who wore a helmet liner of any kind.

Simultaneously while observing the above explosion, [redacted] said that he felt and heard a concussion from an unknown origin. He said that at the time of these happenings he was positioned on the grass just [redacted] of the sidewalk running perpendicular to the Academic Building and [redacted] of the [redacted] to the Administration Building (Position Number [redacted] on attached diagram).

[redacted] dropped to one knee and put his gas mask on and while doing so, a missile passed directly by him to the

north and within approximately one foot of him. He said that this missile was spewing tear gas and originated from a point located [redacted] (Position Number [redacted] on attached diagram).

He noted that he was overcome by gas, and he was not able to use his gas mask because it too was filled with gas. He said that he was incapacitated by the tear gas and could not see very well or in general function properly. He thereafter retreated to a location behind "Big Bertha" until he felt that he would be able to again function properly. He estimated that he remained in the vicinity of "Big Bertha" for a period of about five minutes.

Prior to retreating to the area of "Big Bertha," [redacted] said that he heard four or five shots fired in rapid succession which sounded to him like small caliber weapons fire similar to a .22 caliber. He could not pinpoint the origin of these sounds.

[redacted] said that while kneeling, he heard additional noises; however, he could not distinguish any of these from any others. He commented that he had extremely limited experience firing tear gas from any weapons, and he could not distinguish the sound of tear gas shells being fired from that of a shotgun shell.

He said that he observed the students running southward from the Administration Building; however, he did not see any of them hit or any fall to the ground. He reported that he was unaware that these students had been struck until he returned to the squad formation from his position near "Big Bertha."

[redacted] stated that at no time did he fire any shot from any weapon, and he said that he knew of no other individual who had fired any shots.

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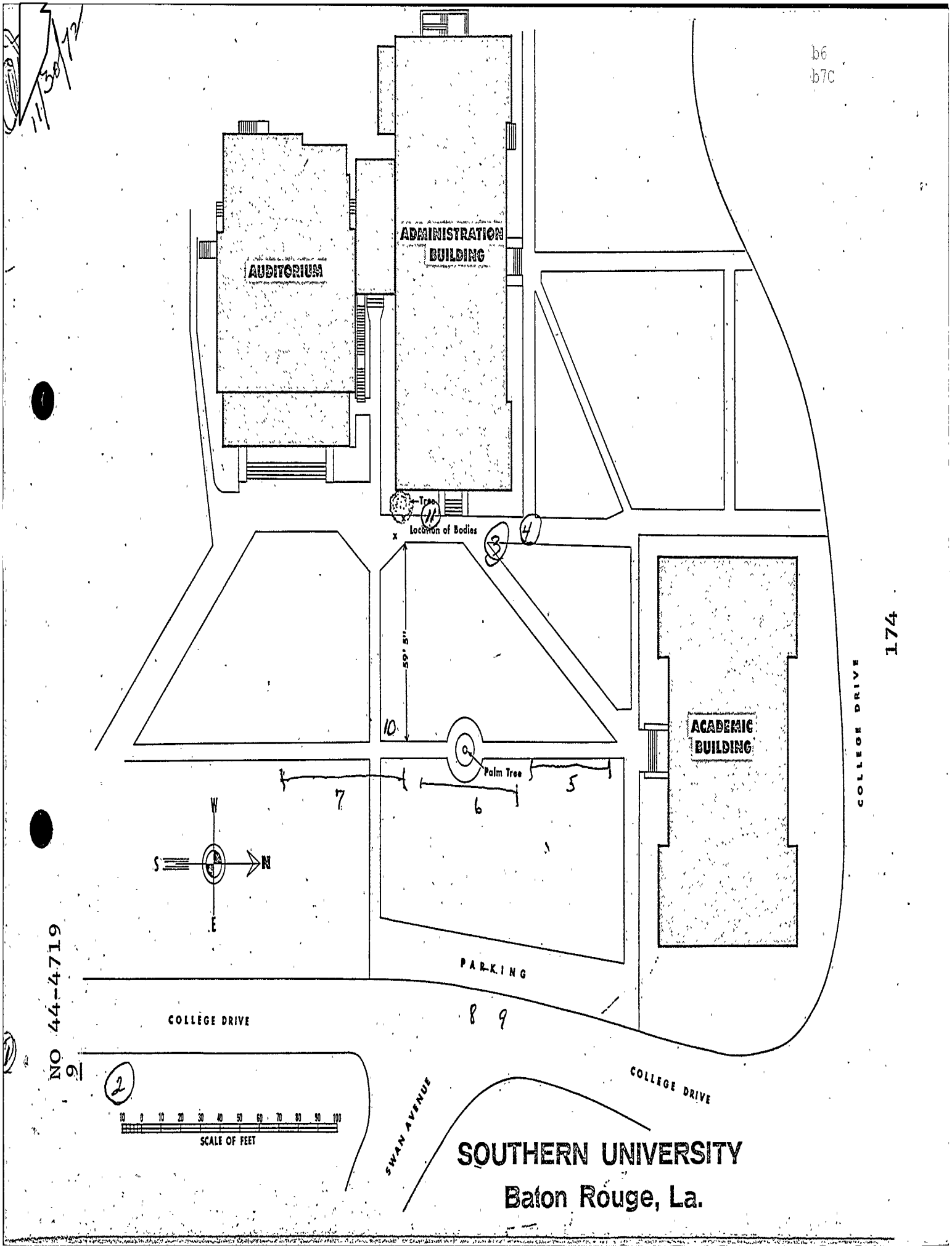
The following description was obtained from interview and observation:

Name	[redacted]
Race and sex	White male
Date of birth	[redacted]
Place of birth	
Height	6 feet
Weight	180 pounds
Eyes	Green
Hair	Light brown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[redacted] was contacted and advised of the identities of [redacted] and [redacted] as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He was advised the Agents wished to interview him concerning the events which took place on the campus of Southern University on November 16, 1972. [redacted] was advised of his rights as contained in the form entitled "Interrogation; Advise of Rights," which he read, stated he understood, and waived his rights. He thereafter furnished the following signed statement:

"Baton Rouge, La.
November 30, 1972

"I, [redacted] herewith furnish 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 realize that this statement may be used in a court of law.

"I am currently employed as a Deputy Sheriff in the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office. I am assigned to duties at the Parish Prison. I am [redacted] years old and was born on [redacted] at Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

"On the morning of November 16, 1972, I was assigned to drive the 'Paddy Wagon' and had driven prisoners to the Parish Court. I was summoned from the Courthouse and instructed to drive the Paddy wagon to the Junior Deputy Hut. I arrived there about fourty five minutes later. I was given a flak vest and was told by [redacted] that he and I were assigned to stay with

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by SA [redacted] and SA MVD:bal Date dictated 11/30/72

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the Paddy Wagon. We drove to the Southern University Campus, accompanied by two reporters whose names I do not know. They left the wagon immediately upon arriving at the campus, leaving [redacted] and me in the wagon.

"Both [redacted] and I were equiped with .38 caliber sidearms. We utilized helmets in the wagon and both wore flak vests. We had no shoulder weapons and no gas masks. We had no tear gas canisters or other gas equipment.

"While in the wagon, I heard someone give a two minute warning to the students over a loudspeaker to move from the Administration building. Then I saw gas appear around the wagon.

"Since [redacted] and I had no gas masks, we remained inside the closed Paddy wagon. I could not see what was happening toward the Administration building, since my view was blocked by gas and by a tree next to the wagon. I had parked the wagon on College drive south of the east-west sidewalk near the south end of the Administration Building.

"I first learned of the two individuals being injured from a radio transmission I heard on the Paddy Wagon radio. I did not see the bodies until the gas had cleared and they were being lifted into an ambulance.

"I saw Officer [redacted] fire what I believe was a tear gas launcher. I also saw Deputy [redacted] fire Tear Gas from a shotgun. I remember that it was Tear gas because the shell casings he ejected were light green plastic which to me indicates Tear gas.

"I did not see anyone else fire a weapon. I did not see the students get shot.

"Since November 16, 1972, I have not learned of anything or heard anything which would indicate to me who might be responsible for the deaths of the two individuals who died at Southern University.

"I have read this statement made up of this and three other pages, and it was read to me. It is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

"/s/ [redacted]
11-30-72

"Witnesses:

"/s/ [redacted] Special Agent, FBI, 11/30/72

"/s/ [redacted] Special Agent, FBI, 11-30-72"

[redacted] indicated on a map the location at which he parked the paddy wagon on November 16, 1972. He placed the paddy wagon on College Drive in front of and slightly to the south of the Administration Building. He indicated his position as slightly to the south of the east-west sidewalk leading from College Drive to the front of the Administration Building.

The following description of [redacted] was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	[redacted]
Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	[redacted]
Place of Birth	

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Height	6 feet
Weight	268 pounds
Hair	Dark brown
Eyes	Blue
Marital status	Married
Residence	

[redacted] advised he entered on duty with the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office on March 3, 1968, and has been assigned primarily to duties at the parish prison.

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On November 29, 1972, [redacted] was contacted and advised of the identities of interviewing Agents and their desire to discuss with him the events which occurred near the Administration Building of the Southern University at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on November 16, 1972. [redacted] was provided the form Interrogation; Advice of Rights by SA [redacted] which he read, stated he understood, and signed the waiver portion thereof. [redacted] provided the following information:

[redacted] advised that on November 15, 1972, he had worked a noon to 8:00 p.m. shift and had come home in a normal manner after completion of that shift.

[redacted] advised on November 16, 1972, his normal shift would again be noon to 8:00 p.m. but at approximately 9:00 a.m. he received a telephone call from [redacted] advising him to report to the Junior Deputy Hut at Ryan Airport as soon as possible. [redacted] advised that he arrived at the Hut at approximately 9:40 a.m.

Upon his arrival at Ryan Airport, [redacted] attempted to fall into his squad. After forming up units and squads, [redacted] advised that [redacted] and [redacted] spoke to the Deputies advising them that they were going to Southern University. [redacted] advised he is a member of Squad [redacted] under the command of [redacted] advised that [redacted] told them the students had occupied a building on the Southern University campus and that was the reason for going on campus.

[redacted] advised that he rode to Southern University in a convoy in a vehicle driven by Deputy [redacted] and two other Negro Deputies, one named [redacted] and one a Reserve whose name [redacted] did not know. Upon their arrival at Southern University [redacted] advised that they proceeded on the right side of the street, forming squads and following in order

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across the street toward the Academic Building. As the State Police cleared the steps of the Academic Building, [redacted] unit was ordered by [redacted] to advance toward the Administration Building forming a perimeter around the front of that building. [redacted] stated to the best of his recollection he advanced to a point just south of the palm tree so that his view of the front door of the Administration Building was almost straight on.

[redacted] advised that just as he got into position, gas started to drop but he did not know from where it came. [redacted] advised that one gas canister landed near him and he attempted to scoop it up in an effort to throw it back at the students but as he did it went off causing him to be driven to both knees from the effects of the gas. [redacted] then rose and retreated to a position behind the State Police vehicle, known as "Big Bertha," in an effort to put on his gas mask. [redacted] advised from his position behind the State Police vehicle, he could hear only loud noises and also the rounds being fired from that vehicle. [redacted] advised he did not hear any sounds which he assumed to be shotguns and also he did not fire his own gun nor does he know anyone who did.

[redacted] stated that his clothing on November 16, 1972, consisted of the green uniform slacks with gold stripe, an olive shirt with long sleeves, a green flak jacket, and a fiber helmet with no bill or mask which was painted gold and green. His equipment further consisted of a Remington 1100 12 gauge shotgun with a shortened barrel to 24 inches and a Cutts Compensator added. [redacted] stated that this weapon was loaded with four rounds of #1 and 0 buckshot with one #1 buckshot load in his pocket. [redacted] also carried in his belt around his waist eight rounds of #4 buckshot. [redacted] had a .38 caliber Smith & Wesson revolver with a four inch barrel, a nightstick in a ring, and a gas mask hanging on the handle of his revolver.

[redacted] stated that he would furnish a signed statement in the future if necessary.

The following facts were obtained from observation and interview:

Name
Address [redacted]

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Telephone	[redacted]
Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	[redacted]
Place of Birth	
Height	6'3"
Weight	250 lbs.
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Hazel
Marital Status	Married
Education	High school and 10 hours at [redacted]
Occupation	Deputy Sheriff, East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office, since [redacted]
Training	Has had no formal training in riot control

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On November 30, 1972, [redacted] Reserve Deputy Sheriff, East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, was contacted and furnished the following signed statement:

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Baton Rouge, Louisiana

November 30, 1972

I, [redacted] voluntarily furnish the following signed statement to [redacted] and [redacted] who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the FBI. 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 a black male, born [redacted] in [redacted] I have been a Reserve Deputy of the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office since August of 1968. On November 15, 1972, I received an adequate amount of sleep.

On November 16, 1972, I reported to work at the Junior Deputy Hut, Ryan Airport, Baton Rouge, at 7:00 a.m. as previously scheduled. At approximately 8:30 a.m. I was notified by [redacted] of the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office that our squad, under [redacted] plus unknown other squads would be going to the Southern University campus, Baton Rouge, as students had taken over the Administration Building. [redacted] said he received a telephone call from the President of Southern University that the students had taken over the Administration Building. [redacted] said that we were going on campus and that we

were not to over react. [redacted] advised us that we would probably be called vile names but that we should not let this bother us. [redacted] advised that we were not to put any live rounds in our weapons. [redacted] told us that we will have tear gas shells but that this tear gas would be fired only on orders from himself or the Sheriff. I was issued a bulletproof vest and a gas mask but did not receive a riot helmet, therefore, not having a helmet, I was instructed by [redacted] to bring up the rear of our squadron.

We then proceeded by convoy to Southern University. My squad under [redacted] had been issued at Ryan Airport some red tear gas shells to be fired from shotguns. I did not have a shotgun and was armed only with a .38 caliber revolver. We arrived at Southern University at approximately 10:20 a.m. I rode to Southern University with Deputy [redacted] [redacted] a black Deputy. Upon arriving at Southern University we formed our squad.

I observed Sheriff AL AMISS utilizing the bullhorn on "Big Bertha" advising the students that they had five minutes to clear the Administration Building. Upon receiving these instructions, a few of the students dispersed, the majority stayed. At this time [redacted] ordered us to approach the Academic Building. The Troop [redacted]

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Louisiana State Police, preceded us and cleared the steps of the Academic Building. I subsequently took a position about [redacted] in front of the Administration Building. After clearing the steps of the Academic Building, the Troop [redacted] proceeded to [redacted] of the Administration Building. I remained stationary in my position in front of the Administration Building. The [redacted] of the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office approached the Administration Building somewhere [redacted]

As we subsequently proceeded to the Administration Building, some students waved at us and yelled "Come on. We're ready for you." I then saw tear gas come out of the crowd of students at the Administration Building which tear gas exploded somewhere behind the Troop [redacted] Louisiana State Police. I did not have my gas mask on and my eyes, therefore, began severely burning. I retreated back out of the tear gas, across the street from the Administration Building, to where our automobiles were parked.

After the gas cleared I walked back towards the Administration Building and observed two students lying on the sidewalk in front of theAdministration Building. I then walked to the area of the palm tree in front of the Administration Building and talked to a black Deputy, [redacted]

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Neither of us knew what happened to the students. A black Army officer in uniform then came over and spoke to a [redacted] in the vicinity of the palm tree and told [redacted] "You get some help here for these hurt students. If you don't, I'm going to hold you responsible." [redacted] then approached an officer of the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office to see about a vehicle to take the injured students to the hospital. At this time, three ambulances came to the area where the students were lying. The students were put in separate ambulances and left.

The Canine Corps from the Baton Rouge City Police then came to the scene. The Canine Corps was placed in back of the Administration Building for security.

Governor EDWARDS of the State of Louisiana then appeared on the scene and was interviewed by various reporters. A Louisiana State Police helicopter landed in front of the Administration Building and shortly thereafter took off.

I reported as ordered to the residence of Dr. LEON NETTERVILLE, 1870 Harding Blvd., Baton Rouge, the President of Southern University, to protect this residence. Deputy [redacted] Deputy [redacted] and [redacted] all black Deputies, were with me.

I have had no training in riot control. I am a high school graduate and completed three years of college at

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[redacted] I went to [redacted] from [redacted] and do not know any of the students in the aforementioned confrontation.

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

He is a Negro male, 5'10" in height, 190 lbs., black Afro hairdo, and wears [redacted]

Deputy [redacted] a black member of the Sheriff's Office [redacted] is currently [redacted] and could possibly know some of the students involved. He is currently employed by [redacted] as a [redacted] He works shift work, eight hours per day, and works as a Reserve Deputy approximately 40 to 70 hours a month.

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On November 30, 1972, [redacted] Deputy Sheriff, East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, was contacted and advised of his rights as listed on form entitled Interrogation; Advice of Rights which he read and stated he understood and then signed the waiver portion of this form. He furnished the following information regarding his activities on November 16, 1972, at Southern University, Baton Rouge.

He stated that his primary duty is that of a [redacted] at the East Baton Rouge Parish Jail, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. On November 16, 1972, at approximately 8:30 a.m. he received a telephone call from [redacted] of the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office. He was told to report to Ryan Airport, Baton Rouge, however, [redacted]

He then reported to the Junior Deputy Hut at Ryan Airport. The main body of Deputies and Louisiana State Police had already proceeded to Southern University. At this time there were approximately 15 Reserve Deputies left at Ryan Airport. He then received a call from [redacted] (phonetic) of the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office and he was told to report to Southern University. He subsequently reported to Southern University and while doing so heard a call over the radio for an ambulance as someone had been hurt. He then took a paddy wagon of water to Southern University as the participants in the confrontation wanted to wash off tear gas they had been involved in.

When he reported to Southern University the main confrontation was over. He later learned that two students had been hurt and had been removed by ambulance. He had no idea how the students were hurt or who was responsible.

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He advised that he has had very little training in riot control but has had some instruction in classes. He stated he is a high school graduate and served in the U.S. Army.

He advised he is willing to furnish a signed statement in the future if one is needed but since he was not on the scene at the time of the confrontation, he didn't see the need to furnish one at the present time.

The following description of [redacted] was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	[redacted]
Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	[redacted]
Place of Birth	
Height	5'11"
Weight	160 lbs.
Hair	Dark [redacted]

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On November 30, 1972, [redacted] East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, was contacted regarding his activity at Southern University on November 16, 1972. He was advised of his rights as listed on form entitled Interrogation; Advice of Rights and he signed this form.

He stated that his position with the Sheriff's Office is that of [redacted] which program is involved in [redacted] In addition, he is also one of the individuals at the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office responsible for [redacted] in riot control situations. In this regard he carries a limited amount of riot control supplies in a station wagon for emergency situations. He stated that on November 15, 1972, he received an adequate amount of sleep.

On November 16, 1972, he was told by the Sheriff's Office over the car radio to report to Ryan Airport and he arrived there about 9:00 a.m. He learned at Ryan Airport that they would be going to Southern University. At Ryan Airport Junior Deputy Hut he handed out red shotgun shells containing live ammunition and handed out red gas shotgun shells. He handed out some bulletproof vests. He stated that some individuals carried their own equipment from their homes.

After preparing at Ryan Airport, they proceeded convoy style to Southern University where they parked their cars. At Southern University he observed [redacted] a news commentator for [redacted] and [redacted] (last name unknown), a black cameraman for [redacted] He was wearing a green jumpsuit, an olive colored helmet and a bulletproof vest. He was armed with a .38 caliber revolver and a 12 gauge shotgun loaded with four rounds of #4 buckshot in the magazine. Prior to proceeding to Southern University,

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Sheriff AL AMISS, [redacted] and [redacted] had told the Deputies not to put anything in the chamber of their weapons and that they were to load with gas only. They were told not to fire unless ordered to do so. He stated that he had four "Mighty Mite" tear gas canisters on his belt. He threw no gas and fired no weapons during this confrontation. He stated that prior to the confrontation at Southern University he threw grass in the air and determined that the wind was coming from the northwest.

At Southern University he saw Sheriff AL AMISS of the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office approach the students at the Administration Building and tell them something. The students then sat down. He stated he has [redacted] therefore, misses many things that are said. When the Sheriff's Deputies began moving toward the students at the Administration Building, he put his gas mask on. He then heard a loud noise and hollered, "Men, they got grenades." He saw a tear gas canister come from the crowd of students at the Administration Building and land behind the Troop A Tactical Unit, Louisiana State Police. He heard a loud noise at this time. Subsequently he saw two more tear gas projectiles come from the crowd of students at the Administration Building, one of which landed near his position to the rear near a tree. At this time he helped a black Deputy, [redacted] (phonetic), put his gas mask on.

Subsequently a crowd of students in front of the Administration Building scattered with most of the students running in a southerly direction. He observed a tall black individual in military uniform say to a member of the Security at Southern University, "I got two down and I'm going to hold you directly responsible if you don't get some help here." Several minutes later he observed the two students lying on the sidewalk in front of the Administration Building. He had no idea what happened to these students and at that time thought they had been trampled in the rush of students to get away.

He advised he has received riot control training from numerous schools. He served in the U.S. Air Force in World War II as a [redacted] He was a member of the Louisiana State Police as a Trooper from [redacted] to [redacted] He is a high school graduate. He is described as

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follows: a white male, born [redacted] in [redacted] Louisiana, 225 lbs., 5'9", [redacted] brown hair.

[redacted] furnished an original list showing the names and type of equipment charged out by Deputies of the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office from the date of November 6, 1972, up through and including November 16, 1972, which is as follows:

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[redacted] Sq. [redacted]

1 - vest-hat & box shell
1 - vest & Hat & vest (1) 308 FM Rifle
1 - vest & hat & 1 shotgun-967993
1 - vest & hat
1 - vest & hat
1 - vest & hat
1 - vest & hat
1 - vest-hat & gas mask
1 - vest & hat
1 - vest-hat-gas mask & shotgun-988979
1 - vest & hat
1 - vest & hat
1 - vest & hat
1 - vest
1 - vest & hat

[redacted] Sq. [redacted] - 4-gas mask

1 - vest & 6 mighty might
1 - vest
1 - vest & 12 .38 bullets
1 - vest
1 - vest
1 - vest
1 - vest
1 - vest & ~~hat~~ (Return to [redacted]
1 - vest
~~1 - vest~~
1 - vest
1 - vest
1 - vest
1 - vest - (1) gas mask
1 - vest - gas mask - hat
1 - gas mask

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1 - gas mask & (1) vest
1 - vest
1 - vest
1 - vest & 5 shells
1 - vest-gas mask
1 - vest & gas mask - 12-38 shells

[redacted] Sq. [redacted]

1 - vest - 6 box penetrating tear gas cartridge 1 box 9 mm
1 - vest - 12 mighty might tear gas
1 - vest 1 bx 308
1 - vest
1 - vest
1 - vest & gas mask
1 - vest
1 - vest 4 Rounds Carbine Shell
1 - vest & 1-box of shells
1 - vest
1 - vest 20 Round Carbine Shells
1 - vest
1 - vest
1 - vest
1 - vest
1 - vest
1 - vest
5 Shell & 1 Box Penetrating Tear Gas

[redacted] Sq. [redacted]

1 - vest & 2 mighty might
1 - vest
1 - vest
1 - vest Holster & Bullet Pouch
1 - vest
1 - vest
1 - vest
1 - vest
1 - vest
1 - vest - & vest (2)
1 - vest
1 - vest
1 - vest
1 - vest
1 - vest & gas mask

[redacted] - 3-gas mask

[redacted] - 6-gas mask

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"Photographic -

1 - vest
1 - vest
1 - vest

[redacted]

1 - hat & vest
1 - Box 38 SP.
1 - gas mask - vest & hat 4 box gas shell
1 - vest & hat - Portable (4 MMs)
1 - ~~vest~~ - hat (4 MMs)
1 - vest 4 MM gas
1 - vest & face mask
1 - vest
1 - gas mask
1 - gas mask
1 - gas mask
1 - gas mask
1 - gas mask
1 - vest
1 - gas mask
1 - vest & gas mask 11/8/72

[redacted]

[redacted]

7 Buckshots
(1) vest

10- Carbine Shell
2 - Boxs Barricade Penetrating Tear Gas
~~1---gas-mask~~
~~1---gas-mask~~
~~1---gas-mask~~
1 - vest
1 - vest
1 - Mighty Might
1 - vest
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1 - (2) vest Lee News Service 2 gas mask
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1 - vest - gas mask
1 - vest
1 - vest Res Dep
1 - vest
3 box's Tear Gas Shotgun Shell
1 - Carbine 1 clip
10 Long Range Tear gas
1 - vest Chen 33
1 - vest Res. Dep. Thibodaux
2 - 38 shell - vest
1 - vest & gas mask
~~1 - gas mask & vest~~
~~1 - gas mask~~
1 - gas mask
12 - 38 shells
5 - shotgun shell
1 - gas mask
~~1 - gas mask~~
1 - gas mask
~~1 - gas mask~~
1 - gas mask
1 - vest
10 - Carbine clips & Amm.
12 - 12 ga. tear gas
12 - Mighty Might
12 - Grenade Lunching Cart.
1 Box shotgun shells
2 boxs 38 special
1 vest

Special Deputy
Return ~~1 vest & 1 mask~~
DJG ~~1 vest & 1 mask~~

(Vest)
Reserve Deputy -
3 med.
Return 1 X-large
DJG 8 large"

declined to furnish a signed statement.

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[redacted] Deputy, East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Department, was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents and that they wished to discuss the events at Southern University on November 16, 1972. Special Agent [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] advised that he did not wish to furnish a signed statement at this time; however, he furnished the following information:

[redacted] advised that on November 15, 1972, he was on standby at the Junior Deputies Hut at Ryan Airport, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. On November 16, 1972, he was called at home, at 9:00 a.m., by [redacted] and was told to report to the Junior Deputies Hut. When he arrived at the Junior Deputies Hut, [redacted] told him that the students had taken over the Administration Building. He then boarded the Sheriff's Department armored vehicle and rode to Southern University with [redacted] and [redacted] stated that when they arrived at Southern University there were approximately 175 to 200 students in front of the Administration Building. He heard someone tell the students that they had five minutes to clear the area. The next thing he saw was tear gas being thrown from the students toward the deputies' line. [redacted] advised that he remained in the armored vehicle at all times and could not see what was happening because of a tree which was in his line of sight and the smoke which covered most of the area. [redacted] stated that when the gas started he heard four shots go through the trees around him, just over his head. [redacted] stated that a camera man for the sheriff's office named [redacted] and [redacted] also heard the shots. [redacted] advised that he thought the shots were from a rifle that was larger than a .22 caliber.

[redacted] stated that when the students had moved to an area south of the auditorium, an order was given to fire gas in that area. [redacted] fired a gas projectile and he fired three rounds of tear gas from his shotgun. Approximately one hour later he was ordered to

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fire gas over the heads of a group of students who were near the deputies' vehicles. At this time he fired three tear gas rounds from his shotgun.

[redacted] advised that he was wearing a deputy's uniform, flak vest, green sheriff's jacket over the vest, green army-type helmet, and a gas mask. He had a four-inch .38 caliber Smith and Wesson service revolver and a 12 gauge, semi-automatic Winchester shotgun. The shotgun has a three shot capacity and was loaded with three tear gas rounds. [redacted] stated he had ten tear gas rounds issued to him.

[redacted] then furnished the following descriptive information:

Name	[redacted]
Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of birth	[redacted]
Place of birth	
Height	5'10½"
Weight	163 pounds
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Brown
Address	[redacted]
Telephone	
Military	[redacted] United States Coast Guard
Education	High school
Employment	Deputy, East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Department, entered on duty [redacted]

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[redacted] was advised of the identity of the contacting Agents and their desire to interview him concerning events which occurred on the campus of Southern University on November 16, 1972. Special Agent [redacted] advised [redacted] of his constitutional rights and furnished him 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 signed statement:

"December 1, 1972
Baton Rouge, La.

"I, [redacted] make the following voluntary statement to [redacted] and [redacted] who have identified themselves as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

"I am [redacted] years old and have been employed approximately [redacted] years as a Deputy Sheriff in East Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana. On November 16, 1972, I was scheduled to work a noon to 8:00 PM shift at the Parish Prison. I was called into work early to assist in restoring order on the campus of Southern University. I arrived at the assembly point late and missed joining up with my squad which is lead by [redacted] I rode to the campus with [redacted] and Deputy [redacted] When we arrived on the campus the shooting incident had already happened. The bodies had already been removed from the sidewalk in front of the Administration building. I joined my squad which was then formed up in the street in front of the Administration building. I reported to [redacted] when I got there. I recall that after I joined the squad a crowd of students was moving closer to us from the direction of Parker Hall. A white male deputy who was carrying a sack of tear gas canisters handed me his shot gun to hold while he tossed tear gas toward the crowd of students. When he gave me the shotgun he said, [redacted]

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[redacted] I did not shoot that shotgun. I do not know the name of the deputy who gave me his shotgun and do not know if he had fired the shotgun that day. I was equiped with a billie club that day and only kept the shotgun for a while.

"I know nothing about the deceased students or who may have shot them. I feel the shooting was not intentional and was accidental.

"I have read this statement consisting of this and two other pages. This statement is true to the best of my knowledge.

"/s/ [redacted]

"Witnessed:
/s/ [redacted] Special Agent, FBI, 12/1/72
/s/ [redacted] Special Agent,FBI 12/1/72"

[redacted] described the white male who had handed him the shotgun as being in his [redacted] tall, about [redacted] pounds, [redacted] stated that he knew this deputy's name but was unable to recall it at that moment.

[redacted] advised that on November 16, 1972, he was scheduled to work a noon till 8:00 p.m., shift, but was called into work at about 10:00 a.m., to assist in crowd control on the Southern University campus. [redacted] stated that for crowd control purposes he was assigned to Squad Number [redacted] commanded by [redacted] however, because of his late arrival, he did not participate in the initial events involving deputy sheriffs on the morning of November 16. [redacted] stated that after riding to the campus with [redacted] and Deputy [redacted] they discovered that the shooting incident had already passed and bodies had been removed from the scene.

[redacted] advised that neither he nor other persons on Squad Number [redacted] have had any riot-type training; however, he stated he has attended two law enforcement schools sponsored by Louisiana State University at Baton Rouge. He described one of these courses as an eight hour a day, forty hour a week school, lasting twelve weeks, and additionally, he has participated in a one evening per week school running 14 weeks. He stated he has received training with both a .38 caliber revolver and a 12 gauge shotgun.

The following description was obtained from observation and interview:

Name	[redacted]
Race	Negro
Sex	Male
Date of birth	[redacted]
Place of birth	
Height	6'2"
Weight	247 pounds
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Residence	[redacted]
Education	Completed 2½ years at [redacted]

At the conclusion of the interview, [redacted] left the room; however, he returned approximately seven minutes later and advised that he had just recalled the name of the white male deputy who had handed him the shotgun. He stated this individual's name was [redacted]

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[redacted] was advised of the identity of the contacting Agents and of the nature of the interview, in that the Department of Justice had requested that an investigation be made of the events at the Southern University campus on November 16, 1972 to determine whether any violation of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 had been committed. SA [redacted] furnished [redacted] with an Interrogation; Advice of Rights form, at which time [redacted] read it and advised that he fully understood his rights. He thereafter signed the form and furnished the following information:

He stated he was currently employed as a Deputy Sheriff in the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office, and has held this employment since [redacted]

On November 16, 1972, he received a call at home where he was on standby duty, and was told to go to the Junior Deputy Camp, adjacent to the Parish Prison. He stated that he, with other deputies, was advised of the problem on the Southern University campus and he was assigned as part of the crew of the Sheriff's armored vehicle. He said he was almost immediately reassigned from the half-track to maintaining a watch or guard on the Sheriff's automobiles as they arrived at the Southern University campus.

He stated he proceeded to the campus with two [redacted] and another deputy. One of the [redacted] was named [redacted] It was [redacted] who assigned him to guard duty on the Sheriff's vehicles. Upon arriving at the campus he took up a post in the vicinity of the Old Infirmary and kept watch on Sheriff's Department vehicles parked in the area.

[redacted] stated that the first time he learned of the shooting of two individuals on the campus was from a State Trooper who had returned, he presumed, from the area in front of the Administration Building. He stated almost immediately after he learned of the shootings from the State Trooper, ambulances passed his post on the way to the

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Administration Building area. He stated that Deputy [redacted] was also assigned to guard duty with him, and he was accompanied on his guard duty by a campus policeman whose name he does not recall but who was referred to by others as [redacted]

[redacted] stated that at no time was he in the vicinity of the Administration Building on November 16, 1972. He did not smell tear gas and in fact had no reason to take his gas mask from its case. He could not see any of the action in front of the Administration Building and advised that he has no idea of the identity of the individual or individuals who might have been responsible for the deaths of the two students.

The following description of [redacted] was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	[redacted]
Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of birth	[redacted]
Place of birth	
Height	6'1"
Weight	215 pounds
Hair	[redacted]
Eyes	Gray
Marital status	Married
Residence	[redacted]
Previous police experience	[redacted] years in the military assigned to [redacted] units. A period of time as a [redacted]

[redacted] indicated that he would be willing to sign a statement setting forth his answers to the interviewing Agents. However, at the time of the interview the Parish Prison staff was reduced and his duties caused him to terminate the interview before such a statement could be taken. He advised that should it become necessary he will be willing to furnish a statement at any future time.

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[redacted] East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, was questioned specifically concerning any information developed by his department concerning the possibility of another unknown victim resulting from the confrontation between Sheriff's Deputies and students at Southern University on November 16, 1972.

[redacted] advised that his department was aware only of the two individuals who were killed and one other individual who claims he was struck in the arm by some sort of projectile. He had no information whatsoever concerning anybody who might have been shot in the chest and carried away from the scene of this confrontation by two other black individuals.

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[redacted] East Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana, Sheriff's Office, advised that in connection with recent disturbances on the campus of Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, his department only went onto the campus of Southern University on two occasions prior to November 16, 1972; however, there were several other occasions when the department was alerted to possible trouble on the campus.

The two occasions when they actually went onto the campus included an incident on October 31, 1972, when approximately 300 students had taken over the gymnasium. On this occasion, Sheriff's Deputies went onto the campus and were proceeding to the gymnasium when they got word that the students had dispersed, and no further action was taken. The second occasion was on November 2, 1972, when they went onto the campus after being notified that students were being forcibly pulled out of classrooms by other students; however, on this occasion they had no direct contact with students.

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II. LAW ENFORCEMENT REPRESENTATIVES NOT AT THE SCENE

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A. EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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On November 30, 1972, [redacted] was located at the East Baton Rouge Parish Prison and was advised of the identities of the contacting Agents and their desire to interview him about the events occurring near the Administration Building of the Southern University campus located at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on November 16, 1972. [redacted] was furnished the form entitled Interrogation; Advice of Rights by SA [redacted] which he read, stated he understood, and signed the waiver portion thereof. [redacted] furnished the following information:

[redacted] advised that on November 16, 1972, he was dressed in the normal Deputy's uniform consisting of a short sleeved khaki shirt and green pants with a gold stripe. He was advised at approximately 9:30 a.m. to report to the Junior Deputy Hut at Ryan Airport. [redacted] advised that he was still at the Junior Deputy Hut when he heard over the Sheriff's Office radio the call requesting ambulances to go to Southern University. At that point he asked [redacted] if he should proceed to Southern University which [redacted] suggested he do. [redacted] advised that he arrived at the Southern University campus after the students' bodies had been removed and, therefore, could provide no information regarding the shooting.

[redacted] stated that he would provide a signed statement at a future date.

The following facts were obtained from observation and interview:

Name
Address [redacted]

telephone [redacted]

Race Negro
Sex Male

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Height	6'3"
Weight	335 lbs.
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	[redacted]
Scars and Marks	[redacted]
Employment	East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office as Deputy for [redacted] years
Marital Status	Married, [redacted] children
Education	High School
Training	Has had no formal training in riot or crowd control.

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[redacted] Deputy, East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Department, was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents and that they wished to discuss the events at Southern University on November 16, 1972. Special Agent [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] advised he did not wish to furnish a signed statement at this time, but furnished the following information:

[redacted] advised that on November 15, 1972, he worked the 12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m., shift. On November 16, 1972, he came on duty at 4:00 a.m., working a regular patrol in the north section of the parish. At 10:15 a.m., he was told to handle a traffic accident. At 10:30 a.m., he went back into service and was told to report to the Junior Deputies Hut at Ryan Airport. When he arrived at the Junior Deputies Hut, the convoy to Southern University had already left. He remained at that location until about 30 minutes after the ambulance was called to the campus. He then was told to go to Southern University. He went there in a car with [redacted] Deputy [redacted] and one other person, name unrecalled. When he arrived the bodies of the students had already been removed.

[redacted] then furnished the following descriptive information:

Name	[redacted]
Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of birth	[redacted]
Place of birth	
Height	6'
Weight	215 pounds
Education	High school
Employment	Deputy, East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Department,

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B. SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY, BATON ROUGE, SECURITY FORCE

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[redacted] Campus Security, Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, advised that before the incident of November 16, 1972, there had been prior disturbances on campus leading up to the confrontation which caused the deaths of two students. [redacted] advised that a group of students banded together calling themselves "Students United". The hard core leadership of this group consisted of the following students: [redacted]

The tactic used by the Students United leadership was to have members of the different established student organizations have someone in their group go from classroom to classroom, from dorm to dorm, and intimidate, threaten violence, and force students to come to their meetings. To the best of his knowledge, Students United did not have any outside individuals participating in their demonstrations. [redacted] then gave a chronology of the events that culminated in the deaths of the two students on November 16, 1972.

On Friday, October 20, 1972, he was informed that a demonstration had started near T. T. Allain Building. The demonstration was concerning something regarding the grievances in the Psychology Department and also involved were students in the Engineering Department. The students, who numbered approximately 200 to 250, went from T. T. Allain Building to the Home Economics Building, and then on to the Fine Arts Building. All along the way, they were encouraging others to follow them and join their ranks. They collected at the Union Building where they milled around outside. Somehow they received permission to have a meeting at the Women's Gymnasium. After arriving at the Women's Gymnasium, they only stayed a short time and then proceeded to the President's campus residence, which is adjacent to the Administration Building. They only hesitated there momentarily and thereafter went directly to the Administration Building. This was approximately at 10:30 a.m. Word had been received by President G. LEON NETTERVILLE that the students were outside and wanted to talk to him. NETTERVILLE agreed to

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speak to them but suggested that they go to a more appropriate place, such as the Chapel or the Women's Gymnasium, in order to talk. The students insisted on staying right there. Different leaders would go to the top of the steps and have their say concerning the grievances in reference to the lack of space for student offices in the Psychology Department and also concerning the resignation of Dr. NETTERVILLE.

Finally a portable speaker was assembled and at that time the President listened to each of their grievances. They appointed a secretary from among the students to come up and take notes on which to list all the grievances. [redacted] appeared to be the [redacted] along with [redacted] main grievance was the resignation of President NETTERVILLE and of [redacted] wanted all the old frame buildings on campus to be torn down. She desired that all construction work on the new Field House complex be stopped because inferior materials were being used. She questioned President NETTERVILLE on the dismissal of certain former faculty members such as [redacted] former Assistant Professor of [redacted] and also concerning [redacted] and a few others. President NETTERVILLE attempted to answer these charges, telling them that the former instructors were not fired but left for various other reasons.

After a considerable amount of dialogue the group became disenchanted and left. NETTERVILLE asked that the grievances be written up so that the administration could deal with them. Before leaving, however, it was established that another meeting was set for Monday. [redacted] stated at this time he received word that a rumor was going around that the crowd that had participated in the discussion with Dr. NETTERVILLE was now going to the Placement Bureau where several white interviewers representing different firms were presently talking to students. Campus security officers were immediately dispatched to the Placement Bureau in case of trouble, but nothing developed.

On Monday, October 23, 1972, the University sanctioned the Men's Gymnasium as the place where the students could meet at 10:00 a.m. The [redacted] were again [redacted] President NETTERVILLE was present also. At that time, NETTERVILLE advised that he would direct the Executive Council to address themselves to the

students' grievances and have a response to them by 11:00 a.m. on October 24, 1972.

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On Tuesday, October 24, 1972, the students gathered again at the Men's Gymnasium at 10:00 a.m. [redacted] of the [redacted] Department, advised that the Executive Council had decided that certain of the grievances had merit and could be implemented right away. Others, however, would need further study and consultation with the students. Unsatisfied, the students assembled south of the Men's Gymnasium on Harding Boulevard and decided to march to the State Board of Education, downtown Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and to the State Capitol Building. Leaving the campus walking, were approximately 250 students. Upon arriving at the Board of Education, however, there were approximately 1,500 to 2,000 students. Obviously most of them drove down there in their personal vehicles.

On October 25, 1972, another meeting was held at the Men's Gymnasium at approximately 10:00 a.m. The students discussed what had transpired the day before at the State Board of Education and also the Executive Council's response to their grievances. On October 26, 1972, [redacted] of State Board of Education, came to the Southern University, Baton Rouge, campus to speak to the students and the leadership of Students United. On October 27, 1972 the students again assembled at the Men's Gymnasium. Present also were President NETTERVILLE, [redacted] and representatives from the State Board of Education. When the representatives from the State Board of Education tried to talk, the students booed, shouted, and refused to let them have their say.

On October 30, 1972, there was another assembly of students at the Men's Gymnasium at approximately 10:00 a.m. [redacted] introduced a Negro male, whose name [redacted] could not recall, as a Black Panther from the New Orleans area. No one, including administration officials, newsmen or campus security officers, were allowed inside the gymnasium. On October 31, 1972, the students assembled at the Men's Gymnasium. They left after deciding to go to [redacted] office, but instead, they went to the President's office. There were approximately 1,000 students involved. Campus security officers were dispatched to block the entrance to the Administration Building to prevent their entrance. A few of the students were permitted to go in the building in order to see that President

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NETTERVILLE was not there. Those students were [redacted] Upon finding out that President NETTERVILLE was not in his office they decided to go to [redacted] office. Again campus security officers were dispatched to [redacted] office to prevent students from entering. Four students, however, were allowed to go in to see [redacted] These students were [redacted] Upon finding out that [redacted] was not there all the students returned to the Men's Gymnasium.

On Thursday, November 2, 1972, another meeting was scheduled at the same place at 10:00 a.m. This meeting was an unsanctioned meeting at the gymnasium. They were asked to leave, but did not. The Sheriff's Office was called and when his contingent arrived, the students left the gymnasium without incident. The student leadership, however, did try to antagonize the officers in every way. Instead of going back to their classrooms or to their dorms, all the students assembled at the parking lot south of the gymnasium, but no incident occurred. On Friday, November 3, 1972, the students assembled at the Newman Center. They left there to go to the Men's Gymnasium but could not get in because it was locked and had chains across the door. From there they proceeded to the Women's Gymnasium and had their meeting. Again, no incidents occurred. On November 4, 1972, the students held an unsanctioned meeting at the Women's Gymnasium at 10:00 a.m. Also present was a group of men calling themselves Vietnam Veterans and wearing black armbands on their left arms. One of those calling themselves Vietnam Veterans was [redacted] later found out that [redacted] was not a student. At one time, [redacted] No incident occurred on this date

On November 6, 1972, the students assembled at the Men's Gymnasium at approximately 10:00 a.m. This was a sanctioned meeting and no incidents occurred.

On November 8, 1972, students tried to enter the Men's Gymnasium but it was locked and guarded by the campus security officers. They then went to the Women's Gymnasium. Somehow they broke into the gymnasium and [redacted] was seen opening the doors from the inside. While this was going on an explosion took place in the restroom of T. T. Allain Building at approximately 11:00 a.m. [redacted] Assistant Professor of [redacted] reported the explosion. [redacted] Assistant Professor of

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[redacted] activated the explosion as he entered the restroom. It appears that a string was tied to the door of the restroom and when the door was opened it activated the explosion. The Louisiana State Police were called in order to inspect the explosion, and the University was officially closed on this date.

[redacted] Administrative Services, and [redacted] Campus Security, went to the District Attorney's office in order to have warrants issued for [redacted] Later the same date, [redacted] and [redacted] were arrested by the East Baton Rouge Parish Deputies for forcible entry and failure to leave when ordered. [redacted] and [redacted] were charged with [redacted] The rest were charged with [redacted]

On the same date [redacted] was taken into custody as a suspect in the activation of two explosives near the footbridge north of the law school. He was later released because of lack of evidence. At approximately 11:15 p.m., a search by [redacted] campus police officer, produced six Molotov cocktails that were left at the scene when [redacted] was arrested.

At approximately 12:20 a.m., November 9, 1972, a fire was set on the University Farm near the greenhouse. The barn was on fire and the Fire Department was notified. As campus security officers started toward the fire, six shots were fired by someone at the officers. The East Baton Rouge Sheriff's Office had to provide protection for the Fire Department. Also, a few small fires were set in the various residence halls. The order was given by someone in the administration that only the band, the football players and a few essential others were to be allowed to remain on campus. The Sheriff's Office and the State Police assisted the campus security office in patrolling the campus, and a 7:30 p.m. curfew was invoked.

On November 10, 1972, a small group of students marched about the campus. It was the same people; [redacted] were seen among them. [redacted] and [redacted] were seen entering the campus also. The group had assembled in front of the Union Building and were led by [redacted] all over the campus. A blue ribbon committee which had been established

by Governor EDWARDS, which included all of the black representatives of the Louisiana Legislature, addressed the students. [redacted] told the committee that they would continue to boycott classes and demanded that all of their grievances be met. [redacted] told the committee that they would boycott the football game. [redacted] told the committee that they would hold meetings Saturday and Sunday in "their" gymnasium.

On November 11, 1972, this group, Students United, assembled themselves outside of the Southern University football stadium at approximately 1:30 p.m. [redacted] spoke to the group and tried to persuade them from interrupting the football game. It was decided to permit the students to go in and march around the football field and then leave. However, once they started marching around the field, they demanded to speak on the public address system. When this was not allowed, they all sat down on the field to prevent the game from being played. After about ten minutes, they tore up their placards and left.

On November 14 and 15, 1972, the students continued to solicit the help of other students and to intimidate those who would not join in their protests.

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was interviewed concerning a possible violation of the Civil Rights Act. was advised of the identity of SA and SA and furnished the following information voluntarily:

advised that on November 16, 1972, he reported for work at approximately 11:15 a.m. when he had received a phone call from the Security Office directing him to report to President NETTERVILLE's home on Harding Boulevard, Baton Rouge. stated that he remained at the President's home for approximately 36 hours, and at no time did he go to the Southern University campus. His duties at the President's home were to answer the phone and provide protection for President NETTERVILLE.

could provide no additional pertinent information concerning the investigation in this matter.

The following was obtained through observation and interview:

Name Address	
Telephone number	
Date of birth	
Place of birth	
Handicaps	None
Military service	Air Force, years
Education	High school graduate
Weapon	Personally-owned .38 caliber revolver

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Training	Campus Security Program - mob control, firearms, building student police report, recognizing dangerous drugs
Employment	Campus Security Officer [redacted] years

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On November 27, 1972, the following officers of the Southern University Campus Security were interviewed by SA's [redacted] and [redacted] on the campus of Southern University. The following officers stated that they were not on the campus on November 16, 1972 at the time two students were shot in front of the Administration Building, and could furnish no positive information concerning the incident:

[redacted]
Officer [redacted] Southern University
Campus Security
Residence [redacted]

Date of birth
Place of birth
Employment [redacted] months with Southern University Campus Security

[redacted]
Campus Security
Residence [redacted]

Date of birth
Place of birth
Employment [redacted] years with Southern University Campus Security

[redacted]
Officer, Southern University
Campus Security
Residence [redacted]

Date of birth
Place of birth
Employment [redacted] year with Southern University Campus Security

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[redacted] was advised of the identity 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, and executed the warning and waiver form. Having been advised of his rights, [redacted] furnished the following information:

[redacted] stated that he arrived at the campus of Southern University at approximately 1:00 p.m. on November 16, 1972 and did not witness anything that had occurred on the morning of November 16, 1972. He stated that he could furnish no information regarding the shooting of two Southern University students, and that if he should receive any information he would contact the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The following description of [redacted] was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	[redacted]
Race	Negro
Sex	Male
Height	5'8"
Weight	170 pounds
Date of birth	[redacted]
Place of birth	
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Black
Social Security Account Number	[redacted]
Scars and marks	None
Employment	Security Guard, Southern University, for [redacted] years
Residence	[redacted]
Marital status	Married
Physical defects	None

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III. INTERVIEWS WITH PROSPECTIVE WITNESSES

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A. STUDENTS WHO WITNESSED CONFRONTATION

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[redacted] was interviewed on the campus of Southern University at Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The Agents identified themselves, and SA [redacted] told her that the Agents wished to discuss with her her knowledge of the events concerning a confrontation between students and law enforcement personnel in front of the Administration Building of Southern University on the morning of November 16, 1972.

[redacted] Negro female, date of birth [redacted] said that she resides at [redacted] home telephone number [redacted] She is a [redacted] in the [redacted] Department at Southern University, and her campus address is [redacted]

[redacted] said that a meeting was scheduled for approximately 10:00 a.m. on November 16, 1972, in front of the Administration Building at Southern University for those who considered themselves members of a group of students known as Students United. She said she arrived alone in front of the Administration Building sometime after 10:00 a.m., exact time not recalled. She said she was standing on the bottom step in front of the doors of the Administration Building when policemen converged on the area approximately one half hour after she first arrived in front of the building. She said the policemen ordered the students to leave the building, and a crowd of students sat down, and she heard people saying to stay seated and not to move. She said the policemen formed a line in front of the students, and then she noticed some tear gas came from somewhere to her left as she faced the policemen and into the crowd of students on the steps. She said she did not know who threw the tear gas, and she immediately left the steps and the area of the Administration Building and went across College Drive to Parker Hall. She said she did not see any other tear gas being thrown, nor did

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she see or hear any shooting. She said she does not know anyone who was injured, and she stated that she did not know the identity of anyone else in the crowd of students by the Administration Building.

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[redacted] telephone number [redacted] was advised of the identities of interviewing Agents as Special Agents of the FBI. He was advised that he was being interviewed in connection with the incident on November 16, 1972, at the Southern University campus, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

[redacted] advised that he was sitting on the steps of the Administration Building on November 16, 1972, with other students who were mainly armed forces veterans. He stated that the female students were inside the building in case of trouble. He identified himself in one of the photographs taken of the students sitting in front of the Administration Building.

At this point, [redacted] advised that he did not wish to say anything further about the events on November 16, 1972, until he talked to his attorney, [redacted]

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[redacted] met with Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] on the campus of Southern University on November 27, 1972, and indicated to them the precise spot on the ground where he claimed he saw [redacted] firing a shotgun into the crowd of students on November 16, 1972. The spot indicated by [redacted] was [redacted] again stated that he observed this [redacted] fire from a standing position several times and, after each shot, unload the expended shell into his hand and then put it in his pocket.

He again described this [redacted] as being approximately [redacted] tall, weighing [redacted] lbs., and generally having a [redacted] This individual had [redacted] hair sticking out from beneath his riot helmet and gave the impression during the confrontation between the students and the Deputy Sheriffs that [redacted]

In addition to the above description of this [redacted] described the shoulder weapon as having a regular shoulder stock, a full size pistol grip near the trigger, and another thing that stuck down from the body of the gun in front of the trigger. He repeated again that he felt this was a shotgun.

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[redacted] was contacted relative to his being present on the steps of the Administration Building, Southern University at Baton Rouge (SUBR), on November 16, 1972. [redacted] was promptly informed of the identities of the interviewing Agents, SA's [redacted] and [redacted] and thereafter provided the following information:

[redacted] stated that he arrived on the SUBR campus at approximately 7:30 AM and proceeded to the Student Union Building. Upon his arrival, [redacted] advised that he was informed that all the other students were gathering at the Administration Building to talk to Dr. NETTERVILLE. [redacted] stated that when he arrived at the Administration Building, the students were inside the building with a few students still on the outer steps. [redacted] stated that he was standing at the Administration Building when [redacted] came out of the front door and stated to the crowd of students that Dr. NETTERVILLE was not in his office and again stated that the students were not there to take over the building or cause a violent disturbance but to talk to Dr. NETTERVILLE.

[redacted] stated that he then noticed that the police and State Patrol were arriving on campus. [redacted] added that he believes that [redacted] was the one who advised the students to sit down on the Administration Building steps.

[redacted] stated that as the State Police and Sheriff's Deputies moved into position, he heard a loud speaker or bull horn state that the students had a certain amount of time to move away from the steps. He stated that as the Sheriff's Deputies moved into position, a State Policeman rolled a tear gas canister into the crowd of students. He stated that this canister was thrown back at the police officers. [redacted] stated that at this point, the police officers started shooting and

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throwing more tear gas projectiles. [redacted] added that this is when the students started to run toward the chapel (auditorium).

[redacted] stated that as he also ran in a southerly direction, he heard someone say that a student was injured. He stated that he stopped and went back to the two bodies lying on the ground. He stated that he assumed that they were dead because of the close range from which they were shot. [redacted] stated that he then glanced at the Sheriff's Deputies to see who was shooting at them. [redacted] stated that the shots came from a position approximately [redacted] added that he could not identify the individual who fired the shots.

[redacted] stated that at this point one of the Sheriff's Deputies yelled out "that's the one" and pointed toward [redacted] as he ran toward the south. He stated that all of the Sheriff's Deputies then pointed their guns in the direction of [redacted] and [redacted] who was behind [redacted]

[redacted] stated that he then proceeded to a position near the Law Building and attempted to get the students out of the area.

In conclusion, [redacted] stated that he then proceeded off campus. [redacted] when shown photographs of the students on the steps of the Administration Building, stated that one individual was himself and the other was [redacted] stated he could provide no further information.

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[redacted] was interviewed at a police roadblock on Harding Boulevard, which approaches the Southern University Campus. [redacted] was advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents as being [redacted] and [redacted] Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. [redacted] was also advised he was being interviewed concerning his knowledge of the events which took place on the campus of Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on November 16, 1972, between the students and law enforcement agencies.

[redacted] advised he is a student at Southern University and his student number is [redacted] resides at [redacted] and during the school year resides in [redacted] on the Southern University Campus. His date of birth is [redacted] and he is a Negro male.

[redacted] furnished the following signed statement:

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"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 a black male, age [redacted] and have completed [redacted] years of college.

"On 11/16/72, at about 10:00 A.M., I was talking to an instructor, [redacted] outside of the Academic Building. I observed several students standing on the steps of the Administration

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Building. I observed a convoy led by an armored car approach the Administration Building on College Drive. The armored truck stopped almost directly in front of the Administration Building. I heard an announcement from the armored truck telling the students to clear the area. The officies then spread out and fored a semi-circle in front of the Academic Building. The officiers moved up as a five minute warning was given from the armored truck. This warning was not clear and I am certain of exactly what was said. After this, I heard three minute and two minute warnings from the armored truck. These also were not distinct and I don't believe the students on the steps of the Administration Building could have understood the warning. The students on the steps of the Administration Building were jeering the officiers. I did not hear any more warnings after the two minute warning. I heard a pop to my left, at this point I was standing on College Drive. I looked to my left and when I looked back at the Administration Building, I observed what appeared to be smoke in the area of the building. I saw a student in the crowd near the steps throw what appeared to be a cannister toward the officiers approaching from the Academic Building. The Officiers started throwing gas and the officiers nearest the Academic Building started to scatter. I tried to help two young ladies near the east side of the Academic Building who were trying to get to Swan Avenue. I heard officiers firing from in front of the Administration Building. Students started running from the Administration Building toward the Auditorium. At this time a group of about 4 officiers between the Palm tree and college drive turned twoard a group of about 7 or 8 students, including myself, and pointed their weapons

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in our direction. They started to slowly walk towards us. At this point I stopped watching the Administration Building and observed the officiers approaching. When I looked back at the Administration Building, I saw one or two men lying on the walk by the tree in front of the Administration Building.

"A tear gas grenade then landed about 10 feet from me and I started moving to Swan Ave. As I moved, I observed the top floor windows of the Administration Building being shot out. I could see students coming out the side of the Administration Building. When I got to Swan Ave., I could see that there were two bodies lying on the sidewalk. About 5 to 10 men tried to get to the bodies, apparently to aid them, from the direction of the auditorium and the officiers fired tear gas at them.

"I have read this statement consisting of this and two other hand written pages and now sign it because it is true.

"/s/ [redacted]
Baton Rouge, La.

"Witness:

"/s/ [redacted] - FBI, Baton Rouge, 11/27/72

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

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[redacted] was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and that he was being questioned in relation to the events on the campus of Southern University, November 16, 1972. [redacted] furnished the following information:

[redacted] advised that he is a student at Southern University and was in the vicinity of the Administration Building at the time two students were shot on November 16, 1972.

[redacted] advised that he arrived in the vicinity of the Administration Building shortly after the university's president, Dr. NETTERVILLE, had left the campus for a meeting downtown. [redacted] stated that he was informed by other students in the crowd that they were waiting for Dr. NETTERVILLE to return from the meeting. [redacted] stated that he estimated that there were 200 to 300 students milling around in the vicinity of the Administration Building and 50 to 75 students inside the building.

[redacted] stated that he heard a spokesman for the demonstrators tell the crowd outside the building that they were not here to take over the Administration Building. [redacted] stated that he observed a large number of cars carrying Sheriff's Deputies and Louisiana State Troopers driving along Campus Drive toward the Administration Building.

[redacted] related that he observed the deputies and troopers get into formation in lines in front of the Administration Building near a palm tree. [redacted] stated that he heard a warning given by one of the officers to evacuate the building but [redacted] stated that the warning was not very audible.

[redacted] related that after the warning was given, he observed approximately twenty state troopers move to the northeast corner of the Administration Building and he also observed the sheriff's deputies move in a line towards the building. [redacted] stated that at this point he moved towards the Academic Building and from there to a position on the

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east side of College Drive. [redacted] stated that he then observed one tear gas grenade thrown into the crowd in front of the building which was thrown back at the deputies by one of the students in the crowd. [redacted] advised that this was followed by a volley of tear gas shot into the crowd. [redacted] stateddthat he observed many students running away from the building and he observed some of the State Troopers attempting to enter the Administration Building. [redacted] stated the troopers did not go inside but he did observe a campus security officer enter the building and subsequently leave with many students behind him, some with their hands up. [redacted] related that additional tear gas was then shot into the crowd.

[redacted] stated that he did not become aware that two students had been shot and were dead until after the firing of tear gas by the law enforcement officers had ceased. [redacted] stated that he would not be able to identify the source of the shot killing the students, nor did he know of anyone who could furnish this information.

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She advised that she is a student at Southern University (student number [redacted] and was in the vicinity of the Administration Building on November 16, 1972.

[redacted] stated that she was inside the Administration Building when the Sheriff's Deputies and Louisiana State Troopers arrived on the campus. [redacted] advised that after the first tear gas was fired into the crowd, she left the Administration Building by a side door and made her way back to College Drive and a position behind the line of Sheriff's Deputies. [redacted] advised that tear gas still was being fired at this time.

[redacted] stated that a student standing near her told her that two students had been shot and she was able to observe two bodies lying on the sidewalk.

She stated that she could furnish no information concerning the source of the shot killing the students and knew of no one who had this kind of information.

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She advised that she is a student at Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, (student number [redacted] and was in the vicinity of the Administration Building on November 16, 1972.

[redacted] stated that she was part of a group of students congregating in front of the Administration Building prior to the arrival of the Sheriff's Deputies and State Troopers. [redacted] stated that she heard spokesmen for the demonstrators advising the crowd that they had not taken over the Administration Building but were waiting for Dr. NETTERVILLE to return from a meeting of the State Board of Education. [redacted] stated that she also heard a student, known to her as [redacted] telling the crowd not to run and not to be intimidated.

[redacted] stated that after Deputies and Troopers had arrived on campus, she had moved to a position behind the Deputies who had formed a line parallel to the front of the Administration Building. [redacted] advised that she heard a warning given by a law enforcement officer to clear the building in three minutes.

[redacted] advised that she could see some of the students move away from the building in response to this warning. [redacted] stated that she could not see what was going on very clearly after the Deputies began moving on the building due to the smoke coming from the tear gas fired at the crowd.

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[redacted] stated that it was not until she heard screaming and crying from students leaving the Administration Building that she became aware that two students had been shot. [redacted] related that after the crowd had cleared away from the building, she could see two bodies lying on the sidewalk in front of the building.

[redacted] stated that she could furnish no information concerning the identity of the source of the shots and she did not know of anyone else who had information of this type.

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She advised that she is a student at Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, (student number [redacted] and was in the vicinity of the Administration Building on November 16, 1972.

[redacted] stated that she was inside of the Administration Building when the two students were shot outside the building and did not observe any of the actions of the students or law enforcement officers.

[redacted] stated that she did not leave the Administration Building until she had been informed by a fellow student that two students had been killed.

[redacted] stated that she does not know of anyone who has information concerning the identity of the person firing the shots.

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[redacted] advised that she is a student at Southern University (student number [redacted] and was in the vicinity of the Administration Building on November 16, 1972.

[redacted] advised that she was outside of the Administration Building when it became known that Sheriff's Deputies were en route to the campus. [redacted] stated that she went inside the Administration Building after student leaders asked that all women go inside. She stated that she remained inside the building while the Deputies arrived on campus and was not in a position to observe their movements or actions.

[redacted] stated that shortly after the tear gas was fired at the students assembled outside, she left the Administration Building by a side door.

She advised that after the crowd had been dispersed from the vicinity of the Administration Building, she was able to observe the bodies of the two students who had been shot.

[redacted] stated that she did not know either of the two dead students personally and she did not know of anyone who had any pertinent information to furnish concerning the shooting.

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[redacted] was interviewed at the Harding Boulevard entrance to the Southern University campus and furnished the following information concerning the events on the campus November 16, 1972:

[redacted] advised that she is a student at Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and was part of a group of students standing in front of the University Administration Building on the morning of November 16, 1972.

[redacted] stated that when the Sheriff's Deputies and Louisiana State Troopers began to arrive on the campus a student leader requested that all females go inside the Administration Building. [redacted] stated that she went into the Administration Building and left shortly thereafter by a side entrance, and then took up a position by some hedges near the Academic Building. [redacted] stated that she did not see either of the two dead students fall as the result of a shot or shots being fired, but she did see the bodies after the crowds had cleared away from the front of the Administration Building.

[redacted] stated that she did not hear any warning given by a law enforcement officer to clear out of the Administration Building, but she understands that this occurred while she was inside the building.

[redacted] stated that she did not know the two dead students personally and she did not know of anyone who might have information concerning the identity of the person firing the shot. [redacted] stated that she recalls seeing the following students in the vicinity of the Administration Building at the time of the incident:

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[redacted] stated that she had no additional pertinent information to furnish. b6 b7C

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[redacted] to the Southern University campus and furnished the following information concerning the events on the campus the morning of November 16, 1972:

[redacted] advised that he is a student at Southern University and was part of a group of students standing in front of the Administration Building on the morning of November 16, 1972. [redacted] advised that he was outside of the building at the time that the Sheriff's Deputies and Louisiana State Troopers arrived on the campus. [redacted] stated that he did not hear a warning given by anyone due to the fact that there was a helicopter hovering overhead at that point.

[redacted] stated that he does not now recall the source of the first tear gas canister. [redacted] stated that after the first tear gas was shot he moved towards the University President's house to the south of the Administration Building. [redacted] stated that during the time tear gas was being shot at the students he did observe several instances in which students were throwing it back at the advancing deputies and troopers. b6 b7C

[redacted] stated that during this time many students were running away from the Administration Building in the direction he had gone as well as towards the Academic Building. [redacted] stated that at one point he heard what sounded like a repeated volley of shots which did not sound like the firing of the tear gas shells. [redacted] stated that he did not personally observe the two students fall and he was not personally familiar with either of them. [redacted] could furnish no additional pertinent information.

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[redacted] was interviewed at the Harding Boulevard entrance to the Southern University campus and furnished the following information concerning the events on the campus the morning of November 16, 1972:

[redacted] stated that he is a student at Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and was in the vicinity of the Administration Building at the time two students were killed on November 16, 1972. [redacted] stated that prior to the arrival of the Sheriff's Deputies and Louisiana State Troopers he heard one of the student leaders, whom he could not identify, advising the crowd that they were not taking over the Administration Building, "get that straight". [redacted] stated that at the time the deputies and troopers arrived on the scene there were students sitting on the steps of the Administration Building as well as students inside of the Administration Building.

[redacted] stated that as the deputies and troopers began to form into ranks he was at that time standing in front of the Auditorium or Chapel Building. [redacted] related that he heard a three minute warning given to clear out the Administration Building, and when there was approximately one minute left he observed that the State Troopers and Sheriff's Deputies had virtually surrounded the Administration Building.

[redacted] stated that as the troopers and deputies began to advance on the Administration Building, he could observe a single gas canister thrown into the crowd of students but he was not sure from what direction it had come [redacted] stated that after that time there was a barrage of tear gas thrown at the students, and he did observe several canisters thrown back at the deputies and troopers. [redacted] stated that he did not see the students fall as a result of being shot and he did not personally know either of the two dead students. [redacted] stated that he recalled hearing one student, whom he could not identify, say that he had run over a shotgun shell while fleeing from the vicinity of the Administration Building. [redacted] stated he could furnish no additional pertinent information concerning the incident.

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by SA [redacted] :vwm Date dictated 12/4/72

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[redacted] was interviewed at his residence, [redacted] was advised of the identities of [redacted] and [redacted] as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He was advised the Agents wished to interview him concerning the student-police confrontation on the Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Campus on November 16, 1972. [redacted] furnished the following signed statement:

"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 a black male, [redacted] years old and have completed [redacted] year of college. I am presently a [redacted] at [redacted] Baton Rouge, La.

"On the morning of 11/16/72, I arrived and entered the Administration Building at the SU campus sometime between 8:30 and 9:00 AM. I was accompanied by two roommates, [redacted] and [redacted] There were about 30 to 40 students inside the Administration at that time. While inside the Administration Building, I talked to other students in the hallway. After being inside about 20 minutes, someone told me [redacted] was outside and wanted to see me. I went outside and stood in front of the steps on the front or east side of the Administration Building and spoke to [redacted] is not a student and he had come to the campus the morning of 11/16/72, to pay me for using my car. After talking to [redacted] for

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by SA [redacted] and SA ETW:bal 245 Date dictated 12/1/72

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twenty or thirty minutes, I observed a convoy of police officers arrive on the campus and stop in front of the Administration Building. I heard the police give a warning that the crowd had five minutes to disperse. After about three minutes, the police started to form into groups. One policeman standing between the Administration and Academic Building_ rolled a gas cannister at the students in front of the Administration Building. A student picked it up and threw it back at the police and the police moved back. The police then started throwing alot of gas and I and several other students ran south toward Parker Hall. While standing near Parker Hall, I heard one student say two students were hurt. Another student said I couldn't go back there because the police were shooting the real stuff. I asked a deputy standing next to a campus security officer 'why can't I help the students?' The deputy pointed a rifle or shotgun at me and said the best thing I could do was stay back. I then asked a campus security policeman why he couldn't help the students and he said you heard the man, referring to deputy, and also told me to get back. I stayed back and later heard the two students were dead.

"I knew one of the dead students, Denver Smith, but do not recall seeing him that day. I did not know him well.

"To the best of my knowledge, none of the students inside the Administration Building or on the steps or in front of the Administration Building had any type of weapons.

"I have read this statement consisting of this and two other handwritten pages and now sign it because it is true.

"/s/ [redacted]
12-1-72
[redacted]

"Witness

"/s/ [redacted] Special Agent, FBI, Baton Rouge, La., 12/1/72

"/s/ [redacted] SA, FBI, Baton Rouge, 12/1/72"

The following description was obtained through interview and observation:

Name	[redacted]
Race	Negro
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	[redacted]
Place of Birth	
Student Number	
Home telephone	

[redacted] advised that during the academic year he resides off campus at [redacted]

B. OTHER STUDENTS

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[redacted] Student, Southern University, residence address [redacted] was informed of the identity of the interviewing Agent and advised of the nature of this investigation.

He advised he was one of the students who was inside the Administration Building during the confrontation on the morning of November 16, 1972.

He said he was one of approximately 100 students who were present in the building during the firing of tear gas by law enforcement officers. [redacted] stated he did not hear any ultimatum issued by the Sheriff for students to evacuate the building. He said he did not witness the shootings of the victim students. He added he cannot recall at this time the identity of any other student in the building with him.

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[redacted] advised that he is a student at Southern University, Baton Rouge campus, and is also the [redacted] Student Council. On November 16, 1972, he was present at the Southern University Administration Building. At that time, many students had gathered in front of the Administration Building in order to speak to Dr. G. LEON NETTERVILLE, the president of the university. [redacted] stated that he personally did not enter the Administration Building, but spoke to Dr. NETTERVILLE out on the steps. NETTERVILLE advised him that he had a meeting at the State Board of Education in downtown Baton Rouge at 10:00 a.m. He advised all of the students to remain there at the Administration Building until he returned. Although most of the students remained at the building, he himself followed Dr. NETTERVILLE down to the State Board of Education.

[redacted] refused to identify other students that were at the Administration Building. He would only say that he was present, but never entered. At the time of the confrontation, he was at the State Board of Education in downtown Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

[redacted] denied being a member of Students United, but stated he had attended many of their meetings due to the fact that he is [redacted] Student Council and it was expected of him to attend the meetings and have some type of input regarding all student organizations on the campus.

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by SA [redacted] : mrc Date dictated 11/29/72

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[redacted] Negro male, date of birth [redacted] address [redacted] advised that he is [redacted] but that on the morning of November 16, 1972 [redacted] He stated he knows nothing concerning the events surrounding the deaths of DENVER SMITH and LEONARD BROWN. [redacted] was asked if he could supply the names of any students who might have been at the demonstration. To this [redacted] stated "no". [redacted] advised he did not want to talk to the FBI about anything. Shortly thereafter, [redacted] requested Agents to leave his home.

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

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The following Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, students were interviewed at Opelousas, Louisiana, by SA [redacted] and SA [redacted] and advised they were not eyewitnesses to the student-police confrontation on the Southern University Campus on November 16, 1972:

[redacted]
Student Number [redacted]

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Student Number [redacted]

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Student Number [redacted]

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

The following listed students were contacted on November 27, 1972 at the Southern University campus located at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and were unable to furnish any information regarding the events which occurred on the morning of November 16, 1972 at the campus:

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

The following Southern University students were interviewed on November 27, 1972, concerning the events of November 16, 1972, and advised they were not on the scene during the student-law enforcement confrontation and could provide no information concerning the deaths of the two students. The following students were interviewed at the police roadblock on Harding Boulevard approaching the Southern University Campus:

[redacted]

[redacted] student number [redacted]

[redacted] student number [redacted]

[redacted] student number [redacted]

[redacted] student number [redacted]

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[redacted] student number [redacted]

[redacted] student number [redacted]

[redacted] student number [redacted]

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On November 27, 1972, the following individuals, who identified themselves as students of Southern University at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, were interviewed by SA [redacted] at the Harding Boulevard entrance to the Southern University campus. The following students advised SA [redacted] that they were not witnesses to the shooting of two students in front of the Administration Building on November 16, 1972 and could not furnish any pertinent information:

[redacted]

[redacted]
Graduate Student

[redacted]
[redacted] Major

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[redacted] Major

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[redacted] Major

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The following students were contacted on November 28, 1972, by Special Agent [redacted] at the Harding Boulevard entrance checkpoint to the campus of Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, as they returned to obtain their personal effects. These students advised they were not present in the vicinity of the Administration Building during the demonstration and confrontation that occurred there on the morning of November 16, 1972:

Name and Address	Student Number
[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]
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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] at the Harding Boulevard checkpoint to the entrance of Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

The following students were contacted on November 28, 1972, who all advised they had no information to give concerning the circumstances surrounding the shooting of two students on the campus of Southern University on November 16, 1972:

Name	Student Identification Number
[redacted]	[redacted]

On November 29, 1972, the following students advised that they had no information to give concerning the shooting of the two students on November 16, 1972:

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The following persons were contacted at Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on November 28, 1972, by Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] but were unable to provide any positive information concerning the confrontation between Southern University students and law enforcement officials on November 16, 1972:

[redacted]
Student Number [redacted]

[redacted]
Student Number [redacted]

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Student Number [redacted]

[redacted]
Student Number [redacted]

[redacted]
Student Number [redacted]

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Student Number [redacted]

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On November 28, 1972, the following individuals, who identified themselves as students of Southern University at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, were interviewed by SA [redacted] at the Harding Boulevard entrance to the Southern University campus. The following students advised SA [redacted] that they were not witnesses to the shooting of two students in front of the Administration Building on November 16, 1972 and could not furnish any pertinent information:

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

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On November 29, 1972, the following individuals, who identified themselves as students of Southern University at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, were interviewed by SA [redacted] at the Harding Boulevard entrance to the Southern University campus. The following students advised SA [redacted] that they were not witnesses to the shooting of two students in front of the Administration Building on November 16, 1972 and could not furnish any pertinent information:

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RAQ - mrc

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On November 29, 1972, the following students were contacted by Special Agent [redacted] at the Harding Boulevard entrance checkpoint to the campus of Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louiaiana, as they returned to recover their personal effects. These students advised they were not in the vicinity of the Administration Building during the confrontation on the morning of November 16, 1972:

Name and Address	Student Number
[redacted]	[redacted]

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On December 2, 1972, student [redacted] advised SA [redacted] that on the morning of November 16, 1972, he was not on campus but was visiting his mother who was hospitalized.

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

On December 2, 1972, [redacted] a student who was allegedly at the scene of the shooting of two students on the campus of Southern University, advised that while he was on campus on the morning of November 16, 1972, he was at the Law School which is approximately two blocks from the site of the shooting and that he, therefore, had no personal knowledge of the incident.

On December 4, 1972, [redacted] advised that [redacted] a student who was allegedly at the scene of the shooting, had since moved to an unknown address in Shreveport, Louisiana. [redacted] advised, however, that [redacted] told him that while he was on campus on the morning of November 16, 1972, he was at the Law School and that he had no personal knowledge of the shooting incident.

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[redacted] was interviewed by [redacted] and [redacted] who identified themselves as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation through a display of their credentials. [redacted] was advised as to the nature of the interview, which concerned his having seen any of the incidents that had taken place on November 16, 1972 at the Southern University campus, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The following information was furnished:

[redacted] advised that he is a [redacted] year student at Southern University. He further advised that on November 16, 1972 he left his dormitory room, [redacted] at 9:30 a.m. to meet with various other football players wherein they discussed the activities which were taking place on the campus. At 9:40 a.m. [redacted] stated that he departed from the meeting and returned to his dormitory room to listen to the radio. [redacted] advised that prior to this meeting he was instructed by [redacted] and Southern University's [redacted] not to become involved in any of the activities of the Students United.

[redacted] advised that he had not seen any of the incidents that had taken place on the morning of November 16, 1972 in front of the Administration Building. From 9:40 am. to 1:30 p.m. he was in his dormitory room. At 1:35 p.m. [redacted] advised that he left [redacted] and walked over to the stadium to inquire from [redacted] whether it was possible for him to return to his home in [redacted] returned to the dormitory at 2:00 p.m. to gather most of his "belongings" and left for his mother's home, [redacted] where he presently is residing until the opening of the school semester in January.

[redacted] further advised as well as reiterated that he has no knowledge of events that had taken place on November 16, 1972 or any hearsay information concerning the shooting of the two students.

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by SA [redacted] and SA [redacted] JAM:vwm Date dictated 12/4/72

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The following background information was furnished to the interviewing Agents:

Name	[redacted]
Race	Negro
Sex	Male
Height	6'5"
Weight	235 pounds
Student Identification Number	[redacted]
Education	[redacted] year student, Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Home address	[redacted]
	Telephone [redacted]

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Contact and interview with [redacted] on November 29, 1972, revealed that [redacted] of [redacted] previously identified as being on the scene during the November 16, 1972 confrontation on the campus of Southern University at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, had been arrested at approximately 4:30 a.m. on November 16, 1972. [redacted] stated that [redacted] was not released by the Sheriff's Department until approximately 9:30 or 10:00 a.m. She stated that neither she nor [redacted] was on the campus of Southern University on November 16, 1972. In conclusion, [redacted] stated that [redacted] had been released on [redacted] bond and that she did not know what he was charged with.

The following description of [redacted] was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	[redacted]
Sex	Female
Race	Negro
Place of birth	[redacted]
Date of birth	
Height	5'6"
Weight	120 pounds
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Black

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On December 4, 1972, [redacted] was contacted by SA'S [redacted] and [redacted] advised that she is the [redacted] of [redacted] and that [redacted] had been arrested by the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office at approximately 4:30 a.m., November 16, 1972, and was not released until approximately 10:00 a.m. the same date. [redacted] stated that [redacted] did not return to the campus after being released from jail and was, therefore, not a witness to the shooting of the two students in front of the Administration Building.

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On November 28, 1972, [redacted] was contacted by Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] She advised she was a student at Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and was on campus on November 16, 1972. [redacted] advised she could provide information about the shooting incident at Southern University. She was directed to Cottage Number 5 for further interview.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on November 28, 1972:

[redacted] stated she was a student at Southern University and had Student Number [redacted] advised that on the morning of November 16, 1972, she was walking between classes adjacent to the Administration Building when she observed a rally going on in front of the Administration Building. She stated she observed an individual known to her as [redacted] (last name unknown) speaking to the assembled students. She described [redacted] as a tall, lanky male Negro. She stated that she observed the rally for a few minutes and departed before any police officers arrived on the scene.

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On November 27, 1972, at 7:45 p.m., at Bernard's Soul Food Restaurant, 1330 North Boulevard, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, telephone number 504-342-1888, Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] chanced upon [redacted] and three other unidentified black individuals, one of whom was a female, at the above-mentioned restaurant.

[redacted] and [redacted] recognized Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] standing in front of Bernard's Restaurant. Both [redacted] and [redacted] acknowledged the Agents by saying hello, whereupon the Agents returned the same salutation. When SA [redacted] who had spoken to these same individuals earlier in the week, asked both [redacted] and [redacted] to comment on certain events which had taken place on November 16, 1972, at Southern University, they declined to answer. At this time, [redacted] who was now inside the restaurant, walked back outside and said, "Get inside," to [redacted] and [redacted] and one other unidentified black male. After this statement was made by [redacted] all Agents standing in front of said restaurant departed from in front of said premises. The time of departure was 7:57 p.m.

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C. FACULTY

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Date of transcription November 23, 1972

[redacted] and [redacted] identified themselves through display of credential as being Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to [redacted] Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. [redacted] was advised as to the nature of the interview, which concerned his personal observations of what events had taken place on the campus of Southern University on November 16, 1972.

[redacted] provided the following signed statement, at which time he stated he was not sure as to the exact time the events took place and the times in the signed statement would be the approximate times:

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November 21, 1972
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

I, [redacted] herewith furnish 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 realize that this statement may be used in a court of law.

I am currently the [redacted] Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. I can read and write the English Language. I am [redacted] years of age, having been born on [redacted] in [redacted] I reside at [redacted]

On the morning of November 16, 1972, I left my residence at [redacted] en route to my office to perform my administrative functions at Southern University.

At 7:55 a.m., I arrived at my offices whereupon I had intended to dictate to my secretary [redacted] for the entire morning.

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At 8:30 a.m., I decided to stop dictating, as I had to attend to certain matters in other sections of the Administration Building. When I walked out of my offices, I noticed that a few of the students began to gather in front of the Administration Building. Throughout the morning, I found myself walking in and out of my offices and in doing so I noticed the number of students increasing.

At 9 a.m., as many as 50 to 75 students had entered President Netterville's office and had completely surrounded him. I noticed that [redacted] for the University, and [redacted] were inside the President's office attempting to quiet the students.

At 9:15 a.m., I saw [redacted] attempting to leave the President's office; however, I called him back to speak to him. At this time, I went into the President's office and I, as well as [redacted] escorted the President out of his office and into a small room at the rear of the building [redacted] It was at this time that I recognized a few of the students, one of whom was [redacted] an under-graduate student and one of the dissident leaders of the "United Students."

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After the President, [redacted] and myself, as well as security personnel officer (plainclothes security campus police), were all in my office, after being escorted into the backroom [redacted] we tried to reach a security guard on campus. I decided to lock my door and have the campus policeman, who was in the room with us, radio the security office for additional help. During this time, a few of the students were attempting to push through the door of my office.

At 9:30 a.m., [redacted] of Campus Security, Southern University, and another campus security officer came to my office and escorted Doctor Netterville out of the building.

After leaving the building, Doctor Netterville stood outside the chapel by his car and spoke with various students. While Doctor Netterville was speaking with the students, I noticed through my window that there were an increasing number of students still gathering in front of the Administration Building.

During this time, I was not aware that no other administrative personnel were in the building, except for my secretary, [redacted] and myself.

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After becoming aware of this, I decided to take my secretary, [redacted] and myself out of the building, for fear of possibly being harmed.

While I was leaving the building, I noticed that many of the students had entered the building and were milling around the hall. At this point, the students, as far as I could observe, were not vandalizing the building.

At 9:45 a.m., my secretary and I went to my home and started working on other administrative matters, which I was unable to accomplish while in my office at the Administration Building.

At 10 a.m., I arrived back on the campus and attempted to park my car near the Administration Building, but found it very difficult to do so, as the student body was completely blocking College Drive, which is situated in front of the Administration Building. I parked my car near the infirmary and decided to walk toward the Administration Building.

At this time, [redacted] walked up to me and said, "We're not trying to harm you or anyone else." I answered him and said, "Why don't you ask the students to leave the building?" [redacted] did not answer me, he just turned and walked away.

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At 10:30 a.m., I saw [redacted] sitting in his automobile. I went over to him and asked him if I could join him. While I was sitting in [redacted] car, I observed police arriving on the campus. Along with the police, I also saw the blue armored truck.

I was about 20 yards away and was standing alongside the car when I saw the first volley of tear gas coming from the north end of the Administration Building.

In the meanwhile, I had started moving toward the president's home and was standing on the north side of the Administration building near the fireplug.

At 10:35 a.m., [redacted] ran over to me and engulfed me in his arms and pleaded frantically with me to stop the police. [redacted] said something to this effect, "Don't let them do this to us." [redacted] still had his arms around me as I walked northeast near College Drive.

When we arrived behind the police, in front of the southeast corner of the Administration Building approximately 50 yards away, I saw a few of the students running south toward the chapel. There were other crowds of students running east and northeast of the Administration Building. The students

who were running east were behind the police and myself. At this time, I heard additional explosions, but was unable to distinguish what type.

At 10:45 a.m., I attempted to secure access to my office in the Administration Building. I was unsuccessful in doing this. At this time, I looked toward my left and observed two black male youths lying on the ground in front of the southeast corner of the Administration Building. The only observation that I made of the two black male youths lying on the ground was that one of them had his hair braided. I stood outside until the two youths were taken away by the authorities.

At 11 a.m., I entered my office where I assumed my administrative functions of arranging matters of importance concerning the campus disturbance.

I did not leave my office until 8:30 p.m., at which time I went home.

I have read the above statement consisting of this page and five other pages, and it is true and correct to the

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best of my knowledge. I have initialed each of the other pages, as well as changes and corrections appearing thereon.

/s/ [redacted]

Witnesses: /s/ Special Agent [redacted] FBI, 11-29-72

/s/ [redacted] SA, FBI, 11-29-72

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The following description and background information was obtained through observation and interview:

Name
Date of Birth
Place of Birth
Home address

Home telephone
Office telephone
Marital status Married
Wife
Children

Education Bachelor of Science Degree -

Master's Degree -

Doctor of Philosophy -

Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana

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It is noted that the interview of [redacted] took place on November 21, 1972. From the results of this interview, a statement was prepared and it was reviewed and corrected by [redacted] on November 29, 1972, at which time he signed same.

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Date of transcription November 29, 1972

[redacted] Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, was advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents as being [redacted] and [redacted] Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. [redacted] was advised he was being contacted concerning the events which took place on the campus of Southern University on November 16, 1972, between students and law enforcement agencies.

[redacted] provided the following signed statement:

"11/24/72
Baton Rouge, La.

"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 a black male, age [redacted] and I am employed as [redacted] at Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

"On the morning of 11/16/72, after talking to people in the vicinity of the Administration and Academic Buildings, I arrived in the office in which I work in the Academic Building sometime between 9:00 and 9:30 AM. I saw students going to the Administration Building and went to the Administration Building. I saw students in the President's outer office and was told by someone that the President was not there. I stood outside the Administration Building and heard a student on the steps of the

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by SA [redacted] and SA [redacted] ETW:bal Date dictated 11/28/72

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Administration Building say 'we talked with Netterville, don't go anywhere.' A short while later, one of the security men asked me to go upstairs to tell people in the upstairs offices of the Administrative Building to leave and that the authorities were on the way. I did so and later was standing on the sidewalk in front of the Academic Building when I saw the convoy of officiers approaching the Administration Building along College Drive. The officiers got out on College Drive and lined up in front of the Administration Building. The Sheriff announced the students had five minutes to clear the building. At the same time the officiers formed a line in front of the south side of the Academic Building and finding myself surrounded, I walked through the ranks of the Sheriffs deputies. I observed [redacted] a student, come out of the Administration Building and tell students to remain and be calm. I stood to the right of a mailbox on College Drive facing the Administration Building. I saw what appeared to be tear gas come from the Officies with their backs to the Academic Building. The crowd of people surged back and the officiers told us to get back. I got behind a car parked on the circular drive in front of the Academic Building and heard people yelling and running. I observed what seemed to be a tear gas bomb being thrown in the direction of the officiers. There was general chaos. I restrained a student who had been pushed by an officier and appeared on the verge of getting in trouble with the officier. I was approached by a young man who said, [redacted] can't you do something, there are two people either hurt or dead laying on the ground. I told the student we could not go into the area because they were waving people back and I also insisted that the student not go back. I saw [redacted]

of the [redacted] Department crying from gas or emotion or both. At this point, I was standing in front of the steps on the south side of the Academic Building. I observed a well dressed black man, light complexion, over 50, medium height, heavy build, standing on the steps between myself and another well dressed black man, under 30, medium complexion, about 5'9" or 5'10", weight about 170. They and other people were discussing how the two students were injured. The short, older man pointed to a Deputy Sheriff with [redacted] on his arm and said he saw [redacted] shoot and that he was the man who did the shooting. The younger man said that it was not a gas cannister which had injured the students as someone had suggested and said that [redacted] had shot twice. At this point [redacted] that the men were pointing at was in front of the Administration Building. [redacted] and I wondered what [redacted] name was. [redacted] said, "I'll go over and ask his name." I told [redacted] I would go with him. At this time, Dean of Student Affairs, Martin L. Harvey, had picked up a red empty shell and showed it to us. The Dean had an abrasion on his throat and I asked him how he was hit. He wasn't sure. The Dean kept the empty shell. [redacted] and I walked over to [redacted] and asked him if he could tell us anything about the empty shell. At this time, [redacted] from the Sheriff's Office also came over. They asked to look at the shell and we walked back to Dean Harvey and got the shell. The officiers said it was an empty gas shell. [redacted] said that his weapon, which was a rifle or a shotgun, had not been fired that day. In observing [redacted]

[redacted] weapon from a side view, it appeared that the base or guage was smaller than that of a 12 guage which was the size of the empty shell. After this, we thanked the officiers, and as they were leaving, [redacted] asked [redacted] his name. To this, [redacted] replied something that sounded like [redacted] asked [redacted] a second time for his name and [redacted] gave his name which [redacted] appeared to understand. This [redacted] is a [redacted] His uniform was that of a [redacted] After this, the students were cleared from the building by the Officiers. I remained in the area until things had quieted down.

"I have read this statement consisting of this and four other handwritten pages and now sign it because it is true to the best of my knowledge.

"/s/ [redacted]
11/24/72

"Witness:

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

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

The following descriptive data was obtained from observation and interview:

Date of Birth [redacted]
Place of Birth
Residence
Southern University Campus
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

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Home telephone
Office telephone

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[redacted] was interviewed at Southern University campus, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, concerning the possible violation of the Civil Rights Act. [redacted] was advised of the official identity of SA [redacted] and furnished the following signed statement freely and voluntarily:

"Baton Rouge, La.
11/24/72

"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 am aware that this statement could be used as testimony in court and make this statement voluntarily without any threats or promises.

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"I arrived for work on Nov. 16, 1972 at about 8 AM. Following the normal procedure I began looking at the morning mail when about 8:30 AM I was informed that some students were entering the area of the Admin Bldg. There were 35-40 students, and all 35-40 requested to enter. Only 5 were permitted to come into the Presidents Office accompanied by a Security Officer. One student, [redacted] spoke to the President in an insubordinate manner, and demanded the President call and have the arrested students released. Thereafter numerous students entered the Admin building and upon advice from myself and other officials it was decided for the Presidents own personal safety to enter his car

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and leave for his State Board of Education Meeting. On the agenda of the meeting was the matter of student unrest at SU. I felt for the Presidents safety it would be best for him to leave the Admin Bldg. The Presidents meeting was scheduled for 10 AM. The President pulled off in his automobile with 2 Security Officers. In the hour to an hour and a half from the time the President left until the Deputies arrived, the student leaders spoke at times to the crowd and encouraged them to remain in the area. The leaders were identified as [redacted] When the authorities arrived some demonstrators dispersed. At this time Sheriff Al Amiss spoke through his bull horn and told the crowd to leave the Admin Bldg. in 5 minutes and those that didn't would be subjected to disciplinary action by the university. I had left the Admin Bldg. about 20 minutes after the president left and went to the vicinity of Swan Ave. and College Dr. To the best of my recollection, that when the Sheriffs Deputies and State Police made a semicircle in front of the Admin Bldg. there were only about 50 students left on the building steps. Things happened so fast that it is my understanding that when the Deputies advanced without utilizing gas masks an unknown amount of gas canisters were then thrown and the Deputies then retreated and put their gas masks on. After a few minutes passed I noticed [redacted] and [redacted] standing on the sidewalk looking at something on the ground so I went forward to see what it was. I noticed one individual of the two on the ground still living and an attempt was made to call for an ambulance. Due to the fact there had been a quick happening of the events at this time I can only recall [redacted] and [redacted] student worker, who I think is [redacted] being in the area of the

two bodies lying on the ground. The bodies were then taken away and I toured the campus area to get a general tone of the other sections of the campus. I could not recognize any of the Sheriffs Deputies who were in the area of the two bodies on the ground even though I had seen them standing around.

"In my being with the President on the morning of Nov. 16, 1972, up until the time the President left the University Campus, that I did not at any time hear President Netterville ask the students to remain until he returned from the meeting of the State Board. This statement is made in refuting a prior statement made by [redacted] who at that time was in the East Baton Rouge Parish Jail.

"It is to be noted that President Netterville upon leaving the Admin Bldg. spent a considerable amount of time standing outside of the building in conversation with [redacted] and other students.

"Also I would like to add that when I previously mentioned [redacted] as a leader, she was at the time of the demonstration in jail.

"/s/ F. S. Brew
11/27/72

"/s/ [redacted] SA, FBI, 11/27/72"

Additionally, [redacted] advised that the following nine individuals are considered to be the hard-core leaders of Students United:

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[redacted] stated that the following four individuals were in jail on Thursday, November 16, 1972, and could not have participated in the student demonstration:

[redacted]

[redacted] then produced 15 typed pages of the Students United demands which led to the demonstration on November 16, 1972.

[redacted] produced a spent (used) gas canister which he had found on November 20, 1972, on the stairway leading to the telephone office between the Administration Building and the auditorium. This particular canister was given to SA [redacted] and [redacted] advised that maybe this could be of some benefit to the investigation.

[redacted] advised that he could provide no additional pertinent information concerning the investigation of this matter but stated that if in the future he recalls positive information he will contact the FBI.

The following was obtained through observation and interview:

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Place of birth

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Handicaps	None
Military service	None
Education	Bachelor of Science degree, [redacted] Masters of Arts degree, [redacted] Certificate of [redacted]
Employment	[redacted] Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, [redacted] years,
Previous employment	[redacted] Southern University, Baton Rouge, [redacted] Southern University, Baton Rouge, [redacted]

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Regarding the 15 typed pages furnished by [redacted] previously furnished these same pages on November 21, 1972, and they are set forth in a report dated December 1, 1972.

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[redacted] Professor of [redacted] Southern University, Baton Rouge campus, advised that she is [redacted] of [redacted]

[redacted] stated that she had been afraid to go on campus ever since the disturbance started in the middle of October 1972. She stated many of the instructors, faculty members and staff people, were scared to come on campus because there had been so many interruptions and outright intimidation of most of the people at the University. Many of the professors had their classes interrupted by representatives of Students United. As for [redacted] it was her understanding that he was in the Administration Building on November 16, 1972. According to [redacted] left to follow President NETTERVILLE to his meeting at the State Board of Education in downtown Baton Rouge, Louisiana. [redacted] had informed her that NETTERVILLE had told the students that it was okay to remain in his office until he returned.

[redacted] according to [redacted] was not a member of Students United but was rather forced into attending their meetings [redacted]

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[redacted] telephone [redacted] was interviewed by SA's [redacted] and [redacted] at his office located on the campus of Southern University at Baton Rouge (SUBR).

[redacted] stated that he is presently employed as [redacted] for SUBR and was present during the events which occurred on the morning of November 16, 1972. [redacted] stated he was not injured in any way during the riots on the campus and was located in his office in the Administration Building when the riot took place. He stated that also in the building were his staff members, including a [redacted] and [redacted]

[redacted] furnished a signed statement to the interviewing Agents as follows:

"Baton Rouge, La.
11/25/72

"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 make the following statement voluntarily without any threats or promises.

"On 11/16/72, I arrived at work at Southern University at approximately 8:00 AM. My office, the Comptroller's Office, is located in the Administration Building.

"At approximately 8:30 to 8:45 AM I observed about twenty students in the halls of the Administration Building. Just prior to this time I noticed that the

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Administration Building security police had allowed approximately five students to enter the building to talk to Dr. Netterville, the university president.

"The number of students increased until the President's office, conference room and receptionist room were completly filled. At this time, approximately 9:00 AM, I observed Dr. Netterville leaving the Administration Building. I overheard some students say that the President was leaving and other students saying that, that was all right because President [redacted] was now in his office, referring to a student named [redacted] I returned to my office where I met [redacted] and a number of other students including a tall student. We all proceeded into my office where we discussed how the university [redacted] Also present at this discussion was a student by the last name of [redacted] This discussion lasted until I heard the popping of tear gas canisters or the guns that fire these canisters. I proceeded to the front doors of the Administration Building to close them in an attempt to keep the tear gas out. I then proceeded back toward my office and told [redacted] of my staff to open the building's back doors.

"I then waited until all the students in my office and in the hallways had exited the building and then I left. Once outside the building I directed the students toward the freshman complex area.

"I then proceeded around to the front of the Administration Building where I observed the two students who had been shoot lying on the sidewalk.

"I did not see the shooting of the two students and I do not know who may have shot them.

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"Shortly thereafter [redacted] of the campus [redacted] and I returned back into the Administration Building to get a number of students who were still inside the President's office, safely out of the building.

"I have read the above statement consisting of three (3) pages and I sign them because they are true.

"/s/ [redacted]

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

The following physical description was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	[redacted]
Race	Negro
Sex	Male
Height	5'8"
Weight	175
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Date of birth	[redacted]
Place of birth	
Social Security No.	
Scars/marks	None
Physical defects	None
Marital status	Married
Residence	[redacted]

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[redacted] Professor of [redacted] Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and the nature of the interview to ascertain the facts surrounding the shooting of two students at Southern University campus on November 16, 1972. [redacted] gave the following information:

[redacted] advised that he has been employed as a Professor of [redacted] for the past [redacted] years and that his office is located on the [redacted] of the [redacted] Building and that he was in his office on the morning of November 16, 1972. [redacted] advised that he was able to observe a law enforcement column led by the State Police armored vehicle enter campus by the way of College Drive from the [redacted] of the [redacted] Building. He advised that his curiosity got the better of him and that he went out to an area by the Auto Maintenance Building which is located across College Drive from the Academic Building.

He advised that as he took his position by the Auto Maintenance Shop, he heard the Sheriff over a public address system announce to the students massed in front of the Administration Building that they had three minutes to disperse. He advised that the Sheriff was in the process of giving a countdown over the public address system and that after the countdown ended there was a pause of approximately two minutes before any activity or commotion began.

[redacted] advised that he saw Deputies from the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office form a line in a north-south direction in front of the Administration Building. He advised that his vantage point blocked his view of any earlier movements by the law enforcement officers. [redacted] advised that he saw three or four tear gas canisters fall among the group of students in front of the Administration Building. He advised that he did not know what precipitated

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throwing of the tear gas.

He further advised that the Deputies he was able to observe on the north end of the Deputies' skirmish line did not fire any weapons and they also were not wearing any gas masks. He advised that he saw a student in front of the Administration Building throw a tear gas canister at the Sheriff's Deputies who were massed in front of the palm tree which is located in front of the Administration Building. [redacted] advised that this line of Deputies retreated three or four yards, put on their gas masks and then began firing what appeared to be tear gas.

[redacted] advised that it was at this time that an unidentified [redacted] Officer said that "they're firing live ammunition." [redacted] advised that at this point he took cover behind the Army Reserve Officer Training Corps Building and was not able to view any further activity that might have occurred in front of the Administration Building. [redacted] advised that it was approximately a minute and a half after the initial tear gas was thrown that the Army Officer made his remark. [redacted] advised that he himself is not at all familiar with firearms and he was unable to distinguish any sound of firing that might have been live ammunition. [redacted] further advised that he was unable to identify any of the law enforcement officers at the scene as they were all wearing riot gear and they all had their backs to him.

[redacted] advised that sometime after the commotion he passed a group of two female and four male students who were passing in front of the Quartermaster Building which is immediately adjacent to the Army Reserve Officer Training Corps Building. He advised that one of the females was crying hysterically at this time and he heard her say, "He killed him, he killed him. I never will forget that face." [redacted] advised that none of these students were known to him. He further advised that he was unable to provide a description of this student and he further advised that he would not be able to identify a photograph of this student.

[redacted] advised that he did not see the actual shooting of the students and it was not until he overheard the conversation by the female student that he knew that anyone had been hurt during the confrontation.

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On December 1, 1972, Assistant Professor [redacted] Department, Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, advised SA [redacted] that he was attending a departmental meeting of the [redacted] Department staff on the morning of November 16, 1972, and was not a witness to the events of the morning at the Administration Building.

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On December 1, 1972, the following faculty members of Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, were contacted by SA [redacted] Federal Bureau of Investigation, in regard to their knowledge of the events on the campus, November 16, 1972, but were unable to furnish any positive information:

[redacted]
Associate Professor, [redacted]

[redacted] Department
Southern University Campus
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

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[redacted] Assistant Professor of [redacted] at Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, advised that he was on campus in the Navy ROTC Building, which is just north of the Administration Building on November 16, 1972. [redacted] had heard that law enforcement officers were en route to the Administration Building, which had been occupied by students. He proceeded to the area in front of the Administration Building in the event that he, as a military man and a member of the faculty, might be of some assistance.

Deputies of the Sheriff's Department and the Riot Squad of the Louisiana State Police moved into place. The deputies were to the left of the entrance of the Administration Building and the Riot Squad was situated to the right of the building. The deputies also lined up on College Drive, facing the Administration Building.

[redacted] advised that Sheriff AL AMISS issued a warning to the students, "You have five minutes to clear the area." Shortly thereafter he saw and heard the firing of weapons. Students began running and screaming to the right of the Adminstration Building. At this point the situation was very confused. Little or no control was being exercised over the deputies or the state policemen. The state police, who were very belligerent in his opinion, charged some of the students and had to be forcibly restrained by a member of the campus security office.

When the melee cleared, two students lay motionless on the ground with no attention being rendered by anyone, until [redacted] Assistant Professor, [redacted] who prior to this time had been standing with him, moved forward to ascertain if the students were still alive. [redacted] stated he then returned to the [redacted] Building for awhile.

He advised that as he was again leaving the [redacted] Building to return to his original position, [redacted] motioned to him. He could not understand him,

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so he ran up to him and [redacted] said, "One student is still alive. Please call an ambulance." He then returned to the [redacted] Building to call an ambulance and thereafter left to see if he could be of more assistance. Then he saw state policemen firing at fleeing students. His initial impression was one of disbelief. He was quickly brought back to reality, however, when an object, possibly a riot control pellet, ricocheted about ten feet to the right of him off the Naval Science Building. He quickly returned to the building and ordered the doors locked and told those students who had gathered in the building to get away from the windows. [redacted] had the studentslie on the floor in order to keep them from the windows.

[redacted] advised that when the firing ceased, he returned to his original position in front of the Administration Building. The two students were still on the ground and there was quiet all around. At this point, [redacted] and Campus Security Officer [redacted] seemed to be informing the state police that they would enter the building and escort the rest of the students from it.

[redacted] and Officer [redacted] did go into the building with the State Police Riot Squad remaining on the outside. About 10 or 15 minutes later [redacted] and Officer [redacted] appeared at the door with several students behind them. At this point [redacted] and Officer [redacted] tried to restrain a very belligerent group of state policemen. The students began exiting the building with [redacted] leading them and Officer [redacted] remaining on the steps.

On two separate occasions one of the officers charged the students. Officer [redacted] grabbed two of the state policemen on one occasion in an attempt to keep them and the students separated. He saw one of the state policemen chase one student and grab him by the collar and return the male student in front of the Administration Building.

When all the students had been safely escorted across College Drive, the firing of tear gas started again. When quiet had resumed, he again returned to the [redacted] Building to find that many students were still there and were afraid to leave. He escorted some of these students past the sheriff's deputies on College Drive, while others were driven past the deputies by secretaries who were en route to their homes.

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He further advised that he has been an assistant professor of Naval Science at Southern University, Baton Rouge campus, for approximately 14 months. He has been in the United States Navy for [redacted] years. [redacted] is described as a Negro male, and advised that he was born on [redacted] at [redacted] is 5'9" tall, weighs 150 pounds, and wears [redacted]

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[redacted] assigned to the [redacted] Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, was interviewed concerning the events on the Southern University campus, November 16, 1972, and furnished the following signed statement:

"Baton Rouge, La.
11/29/72

"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 a black male, age [redacted] and have completed 4 years of college.

"I arrived in my office in the [redacted] Building on campus about 8:00 AM, 11/16/72.

"A little later someone mentioned to me that students were gathering in front of the Administration Building. I observed students and campus security people in front of the Administration Building. I observed this from a [redacted] window in the [redacted] Building. I did not look out continuously but later on I was looking out and observed the convoy of police officers arriving. I heard a loudspeaker but the sound was not clear; shortly thereafter, I heard some kind of three minute warning being given. I observed a formation of men in blue uniforms form two ranks and move toward the steps

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of the Administration Building from the direction of the Academic Building. There were about 8 or 9 officers moving in this group. Some students moved off the steps off the Administration Building. I saw a shiny object come from the east side of the Administration Building and land amid the students on the steps. Two objects came out from the crowd of students trailing smoke. I then heard all kinds of firing and saw gas. I closed the window to prevent gas from entering the building. At this point I observed what appeared to be a body lying on the sidewalk in front of the Administration Building. I saw some students in front of the steps on the north side of the Administration Building and the officers were firing gas at them. Some students ran into the Navy ROTC Building and one male student had a bruise on his left arm. At the time the officers were firing at these students, something hit the corner of the [redacted] Building. It sounded like a bullet and I hit the floor and stayed down for about one minute. During all the confusion, I recall seeing only one officer wearing a green uniform. At the angle I was observing the Administration Building from, I could only see a small portion of the area on the east side of the Administration Building. I next recall observing [redacted] of the [redacted] entering the Administration Building with some Security people. He led a column of students out of the building.

"I have read this statement consisting of this and two other handwritten pages and now sign it because it is true.

"Witness:/s/ [redacted] FBI, Baton Rouge, La., 11/29/72

"/s/ Samuel J. Pitts
Capt., U. S. Marine Corps
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"/s/ [redacted] Special Agent, FBI, Baton Rouge, La., 11/29/72"

The following is a brief description of [redacted]

Name	[redacted]
Race and sex	Negro male
Date of birth	
Place of birth	
Residence	[redacted]
Telephone number	

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[redacted] Southern University, was advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents. He was informed of the nature of the inquiry and advised as follows:

On the morning of November 16, 1972, he watched from a classroom window at the front of the [redacted] Building as officers of the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office and Louisiana State Police assembled before the Administration Building. From his vantage point, he witnessed the firing of tear gas and at one point heard two distinct blasts of louder report which he immediately supposed to be 00 buckshot.

[redacted] stated he has had combat experience in Viet Nam and he left the Army ROTC Building and went to the area in front of the Administration Building to see if he could be of assistance. Upon arriving at the scene, he was told two students had been hit and were lying on the walk in front of the Administration Building. He said he went forward and quickly examined the two students he found there. He said he recognized that one was already dead, and he believed the other one was near death.

[redacted] advised he neither saw nor heard anything which might be of assistance in determining who shot the victim students.

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[redacted] Southern University, Baton Rouge (SUBR), was advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents and the nature of the inquiry, after which he advised as follows:

On the morning of November 16, 1972, he observed from a second floor window at the front of the Army ROTC Building, which faces south, Deputies from the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office and the Troopers of the Louisiana State Police assembled in the area in front of the Administration Building and the old Academic Building.

He stated he heard a command given for the students who were occupying the Administration Building to disperse. Several minutes later, he heard the sound of gunfire and saw gas drifting from the above area, most of which was obscured from his view. He recalled that [redacted] was standing with him. At one point, they heard a report that was distinctly louder than the reports resulting from the tear gas barrage. He said he and [redacted] both recognized the louder report as the firing of buckshot, not gas.

[redacted] advised he remained inside the ROTC Building, but [redacted] left and headed for the area of the demonstration to see if he could be of assistance. He added he was unable to see from his window the front of the Administration Building and exactly what occurred there, including the shooting of the victims.

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[redacted] Southern University, was advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents and the nature of the inquiry, after which he advised as follows:

On the morning of November 16, 1972, he and [redacted] were watching from a second floor front window of the Army ROTC Building as officers from the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office and Louisiana State Police assembled in the area in front of the Administration Building.

[redacted] advised he could hear the command given for the students to disperse and after a lapse of several minutes, observed the firing of tear gas. During the barrage of tear gas, he heard a louder report which he immediately believed to be a discharge of buckshot, not tear gas. He said [redacted] requested him to go outside to the vicinity of the confrontation to determine what was happening and if he could be of assistance. As he arrived on the scene near the old Academic Building, he was told that two students had been killed. This information was supplied by [redacted]

He advised he can furnish no pertinent information regarding who was responsible for shooting the victim students.

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Date of transcription December 4, 1972

[redacted] assigned to [redacted] Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and informed of the nature of the investigation whereupon he advised as follows:

On the morning of November 16, 1972, he observed the demonstration that occurred at the Administration Building and the confrontation between students and officers of the Louisiana State Police and East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office. He said he was standing at the southwest corner of the NROTC Building and while he observed the firing of tear gas and students running, he did not have a broad view of the area in front of the Administration Building or of the officers who advanced toward the students in front of the building. He said he did not witness the shooting of the victim students and has no information pertaining to the incident or the officer responsible.

He added he did not hear any reports during the confrontation that he recognized to be the firing of buckshot rather than gas.

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[redacted] assigned to [redacted] Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and informed of the nature of the investigation whereupon he advised as follows:

On the morning of November 16, 1972, he stood in a second floor classroom of the NROTC Building and from a window in that room at the southeast corner of the building, he observed the students milling around in front of the Administration Building and the arrival of law enforcement officers from the Louisiana State Police and the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office. He stated that from the window he observed an individual, whom he believes was the sheriff, issue an ultimatum by means of a bullhorn. He said it was very difficult to hear the ultimatum because at that moment the State Police helicopter was hovering low over the area.

[redacted] advised he saw a tear gas canister rolled by the State Police Troopers toward the students assembled by the front steps of the building and, moments later, a student throw it back at the officers.

He said that from the window he could see one of the victim students lying on the walk in front of the Administration Building, but he did not see him fall and did not observe any action which might have indicated which officer was responsible for shooting the victim students.

He added he has heard nothing which might be of assistance in establishing who is responsible for the shooting.

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IV. INTERVIEWS WITH MEDICAL PERSONNEL

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[redacted] Medical Doctor, advised that he is the [redacted] at [redacted] and employed as an Assistant Professor of [redacted] at Louisiana State University [redacted] He stated he could be reached through telephone number [redacted] LSU Unit Extension [redacted]

[redacted] volunteered that on the morning of November 16, 1972, he was on duty at Earl K. Long Memorial Hospital and when he became aware of the altercation at Southern University, Baton Rouge, he mobilized the Disaster Unit of the hospital in the event that numerous casualties might be received. [redacted] pointed out that he is [redacted] the Disaster Committee.

Only two students were received at the hospital and [redacted] noted that one of these was dead on arrival. He related that he subsequently was to learn the identity of this individual to be that of LEONARD DOUGLAS BROWN. He further commented that he "looked in on" the autopsy being performed on BROWN, however, he did not participate in any manner.

With regard to the other student received, [redacted] related that this student was [redacted] and he was treated in the Emergency Room by [redacted] explained that his duties are that of a [redacted] and he supervised the treatment given by [redacted] to [redacted]

[redacted] complained that his arm was hurting and his back hurt and he was treated for a small skin wound to the forearm (exact arm unrecalled by [redacted]

The wound was cleaned, dressed and [redacted] was given an ice pack for the wound. An X-ray was taken and no foreign bodies were observed.

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[redacted] related that [redacted] volunteered to him his account of the happenings at the campus of Southern University earlier that date and he told the doctor that he was in close proximity to the two students who were killed.

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[redacted] M. D., Earl K. Long Memorial Hospital, Airline Highway, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, advised that he is [redacted] the Earl K. Long Memorial Hospital.

[redacted] said that on the morning of November 16, 1972, he was contacted by [redacted] who was on duty in the hospital Emergency Room, and after being advised that an individual whose identity was then unknown was received dead on arrival at the hospital, he authorized that the body be removed to the morgue.

[redacted] said that the body was later identified to be that of LEONARD DOUGLAS BROWN, JR., and he commented that he himself did not make any examination of the body..

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[redacted] advised that he is employed by the Ambulance Service of Baton Rouge, 3122 Main Street, Baton Rouge.

On the morning of Thursday, November 16, 1972, [redacted] was dispatched along with ambulance driver [redacted] to the campus of Southern University, Baton Rouge (SUBR).

[redacted] said that upon arrival at the campus, they went immediately to the vicinity of the Administration Building where they observed two Negro males lying on the sidewalk. He said that one of these individuals was covered with an Army blanket.

[redacted] said that he and [redacted] assisted in placing the body of the individual located closest to the Administration Building in the ambulance driven by [redacted]

He then related that he and [redacted] assisted [redacted] and [redacted] in placing the body of the second victim on a stretcher and then placing it in an ambulance.

[redacted] reported that he then remained on the scene with [redacted] in a standby capacity to render additional aid as needed. He said that two Deputy Sheriffs were eventually treated for tear gas fumes. One of these men, [redacted] was also treated for a head wound.

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[redacted] (EL5-0289), advised that he is employed as an [redacted] for the Ambulance Service of Baton Rouge, 3122 Main Street, Baton Rouge.

[redacted] advised that on the morning of November 16, 1972, he was employed by the above company and after consulting the company log, he advised that at 10:42 AM a call was received requesting ambulance service at the Southern University, Baton Rouge (SUBR). [redacted] said he was dispatched at 10:44 AM, and he arrived on the campus of SUBR approximately ten minutes later. [redacted] said he was accompanied by his attendant, [redacted]

[redacted] continued that he went immediately to the Administration Building upon arriving at the campus, where he observed the bodies of two male Negroes lying on the sidewalk in front of the Administration Building.

As they approached the bodies, an individual, identity unknown by [redacted] told them that the man lying farthest from the Administration Building was dead. [redacted] noted the fact that this same individual was covered with an Army-type blanket. He said that they immediately went to the other victim, placed him on a stretcher, and then put him in the ambulance driven by [redacted] He then assisted [redacted] and [redacted] fellow ambulance attendants, in placing the body of the second individual on a stretcher and into an ambulance.

[redacted] said that he and [redacted] then remained in a standby capacity to render aid as needed. Subsequently, he said that two Deputy Sheriffs were treated by him for tear gas fumes. One of these men also suffered a head injury.

[redacted] said that they remained on duty in the vicinity of the campus until they were released, and he indicated his time of release to be between 4:00 and 4:30 PM.

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[redacted] Deputy, East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office, advised that he is employed in the Criminal Photographic Section of the Sheriff's Department.

[redacted] advised that the seven negatives of the photographs taken by [redacted] of the Baton Rouge City Police Department during the autopsy of DENVER A. SMITH on November 16, 1972, are currently in custody and are being maintained in the Photographic Laboratory at the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office.

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V. EVIDENCE

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A. FBI LABORATORY REPORT

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By return communication dated November 30, 1972, the FBI Laboratory advised as follows:

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

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

Date: November 30, 1972

FBI File No.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Result of examination:

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Q4 scrapings contain smears of lead.

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

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

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[redacted] Louisiana State Police Crime Laboratory, advised that probably within a week or ten days he would have completed examination of all of the evidence submitted to his agency in this matter. Upon completion of his examination he would then prepare a complete report of his findings. He related he would make available to the FBI a copy of this report.

[redacted] related that in addition to the evidence previously identified and examined, the results of which were set forth in his preliminary report, the following additional items had been turned over to him on November 17, 1972 by [redacted] Explosives Section, Louisiana State Police. At the time these items were turned over, [redacted] indicated where the objects had been found in the area around the Administration Building located on the campus at Southern University.

(1) Two small cylindrical objects found in a crack in the sidewalk about eighteen feet from the southeast corner of the Administration Building.

(2) One metal pellet found on the sidewalk about ten feet from the southeast corner of the Administration Building.

(3) An additional metal pellet found approximately four feet from the southeast corner of the Administration Building in a flower bed.

(4) An additional metal pellet found one foot from the southeast corner of the Administration Building on the ground.

[redacted] related that Item Number 1, previously described, does not appear to be buckshot, however, Items Number 2, 3 and 4 may possibly be buckshot, however, as yet he has not had a chance to examine or weigh these items.

[redacted] related that according to [redacted] Items

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Number 1 and 2 were turned over to [redacted] by Deputy Sheriff [redacted] of the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office.

Item Number 3 was turned over to [redacted] by [redacted] of the Louisiana State Police.

Item Number 4 was located by [redacted] on November 17, 1972.

[redacted] stated that also located on November 17, 1972 in the area of the shooting was what appeared to be a wash-cloth having torn edges and stains which might possibly be blood stains. He has not had as yet a chance to examine these items.

[redacted] related that also turned over to him by [redacted] was what appeared to be wadding material, and that all of the aforementioned material turned over to him by [redacted] had been placed in small plastic envelopes and initialed by [redacted]

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[redacted] Louisiana State Police Headquarters, 109 South Foster, advised on November 16, 1972 he was inside the Louisiana State Police armored vehicle commonly referred to as "Big Bertha", which was parked on the street parallel with the Administration Building on the Southern University campus during the confrontation.

[redacted] related that to the best of his recollection sometime during the afternoon of November 16, 1972, Deputy Sheriff [redacted] of the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office, came up to [redacted] in front of the Administration Building and gave [redacted] two small cylindrical objects. [redacted] pointed to a crack in the sidewalk where he found these two objects and [redacted] stepped off the distance from the southeast corner of the building to the area that [redacted] pointed to, and it was approximately eighteen feet.

[redacted] also turned over to [redacted] a metal pellet and pointed to the area on the sidewalk in front of the building where he found this item. [redacted] stepped off the distance from the southeast corner of the building to this area pointed out by [redacted] and found it to be approximately ten feet from the southeast corner of the building. [redacted] also related that on the afternoon of November 16, 1972 [redacted] of the Louisiana State Police turned over to [redacted] a metal pellet and showed [redacted] where he had found this pellet. [redacted] then stepped off the distance from the southeast corner of the building and determined that this pellet had been found about four feet from the corner of the building in a flower bed.

[redacted] related that also on the afternoon of November 16, 1972 he himself had found what appeared to be a metal pellet on the ground and located approximately one foot from the southeast corner of the Administration Building.

[redacted] stated that he thereafter put the above items in separate small plastic bags, initialed each bag and dated

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them November 16, 1972, and in turn gave them to [redacted] of the Louisiana State Police Crime Laboratory on November 17, 1972.

C. FILM

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[redacted] Deputy Sheriff, East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, advised that on November 17, 1972, he obtained the original film shot by Channel 9 photographer [redacted] at the Southern University campus at Baton Rouge, November 16, 1972, from the News Department of Channel 9. He noted he could not recall the exact person from whom he obtained it, but present at this time were photographer [redacted] and one [redacted] News Department employee.

He stated he immediately transported this film to Telefilms, Inc., 1738 Wooddale Boulevard, Baton Rouge, where it was furnished to [redacted] who thereafter gave it to [redacted] Film Technician, for copying.

Deputy Sheriff [redacted] said he waited at that location for copying procedures to be completed and thereafter returned the film to Channel 9 studios. There he surrendered it to one [redacted] member of the News Department staff.

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[redacted] East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, advised that on November 17, 1972, he obtained the original film shot by Channel 33 photographers at the Southern University campus on the previous day from [redacted]

He stated he immediately transported this film to Telefilms, Inc., 1738 Wooddale Boulevard, Baton Rouge, where it was furnished to [redacted] who thereafter gave it to [redacted] Film Technician, for copying.

Deputy [redacted] said he waited at that location for copying to be completed and thereafter returned the film to Channel 33 studios, and he surrendered it to [redacted] by whom he had originally been given the film.

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[redacted] Film Technician, Telefilms, Inc., 1738 Wooddale Boulevard, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, stated that on November 17, 1972, [redacted] Deputy Sheriff, East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office, delivered film of Channel 9 to [redacted] of that firm. It was then given to [redacted] for copying by [redacted]

He noted that Deputy Sheriff [redacted] waited on the premises for copying of the film to be completed, following which he retrieved it and departed.

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[redacted] News Department, WAFB - TV, Channel 9, 844 Government Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, advised that on November 20, 1972, he delivered film shot by Channel 9 photographer [redacted] at the Southern University campus on November 16, 1972, to Telefilms, Inc., 1738 Wooddale Boulevard, Baton Rouge. There the film was given to and thereafter copied by [redacted] Film Technician.

On that same date, [redacted] retrieved the original film and returned it to Channel 9 studios where it was given over to [redacted]

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[redacted] U. S. Marshal, Middle District of Louisiana, Baton Rouge, stated that on November 21, 1972, he served a subpoena on [redacted] calling for the surrender of [redacted] At the time of service, [redacted] was given over to [redacted] by [redacted]

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A copy of a film previously supplied by WBRZ-TV, Channel 2, 1650 Highland Road, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, was subjected to a frame by frame review. This film was determined to have been a color film taken by three different motion picture cameras with the photographers operating these cameras previously identified as [redacted] The activity photographed concerned events at Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on November 16, 1972, and, specifically, activities at and near the Campus Administration Building before, during and after two students, DENVER SMITH and LEONARD BROWN, were fatally wounded.

A review of this film disclosed it to be approximately 476 feet in length, consisting of approximately 19,316 frames. The cameras used were designated Cameras A, B and C for the purpose of this review, and the activity photographed by each of these cameras appears on the film as follows:

Camera	Footage	Frames	Content
A	42½	0-1730	East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office (EBRPSO) and Louisiana State Police (LSP) Officers are shown assembling at Ryan Airport prior to departing for Southern University Baton Rouge (SUBR) Campus; officers are shown being briefed, followed by their departing area in convoy.
B	22	1731-2600	"Big Bertha", a LSP armored vehicle, is shown, followed by scenes depicting students gathered in front of SUBR Academic Building

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Camera	Footage	Frames	Content
B	16½	5551-6215	Close-up views of one dead student (SMITH), followed by a close-up of dead student (BROWN). Helicopter is seen taking off, followed by appearance of ambulance and the placing of SMITH on stretcher.
A	8	6216-6535	Close-up views of SMITH on stretcher
B	4½	6536-6620	Views of SMITH being placed into ambulance and shot of BROWN covered by blanket
A	28	6621-7733	Picture of BROWN's body covered by blanket, students leaving Administration Building and picture of student handcuffed
B	27	7734-8825	Views of police officers standing in various positions near scene of fatal shooting, students leaving Administration Building and LSP Officer arresting student.
A	8	8826-9154	Girl leaving Administration Building walks by blood where slain students previously had fallen
C	9½	9155-9510	View of LSP roadblock near Shell Station
A	3	9511-9629	Helicopter lands
B	25	9630-10690	Pictures of Governor EDWARDS talking to individuals near scene of fatal shooting, fire at Registrars Building, Canine Corps near Registrars Building and views of fire trucks

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Camera	Footage	Frames	Content
C	124	10691-15760	Photographers standing near dormitory, cars leaving campus, LSP roadblock near Shell Station, fire trucks moving toward smoke in background and Negro male getting out of car on campus
B	92	15761-19316	Night scenes, Deputies and National Guard on campus, roadblocks on campus and views of students in building believed to be Student Union. Daylight scene of National Guard trucks on move

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The film was determined to be approximately 200 feet in length and consisted of about 6,800 frames. The film was recorded on a single camera which for the purpose of this review was designated as Camera D. The sequence of events appearing on the film was determined to be as follows:

"Big Bertha," a Louisiana State Police (LSP) armored vehicle is seen arriving on the SUBR campus followed by a police convoy.

Students are shown milling about in front of the Administration Building and in the general vicinity. LSP and East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office (EBRPSO) Officers are shown in formation moving into positions near the Administration Building.

A LSP squad is observed assuming a position near the northeast corner of the Administration Building.

EBRPSO Officers are observed forming a line on the grass immediately in front of the Administration Building, followed by the discharge of tear gas in the area of the police officers.

Two individuals later identified as DENVER SMITH and LEONARD BROWN are observed lying on the ground

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in front of the Administration Building, followed by a view of SMITH being placed into an ambulance. Students are observed leaving the Administration Building and a fleeing student is observed being placed under arrest.

Scenes are shown of the discharge of tear gas across College Drive away from the Administration Building. The Canine Corps is observed in the immediate area, followed by scenes of Governor EDWARDS arriving and walking near the Administration Building. He is shown talking to police officers and others and making an examination of a tear gas canister with the toe of his shoe.

Scenes of smoke and a fire at the Registrars Office are shown, followed by the arrival of fire engines and "Big Bertha" at the Registrars Office. Firemen are observed using hoses to throw water on the fire.

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Louisiana State Police (LSP) helicopter is shown in flight just above the Administration Building located on the Southern University Baton Rouge (SUBR) campus at Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Students are observed milling about, followed by scenes of two dead bodies lying on the ground just in front of the Administration Building.

A line of deputies is observed on the sidewalk adjacent to College Drive following the shooting.

One of the dead students (BROWN) is seen on the ground covered by a blanket.

LSP Officers are observed near the northeast corner of the Administration Building following the fatal shooting and helicopter lands.

Student BROWN is observed on the ground, followed by views of students leaving the Administration Building.

BROWN is observed being placed on a stretcher, followed by the camera panning the immediate area.

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Scenes of firemen fighting a fire at the Registrars Building are shown, followed by photographs of Governor EDWARDS talking to various policemen and other individuals near the scene of the fatal shooting. A black female is observed talking to members of the news media, followed by a scene showing the arrest of a student.

All of the above scenes, according to information previously furnished, were photographed on November 16, 1972, on the SUBR campus.

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A copy of a film previously supplied by WRBT-TV, Channel 33, 5220 Essen Lane, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, was subjected to a frame by frame review. This film was earlier determined to have been a color film taken by Photographers [redacted] and [redacted] and was described as one depicting scenes at Southern University Baton Rouge (SUBR) campus on November 16, 1972. For purpose of this review a camera designated as Camera E was observed, however, because of the numerous splices, "out takes" and haphazard alignment of frames, no continuity could be established. The film consists of approximately 9,932 frames, most of which appear to be "floor cuttings." This review revealed the following sequence and content:

A leader appears on the film and several of the frames are upside down. Students are seen in front of the Administration Building, followed by views of two dead students lying on the ground and the dispersal of other students from the area.

East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office (EBRPSO) Officers are observed aligned on the grass in front of the Administration Building with students seen on the steps. Two dead bodies are shown, followed by views of DENVER SMITH and LEONARD BROWN being picked up by ambulances.

Students are shown leaving the Administration Building and a student is seen running and then being placed under arrest. An arrested student is shown adjacent to a police paddy wagon, followed by views of tear gas discharged into a group gathered across College Drive east of the Administration Building.

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The Canine Corps is shown, followed by a landing of a helicopter and the arrival of Governor EDWARDS who talks to several of the police officers in the area.

Scenes are shown of firemen attempting to put out a fire at the Registrars Building, night scenes at the campus are shown, followed by daylight scenes again depicting the arrest of a student, the fire, Governor EDWARDS, the two dead bodies and the arrival of the ambulance at the hospital unloading one of the victims.

D. TAPE RECORDING

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[redacted] a reporter and photographer employed by WBRZ-TV, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, was afforded an opportunity to listen to a sound tape recording of certain events that took place at the Southern University, Baton Rouge (SUBR) campus, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on November 16, 1972. After listening to this tape for general content, [redacted] identified it as being excerpts of an original recording that he had made on November 16, 1972, and subsequently had turned the original tape over to the Attorney General (AG) of the State of Louisiana in connection with an official investigation being conducted by his, the Attorney General of Louisiana, department.

[redacted] advised that he had remained with the group of East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office (EBRPSO) Deputies, that was immediately in front of the Administration Building and close to the cement walk that runs in an east-west direction from the above mentioned building. b6 b7C

[redacted] attention was directed to a particular portion of the tape that was believed to contain the words, "I got him. I got him." After replaying this portion of the tape several times and subsequent to careful consideration, [redacted] advised that he would be unable to state whose voice belonged to that phrase and stated that it was definitely not his nor that of a fellow photographer from WBRZ-TV, [redacted]

[redacted] added that he would be unable to furnish any additional information concerning the identity of this individual.

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VI. MISCELLANEOUS

A. NEWS MEDIA

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[redacted] Radio News Reporter, Radio Station WJBO, 444 Florida Boulevard, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, telephone [redacted] was interviewed on November 27, 1972, relative to his observations made at the time of confrontation between students and police at Southern University, Baton Rouge, on November 16, 1972.

[redacted] stated he had anticipated interview and had reduced his observations to writing in the form of a statement. He, at that time, furnished a copy of this statement, reading as follows:

"I arrived on the campus and parked my car about 150 yards from the Administration Building, at approximately 10:25 AM. I turned my tape recorder on and walked to the area of assembled Sheriff's Deputies in the street in front of the Administration Building. I hear words coming from a loudspeaker, but cannot tell what is being said. I ask WAFB - TV cameraman [redacted] about it, and he says something about the authorities giving a two-or-three minute warning to clear the Administration Building. A Sheriff's Deputy tells [redacted] that altogether, five minutes worth of warnings are being given.

"There are about 150 students standing in front of the Administration Building at this time. The time is approximately 10:30 AM.

"After about four minutes, law officers assembled move in toward students assembled in front of the building. First group of law officers to reach the students are a platoon of state policemen, who came up on the right side, as I faced the Admin. Building.

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"One statepoliceman then stepped forward and conversed with the assembled students for some 15 to 30 seconds.

"The time approximately 10:35.

"Then, a canister-like object comes out of the crowd of students on the steps, projected end-over-end, and trailing white smoke, in the direction of the state troopers who had reached the group first. Then, pandemonium broke loose.

"There was mass confusion as the sounds of shotgun like noises filled the air...smoking objects were thrown into the crowd of students, and smoking objects were projected out of the crowd of students. Tear gas clouds filled the air on the lawn in front of the Administration Building. I reatreated from my vantage point near the street in front of the Administration Building. As I retreated to the lawn in front of Parker Hall, across the street from the Administration Building, a student, also retreating, said to me: 'That's an occupational hazard you got there' as he looked at my tape recorder. The time then was about 10:38.

"The air continued to be filled with the sound of booming, shotgun-blast-like noises. There was also present noises which sounded similar to the sound of a .22 caliber rifle or pistol being fired. These were mixed in with the boom-ing sounds.

"At about 10:40, I speak into my tape recorder words to the effect that shots have occurred. About three minutes later, I speak into the recorder that a loudspeaker voice, apparently directed at state policemen, says 'Hold up a minute.'

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"During the next few minutes there is more boom-ing noise.

"At about 10:46 I carry on a running conversation for several minutes with two reporters from WBRZ - TV, [redacted] and [redacted] At this point I have moved from across the street, back onto the lawn of the Administration Building.

"At about 10:50 a man dressed in an Army officers uniform talks excitedly with Sheriff's Officers about getting a vehicle to transport an injured student 'downtown'.

"At about 10:56 I speak into my recorder that a helicopter which had landed on the lawn of the Administration Building is taking off, I say possibly with a wounded student. This proves to be erroneous, when I later talk to other newsmen on the scene who say that no wounded were put into the helicopter.

"At about 10:57, I speak into my recorder that three ambulances are now on the scene, and that one wounded student is loaded into the ambulance.

"Three minutes or so later, I carry on a concersation with WAFB - TV cameraman [redacted]

"Some thirty seconds later, a law officer orders one of the ambulance drivers to load the second wounded student into the ambulance. Within two minutes, the second of the two wounded students who had lay on the sidewalk in front of the Administration Building is driven off.

"About one minute later, students begin coming out of the Administration Building. There is an adult holding

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some sort of holster-like object out at arm's length. I speak into my recorder that I see it as being a gun in the holster. Students exit the building from about 11:04 until about 11:08. Many students exit crying, some screaming hysterically.

"At about 11:09 I speak into my recorder that there is firing of more tear gas, some being fired into Parker Hall across the street from the Administration Building. I say that the tear gas forces back students furhter away from the Administration Building.

"At about 11:11 I ask a campus security officer who'd been in the building with the students for a period of time about the object I had seen which I had believed to be a pistol. He says the students in the building had no guns. But he declines to elaborate. He showed signs of being affected by tear gas, as he was crying.

"By about 11:13 I meet reporter [redacted] of the Associated Press. We converse. Then I leave with [redacted] to make a telephone call to my office from a white frame house some 200 yards from the Administration Building."

[redacted] said the campus security officer earlier mentioned later told him that the object of discussion was "probably" a knife. He was said to have reiterated to [redacted] that no guns were in possession of students inside the Administration Building.

[redacted] concluded by saying that he could neither add anything nor delete anything from that statement as given.

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[redacted] was interviewed at the National Teleproductions Corporation, 5261 North Tacoma Avenue. He was advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents, the nature of the inquiry, and thereafter, provided the following information:

He advised he is [redacted] for National Teleproductions Corporation, a production company, which among other tasks is responsible for televising the Grambling University football games.

He stated that he arrived in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on Monday, November 13, 1972, at approximately 10:45 AM in order to coordinate operations for the televising of the Grambling University-Southern University football game which was scheduled to be played on Saturday, November 18, 1972. He had heard that there had been some student dissension at Southern University prior to his arrival and, thereafter, learned upon his arrival that the location of the football game had been moved from the Southern University campus to Memorial Stadium in Baton Rouge because of student disruptions.

[redacted] advised that on the afternoon of Wednesday, November 15, 1972, he contacted an individual by the name of [redacted] was in control over all the law enforcement personnel that had been moved into the area. [redacted] advised that he told [redacted] why he was in Baton Rouge and that he was concerned about the safety of his men and equipment. He [redacted] wanted to know what, if any, problems he might expect regarding the student disruptions. [redacted] advised him that he would cooperate in any possible way to assure the safety of his men and equipment. [redacted] stated that after talking to [redacted] he assumed that [redacted] was in control of the situation.

[redacted] stated that later Wednesday evening approximately 150 to 200 students created a disturbance at Southern University and he was advised by [redacted] that he would maintain contact with him [redacted] regarding safety of equipment and

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personnel and any change of scheduling that might occur.

[redacted] advised that Wednesday evening he made an attempt to contact various administrative personnel of Southern University, including [redacted] the [redacted] for Southern University. He also was in contact with [redacted] who advised that as of that time the situation was tense, however, everything was in good order.

On Thursday morning, November 16, 1972, [redacted] talked to his Chicago Office and stated that there were problems at Southern University regarding student unrest and that a number of students were milling around on the campus and were basically at that time concerned over a student leader that had been arrested.

At approximately 9:10 AM Thursday, [redacted] went to the Southern University campus to contact [redacted] He observed many people milling around, including students, sightseers and news media personnel. He also observed some State Police, Baton Rouge City Police, Sheriff's Deputies, and National Guard personnel on the campus. Many students were congregated near the Administration Building, however, he was at the perimeter of the crowd and did not see all of the occurrences. [redacted] entered a building south of the Administration Building, or to the left of the Administration Building as you face it. At approximately 9:20 AM, he began looking for [redacted] office. While in the building, he heard confusion outside. He was told by someone that the Administration Building had been taken over by students. [redacted] advised that while talking to a secretary (name unknown) he was looking out a window facing the Administration Building when he observed students as well as National Guard and Police personnel who were approximately 40 to 50 feet beyond the students. He heard some yelling and screaming and observed approximately 30 to 40 people running at an angle toward the National GuardSmen and Police. He also heard some glass breaking. He remembered hearing what sounded like a cannon shot while the people were running. He then observed at a distance of approximately 80 feet an individual in a dark thigh-length coat fall to his knees and turn approximately 90 degrees toward him. [redacted] had a full head-to-toe view of this individual. He observed a large red shredded hole in the individual which extended from the individual's eye to the middle of his rib cage. The individual then fell on his face.

[redacted] stated he then left the building he was in and ran across an open space toward an area where there were National Guardsmen and where a truck belonging to the National Guard was parked. He stated he ran past the individual he previously observed fall to his knees, but did not stop because of fearing for his own safety. He ran past this individual at a distance of approximately 20 feet. [redacted] stated while he was running, he heard much confusion behind him and glass and bottles were being broken. He got behind a National Guard truck and shortly thereafter was led to his private vehicle by National Guard personnel.

[redacted] concluded by stating he detected a very faint odor of tear gas and knew it because he had experienced the odor of tear gas in the past. He heard no commands to fire any weapons on the part of law enforcement personnel and never saw any brutality or anyone overly oppressed or unduly questioned. He did state that he saw National Guard troops carrying only nightsticks. He observed uniformed police officers carrying side arms, however, never saw any of them carrying shotguns. He did observe two shotguns that were locked in their mounts in police squad cars.

The following is a description of [redacted] which was obtained through observation and interview:

Address	[redacted]
Date of Birth	
Place of Birth	
Height	5'10"
Weight	230
Eyes	Blue [redacted]
Hair	Brown [redacted]
Social Security Account Number	[redacted]
Marital Status	Single

[redacted] advised that he felt he would not like to furnish a signed statement regarding this incident.

There were no other obvious physical handicaps that might impair this individual who was interviewed in his ability to testify in a court of law or to remember facts pertaining to this incident with the exception that he wore [redacted]

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B. BLACK PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY (BPCI)

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[redacted] telephone number [redacted] was advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents, and she was told that the reason for the interview was concerning what evidence, if any, was presented to Black Peoples' Committee of Inquiry (BPCI) which investigated the deaths of two students at Southern University, Baton Rouge campus, on November 16, 1972.

[redacted] advised that she was a BPCI committee member, and the committee held two sessions at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on November 27-28, 1972. She stated that evidence in the form of photographs was introduced and is now a part of the exhibits of the committee. She did not know who took the photographs or who presently has possession of them.

It was her opinion that [redacted] of [redacted] could give more information concerning the photographs and other evidence introduced, as well as their availability to the FBI.

The BPCI was set up to determine the parties at fault for the deaths of the two students at Southern University at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on November 16, 1972. The inquiry was further directed toward determining the type of weapons and the amount of force used against the black students by the law enforcement officers.

When asked if the committee had evidence as to who fired the fatal shot, [redacted] gave an emphatic "no." [redacted] further advised that any additional information concerning the BPCI should be directed to [redacted]

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C. MISCELLANEOUS INTERVIEWS

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[redacted] no home telephone number, described himself as [redacted] and a professed civic minded member of the black community.

He said he was present on the Southern University campus on November 16, 1972. Arriving approximately 8:40 a.m. in his personally owned automobile, he drove to the Administration Building to see a [redacted] Southern University [redacted] He said he parked his automobile at the southeast corner of the Academic Building on College Drive. On alighting from the car he observed students milling about in front of the Administration Building and observed several more to go inside. [redacted] noted he asked some students what the activity was all about and one replied they were going to take over the building. This student likewise indicated that there would be no classes that day at the University. [redacted] said the identity of this student is not known to him.

This same student likewise said that Dr. NETTERVILLE "has to go," according to [redacted] He said that at about this point in his conversation with the student, he observed three or four campus security men, accompanied by Dr. NETTERVILLE, exit through the front door of the Administration Building. He was seen by [redacted] to stop and talk briefly with students but [redacted] did not hear what was said. Shortly thereafter Dr. NETTERVILLE was seen to enter his auto and drive off.

[redacted] continued by saying that various students gathered about him told of four of their fellow students having been arrested the night before and that those present at the Administration Building were going to hold it until those arrested were released. [redacted] said that by this time approximately six or seven students had gathered about him.

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According to [redacted] a person unknown to him but appearing to be a student leader, dressed in a tan jacket, walked down the steps and to that location where [redacted] was standing. After learning from other students talking with [redacted] that [redacted] had tried to dissuade them from holding the building and disrupting classes, this individual referred to [redacted] as an "Uncle Tom." He said that present and overhearing this conversation were a [redacted] a school garage employee, and a [redacted] of the faculty.

According to [redacted] Louisiana State Police officers and Deputy Sheriffs from the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office arrived on campus between 10:00 and 10:15 a.m. and at that time [redacted] was talking to students. He pointed out that "Big Bertha," an armored car type vehicle, and a red armored car of the Sheriff's Office arrived in convoy with autos containing the law enforcement officers. On arrival these officers then stood about for a short time near the vehicles in which they arrived.

[redacted] said he then heard a voice over a loud speaker say, "This is Sheriff AL AMISS." He said the Sheriff then told the students they had five minutes to disperse otherwise he would take means to disperse them. He also told them that those failing to disperse would be subject to arrest.

He said the Sheriff then directed remarks to those students inside the Administration Building and generally repeated the same instructions. He was overheard later to tell all students they had three minutes remaining and he again issued the same warning at the two minute mark. [redacted] said all this time he had been standing near his auto parked in the position earlier noted.

[redacted] said five minutes elapsed but there had been little movement of the students away from the building. He said the Sheriff then told them time had elapsed but he would allow them additional time to leave. [redacted] said that only approximately 10 to 15 students did then move away.

[redacted] went on to say that approximately seven to eight minutes after the initial warning by the Sheriff

a group of State Policemen lined up and marched past the Academic Building to a point at the northeast corner of the Administration Building. During this movement they held their weapons pointed into the air. He said that simultaneously Deputy Sheriffs lined up in a north-south direction in front of the Administration Building with their weapons pointed into the air. The Deputy Sheriffs then advanced slowly towards the Administration Building.

[redacted] then said he saw what appeared to be a tear gas canister thrown through a broken window on the top floor of the building. He said this canister appeared to have been thrown from the inside and came out in the direction of the State Police contingent. He said likewise a second canister was thrown from inside the building in the direction of State Police. At this point, according to the witness, Deputy Sheriffs moved backwards where they started to don gas masks. He noted that moments later the Deputies started firing tear gas in the direction of the students. He said that though he heard sounds like "gunfire" he actually saw no law enforcement officer firing a weapon. He said that within moments his field of vision was obscured by gas like a "smoke screen." He said he continued to stay in his same location and saw much confused activity taking place before him. He said that he concentrated on observing the movements of students at the front of the building and he estimated there must have been from 600 to 1000 students both inside the building and in front of it. He said they all appeared to scramble in a southerly direction to elude the tear gas. At this point in the interview, [redacted] volunteered that he has promoted dances and has had considerable experience estimating crowds.

According to the witness, while he was watching the movement of the students, he overheard one student yell, "They done killed some of my sisters and brothers." He said he observed then one body lying near a point where the State Police had earlier grouped. He said he saw a second body lying near the southeast corner of the Administration Building. He estimated the two bodies were lying approximately ten feet apart.

The witness said he held his position and did not go to where they were lying. He went on to say that two ambulances arrived approximately ten to twelve minutes later and removed both of the injured.

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He continued that he then heard the Sheriff speak over the loud speaker system to call for students inside the building to come out. He said he then saw four individuals enter the building, these four individuals identified by him as an [redacted] named [redacted] a [redacted] of the President's office, a [redacted] a member of the Administration, and State Representative [redacted] (phonetic). He said that shortly thereafter 100 to 150 students left the building from the front and side exits.

This witness said that some order and relative quiet returned to the campus although law enforcement officers did shoot some tear gas towards 300 or so students near Parker Hall. He said this group was shortly thereafter dispersed.

This witness said that in his opinion the actions of the students were wrong and they should have obeyed the commands of Sheriff AMISS. He noted there was no question in his mind that the students heard the commands of the Sheriff as he identified himself clearly by name and you "could hear that loud speaker in Port Allen."

He said that students were abusive towards law enforcement officers from the moment they first arrived. He said many of them applauded and yelled, "Here come the pigs." He stated also they shouted obscenities and made obscene gestures and appeared spoiling for a fight.

[redacted] reiterated the students were believed by him to have hurled the first tear gas canister at police from a top floor window. He said this belief was strengthened by his having earlier overheard some students say they had stolen gas from one or more cars belonging to the campus security force.

[redacted] concluded by saying he remained at Southern University for a period of time thereafter and that quiet had been restored to the campus by the time of his departure a few hours later.

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[redacted] telephone number [redacted] was contacted relative to his being present on the campus of Southern University on November 16, 1972, and the possibility of his taking photographs of the occurrences there on the aforementioned date. [redacted] was promptly informed of the identities of the interviewing Agents, SA's [redacted] and thereafter provided the following information:

[redacted] stated he was on the Southern University, Baton Rouge (SUBR) campus and that he arrived on campus early on the morning of November 16, 1972. He stated that he had heard that the students were going to the Administration Building to speak with Dr. NETTERVILLE. He stated that by the time he departed and returned with his camera equipment, there were approximately 100 students at the Administration Building.

[redacted] stated that approximately ten minutes later as he continued to take photographs of the students, he saw the Sheriff's Department and the State Police arriving on the scene. He stated that as he saw the Sheriff's Deputies get out of their vehicles, he noticed one Deputy check, load and unload his weapon (a shotgun). He stated that he saw the Deputy again check his shotgun as if he were getting ready for trouble.

[redacted] stated that he did not hear anyone give the students a five minute warning to remove themselves from the Administration Building but that he did hear the three minute warning.

[redacted] stated that he was allowed to pass through the police lines because he was mistaken for a newsman. He stated that he took several photographs and that he would make them available to the Agents.

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SA's [redacted] and

by [redacted] CEH/clm Date dictated 12/3/72

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In conclusion, [redacted] advised that he was with (First Name Unknown) [redacted] (phonetic) and that [redacted] had a telephoto lens on his camera. He stated he would provide the Agents with the name and address of [redacted] and that [redacted] would furnish the Agents with the remainder of the photographs taken by the students.

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On November 27, 1972, SA [redacted] and SA [redacted] attempted to contact one [redacted] and MICHAEL COMBS, 2890 68th Avenue, Scotlandville, Louisiana, whereupon this contact met with negative results.

At [redacted] apartment, SA [redacted] spoke with an unidentified black female who declined to give her name, whereupon she stated that [redacted] worked during the day and that the best time to contact him would be in the late evening. The same unidentified individual provided the following telephone number to said residence: [redacted]

On November 28, 1972, SA [redacted] attempted to contact and interview one [redacted] whereupon this met with negative results.

On the same date, SA [redacted] attempted to contact [redacted] whereupon this met with negative results.

On the same date, SA [redacted] attempted to contact Professor [redacted] Southern University [redacted] whereupon this met with negative results.

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On November 25, 1972, Special Agent [redacted] ascertained the correct identity of one [redacted] residing at [redacted] Southern University, home address of [redacted] matriculation number [redacted] The student is currently a [redacted] at Southern University.

This individual's name was given to Agent [redacted] by one [redacted] as being a possible missing person.

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On November 28, 1972, [redacted] advised Special Agent [redacted] that [redacted] works in the Administration Building at Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. [redacted] would not give [redacted] name, but said he would talk with her and have her contact the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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[redacted] was informed of the identities of the interviewing agents and of the nature of the inquiry by SA [redacted] [redacted] was advised that any information he furnished could be used in a court of law. He declined to furnish a signed statement at this time.

[redacted] is a white male, born [redacted] at [redacted] and is employed by [redacted] He has a BSB degree in [redacted] He has been with [redacted] for a period of 6 years, 4 months of which were in the [redacted] area.

[redacted] advised on the morning of November 16, 1972, he went to the Southern University campus at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, accompanied by [redacted] of [redacted] on a recruiting drive. He had previously been in contact with [redacted] at the University and [redacted] advised him that despite the recent trouble at the University, he did not expect any problems on this particular day.

[redacted] advised he was conducting one of his recruiting interviews in the old gray stone building located perpendicular to the Administration Building and which houses the Registrar's Office on the first floor and Placement Office on the second floor between 10 and 10:30 A.M. when he heard a helicopter circling overhead. At the conclusion of the interview at approximately 10:30 A.M., he went downstairs to the first floor of this building and observed through double glass doors an armored car and 30 to 40 policemen dressed in beige uniforms and helmets carrying shotguns and rifles lined up on the road facing the Administration Building approximately 70 yards from his position and approximately 30 yards from the Administration Building. He then recalled that he heard one of the policemen with a bullhorn advise the students who were on the steps of the Administration Building and in the general area of the steps that they had "5 minutes to get away." [redacted] stated he would estimate there were about 50 students on the steps of the Administration Building and about 100 others in the general area of the steps. He stated it is his recollection they were all Negro students.

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by SA [redacted] and SA [redacted] ccp Date dictated 11/29/72

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As far as the police officers were concerned, he could only recall that they were all dressed in beige uniforms, wore helmets with plastic visors and at least one of them had on a bullet-proof vest. He did not observe any distinguishing insignias on these officers and could not personally identify any of them.

It was [redacted] impression at this time that this confrontation was going to be "a lark" and that the students would probably lie down on the steps of the Administration Building and be arrested and peaceably ejected by the police. He then recalls hearing a 3 minute warning over the bullhorn followed by a 2 minute warning. [redacted] stated that since he was inside the building behind double glass doors, he could not hear any other noise or conversation outside, except for the bullhorn, but from the gestures made by the uniformed officers, he received the impression that the officers were telling the gathered students to take their leave.

The next thing [redacted] recalls is that apparently someone deployed the group as the officers who had been previously located near the armored car on the lot fanned out and headed toward the Administration Building running, carrying their shotguns and rifles. Some went to the left side of the building, some went down the center and some came to their right close to the building where [redacted] was observing. He next recalls observing a small cloud of smoke which he believed was tear gas coming from the group of students congregated. He does not know where this tear gas came from, but it was his impression that some of the police in the center of the courtyard had fired it or thrown it. He next recalled observing that the officers that were closest to him did not have tear gas masks on; they were caught by surprise and began to retreat. He then observed that apparently all the officers were retreating at which time a canister of tear gas was thrown from the steps approximately 40 yards apparently by one of the students. When this canister burst in the midst of the police officers, the police turned and began firing their weapons toward the students. [redacted] stated he could not tell whether the officers were firing shotgun shells or tear gas shells, but he recalled there were approximately 20 to 25 gun shots. He stated although he was inside the building behind the glass, it was his recollection these sounds were not as loud as .12 gauge shotgun shells should be although he did recall some of the shots sounded louder than the others but of course he stated that might have been because they were fired closer to where he was standing.

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[redacted] also advised that it did not appear to him that the recoil he observed from the guns being fired by the officers was as strong as he recalled a .12 gauge shotgun recoil to be.

He recalled observing one officer fairly close to him who he could not identify, fire his shotgun from the shoulder and then pump an expended shell out of the chamber. He recalled this was a red casing with a brass base similar to the average .12 gauge shell. He observed this officer put the shotgun to his shoulder again, but did not observe him fire again. [redacted] stated he is not acquainted with the tear gas shells and does not know what they look like and does not know what they sound like when they are fired from a shotgun.

[redacted] advised at this time he heard one of the students whom he could not identify state "hey, that dude fired a live round." He advised this individual was located in the hallway of the building where [redacted] was, but nearer to the door than [redacted]

[redacted] stated he did not observe any weapons in possession of any of the students and he did not observe any of the students fire any weapons at any police officers.

[redacted] stated that his fellow recruiter, [redacted] stated to [redacted] at this time that since he was one of the few white persons in the area, it might be best for him to withdraw from the area. [redacted] stated he went upstairs in the same building and stayed in a room on the second floor for approximately one hour when he and a group of other individuals were convoyed off the University campus by automobiles. When he was leaving the campus, he first heard on the car radio that someone had been killed during the disturbance apparently having been trampled. [redacted] stated he did not observe anyone injured or fall to the ground.

[redacted] also stated that in addition to himself and [redacted] in the hallway of this building observing the confrontation were approximately 20 students, at least one other white recruiter, several Negro recruiters and one Negro male who may have been a newspaperman. [redacted] stated he did not know any of the recruiters and did not know the companies they represented. He could not identify or describe any of the students, except to say they were young male Negroes. He got the impression that one of the Negro males may have been a newspaperman since this man on several occasions went down the hallway and was talking to someone on the telephone.

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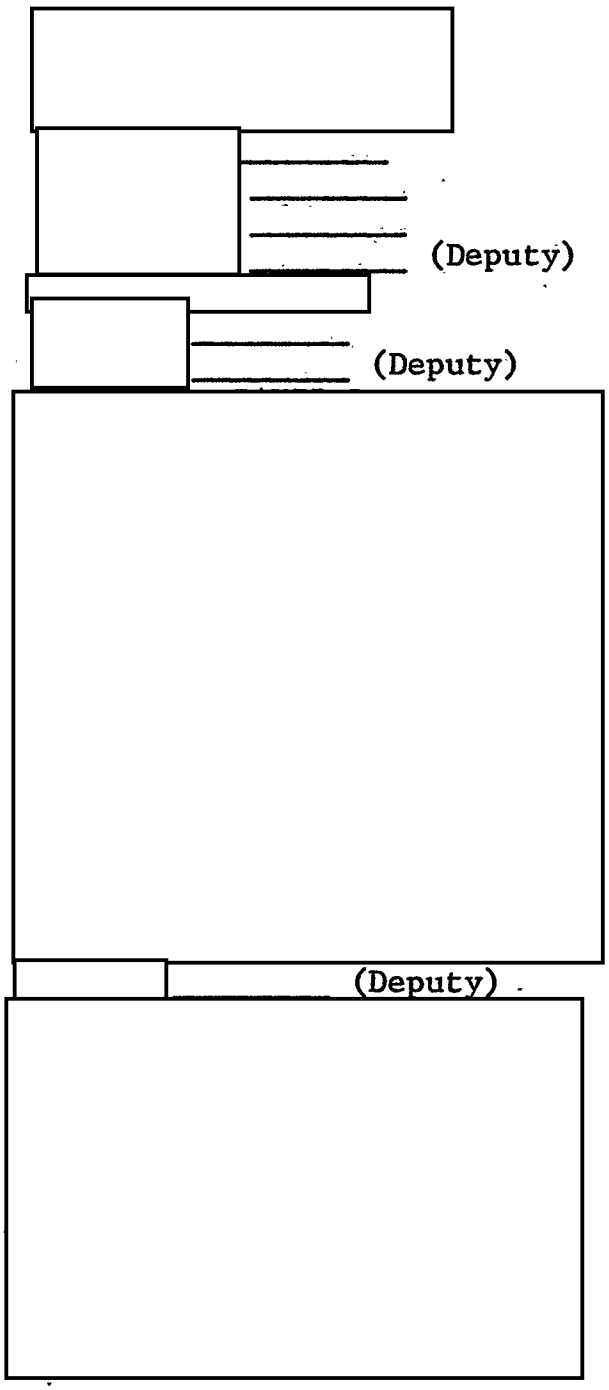

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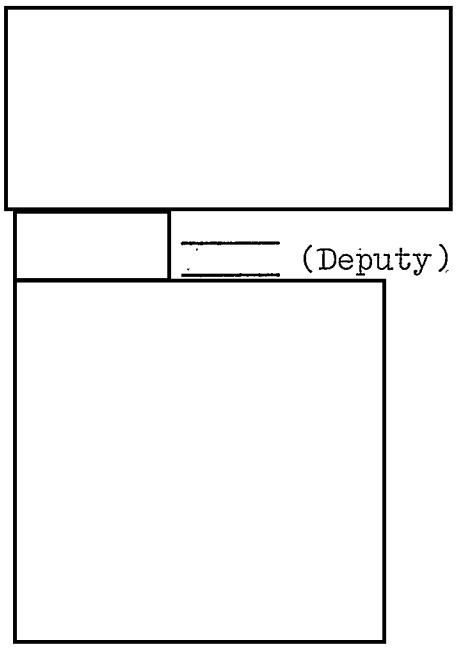

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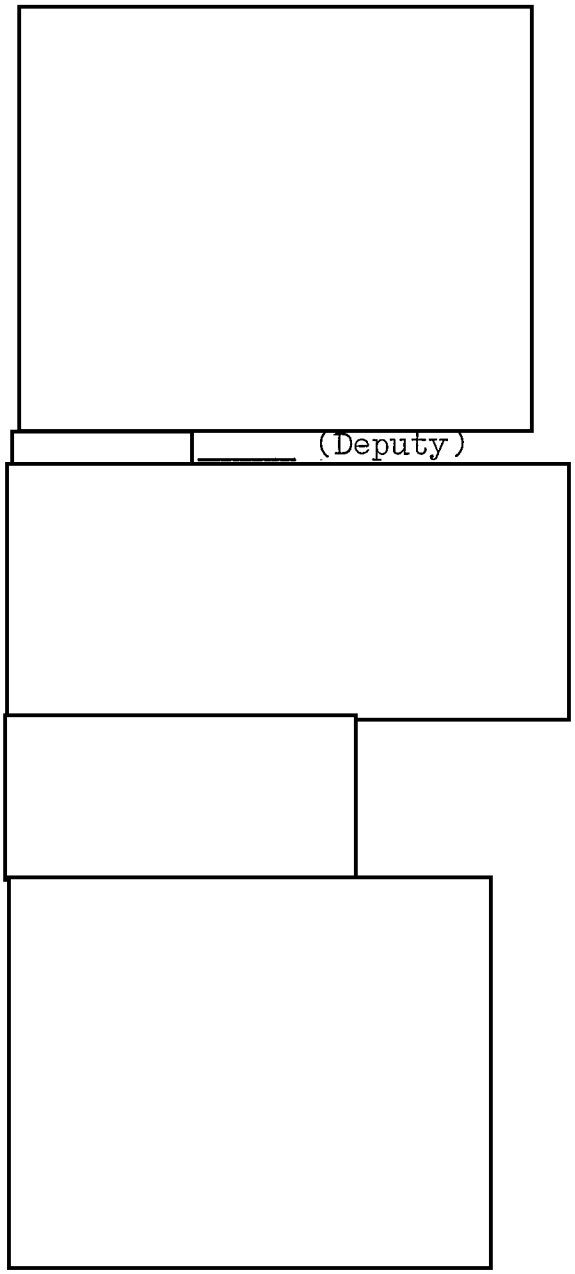

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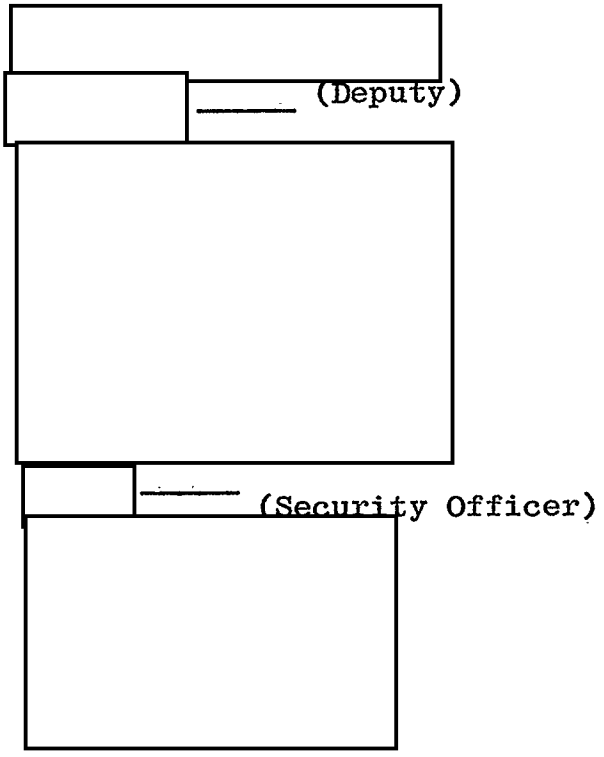

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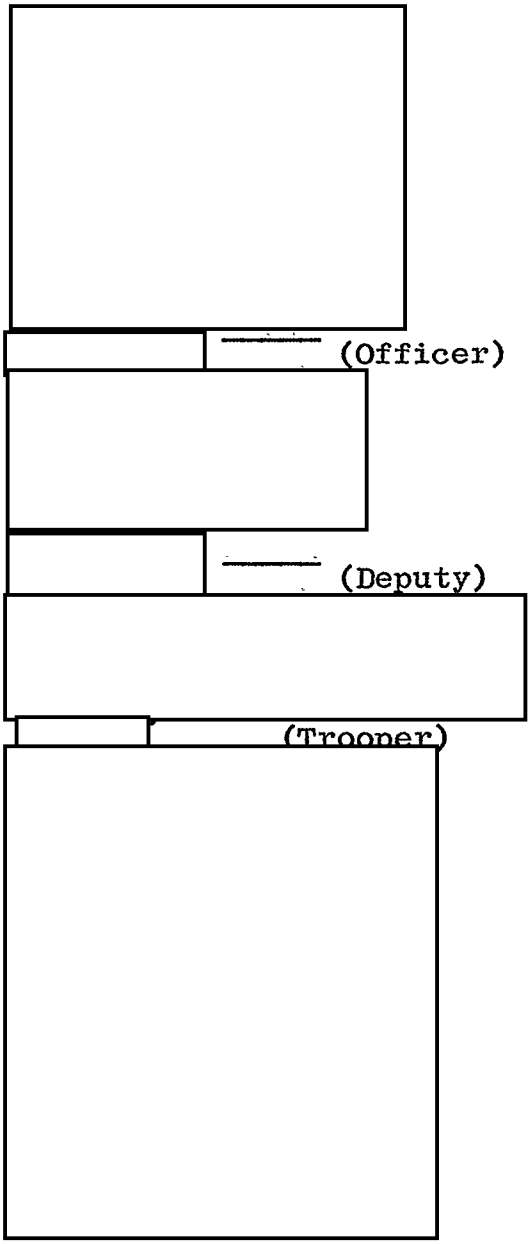

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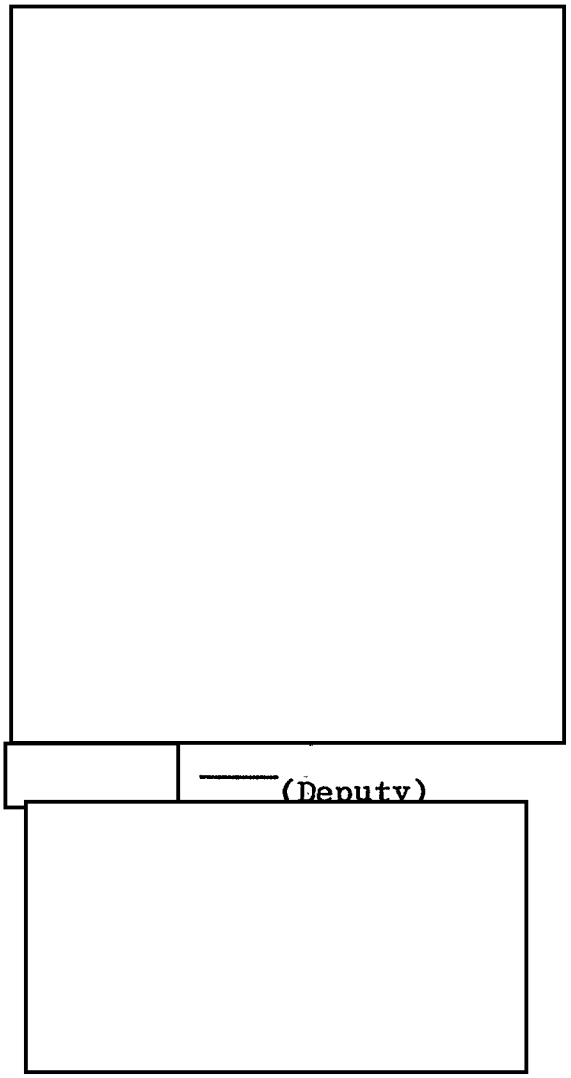

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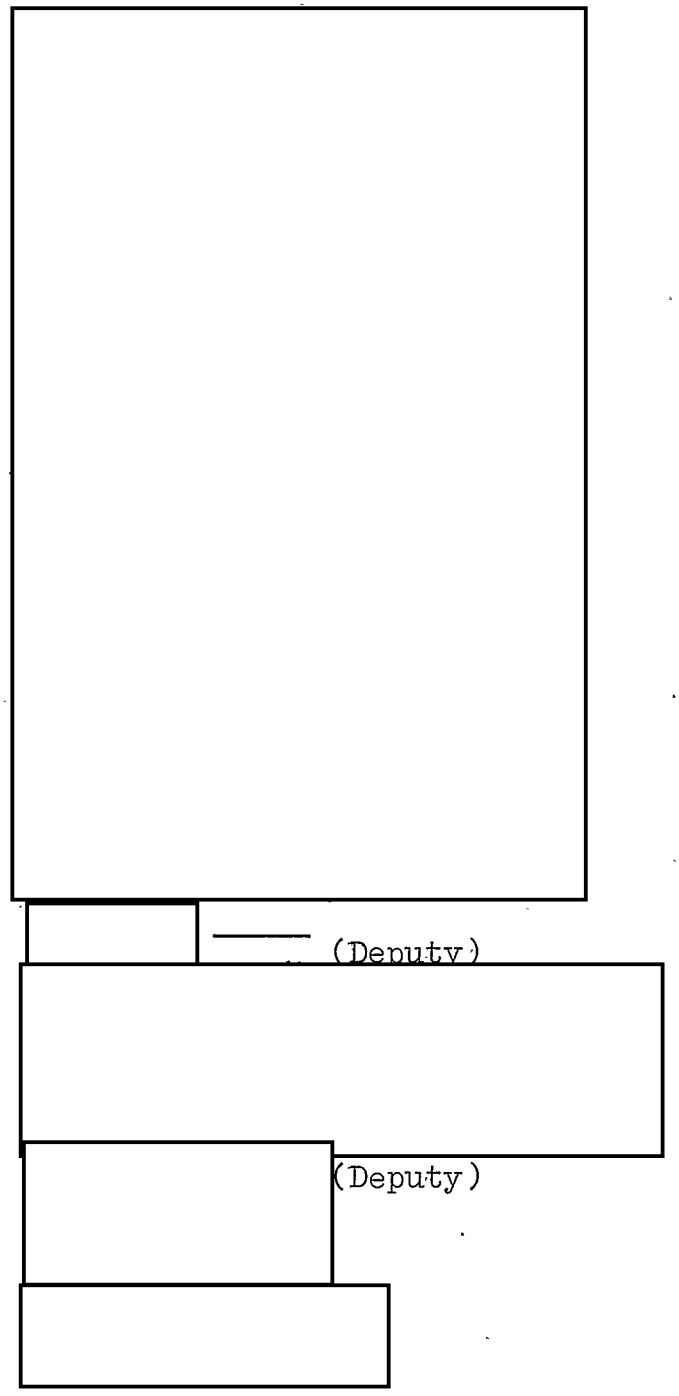

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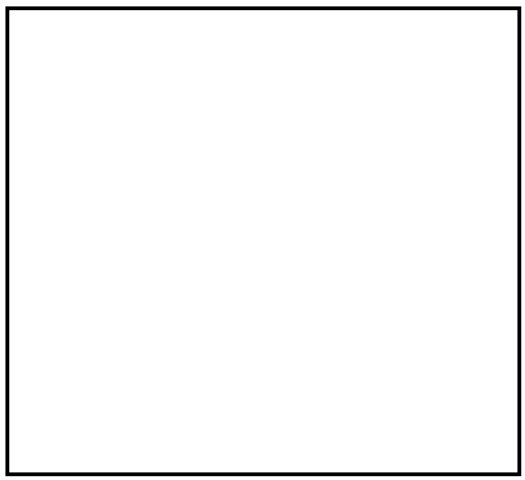

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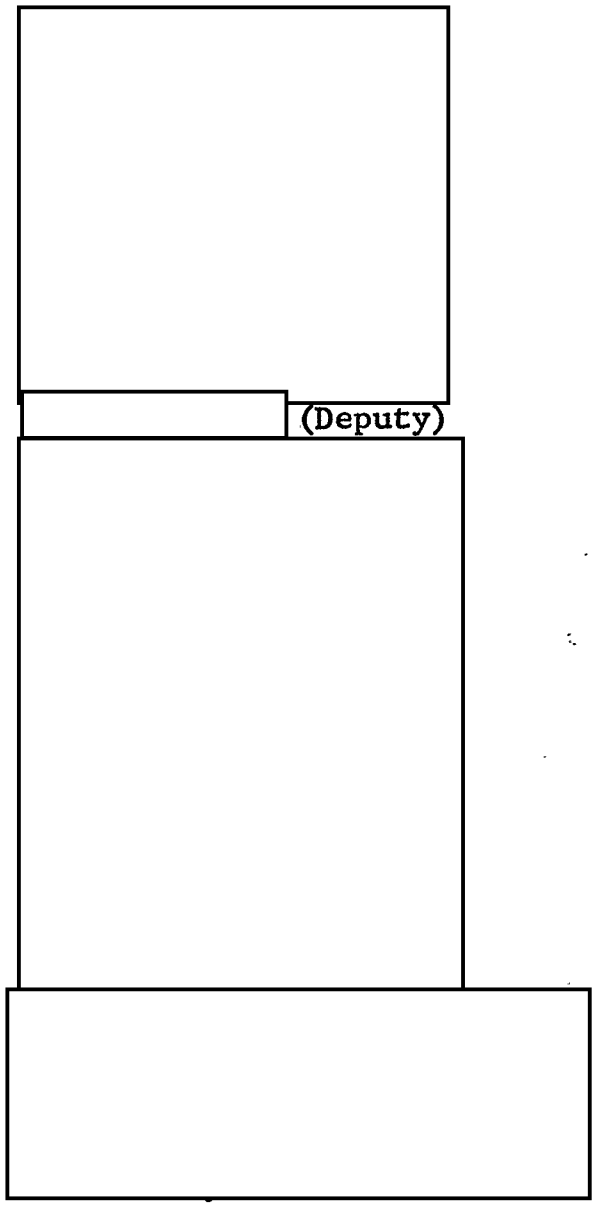

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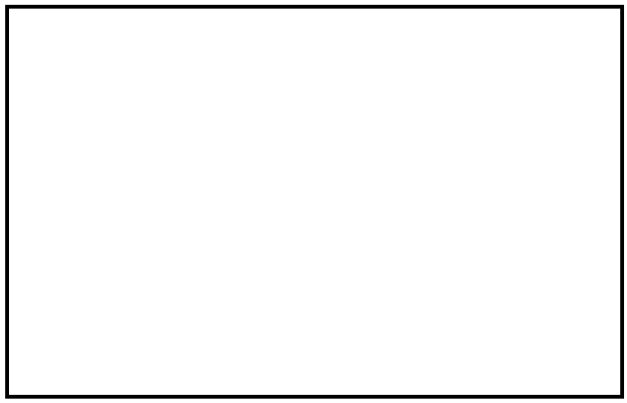

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