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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Jackson (157-815)

DATE: 4-22-66

FROM : SA Clarence G. Prospero

SUBJECT: Myron Wayne "Jack" Seale
R.M.

In connection with the destruction of channelizing memoranda, the information contained on the serials listed below was incorporated in a report dated 4-29-66. The review for this report was made from serial 87 through serial 151.

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-3372)

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN
ACTIVITIES, KLAN INVESTIGATIONS
RM (KLAN)

MYRON WAYNE "JACK" SEALE
RM (KLAN)

Re Bureau airtel to Jackson 8/31/65.

Enclosed herewith are the original and 3
copies of a blind memo dealing with captioned matter.

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September 7, 1965

MYRON WAYNE "JACK" SEALE

Myron Wayne "Jack" Seale is a white male, born September 4, 1926 at Brookhaven, Mississippi, and presently resides at 172 Booker Road, Natchez, Mississippi. Seale is self-employed in a sanitation business which he owns and operates. Seale completed the 11th grade in school at Meadville, Mississippi, and is married to Delores Mae Deines whom he married in Portland, Oregon, on March 1, 1947. Police records show Seale has been arrested for drunken driving; drunk and disturbing the peace; threatening (pointing and aiming .22 caliber pistol) speeding, and driving while intoxicated. Credit record of Seale is considered to be satisfactory.

Seale drives a 1964 Chevelle Chevrolet bearing 1965 Mississippi License 1B1947.

Seale entered the United States Navy on February 9, 1944, and was honorably discharged December 19, 1945, in order to re-enlist. He re-enlisted December 20, 1945, and was again honorably discharged October 29, 1947. Seale re-enlisted in the Naval Reserve October 30, 1947 and served in an inactive status until October 29, 1952 when he was honorably discharged.

Seale, at a meeting of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan Of Mississippi (WKKKKOM) at Natchez, Mississippi, the night of February 25, 1964, exhibited two practice hand grenades which had a hole in one end sealed with wax. A discussion was held at the meeting regarding removing the wax from the grenade, tapping the hole, filling the grenade with black powder, and inserting a pipe

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plug in the tapped hole. The grenades were carried by Seale in a small blue canvas flight type zipper bag.

On March 14, 1964, Jack Seale made the statement he had a case of dynamite in the trunk of his car. When Seale was advised that a 60 pound jolt could set off the dynamite, Seale became apprehensive. In July, 1964, Seale had a machine gun in his possession. In October, 1964, the machine gun of Myron Wayne "Jack" Seale was said to be in the possession of Don Seale, a brother of "Jack" Seale.

On October 23, 1964, Seale stated that he had three guns at his home. He said one was .30 caliber rifle he obtained through the National Rifle Association. He said he had built the stock up and mounted a scope on this rifle. He said one was .30 caliber carbine he had obtained from a friend of his in the United States Navy. The third gun he stated was a pump shotgun he had purchased from Sears and Roebuck Company.

Myron Wayne "Jack" Seale is described as a white male, age 38, 5'10", weight 190 pounds, build medium, hair dark brown and graying, eyes blue brown, scars and marks - 1/2" scar left index finger.

Myron Wayne "Jack" Seale was present at a swearing in of new members at the Sportsmens Club on Morgantown Road, Natchez, Mississippi, on February 17, 1964.

At a State meeting of the WKKKKOM at Natchez, Mississippi, on March 15, 1964, among those present was "Jack" Seale.

Jack Seale attended numerous meetings of the WKKKKOM on the Morgantown Road at Natchez, Mississippi. At a meeting on May 19, 1964, at Natchez, Mississippi, among those present was "Jack" Seale. There was a discussion at this meeting about the Klan blowing up "Bob's Cars" on Highway 61 north of Natchez. The reason given

for wanting to blow up this establishment was that the owner and the bookkeeper were supporting the NAACP.

On or about September 9, 1964, "Jack" Seale discontinued his membership in the WKKKK and became a member of the UKA, Inc.

On October 22, 1964, an investigator of the Mississippi Highway Patrol signed an affidavit before Justice of the Peace Thomas O'Quinn charging Myron Wayne "Jack" Seale with Assault and Battery with Intent to Kill and Murder in connection with the November 2, 1963 shooting into the car occupied by Bruce Lloyd Payne and George Greene near Fayette, Mississippi.

Seale has denied being a Klan member and has denied having any knowledge of Klan activities. He has stated that he has in the past attended a public meeting of the Klan in the summer of 1964 at Natchez, Mississippi, which was held at the park in Natchez and at which meeting Robert Shelton and two preachers were the speakers.

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Date: August 31, 1965

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To: SAC, Jackson

✓ From: Director, FBI

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES
 KLAN INVESTIGATIONS
 RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)
 BUDED: SEPTEMBER 7, 1965

The House Committee on Un-American Activities has advised that additional names are being added to their list of potential witnesses for the State of Mississippi. The individuals included are as follows:

Ernest Henry Avants
 John Dawson
 Byron De La Beckwith
 H. L. "Cotton" Delk
 Kelly Dunaway
 Ernest Finley
 Ernest S. Gilbert
 Mordant W. Hamilton
 Donald Lee Mathieu
 Rex Henry Pierce, Jr.

Charles J. Seal
 ✓ Myron Wayne "Jack" Seale
 S. T. Shook
 Charles Stewart
 Thomas Bryan Thrasher, Sr.
 Berrell Lindsay White
 Wayne Hutto
 Reverend James C. Brown
 Paul Wilson

① In connection with the above, the Bureau has been
 ② furnishing the Committee a write-up on each individual. This write-up contains pertinent background information as well as a summary of the Klan activities in which the individual has participated. Specific membership and positions held are, of course, included.

Jackson should advise the Bureau by return airtel whether it has any objection to the above-mentioned individuals being called as witnesses by this Committee. If there is any objection, the Bureau should be so advised along with specific reason.

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RE: HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES
KLAN INVESTIGATIONS

Jackson should also prepare for submission within seven days blind memoranda concerning each of the above-named individuals. These blind memoranda should contain information set forth above.

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Natchez, Mississippi
July 20, 1965

FISH FRY AT HOME OF JAMES LEE, JUNE 26, 1965

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

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

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

It is believed that each member of the "Silver Dollar" group carries a silver dollar with an ampersand stamped on the face of liberty on the front or heads side of the dollar. E. D. MORACE was given a silver dollar at this meeting, however, his dollar did not have the ampersand stamped on the face.

TOMMY JONES of Natchez was arrested in Ferriday, Louisiana, while on his way to the fish fry.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Jackson

DATE: 8-19-65

FROM : SA Clarence G. Prospere

SUBJECT: GRAND KNIGHTHAWK, aka,
Grand Nighthawk, Myron Wayne "Jack" Seale.
RM

Re FD 306 from "DUKE" by SA JOHN B. RUCKER, JR., 7-21-65.

On 8-17-65, [] advised that the GRAND KNIGHTHAWK is MYRON
WAYNE "Jack" SEALE.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC Jackson (157-815)

DATE: 6-16-65

FROM : SA Clarence G. Prospere

SUBJECT: Myron Wayne "Jack" Seale
R.M.

In connection with the destruction of channelizing memoranda, the information contained on the serials listed below was incorporated in a report dated 6-28-65. The review for this report was made from serial one through serial ninety.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 7/14/65

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

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

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

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

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

DELETED FROM THE LIST

ODELL ANDERS, Sheriff, Natchez, Mississippi

JOHN MCGREGOR, Jackson, Mississippi

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

2-Bureau (RM)

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(1-157-2402 EMERY ALLEN LEE)

(1-157-2201 EDWARD WILLARD FULLER)

(1-157-2196 WILLIAM BRYANT DAVIDSON)

(1-157-1043 CHARLES MARCUS EDWARDS)

(1-157-950 JAMES SEALE)

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

(1-157-787 ERNEST FINLEY)

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

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

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

EMERY ALLEN LEE
EDWARD WILLARD FULLER
WILLIAM BRYANT DAVIDSON
CHARLES MARCUS EDWARDS
JAMES SEALE
MYRON WAYNE "JACK" SEALE
ERNEST FINLEY
GEORGE H. (BILLY) BIRDSONG
GERALD WHITEHEAD
W. D. STONE
B. L. AKIN
THOMAS GUNTER
J. N. FORTENBERRY
TOMMY BROCK
B. F. HINTON
JULIUS HARPER
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BURREL LINDSEY WHITE
THOMAS BYRON THRASHER, SR.
ERNEST FREDERICK ZEECK

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

LEADS:

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At Jackson, Mississippi and other Miss. cities.

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

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

DIRECTOR, FBI

7/14/65

SAC, JACKSON (157-3372) (157-815)

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES
KLAN INVESTIGATIONS
RM (KLAN)
157-3372

MYRON WAYNE "JACK" SEALE
RM
157-815

Re Bureau airtel to all southern offices dated 7/8/65.

The available public source information on
MYRON WAYNE "JACK" SEALE is set forth on the following five
pages.

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Say Students In State Have 'Been Beaten'

By United Press International

Robert Moses, manager of a mock political campaign being conducted by civil rights groups, complained that a Yale student working in the campaign was beaten Thursday at Port Gibson.

Moses said Bruce Payne, a white graduate student from Washington, left Natchez in a car with two Negroes and was followed by four white men traveling in two cars. He said the men beat Payne after he stopped at a Port Gibson service station and told him not to return to Natchez.

Moses said another Yale stu-

dent, Frank Heintz of Washington, was beaten after being arrested for reckless driving at Clarksdale and two others—Peter Andrews of Concord, Mass. and Ken Klotz of Ft. Wayne, Ind. — were attacked in Hattiesburg. Nearly 50 students from Yale have joined in the Mississippi campaign, which is designed to show that Negroes want to vote.

Telegrams were sent from campaign headquarters here to Atty. Gen. Robert F. Kennedy, Gov. Ross Barnett and other officials protesting "continued harassment, baseless law enforcement action and finally citizen and police brutality." The telegram to Kennedy suggested a "special federal force" be sent here to protect civil rights workers.

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Charges Dropped Against Four Claiborne Men

NATCHEZ (UPI) — Charges against four local men were dismissed in a neighboring Claiborne county court Tuesday in the alleged beating of two Civil Rights workers.

Authorities said charges were dropped against Ernest H. Avants, 33; James Kenneth Greer, 31; Frank H. Thurman, 29; and John W. Barber, 32, all Adams county residents.

The move came after neither the State Highway Patrol nor the FBI, which conducted the investigation, presented a witness at the trial.

The four had been accused of assault and battery with intent to kill in the alleged beating of Bruce Payne, a Yale graduate student from Connecticut, and George Green, a Mississippi Negro Civil Rights worker.

The two workers charged they were stopped and attacked while enroute from here to Jackson during a voter registration campaign last October.

A fifth white man, Jack Seals, was released recently following a preliminary hearing. The four had waived the hearing and had posted bond for \$2,000 each.

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Jackson, Mi

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Editor: T.M. Hedern

Title: Bruce Payne
George Green

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Drop Charges Against Four In Beatings

NATCHEZ, Miss. (Special) — Charges were dismissed Tuesday afternoon against four Adams County men who were arrested last October in connection with the alleged beating of two civil rights workers in October of 1963, according to Claiborne County Sheriff Dan McCay.

Charges were dismissed against Ernest Henry Avants, 37, Frank Hyman Thurman, 29, John William Barber, 32, and James Kenneth Greer, 31, when the FBI and Mississippi Highway Patrol, who had conducted the investigation, did not present witnesses to the alleged attack.

A warrant for the arrest of the four men on charges of assault and battery with intent to kill had been sworn out in connection with the alleged beating of Bruce Payne, 22 year old Yale graduate of Connecticut and George Green, 21-year-old Mississippi Negro who was a field worker for the Student Non-Violent Co-ordinating Committee. Payne and Green were reported taking part in a mock election Oct. 31, 1963 when the alleged incident occurred.

Avants, Thurman, Barber and Greer had waived a preliminary hearing and had posted bond for \$2,000 each. A fifth man, Jack Seals, was released some weeks ago following a preliminary hearing.

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Jackson Daily
News

Jackson, Miss.

Date: 1/6/65

Edition: Daily

Author:

Editor: James M. Ward

Title: Bruce Payne,
George Green

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Dismiss Charge Against Four Adams County Men

Port Gibson, Miss. — Charges were dismissed Tuesday afternoon against four Adams County men, arrested last October in connection with an alleged beating administered to two Civil Rights workers in October 1963, according to Claiborne County Sheriff Mc-

Cay.

The charges were dismissed and appearance bonds canceled against Ernest Henry Avants, 33, Frank Hymian Thurman, 29, John William Barber, 32 and James Kenneth Greer, 31, after the Claiborne county grand jury returned no

quo bills in the case. Members of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Mississippi Highway Patrolman who had conducted the investigation did not appear and did not present witnesses in the alleged attack on the two Civil Rights workers on October 31, 1963 in Claiborne county.

A warrant for the arrest of the four Adams county men on charges of assault and battery with intent to kill was sworn out in connection with the alleged beating of Bruce Payne, 21 year old Yale graduate student of Connecticut and George Green, 21 year old Mississippi Negro, who is a field worker for the Student Non Violence Coordinating Committee. Payne and Green were reportedly taking part in a mock election being staged by Civil Rights groups in Mississippi at the time that the alleged incident occurred.

Avants, Thurman, Barber and Greer, who waived a preliminary hearing upon their arrest, posted bond for \$2,000 each. A fifth man, Jack Seals, was released some weeks ago following a preliminary hearing.

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Natchez Democrat

Natchez, Miss.

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Say Students In State Have 'Been Beaten'

By United Press International

Robert Moses, manager of a mock political campaign being conducted by civil rights groups, complained that a Yale student working in the campaign was beaten Thursday at Port Gibson.

Moses said Bruce Payne, a white graduate student from Washington, left Natchez in a car with two Negroes and was followed by four white men traveling in two cars. He said the men beat Payne, after he stopped at a Port Gibson service station and told him not to return to Natchez.

Moses said another Yale stu-

dent, Frank Heintz of Washington, was beaten after being arrested for reckless driving at Clarksdale and two others—Peter Andrews of Concord, Mass. and Ken Klotz of Ft. Wayne, Ind. — were attacked in Hattiesburg. Nearly 50 students from Yale have joined in the Mississippi campaign, which is designed to show that Negroes want to vote.

Telegrams were sent from campaign headquarters here to Atty. Gen. Robert F. Kennedy, Gov. Ross Barnett and other officials protesting "continued harassment, baseless law enforcement action and finally citizen and police brutality." The telegram to Kennedy suggested a "special federal force" be sent here to protect civil rights workers.

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The move came after neither the State Highway Patrol nor the FBI, which conducted the investigation, presented a witness at the trial.

The four had been accused of assault and battery with intent to kill in the alleged beating of Bruce Payne, a Yale graduate student from Connecticut, and George Green, a Mississippi Negro Civil Rights worker.

The two workers charged they were stopped and attacked while enroute from here to Jackson during a voter registration campaign last October.

A fifth white man, Jack Seals, was released recently following a preliminary hearing. The four had waived the hearing and had posted bond for \$2,000 each.

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Drop Charges Against Four In Beatings

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Charges were dismissed against Ernest Henry Avants, 37, Frank Hyman Thurman, 29, John William Barber, 32, and James Kenneth Greer, 31, when the FBI and Mississippi Highway Patrol, who had conducted the investigation, did not present witnesses to the alleged attack.

A warrant for the arrest of the four men on charges of assault and battery with intent to kill had been sworn out in connection with the alleged beating of Bruce Payne, 22 year old Yale graduate of Connecticut and George Green, 21-year-old Mississippi Negro who was a field worker for the Student Non-Violent Co-ordinating Committee. Payne and Green were reported taking part in a mock election Oct. 31, 1963 when the alleged incident occurred.

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News

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TITLE OF CASE MYRON WAYNE SEALE, aka Jack Seale		REPORT MADE BY SA CLARENCE G. PROSPERE	TYPED BY pag
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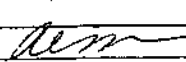
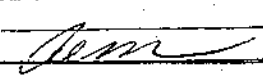

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At Natchez, Miss.

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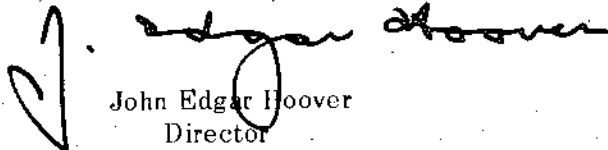
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The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

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John Edgar Hoover
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Report of: SA CLARENCE G. PROSPERE
Date: June 28, 1965

Office: JACKSON

Field Office File No.: 157-815

Bureau File No.:

Title: MYRON WAYNE SEALE JACKSON

Character:

RACIAL MATTERS (Klan)

Synopsis:

MYRON WAYNE "JACK" SEALE, born 9-4-26, Brookhaven, Miss., presently resides 172 Booker Road, Natchez, Miss., and is self-employed in a sanitation business which he owns and operates. U.S. Naval records show SEALE entered U.S. Navy 2-9-44 and was honorably discharged 12-19-45 in order to re-enlist. He re-enlisted 12-20-45 and was again honorably discharged 10-29-47. SEALE re-enlisted in the U.S. Naval Reserve 10-30-47 and served in an inactive status until 10-29-52 when he was honorably discharged. SEALE was tried and convicted by summary court martial 6-11-46. He was awarded a captain's mast 8-8-46. He was again awarded a captain's mast 12-2-46. Informants advise SEALE was officer in local unit WKKKKOM from February 1964, until he withdrew and joined the United Klans of America, Inc. When interviewed 10-26-64, SEALE denied being a Klan member. Informants have advised SEALE has had dynamite and machine gun in his possession. When arrested by MHSP numerous weapons found in home of SEALE. Background and descriptive data set forth. SEALE elected Knight Hawk of the UKA, State of Miss.

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DETAILS:

I. BACKGROUND

A. True Name and Aliases

On October 23, 1964, MYRON WAYNE SEALE was interviewed by SAS PATRICK J. COLLINS and LENARD A. WOLF at which time he admitted his identity and stated he was much better known as "Jack" SEALE.

B. Residence Address and Mailing Address

On October 23, 1964, MYRON WAYNE SEALE was interviewed by SAS PATRICK J. COLLINS and LENARD A. WOLF at which time he stated he has resided at 172 Booker Road, Natchez, Mississippi, since February, 1963. Personal papers in the possession of SEALE disclosed his address to be 172 Booker Road, Natchez, Mississippi.

C. Marital Status

On October 23, 1964, MYRON WAYNE SEALE was interviewed by SAS PATRICK J. COLLINS and LENARD A. WOLF at which time he stated he married DELORES MAE DEINES in Portland, Oregon, on March 1, 1947.

On June 16, 1965, records of the Credit Bureau of Natchez, Natchez, Mississippi, were checked by SA CLARENCE G. PROSPERE and by credit report dated May 13, 1963, information is set forth regarding MYRON W. "JACK" SEALE, wife, DELORIS, 172 Booker Road, Natchez, Mississippi.

D. Occupation or Business

On October 23, 1964, MYRON WAYNE SEALE was interviewed by SAS PATRICK J. COLLINS and LENARD A. WOLF at which time SEALE stated he currently owns and operates the Sanitation Service Company, a garbage

collection firm in Natchez, Mississippi. SEALE stated that he operates this business with one truck, a 1958 two-ton Chevrolet, silver in color with a blue cab. SEALE employs one driver, a male Negro named FLOYD JOHNSON. He stated he has been in this business about 6 years in Natchez.

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E. Employment Address

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F. Education

On October 23, 1964, MYRON WAYNE SEALE was interviewed by SAS PATRICK J. COLLINS and LENARD A. WOLF at which time SEALE stated he completed the 11th grade in high school at Meadville, Mississippi.

G. Citizenship Status (Birth)

On October 23, 1964, MYRON WAYNE SEALE was interviewed by SAS PATRICK J. COLLINS and LENARD A. WOLF at which time SEALE stated he was born on September 4, 1926 at Brookhaven, Mississippi.

Military records on file Military Personnel Records Center, St. Louis, Missouri, were reviewed on February 15, 1965, by IC NOEL L. BAKER and disclosed that MYRON WAYNE SEALE U.S. Navy Serial Number 722-27-07 was born September 4, 1926, at Brookhaven, Mississippi.

On June 16, 1965, records of the Credit Bureau of Natchez and the Natchez, Mississippi, Police Department were checked by SA CLARENCE G. PROSPERE and records of each of these agencies disclosed that MYRON WAYNE SEALE was born September 4, 1926.

H. Military Record

On February 24, 1964, JN T-1 advised that MYRON WAYNE SEALE made the comment in the presence of JN T-1 that he had just served 6 months at Goat Island in a penitentiary just prior to his release from the U.S. Navy, and that the reason for his incarceration was that he had run over some Chinamen in a jeep while he was in the service.

On October 23, 1964, MYRON WAYNE SEALE was interviewed by SAS PATRICK J. COLLINS and LENARD A. WOLF at which time SEALE stated that from October, 1944, to December, 1947, he was in the U.S. Navy, Navy Serial Number 722707, with the rank of fireman first class.

A review on February 15, 1965, by IC NOEL L. BAKER of the military service records on file at the Military Personnel Records Center, St. Louis, Missouri, indicated MYRON WAYNE SEALE, Serial Number 722-27-07, enlisted in the U.S. Naval Reserve on February 9, 1944, and entered on active duty on the same date at Seattle, Washington. He was honorably discharged on December 19, 1945, as a fireman first class at Seattle, Washington, in order to re-enlist.

He re-enlisted in the U.S. Navy on December 20, 1945, and entered on active duty on the same date at Seattle, Washington. He was honorably discharged on October 29, 1947, as a fireman first class at Seattle,

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Washington, by reason of short remaining term of service.

He re-enlisted in the U.S. Naval Reserve on October 30, 1947, and served in an inactive status until October 29, 1952, at which time he was honorably discharged.

He was tried and convicted by summary court martial on June 11, 1946, for culpable inefficiency in performance of duty, for breaking arrest, for absence from his station and duty without leave, for knowingly procuring the making of a false muster, for abusing an inhabitant when on shore, and for disorder. He was sentenced to forfeiture of \$33 of his pay per month for 6 months and to be discharged from the service with a bad conduct discharge.

He was awarded a captain's mast on August 8, 1946, for direct disobedience of orders, for threatening a master at arms, and for insulance to a petty officers, and received 5 days solidarity confinement on bread and water.

On August 15, 1946, he was released from confinement and restored to duty.

He was awarded a captain's mast on December 2, 1946, for not having a liberty card, and received 10 hours extra duty.

I. Identification Record

By communication dated December 14, 1964, the Identification Division of the FBI furnished an identification record on MYRON WAYNE SEALE which bears no FBI number and shows that SEALE was arrested

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on October 23, 1964, by the State Highway Patrol, Jackson, Mississippi, on a charge of assault and battery with intent. The fingerprint classification of MYRON WAYNE SEALE is shown to be:

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J. Local Criminal Check

On June 16, 1965, Sheriff ODELL ANDERS, Adams County, Natchez, Mississippi, advised that he had no record on MYRON WAYNE "JACK" SEALE.

On June 16, 1965, Captain LESLIE COWART, Natchez, Mississippi, Police Department, advised SA CLARENCE G. PROSPERE that records of the Natchez Police Department contain the following information regarding MYRON W. SEALE:

Seale is described as a white male, 5 feet, 10 inches, 190 pounds, brown eyes, brown hair, ruddy complexion, self-employed, born September 4, 1926, resides 403 Brooklyn Drive.

<u>Date of Arrest</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
7-9-55	Drunk driving	No disposition shown
11-14-59	Drunk and disturbing the peace	Paid \$16.50 fine and cost
11-14-59	Threatening (pointing and aiming .22 caliber pistol)	Dismissed

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<u>Date of Arrest</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
4-26-60	Speeding	Paid fine \$25 on 5-4-60
12-24-62	Driving while Intoxicated	Fined \$100 which was suspended

K. Credit Check

On June 16, 1965, MRS. ELLA ATKINS, Manager, Credit Bureau of Natchez, Natchez, Mississippi, advised SA CLARENCE G. PROSPERE that by credit report dated May 13, 1963, her records show that MYRON W. "JACK" SEALE, wife DELORIS, reside at 172 Booker Road, Natchez, Mississippi; that SEALE was born September 4, 1926, is married and has 3 children. His occupation is shown to be owner-manager of a sanitary service which he operates from his home at 172 Booker Road, Natchez, Mississippi. MRS. ATKINS stated that the credit rating of SEALE is considered to be satisfactory and that there have been no suits, judgments, garnishments, or bankruptcy filed against or by MYRON WAYNE SEALE.

L. Automobile

On November 25, 1964, SAS PETER R. DURLAND and SA LENARD A. WOLF reviewed Adams County 1965 Car Registration Records at the sheriff's office, Natchez, Mississippi. These records disclosed that MYRON W. SEALE has a 1964 Chevelle Chevrolet, bearing 1965 Mississippi License 1B-1947.

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in color with a blue cab.

M. Available Weapons

On February 25, 1964, JN T-1 advised that at a meeting of the Klan at Natchez, Mississippi, the night of February 25, 1964, JACK SEALE, an Officer in the Morgantown group, exhibited two practice hand grenades which had a hole in one end sealed with wax. A discussion was held at the meeting regarding removing the wax from the grenade, tapping the hole, filling the grenade with black powder and inserting a pipe plug in the tapped hole. It was not mentioned how many such grenades were in possession on the Klan group. The grenades were carried by SEALE in a small blue canvass flight-type zipper bag.

On March 14, 1964, JN T-1 advised that he overheard JACK SEALE make the statement he had a case of dynamite in the trunk of his car. SEALE was speaking to an individual whose identity is unknown to JN T-1. When the unknown third party advised SEALE that a 60 pound jolt could set off the dynamite, JN T-1 stated SEALE became apprehensive. SEALE made the statement the caps were not obtained.

On March 15, 1964, detective CHARLIE C. BAHIN, Natchez, Mississippi, Police Department, advised SA CLARENCE G. PROSPERE that a case of 100 sticks, 60 per cent Hercules dynamite had been stolen from the warehouse of GARLAND GEE, Natchez, Mississippi, at which time the caps had not been taken when the dynamite was stolen.

On July 4, 1964, JN T-1 advised that he had personally seen a machine gun in the possession of MYRON WAYNE SEALE. JN T-1 stated he observed a serial number on this weapon but that he was unable to recall the number.

On October 28, 1964, JN T-2 advised that the machine gun of JACK SEALE was now reportedly in the possession of DON SEALE, a brother of JACK SEALE, and this machine gun had been sitting in the trailer of DON SEALE but that it has now been hidden.

On October 23, 1964, MYRON WAYNE SEALE was interviewed by Special Agents PATRICK J. COLLINS and LENARD A. WOLF at which time SEALE admitted that he had 3 guns at his home. He said one was a 30 caliber rifle he obtained through the National Rifle Association. He said he had built the stock up and mounted a scope on this rifle. He said one was a 30 caliber carbine he had obtained from a friend of his in the U.S. Navy. The third gun he stated was a pump shotgun he had purchased from Sears and Roebuck.

On October 23, 1964, MYRON WAYNE SEALE was arrested at his residence, 172 Booker Road, Natchez, Mississippi, at 8:50 a.m. by the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol on a charge of assault and battery with intent to murder. Immediately after the arrest, SEALE furnished a written consent to search his residence to Agents RAYMOND STOELTING, PETER R. DURLAND and MHSP Investigators T.P. NAYLOR and NAT Z. TROUTT. MRS. MYRON SEALE was present during the subsequent search and prior to the search, furnished a written consent to the same, to investigator T.P. NAYLOR.

The search of the SEALE residence with attached utility room was made by SAS DURLAND, STOELTING and investigators NAYLOR and TROUTT from 9 a.m. to 10:05 a.m. At the conclusion of the search, MRS. SEALE signed a release made out by investigator NAYLOR of the following items found during the search which were taken for examination by the MHSP in connection with the arrest:

I. Front Closet Off Living Room

- A. J.C. Higgins Model 20, .12 gauge pump shotgun with serial number 58361
- B. Bolt action modified 30-06 rifle with Army style sling and rubber "White Line" recoil pad. A Weaver K-4 telescopic sight was mounted on the rifle.
- C. .30 caliber U.S. Army carbine with sling with loaded magazine, Underwood rifle with serial number 2681611.

II. Hanging on Wall Tree in Corner of Room Off Kitchen

- A. Brown leather gun belt filled with 30-06 ammunition. Hanging on the belt an ivory handled hunting knife with approximately four-inch blade.

III. Main Bedroom with Two Closets and Bath

- A. In second drawer from top of chest of drawers in corner of room near bathroom one pair of Peerless handcuffs, serial number 197146. No Keys observed.
- B. Plastic bag containing ten used cartridge cases, .357 Magnum and seven loaded rounds for .357 Mangum. Also two loaded rounds for loaded caliber carbine, 9 cartridge cases (expended) of Luger ammunition and one round of .32 caliber ammunition. This plastic bag was in a large white woman's purse with flower pattern which was on a shelf in the first of two closets to the left as you enter the main bedroom. This closet held womens clothes.

IV. Utility Room at Rear of Carport Attached to House

Following loaded ammunition was obtained, all of which was located on one shelf in the utility room.

5 boxes of 30-06 Remington #6430 ammunition, 180 grain, soft point.

.22 full box

2 boxes (30 rounds to box) of Remington 30 caliber carbine ammunition #1030, 110 grain.

2 boxes (50 to box) of 38 caliber special reloads.

1 box Remington .38 caliber Smith and Wesson ammunition (50 rounds to box).

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2 boxes .12 gauge Remington #6 shot shotgun ammunition
(24 to box)

1 carbine magazine loaded with 30 caliber ammunition.

On the same shelf was found one bayonette with
scabbard marked "USM 8."

N. Physical Description

The following is a composite description of
MYRON WAYNE SEALE as obtained from interview and U.S. Naval
records:

Name	MYRON WAYNE SEALE
Aliases	Jack Seale
Navy Serial	722 27 07
Sex	Male
Race	White
Age	38
Date of birth	September 4, 1926
Place of birth	Brookhaven, Mississippi
Residence	172 Booker Road, Natchez, Mississippi
Height	5 feet, 10 inches
Weight	190
Build	Medium
Hair	Dark brown, greying
Eyes	blue-brown
Complexion	Ruddy
Scars and marks	½ inch scar left index finger
Peculiarities	None
Occupation	Owner and manager, Sanitation Service business, Natchez
Marital status	Married
Wife	DELORES MAE DEINES
Children	

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Previous arrest
record

Natchez, Mississippi,
Police Department

Immediate relatives
Father

CLYDE SEALE, Bunkley
Community, Franklin
County, Mississippi

Mother

AUDREY MC CALL SEALE,
with husband

Brothers

JOE EUGENE SEALE, aka
GENE, Meadville, Mississippi
JAMES FORD SEALE, Bunkley
Community, Franklin County,
Mississippi
CLYDE DON SEALE, Bunkley
Community, Franklin County,
Mississippi

O. Photograph

Photographs of MYRON WAYNE SEALE are available
in the files of the Jackson Division.

P. Special Abilities

On June 16, 1965, Sheriff ODELL ANDERS, Adams
County, and Chief of Police J.T. ROBINSON, both Natchez,
Mississippi, advised SA CLARENCE G. PROSPERE that they
knew of no special abilities of MYRON WAYNE SEALE.

Informants and other sources have reported no
special abilities of MYRON WAYNE SEALE.

Q. Associates

On October 23, 1964, MYRON WAYNE SEALE was
interviewed by SAS PATRICK J. COLLINS and LENARD A. WOLF
at which time SEALE stated that his closest associate in

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Natchez is ERNEST PARKER. He stated that he considers ERNEST PARKER to be his best friend and that they hunt and fish together frequently.

SEALE stated he is also a very close friend of DORIS SULLIVAN who operates the Culligan Water Softner business in Natchez.

SEALE advised that he is also very friendly with Sheriff ODELL ANDERS pointing out that he and ANDERS went to school together at a logging camp school many years ago.

SEALE stated that he knows CHARLES EDWARDS very well and that he has spent a lot of time with CHARLES EDWARDS.

SEALE stated he is also very friendly with ERNEST FINLEY with whom he manages a little league baseball team.

SEALE stated he is acquainted with DOUGLAS BYRD whom he states he has known well for about 6 months since BYRD rents his home from ERNEST PARKER.

SEALE stated he is well acquainted with JAMES L. MC KINNEY.

On May 9, 1964, JN T-1 advised that the following individuals were present at a meeting of the Morgantown Klavern of the WKKKKOM held on May 5, 1964, at Natchez, Mississippi:

JACK SEALE
ERNEST PARKER
ERNEST FINLEY
JEFF LUKE
W.W. CARNELL

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DAVID CARNELL
PETE TYER
DOUGLAS BYRD
FRANK GASTON
JOE PEOPLES
SIDNEY HANEY, SR.
EDDIE MC DANIEL
T.L. TORGENSON
(FNU) FRANK
(FNU) DILLON
CURTIS WELCH
Captain J.G. WISNER(Natchez Police Department)
WILLIE STROUD
ROBERT MURRAY

II. CONNECTION WITH THE WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX
KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI AND THE UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.

A characterization of the following Klan organizations are being set forth in the Appendix:

The Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Louisiana (OKKKK)

The White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi (WKKKKOM)

The United Klans of America, Inc. (UKA)

On September 24, 1964, JN T-2 advised that at one of the first officers meetings in Brookhaven, Mississippi, of the WKKKKOM, Special Agents were assigned as Special Investigators to work with the Imperial Wizard. These Special Agents of the Klan were to work through E.S. GILBERT of Brookhaven, Mississippi, who was the State Investigator.

JN T-2 stated that the following received commissions as Special Agents:

JACK SEALE, Natchez
ERNEST PARKER, Natchez
CLYDE SEALE, Franklin County

On February 17, 1964, JN T-1 advised that at a meeting on February 17, 1964, at the Sportsmens Club on the Morgantown Road, Natchez, there was a swearing in of new members at which time the oath was administered by DOUGLAS A. BYRD who was accompanied by JACK SEALE, ERNEST PARKER and a fourth individual whose identity was not determined.

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On March 18, 1964, JN T-1 advised that there was a state meeting of the WKKKKOM at Natchez on March 15, 1964. JN T-1 stated there were several state officers present at this meeting and that among the men from Natchez who were present was JACK SEALE of the Klan State Investigative Body.

On March 28, 1964, JN T-1 advised that there was a meeting of the WKKKKOM held on March 23, 1964, at the Klan headquarters located on the Morgantown Road, Natchez, Mississippi. In attendance at this meeting were JACK SEALE, DAVID CARNELL, W.W. CARNELL, FNU KEEN, FNU PRIEST, FNU CUPIT, LEE PARKER, ERNEST PARKER, SID HANEY, SR., ROBERT MURRAY, FNU MC GAUGHEY, FNU DILLON, PETE TYER, JOHN ANDREWS, ERNEST FINELY and DOUGLAS A. BYRD.

JN T-1 stated it was indicated at this meeting that there would be less physical action taken against individuals in the future. JN T-1 reported that no real action regarding any proposed projects of the Klan were discussed.

On April 13, 1964, JN T-1 advised that at a meeting of the WKKKKOM held at Natchez on April 7, 1964, among those present was JACK SEALE. JN T-1 reported that the general topic discussion at this meeting was the recent shooting in the Kingston area and everyone was of the opinion that this shooting did not have the sanction of the Klan.

JN T-1 further stated that it appeared to him that the hard core members of the Klavern appeared to be desperate in an attempt to hold the Klavern together at this time.

On April 23, 1964, JN T-1 advised that at a meeting of the Morgantown Klavern of the WKKKKOM which was held on

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April 21, 1964, at Natchez, Mississippi, among those in attendance was JACK SEALE. JN T-1 stated that it was brought out at this meeting that no member would take it upon himself to burn a cross and that the cross burning would be used as a final warning.

JN T-1 stated that money appears to be the real object of most of the leaders and that there is an assessment or donation each week.

On May 2, 1964, JN T-1 advised that at a meeting of the Morgantown Klavern of the WKKKKOM held on April 28, 1964, that among those in attendance was JACK SEALE. JN T-1 advised that JACK SEALE was among the individuals who are formulating plans to organize "goon squads" for each Klavern. JN T-1 stated that each Klavern is supposed to have 3 such squads and each squad would consist of 8 men. Each squad would have a designated list of equipment and the names of each squad would be assigned as the squads are formed.

On April 27, 1964, JN T-1 advised that at a meeting of the Adams County Klavern of the WKKKKOM held in Natchez, Mississippi, on April 24, 1964, that the following individuals were present:

J.K. GREER, Provincial Giant
EDDIE MC DANIEL, Province Investigator
FNU JAMES, Klavern head of Adams County group
ERNEST PARKER, Klavern head of Morgantown group
T.L. TORGENSON, Assistant Province Investigator
FNU FOSTER, State Chaplain
ERNEST FINLEY
JACK SEALE
W.W. CARNELL
DAVID CARNELL
PETE HARVEY
PETE TYER
JOE H. LEWIS

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BOOTS DAVIS
ROBERT CROSS
FNU DEMARCO
SID HANEY, SR.
DOUGLAS BYRD

JN T-1 reported that there was a trial held regarding members ROBERT CROSS of the Natchez Police Department and JACK SEALE. CROSS was tried for public drunkenness for loose talk in public pertaining to the Klan. SEALE was tried due to the fact that he had brought CROSS into the Klan. They were tried before the Province Giant and the jury consisting of 6 Klansmen. Both CROSS and SEALE entered pleas of guilty and were fined and placed on 30 days probation.

On May 9, 1964, JN T-1 advised that at a meeting of the Morgantown Klavern of the WKKKKOM which was held on May 5, 1964, at Natchez, Mississippi, among those present was JACK SEALE. JN T-1 advised that DOUGLAS BYRD gave a talk on Jews and Communism and also spoke on the history of the Communist Party and how it filtered into every walk of life. JN T-1 stated that this meeting was rather short and it was promised that a financial statement would be given at the next weekly meeting.

JN T-1 stated that the Klan was backing JOHN GREEN for Mayor for Natchez, Mississippi, and that the statement had been made several times "We have a Sheriff, now we need a Chief of Police."

On May 22, 1964, JN T-1 advised that at a meeting of the WKKKKOM held at Natchez, on May 19, 1964, among those present was JACK SEALE. JN T-1 stated that at this meeting, there was a discussion about the Klan blowing up "Bob's Eats" on Highway 61 north of Natchez. The reason given for wanting to blow up this establishment was that the owner and the bookkeeper are supporting the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

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JN T-1 advised that after discussion, this plan was abandoned.

On May 29, 1964, JN T-1 advised that at a meeting of the WKKKKOM held in Natchez on May 26, 1964, among those in attendance was JACK SEALE. JN T-1 advised that DOUGLAS BYRD gave another talk on communism and the Negroes and it was brought out at this meeting that JOHN GREEN, recent candidate for mayor, had asked for Klan help in getting the election declared void.

On June 5, 1964, JN T-1 advised that at a meeting of the WKKKKOM at Natchez on June 2, 1964, that among those in attendance was JACK SEALE.

JN T-1 stated that there was a move to combine all of the Klan units in Adams County into one large Klavern. The purpose of this was to organize platoons of men for street action during the Summer of 1964. JN T-1 stated that all of the units in Adams County are to vote next week on this proposed action to combine all of the units and also to vote on who will head up the Klavern. JN T-1 stated that JACK SEALE was the individual who brought up the matter of combining the Klan units and those in attendance were strongly in favor of this move.

On June 27, 1964, JN T-1 advised that at a meeting of the WKKKKOM held on June 23, 1964, at Natchez, Mississippi, among those in attendance was JACK SEALE.

JN T-1 advised that 7 goon squads were set up with a sergeant in command of each group. It was brought out that the Klan hoped to have 12 of these units by the first of July. It was to be the duty of these groups to take care of assignments handed them by PAUL FOSTER.

On April 13, 1964, JN T-1 advised that at a meeting of the WKKKKOM on April 11, 1964, at Natchez, there were approximately 100 Klansmen present. JN T-1 advised that this was described as a monthly meeting of all Klaverns or groups of Adams County, Mississippi.

JN T-1 advised that it was brought out at this meeting that Sheriff ODELL ANDERS, Adams County, Natchez, Mississippi, was a Klan member sworn into the Klan by DOUGLAS BYRD and JACK SEALE and one other member, name unknown. Sheriff ANDERS was in attendance at this meeting and told the members he was opposed to the violence that was taking place in this area and that this action was causing pressure to be brought to bear on him. Sheriff ANDERS stated that he would need the Klan to help him during the summer of 1964 when the outside agitators came to town. Sheriff ANDERS came to the meeting in the company of JACKS SEALE and DOUGLAS BYRD.

On April 4, 1964, JN T-1 advised that at a meeting of the Adams County group of the WKKKKOM at the Old Bowling Alley located in the first block of Main Street, across the street from the fire station, Natchez, PAUL FOSTER stated that he, EDDIE MC DANIEL, JACK SEALE, REGGIE CARTER, JACKIE CUPIT, LENNIE SCHUCHS, DOUGLAS A. BYRD, ERNEST PARKER, and ERNEST FINLEY are to reorganize the Adams County group. JN T-1 stated that they were advised that they would be contacted individually in person regarding membership in the new group and that it was pointed out that each member accepted in the new group would be rescreened.

On September 9, 1964, JN T-1 advised that the following individuals have all joined the UKA as members of the McComb Unit and that they have apparently withdrawn from the WKKKKOM:

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ERNEST PARKER
EDDIE MC DANIEL
JACK SEALE
ERNEST FINLEY
PAUL FOSTER
REGGIE CARTER

On October 6, 1964, JN T-2 advised that both MYRON WAYNE "JACK" SEALE who resides at Natchez and his brother, JAMES SEALE, who resides in the Bunkley Community near Meadville, Mississippi, have both stated that FBI Agents can die as well as anyone else. Informant stated he felt that both JACK and JAMES SEALE are "mental cases."

The following investigation was conducted by SA WILLIAM F. DUKES:

On October 22, 1964, investigator GWIN COLE, MHSP, signed an affidavit before Justice of the Peace THOMAS O'QUINN charging the individuals named below with assault and battery with intent to kill and murder, in connection with the November 2, 1963, shooting into the car occupied by BRUCE LLOYD PAYNE and GEORGE GREENE near Fayette, Mississippi:

ERNEST HENRY AVANTS
JAMES KENNETH GREER
MYRON WAYNE "JACK" SEALE

On the same date, Judge O'QUINN issued a bench warrant charging the 3 persons named above with assault and battery with intent to kill and murder.

The above charges were based on section 2011, Mississippi Code (Ann.), 1942, Assault and Battery - Intent to Kill.

On October 20, 1964, Sheriff ODELL ANDERS, Adams County, Natchez, Mississippi, was interviewed by SAS ROBIN O. COTTEN and PETER R. DURLAND at which time Sheriff ANDERS advised that he had received information from a source which he declined to identify who had told him that a Negro, ARCHIE CURTIS, was severely whipped with a "bull whip" about May, 1964. Sheriff ANDERS identified CURTIS as a Negro undertaker from Natchez. Sheriff ANDERS stated that according to his source, this whipping was committed by ERNEST FINLEY, ERNEST PARKER and JACK SEALE.

On October 22, 1964, ERNEST HENRY AVANTS, Route 1, Box 75-A, Highway 61 North, Natchez, Mississippi, was interviewed by Officer JAY Y. THOMAS of the MHSP and in the presence of SA TIMOTHY M. CASEY, JR., at which time AVANTS advised that MYRON WAYNE SEALE, also know as JACK SEALE, a former member of the WKKKKOM and one of the most active leaders at the present time of the UKA in Adama County, would at present possibly be in possession of dynamite which he, AVANTS, believed to have been obtained from the UKA at Mc Comb, Mississippi, in the recent past.

On October 22, 1964, JN T-3 advised that the following individuals were dissatisfied because the WKKKKOM did not advocate forms of violence and as such joined the UKA. JN T-3 stated that these individuals advocate violence and are extremely strong segregationists:

ERNEST FINLEY
FRANK S. GASTON
CHARLES L. JAMES
CECIL ROBERTS
PAUL L. FOSTER
NELSON HANEY
TOMMIE L. JONES
ED MC DANIEL
MYRON WAYNE SEALE

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On October 20, 1964, JN T-4 advised that members of the UKA, Natchez, Mississippi, are:

ERNEST FINLEY
JACK SEALE
EDDIE MC DANIEL
L.C. MURRAY
LENNIE SCHUCHS
THOMAS YOUNG
TOMMY JONES
PAUL FOSTER, Exalted Cyclops of this group

JN T-4 stated that this group pulled from the other Klan group in Adams County as a result of the NOSSER brothers joining the Klan.

JN T-4 reported that MYRON WAYNE "JACK" SEALE, E.L. MURRAY, and JAMES SEALE bombed Mayor JOHN NOSSIER's home at Natchez, Mississippi, as well as the residence of WILLIE WASHINGTON.

JN T-4 reported that a civil rights worker's car was shot into near Fayette, Mississippi, in about April or May, 1964, and that JAMES SEALE did this with a .38 caliber pistol owned by "JACK" SEALE, his brother. JN T-4 advised that JACK SEALE was the driver of the car at the time.

JN T-4 advised that he has received information that JACK SEALE had set fire to the Negro Union Hall in Natchez, Mississippi, after members of SEALE's group learned that Council of Federated Organizations (COFO) workers were meeting in this hall.

On October 26, 1964, MRS. CLYDE SEALE was interviewed at her home near Meadville, Mississippi, by SAS PETER R. DURLAND and LENARD A. WOLF, at which time MRS. SEALE stated that her son, MYRON WAYNE SEALE, also known as Jack Seale, was the only member of the family

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who might have been guilty of some things he should not have done.

MRS. SEALE stated that she did not think the FBI or any other law enforcement agency had the facts to "prove anything" against JACK or any other members of her family.

On January 21, 1965, JN T-1 advised that MYRON WAYNE "JACK" SEALE on January 19, 1965, had contacted him to determine if JN T-1 could obtain the names of the individuals who signed the bonds for the COFO workers when these workers were arrested by the Natchez, Mississippi, Police Department, on or about January 9, 1965. JN T-1 stated he was of the opinion SEALE as a member of the Civic Betterment Association, which is a front for the UKA, was attempting to obtain this information in order that economic reprisals might be initiated by the Civic Betterment Association.

JN T-2 advised that on or about February 17, 1965, MYRON WAYNE "JACK" SEALE had admitted to him that he was a member of the UKA at Natchez, Mississippi.

On March 3, 1965, JN T-3 advised there has been no direct assistance on the part of the UKA in the operation of the White Christians Protective and Legal Defense Fund but various individual members are known to have assisted in the distribution of the collection jars and in verbally promoting the fund. Specifically involved in assistance are:

ERNEST PARKER, Natchez
JACK SEALE, Natchez
CHARLES JAMES, Natchez

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On March 3, 1965, JN T-3 advised that ARCHIE CURTIS, a Negro undertaker at Natchez, Mississippi, was most probably beaten during 1964 by ERNEST FINLEY, ERNEST PARKER, JACK SEALE, and possibly others. JN T-3 advised that SEALE and the others had first-hand knowledge of where and when the act took place but no admissions have ever been made regarding this incident.

On May 19, 1965, JN T-5 advised that JACK SEALE was elected to the state office of Knight Hawk in the United Klans of America, Inc., at the Klonvocation held at Eola Hotel, Natchez, Mississippi, on May 15 and 16, 1965.

III. INTERVIEW OF SUBJECT

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date October 26, 1964

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MYRON WAYNE SEALE was interviewed in the office of the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol, Jackson, Mississippi. At the outset of the interview SEALE was advised by SA COLLINS that he did not have to make any statement, and that any statement he did make could be used against him in a court of law. He was advised that he had the right to consult an attorney before making any statement.

MYRON WAYNE SEALE advised that he is much better known as "JACK" SEALE. He stated that he was born on September 4, 1926, Brookhaven, Mississippi. He stated he completed the eleventh grade in high school at Meadville, Mississippi, and stated he married DELORES MAE DEINES in Portland, Oregon, on March 1, 1947. He stated that he has the following children:

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SEALE stated that since February, 1963, he and his family have resided at 172 Booker Street, Natchez, Mississippi, with telephone number 21429. SEALE stated that he bought this dwelling with \$800 downpayment, and that he makes a monthly payment of \$100 to the Building and Loan Company, Natchez, Mississippi.

SEALE stated that his father is CLYDE SEALE, age 62. His mother is AUBREY MC CALL SEALE, age 59. SEALE has three brothers; namely:

JOE EUGENE SEALE, better known as GENE, age 28,
high school graduate

JAMES FORD SEALE, age 26, did not finish high school

On 10-23-64 at Jackson, Mississippi File # JN 157-1092
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by SA PATRICK J. COLLINS 26 157-815
SA LENARD A. WOLF/rle/pag Date dictated 10-24-64

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CLYDE DON SEALE, age 24, did not finish high school.

SEALE stated that he currently owns and operates the Sanitation Service Company, a garbage collection firm in Natchez, Mississippi. SEALE stated that he operates this business with one truck, a 1958 two ton Chevrolet, silver in color with a blue cap. SEALE employs one driver, a male Negro named FLOYD JOHNSON. SEALE has been in this business about six years in Natchez. He stated that his income is between \$8,000 and \$9,000 per year in this business. SEALE stated that he charges his customers \$1.50 per month for the garbage pickup service. The pickup is made once a week. SEALE advised that for two years before going into the sanitation business he worked in the oil fields in Louisiana starting as a "roustabout" and terminating this career as a "pumper". SEALE stated his employment prior to the oil business was in Portland, Oregon. He stated that for seven years he worked for his father-in-law, HENRY DIERES. He stated DIERES operates a sanitation service in Portland, Oregon. From 1948-50 SEALE was in the Merchant Marine as an oiler sailing out of Portland, Oregon. From October, 1944 to December, 1947 he was in the U.S. Navy, Navy Serial Number 722707, with the rank of Fireman First Class.

SEALE advised that before residing at his present dwelling he resided at 403 Brookley Street, Natchez, Miss., for four years. Prior to that he resided at Barataria, Louisiana for two years. While in Portland, Oregon, he resided at approximately five different street addresses. Prior to his entry into the U.S. Navy SEALE resided with his father in Meadville, Mississippi.

SEALE further advised that he has been arrested twice in his life. His first arrest was while he was in the U.S. Navy at Portland, Oregon. He stated he was arrested for Assault and Battery on a shore patrolman. SEALE was incarcerated in the brig for 48 days prior to being court martialled.

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SEALE stated that at his court martial he was found not guilty. He advised when he was residing in Portland, Oregon, he was once arrested for speeding and reckless driving and was fined an unrecalled amount of money.

SEALE stated that his closest associate in Natchez is ERNEST PARKER. He stated that he considers ERNEST PARKER to be his best friend and that they hunt and fish together frequently. He further stated that he often goes with PARKER in PARKER's airplane. He stated PARKER has a four-seater plane which is white with red stripes. He stated PARKER is a very cautious pilot. PARKER and SEALE usually fly from Natchez up to "Palmyra" which SEALE described as an island on the Mississippi river. He stated that this is a 35,000 acre island and that PARKER owns 25,000 acres of the island. PARKER has at least 500 head of cattle on this island and SEALE and PARKER often fly up to the island to take care of these cattle. He stated that sometimes they drive up to the island or to Talulah, Mississippi, where they visit friends. He stated that ERNEST PARKER and his brother LEE PARKER own a large barge which they can take out to the island. He stated that last summer while bringing a truck with 26 head of cattle from the island to the mainland, the barge tilted, causing the cattle and the truck to go overboard. PARKER and SEALE dived in the river and attached a chain to the truck on the bottom; thereby later dragging the truck out of the river. SEALE stated that PARKER has several Jeep "Scout" on the island which they drive around the island. He stated that he barely knows ERNEST PARKER's wife, MARY ODIE PARKER.

SEALE stated he is also a very close friend of Mr. DORIS SULLIVAN who operates the Culligan Water Softener business in Natchez.

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SEALE advised that he is also very friendly with Sheriff ODELL ANDERS. He stated that ANDERS and he went to school together at a logging camp school many years ago. He stated that he knows CHARLES EDWARDS very well and that he has spent a lot of time with CHARLES EDWARDS. SEALE is very friendly with ERNEST FINLEY and stated that both he and FINLEY manage a Little League baseball team. SEALE is acquainted with a DOUGLAS BYRD whom he states he has known well for about six months. DOUGLAS BYRD rents his home from ERNEST PARKER. SEALE is well acquainted with JAMES L. McKINNEY.

SEALE made available the following items which were in his billfold:

1. City Bank & Trust Co. check dated 10/4/64, for \$3.00, made payable to JACK SEALE and signed Mrs. JAMES E. WRIGHT. This check was returned marked "insufficient funds".
2. Social Security Card for MYRON W. SEALE, Box 423, Barataria, Louisiana, #427-38-1418.
3. State of Mississippi Dept. of Public Safety, Driver License Division receipt #C123963, for one year renewal of commercial license.
Name - MYRON WAYNE SEALE
Address - 172 Booker Rd.
License No. - "Lost"
Total Fee - \$4.75
Date - 9/28/64
4. Business cards of M. W. "JACK" SEALE, Sanitary Service, Phone 2-1429, 403 Brooklyn Drive, Natchez, Miss.
5. State of Mississippi Dept. of Public Safety, Driver License Division receipt #E173192 for duplicate license
Name - MYRON WAYNE SEALE
Address - 172 Booker Rd.
License No. - "Lost"
Total Fee - \$1.25

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6. State of Mississippi commercial license #106679 for MYRON W. SEALE, 172 Booker Rd., Natchez.
Born -9/4/26
Race -White
Sex -Male
Eyes -Blue
Hair -Brown
Weight -190
Height -5'10"
Expires -9/30/65
7. Membership Card Northeast Louisiana Restaurant Club issued to M. W. (JACK) SEALE as a non-voting member of this club.
8. Membership Card National Congress of Parents and Teachers, Natchez Morgantown PTA, dated 10/6/64.

SEALE advised that he knew the following individuals since they were customers of his sanitation service:

ALTON ROBERTS
MARTIN GREER
ERNEST AVANTS

SEALE denied being involved in the shooting of the COFO workers' car near Fayette, Mississippi, on November 2, 1963. When asked where he was around 11:00 a.m. on that date he stated that he did not remember. He advised that he had previously told an FBI Agent where he was on that date. SA WOLF told him that he had previously told SA CLARENCE G. PROSPERE that he was home on that morning until 12:00 noon. SEALE then stated that whatever he told SA PROSPERE was apparently where he was at that time.

SEALE said he was against the bombings that had been occurring in Mississippi and that he is against racial violence. He said that he has been active in the Americans

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for the Preservation of the White Race (APWR) and that he has urged this organization to fight integration through politics and not through violence. He said that some people consider this group to be a front for the Ku Klux Klan (KKK) but that it is not.

SEALE denied being a Klan member and having any knowledge of Klan activities. He however stated that he had attended a public meeting of the Klan last summer, which was held at the park in Natchez and at which meeting ROBERT SHELTON and two preachers were the speakers.

SEALE stated that the local APWR organization covers all of Adams County and that the chairman was a Mr. TEMPLE. He stated that most of the members have now dropped out as they are afraid of being labeled as Klansmen. He said that APWR worked hard towards the election of Sheriff ANDERS and that he believes their work got the Sheriff elected.

SEALE was questioned about the bombing of Mayor JOHN NOSSER's home about a month ago and he said he thinks "niggers done it". He said that he had heard that the mayor had a falling out with the local Negroes. He stated that he believed the Mayor was in a bad position in that the whites called him a "nigger lover" and the Negroes called him a "nigger hater". He stated that the mayor had done a few things that got people mad at him. He said the mayor had changed the tax assessment method which resulted in increases for most people while he had an \$85,000 reduction on his own property. He stated the mayor also had the parking meters around his stores removed.

SEALE stated that the bombings and racial violence that had occurred around Natchez could have been stopped right at the start. He said that the Natchez Police Department and the Adams County Sheriff's Office did not do anything to stop the violence and apparently condoned it. He said that if they had taken action at the start of the violence it would not have continued.

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SEALE admitted that he had three guns at his home. He said one was a .30 caliber rifle he obtained through the National Rifle Association. He said he had built the stock up and mounted a scope on this rifle. He said one was a .30 caliber carbine he had obtained from a friend of his in the U.S. Navy. The third gun he stated was a pump shotgun he had purchased from Sears and Roebuck.

APPENDIX

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

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

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

APPENDIX

A P P E N D I X

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

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

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

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

On August 14, 1961, the second source advised that the organization formerly known as United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc., would be known in the future as United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. The second source said the name was changed by a resolution adopted by the National Klonvocation held July 8, 1961, at Indian Springs, Georgia.

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

APPENDIX

WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE
KU KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI

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

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

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

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Title

JOHN FRED STONE, Also Known As
Jack Stone

Character

RACIAL MATTERS (RMS)

Reference

Report of Special Agent Clarence G.
Forsgren dated June 14, 1963, at
Jackson, Mississippi

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

July 1, 1965

AIRTEL

TO: SAC, NEW ORLEANS

FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-471) (P)

UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INCORPORATED

RM

On 6/28/65, [] advised SA CLARENCE G. PROSPERE that he had received information there was to be a rally of the Citizens Councils of Louisiana at Baton Rouge, Louisiana on 7/4/65. [] advised he had also received information that ERNEST PARKER (a known member of the United Klans of America, Incorporated) was going to take a school bus, which is the personal property of PARKER, to Baton Rouge for the rally on 7/4/65. [] stated he had no information as to the occupants of the bus for this trip other than W. W. CARNELL.

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Date received	Received from(name or symbol number)	Received by
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Method of delivery
☒ in person ☒ orally

If orally furnished and reduced to writing by Agent: Date Dictated 4-23-65 to Transcribed 5-3-65 Authenticated by Informant	Date of report 4-22-65 Date(s) of activity 4-10-65 through 4-15-65
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Brief description of activity or material

- 1) Information re possible uniting of WKKKKOM and UKA in Mississippi.
- 2) Information re province meet 4-10-65 in Lincoln County.
- 3) Information re units, Franklin County.
- 4) Current projects of WKKKKOM.

File where original is located if not attached

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REMARKS:

FOIA(b) - (D) made available a copy of "THE COUNCILOR" an American paper supporting American freedoms which is dated 3-22-65 at Shreveport, Louisiana. This newspaper is being made a 1-A exhibit.

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[redacted]

[redacted] advised that the following information was furnished to him by BILLY BUCKLES on a confidential basis and [redacted] pointed out the fact this information may be "strictly bait".

BILLY BUCKLES advised informant that some woman from near Picayune, Mississippi, obtained a job with the FBI in Jackson, Mississippi, when there was an enlargement of the office at Jackson. that her father was a member of the WKKKKOM at Crossroads, Mississippi, but has since moved from the Crossroads area.

This woman who is employed in the FBI Office, Jackson, Mississippi, returned to her home for a visit and told her father that a man in Picayune, who runs a truck stop, and the wife of this man who runs the truck stop, were selling "goof balls" and were picked up by FBI Agents or Narcotic Agents. The woman was taken to New Orleans, Louisiana, and the woman who works for the FBI advised her father that the husband of the woman furnished the names of all klansmen in the Picayune and Crossroads area for the sum of \$600 which was paid in six \$100 bills.

BUCKLES advised the informant when he told the foregoing story that the only three individuals who knew about this girl who is employed by the FBI was her father, BUCKLES and the informant. Informant stated he asked BUCKLES for the identity of the father and the girl in order that he could obtain information from the FBI Office. BUCKLES then told him that he could not furnish the informant with the identity of either the girl or her father "as the girl has to be kept up there."

Informant then reiterated the fact that he felt the foregoing story was possibly "bait" which was being put out by BILLY BUCKLES to see if FBI Agents came to the Picayune and Crossroads area to make any inquiry which would then expose the informant. Informant stated that his principle concern was the security of the information which had been furnished by him and primarily the security of his identity as an informant.

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RFD, New Orleans, Louisiana
4-15-65

Informant advised that on 4-10-65 he attended a province meeting in Lincoln County at which time there were approximately 50 klansmen present at this meeting. Representatives from Lincoln, Franklin and Amite Counties were at the meeting, however, the large majority of those in attendance were from Lincoln County. The province meeting was held in the vicinity of LLOYD STAR or Caseyville at the same place where a fish fry was held a few weeks ago and which has previously been reported.

At this province meeting, CLYDE SEALE advised the informant that EDDIE MC DANIEL had gone to BILLY BUCKLES and said if the WKKKKOM would move one man he, MC DANIEL, would come back into the WKKKKOM. MC DANIEL then named SAM BOWERS as the individual who had to be removed from the WKKKKOM before he, MC DANIEL, would return.

CLYDE SEALE advised the informant that only he, BILLY BUCKLES, CHARLES FALVEY and the informant and one other individual who was riding with SEALE but was not identified and whose identity was unknown to the informant, knew the foregoing information and SEALE pointed out that BILLY BUCKLES was acting as the "go between" in this matter between the WKKKKOM and EDDIE MC DANIEL.

Informant advised that CLYDE SEALE went on to state that JACK SEALE (a son of CLYDE SEALE) had come to his brother JAMES SEALE asking JAMES to approach their father, CLYDE SEALE, regarding joining the UKA. CLYDE SEALE stated he had told JAMES to tell JACK "Hell no", as the UKA had at no time ever paid their bills such as in McComb, Mississippi. CLYDE SEALE stated his son, JACK, had evidently checked on this matter and found out that CLYDE SEALE was telling the truth about the bills not being paid in McComb and that JACK SEALE had "raised hell" with EDDIE MC DANIEL and the others in the UKA.

Informant advised that CLYDE WENTWORTH was EC of the Franklin County Unit 1 but that he resigned and has been replaced, however, the informant stated that he did not know the identity of the new EC.

Informant advised that CLYDE SEALE is the Province Giant and also the Exalted Cyclops of the Franklin County Unit 2.

Informant advised that the big project in the klan at the present time is to put up bill boards throughout the entire state of Mississippi showing a picture of MARTIN LUTHER KING in attendance at the Folk School, Monteagle, Tennessee, and to collect money to send to the Citizens Council in New Orleans, Louisiana, to pay for the posters that are put on the bill boards.

Informant advised that the posters furnished by the Citizen Council of New Orleans are obtained from California.

Informant advised that he has been in telephonic contact with GEORGE SINGELMANN, who is in charge of the posters for the Citizens Councils of New Orleans.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SA JACKSON

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

DATE: 4/22/65

FROM : SA WILLIAM F. DUKES

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

Remymemo 4/21/65.

AT NATCHEZ, MISSISSIPPI

[REDACTED] was recontacted at his residence by SAS WILLIAM F. DUKES & EDGAR C. FORTENBERRY on 4/22/65. [REDACTED] advised that since the previous contact 4/21/65, he has learned that J. L. "BIG MAC" MC KINNEY's sister in the Hamburg Community near Roxie, Mississippi is a [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] advised further that he had been thinking about some way of exploiting the possible involvement of J. L. MC KINNEY and MARVIN MC KINNEY in these murders. He advised that [REDACTED] WOODS and some other members of the Sligo Unit of the KKK believe [REDACTED] MC KINNEY to be an Informant for either the FBI or Highway Patrol, and that MARVIN MC KINNEY is the one who furnished information which resulted in the arrest of WOODS and JACK SEALE in the Fall of 1964 in connection with a Negro beating near Fayette, Mississippi. [REDACTED] advised he intended to exploit this possibility in the course of his next contact with WOODS, and to plant the idea in WOODS' mind that if they could make MC KINNEY tell them (WOODS and FULLER) the details of the MOORE-DEE murders, that they would then have a "hammer" to hold over MC KINNEY to keep him from informing further.

[REDACTED] advised that he believes "BIG MAC" MC KINNEY to be a weak link in the Klan who probably will talk if interviewed extensively. In this regard, he advised he has the full confidence of MC KINNEY, whom he stated would run right to him, [REDACTED] following any interview by FBI Agents, at which time [REDACTED] will attempt to develop additional information from him.

[REDACTED] advised that one JERRY DUNN, a resident of Vidalia, Louisiana who is employed at one of the Natchez plants, possibly the Armstrong Tire Company, was formerly a member of the Sligo Unit of the WKKKKOM, but has been inactive for a considerable period of time. [REDACTED] advised DUNN told him recently that he has a quantity of dynamite stored across the river in Louisiana, but that some of this dynamite will probably be brought to the Natchez area in the near future. DUNN also said he had a number of .25 caliber automatic pistols, and showed [REDACTED] one of these weapons, a .25 caliber blue steel automatic pistol of Spanish manufacture, similar in appearance to a Beretta automatic.

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[] advised he was not aware of the quantity of dynamite or pistols in DUNN's possession, or as to the location of these items; however, he stated he believed he could find out, and that he would do so.

[] advised that []

[] stated that CHARLES ARCHER, a well known hoodlum who was involved in the murder of a fellow hoodlum named BLACKIE, last name unknown on the Mississippi Gulf Coast several years ago, is presently dealing blackjack at ~~BLACKIE~~ Blackie's, a joint located on the Vidalia-Ferriday highway in Louisiana. ARCHER told [] about two weeks ago that he had gone to Houston, Texas recently and picked up a large number of diamonds which had been taken in the course of a burglary some time ago in California. ARCHER showed [] what he professed to be a 3 carat diamond ring, and said that the balance of the diamonds had been disposed of either in the Yazoo City, Mississippi area, or somewhere in the Mississippi Delta. [] described ARCHER as a white male, 45, 6'-6"1", 240 lbs., heavy build, very large arms and hands.

[] was instructed to continue making every effort to develop additional info re the MOORE-DEE murders (JN File 62-5). He requested that no effort be made at this time to interview JERRY DUNN, pointing out that so far as he knows, he is the only one in the Natchez area who is aware of the information furnished by DUNN.

ABOVE INFO FURNISHED BY [] ON A CONFIDENTIAL BASIS, AND HIS IDENTITY SHOULD BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL.

RECOMMENDATION: Open 157-case re JERRY DUNN, and attempt to identify and conduct credit and criminal checks. Withhold any interview of DUNN pending additional contact with []

[]

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1: 157-569 (Franklin County)
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1: 157-ERNEST PARKER
1: 157-J. L. MC KINNEY

1: 157-MARVIN MC KINNEY
2: 157-New-JERRY DUNN
1: 92-15 (CIP. NATCHEZ RA)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON

DATE: 4/21/65

FROM : SA WILLIAM F. DUKES

SUBJECT:

AT NATCHEZ, MISSISSIPPI

[redacted] was interviewed by SAS WILLIAM F. DUKES and EDGAR C. PORTER BERRY on 4/21/65 at his residence located at [redacted] east of Natchez. In view of [redacted] status [redacted]

[redacted] was advised by SA DUKES at the outset of the interview of the identity of the Agents, of the fact that he did not have to make any statement, that any statement he made might be used against him in a Court of Law, and that he had a right to talk to an attorney or anyone else prior to making a statement. This interview was primarily for the purpose of developing any information [redacted] may have re the murders in the matter captioned JAMES FORD SEALE, et al; HENRY HEZEKIAH DEE, et al - VICTIMS, JN File 62-5.

[redacted] advised he had heard about SA DUKES from Investigator REX ARMISTEAD, MHSP, who informed him that SA DUKES could be trusted not to "trick" him; accordingly, [redacted] stated he would agreeable to talking with SA DUKES although he believed REX ARMISTEAD had "put him in a trap" on another matter, and that he accordingly did not want to have anything further to do with ARMISTEAD.

[redacted] advised he was sworn into the SLIGO unit of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi (WKKKKOM) at Natchez about [redacted]

He advised this unit currently has 12 or 15 members, and meets on an irregular basis each month, although the unit is generally inactive. He stated that [redacted] JOE NOSSER and GEORGE NOSSER, sons of Natchez Mayor NOSSER also joined this unit. He advised that JACK SEALE, ERNEST PARKER, J.L. "BIG MAC" MC KINNEY, and MARVIN MC KINNEY were all in the Sligo group at one time, but that JACK SEALE and ERNEST PARKER broke off and are members now of the United Klans of America (UAK), which [redacted] advised is the most powerful Klan group in Adams and Franklin Counties at the present time, and is growing stronger all the time.

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1: 157-J. L. MC KINNEY
1: 157-MARVIN MC KINNEY
1: 157-ODELL ANDERS, Sheriff of Adams County, Mississippi
1: 80-Adams County, Mississippi Sheriff's Office
1: 92-CIP, Natchez RA

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[] advised that ERNEST PARKER at one time was Exalted Cyclops of the Clover Hill Unit of the United Klan, and JACK SEALE was Investigator of this Unit.

[] advised that about a month or six weeks ago, exact date not recalled, he was in a group at Natchez including J. L. "BIG MAC" MC KINNEY. MC KINNEY said that the two Negro boys whose bodies were found off Parker's Landing near Tallulah, Louisiana were killed because one of them "smarted off" to MC KINNEY's sister. MC KINNEY related that one of these boys had been working for MC KINNEY's sister, married name unknown, but who lives in the Hamburg Community between Roxie and Meadville, Mississippi. The Negro youth was working on some kind of construction work for this woman, possibly building a house. He was making only \$3.00 a day, and had been working for the woman only a short time. Either one or two days before the youths disappeared, the youth got into an argument with MC KINNEY's sister about his wages, demanded a raise and, according to MC KINNEY, he "mouthed off" at her.

[] advised that he was not sure of the sequence of events afterward, but stated that the woman either came direct to Natchez and contacted "BIG MAC" and MARVIN MC KINNEY, or telephoned them, and told them what had happened. MC KINNEY then got in touch with either JACK SEALE or ERNEST PARKER, and this instituted the series of events which led to the murders.

[] advised that about April 1, 1965, exact date not recalled, BILLY WOODS from Natchez was at the Plaza, a nightclub and gambling establishment between Vidalia and Ferriday, Louisiana, where [] was working. WOODS, who was drinking, said point blank that MARVIN MC KINNEY was directly responsible for the death of the two Negro youths whose bodies were found in the old river near Parker's Landing. WOODS said that one of the youths had said something to one of MC KINNEY's sisters in the nature of an insult, and MC KINNEY had "arranged" for their deaths. WOODS also said that the two youths were abducted near Meadville, Mississippi by five men and taken into the woods and beaten, after which they were taken to Parker's Island and thereafter put in the river. According to WOODS, MARVIN MC KINNEY went to Parker's Island with the group who put the youths in the river.

[] advised he had no other specific information of value concerning these murders, but he stated he definitely believed that MARVIN and "BIG MAC" MC KINNEY were involved as indicated. He advised "BIG MAC" MC KINNEY is a "weak sister" who might talk, but that MARVIN MC KINNEY is a cold-blooded individual who will probably never talk. In this connection, FULLER advised that in October and November, 1964, he heard both JACK SEALE and ERNEST PARKER say that everybody should "sit tight" because nobody would ever "talk" about the two murders. Shortly after JAMES SEALE and CHARLES EDWARDS were arrested and charged with these murders, ERNEST PARKER told [] that SEALE and EDWARDS were "tough boys" who would not talk.

[redacted] was questioned about which of the Negro youths was involved in the argument with MC KINNEY's sister. He could not say, but stated he believed he recalled MC KINNEY saying that it was the one who had been working around Roxie, and not the one who had been in college.

[redacted] advised he knew nothing about the Klan in Natchez being placed on "standby" on the day the two Negro youths disappeared, but stated he would attempt to develop additional information in this regard.

[redacted] advised that [redacted] but he closed this place about a month ago, and since that time he has been commuting daily back and forth from his home at Natchez to his place of employment at the Plaza, located on the Vidalia-Ferriday, Louisiana highway in Louisiana. He drives back and forth daily, usually leaving his home for Louisiana at about 6:00 PM each day, and working the balance of the night. [redacted] advised that Miss HATTIE BETH GOSS of Natchez rents the building where the Plaza is located, and that the gambling and bar in the Plaza is operated by BRUCE SWAYZE. [redacted] advised he has no interest financially in the Plaza, but works strictly for BRUCE SWAYZE, tending bar, playing cards, and working the dice game. He advised that he works blackjack and crap, and also a game known as Hi-Lo, a dice game run in the bar part of the Plaza. He stated he is strictly on a salary, working for BRUCE SWAYZE, although SWAYZE does not pay him a regular salary. He explained that if in the course of an evening, a customer at the gambling tables loses a hundred dollars or so, SWAYZE pays him [redacted] a percentage of the night's take. [redacted] advised that business has been very poor recently and that he, [redacted], is in very poor condition financially. He acknowledged that he has been concerned since going to work at the Plaza that he might get into trouble with the federal authorities by virtue of the fact that he was going back and forth daily from Mississippi to Louisiana in connection with his employment at the Plaza.

[redacted] advised he was willing to furnish information to the Bureau on a confidential basis, concerning the Klan or anything else. In this connection, he advised he is personally aware that Adams County Sheriff [redacted] ANDERS at Natchez is a narcotics addict. [redacted] and is still [redacted] to be a secret member of the WKKKKOM. [redacted] advised he has seen ANDERS under the influence of narcotics. Further, he stated that [redacted], a Natchez physician, told him recently that he has a problem with ANDERS, in that ANDERS comes to [redacted] office on almost a daily basis, and has put the "heat" on [redacted] the point that [redacted] has been giving ANDERS narcotics far above the legally allowed quantity. [redacted] had no further details.

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The following description of FULLER was obtained from interrogation and observation:

NAME:
Race:
Sex:
Birth Data:
Residence:

[redacted]
White
Male

Height:
Weight:
Eyes:
Hair:
Complexion:
Occupation:

[redacted]
5'10"
205 lbs.
Green
Dark brown, bushy
Ruddy

Build:
Scars & Marks:

[redacted]
Stocky
[redacted]

RECOMMENDATION: Open 179-case and assign SA WILLIAMS at Natchez. In this connection, it is pointed out that in the course of the 4/21/65 interview, [redacted] appeared extremely nervous and frequently commented that his life would be forfeit if the Klan knew he was cooperating with the FBI. It is believed that SA WILLIAMS should withhold contact with [redacted] pending additional contact by SA DUKES to incur [redacted] confidence. In the same light, while no promises whatever were made [redacted], it is believed that at this time his potential as an Informant is excellent, and he would be of considerable more value in this regard than as a potential witness; accordingly, the information furnished by [redacted] is being set out under the Informant section of [redacted] while the admissions made by him re [redacted] is being set out in an FD-302.

[redacted] general personal appearance and the appearance of his residence indicates that he is in extremely poor financial condition, and he thus should be susceptible to monetary remuneration. He was extremely nervous during this interview, and good judgment dictated the advisability of making very little effort to take notes; accordingly, only sketchy notes were taken pending additional efforts to develop [redacted] confidence. [redacted] advised he would not under any circumstances testify to the information furnished by him concerning the Klan, and that out of fear for his life and those of his wife and children, he would deny he ever furnished such information if subpoenaed.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-4)

DATE: 3/11/65

FROM : SA BENJAMIN F. GRAVES

SUBJECT: INVESTIGATION OF KLANSMEN
RACIAL MATTERS

Bureau airtel dated 2/24/65 instructed the Jackson Office to submit supplemental nonprosecutive summary reports immediately regarding the following categories of Klansmen:

1. All national officers
2. All state officers
3. Top officials of each klavern or local unit, such as the Exalted Cyclops and Chief Investigator
4. Any individual Klansmen who exert effective influence and leadership within the Klan and/or have a propensity toward notoriety or involvement in racial violence.

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 - g. Military service
 - h. Credit and criminal record
 - i. Physical description
 - j. Make and model of automobile used by subject and description including body style, color and license number.
Description of other vehicles to which subject has access.
 - k. Special abilities of subject, including knowledge of weapons, explosives, radio and electronics
 - l. Associates, both business and social
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-4)

DATE: 3/11/65

FROM : SA BENJAMIN F. GRAVES

SUBJECT: INVESTIGATION OF KLANSMEN
RACIAL MATTERS

Bureau airtel dated 2/24/65 instructed the Jackson Office to submit supplemental nonprosecutive summary reports immediately regarding the following categories of Klansmen:

1. All national officers
2. All state officers
3. Top officials of each klavern or local unit, such as the Exalted Cyclops and Chief Investigator
4. Any individual Klansmen who exert effective influence and leadership within the Klan and/or have a propensity toward notoriety or involvement in racial violence.

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(2 - 157-914) (LOUIS ANTHONY DI SALVO)
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(2 - 157-582) (ASA F. WEATHERS)
(2 - 157-1181) (DAYTON HOUSTON GILLESPIE)
(2 - 157-1492) (TOM THRASHER)
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(2 - 157-606) (EDWIN LEWIS)
(2 - 157-987) (BILLY WOODS)
(2 - 157-1435) (ROGER SMITH)
(2 - 157-2627) (JOHN NOSSER)
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(2 - 157-24) (PAUL LAFAYETTE FOSTER)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-815)

FROM : SAC, ST. LOUIS (157-780) RUC

SUBJECT: CHANGED (IO)
MYRON WAYNE "JACK" SEALE
Myron Wayne Seale
RM

DATE: 2/17/65

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The title of this case is being marked changed to include the name MYRON WAYNE SEALE as shown in his military service records.

Re WFO letter to SL dated 12/31/64.

A review on 2/15/65 by IC NOEL L. BAKER of the military service records on file at the MPRC, St. Louis, Mo., indicated MYRON WAYNE SEALE, Serial Number 722 27 07 enlisted in the U. S. Naval Reserve on 2/9/44, and entered on active duty on the same date at Seattle, Wash. He was honorably discharged on 12/19/45 as a fireman first class at Seattle, Wash., in order to reenlist.

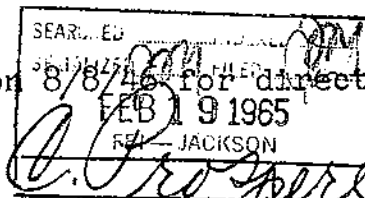
He reenlisted in the U. S. Navy on 12/20/45, and entered on active duty on the same date at Seattle, Wash., He was honorably discharged on 10/29/47 as a fireman first class at Seattle, Wash., by reason of short remaining term of service.

He reenlisted in the U. S. Naval Reserve on 10/30/47, and served in an inactive status until 10/29/52, at which time he was honorably discharged.

He was tried and convicted by a Summary Court-martial on 6/11/46 for culpable inefficiency in performance of duty, for breaking arrest, for absence from his station and duty without leave, for knowingly procuring the making of a false muster, for abusing an inhabitant when on shore, and for disorder. He was sentenced to forfeiture of \$33.00 of his pay per month for six months, and to be discharged from the service with a Bad Conduct Discharge.

He was awarded a Captain's Mast on 8/8/46 for direct

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disobedience of orders, for threatening a Master at Arms, and for insolence to a petty officer, and received five days solitary confinement on bread and water.

On 8/15/46, he was released from confinement and restored to duty.

He was awarded a Captain's Mast on 12/2/46 for not having a liberty card, and received ten hours extra duty.

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

Date and place of birth	9/4/26, Brookhaven, Miss.
Height	5'8"
Weight	150
Race	White
Hair	Dark Brown
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Ruddy
Distinguishing Marks	$\frac{1}{2}$ " scar left index finger
Education	2 years high school
Civilian Occupation	Arc welder
Military Occupation	Fireman
Addresses	Route 2, Meadville, Miss., (2/9/44); 506 N. E. Monroe St., Portland, Ore., (3/17/52); 3046 N. E. 10th Ave., Portland, Ore., (1/17/52)
Relatives	Father, CLYDE W. SEALE, Route 2, Meadville, Miss., (2/9/44); Mother, AUDRY SEALE, Meadville, Miss., (4/1/45); wife, DELORES MAY SEALE, 3046 N. E. 10th Ave., Portland, Ore., (3/3/47)
Employments	Galveston Drydock Co., Galveston, Texas, dates of employment not shown.
Photograph	None available in the records.

Jackson please note title change.

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SAC, WFO (157-489) (RUC)

MYRON WAYNE "JACK" SEALE
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ReJNlet to WFO dated 12/7/64, a copy of which is being enclosed for the information of SL.

On 12/28/64, Personnel Records Branch, Department of Navy, advised IC MICHAEL V. DEVOL that they were unable to locate or identify the subject in their files.

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AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI.

At Military Police Record Center will attempt to locate a record on subject and furnish Jackson with information requested in enclosed letter.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-958)

DATE: 12/16/64

FROM : SA PETER R. DURLAND

SUBJECT: ERNEST HENRY AVANTS
RM

SA DURLAND and SA LENARD WOLF on 11/25/64 reviewed Adams County 1965 Car Registration records at the Sheriff's Office, Natchez, Mississippi. The following registrations were located which appear to pertain to subjects in the area. All are 1965 registrations.

ERNEST HENRY AVANTS:

1956 Chevrolet 1965 Miss. C3653 (registered to Mrs. AVANTS, Route 1, Natchez)

JOHN W. BARBER:

Route 5, Box 279, Natchez, 1959 Ford Galaxie, 1965 Miss. C6901; 1955 Ford Pick-up F/5 1330

RODNEY LEE BRITT:

None listed

DAVID RONALD CARNELL:

None listed

FRED DAVIS:

1955 Pontiac, 4-door, 1-6312

ERNEST ROBERT FINDLEY:

None listed

FRANK L. GASTON:

1962 Chevrolet S/W, 1965 Miss. B-1007

ALEXANDER GIBSON GOZA:

1962 Chevrolet Pick-up F/5918

1955 Chevrolet - C4676

1963 Chevrolet - C4675

ERNEST DANIEL GOZA:

1956 Ford C1330

JAMES KENNETH GREER:

1959 Vauxhall B1553

1964 Corvair 2-door club coupe B1613

NELSON E. HANEY:

1958 Ford 1-1453

1953 Ford Pick-up F/5 31

1957 Chevrolet F/5 30. Pick-up.

SIDNEY E. HANEY, SR.:

1958 Cadillac, 4-door, D1472

1960 Ford C3887

MARIO S. HERNANDEZ:

1962 Chevrolet Sedan C1871

MARION LEE HOUSE

1962 Rambler American B-2262

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CHARLES EDWARD JAMES:	1954 Chevrolet 2-door C4967
	1957 Ford Sedan C4968
	1950 Studebaker pick-up F/5 969
	1959 Ford pick-up F/5 970
GOVIE TAYLOR LAMBERT:	None listed
EARL McGAUGHEY:	1959 Ford 1-4347
ERNEST PARKER:	1964 Ford Galaxie C2564
CECIL MAYO PEOPLES:	1960 Rambler S/W B1897
CECIL ROBERTS:	None listed
RAPHAEL LEONARD SCHUCHS:	1961 Dodge-Polara S/W 1D2038
FRANK HYMAN THURMAN:	1959 Triumph 10 Sedan, A1006
	1956 Desoto sedan 1-1273
EDWARD FULLER:	None listed
<u>MYRON W. SEALE:</u>	1964 Chevelle Chevrolet 1B1947
CURTIS WILLIAM WELCH:	1962 Ford Pick-up F/5725
	1958 Ford 1-3573
BILLY L. WOOD:	1963 Ford Galaxie 1-5299
THOMAS EDGAR YOUNG:	1957 Chevrolet 2-door 1-7135
CALVIN CLARK:	None listed

1965 Car registrations were checked at Sheriff's Office, Meadville, Mississippi, for Franklin County on 12/1/64 by SA DURLAND and SA LENARD WOLF regarding following subjects:

CALVIN CLARK:	None listed
R. LEWIS DANTZLER:	Route 1, Roxie - 1962 Ford Fairlane 4-door 19B-107
E. H. DUNN:	Route 2, Roxie - 1954 Ford Pickup F/525835
W. C. DUNN:	Route 2, Roxie, None listed
CHARLES MARCUS EDWARDS:	Route 2, Meadville 1962 Chevrolet 19B-177 1959 Ford 19-1458 1955 Chevrolet pickup F/525754
WALTER GENE HALL:	Roxie, 1956 Buick Special 19D206
W. J. HARRIGILL:	Roxie, 1964 Chevrolet BelAir 4-door 19-882 1953 Chevrolet ½ ton pickup F/526276
WILLIAM WALLACE HAVARD:	Roxie, 1960 Chevrolet pick- up F/525756

KENNETH LEHMAN:	Roxie, 1961 Falcon Sedan 19B-139
GERALD GRAY PHARES:	Roxie, 1962 Ford, 19-1695 1953 Ford 3/4 ton F/526242
FRANK PRIEST:	Meadville, 1962 Falcon 19B- 118 1951 Chevrolet 4-door 19-288
CLYDE SEALE:	Meadville, 1961 pick-up GMC F/5521 1964 Volks 19A-101 1958 Ford Anglis 2-door 19A-105
DON SEALE:	Meadville, 1957 Chevrolet Sedan 19-1442 1960 GMC 1000 ½ ton F/526187
JAMES SEALE:	Meadville, 1964 Pontiac Tempest Sedan 19-516 1962 Volks 19A111 1952 Studebaker 2-door, 19B148
DENNIS M. SMITH:	Meadville, 1951 Chevy pick- up F/526195
HERMAN RAY WHEELER:	Roxie, 1962 Chevrolet BelAir 4-door 19891

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- 1 - ERNEST HENRY AVANTS (157-958)
 - 1 - JOHN W. BURBET (157-2208)
 - 1 - RODNEY LEE BRITT (157-354)
 - 1 - DAVID RONALD CARNELL (157-664)
 - 1 - FRED DAVIS (157-2193)
 - 1 - ERNEST FINDLEY (157-787)
 - 1 - FRANK GASTON (157-624)
 - 1 - ALEXANDER GOZA (157-2202)
 - 1 - ERNEST GOZA (157-2203)
 - 1 - JAMES K. GREER (157-404)
 - 1 - NELSON HANEY (157-694)
 - 1 - SIDNEY HANEY (157-694)
 - 1 - MARIO HERNANDEZ (157-2191)
 - 1 - M. L. HOUSE (157-2190)
 - 1 - CHARLES JAMES (157-879)
 - 1 - GOVIE LAMBERT (157-2189)
 - 1 - EARL McGAUGHEY (157-511)
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1 - RAPHAEL SCHUCHS (157-2173)
① - MYRON SEALE (157-815)
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1 - THOMAS YOUNG (157-994)
1 - CALVIN CLARK (157-855)
1 - R. LEWIS DANTZLER (157-2197)
1 - E. H. DUNN (157-2194)
1 - W. C. DUNN (157-2195)
1 - CHARLES EDWARDS (157-1043)
1 - WALTER HALL (157-1042)
1 - W. J. HARRIGILL (157-1611)
1 - WILLIAM HAVARD (157-2205)
1 - KENNETH LEHMAN (157-2188)
1 - GERALD PHARES (157-1636)
1 - FRANK PRIEST (157-1610)
1 - CLYDE SEALE (157-951)
1 - DON SEALE (157-961)
1 - JAMES SEALE (157-950)
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1 - W. M. TEMPLE (157-2175)
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1 - FRANK THURMAN (157-2169)

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The following FBI record, NUMBER **none assigned**

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
St Hwy Pat Jackson Miss	Myron Wayne Seale	10-23-64	A&B w/intent	

Since neither fingerprints nor an identifying number which is indexed in our files accompanied your request, FBI cannot guarantee in any manner that this material concerns the individual in whom you are interested.

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All descriptive factors (if any) furnished by you match those in our identification file unless herein quoted.

DESCRIPTION AND RELATED DATA:

Race:

Sex:

Height:

Weight: **200**

Hair: **Brown-Gray**

Eyes:

Date and Place of Birth: **10-4-26**

Scars & Marks: **Unk.**

Address:

Occupation: **Unk.**

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-63)

FROM : SA CLARENCE G. PROSPERE

SUBJECT: WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
OF MISSISSIPPI
RACIAL MATTER

Informant	[REDACTED]
Date of Report	11/12/64
Dates of Activity	11/8,9,10/64
Date Received	11/12/64
Location of Original Information	[REDACTED]

On 11/12/64 [REDACTED], who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished the following to SA CLARENCE G. PROSPERE:

EXTREME CARE SHOULD BE USED IN DISSEMINATING THIS INFORMATION SINCE IT MIGHT DISCLOSE THE INFORMANT'S IDENTITY AND PLACE HIS LIFE IN JEOPARDY.

[REDACTED]	1 - 157-MILTON R. HOLDEN
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1 - 157-(BOMBING LEADER-CALL, LAUREL, MISSISSIPPI)	1 - 157-JULIUS HARPER
1 - 157-(BOMBING NORTHSIDE REPORTER)	1 - 157-36
1 - 62-5	1 - 157-LINCOLN CO. APWR
1 - 157-CLYDE SEALE	1 - 157-1820
1 - 157-JACK SEALE	
1 - 157-JAMES SEALE	
1 - 157-J. K. GREER	
1 - 157-ERNEST AVANCS	
1 - 157-FRANK HYMAN THURMAN	
1 - 157-MT. OLIVE UNIT, COVINGTON COUNTY, MISS.)	
1 - 157-W. R. MANGUM	
1 - 157-C. M. TERRY	
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RFD, Baton Rouge, La.
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Informant advised that DON SEALE's wife and RALPH DAY meet each day as Mrs. DON SEALE is employed at Liberty Mills in Liberty, Miss., and RALPH DAY is employed at the Liberty Motor Company (Ford Agency), Liberty, Miss. Informant advised that CLYDE SEALE, father of JAMES and DON SEALE, on 11/9/64 sent word by Mrs. DON SEALE that they needed \$15,000 for JACK SEALE, J. K. GREER and ERNEST AVANCS and FRANK THURMAN to pay the expenses of attorneys for the JP Court after these individuals were arrested by local authorities.

Informant advised that when he was first advised that they needed money he was not told how much money was needed and that CHARLES SALVEY went to his unit in Lincoln County which is possibly Unit #5, and that this unit gave SALVEY \$100 to give to CLYDE SEALE. Informant advised that on 11/9/64 he went to Lincoln County Unit #1 which C. M. TERRY will take over on January 1, 1965 as EC and that this unit also contributed \$100.

Informant stated that on 11/10/64 he went to the Mt. Olive Unit in Covington County, Miss., and that they made up a collection at the meeting of \$41 which was also given to the fund for CLYDE SEALE.

Informant advised that the next day RALPH DAY was going to work and ran into JAMES and DON SEALE in their truck as they were en route from Roxie, Miss., to Bogalusa, Louisiana. Following this meeting by RALPH DAY with JAMES and DON SEALE, DAY at the 98 Truck Stop located a mile or two east of McComb, Miss., on Highway 98 which goes to Tylertown.

Informant advised that when he met JAMES SEALE at the 98 Truck Stop that JAMES asked the informant to get the word out that "they did not talk and that it was a damned lie". Informant advised that JAMES told him that there was a State man driving the car which carried him to Jackson after he had been arrested and that with the driver on the front seat was an old man and that both the driver

and this old man on the front seat chewed Beechnut chewing tobacco. Informant stated that JAMES SEALE further advised him that there were two FBI Agents in the back seat and that these Agents slapped him and said they could get away with killing him.

Informant stated that JAMES SEALE further advised him that he refused to say anything; that he was left alone handcuffed in Jackson and could hear little of the conversation between the two individuals who were interviewing him. After being left alone for a short period of time a "good guy" came in and asked him about his family and other general questions. JAMES SEALE stated he talked to this individual and advised him that he would not talk to this individual or any other officer except in the presence of his attorney.

Informant stated that JAMES SEALE advised him that he had seen CHARLES EDWARDS kicked down the hall while they were in Jackson, Mississippi. JAMES SEALE further stated that CHARLES EDWARDS advised him that he, EDWARDS, had not said anything, not even to the point of admitting that he was a Klansman. Informant stated that JAMES SEALE did not indicate that if the FBI ever finds out certain information it will be too bad for certain individuals. Informant stated that JAMES SEALE kept impressing on him to get the word out that "they did not talk".

Informant advised that he attended the Mt. Olive meeting in Covington County, Miss., on Tuesday night, 11/10/64, and that he gained the impression at this meeting that this unit was not interested in doing anything. Members at this meeting advised the informant that they have no trouble in Covington County and that they do not want any. Informant advised that this is the home unit of W. R. MANGUM. Informant stated the Mt. Olive meeting was a regular meeting in which two new members were taken and it was brought out that this unit did not want any outsiders in their group to find out who are presently members of this unit. Informant advised

that most members of this unit are businessmen.

Informant advised that members of the Mt. Olive Unit brought up the fact that there was an individual who runs a coffee route who has advised some of the members that he was sworn in by BILL SULLIVAN and that this individual has been attempting to attend a members of the group advised they did not want this individual to come to a meeting as they believed he is attempting to identify members of the group for someone outside of the Klan.

Informant stated that he was not acquainted with members of this unit other than W. R. MANGUM and BILL SULLIVAN, but that he did meet a young Methodist preacher by the name of MILTON R. HOLDEN in whose home he visited after the meeting.

Informant advised that the regular Sunday meeting of the officers was held on 11/8/64 at a restaurant in Crystal Springs, Mississippi. Informant advised that SAM BOWERS inquired of him how to check on people who were possibly talking. Informant advised that he suggested having three different people talk to each one of these individuals who is suspected and that each of the three interviewers should keep notes on what is said, after which the three interviewers could compare notes to determine if the same answer had been obtained. Informant stated that he is of the opinion that no action will be taken along the lines suggested by him in an attempt to determine who is "talking".

Informant advised that a map locating the state meeting was drawn by JULIUS HARPER.

Informant advised that he had received no additional information other than that previously reported regarding the fact that General WALKER was to be the principal speaker at the Americans for the Preservation of the White Race meeting at Whitworth College Auditorium in Brookhaven, Miss., on 11/19/64.

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RACIAL MATTERS

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He was reportedly in the U. S. Navy from October, 1944, to December, 1947, as a Fireman First Class under NSN 722707.

SEALE is described as follows:

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Date of Birth:	September 4, 1926
Place of Birth:	Brookhaven, Mississippi
Height:	5 foot 10 inches
Weight:	190 pounds
Build:	Medium
Color of Hair:	Brown
Color of Eyes:	Blue
Residence:	Natchez, Mississippi

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CHARLES MARCUS EDWARDS was contacted by Special Agents PATRICK J. COLLINS, JR., and LENARD A. WOLF, at which time he was advised that he did not have to make any statement, that any statement he did make could be used in a court of law, and that he had the right to consult an attorney before making any statement.

CHARLES MARCUS EDWARDS advised that he was born on July 17, 1933 at Meadville, Mississippi, and that he was married in June, 1957 at Meadville, Mississippi. He currently resides on Route 2, Meadville, Mississippi, and he completed the eleventh grade at Meadville, Mississippi. He stated that his wife is the former PEGGY JEAN WORTLEY and that he has the following children:

KENNETH WAYNE EDWARDS
ALLEN LANE EDWARDS
DAVID BLAINE EDWARDS
SANDRA JEAN EDWARDS

EDWARDS stated that his father, CHARLES, resides in Meadville, Mississippi and his mother, OLA, is deceased. He stated that he has two half-brothers, JIMMIE BYRD who is a carpenter somewhere in Connecticut, and BILLY BYRD, present whereabouts unknown. He stated that he has resided on Route 2 for about one year and prior to that he resided in Roxie, Mississippi.

EDWARDS stated that he was in the U.S. Army from January, 1950 through October, 1952 and that he received an honorable discharge. He stated that his U.S. Army Serial Number is 24881320. EDWARDS has been employed as a laborer for the past 12 years at the International Paper Company, Natchez, Mississippi.

On 10/24/64 at Meadville, Mississippi

by SA LENARD A. WOLF and
SA PATRICK J. COLLINS, JR.:RLC

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EDWARDS advised that he is not a member of any Klan-type organization and that he never has been a member of any such organization. EDWARDS stated that he is a close friend of JAMES SEALE, DON SEALE, and JACK SEALE and further stated that his father and CLYDE SEALE have farmed together for many years.

EDWARDS stated that he has had nothing to do with any violence occurring in Mississippi; however, he refused to discuss this subject any further than to state he has had nothing to do with it.

EDWARDS stated that he owns a 1955 blue Chevrolet pickup, 1965 Mississippi license F/5 25754. He further stated that he owns and operates a 1963 blue Chevrolet sedan, bearing 1965 Mississippi license 19B177.

The following description was obtained from interview and observation:

Name	CHARLES MARCUS EDWARDS
Sex	Male
Race	White
Age	31
Born	7/17/33, Meadville, Miss.
Height	5'9"
Weight	195 lbs.
Hair	Dark brown
Build	Medium to heavy
Complexion	Medium - dark

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date October 27, 1964

Mrs. CLYDE SEALE was interviewed at her residence by PETER R. DURLAND and LENARD A. WOLF who identified themselves to her as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Mrs. SEALE stated that her husband was working in a field near Meadville. At her request she was informed of the nature of the investigation being conducted by the Agents. She states she knew nothing regarding any beatings, bombings or any other violence which have occurred in connection with the racial situation in the general area. She stated that she did not think her husband CLYDE SEALE or her sons JAMES, DON and GENE SEALE are capable of doing anything bad or participating in violence of a serious nature for any reason. She stated that her son MYRON WAYNE SEALE, also known as JACK SEALE, was the only member of the family who might have been guilty of some things he should not have done.

Mrs. SEALE stated that she did not think the FBI or any other law enforcement agencies had the facts to "prove anything" against JACK or any other members of her family.

On 10/26/64 at Meadville, Mississippi
by SA PETER R. DURLAND and
SA LENARD A. WOLF : RLC

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FORD O'NEAL, Investigator, Identification Bureau of the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol, confidentially advised SAs WILLIAM F. DUKES and THOMPSON BERRY WEBB on October 20, 1964 of the results of contact of a confidential informant of the MHSP:

Investigator D. B. CROCKETT of the MHSP reported that on the night of October 13, 1964 the informant reported as follows:

Members of the United Klan of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan are ERNEST FINLEY, JACK SEALE, EDDIE MC DANIEL, L. C. MURRY, LENNIE SCHUCHS, THOMAS YOUNG, TOMMY JONES and PAUL FOSTER. Exalted Cyclops, this group having pulled away from another Klan group as a result of the NOSSER brothers joining the Klan.

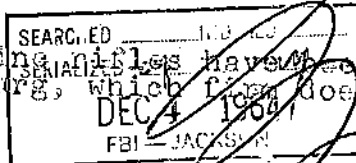
Informant reported that MYRON WAYNE "JACK" SEALE, L. C. MURRY and JAMES SEALE bombed MAYOR JOHN NOSSER'S Home, as well the residence of WILLIE WASHINGTON. Further, it was reported that shortly before the NOSSER bombing, a brown 1963 or 1964 Chevrolet and a white Volkswagon were seen circling the block around the mayor's home. Informant reported that his source of this information came from a member of the Klan, who is a friend of the NOSSERS.

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

It was informant's information that JACK SEALE had set fire to the Negro Union Hall in Natchez, Miss, after members of SEALE's group learned that COFO workers were meeting in this hall..

Informant advised that ERNEST PARKER, a well fixed financially man in the area, has been flying dynamite or explosives into the area from some place in Texas, via his personal four-place plane. PARKER has a landing strip on an island he owns, and possibly has a place on his farm where he can land also. Machine guns, determined to have defective barrels, can be purchased for \$150 each from the same location as where the explosives are obtained in Texas. Informant was of the opinion he could obtain the location in Texas, and further that if the explosives are stored in Adams County, they would be hidden on the farm of PARKER.

Reportedly a large number of carbine rifles have been purchased at a war surplus store in Vicksburg, which firm does not maintain record of serial numbers.



Members of the Mississippi National Guard have in the past furnished carbine ammunition as well as some hand grenades, however informant did not know the identity of the Guard unit.

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Informant reported that there are approximately 50 members of the Fayette, Mississippi Klan, each having a Burp gun (grease gun) which they bring to their meetings. Some member of the group allegedly went to Missouri and obtained these guns, returning them in his car.

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

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

Investigator O'NEAL contacted the informant on the morning of October 17, 1964 at which time it was reported:

Informant did not know the identity of the owner of the 1963 or 1964 Brown Chevrolet observed circling the block the night of the bombing of the Mayor's home. He reported that JAMES SEALE owns the white Volkswagon.

With reference to the hand grenades previously mentioned, informant explained that several months ago DOUGLAS BYRD brought a suitcase into CHARLES JAMES' Service Station containing Klan robes, left the robes for klansmen to pickup. The suitcase contained two handgrenades which CHARLES JAMES placed in his safe for BYRD.

Informant reported that the night marshal in Fayette is a member of the KKK there, name unknown, meeting place unknown, and identified another member of the group not by name but as the operator of the Shell Service Station north of the Chevrolet company in Fayette.

In addition to the war surplus store in Vicksburg, he stated that there is a similar store across the street from the Heidelberg Hotel garage in Jackson, Miss. that will sell rifles, pistols and ammunition.

Informant reported that while he has never seen the explosives used by klansmen that he understands it is a liquid when poured on the floor of a building and lighted it will explode and leave no odor or other trace. It allegedly is obtained from the paper mill in Natchez.

Imperial Wizard SAM BOWERS, operator of SAMBO MUSIC CENTER

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Laurel, Mississippi stated in a Klan meeting about the time of the Philadelphia, Miss. incident "Let's get the heat off Philadelphia" and soon after the churches in Adams County were burned. This statement was made at a county meeting.

A man named DAVIS, full name unknown but who operates a barber shop in Roxie, Miss., has a bad eye, tried to get the informant to help him do away with a Negro around Roxie which he refused to do.

Informant reported that ARCHIE CURTIS, the Negro undertaker was whipped by JACK SEALE, EARNEST PARKER, EARNEST FINLEY, and DOUGLAS BYRD.

On October 21, 1964, Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol (MHSP) Investigator FORD O'NEAL (NA), advised information had been received from a MHSP source that JACK and JAMES SEALE are close associates of ERNEST HENRY AVANTS, JAMES KENNETH GREER, JOHN WILLIAM BARBER, AND FRANK HYMAN THURMAN. O'NEAL advised that according to his source, AVANTS, GREER, BARBER and FRANK HYMAN THURMAN are allegedly involved in assault of victim PAYNE at Port Gibson, Mississippi, and that AVANTS, GREER and JACK SEALE allegedly are involved in the shooting into the automobile of PAYNE and GREENE near Fayette, Mississippi.

O'NEAL advised that his department was anxious to apprehend and prosecute the subjects involved in both the shooting into the car and the assault at Port Gibson in an effort to stop the bombings and attacks in the Natchez area and specifically to penetrate the hard core Klan group believed responsible for violence in the area. O'NEAL requested any information the Bureau might have which would facilitate their identification of these individuals and the issuance of local warrants. Accordingly, O'NEAL was furnished information as to the involvement of AVANTS, GREER, BARBER and THURMAN as reflected in Jackson file 44-406, including admissions by subjects and photograph identification by victim.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date October 26, 1964

MYRON WAYNE SEALE was arrested at his residence, 172 Booker Road, Natchez, at 8:50 a.m., October 23, 1964, by the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol (MHSP) on charge of Assault and Battery - Intent to Murder. Immediately after the arrest SEALE furnished a written consent to search his residence to Agents RAYMOND STOELTING, PETER R. DURLAND and MHSP Investigators T. P. NAYLOR and NAT Z. TROUTT. Mrs. MYRON SEALE was present during the subsequent search and prior to the search furnished a written consent to the same, to Investigator T. P. NAYLOR.

The search of the SEALE residence with attached utility room was made by Special Agents DURLAND, STOELTING and Investigators NAYLOR and TROUTT from 9:00 a.m. to 10:05 a.m. At the conclusion of the search Mrs. SEALE signed a release made out by Investigator NAYLOR of the following items found during the search which were taken for examination by the MHSP in connection with the arrest:

I. Front Closet Off Living Room

- A. J. C. Higgins Model 20, .12 gauge pump shotgun with serial number 58361
- B. Bolt action modified 30-06 rifle with Army style sling and rubber "White Line" recoil pad. A Weaver K-4 telescopic sight was mounted on the rifle.
- C. .30 caliber U.S. Army carbine with sling with loaded magazine, Underwood rifle with serial number 2681611.

II. Hanging on Wall Tree in Corner of Room Off Kitchen

- A. Brown leather gun belt filled with 30-06 ammunition. Hanging on the belt an ivory handled hunting knife with approximately four-inch blade.

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III. Main Bedroom With Two Closets and Bath

- A. In second drawer from top of chest of drawers in corner of room near bathroom one pair of Peerless handcuffs, serial number 197146. No keys observed.
- B. Plastic bag containing ten used cartridge cases, .357 Magnum and seven loaded rounds for .357 Magnum. Also two loaded rounds for loaded caliber carbine, 9 cartridge cases (expended) of Luger ammunition and one round of .32 caliber ammunition. This plastic bag was in a large white woman's purse with flower pattern which was on a shelf in the first of two closets to the left as you enter the main bedroom. This closet held womens clothes.

IV. Utility Room at Rear of Carport Attached to House

Following loaded ammunition was obtained, all of which was located on one shelf in the utility room.

5 boxes of 30-06 Remington #6430 ammunition, 180 grain, soft point.

.22 full box

2 boxes (30 rounds to box) of Remington 30 caliber carbine ammunition #1030, 110 grain.

2 boxes (50 to box) of 38 caliber special reloads.

1 box Remington .38 caliber Smith & Wesson ammunition (50 rounds to box).

2 boxes .12 gauge Remington #6 shot shotgun ammunition (24 to box)

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1 carbine magazine loaded with 30 caliber ammunition.

On the same shelf was found one bayonette with scabbard marked "USM 8".

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Date October 26, 1964

MYRON WAYNE SEALE was interviewed in the office of the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol, Jackson, Mississippi. At the outset of the interview SEALE was advised by SA COLLINS that he did not have to make any statement, and that any statement he did make could be used against him in a court of law. He was advised that he had the right to consult an attorney before making any statement.

MYRON WAYNE SEALE advised that he is much better known as "JACK" SEALE. He stated that he was born on September 4, 1926, Brookhaven, Mississippi. He stated he completed the eleventh grade in high school at Meadville, Mississippi, and stated he married DELORES MAE DEINES in Portland, Oregon, on March 1, 1947. He stated that he has the following children:

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SEALE stated that since February, 1963 he and his family have resided at 172 Booker Street, Natchez, Mississippi, with telephone number 21429. SEALE stated that he bought this dwelling with \$800 downpayment, and that he makes a monthly payment of \$100 to the Building and Loan Company, Natchez, Mississippi.

SEALE stated that his father is CLYDE SEALE, age 62. His mother is AUDREY MC CALL SEALE, age 59. SEALE has three brothers; namely:

JOE EUGENE SEALE, better known as GENE, age 28,
high school graduate

JAMES FORD SEALE, age 26, did not finish high school

On 10/23/64 at Jackson, Mississippi

by SA PATRICK J. COLLINS and
SA LENARD A. WOLF : RLC

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CLYDE DON: SEALE, age 24, did not finish high school.

SEALE stated that he currently owns and operates the Sanitation Service Company, a garbage collection firm in Natchez, Mississippi. SEALE stated that he operates this business with one truck, a 1958 two ton Chevrolet, silver in color with a blue cab. SEALE employs one driver, a male Negro named FLOYD JOHNSON. SEALE has been in this business about six years in Natchez. He stated that his income is between \$8,000 and \$9,000 per year in this business. SEALE stated that he charges his customers \$1.50 per month for the garbage pickup service. The pickup is made once a week. SEALE advised that for two years before going into the sanitation business he worked in the oil fields in Louisiana starting as a "roustabout" and terminating this career as a "pumper". SEALE stated his employment prior to the oil business was in Portland, Oregon. He stated that for seven years he worked for his father-in-law, HENRY DIENES. He stated DIENES operates a sanitation service in Portland, Oregon. From 1948-50 SEALE was in the Merchant Marine as an oiler sailing out of Portland, Oregon. From October, 1944 to December, 1947 he was in the U.S. Navy, Navy Serial Number 722707, with the rank of Fireman First Class.

SEALE advised that before residing at his present dwelling he resided at 403 Brookley Street, Natchez, Miss., for four years. Prior to that he resided at Barataria, Louisiana for two years. While in Portland, Oregon, he resided at approximately five different street addresses. Prior to his entry into the U.S. Navy SEALE resided with his father in Meadville, Mississippi.

SEALE further advised that he has been arrested twice in his life. His first arrest was while he was in the U.S. Navy at Portland, Oregon. He stated he was arrested for Assault and Battery on a shore patrolman. SEALE was incarcerated in the brig for 48 days prior to being court martialed.

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SEALE stated that at his court martial he was found not guilty. He advised when he was residing in Portland, Oregon, he was once arrested for speeding and reckless driving and was fined an unrecalled amount of money.

SEALE stated that his closest associate in Natchez is ERNEST PARKER. He stated that he considers ERNEST PARKER to be his best friend and that they hunt and fish together frequently. He further stated that he often goes with PARKER in PARKER's airplane. He stated PARKER has a four-seater plane which is white with red stripes. He stated PARKER is a very cautious pilot. PARKER and SEALE usually fly from Natchez up to "Palmyra" which SEALE described as an island on the Mississippi river. He stated that this is a 35,000 acre island and that PARKER owns 25,000 acres of the island. PARKER has at least 500 head of cattle on this island and SEALE and PARKER often fly up to the island to take care of these cattle. He stated that sometimes they drive up to the island or to Talulah, Mississippi, where they visit friends. He stated that ERNEST PARKER and his brother LEE PARKER own a large barge which they can take out to the island. He stated that last summer while bringing a truck with 26 head of cattle from the island to the mainland, the barge tilted, causing the cattle and the truck to go overboard. PARKER and SEALE dived in the river and attached a chain to the truck on the bottom; thereby later dragging the truck out of the river. SEALE stated that PARKER has several Jeep "Scouts" on the island which they drive around the island. He stated that he barely knows ERNEST PARKER's wife, MARY ODIE PARKER.

SEALE stated he is also a very close friend of Mr. DORIS SULLIVAN who operates the Culligan Water Softener business in Natchez.

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SEALE advised that he is also very friendly with Sheriff ODELL ANDERS. He stated that ANDERS and he went to school together at a logging camp school many years ago. He stated that he knows CHARLES EDWARDS very well and that he has spent a lot of time with CHARLES EDWARDS. SEALE is very friendly with ERNEST FINLEY and stated that both he and FINLEY manage a Little League baseball team. SEALE is acquainted with a DOUGLAS BYRD whom he states he has known well for about six months. DOUGLAS BYRD rents his home from ERNEST PARKER. SEALE is well acquainted with JAMES L. McKINNEY.

SEALE made available the following items which were in his billfold:

1. City Bank & Trust Co. check dated 10/4/64, for \$3.00, made payable to JACK SEALE and signed Mrs. JAMES E. WRIGHT. This check was returned marked "insufficient funds".
2. Social Security Card for MYRON W. SEALE, Box 423, Barataria, Louisiana, #427-38-1418.
3. State of Mississippi Dept. of Public Safety, Driver License Division receipt #C123963, for one year renewal of commercial license.
Name - MYRON WAYNE SEALE
Address - 172 Booker Rd.
License No. - "Lost"
Total Fee - \$4.75
Date - 9/28/64
4. Business cards of M. W. "JACK" SEALE, Sanitary Service, Phone 2-1429, 403 Brooklyn Drive, Natchez, Miss.
5. State of Mississippi Dept. of Public Safety, Driver License Division receipt #E173192 for duplicate license
Name - MYRON WAYNE SEALE
Address - 172 Booker Rd.
License No. - "Lost"
Total Fee - \$1.25
Date - 9/28/64

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6. State of Mississippi commercial license #106679 for MYRON W. SEALE, 172 Booker Rd., Natchez.
Born -9/4/26
Race -White
Sex -Male
Eyes -Blue
Hair -Brown
Weight -190
Height -5'10"
Expires -9/30/65
7. Membership Card Northeast Louisiana Restaurant Club issued to M. W. (JACK) SEALE as a non-voting member of this club.
8. Membership Card National Congress of Parents and Teachers, Natchez Morgantown PTA, dated 10/6/64.

SEALE advised that he knew the following individuals since they were customers of his sanitation service:

ALTON ROBERTS
MARTIN GREER
ERNEST AVANTS

SEALE denied being involved in the shooting of the COFO workers' car near Fayette, Mississippi, on November 2, 1963. When asked where he was around 11:00 a.m. on that date he stated that he did not remember. He advised that he had previously told an FBI Agent where he was on that date. SA WOLF told him that he had previously told SA CLARENCE G. PROSPERE that he was home on that morning until 12:00 noon. SEALE then stated that whatever he told SA PROSPERE was apparently where he was at that time.

SEALE said he was against the bombings that had been occurring in Mississippi and that he is against racial violence. He said that he has been active in the Americans

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for the Preservation of the White Race (APWR) and that he has urged this organization to fight integration through politics and not through violence. He said that some people consider this group to be a front for the Ku Klux Klan (KKK) but that it is not.

SEALE denied being a Klan member and having any knowledge of Klan activities. He however stated that he had attended a public meeting of the Klan last summer, which was held at the park in Natchez and at which meeting ROBERT SHELTON and two preachers were the speakers.

SEALE stated that the local APWR organization covers all of Adams County and that the chairman was a Mr. TEMPLE. He stated that most of the members have now dropped out as they are afraid of being labeled as Klansmen. He said that APWR worked hard towards the election of Sheriff ANDERS and that he believes their work got the Sheriff elected.

SEALE was questioned about the bombing of Mayor JOHN NOSSER's home about a month ago and he said he thinks "niggers done it". He said that he had heard that the mayor had a falling out with the local Negroes. He stated that he believed the Mayor was in a bad position in that the whites called him a "nigger lover" and the Negroes called him a "nigger hater". He stated that the mayor had done a few things that got people mad at him. He said the mayor had changed the tax assessment method which resulted in increases for most people while he had an \$85,000 reduction on his own property. He stated the mayor also had the parking meters around his stores removed.

SEALE stated that the bombings and racial violence that had occurred around Natchez could have been stopped right at the start. He said that the Natchez Police Department and the Adams County Sheriff's Office did not do anything to stop the violence and apparently condoned it. He said that if they had taken action at the start of the violence it would not have continued.

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SEALE admitted that he had three guns at his home. He said one was a .30 caliber rifle he obtained through the National Rifle Association. He said he had built the stock up and mounted a scope on this rifle. He said one was a .30 caliber carbine he had obtained from a friend of his in the U.S. Navy. The third gun he stated was a pump shotgun he had purchased from Sears and Roebuck.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date October 26, 1964

On October 23, 1964, MYRON W. SEALE, 172 Booker Road, Natchez, Mississippi, was apprehended at his residence by DAVID BETHEA, Mississippi State Highway Patrol, on a warrant charging him with assault with intent to kill. Agents WOLF and COLLINS were present at the time of this arrest. Special Agents WOLF and COLLINS accompanied Officer BETHEA when he transported SEALE from Natchez to Jackson, Mississippi.

On 10/23/64 at Natchez, Mississippi

by SA PATRICK COLLINS and
SA LENARD A. WOLF/ RLC

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Date October 25, 1964

JAMES KENNETH GREER, Route 4, Box 101, Fenwick, Mississippi, was interviewed while in custody of the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol (MHSP) in the presence of SAM IVY, Identification Officer for the MHSP, in a continuation of the interview conducted by SA EDWARD R. PUTZ. GREER advised that he desired to furnish information pertaining to the organization and members of the various Ku Klux Klan (KKK) groups operating in Adams County, Mississippi.

GREER stated that to his knowledge there are three organizations presently operating in Adams County; one organization being the White Knights of the KKK of Mississippi of which he is an active member; the United KKK and the National KKK. GREER stated that in about June of 1964 the Mississippi KKK was broken into three different Klaverns within Adams County set up basically in the form of districts as to residence. He advised that in June of 1964 ERNEST HENRY AVANTS, who was a member of the Mississippi KKK and an active member of the Americans for the Preservation of the White Race (APWR), took it upon himself to start a feud within the various Klaverns of the Mississippi KKK. He states that at that time AVANTS was dissatisfied inasmuch as certain members of the organization were failing to pay dues and were creating an ill feeling among other members of the KKK, became intoxicated one night and at about 3:00 a.m. in the morning went to the Klavern headquarters located on Morgantown Road, Natchez, Mississippi, and shot the lock off the Klavern headquarters door with a .44 pistol and sprayed numerous bullets throughout the headquarters. He stated that this extremely upset the Klavern and that some of the members of the Mississippi Klan left this Klavern and joined the United KKK which is under the leadership in Natchez of ED McDANIEL.

On 10/22/64 at Jackson, Mississippi

by SA TIMOTHY M. CASEY : RLC

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He stated that the following individuals were dissatisfied, and were dissatisfied because the Mississippi KKK did not advocate forms of violence and as such, joined the United KKK. GREER states that these individuals advocate violence and are extremely strong segregationists

ERNEST FINLEY
FRANK S. GASTON
CHARLES L. JAMES
JEFF LUKE
CECIL ROBERTS

PAUL L. FOSTER
NELSON HANEY
TOMMY L. JONES
ED MC DANIEL
MYRON WAYNE SEALE

He stated that he believes the United Klan Klavern in Adams County consists of less than 100 members; however, the only known active members in the Klavern to him are those mentioned above. GREER stated that he was one of the original members of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi which commenced organizing in about December 1963 in Adams County. He stated that at this time possibly numerous members of his organization were former members of the National KKK of Louisiana, and that a large group decided to withdraw from the National group and form their own organization within the state of Mississippi. He stated that in February of 1964 the KKK of Mississippi was drawn up and recruiting commenced. He stated that it was established that there would be three Klaverns within Adams County and one Exalted Cyclops and nine officers would be appointed for each Klavern. He stated that due to the action of AVANTS in shooting up the Klavern headquarters, he stated that he believes that at the present time there are only two active Klaverns remaining in Adams County and that the membership is less than 100 persons, and that their meetings are no longer held in any one location but at the homes of various individual members. He stated that at the time AVANTS shot up the Klavern headquarters the group was meeting at a block house on Morgantown Road in Natchez. However, to his knowledge, the Klavern has not met at this

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headquarters since that time. He stated that this property on which the Klavern headquarters was located was either leased or owned by NELSON HANEY.

GREER advised that the following individuals are either present or former members of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi:

ERNEST H. AVANTS, former member

JOHN WILLIAM BARBER, active member

J. W. BIRCHFIELD, former member, but left Klan when he obtained position as Constable

JOHN BOSTICK, active member

(First Names Unknown) BRITT, two brothers who were active members at one time but both believed inactive at present time

DOUGLAS BYRD, active member

"PEANUT" CARNELL, former active member who now may be member of United Klan

REGINALD CARTER, former member; no longer affiliated with organization

CALVIN CLARK, former member; no longer affiliated with organization

J. D. CRAWFORD, former member who left organization shortly after joining to take Constable position

(FNU) DeMARCO, active member

JOHN D. DRUETTA, former member who severed his affiliation with the organization

CLAUDE FULLER, active member

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ED FULLER, active member

SIDNEY HANEY, former member, not known to be active at present time

MARIO HERNANDEZ, former member who terminated his membership after two months

M. L. HOUSE, active member

JOE LOUIS, former member, not known to be presently affiliated with the organization

ALLEN MC CALLISTER, former member, not known to be active at present time

MARVIN MC KINNEY, former member, known to be out of Klan at present time

JAMES L. MC KINNEY, active member

CHARLES MARSHAL, former member, not known to be active at present time.

HENRY L. MOORE, active member; however, due to his employment has never been able to attend any of the KKK meetings.

ATLEY MOORE, former member who has left the Natchez area

(FNU) MURRAY, former member who is no longer member due to his employment as a member of the Natchez Police Department

R. L. PARKER III, former member, no longer active and only appeared at two meetings of the Klavern

ERNEST B. PARKER, former member and no longer active; however, may possibly be a member of the United Klan as he is a close associate of MYRON WAYNE SEALE.

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JOE PEOPLES, former member who may be associated with the United Klan

ALTON ROBERTS, former member who is a brother of CECIL ROBERTS

J. R. RANKIN, former member; no longer affiliated, who is a Deputy Sheriff, Adams County

GENE SEALE, former member and may still be member; however, possibly associated with a Klavern in Meadville, Mississippi.

WILLIE STROUD, former member who left membership due to his position on the Natchez Police Department

T. L. TORGERSEN, former member who may have associated himself with the United Klan

JIMMY WHITE, former member

J. G. WISNER, former member

BILLY L. WOOD, may presently be an active member

GREER stated that both the sons of Mayor JOHN NOSSER were former members of the Mississippi KKK; however he has no knowledge of Mayor NOSSER ever associating with this Klan.

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Date October 24, 1964

JOHN WILLIAM BARBER, 20 Beachwood Lane, Natchez, Mississippi, was interviewed at the office of the Automobile Theft Bureau, Mississippi Highway Patrol station, Jackson, Mississippi, in the presence of Mississippi Highway Patrol Investigator, C. L. HUTCHINSON. He was advised that he did not have to make a statement; that any statement made by him could be used against him in a court of law, and that he was entitled to consult an attorney of his own choice before making any statement. He stated at the outset he did not plan on making any written statement.

BARBER advised that on or about October 31, 1963, he was at a point on East Franklin Street near Orange Avenue across the street from a Tenneco service station in Natchez. At this time, which was in the afternoon, he met a friend, FRANK THURMAN who was in the company of two other friends, ERNEST AVANTS and JAMES GREER. He advised that GREER and AVANTS got into a white and black 1956 Oldsmobile and that THURMAN got into his car. He described his car as a 1959 Ford, creme over pink.

BARBER further stated that while parked at the above described location, he observed a white boy come out of a house occupied by a Catholic priest. He observed this white boy get into a gray Corvair with a Connecticut license. He stated that he followed AVANTS and GREER who were following the Corvair for a few blocks when the white boy stopped at the home of a Negro. He was unable to state who lived at the house, but he states he observed the white boy look in his direction and make some kind of remark about "You SOB's following me".

Following this, they returned to a point across the street from the priest's house and parked for about 15 minutes.

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He advised they observed the same Corvair return to the priest's house and the same white male enter the house. Shortly thereafter he observed this person come out of the house with some papers in his hands and got back into his Corvair. He again drove to the Negro's house and parked. BARBER stated that he and THURMAN along with GREER and AVANTS followed the Corvair but did not stop on this occasion. After circling the block and returning to the Negro's house, he saw the Corvair going in the direction of U.S. Highway 61 North.

According to BARBER, the two cars followed the Corvair to Port Gibson, Mississippi, where the Corvair stopped at a service station.

BARBER advised he parked his car on the opposite side of the street and observed a Negro male and a Negro female and the white boy they had followed all standing beside the Corvair talking. He then observed a scuffle but stated that from where he was standing he was unable to see exactly what happened. He saw either GREENE or AVANTS "swing" at some of this group but stated he does not know if any blows were actually struck. Following this, he stated he and his friends returned to Natchez.

With reference to his knowledge of Klansmen, he denied that he is a member of any Klan group and denied he knew any person in Natchez who is a member. He stated he has heard that about 1500 people in the Natchez area are Klansmen, but could furnish no information as to his source of information.

According to BARBER, he was approached several months ago to join the Klan but denied he knew the identity of the person who approached him. He stated he is a member of the Americans for the Preservation of the White Race (APWR) and joined this organization a year ago. He also stated that this organization is very strong in the Natchez area and was organized in Natchez. He denied that he has attended any meetings in recent months. He also stated that

when he first joined this organization, his "boss" almost fired him and his "boss" later joined himself. He declined to identify his "boss".

He admitted that during the Summer of 1964, he attended a public meeting at the ball park in Natchez and heard ROBERT SHELTON make a talk concerning the Klan. At this meeting he obtained Klan literature and took it home with him. He admitted he was in agreement with all statements made by SHELTON.

With reference to his associates in Natchez, he mentioned the following persons: JACK and JAMES SEALE, ERNEST AVANTS, CALVIN CLARK and JIMMY WHITE. He stated he first knew JACK SEALE during the time SEALE picked up garbage at his home.

According to BARBER, he has known AVANTS four or five years and contacts him at the Bar-B-Que Grill on Highway 61 North. He stated he plays poker with CALVIN CLARK and has known him for several years.

He identified JIMMY WHITE, operator of White's Esso Station, Highway 61 South, Natchez, as his closest associate.

When questioned concerning his knowledge of the beating of ROY BEESON in February, 1964, he stated he heard about the beating and stated it was a common knowledge in Natchez that it had occurred. He denied any connection with the beating and claims he knows nothing about the identities of the persons involved. He stated that he is familiar with the reason that BEESON was whipped and added that just prior to the beating, he, BARBER, was riding in the Mississippi Highway Patrol car with Patrolman LAVON ROBERTSON when they observed ROY BEESON driving on Highway 84, about 12 miles from Fenwick, Mississippi.

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He further advised concerning his associates, that MARVIN McKINNEY is a good friend and that he has known him for the past three or four years and often visits his home.

He stated he knows ERNEST PARKER, but is not a close friend.

With reference to the recent bombing of Mayor NOSSER's house, he is of the opinion that it was done by a Negro, but he could furnish no information in this regard. He explained that Mayor NOSSER allowed the open meeting to be held when SHELTON spoke at the Klan meeting, but he refused to allow the Negroes to use the same ball park for a civil rights meeting.

He claimed he knows of no other incidents involving violence in the Natchez area and volunteered that he was "certain" that the acts which have been committed, were not done with the authority of the Klan.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date October 24, 1964

ERNEST HENRY AVANTS, Route 1, Box 75-A, Highway 61 North, Natchez, Mississippi, was interviewed by Officer J. Y. THOMAS of the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol (MHSP) and in the presence of SA TIMOTHY M. CASEY, JR., at which time AVANTS, after being advised that any information he desired to furnish would be voluntary on his part and that statements made by him may be used in a court of law and that he had the right to obtain an attorney prior to making any statement, furnished the following information pertaining to his knowledge of the activities of the Ku Klux Klan (KKK) in Adams County, Mississippi:

AVANTS said that he is not a member of the United KKK, the National KKK or the Mississippi KKK and stated that he has never been a member of any of the above organizations. AVANTS stated that he would be willing to furnish the identities of individuals whom he believed possibly members in any of the above organizations and as such advised that the following individuals to his belief are members of one of the above organizations:

ERNEST FINLEY, is now a member of the United Klan and is a close associate of MYRON WAYNE SEALE, also known as JACK SEALE, and is, in AVANTS' opinion, one of the leaders of the United group.

PAUL L. FOSTER, a member of the United group and former member of the Mississippi KKK and considered one of the leaders in the United KKK.

FRANK S. GASTON, former member of the Mississippi KKK, now an active leader in the United KKK.

(FNU) HANEY "OLE MAN", custodian of building where the Mississippi KKK formerly held their meetings on Morgantown Road, Natchez, Mississippi, and believed to be now active in United KKK.

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CHARLES E. JAMES, a former member of the KKK who is now one of the leaders of the United KKK; has a brother on the Natchez Police Department.

TOMMY L. JONES, former member of the Mississippi KKK; now one of the active members in the United KKK.

^{DANIEL}
ED MC DONALD, open active leader of the United KKK at Natchez, Mississippi. MC DONALD has written letters to editor of local newspaper at Natchez promoting the organization of the United KKK in Adams County.

CECIL ROBERTS, former member of the Mississippi KKK who about the time of the bombing of Mayor JOHN NOSSER's residence at Natchez, departed from Natchez to the state of Alabama. Roberts was a member of the United KKK prior to his departure for Alabama. ROBERTS was employed by CHARLES E. JAMES, one of the active members of the United KKK prior to his departure for Alabama.

✓ MYRON WAYNE SEALE, also known as JACK SEALE, former member of the Mississippi KKK and one of the most active leaders at the present time of the United KKK in Adams County. SEALE would at present possibly be in possession of dynamite which he (AVANTS) believed to have been received from the United Klan at McComb, Mississippi, in the recent past.

According to AVANTS, the above-named individuals are all active members of the United KKK in Adams County and all are capable, according to him, of utilizing violence to accomplish their ends in the segregation issue at hand.

AVANTS advised that during the Spring of 1964 in a fit of anger while intoxicated he, by himself, went to the Mississippi KKK meeting house on Morgantown Road and shot up the building with a .44 caliber pistol. AVANTS said he does not know the extent of the damage inflicted by his shooting at the Klan house but he feels that this incident

led to all of the above individuals leaving the Mississippi Klan and joining the United Klan. AVANTS stated that he would not furnish the information as to why there was the break-up in the Mississippi Klan and that his shooting up of the Klan house was for personal reasons which he did not wish to discuss.

AVANTS said he has heard from various sources that members of the United Klan have made statements to the effect that "they are going to hang me if they get a chance". AVANTS stated that the members mentioned above of the United Klan are "vicious".

AVANTS advised that although he is not a member of the KKK, "I'll have to fight for what the KKK stands for". He stated that he has a quantity of ammunition and explosions in his possession, however, stated that he would not furnish any information as to their whereabouts to any investigative agency, either Federal or State.

AVANTS advised that he has no knowledge of any individuals involved in any of the acts of violence committed outside Adams County.

In addition to the above information furnished, he furnished the following information when questioned as to various individual names.

CLAUDE FULLER - On one occasion some Negroes shot at him and set his car on fire.

ED FULLER - Operates juke joint, Natchez, Mississippi

EDWIN B. KNOX - member of the Americans for the Preservation of the White Race (APWR)

ALLEN MC CALLISTER - "scared of his shadow"

CHARLES MARSHAL (believed to reside in Meridian), was involved

in automobile wreck near Fenwick which wreck was investigated by Officer Beasley of the MHSP who recovered two Klan robes in MARSHAL's car.

R. L. PARKER III and ERNEST B. PARKER (brothers) - extremely wealthy individuals. Own an island outside of Vicksburg. AVANTS has hunted on several occasions on this island.

J. G. WISNER (Negro) - AVANTS said Negroes killed his brother.

BILLY L. WOOD - Shot a Negro at HAYWOOD DRANE's place.

AVANTS stated that he did not work at the International Paper Company on September 24 or 25, 1964, however, went to work at 7:00 a.m. on September 26, 1964, and worked the 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. shift. He said that he heard about the bombing of Mayor NOSSER's house while at work on September 26, 1964. He stated that he could not recall his whereabouts on the previous evening; however, he believes he was at his residence.

AVANTS advised that he ordinarily reads the newspaper prior to going to work, however, could not recall on this morning of reading about the bombing of Mayor NOSSER's home and as best he recalls, somebody mentioned the bombing to him at work.

AVANTS said he believed the bombing was done by one of the members of the United KKK. He stated he possibly has a good idea who may have done the bombing but declined to furnish any names.

AVANTS stated he would not furnish a signed statement as to the facts set forth above.

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Sheriff ODELL ANLERS, Adams County, Mississippi, was interviewed at the County Jail at Natchez. He advised that he very recently obtained information from a member of the Klan and that he has promised this person "immunity". He stated that as far as he knows this Klansman was not actually involved in beatings and shootings in the Natchez area, but certain of those persons who are responsible for these acts have admitted to him that they were involved. He stated that there is no way of proving this since the only persons who have knowledge of the acts are the persons themselves. He also added that the victims of the assaults could not identify those involved since in some cases the persons wore hoods.

He stated that his source told him that a Negro, ARCHIE CURTIS, was severely whipped with a "bull whip" about May, 1964. He identified CURTIS as a Negro undertaker from Natchez. According to his source, this was committed by ERNEST FINLEY, ERNEST PARKER and JACK SEALE.

In addition to the above, he stated that the same persons were responsible for the bombing of the Mayor's house on September 25, 1964.

He explained that his source told him that ED McDANIEL, former head of the Natchez Klan was on the political side of the Chief of Police of Natchez in opposition to Mayor NOSSER. After Mayor NOSSER's two sons, JOE and GEORGE NOSSER were taken into the Klan it brought about a split in the Klan, in that many members were opposed to their being accepted.

This opposition group included McDANIEL, EARNEST SEALE, and others believed responsible for the violence in the area. He also stated that at the time of the bombing of

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SA PETER R. DURLAND/r/c

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Mayor NOSSER's house, ED McDANIEL was in the police car about a block away with the Chief of Police.

He also stated that shortly prior to the bombing, NOSSER's two sons were reportedly responsible for passing out leaflets around Natchez accusing the Chief of Police of living with Negro women and other immoral acts. The Mayor and the Chief of Police have been strong political enemies since the last election. He explained that Mayor NOSSER was attempting to abolish Civil Service within the police department.

With respect to other acts of violence he stated that sometime last year, a car operated by "civil rights workers" was fired into at Fayette, Mississippi. He stated that according to his source, the shooting was done by JACK and JAMES SEALE with a .38 caliber pistol. He stated that JAMES SEALE has kept this pistol hidden until recent weeks and at the present time is carrying this pistol. He stated that the gun could also possibly be at his home. According to Sheriff ANDERS, JAMES SEALE presently lives in Franklin County, Mississippi.

With respect to the dynamiting of the "Blue Flame" at Bude, Mississippi, approximately three months ago, his source identified JAMES SEALE and others as being responsible.

He said that JACK SEALE sometime during 1963, attempted to burn a church and a lodge hall in Natchez. He has no details at this time concerning this act.

He stated he would obtain more details and make same available at a later date.

Sheriff ANDERS stated that he has no knowledge whatsoever that any of the above group or any others in the Natchez area have killed any Negroes, as a result of the racial situation.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date October 22, 1964

On October 22, 1964, Investigator GWIN COLE signed an affidavit before Justice of the Peace THOMAS O'QUINN charging the individuals named below with assault and battery with intent to kill and murder, in connection with the November 2, 1963 shooting into the car occupied by BRUCE LLOYD PAYNE and GEORGE GREENE near Fayette, Mississippi:

ERNEST HENRY AVANTS;
JAMES KENNETH GREER; and
MYRON WAYNE "JACK" SEALE

On the same date Judge O'QUINN issued a Bench Warrant charging the three persons named above with assault and battery with intent to kill and murder.

The above charges were based on Section 2011, Mississippi Code (Ann.) 1942, Assault and Battery - Intent to Kill. The maximum penalty under this section is imprisonment in the penitentiary for not more than ten years or a fine of not more than \$10,000 or imprisonment in the county jail for not more than one year or both.

On 10/22/64 at Fayette, Mississippi

by SA WILLIAM F. DUKES and
Investigator GWIN COLE, MHSP / RLC

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RACIAL MATTERS

During the course of investigation at Natchez in regard to Klan activities membership, bombings, burnings, etc., the following named persons were developed who have or are believed to have affiliations with the Klan and its activities. 157 classification cases have been opened in the Jackson Division on these individuals.

New Orleans is requested to check indices on these persons and either summarize any information located, or, if circumstances so indicate, forward the file in which the individuals' name appears to the Jackson Division.

BUFORD ASHLEY, white male, residence Meadville, Mississippi, JN 157-957.

ERNEST HENRY AVANTS, white male, Date of birth 1/23/31, Lincoln County, Mississippi, JN 157-958.

BILLY BUCKLES, white male, residence Oldenberg Road, Meadville, Mississippi, Jn 157-945

DOUGLAS A. BYRD, white male, residence Natchez, Mississippi, JN 157-14

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ROBERT LEE PARKER, III, white male, approximately 45, residence Route 1, Tallulah, Louisiana, JN 157-690.

ARCHIE PRATHER, white male, approximately 68, residence Route 2, Meadville, Mississippi, JN 157-1038.

F. J. RATCLIFF, white male, employed Armstrong Tire Company, Natchez, Mississippi, JN 157-1451.

L. P. RUSHING, white male, residence Pine Ridge Road, Natchez, Mississippi, JN 157-892.

CLYDE SEALE, white male, approximate age 62, residence Route 2, Meadville, Mississippi, JN 157-951.

CLYDE DONALD SEALE, white male, approximate age 24, residence Route 2, Meadville, Mississippi, JN 157-961.

WILLARD EUGENE SEALE, white male, date of birth 9/12/32, Meadville, Mississippi, JN 157-949.

MYRON WAYNE "JACK" SEALE, white male, date of birth 9/4/26, Brookhaven, Mississippi, JN 157-815.

JAMES FORD SEALE, white male, age 26, residence Route 2, Meadville, Mississippi, JN 157-950.

DENNIS (MNU) SMITH, white male, age 30 to 32, Route 2, Meadville, Mississippi, JN 157-1039.

JOHN (MNU) SMITH, white male, approximately 50, wife LAVERY, employed International Paper Company, Natchez, residence Route 3, Box 9, Natchez, Mississippi, JN 157-1446.

ROLLAND THORNTON, white male, approximately 30, residence Route 5, Brookhaven, Mississippi, occupation, carpenter, JN 157-1445.

CLYDE WENTWORTH, white male, residence, Meadville, Mississippi, occupation, painter, JN 157-955.

BILLY L. WOOD, white male, age 27 or 28, Kingston Road, Kingston, Mississippi, employed Armstrong Corporation, Natchez, Mississippi, JN 157-987.

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THOMAS EDGAR YOUNG, white male, date of birth 6/28/24,
Natchez, Mississippi, employed Armstrong Corporation, Natchez,
Mississippi, JN 157-994.

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Battery Charge Against Countian Is Dismissed

NATCHEZ — Assault and battery with intent to kill charges against M. W. (Jack) Seale were dismissed in Jefferson county Saturday. He is a former Franklin Countian.

The charges, filed by FBI and Miss. Highway Patrol officers, were dismissed when a preliminary hearing was called before Justice of the Peace C. J. O'Quinn in the Church Hill district of Jefferson county.

William Riley, Natchez attorney, represented Mr. Seale.

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FBI Seizes Weapons From Natchez Man

NATCHEZ (AP) — The FBI and Mississippi Highway Patrol disclosed Saturday agents seized a cache of weapons, ammunition and knives following the arrest of a fifth Natchez man in the attack on two civil rights workers.

Officers said with the exception of two pistols, all of the weapons and ammunition came from the home of Myron Seale. Seale became the fifth Natchez man arrested in connection with the beating of a Negro and white civil rights workers at Port Gibson a year ago.

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Edition: Daily
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Editor: T.M. Hederman
Title: Myron Seale

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SMALL 'ARSENAL' SEIZED AFTER ARREST IN NATCHEZ

NATCHEZ, Miss. (Special) — The FBI and State Highway Patrol officials of Natchez Friday uncovered a collection of weapons and ammunition here which included high powered automatic rifles, pistols, hunting knives, a shotgun and a large quantity of ammunition.

With the exception of two pistols, all of the weapons and ammunition came from the home of M. W. "Jack" Seale, arrested Friday morning and who was charged with assault and battery in connection with an assault on two civil rights workers near Port Gibson on Oct. 31 of 1963. Seale was the fifth Natchez man charged in the assault. Four others were arrested Thursday.

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Jackson Daily News

Jackson, Miss.

Date: 10/24/64
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Fifth White Man Arrested Today At Natchez

JACKSON, Miss. (UPI) — A fifth white man was arrested today at Natchez in connection with beating a civil righter and firing at his car last October.

The man was identified by the Highway Patrol and the FBI as Myron Wayne Jack Seale, father of three children, and was charged with assault with intent to kill.

Like the others arrested yesterday, Seale was brought here by the Highway Patrol, which has joined with federal agents in a crackdown on racial violence in the state.

Picked up yesterday were Ernest Henry Avants, 34; Frank Hyman Thurman, 30; John William Barber, 33; and James Kenneth Greer, 33.

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

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Meridian Star

Meridian, Miss.

Date: 10/23/64

Edition: Daily

Author:

Editor: Jas H. Skewes

Title: Myron Wayne Jack Seale

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
M E M O R A N D U M

TO: SAC, JACKSON (157-63)

DATE: 10/12/64

RKM
FROM: SA CLARENCE G. PROSPERE
SA

WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
OF MISSISSIPPI
RM

Informant:	[FOIA b(7) - (D)]
Date of Report:	9/30/64
Dates of Activity:	9/24 - 29/64
Date Received:	9/30/64
Location of Original Information:	[FOIA b(7) - (D)]

On 9/30/64 [FOIA b(7) - (D)] who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished the following to SA CLARENCE G. PROSPERE:

EXTREME CARE SHOULD BE USED IN DISSEMINATING THIS INFORMATION SINCE IT MIGHT DISCLOSE THE INFORMANT'S IDENTITY AND PLACE HIS LIFE IN JEOPARDY.

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(2 - 157-471) (United Klans of America, Knights of KKK)

- [FOIA b(7) - (D)]
- (1 - 157-54) (KKK, Hinds Co., Miss.)
 - (1 - 157-new) (Pricedale Unit, U. K. of America)
 - (1 - 157-353) (KKK, Pike County)
 - (1 - 157-584) (KKK, Activity, Lincoln County)
 - (1 - 157-) (Brookhaven Unit #1)
 - (1 - 157-) (KKK, Hencks Retreat Unit, Lincoln Co.)

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(1 - 157-) (Cobb Unit, Lincoln County)
(1 - 157-) (KKK, Adams County)
(1 - 157-534) (KKK, Harrison County)
(1 - 157-) (KKK, Jackson County)
(1 - 157-456) (KKK, Pearl River Co.)
(1 - 157-1050) (BUDDY NEWMAN)
(1 - 157-) (COFO)
(1 - 157-568) (KKK, Amite County)
(1 - 157-212) (KKK, Washington Co.)
(1 - 157-) (KKK, Walthall Co.)
(1 - 157-new) (KKK, Issaquena Co.)
(1 - 44-) (UNSUB, Dynamiting "Northside Reporter")
(1 - 157-1060) ((FNU) ANDING)
(1 - 157-361) (SHORTY BREELAND)
(1 - 157-) (ALTON BROWN)
(1 - 157-954) (BILLY BUCKLEY)
(1 - 157-) ((FNU) BREWER)
(1 - 157-) (CECIL E. BYRD)
(1 - 157-934) (LLOYD CASE)
(1 - 157-) ((FNU) DOLLARHIDE)
(1 - 157-) ((FNU) (SUMMIT) CASE)
(1 - 157-273) (J. N. FOSTER)
(1 - 157-294) (J. N. FOSTER)
(1 - 157-787) (ERNEST FINLEY)
(1 - 157-786) (ERNEST FINLEY)
(1 - 157-939) (PAUL FOSTER)
(1 - 157-1007) ((DR.) MACK HENNINGTON)
(1 - 157-608) (A. C. HERRINGTON)
(1 - 157-) ((FNU) HICKMAN)
(1 - 157-946) (JULIUS HARPER)
(1 - 157-) (CHARLES E. JAMES)
(1 - 157-782) (TOMMY JONES)
(1 - 157-613) (TOMMY JONES)
(1 - 157-654) (DANIEL JONES)
(1 - 157-) ((FNU) LACEY)
(1 - 157-365) (JOHN MC GREGOR)
(1 - 157-) (NIPPER (SHERIFF, WALTHALL COUNTY)
(1 - 157-486) (EDDIE MC DANIEL)
(1 - 157-) (JOE NASSER)
(1 - 157-) (U. T. PURSER, aka U. P. PURCELL)
(1 - 157-) (GEORGE NASSER)

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(1 - 157-512) (ERNEST PARKER)
(1 - 157-) (REEVES (SUMMIT))
(1 - 157-) ((FNU) PENNINGTON)
(1 - 157-815) (JACK SEALE)
(1 - 157-) (RAY SMITH)
(1 - 157-) (HILTON DUNNAWAY)
(1 - 157-) (TOM THRASHER)
(1 - 157-) (RUDY TOLLISON)
(1 - 157-) ((FNU) VAUGHAN)
(1 - 157-) ((FNU) VARNADO)
(1 - 157-) (CHARLES WRIGHT)
(1 - 157-1002) (J. C. WHITTINGTON)

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RFD, Natchez, Miss.
9/30/64

Informant advised that A. C. HERRINGTON, Ruth, Miss., advised him that he, HERRINGTON, had met with a Pike County group of the UK of AM the night of 9/28/64 when this group advised they wanted a case of dynamite, some nitroglycerin and some hand grenades. This group stated they have been getting cooperation from some people in McComb. The group stated they have up a television pole and on top of a two-story brick house or building which is near the COFO headquarters on Wall Street in McComb, Miss., and that their purpose in climbing the television pole and getting on top of the building was to try to determine what was going on in the COFO headquarters at McComb.

Informant advised that A. C. HERRINGTON stated he knows how to run men in and out of McComb, Miss., because he knows where the auxiliary police set up their road blocks. He stated that one group was stopped by local authorities and they escaped into the woods, however, one man was arrested which necessitated his being released on bond.

Informant advised that on 9/29/64 he was at Crystal Springs, Miss., visiting with JULIUS HARPER when 3 men came to see HARPER. Informant identified these 3 individuals as V. T. PURSER, phone 832-2268, Gulfport, Miss.; Police Patrolman RUDY TOLLISON and a third individual whose identity was not determined. These 3 individuals advised they wanted state headquarters of the Klan to come to Gulfport, Miss., and inspect 5 buildings which were formerly a Mennonite school for wayward girls which is now used as COFO headquarters. These 3 individuals stated they did not want the buildings bombed but that they wanted to burn or stink COFO out with stink bombs.

It was pointed out by these 3 individuals that only 5 individuals on the Gulf Coast know of this plan.

Informant advised that JULIUS HARPER and E. S. GILBERT have been designated to go to the Gulf Coast the week of 10/4 thru 10/64 to check this out.

Informant advised that JOHN MC GREGOR, the Klan "tooter," propaganda chief, picked up the Klan "Ledgers" in Jackson, Miss. Informant advised that there are 2 printers in Jackson, Miss., who print material for the Klan but that as yet these printers have not been identified. Informant advised that the latest edition of the Klan "Ledger" has not yet been distributed.

Informant advised that the state meeting on 9/27/64 took place at the home of BILLY BUCKLES in Franklin County, Miss., and that next Sunday, 10/4/64, the state meeting will be held at the home of A. C. HERRINGTON, Ruth, Miss. Informant advised that those not in attendance at the meeting which took place at the home of BILLY BUCKLES were JULIUS HARPER and JOHN MC GREGOR. It was reported that JULIUS HARPER was sick with ulcers.

Informant advised that at the state meeting at the home of BILLY BUCKLES on 9/27/64 it was brought out that if any action is taken by the Klan against the COFO headquarters on the Gulf Coast which is located in the old Mennonite School for Wayward Girls that arrangements have been made for an electrician, name unknown, to cut all phone and light wires at this COFO headquarters and that, in addition, the phone wires will be cut at the fire station.

It was also brought out that a man named (FNU) LACEY who works at a cleaners and who has been head of the Citizens Council on the Gulf Coast and may still be head of the Citizens Council, has been designated to check the layout at the COFO headquarters on the Gulf Coast.

It was brought out at this meeting that a Mr. DOLLARHIDE who sells insurance for Sears Roebuck & Co. on the Gulf Coast is a Klan member.

Informant advised that there was a CHARLES WRIGHT who was the Exalted Cyclops of the Gulfport Unit but that WRIGHT was transferred by his company to New Iberia, La., and the present E. C. is unknown to the informant.

Informant advised that there is a new member on the Gulf Coast who is a doctor who has recently been brought into the Klan and that this doctor can only be reached through V. T. PURSER or (FNU) LACEY.

Informant advised that a Mr. COOPER who is a butcher in Pascagoula, Miss., and a Mr. TOM THRASHER who is a professional wrestler and promoter of wrestling on the Gulf Coast who resides at 2207 Ken Avenue, Pascagoula, Miss., are both Klansmen.

Informant advised that CECIL E. BYRD, Sheriff, Pascagoula, Miss., is a secret member of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi (WKKKKOM).

Informant advised that Mr. (FNU) BREWER, owner, Brewer Lumber Co., Summit, Miss., is the Exalted Cyclops of the Pricedale Unit of the United Klans of America (UK of AM) and that this Mr. BREWER wants to talk to the state officers of the WKKKKOM regarding possible affiliation of the Pricedale Unit with the WKKKKOM.

Informant advised that the VARNADO previously mentioned of Picayune, Miss., can be further identified through the fact that he also operates a filling station in Picayune.

Informant advised that the Brookhaven Unit #1 meets in a white house which is surrounded by barbed-wire fence that can be reached by the following directions. Leave Brookhaven, Miss., on the road to Ruth, Miss. After passing the International Harvester Implement Co. on old U.S. Highway 51S, there is a fork which has an American Legion hut in the fork and the road to the left

is the road to Ruth. Approximately one-half mile from this intersection there is a road to the left which goes to Ruth and the road which one has been traveling continues on. One should not turn left on the road to Ruth but should continue straight ahead until there is a Y in the road. In this Y is located the Hog Chain store. Take the left fork at the Hog Chain store and proceed from 3/4 of a mile to a mile to a gravel road that turns left. This is the first gravel road past the Hog Chain store. Turn up this gravel road to the first road to the left which is an oil field access road and proceed down this road which is back in the direction of Brookhaven until one comes to the first white house on the left which is also the first house on the left. This house, which is surrounded by barbed wire is the meeting place of the Brookhaven Unit #1.

Informant advised that all 7 units of Lincoln County were to meet this past Monday night, 9/28/64, to make plans to close all bootleggers in Lincoln County. It was to be brought out that if necessary, they were to take Sheriff JOE BRUECK with them when they contacted the various bootleggers.

The informant advised that the individuals pushing this activity are namely, DR. HENNINGTON, a chiropractor in Brookhaven; J. N. FOSTER, brother of PAUL FOSTER, Natchez, Miss.; LLOYD CASE; J. C. WHITTINGTON, and (FNU) ANDING, the last 2 of whom are both constables in Lincoln County. J. C. WHITTINGTON is the constable in Beat 4.

Informant advised that Justice of the Peace ALTON BROWN and (FNU) HICKMAN who operates a pulpwood yard in Brookhaven, Miss., are both secret members of the Klan and that only 2 men know that these 2 individuals are secret members.

Informant advised that he has received information from TOMMY JONES, a Klan member at Natchez, Miss., that Sheriff DANIEL JONES of Amite County, Liberty, Miss., is a Klan member.

Informant advised that TOMMY JONES advised him that MC KINNEY of the Sligo group, Adams County, Natchez, Miss., swore JOE and GEORGE NOSSER as Klan members of the Sligo group. JOE and GEORGE NOSSER are sons of the present mayor of Natchez, Miss., whose home was recently bombed.

Informant advised that in his opinion, the following individuals would be logical suspects in the bombing of the home of Mayor NOSSER of Natchez, Miss.:

EDDIE MC DANIEL

JACK SEALE

CHARLES E. JAMES

ERNEST PARKER

ERNEST FINLEY

[REDACTED]

Informant stated that [REDACTED] would also be a very logical suspect in the bombing of Mayor NOSSER's home.

Informant advised that PENNINGTON, Brookhaven, Miss., who runs a meat market across the road from the Marshall Young Oil Field Supply Yard is a Klan member.

Informant advised that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Summit, Miss., is a strong Klansman and could be the man from Summit who was in on the beating of 3 newsmen during the Summer of 1964 when their car was stopped north of Summit, Miss.. Informant stated that [REDACTED] is also a good suspect in the beating of the 3 newsmen.

Informant advised that he is not acquainted with an individual by the name of RAY SMITH who is employed by the Southern Bell Tel. & Tel. Co., McComb, Miss., but that he has heard the name HILTON DUNNAWAY very frequently.

Informant advised that as a result of FBI activity in Greenville, Miss., this group has pretty well fallen apart inasmuch as the Klan believes that the FBI has obtained the names of all Klansmen in the Greenville area. Informant further advised that the Klan has fallen apart in the Greenville area because of the activities of Chief of Police, Greenville, and HODDING CARTER who were both very active against the Klan. Informant stated he doubts that this Greenville group will ever become very active again.

Informant advised that Sheriff NIPPER of Walthall County is still a follower of the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of La. and has never affiliated with a Miss. group. Informant stated that Sheriff NIPPER is setting up road blocks, possibly to keep out the WKKKKOM and possibly to prevent more bombings in the McComb area. Informant stated he has received information that Sheriff NIPPER has been seizing guns.

Informant advised that BUDDY NEWMAN, previously referred to, is a state representative from Issaquena County, Miss.

Informant advised that the reason given in the Klan for bombing the "Northside Reporter" was because word had gotten around through the Klan that HAZEL BRANNON SMITH is a communist. Informant pointed out that as usual, the Klan does not check this type of thing out and that the word has merely spread through the Klan and, therefore, it was decided to bomb her paper. Informant stated he will maintain a check on this matter and report any developments.

Informant advised that the Cobb Unit in Lincoln County, Miss., has had an election and the new Exalted Cyclops is (FNU) VAUGHAN.

Informant advised that the Heucks Retreat Unit in Lincoln County is headed by the individual who runs the Ford Tractor Co. in Brookhaven, Miss., and that this individual is the Exalted Cyclops of this unit.

Informant advised that he will obtain a list which is presently in the hands of the Klan of all COFO workers who were in the State of Mississippi during the past summer. Informant stated the list in the hands of the Klan gives the addresses of the headquarters, the names of individuals who would cooperate, and the names of those who would not cooperate, and the leaders of each individual group.

OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO: SAC, JACKSON (157-63)

Date: 10/12/64

FROM: SA CLARENCE G. PROSPERE

SUBJECT: WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE
KU KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI
RM

Informant:

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

Date of report:

9/24/64

Dates of activity:

Early June, 1964,
and 9/15 - 24/64

Date received:

9/24/64

Location of Original

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

On 9/24/64 [redacted] who has furnished
reliable information in the past, furnished the
following to SA CLARENCE G. PROSPERE:

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

- 1 - 157-63 (WKKKKOM)
- 1 - 157-945 (BILLY BUCKLES)
- 1 - 157-951 (CLYDE SEALE)
- 1 - 157-1024 (GRADY NEWELL)
- 1 - 157-1025 (CHARLES FALVEY)
- 1 - 157-84 (C.M. TERRY)
- 1 - 157-536 (E.S. GILBERT)
- ① - 157-815 (JACK SEALE)
- 1 - 157-512 (ERNEST PARKER)
- 1 - 157- (S. T. SHOOK)
- 1 - 157- (JUDGE BROCK)
- 1 - 157-914 (LOUIS DESALVO)

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- ① - 157-404 (J.K. GREER)
- 1 - 157- (FRANK HUNTER)
- 1 - 157-933 (HOUSTON JORDAN)
- 1 - 157-216 (GORDON LACKEY)
- 1 - 157- (BURT McDANIEL)
- 1 - 157- (TILLMAN MEYER)
- 1 - 157-974 (LEE STAMPS)
- 1 - 157- (BILL SULLIVAN)
- 1 - 157-580 (GERALD WHITEHEAD)
- 1 - 157- (FNU WINSTEAD)
- 1 - 157-1109 (PETE JORDAN)
- 1 - 157- (C.J. SEALE)
- 1 - 44-1 (MIBURN)
- 1 - 157-18 (SAM BOWERS)
- 1 - 157-1117 (BOB HOWELL)
- 1 - 157-946 (JULIUS HARPER)
- 1 - 157-993 (WESLEY KERSEY)
- 1 - 157- (PREACHER KILLEN)
- 1 - 157-486 (EDDIE McDANIEL)
- 1 - 157-483 (W.R. MANGUM)
- 1 - 157- (EMILE PIAZZA)
- 1 - 157-983 (FNU POSEY)
- 1 - 157-52 (KKK, COPIAH CO.)
- 1 - 157-569 (KKK, FRANKLIN CO.)
- 1 - 157-45 (KKK, RANKIN CO.)
- 1 - 157-43 (KKK, SIMPSON CO.)
- 1 - 157-574 (KKK, ADAMS CO.)
- 1 - 157-456 (KKK, PEARL RIVER CO.)
- 1 - 44- (UNSUB; BOMBING OF "THE NORTHSIDE REPORTER")
- 1 - 157-36 (APWR, State of Mississippi)
- 1 - 157- (KKK, MONTGOMERY CO.)
- 1 - 157-253 (KKK, LEFLORE Co.)
- 1 - 157-342 (KKK, Neshoba Co.)

R.F.D., Natchez, Miss.
9/24/64

[FOIA(b)7 - (D)] advised that he has heard that when BILLY BUCKLES, a state officer of the WKKKK of Mississippi who resides in Franklin County, Mississippi, was interviewed by FBI Agents, he became frightened and following the interview he took all papers regarding the Klan to a friend's house and asked this friend to keep the papers. This friend went through the papers and found two deposit slips showing that BILLY BUCKLES had made two deposits in banks, one in the amount of \$2,500 in one bank and \$1,700 deposit in a second bank. This friend of BILLY BUCKLES upon finding these deposit slips went to CLYDE SEALE who resides on the Bunkley Road near Meadville, Mississippi, and who is one of the leaders of a Franklin County Unit and told SEALE of the two deposit slips which he had found. [FOIA(b)7 - (D)] advised that the Klan will now question BILLY BUCKLES regarding these two deposits as it is believed that BILLY BUCKLES has stolen this money from the Klan.

[FOIA(b)7 - (D)] stated he has heard nothing regarding the "Northside Reporter," a newspaper in Jackson, Mississippi, other than the fact that it was blown up or bombed by the Jackson, Mississippi, Unit of the WKKKK of Mississippi. [FOIA(b)7 - (D)] advised he would make further inquiry in an attempt to establish the identity of the individuals responsible for the damage to the "Northside Reporter."

[FOIA(b)7 - (D)] advised that [] an employee of the California Company, Brookhaven, Mississippi, is a very good logical suspect in connection with the bomb placed near the home of Sheriff JOE BRUECK, Lincoln County, Mississippi. Informant stated that another very logical suspect is one [], Brookhaven, Mississippi, whom he describes as "mean as hell" and who will shoot

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anyone, including an FBI Agent. Informant stated he wanted it clearly understood that CHARLES FALVEY is a very mean individual and it is felt by the informant that FALVEY would shoot anyone with little or no provocation.

Informant advised that C. M. TERRY has been elected Exalted Cyclops of Lincoln County Unit #1 and that C. M. TERRY has made the statement that all units in Lincoln County, Mississippi, have burned their records after interview by Bureau Agents. Informant stated that in one unit there are only 16 members presently meeting where there were formerly 100 members. Informant stated that to his knowledge there are no lists containing the names of any individuals and that any list that are available will merely contain the numbers assigned to the various members.

Informant pointed out that over 40 per cent of the Klan members have stopped paying dues and that not 5 units in the state, in his estimation, are presently meeting at full strength. Informant stated that of the original membership, at least 30 percent have withdrawn by either being sworn out by the Klan or quitting of their own volition.

Informant advised that at one of the first officers meet in Brookhaven, Mississippi, special agents were assigned as special investigators to work with the Imperial Wizard. These special agents of the Klan were to work through E. S. GILBERT of Brookhaven, Mississippi, who was the State Investigator.

Informant advised that the following received commissions as special agents:

JACK SEALE, Natchez, Mississippi

ERNEST PARKER, Natchez, Mississippi

CLYDE SEALE, Franklin County, Mississippi

All state officers as originally elected, with the exception of BILLY BUCKLES

CHARLES FALVEY, Brookhaven, Mississippi

S. T. SHOOK, Winona, Mississippi. Informant pointed out that S. T. SHOOK had been on the way out in the Klan but that he has recently come back and now has the Klan in the Winona area under control.

LOUIS DESALVO, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi

HOUSTON JORDAN, Brookhaven, Mississippi

JUDGE BROCK, Utica, Mississippi

LEE STAMPS, Brookhaven, Mississippi. Informant pointed out that STAMPS is presently in a hospital in Jackson, Mississippi, in a coma as a result of an automobile accident several weeks ago.

GORDON LACKEY, Greenwood, Mississippi

WESLEY KERSEY, Greenwood, Mississippi

BURT MC DANIEL, Raleigh, Mississippi

TILLMAN MEYER, Raleigh, Mississippi

W. R. MANGUM, Magee, Mississippi

Informant advised that at the two province meet near Brandon, Mississippi, during the week 9/14 - 19/64, exact date not recalled, that nothing came up at the meet about SAM BOWERS being thrown out of the Klan and that everyone at the meet seemed happy and satisfied.

Informant advised that BILL SULLIVAN from Pearl, Mississippi, is rising in the Klan and it is felt that SULLIVAN may eventually become a state officer or other such leader in the Klan.

Informant advised that following are Province Investigators and Province Giants in the territories indicated:

GORDON LACKEY is in charge of all recruiting north of Highway 80.

WESLEY KERSEY is the Province Investigator for Greenwood, Mississippi

(FNU) WINSTEAD is the Province Giant for Greenwood

EDDIE MC DANIEL was Province Investigator for the Natchez area, however, MC DANIEL has withdrawn from the WKKKK of Mississippi and at the present time there is no Province Investigator in the Natchez area. J. K. GREER is the Province Giant for the Natchez area.

EMILE PIAZZA is the Province Investigator for the Bay St. Louis, Gulfport, Picayune, Poplarville, and Crossroads Province. The Province Giant for this area is C. J. SEALE.

GERALD WHITEHEAD is the Province Giant for the Crystal Springs, Jackson and Brookhaven Province.

Informant advised that he was unable to develop any information regarding a FRANK HUNTER in the Klan and that the only FRANK HUNTER he was able to locate is in the educational field at Wesson, Mississippi, and is possibly employed at Co-Lin College, Wesson, Mississippi. Informant advised that he has no information indicating that this FRANK HUNTER at Co-Lin College is a Klan member.

Informant advised that there had been talk among Klan members in the Philadelphia, Mississippi, area regarding getting rid of (FNU) POSEY who according to Klan members was a known communist. Informant stated that JULIUS HARPER, Crystal Springs, Mississippi, is believed to have received a phone call from Preacher KILLINGS in which call Preacher KILLINGS requested that the State Investigator of the Klan come to Philadelphia regarding POSEY. Informant advised that he overheard JULIUS HARPER advise E. S. GILBERT, the State Investigator of the foregoing information.

Informant advised that he is not acquainted with the name PETE JORDAN. Informant advised that the Meridian Unit of the Klan is handled by JULIUS HARPER as HARPER is the Grand Dragon of the state and is second in command in the Klan.

Informant advised that E. S. GILBERT, the State Investigator, was in Philadelphia, Mississippi, during the early part of June, 1964, and attended a meeting of a Philadelphia Unit of the KKK, which meeting was held in an old school building located some distance from the home of Preacher KILLINGS. The moderator of this meeting or the man in charge was Sheriff RAINEY.

Following the regular meeting, a small group of 7 or 8 individuals congregated at which time Sheriff RAINEY was in the group and asked E. S. GILBERT if he would accompany the group to do something about a Negro making a date with a white girl. Informant pointed out that in the group of 7 or 8 individuals was a bootlegger, subsequently identified as BOB HOWELL, Sheriff RAINEY, and Preacher KILLINGS. Informant also pointed out that Sheriff RAINEY and Preacher KILLINGS were wearing their Klan robes. Informant advised that E. S. GILBERT obtained a gun and got into the automobile of BOB HOWELL which was a new Ford with white upholstery and the informant stated that in his opinion, the car appeared to be a very light blue.

Informant pointed out that the initial group of 7 or 8 had grown to approximately 15 individuals and all of these individuals had indicated a desire to help do something with the Negro who had allegedly made a date with a white girl. This group after breaking up and getting into automobiles proceeded into Philadelphia, Mississippi. En route to Philadelphia BOB HOWELL caught up with Sheriff RAINY and his deputy and obtained a pair of handcuffs.

Informant advised that at the meeting in the school building, there were police officers believed to be from the Philadelphia Police Department.

Informant advised that upon the arrival of BOB HOWELL, Preacher KILLINGS, E. S. GILBERT and two other individuals in Philadelphia that there were numerous small groups standing around on the street which disappeared upon the arrival of BOB HOWELL's car.

Informant advised that several calls were made to an individual by the name of PETE JORDAN but that the comment was made that JORDAN could not go as his wife was sick.

Informant stated that in the group who eventually picked up the Negro male were the bootlegger, BOB HOWELL; Preacher KILLINGS; E. S. GILBERT; and two young white males whose identities were not determined.

Informant advised that the automobile of BOB HOWELL came into town, turned left and drove in front of the jail and parked at the further end of the block past the jail. Preacher KILLINGS got out and stood near the car, E. S. GILBERT stood near a lamp post and the two young white males walked past the jail and stood on the other side of the jail. Following the release of a colored male from the jail in Philadelphia, he was placed in the car of BOB HOWELL and driven to a pasture which required that a wire gap be opened in order to enter the pasture. After entering the pasture, the car was driven near a tenant house which was abandoned

in the pasture. Informant advised that the comment was made the only one around the area were Indians and that for this reason it appeared that the pasture was either on the Indian reservation or near the Indian reservation.

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If orally furnished and reduced to writing by Agent: Date _____ Dictated _____ to mb/mea Transcribed _____ Authenticated by Informant _____		Date of Report 9/24/64 Date(s) of activity 8/64 to 8/16/64
Brief description of activity or material Circumstances which led up to the dynamiting of JAKE FRISHMAN's place at Natchez, Miss., on 8/15/64. Those involved were JAMES SEALE, JACK SEALE, ERNEST FOSTER, CHARLES FALVEY, RALPH DAY, <div>FOIA(b)(7) - (D)</div>		File where original is located if not attached <div>FOIA(b)(7) - (D)</div>
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1 - 157- (RALPH DAY)
1 - 157-1025 (CHARLES FALVEY)
1 - 157-512 (ERNEST PARKER)

[REDACTED]
1 - 157-950 (JAMES SEALE)

① - 157-815 (JACK SEALE)

1 - 157-296 (JAKE FRISHMAN's Place)

[REDACTED]
1 - 157-63 (WKKKK)

RFD, Natchez, Miss.
9/24/64

The following information is not to be disseminated under any circumstances whatsoever and no copies of this memorandum are to be made until the item is returned to SA CLARENCE G. PROSPERE who will then determine what dissemination should be made of the information contained herein.

Sometime prior to the explosion that took place in Natchez, Miss., at the place of JAKE FRITCHMAN (ph), the following things transpired. One JAMES SEALE came to my house and asked me if I would help him to get a crew together to burn this place, not the place that was bombed but the COFO building next to it and I advised him that I would try to get him a crew to help destroy this place. He went back to Natchez, Miss., and saw his brother, JACK SEALE and JACK SEALE and ERNEST PARKER and JAMES SEALE came back to my house, and then they told me a story of some things that had transpired prior to this when they had gone to this place with two separate packages of dynamite, ten sticks in each package and they had successfully got underneath this house with this dynamite and JAMES SEALE had succeeded in lighting the fuse on his and JACK SEALE could not get the fuse lit on his dynamite. A car pulled up in front of this building and the headlights shown directly on JACK SEALE. And when this happened he got out from under the house, went by and picked up the package of dynamite that was on fire underneath the back of the house and took them both back into the ravine that they described to me and put it out. Later there was another attempt made to destroy this COFO building and it failed also, and then they came to me with the idea of taking four cars and submachine guns and driving down that street and just literally riddling everything on that street and I talked them out of this, and showed them where it was much too dangerous and they couldn't get away with it. And then I went to work getting a crew to go and burn this COFO building. I went to CHARLES FALVEY in Brookhaven and asked him if he wanted to go, that I wasn't asking him to go, would he volunteer to go and he readily

volunteered to go. And he got RALPH DAY, Liberty Motor Company, in Liberty, Mississippi, and RALPH DAY lives just out of Brookhaven, Mississippi, on Zedas (ph) Road. Now DAY got together with JAMES SEALE, CHARLES FALVEY, and HALL, I don't know his first name but he lives near Roxie, came to my house and it was thoroughly discussed on how they were going to destroy this building and they decided that they would do it with 15 gallons of gasoline, and a delayed action fuse on some dynamite. Now was the last that I heard of what happened until the night it did happen and CHARLES FALVEY and RALPH DAY came by the office where I was working about 2:30 a.m. and told me that the job had been done and everybody was safe.

Mr. FALVEY told me that when they arrived at the place where the job was to be done that a group of lights had been strung around this COFO building and it was impossible to get to it without being seen so they said that all the people that were involved in this COFO deal were in the joint next door so they decided to put this gasoline and the dynamite at the back of this building and go ahead and destroy it which they did.

FALVEY stated he and HALL were the individuals that crawled up the bank and placed the gasoline and dynamite beneath the Negro joint owned by JAKE FRISHMAN. Informant advised that the way he understood the job was pulled was that EDWARDS remained in the car and HALL and FALVEY were the ones that went up the bank out of the ravine and placed the gasoline and dynamite beneath the joint. Informant is of the opinion although it was not mentioned, that possibly JACK SEALE was the individual that took the three men to the location and showed them the layout. Informant pointed out that HALL had also been to this particular place three or four times at least to case it before the job was pulled.

Informant advised that on the second attempt to blow the COFO headquarters, that the gasoline was left hidden, apparently in the ravine behind the COFO headquarters, for four days before it was retrieved. It was then used to burn JAKE FRISHMAN's place.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
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TO: SAC, JACKSON (157-63)

DATE: 9/17/64

FROM: SA CLARENCE G. PROSPERE

WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
OF MISSISSIPPI
RACIAL MATTERS

Informant:	FOIA(b)(7) - (D)
Date of report:	9/14/64
Dates of Activity:	5/8/64 through 9/12/64
Date received:	9/14/64
Location of Original Information:	FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

FOIA(b)(7) - (D) who has furnished reliable
information in the past, furnished the following
information orally, which was recorded by SAs FRANK
FORD and CLARENCE G. PROSPERE:

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- (2-157-569) (KKK, Franklin County, Miss.)
- (1-157-43) (KKK, Simpson County)
- (1-157-55) (KKK, Smith County)
- (1-157-52) (KKK, Copiah County)
- (2-157-new) (Cobb Unit, Lincoln County)
- (2-157-new) (West Lincoln Unit, Lincoln County)
- (2-157-new) (LLOYD STAR Unit, Lincoln County)

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(2- 157-new) (RUTH Unit) (Unit #2)

(1- 44-1) (MIBURN)

(2- 157-new) (NORMAN JACKSON) (Runs butane place,
Crystal Springs)

(1- 157-) (JULIUS HARPER)

(1- 157-) (BILLY BUCKLES)

[REDACTED]

(1- 157-) (A. C. HARRINGTON)

(1- 157-) (SAM BOWERS)

[REDACTED]

(2- 157-) (FNU MC GREGORY) (Phonetic)

(1- 157-522) (UNSUB; Bombing of Northside Reporter,
Jackson, Miss., 8/27/64.)

(1- 157-14) (DOUGLAS A. BYRD)

(1- 157-) (WILLIE or WOODY MATTHEWS)

(2- 157-new) (W.R. MANGRUM) (E.C. of Simpson County Unit #1)

(2- 157-new) (BUDDY SMITH) (head of Cobb Unit in Lincoln
county, Miss.)

(1- 157-) (ALTON ALLRED)

WEST LINCOLN UNIT

(1- 157) (LLOYD CASE)

(2- 157-) (ESCO WALLACE)

(2- 157-) (J. C. WHITTINGTON) (Constable, Beat #4,
Lincoln County)

(2- 157-) (BEN LAIRD)

(2- 157-) (TROY LAIRD)

(2- 157-) (CLAUDE LAIRD)

(2- 157-) (PERCY LAIRD)

LINCOLN COUNTY UNIT #1

(1- 157-) (M. L. SOMMERS)

(1- 157-) (J. M. FOSTER)

(1- 157-) (HOUSTON JORDAN)

(1- 157-) (SAM BRAMLETT, JR.) (Texaco Station,
Brookhaven)

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(1- 157) (CLYDE SMITH)
(2- 157-) (V. RAY SMITH)
(1-157-dead) (KENNETH SMITH)
(1-157-) (CURTIS SMITH)
(1-157-) (SHELBY BREWER)
(2-157-) (GARLAND WHITE)
(1-157-) (CHARLES BRANHAM)
(1-157) (CECIL CROSS)
(1-157-dead) (FNU) WALDRUP, Blacksmith Shop behind
CROSS' Seed Store, Brookhaven, Miss.)

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(2-157-) (BOB DORMAN, Dorman's Machine Shop)
(2-157-new) (JACKIE DAVIS, Dorman's Machine Shop)
(1-157-) (TOBE LEGGETT)
(2-157-new) (HERMAN SMITH, employed Homco)
(2-157-new) (CHARLES WILLIAMS, employed Homco)

FOIA(b)7 - (D)

(2- 157-new) (ERNEST MAPP, Mapp's Well Service)
(2-157-new) (JULIAN CASE, Jailer, Lincoln County Jail)
(1-157-) ("GOOSE" WICHMAN, Southern Bell)
(2- 157-new) (WILROY WATTS, Sears, Roebuck salesman)

(RUTH UNIT) UNIT #2, LINCOLN COUNTY

(1- 157-) (A. C. HARRINGTON)
(1- 157-) (SEGY HARRINGTON)
(2- 157-new) (MARK SANDIFER, Grocery Store, Ruth, Miss.)
(2- 157-new) (FNU), SANDIFER, son of MARK SANDIFER)
(2- 157-new) (CLAUDE CLARK, Mechanic for C.C. CLARK)
(2- 157-new) (ELMO REID, bootlegger)

LLOYD STAR UNIT
(LINCOLN COUNTY)

(2- 157-new) (GRADY NEWELL)
(2- 157-) (CHARLES FALVEY, Brookhaven)
(2- 157-) (FNU) NEWELL, Constable, and in on
killing of "Chicken" WILLIE SMITH)

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(1 - 44-139)

CRYSTAL SPRINGS UNIT #1

(1- 157-) (JULIUS HARPER)
(2- 157-) (NED WESTMORELAND, Former E.C. of
Klan and operator of gravel company
east of Crystal Springs, Miss.)
(1- 157-) (HOWARD MC LEMORE, E.C. of Unit #1
and also Chaplain) (Probably knows
answers to MIBURN investigation.)
(2- 157-new) (FNU) HALFORD, Operates a Standard
Station at Crystal Springs)
(1- 157-) (CHARLES SOJOURNER)
(2- 157-new) (FNU) JACKSON, Brother of NORMAN
JACKSON)
(2- 157-new) (GERALD WHITEHEAD)

SIMPSON COUNTY UNIT #1

(2- 157-new) (FNU) MANGRUM, operator of wood yard,
Magee, Miss, and brother of W.R. MANGRUM)
(2- 157-new) (FNU) MANGRUM, brother of W.R. MANGRUM)
(2- 157-new) (Fire Marshall at Magee, Miss)
(2- 157-new) (City clerk, Magee, Miss)
(2- 157-new) (JOE MC NAIR, owner of McNair Cafe,
Magee, Miss.)
(2- 157-new) (HANK DOZIER, a cotton duster at
Magee Airport)

SMITH COUNTY UNIT #1

(2- 157-) (BURT MC DANIELS, E.C. at Raleigh, Miss)
(1 - 157-) (FNU) PHELPS, Phelps Cafe, Raleigh, Miss.)
(2- 157-new) (GILMAN MARRS, Assistant E. C. at
Raleigh, Miss.)

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FRANKLIN COUNTY UNIT #1

(1 - 157-) (CLYDE WENTWORTH, E.C. of Unit)
(2- 157-) (FNU) GRAHAM, operator of Pure
Oil Station between Ford dealer
and courthouse, Meadville, Miss)
(1- 157-) ("Tall Man", Pure Oil Station,
Meadville, Miss.)
(1 - 157-) (BUFORD ASHLEY, pilot at Meadville)

FRANKLIN COUNTY UNIT #2

(1 - 157-) (CLYDE SEALE)
(1 - 157-) (JAMES SEALE)
(1 - 157-) (EUGENE SEALE)
(1 - 157-) (DONALD SEALE)
(1 - 157-815) (JACK SEALE, Natchez, Miss.)
(2- 157-new) (ARCHIE FRAZIER)
(2- 157-new) (DENNIS SMITH)
(2- 157-new) (LAMAR FELTERS (or FELDERS), contact man
between Franklin and Amite Co.)
(2- 157-new) (DALE MC LEMORE, or DALE MAC LEMORE,
brother of HOWARD MC LEMORE)
(2- 157-new) (JACK DAVIS, a constable and a
barber at Roxie, Miss.)
(2- 157-new) (CHARLES EDWARDS)
(2- 157-new) (FNU), HALL, (Franklin County) (Probably
Roxie, Miss.)
(1- 157-) (ERNEST PARKER)
(2- 157-new) (EDGAR RAY KILLEN, Philadelphia, Miss.)
(2- 157-new) (RANK BOYTE, preacher at Ethel, Miss.)
(2- 157-new) (FNU) AIKENS, Aiken Mobile Homes, Meridian)
(1- 157-) (GORDON LARKEY, Greenwood, Miss.)
(2- 157-) (GARLAND WHITE)
(2- 157-) (GERALD WHITEHEAD)

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(1- 157-) (LOUIS DE SALVO)
(2- 157-new) (C. J. SEALE, Crossroads, Miss.)
(2- 157-676) (TRAVIS AINSWORTH)
(2- 157-new) (W. D. STONE, Recruiter at Summit, Miss.)
(2-157-new) (DAVE CARRAWAY, recruiter in Amite County)
(2- 157-new) (LARRY RAYBURN, E. C., Wathall County)
(2- 157-) (GENE RHODUS, Recruiter at Magnolia, Miss.)
(2- 157-new) (BUDDY NEWMAN, Valley Park, Miss.)
(2- 157-new) (FNU), OVERBY, Overby's Fruit Stand,
Brandon, Miss.)

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September 14, 1964
RFD, Natchez, Mississippi

FOIA(b) - (D) furnished the following information regarding an executive meeting of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi (WKKKK) held at Crystal Springs, Mississippi, on September 6, 1964.

The following individuals were in attendance at an executive meeting held on September 6, 1964, at Crystal Springs, Mississippi, at the office NORMAN JACKSON:

JULIUS HARPER, BILLY BUCKLES, ERNEST GILBERT,
A. C. HARRINGTON, NORMAN JACKSON, SAM BOWERS.

There was no set procedure for this meeting. It was merely a general discussion. There was some discussion as to the activity of the FBI during which time JULIUS HARPER made the statement that the FBI did not worry him and he was not afraid of the FBI and Justice Department attorneys who were stationed in Jackson, Mississippi. HARRINGTON then made the comment that he was not afraid of the FBI or the Department of Justice and that he did not want either of them fooling around him unless they had a warrant. He stated he did not even want them on his property and unless they had a warrant he did not intend to talk any of them. BOWERS went on the say that if two or three of the Agents or members of the Department of Justice turned up dead that perhaps they would be more careful about who they talked to.

Upon the arrival of SAM BOWERS, he made the statement that he had been up with the RALEIGH boys all night on the WAITES MC NEIL deal and it seemed as if he was not going to be able to get rid of this problem. FOIA(b) - (D) advised that he subsequently determined that WAITES MC NEIL had been banished from the Klan in view of the fact the Klan believed that WAITES MC NEIL was an informant of the FBI.

Subsequently, a Mr. MC GREGORY arrived and was introduced as the "tooter" of the Klan and it was explained that the tooter will be the propaganda man for the Klan.

A discussion was then held regarding the benefits of propaganda and its effect on the communists. MC GREGORY was described as a well-read man who seemed sincere, however, [REDACTED] was of the opinion that MC GREGORY could not be trusted.

BILLY BUCKLES then advised the group that he had asked by a group of people to get permission from the state officers of the Klan to eliminate HAZEL BRANHAM SMITH, a newspaper woman. Following a vote by the members present, BUCKLES stated that he was of the opinion that he could tell the people that the elimination of HAZEL BRANHAM SMITH had not been voted down but that action would be held off on this until after the election.

There was then a distribution of a petition to get two Mississippi Highway Patrolmen back on duty. This petition is to be signed and presented to Governor PAUL JOHNSON in an attempt to reinstate two Highway Patrolmen who were fired for belonging to the Klan or taking part in Klan activities. Following the distribution of the petition, the meeting was adjourned.

[REDACTED] advised that he had received information that DOUGLAS BYRD has resigned and had made the statement that pressure had been put on him by SAM BOWERS forcing him out of the Klan.

[REDACTED] advised that the moderator at all state meets has been WILLIE MATTHEWS who is a cousin of JOHN BELL WILLIAMS, the congressman from Mississippi. At the last state meet, WILLIE MATTHEWS was not present and W. R. MANGRUM was nominated and appointed the moderator.

[REDACTED] advised that following the opening of the meeting, all the state officers make a talk but that SAM BOWERS usually directs all meetings himself.

[REDACTED] advised that the next big meeting will be a two province meeting somewhere near Brandon, Mississippi, which is to be held Tuesday night, September 15, 1964.

[FOIA(b) - (D)] advised that on September 12, 1964, a meeting of the Cobb Unit in Lincoln County, Mississippi, was held at which was discussed taking care of JOE BRUECK, the Sheriff of Lincoln County. It was not determined why this Unit wished to take any action against JOE BRUECK.

[FOIA(b) - (D)] advised he had been unable to develop any information regarding who placed the bomb at the home of JOE BRUECK. [FOIA(b) - (D)] advised that in his opinion it was quite possible that JOE BRUECK could have placed the bomb at his house himself. It was further brought out at the meeting of the Cobb Unit on September 12, 1964, that a delegation would be sent by the Cobb Unit to the West Lincoln Unit, also a Lincoln County Unit, to obtain the opinion of the West Lincoln Unit or ask their help on what should be done about Sheriff JOE BRUECK. This delegation then reported and suggested sending someone to the court house to talk to JOE BRUECK and if that did not help that he should be eliminated. The Cobb Unit then expressed their dissatisfaction with this idea.

[FOIA(b) - (D)] advised that the head of the Cobb Unit in Lincoln County is BUDDY SMITH. BUDDY SMITH has a grocery store on Bridges Road at the railroad crossing. SMITH is not the Exalted Cyclop and he has no control over the unit. A new election is coming up in this unit soon.

[FOIA(b) - (D)] advised that ALTON ALLRED is a member of the Cobb Unit and that ALLRED manufactures all of the robes for the entire state. ALLRED's mother is doing the sewing at the present time. It was pointed out that ALLRED has a grocery in Brookhaven and has made the statement that he could not stand an income tax investigation.

[FOIA(b) - (D)] advised that ALLRED has a Negro working for him who is a third cousin of ALLRED's. [FOIA(b) - (D)] (Prob) advised that this Negro [REDACTED]

for ALLRED and a man EVANS who is a fireman at the Brookhaven Fire Department.

FOIA(b)(7) - (D) advised that in his opinion ALLRED FOIA(b)(7) - (D) with JOE BRUECK, the Sheriff of Lincoln County, Mississippi. FOIA(b)(7) - (D) (Prob) stated that JOE BRUECK FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

FOIA(b)(7) - (D) furnished the following list of Klansmen by various units.

West Lincoln Unit

LLOYD CASE
ESCO WALLACE
J. C. WHITTINGTON, the constable
BEN LAIRD
TROY LAIRD
CLAUDE LAIRD
PERCY LAIRD
and the entire West Lincoln group of LAIRDS.

FOIA(b)(7) - (D) advised that the West Lincoln group is the most likely group that blew up Morgan's Pool Hall and the Chism Mission Church.

Lincoln County Unit #1

M. L. SUMMERS, Brookhaven TV & Appliance
J. M. FOSTER, Phillips Ryan Company
JIMMIE FOSTER, HOUSTON JORDAN, Standard Auto Parts
SAM BRAMLETT, JR., Texaco Service Station
CLYDE SMITH, Amoco Service Station
V. RAY SMITH, Cities Service Station
KENNETH SMITH, F. Arrington Machine Shop (not very active)

CURTIS SMITH, brother to CLYDE SMITH (not very active)
SHELBY BREWER, self-employed, Klegal at Large (not active at present)
GARLAND WHITE, White's Insurance Agency, State Kelgal (not active at present)
CHARLES BRANUM, Sinclair Service Station, self-employed, dangerous
CECIL CROSS, Cross Seed and Feed Store (not active)
WALDRUP, Blacksmith Shop, behind Cross's seed store (not active)
Both sons of WALDRUP, names unknown
C. M. TERRY, California Co.
BOB DORMAN, Dorman's Machine Shop
JACKIE DAVIS, Dorman's Machine Shop
TOVE LEGGETT, dangerous
HERMAN SMITH, HOMCO (not active)
CHARLES WILLIAMS, HOMCO (not active)
BERNARD JONES, HOMCO (not active)

[FOIA(b) - (D)] advised that his opinion of BERNARD JONES, an employee of HOMCO is not too favorable. He stated JONES is the kind of person who, regardless of what information he might have, was going to tell anyone that asked him about it. [FOIA(b) - (D)] further pointed out that JONES became involved with a minister by the name of MOON of Lincoln County, Mississippi, and that for these reasons JONES was ignored by the other members of the Klan and JONES has not attended a meeting of the Klan in over a year. [FOIA(b) - (D)] further pointed out that the FBI had talked with JONES at the HOMCO office in Brookhaven, Mississippi, and that J. M. FOSTER and a large number of Klansmen in Lincoln County have gotten it into their heads that JONES had given a list of Klansmen to the FBI. [FOIA(b) - (D)] advised that at one time the Klan discussed eliminating JONES.

[FOIA(b) - (D)] then continued listing the Lincoln County Unit #1 as follows:

E. S. GILBERT, HOMCO, State Investigator.

ERNEST MAPP, Mapp's Well Service, and several
of his employees.
JULIAN CASE, jailor at Lincoln County, Brookhaven,
Mississippi
GOOSE WICHMAN, Southern Bell, Unit Investigator
WILROY WATTS, Sears Roebuck, salesman

Lincoln Unit #2 at Ruth

A. C. HARRINGTON, State Klegal, in charge of all
Klegals at Large south of Highway 80, is also
Exalted Cyclop of the Ruth Unit.
SEGY HARRINGTON, A. C. HARRINGTON's brother,
dangerous
MARK SANDIFER, owns grocery store in Ruth community
MARK SANDIFER's son, name unknown
CLAUDE CLARK, employed by Mr. C. C. CLARK, mechanic
ELMO REID, bootlegger

Lloyd Star Unit

GRADY NEWELL
CHARLES FALVEY
NEWELL (FNU), constable, in on killing of
"CHICKEN" WILLIE SMITH. This individual might
have been a constable up in Copiah County.

Crystal Springs Unit #1

JULIUS HARPER, J & F Grill, the Grand Dragon of
the state
NED WESMORELAND, E. C., Operates a gravel company
east of Crystal Springs. Not E. C. anymore;
HOWARD MC LEMORE is. HOWARD MC LEMORE
who I hear is a chaplain, probably knows the
answer to all of the Philadelphia deal.
HALFORD, operates a Standard Station in Crystal
Springs, real tough
CHARLES SOJOURNER, possibly still assistant E. C.
A man unknown who operates a Shell Station at
Crystal Springs and the man who operates Texaco

station at Crystal Springs also is in; I don't know his name.

NORMAN JACKSON, the Butane dealer at Crystal Springs; also his brother.

GERALD WHITEHEAD is Province Giant and contact man from Philadelphia, Mississippi. Suspected contact at Philadelphia is Preacher KILLEN and Sheriff RAINEY. WHITEHEAD's mother lives in Philadelphia. I don't know if WHITEHEAD lives in Crystal Springs or Hughes, Mississippi. WHITEHEAD goes to Philadelphia real often.

Simpson County Unit #1

W. R. MANGRUM, E. C. Also a Klegal at Large and Province Giant, at present. At present he is organizing Jasper and Covington County.

Two brothers of W. R. MANGRUM, one of whom runs a wood yard in Magee, Mississippi.

The Fire Marshal at Magee is in.

The City Clerk at Magee is in.

JOE McNAIR of McNair's Cafe at McGhee is in.

HANK DOZIER at Magee Airport, not very active; he's a dusk copilot. And that's true; he's not very active at all.

The two YOUNG boys run the city pawnshop, also. Another pilot at Magee whose name he could not recall and will find out later.

Two doctors, names unknown

Smith County Unit #1

BURT MC DANIELS, E. C. at Raleigh, Mississippi
Mr. PHELPS at Phelp's Cafe is in. I don't know what position he plays.

GILMAN MARRS, most likely the assistant E. C.
He lives 3 miles west of Raleigh on the road that goes to White Oak.

Man that operates the Texaco Station at the intersection on the road that goes to Forest from White Oak, is in.

The bookkeeper, I believe, at the Ford Dealers is in.

Franklin County Unit #1

CLYDE WENTWORTH, E. C.

A fellow GRAHAM, runs Pure Oil station in Meadville.

Tall gray-headed fellow who works in Pure Oil station.

The Pure Oil station in Meadville is the central hangout for all those people in Unit 1.

BUFORD ASHLEY, a pilot, is in investigative division. He owns an airplane along with TRIM at the Pure Oil station.

The Sheriff was in but was sworn out.

Highway Patrolman BEASLEY was in but was sworn out.

Franklin County Unit #2

CLYDE SEALE, E. C.

JAMES SEALE is in.

DON SEALE is in.

ARCHIE FRAZIER

DENNIS SMITH and either his daddy or his daddy-in-law who lives across the road from him and either his brother or brother-in-law that lives across the road from him.

LAMAR FELTERS is in and he is the contact man between Franklin and Amite County.

DALE MAC LEMORE, this one suspects me of a lot of things and it shows.

JACK DAVIS, the barber at Roxy.

A constable, he's one-eyed, is the Unit Investigator.

CHARLES EDWARDS, a weak link.

CHARLES EDWARDS' wife.

HALL, and I don't know his first name.

ERNEST GILBERT

BILLY BUCKLES

JACK SEALE
ERNEST PARKER

At Natchez, all of these are tied together in this unit. These are the active people in Franklin County responsible for most of the activity.

[FOIA(b)(7) - (D)] advised that there is a Reverend KILLEN in the Philadelphia area who is a Klansman and that there is another Klansman by the name of RANK BOYTE who was originally from Lincoln County and who now lives at Ethel, Mississippi, near Kosciusko, Mississippi, who is also a Klansman, and a preacher.

[FOIA(b)(7) - (D)] advised that approximately four to five days following graduation at MSCW in the Spring of 1964 that there was a meeting of the home of Reverend KILLEN at which time there was present a bootlegger who resides approximately nine miles southeast of Philadelphia, Mississippi, on the right hand side of the road near where he has a place of business. The place of business is near Posey's place. Also present at this meeting were two young men, each of them was between 22 and 23 years old. One of these young men was described as approximately 5 feet 11 inches, thin, weighing approximately 150 pounds, sandy headed, and wore his hair in a crewcut. This individual carried a .357 Magnum. The second individual who was approximately 22 or 23 years old was about 5 feet 9 inches tall, had black hair, weighed from 165 to 170 pounds, did not have a crewcut but his hair was cut short.

[FOIA(b)(7) - (D)] stated that RANK BOYTE who is a preacher at Ethel, Mississippi, comes to Lincoln County frequently to visit either his people or his wife's people who reside in the Enterprise community of Lincoln County, Mississippi.

[FOIA(b)(7) - (D)] advised that following the meeting at Reverend KILLEN's home, a young Negro boy was picked up by these individuals and later was put on a bus in a small town either south or southwest of Philadelphia, Mississippi, and was sent to Pascagoula, Mississippi.

[redacted] advised that he does not know if FRANK HERNDON is the Exalted Cyclop at Meridian, Mississippi. He advised that AIKENS, who is the owner of AIKENS' Mobile Homes, is the most active individual in the Klan in the Meridian area, but that at the present time the Meridian Unit is "torn up" and that JULIUS HARPER of Crystal Springs, Mississippi, is to go to Meridian Friday night, September 18, 1964, to straighten out the Meridian Unit.

[redacted] advised that there was a meeting of the state officers of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi at Crystal Springs, Mississippi, on September 13, 1964. BILLY BUCKLES was absent from this meeting. The meeting was opened by SAM BOWERS, reading a letter he had received from BILLY BUCKLES. [redacted] advised that BOWERS and BUCKLES have been at each others' throats for sometime and that it appears that BUCKLES wants BOWERS job. [redacted] stated that it appeared that BUCKLES and BOWERS had buried the hatchet as the letters which were read at the meeting were "very touching."

The first business taken up at this meeting was a matter of recruitment, which is something that is always discussed at the beginning of each meeting.

Plans were then made to distribute more Klan Ledgers. The possible distribution discussed was a drop at the State Fair and at all universities. 125,000 copies of the paper are to be put out by local units as follows:

2,500 for GORDON LACKEY and the Delta area.

1,800 copies for GARLAND WHITE and GERALD WHITEHEAD. WHITEHEAD is the Province Giant and GARLAND WHITE is some kind of titan, which is a special office established by BOWERS to which WHITE was appointed by BOWERS.

15,000 copies to LOUIS DE SALVO, Bay St. Louis and C. J. SEALE, Crossroad, Province #8.

12,000 copies for TRAVIS AINSWORTH, Hattiesburg Manufacturing Company, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, for Province #7.

10,000 copies for W. R. MANGUM, Magee, Mississippi, for Province #6.

10,000 copies for AIKENS of AIKENS Mobile Homes, Meridian, Mississippi, Province #11.

20,000 copies for RANK BOYTE, Baptish Preacher, Ethel, Mississippi, near Koscuisko, Mississippi. Part of these to go to ED WIGGS of Woodland, Mississippi.

FOIA b - 7 furnished information regarding the following individuals:

W. D. STONE is a recruiter in Summit, Mississippi.

DAVE CARRAWAY is a recruiter in Amite County.

LARRY RAYBURN is Exalted Cyclop, Walthall County, Mississippi.

GENE RHODUS is a recruiter at Magnolia, Mississippi.

FOIA b - 7 furnished the following additional information:

He advised that he had received information that 70 men at Improve, Mississippi, have left the old YOUNG outfit which is the original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Louisiana and these 70 men have associated themselves with the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi.

He advised that a representative is being set up to start recruiting in Itawamba and Lee Counties.

He stated that BUDDY NEWMAN of Valley Park, Mississippi, which is north of Vicksburg, is presently setting up a new unit that will be a connecting chain to the Delta area.

OVERBY at the Overby Fruit Stand in Brandon wants to help start a unit at Ole Miss.

There is more recruiting literature going to the Gulf Coast.

A 2-province meeting is to be held in Brandon on Tuesday, September 15, 1964, called by W. R. MANGUM and JULIUS HARPER. SAM BOWERS will probably attend this meeting and MC GREGOR or MC GREGORY, who is the propaganda chief, is to attend this meeting and also A. C. HARRINGTON, the state recruiter. This meeting is to be at night and the exact location is not known at this time.

There is a "big deal" on to do something to JOE BRUECK, the Sheriff of Lincoln County, and Sheriff NIPPER of Walthall County.

[FOIA(b) - (D)] advised that SAM BOWERS discussed at the meeting on September 13, 1964, the two Chicago "Herald Tribune" reporters that came to see him. BOWERS stated that he recognized these individuals immediately as FBI because they asked if he wanted to see their credentials, also because of the position they were in when they talked to him and always one man does all the talking. BOWERS described these two individuals as the two filthiest, scroungiest individuals he had ever seen and childish in their actions.

[FOIA(b) - (D)] advised that about the time of the murders of two colored males by the name of MOORE and DEE, exact date not known but sometime close to the date of the

murders he obtained information which specifically dealt with a Saturday and from the discussions that were heard and the information received, it appeared that the event took place on a Saturday.

[FOIA(b) - (D)] advised that probably on a Monday following the particular Saturday on which these activities were supposed to have happened, he determined that a ERNEST GILBERT was contacted at Natchez, Mississippi, by ERNEST PARKER and JACK SEALE. GILBERT met PARKER and SEALE at James Amoco Service Station in Natchez, which is a known meeting place of Klansmen. At the James Amoco Station JACK SEALE was seen to take GILBERT off to the side and was overheard telling GILBERT that he had something to tell GILBERT. GILBERT, JACK SEALE and ERNEST PARKER were then observed getting into ERNEST PARKER's automobile and were seen to drive down behind the International Paper Company mill and down by the Mississippi River at Natchez. PARKER and SEALE on arrival at the river were heard to tell GILBERT that they "had put 2 niggers in the river." In this conversation, PARKER and SEALE said one of the Negroes was anchored to a Jeep motor block. Later on PARKER was heard to say he was afraid of the serial numbers on the motor block and both PARKER and SEALE stated at this time they had been having difficulty sleeping at night thinking about this matter. JACK SEALE said he asked one of the Negroes if they knew what was going to happen to them and he nodded. [FOIA(b) - (D)] stated that from the way PARKER and SEALE described the two Negroes it appeared that both Negroes were in a state of shock at the time that this incident occurred.

GILBERT was heard to ask PARKER and SEALE why they were telling him this to which PARKER and SEALE replied that GILBERT was the only one that could be trusted and in the event something happened, they wanted a state Klan officer to know something about it as they would need a great deal of help. During the conversation at this time PARKER and SEALE mentioned that both Negroes were alive when

pushed over the side of the boat. At this time GILBERT said to both of them that he thought that this was rather inhuman to which SEALE replied that he did not want to shoot them because it would have gotten blood all over the boat.

It appeared from the conversation at this time that the boat referred to was the boat owned by ERNEST PARKER and his brother, LEE PARKER. (These two PARKER brothers own Yucatan Island which is in the Mississippi River just off of Claiborne County, Mississippi, and LEE PARKER resides in Louisiana near Waterproof, Louisiana.)

It was also mentioned by both PARKER and SEALE that the two Negroes had been beaten badly and were bloody prior to the time they were transported to the river. GILBERT was then heard to ask them if there was the possibility that there was blood in the trunk of their car in view of the fact that they had said the two Negroes were transported by this means. PARKER said at this time they had found a piece of plastic tarpaulin and had used this on the inside of the car to prevent the blood stains from getting into the trunk of ERNEST PARKER's red Ford. It was apparent from the conversation that PARKER and SEALE had said to GILBERT that the two Negroes had been hauled in the trunk of ERNEST PARKER's car from Franklin County, Mississippi, to the Ole River near Tallulah, Louisiana, and the comment was also made by PARKER and SEALE that they did not see how the two had remained alive during this trip.

JACK SEALE stated that he had received a phone call from Franklin County from CLYDE SEALE who over the telephone gave out the word "Kiwu" which is the distress call from the Klan. The word "Kiwu" stands for "Klansmen, I want you."

FOIA(b) (7) - (D) advised that following the finding of the body or parts of the bodies, that he determined that JAMES SEALE spent most of three days with ERNEST GILBERT and even made a trip to Brookhaven, Mississippi, with GILBERT.

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

advised that during this time JAMES SEALE was extremely nervous. He was heard making the statement that he himself had put the tape over the wrists and mouths of both the Negroes and that he, JAMES SEALE, was afraid his fingerprints were still on the tape or on the underneath side or sticky part of the tape. JAMES SEALE was heard admitting that he was the one who did most of the questioning of the two Negroes. He was also heard making the statement that he wanted to kill the colored Preacher BRIGGS, whom he thought was stirring up the Negroes in the Franklin County area.

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

stated that it appeared that JAMES SEALE had been trying to get information from the two Negroes as to who was in charge of the Negro agitation in Franklin County. Also, the rumor had gotten out that the Negroes were bringing guns into Mississippi. The Black Muslims were supposedly getting the guns and were going to start an insurrection.

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

stated it had been determined that JAMES SEALE and others kept beating the Negroes until one of them finally said the guns were in a church. FOIA(b)(7) - (D) was of the opinion that this had probably been said by one of the Negroes to stop the beating. It was determined that one of the Negroes that was being beaten was from Chicago and information was received that JAMES SEALE said they asked him why he had gone to Chicago and the Negro replied that it was because he could obtain a better education in Chicago.

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

advised that it was determined that it was apparently the opinion of JAMES SEALE that the two Negro boys probably were part of the agitation that was going on in Mississippi, particularly since one of them had recently come down from Chicago.

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

advised that it had been determined that in relating the story as to how the two Negroes were picked up, JAMES SEALE had said they had been picked up at an ice cream stand or near an ice cream stand where they were

hitchhiking on U. S. Highway 84 just west of the downtown section of Meadville, Mississippi.

JAMES SEALE was heard to state that he did this by himself in his Volkswagen and apparently prior to this from the conversation it appeared that JAMES SEALE had had someone else in the Volkswagen with him. It appeared that JAMES SEALE had made this individual who had been riding with him get out of the Volkswagen after which JAMES SEALE drove out on Route 84 to pick up the two Negroes. JAMES SEALE also stated he had given instructions for whoever was with him to follow him in a pickup truck. This pickup truck was being used to move a safe.

[FOIA(b)(7) - (D)] advised that this safe might possibly be the one that is now used in the meeting hall at Natchez, Mississippi. [FOIA(b)(7) - (D)] stated that from the information he had received, there was definitely a safe being moved in a pickup truck which followed JAMES SEALE in the Volkswagen of JAMES SEALE.

[FOIA(b)(7) - (D)] advised that he heard the following story which was told by CLYDE SEALE who resides on the Bunkley Road approximately eight miles out of Meadville, Mississippi.

CLYDE SEALE stated the two Negroes were at the ice cream place on the outskirts of Meadville, Mississippi, when JAMES SEALE drove out into the highway which passes by the ice cream place. The two Negroes had been thumbing a ride but they did not thumb JAMES SEALE. After SEALE had driven past the two Negroes, he stopped and motioned to them that he was going down the road and asked them if they wanted a ride. They shook their heads indicating that they did wish to ride with him. JAMES SEALE then came to a complete stop and picked up the two Negroes after which he proceeded west on U. S. Highway 84. The Negroes evidently became suspicious of JAMES SEALE because he told them that

he was a Revenue agent hunting for bootleg whiskey stills in Franklin County and wanted to know if they knew anything about any stills. The two Negroes said they knew nothing of any stills. CLYDE SEALE then stated that one of the Negroes asked to get out of the car and he was told by JAMES SEALE that he could not as there were some more agents that he wanted the two Negroes to talk to. At this time JAMES SEALE took a walkie-talkie radio and called the people in the pickup truck that was following him and told them that he wanted to bring these two Negro boys down and let them talk to them. JAMES SEALE then turned off of Highway 84 into Homochitto Forest. [REDACTED] stated that he does not recall CLYDE SEALE describing which road was used as they turned off of Highway 84 into Homochitto Forest.

CLYDE SEALE then stated that after taking them into the Forest, JAMES SEALE stopped and the two Negroes got out of the car. The pickup then drove up immediately behind the Volkswagen. As JAMES SEALE got out of his car, he got out with his carbine in his hand and got the drop on the two Negroes. The two Negroes were then tied to a tree and were beaten severely with bean sticks. During the beating the two Negroes were questioned repeatedly and consistently about who was causing all the Negro trouble in Franklin County. The name that the boys kept using was BRIGGS, a Negro preacher at Roxie, Mississippi.

[REDACTED] advised that from information developed, the only ones known for sure that were in on the actual picking up of these two Negro boys were CLYDE SEALE, JAMES SEALE and CHARLES EDWARDS.

[REDACTED] advised that he had overheard CLYDE SEALE make the statement that CHARLES EDWARDS has a bad case of conscience and that the wife of CHARLES EDWARDS has been running her head too much. CLYDE SEALE stated he had gone and talked to EDWARDS and told them that he did not think the Klan had enough money to raise his kids and support

his wife and he did not know if he could or not. CLYDE SEALE advised CHARLES EDWARDS that it might pay him to not say anything else and make damn sure that his wife did not either.

[FOIA(b) - (D)] advised that no information has been developed as to what length of time lapsed between the time the two Negro boys were whipped in the Forest and the time that the car was brought in from Natchez by ERNEST PARKER and JACK SEALE to pick them up.

[FOIA(b) - (D)] stated that he had overheard that PARKER had made the statement that the weight used on one of the Negro boys had been a Jeep motor block out of a Jeep that once belonged to him; that he had bought it from someone else and had already sold the Jeep to a junk yard, but had gone to the junk yard or someplace in Natchez to get this motor.

[FOIA(b) - (D)] advised that he had overheard ERNEST PARKER make the statement that his brother, LEE, knew nothing of this but indicated he felt he should tell his brother as at the point where LEE PARKER crossed the river frequently that LEE PARKER would dip up water and drink it out of the river and ERNEST PARKER was concerned that he did not want his brother drinking water off of a dead Negro.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
M E M O R A N D U M

TO: SAC, JACKSON (157-63)

DATE: 9/15/64

FROM: SA SAMUEL N. JENNINGS

WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
OF MISSISSIPPI
RACIAL MATTERS

Informant:

Date of Report:

Date of Activity:

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The informant advised by oral report to SAs CLARENCE G. PROSPERE and FRANK FORD that he had joined the Ku Klux Klan (KKK) at Brookhaven, Miss., about a year ago and had been sworn in by "SHORTY" BREELAND and EDDIE MC DANIEL, both of Natchez, Miss. He said BREELAND is now out of the Klan. Informant stated that he was sworn into the Klan when it was known as the Original Knights of the KKK which is a Louisiana organization headed by ROYAL V. YOUNG who was the Imperial Wizard. Informant

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(2 - 157-) (C. C. CLARK, former Postmaster, Ruth, Miss.)
(2 - 157-) ((FNU) SOMMERS, Brookhaven TV & Appliance Store)
(2 - 157-) ((FNU) POSEY, employee of SOMMERS, Brookhaven, Miss.)
(2 - 157-) ("GOOSE" WICHMAN, employee, Telephone Co.,
Brookhaven)
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(2 - 157-) (CLYDE SMITH)
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(2 - 157-) (SHELBY BREWER)
(2 - 157-) ((FNU) (LNU), Manager of either Shainberg Store
or Dollar Store, Brookhaven, Miss.)
(2 - 157-) (CECIL CROSS, Brookhaven)
(2 - 157-) (LEE STAMP, Brookhaven)
(2 - 157-) (Heights Retreat Unit, KKK, Brookhaven, Miss.)
(2 - 157-) ((FNU) (LNU), Operator of Ford Tractor Place,
Brookhaven)
(2 - 157-) (BILLY MACK DONALD)

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stated that in 1963 DOUGLAS A. BYRD was the Grand Dragon of the Original Knights of the KKK in the State of Mississippi. Informant stated that after being sworn into the Klan he learned that the Klan was in need of some place to hold their meetings and finally located a place which was the old Standard Oil place, Brookhaven, Mississippi, which building was recently burned.

Informant stated that when he was sworn into the Klan the following persons were members at Brookhaven, Miss., and vicinity:

PAUL FOSTER, his brother, J. M. FOSTER
BERNARD JONES, who was forced out of the Klan
a little less than a year ago
HORACE JACKSON
LOUIS COWART
SHELBY BREWER
HOUSTON JORDAN
A. C. HARRINGTON, who is presently State Recruiter
for the Klan and resides at
Ruth, Mississippi
SEDGY HARRINGTON, who is the brother of
A. C. HARRINGTON

Informant advised that he wrote the first paper that was distributed by the Klan in Lincoln County, Miss. and this paper was printed by the Lomax Printing Company, Laurel, Miss. The purpose of this paper was to get people together and get them out to vote.

The informant advised that the Lincoln County Klan Organization grew larger and a man named ERNEST S. GILBERT was made the Exalted Cyclops of this group. The Klan Organization at Lincoln County rented the Moose Lodge for the charter meeting and the Lincoln County Unit and the Franklin County Unit of the Klan were chartered on the same day at the same ceremony at Brookhaven, Miss., on 2/2/64.

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The informant said that as a result of the above paper being distributed by the Klan in Lincoln County there was a large recruitment and over 100 individuals came to join the Klan in Lincoln County. It took over four hours to swear these individuals in. Shortly after that the Lincoln County group had over 200 members. About this time it was realized by the Klan leadership that something was wrong with the \$10 initiation fee as it could not be determined what happened to all of this money. It was proposed after this mix-up on the money that the Klan group be broken down into smaller units but DOUGLAS A. BYRD advised that this could not be done since each recruiter got \$4 out of each \$10 initiation fee and the remaining \$6 went to the State Klan Headquarters. The informant said after the charter was obtained in Lincoln County the local group retained \$5 of the \$10 initiation fee and the other \$5 was sent to the State Headquarters. The informant said after the charter was obtained the recruiter of the unit received no money from initiation fees.

The informant recalled that DOUGLAS A. BYRD, each time he attended a meeting in Lincoln County, was always desperately in need of money. The informant learned that BYRD was supposed to turn in each \$6 he received to YOUNG. The informant said the initial forming of the units of the Klan in Lincoln County resulted in DOUGLAS A. BYRD having a woman make the robes for the members and she charged \$10 for each robe. The Klan members complained that the robes did not actually cost \$10 for material and workmanship.

The informant advised that one LOUIS COWART was elected investigator of the original Lincoln County group. COWART was later made a state investigator by DOUGLAS A. BYRD.

Informant advised that after the Lincoln County group was formed he heard through DOUGLAS A. BYRD that ROYAL V.

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YOUNG of Louisiana was coming to Natchez and BYRD wanted ERNEST GILBERT to meet him in Natchez. The informant learned that the purpose of this Natchez meeting was so that BYRD could pull away from the original Knights of the KKK of Louisiana which was headed by YOUNG and set up his own Klan group in Mississippi. The informant said he learned that one reason BYRD wanted to do this was because he could not get YOUNG to account for the money which BYRD had given him. The informant learned that the following people were at the meeting at Natchez:

PAUL GRIFFIN, Mississippi Highway Patrol,
Brookhaven, Mississippi
ERNEST GILBERT, Brookhaven, Miss.
LLOYD CASE, Brookhaven, Miss.
HOUSTON JORDAN, Brookhaven
CHARLES SALVEY, Brookhaven

The informant said that the above group of individuals met DOUGLAS BYRD at the Bar-B-Q Pit on Highway 61 North which is operated by TINY LEWIS, who is also a Klan member. After BYRD, YOUNG and the others arrived at the Bar-B-Q Pit they went to the old VFW Building located next to Sarah's Place which is on the Liberty Road and a meeting was held there.

The informant learned that at this meeting YOUNG and BYRD fussed back and forth at each other and then YOUNG finally stood up and began preaching. After YOUNG did this, ERNEST GILBERT got up and told YOUNG to sit down and that the entire group could go to hell as far as he was concerned if this was the way that the Klan operated. GILBERT also told those present that the Lincoln County group did not need the Klan. YOUNG advised those present that the Klan could not be operated this way according to the constitution. YOUNG insisted that the Lincoln County group should have a constitution. GILBERT then told YOUNG that if YOUNG could not speak in a logical manner that the meeting was adjourned. GILBERT told YOUNG as he was leaving that he, YOUNG, should not return to Mississippi and YOUNG left the meeting.

DOUGLAS A. BYRD did not enter into the above discussion at any time. The informant gathered that impression after this meeting was over that BYRD was attempting to cover up what he had been doing with the Klan money which had been given to him for membership fees and for robes. BYRD tried to explain to GILBERT and the others that this meeting at Natchez had been held to try and get YOUNG to account for the money which had been given to him.

The informant said that the above group who had attended the Natchez meeting returned to the Bar-B-Q Pit and there was a discussion about writing a new constitution for the White Knights of the KKK of Mississippi. The informant learned that DOUGLAS A. BYRD, TINY LEWIS and ERNEST GILBERT had gathered at GILBERT's home and written a new constitution for the Klan organization. GILBERT allegedly told BYRD at this meeting where the constitution was written that he was getting out of the Klan.

The informant advised that at a later meeting BYRD came to Brookhaven, Miss., and invited GILBERT to attend this meeting although GILBERT had previously told BYRD he was getting out of the Klan. GILBERT did go to this meeting but nothing was accomplished there as there was no organization to the meeting. BYRD explained at this meeting about the idea of withdrawing from the Original Knights of the KKK of Louisiana and setting up the White Knights of the KKK of Mississippi. The informant learned that representatives from Wilkinson County and Pike County were in attendance at this meeting in Brookhaven, Mississippi, and these two county groups wanted to stay in the Original Knights of the KKK of Louisiana.

The informant learned that a second meeting was held in Brookhaven, Miss., in less than a month and ERNEST GILBERT was elected head of the White Knights of the KKK, State of Mississippi. DOUGLAS A. BYRD was voted out of office. The following individuals were instrumental in electing GILBERT head of the Klan:

BILLY BUCKLES

HOWARD MC LEMORE, Crystal Springs, Miss.

DALE MC LEMORE, Franklin County, Miss.

JULIUS HARPER, ex-sheriff, Copiah County, Miss.,
presently operator of the J and F
Grill, Crystal Springs, Mississippi

GORDON LACKEY, Greenwood, Miss.

The informant pointed out that JULIUS HARPER, the ex-sheriff of Copiah County, and ERNEST GILBERT were instrumental in saving the life of WAITES MC NEIL of Smith County whom the Klan believes is an informant for the FBI.

Informant said that at a meeting of the White Knights of the KKK a committee was appointed to write a constitution and this committee was headed by ERNEST GILBERT and was comprised of JULIUS HARPER, HOWARD MC LEMORE, both of Crystal Springs, Miss., GORDON LACKEY of Greenwood, Miss., BILLY BUCKLES and WOODY MATTHEWS. The informant said that WOODY MATTHEWS is a cousin of Congressman JOHN BELL WILLIAMS of Mississippi and MATTHEWS resides at Utica, Miss. MATTHEWS acts as a moderator at all large Klan meetings. Informant said DOUGLAS A. BYRD was asked to serve on the committee to write the constitution but he refused to serve. The constitution was written by the above committee and was accepted at Brookhaven, Miss., on 2/2/64 at a state meeting.

The informant learned that prior to the above Brookhaven, Miss., meeting on 2/2/64, DOUGLAS A. BYRD had written a constitution on his own which he presented to the Natchez, Miss., group of the Klan with the idea of getting the entire state to go along with him (BYRD). The Klan group at Natchez was not named at that time and BYRD's meeting was held about two weeks before the Brookhaven meeting. SAM BOWERS from Laurel, Miss., went to the meeting at Natchez, Miss., and BYRD indicated to the Natchez group he wanted to throw GILBERT out of the Klan since his wife was allegedly a Catholic. The informant said he knows

GILBERT's wife is not a Catholic and she is from Laurel, Miss., originally. Informant learned that one MAURICE FLOWERS, a Klan member from Laurel, Miss., had got up and refuted BYRD's statement about GILBERT's wife being a Catholic and after that the Natchez meeting broke up.

The informant said that two weeks after this Natchez meeting was held there was a big state meeting held at Brookhaven, Miss., in the old Sinclair Building and 'SHORTY' BREELAND of Natchez, Miss., was present and told those at the meeting that the Natchez group had informed DOUGLAS BYRD that he should get out of the Klan and that they wanted ERNEST GILBERT to head up the White Knights of the KKK of Mississippi and pull the state together. Informant learned that the following persons were elected at this meeting at Brookhaven, Miss.:

SAM BOWERS, Imperial Wizard
JULIUS HARPER, Grand Dragon, a position which he
still holds
BILLY BUCKLES, Grand Giant and State Secretary
PAUL FOSTER, State Chaplin, who has since resigned
and was sworn out of the Klan by
ERNEST GILBERT.
ERNEST S. GILBERT, State Investigator

Four Bursars were elected. The head State Bursar for Mississippi is TOMMY BROCK, a "Judge" at Utica, Miss. The Second Bursar is a man named HENSHAW of Laurel, Miss., who lives on Highway 84 East. The Third Bursar is an individual by the name of LAND who resides at Bay Springs, Miss., but who subsequently resigned his position. The Fourth Bursar was from Greenwood, Miss., but informant did not recall his name. Informant said that during this transition period when the above meetings were held at Natchez and Brookhaven, Miss., DOUGLAS BYRD was not elected to any office, however, BYRD acted as a sort of assistant to ERNEST GILBERT for several months prior to 2/1/64.

Informant stated that after the above meeting the next state meeting of the Klan was held at Natchez, Miss., and the above-mentioned officers were in charge and are still in charge of the Klan in Mississippi.

The informant said the next meeting following the one at Natchez was held at Raleigh, Miss., about June, 1964, and the next state-wide meeting after that, which was the last state-wide meeting, was held at Crystal Springs, Miss., at an individual named JACKSON's place just outside of Crystal Springs, Miss. The informant could not recall JACKSON's first name but stated JACKSON operates a Butane Gas Company in Crystal Springs. The informant said he does not recall seeing GILBERT at the last Klan meeting in Crystal Springs.

The informant stated that the election of any officers in the Klan is scheduled between 9/15/64 and 11/15/64 and that BILLY BUCKLES, who lives on the Oldenberg Road out of Meadville, Miss., is coordinating the election. Each unit will vote for the officers they want which will then be reported through the provinces to headquarters. The new officers of the Klan will be elected to serve for four years in Mississippi.

The informant said that all Klansmen in Mississippi were forbidden to carry guns, pencils, lighters or just about anything else into a state Klan meeting. He said the state meetings are set up so they have snipers stationed in trees surrounding the area of the meeting, as well as armed guards patrolling on foot, horseback and in automobiles. In addition to this, he said they had an airplane flying overhead when the meeting was held at Raleigh, Miss. The informant learned that the Klan is now attempting to train dogs to use as guards around the state meet and also the local headquarters of the various Klan units.

The informant said that during August, 1964, CLYDE WENTWORTH, who is a painter and also Exalted Cyclops of

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Unit Number 1, Franklin County, Mississippi, had access to an entire list of this unit of the Klan and this list had been observed by Patrolman BERNICE BEASELY of the Mississippi Highway Patrol stationed at Meadville, Miss. BEASELY allegedly observed this list while he was at Jackson, Mississippi.

The informant pointed out that at one time about 80% of the Mississippi Highway Patrolmen were allegedly in the Klan. However, they have been sworn out. Informant said, however, that many highway patrolmen still pass on information to the Klan and act as lookouts for the Klan. The informant stated BEASELY, who is at Meadville, Miss., was definitely in the Klan at one time and still passes on information to the Klan members at Meadville. The informant learned that an individual referred to as "TALL MAN" at the Pure Oil Station, Meadville, Miss., has been talking about one CHARLES MARSHALL, who resides near Meadville, Miss., and who takes off from work to attend Klan meetings. MARSHALL allegedly owes everyone in the county and is driving a Thunderbird. According to the "TALL MAN", CHARLES MARSHALL is the individual who furnishes names of Klan members to BILL SCARBOROUGH, the Ford dealer at Meadville, Miss. Allegedly, SCARBOROUGH gives MARSHALL \$1,000 a month for information regarding the Klan. The informant was not able to elaborate on the above arrangement.

About the only thing the informant could learn relative to the above was something said by CLYDE SEALE, father of JAMES, EUGENE, DONALD and JACK SEALE, who lives on the Bunkley Road near Meadville, Miss., indicating that CHARLES MARSHALL had gone to Baton Rouge, La., and purchased a wedding ring for \$3,000 which he later had appraised at the bank in Meadville. Informant further learned that MARSHALL had lost his job at the International Paper Company, Natchez, Miss., and had been to Meridian, Miss., trying to get into the Klan Unit there. CLYDE SEALE made the remark that MARSHALL is supposed to be engaged to a girl who lives at Meridian and is using this as an excuse to visit Meridian, trying to obtain names of Klansmen which he allegedly passes

on to BILL SCARBOROUGH. According to the informant, the Klan group which CLYDE SEALE belongs to has voted to whip SCARBOROUGH. The informant emphasized that CLYDE SEALE and/or some of the members of the two Klan units at Meadville, Miss., may do away with CHARLES MARSHALL if the above information regarding MARSHALL is true.

Informant is of the opinion that a young highway patrolman or SAM BOWERS, both of Laurel, Miss., were the individuals who bombed the newspaper there several months ago. SAM BOWERS has refused to discuss this newspaper bombing with other members of the Klan.

The informant could not learn any information regarding the murder of the two Negroes, MOORE and DEE, whose bodies were found a few months ago in the Mississippi River north of Natchez, Miss. The informant was then advised that BILLY BUCKLES was known to have made the statement that DEE was a victim of circumstances and had to be done away with. Informant then stated that with this information he might be able to develop something on the MOORE-DEE killings. The informant was not acquainted with an explosion in a church at Brookhaven, Miss., and knew nothing of an attempted burning or explosion of any churches in that area.

The informant was not aware of the identity of the person described as an electrician from Franklin County, Miss., employed at the International Paper Company, Natchez, Miss., who allegedly burned the juke joint of JAKE FRISHMAN in Natchez, Mississippi.

The informant advised that he knew the identity of several individuals who fired a smoke bomb into the house of KID RUSSELL and they are DALE MC LEMORE, DOUGLAS A. BYRD and possibly ERNEST AZANTS and JACK SEALE. The informant knew that DOUGLAS BYRD was drunk after the first attempt to smoke bomb RUSSELL's house failed and, further, BYRD was the one who obtained the smoke grenade which was fired into the house.

Informant is acquainted with ERNEST PARKER of Natchez, Miss., who is the individual who distributed Klan papers by plane at Brookhaven the first time they were distributed by plane there and PARKER's plane has been used by the Klan even though it was not flown by PARKER on other occasions. Informant knows one J. K. GREER of Fenwick, Miss., who is a pilot licensed to fly both day and night and is the only known member of the Klan who is so licensed. Informant stated that usually GREER rents a plane at the Natchez Airport when distributing papers for the Klan by plane.

The informant said that BILLY BUCKLES and DOUGLAS A. BYRD put out the Klan papers from the plane at Greenwood, Miss., a few months ago. The informant stated that BUFORD ASHLEY of Meadville, Miss., also owns an airplane which the Klan can use but ASHLEY can only fly during the daylight hours.

Informant said that CLYDE SEALE was responsible for the distributing of papers in the Meadville area. Informant recalled that one of these papers merely stated that names would be called if things were not changed and the second paper distributed there actually called names of particular individuals.

Informant advised that the plane owned by ERNEST PARKER was the one used to drop Klan papers over Philadelphia, Miss., about the first part of August, 1964.

The informant said the only information he has regarding a church burning came from an individual named PHELPS who operates Phelps Cafe at Laurel, Miss. PHELPS advised about 6/1/64 that he knew how a church was burned but the informant was not aware of which church PHELPS was referring to but believed it was near Raleigh, Mississippi. Informant said PHELPS claimed the church was saturated with gasoline or kerosene and that a Butane gas line was the line which subsequently ignited the gasoline or kerosene.

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The informant said he had no information about any church burnings in Pike County, Miss., and that all the Pike County Klan Units are members of the United Klans of America with the exception of one unit. The informant was not acquainted with this one Pike County Unit and did not know the identity of the members.

Informant stated that ERNEST GILBERT had allegedly received about \$4,000 in expense money from the Klan between 1/1/64 and 6/1/64 but that the local investigators in the various provinces had claimed mileage expense and that the money to pay this was turned in to the state headquarters. GILBERT allegedly gets the money back from the state headquarters to pay to the local Klan investigators, leaving little money for GILBERT's personal use.

Informant advised that the unit of the Klan at Crystal Springs, Miss., had borrowed money at a local bank and had plans to build a building in which to hold their meetings. All members of the Klan unit supposedly signed the note with the bank. The informant learned that an official of the bank made the statement that he had the names of all the Klansmen in Crystal Springs as he had their names on a note at his bank.

Informant said there was no special account of the Klan at any bank but that the Klan money was handled by a man named HENSHAW who resides on Highway 84 east of Laurel, Mississippi. The money handled by HENSHAW is supposed to be put into the personal account of HENSHAW. The informant recalled that at the state Klan meeting at Raleigh, Miss., HENSHAW was instructed to turn all money of the Klan over to "Judge" BROCK of Utica, Miss., and to the other three Bursars of the State Klan Organization.

Informant learned that DOUGLAS A. BYRD had made a call to ERNEST GILBERT from Natchez, Miss., sometime in

the past few months asking GILBERT to come to Natchez to kill a Negro by the name of WILLIAM DENNIS WARE. The informant said that LOUIS COWART of Brookhaven, Miss., went to Natchez, Miss., shortly after this telephone call and that three others went to Natchez also, HORACE JACKSON and LUTHER HART, both of Brookhaven, Miss., and a fourth individual whose name was not recalled. Informant was not aware of what happened at Natchez on this occasion.

The informant advised that an individual named FULLER came to Brookhaven, Miss., from Monroe, La., and was there to help organize the Klan. FULLER was a very close associate of ROYAL V. YOUNG.

Informant learned that a man named JAMES (first name unknown) who operates the Amoco Service Station at the bypass at Natchez, Miss., a brother of HORACE "ZULU" JAMES, the radio dispatcher at the Natchez, Miss., Police Department, and PAUL FOSTER had called ERNEST GILBERT at Brookhaven to get him to investigate the shooting of RICHARD JOE BUTLER, a Negro male at Natchez, Miss. According to the informant, JAMES and PAUL FOSTER believe that this shooting of BUTLER was done by MARVIN MC KINNY and [REDACTED] Informant said that a Klan leader questioned MARVIN MC KINNY about this later and MC KINNY denied being involved in the shooting of BUTLER. The informant did not believe any of the Klan leaders had been able to determine which Klansman was responsible for shooting BUTLER.

Informant advised that during August, 1964, BILLY WOODS and CLAUDE FULLER contacted ERNEST GILBERT and tried to get permission to kill some Negro, which permission was denied them by GILBERT. They allegedly were going to kill LEONARD WOODLEY, a Negro preacher who had been stirring up trouble and talking about the Klan. WOODLEY was attempting to organize the Negroes.

The informant advised that SHELBY BREWER was formerly the head of the Americans for the Preservation of the White Race (APWR), Lincoln County, Miss., but has recently resigned. The informant was not acquainted with the officers of the APWR.

Informant advised that ALTON ALLRED, operator of a grocery store near the Amoco Station, just east of the Homco Offices in Brookhaven, Miss., has a contract to furnish all of the robes for Klansmen for the State of Mississippi. Informant stated ALLRED has certain women working for him to do the sewing on the robes but these women are not known.

The informant advised that he learned through a very confidential source that Mr. C. C. CLARK, a prosperous businessman at Ruth, Miss., who is the former Postmaster there, was secretly sworn into the Klan and this information is known by four people only.

Informant advised that A. C. HARRINGTON of Ruth, Miss., is the Exalted Cyclops of the Ruth Unit and that HARRINGTON is also the State Grand Kleagle (State Organizer). The informant offered the opinion that the recent bombing incidents at McComb, Miss., are being done by the Klan group at Ruth, Miss. The informant said the foreman of C. C. CLARK, Ruth, Miss., mentioned above, is a member of the Ruth Unit of the Klan, however, he cannot recall his name at the present time. SEDGY HARRINGTON, brother of A. C. HARRINGTON, is also a member of the Ruth Unit of the Klan.

The informant said there are seven Klaverns of the KKK at Lincoln County, Mississippi. The Exalted Cyclops of Unit #1 is an individual by the name of SOMMERS who is the owner of the Brookhaven TV and Appliance Store. The Assistant Exalted Cyclops is an individual by the name of POSEY who is employed by SOMMERS at the Brookhaven TV and Appliance Store. "GOOSE" WICHMAN is the investigator of Klan Unit #1. WICHMAN is employed by the telephone company

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at Brookhaven. Other members of this same unit are HOUSTON JORDAN, TOBE LEGGETT, CHARLY BRANHAM, SAM BRAMLETT, operator of a Texaco Service Station, CLYDE SMITH, CURTIS SMITH, who may be out of the Klan now, and SHELBY BREWER, who has Klegle Commission and can work anywhere in the state. The informant said another member of this unit is the manager of either the Dollar Store or Shainberg Department Store, Brookhaven. Two other members are CECIL CROSS and LEE STAMP.

The informant said the newest unit of the Lincoln County Klan is the Heights Retreat Unit which is in a community located out toward the Brookhaven airport. The Exalted Cyclops of this new unit is a man who runs the Ford tractor place in Brookhaven but his name could not be recalled. Another member of this new unit is BILLY MACK DONALD who offered the ground on which a building could be built for Klan meetings but this offer was turned down by the Klan leaders since DONALD would not allow the Klan to purchase the property on which the building would be built.

The informant advised that there is an executive meeting of the Klan officers at JACKSON's place near Crystal Springs, Miss., each Sunday and informant will try to find out what happens at the next meeting.

Recommendation:

The above information sets forth pertinent information regarding numerous organizations and individuals connected with captioned organization and should be considered for inclusion in reports of captioned organization or individuals.

Due to the length of this memo, specific leads are not being set forth herein but agents receiving copies of this memo should review the material and conduct logical investigation.

THIS INFO IS NOT TO BE DISSEMINATED OUTSIDE THE BUREAU AND EXTREME CARE SHOULD BE USED IN DISCUSSING THIS INFO AS THE INFORMANT'S LIFE COULD EASILY BE JEOPARDIZED.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
M E M O R A N D U M

TO: SAC, JACKSON (157-63)

DATE: 9/15/64

FROM: SA SAMUEL N. JENNINGS

WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
OF MISSISSIPPI
RACIAL MATTERS

Informant:

Date of Report:

Date of Activity:

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The informant advised by oral report to SAs CLARENCE G. PROSPERE and FRANK FORD that he had joined the Ku Klux Klan (KKK) at Brookhaven, Miss., about a year ago and had been sworn in by "SHORTY" BREELAND and EDDIE MC DANIEL, both of Natchez, Miss. He said BREELAND is now out of the Klan. Informant stated that he was sworn into the Klan when it was known as the Original Knights of the KKK which is a Louisiana organization headed by ROYAL V. YOUNG who was the Imperial Wizard. Informant

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(2 - 157-) ((FNU) HENSHAW, Laurel, Miss.)
(2 - 157-) ((FNU) LAND, Bay Springs, Miss.)
(2 - 157-) ((FNU) JACKSON, Owner of Butane Co., Crystal Springs)
(2 - 157-) (CLYDE WENTWORTH, Unit #1, Franklin County)
(2 - 157-) (BERNICE BEASELY, MHSP, Meadville, Miss.)
(2 - 157-) (CHARLES MARSHALL, Meadville, Miss.)
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(2 - 157-) ((FNU) JAMES, Amoco Station on bypass,
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(2 - 157-) (APWR, Lincoln County)
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(2 - 157-) (C. C. CLARK, former Postmaster, Ruth, Miss.)
(2 - 157-) ((FNU) SOMMERS, Brookhaven TV & Appliance Store)
(2 - 157-) ((FNU) POSEY, employee of SOMMERS, Brookhaven, Miss.)
(2 - 157-) ("GOOSE" WICHMAN, employee, Telephone Co.,
Brookhaven)
(2 - 157-) (TOBE LEGGETT, Brookhaven)
(2 - 157-) (CHARLIE BRANHAM, Brookhaven)
(2 - 157-) (SAM BRAMLETT, Texaco Station, Brookhaven)
(2 - 157-) (CLYDE SMITH)
(2 - 157-) (CURTIS SMITH)
(2 - 157-) (SHELBY BREWER)
(2 - 157-) ((FNU) (LNU), Manager of either Shainberg Store
or Dollar Store, Brookhaven, Miss.)
(2 - 157-) (CECIL CROSS, Brookhaven)
(2 - 157-) (LEE STAMP, Brookhaven)
(2 - 157-) (Heights Retreat Unit, KKK, Brookhaven, Miss.)
(2 - 157-) ((FNU) (LNU), Operator of Ford Tractor Place,
Brookhaven)
(2 - 157-) (BILLY MACK DONALD)

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stated that in 1963 DOUGLAS A. BYRD was the Grand Dragon of the Original Knights of the KKK in the State of Mississippi. Informant stated that after being sworn into the Klan he learned that the Klan was in need of some place to hold their meetings and finally located a place which was the old Standard Oil place, Brookhaven, Mississippi, which building was recently burned.

Informant stated that when he was sworn into the Klan the following persons were members at Brookhaven, Miss., and vicinity:

PAUL FOSTER, his brother, J. M. FOSTER
BERNARD JONES, who was forced out of the Klan
a little less than a year ago
HORACE JACKSON
LOUIS COWART
SHELBY BREWER
HOUSTON JORDAN
A. C. HARRINGTON, who is presently State Recruiter
for the Klan and resides at
Ruth, Mississippi
SEDGY HARRINGTON, who is the brother of
A. C. HARRINGTON

Informant advised that he wrote the first paper that was distributed by the Klan in Lincoln County, Miss. and this paper was printed by the Lomax Printing Company, Laurel, Miss. The purpose of this paper was to get people together and get them out to vote.

The informant advised that the Lincoln County Klan Organization grew larger and a man named ERNEST S. GILBERT was made the Exaulted Cyclops of this group. The Klan Organization at Lincoln County rented the Moose Lodge for the charter meeting and the Lincoln County Unit and the Franklin County Unit of the Klan were chartered on the same day at the same ceremony at Brookhaven, Miss., on 2/2/64.

The informant said that as a result of the above paper being distributed by the Klan in Lincoln County there was a large recruitment and over 100 individuals came to join the Klan in Lincoln County. It took over four hours to swear these individuals in. Shortly after that the Lincoln County group had over 200 members. About this time it was realized by the Klan leadership that something was wrong with the \$10 initiation fee as it could not be determined what happened to all of this money. It was proposed after this mix-up on the money that the Klan group be broken down into smaller units but DOUGLAS A. BYRD advised that this could not be done since each recruiter got \$4 out of each \$10 initiation fee and the remaining \$6 went to the State Klan Headquarters. The informant said after the charter was obtained in Lincoln County the local group retained \$5 of the \$10 initiation fee and the other \$5 was sent to the State Headquarters. The informant said after the charter was obtained the recruiter of the unit received no money from initiation fees.

The informant recalled that DOUGLAS A. BYRD, each time he attended a meeting in Lincoln County, was always desperately in need of money. The informant learned that BYRD was supposed to turn in each \$6 he received to YOUNG. The informant said the initial forming of the units of the Klan in Lincoln County resulted in DOUGLAS A. BYRD having a woman make the robes for the members and she charged \$10 for each robe. The Klan members complained that the robes did not actually cost \$10 for material and workmanship.

The informant advised that one LOUIS COWART was elected investigator of the original Lincoln County group. COWART was later made a state investigator by DOUGLAS A. BYRD.

Informant advised that after the Lincoln County group was formed he heard through DOUGLAS A. BYRD that ROYAL V.

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YOUNG of Louisiana was coming to Natchez and BYRD wanted ERNEST GILBERT to meet him in Natchez. The informant learned that the purpose of this Natchez meeting was so that BYRD could pull away from the original Knights of the KKK of Louisiana which was headed by YOUNG and set up his own Klan group in Mississippi. The informant said he learned that one reason BYRD wanted to do this was because he could not get YOUNG to account for the money which BYRD had given him. The informant learned that the following people were at the meeting at Natchez:

PAUL GRIFFIN, Mississippi Highway Patrol,
Brookhaven, Mississippi
ERNEST GILBERT, Brookhaven, Miss.
LLOYD CASE, Brookhaven, Miss.
HOUSTON JORDAN, Brookhaven
CHARLES SALVEY, Brookhaven

The informant said that the above group of individuals met DOUGLAS BYRD at the Bar-B-Q Pit on Highway 61 North which is operated by TINY LEWIS, who is also a Klan member. After BYRD, YOUNG and the others arrived at the Bar-B-Q Pit they went to the old VFW Building located next to Sarah's Place which is on the Liberty Road and a meeting was held there.

The informant learned that at this meeting YOUNG and BYRD fussed back and forth at each other and then YOUNG finally stood up and began preaching. After YOUNG did this, ERNEST GILBERT got up and told YOUNG to sit down and that the entire group could go to hell as far as he was concerned if this was the way that the Klan operated. GILBERT also told those present that the Lincoln County group did not need the Klan. YOUNG advised those present that the Klan could not be operated this way according to the constitution. YOUNG insisted that the Lincoln County group should have a constitution. GILBERT then told YOUNG that if YOUNG could not speak in a logical manner that the meeting was adjourned. GILBERT told YOUNG as he was leaving that he, YOUNG, should not return to Mississippi and YOUNG left the meeting.

DOUGLAS A. BYRD did not enter into the above discussion at any time. The informant gathered that impression after this meeting was over that BYRD was attempting to cover up what he had been doing with the Klan money which had been given to him for membership fees and for robes. BYRD tried to explain to GILBERT and the others that this meeting at Natchez had been held to try and get YOUNG to account for the money which had been given to him.

The informant said that the above group who had attended the Natchez meeting returned to the Bar-B-Q Pit and there was a discussion about writing a new constitution for the White Knights of the KKK of Mississippi. The informant learned that DOUGLAS A. BYRD, TINY LEWIS and ERNEST GILBERT had gathered at GILBERT's home and written a new constitution for the Klan organization. GILBERT allegedly told BYRD at this meeting where the constitution was written that he was getting out of the Klan.

The informant advised that at a later meeting BYRD came to Brookhaven, Miss., and invited GILBERT to attend this meeting although GILBERT had previously told BYRD he was getting out of the Klan. GILBERT did go to this meeting but nothing was accomplished there as there was no organization to the meeting. BYRD explained at this meeting about the idea of withdrawing from the Original Knights of the KKK of Louisiana and setting up the White Knights of the KKK of Mississippi. The informant learned that representatives from Wilkinson County and Pike County were in attendance at this meeting in Brookhaven, Mississippi, and these two county groups wanted to stay in the Original Knights of the KKK of Louisiana.

The informant learned that a second meeting was held in Brookhaven, Miss., in less than a month and ERNEST GILBERT was elected head of the White Knights of the KKK, State of Mississippi. DOUGLAS A. BYRD was voted out of office. The following individuals were instrumental in electing GILBERT head of the Klan:

BILLY BUCKLES

HOWARD MC LEMORE, Crystal Springs, Miss.

DALE MC LEMORE, Franklin County, Miss.

JULIUS HARPER, ex-sheriff, Copiah County, Miss.,
presently operator of the J and F
Grill, Crystal Springs, Mississippi

GORDON LACKEY, Greenwood, Miss.

The informant pointed out that JULIUS HARPER, the ex-sheriff of Copiah County, and ERNEST GILBERT were instrumental in saving the life of WAITES MC NEIL of Smith County whom the Klan believes is an informant for the FBI.

Informant said that at a meeting of the White Knights of the KKK a committee was appointed to write a constitution and this committee was headed by ERNEST GILBERT and was comprised of JULIUS HARPER, HOWARD MC LEMORE, both of Crystal Springs, Miss., GORDON LACKEY of Greenwood, Miss., BILLY BUCKLES and WOODY MATTHEWS. The informant said that WOODY MATTHEWS is a cousin of Congressman JOHN BELL WILLIAMS of Mississippi and MATTHEWS resides at Utica, Miss. MATTHEWS acts as a moderator at all large Klan meetings. Informant said DOUGLAS A. BYRD was asked to serve on the committee to write the constitution but he refused to serve. The constitution was written by the above committee and was accepted at Brookhaven, Miss., on 2/2/64 at a state meeting.

The informant learned that prior to the above Brookhaven, Miss., meeting on 2/2/64, DOUGLAS A. BYRD had written a constitution on his own which he presented to the Natchez, Miss., group of the Klan with the idea of getting the entire state to go along with him (BYRD). The Klan group at Natchez was not named at that time and BYRD's meeting was held about two weeks before the Brookhaven meeting. SAM BOWERS from Laurel, Miss., went to the meeting at Natchez, Miss., and BYRD indicated to the Natchez group he wanted to throw GILBERT out of the Klan since his wife was allegedly a Catholic. The informant said he knows

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GILBERT's wife is not a Catholic and she is from Laurel, Miss., originally. Informant learned that one MAURICE FLOWERS, a Klan member from Laurel, Miss., had got up and refuted BYRD's statement about GILBERT's wife being a Catholic and after that the Natchez meeting broke up.

The informant said that two weeks after this Natchez meeting was held there was a big state meeting held at Brookhaven, Miss., in the old Sinclair Building and 'SHORTY' BREELAND of Natchez, Miss., was present and told those at the meeting that the Natchez group had informed DOUGLAS BYRD that he should get out of the Klan and that they wanted ERNEST GILBERT to head up the White Knights of the KKK of Mississippi and pull the state together. Informant learned that the following persons were elected at this meeting at Brookhaven, Miss.:

SAM BOWERS, Imperial Wizard
JULIUS HARPER, Grand Dragon, a position which he
still holds
BILLY BUCKLES, Grand Giant and State Secretary
PAUL FOSTER, State Chaplin, who has since resigned
and was sworn out of the Klan by
ERNEST GILBERT.
ERNEST S. GILBERT, State Investigator

Four Bursars were elected. The head State Bursar for Mississippi is TOMMY BROCK, a "Judge" at Utica, Miss. The Second Bursar is a man named HENSHAW of Laurel, Miss., who lives on Highway 84 East. The Third Bursar is an individual by the name of LAND who resides at Bay Springs, Miss., but who subsequently resigned his position. The Fourth Bursar was from Greenwood, Miss., but informant did not recall his name. Informant said that during this transition period when the above meetings were held at Natchez and Brookhaven, Miss., DOUGLAS BYRD was not elected to any office, however, BYRD acted as a sort of assistant to ERNEST GILBERT for several months prior to 2/1/64.

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Informant stated that after the above meeting the next state meeting of the Klan was held at Natchez, Miss., and the above-mentioned officers were in charge and are still in charge of the Klan in Mississippi.

The informant said the next meeting following the one at Natchez was held at Raleigh, Miss., about June, 1964, and the next state-wide meeting after that, which was the last state-wide meeting, was held at Crystal Springs, Miss., at an individual named JACKSON's place just outside of Crystal Springs, Miss. The informant could not recall JACKSON's first name but stated JACKSON operates a Butane Gas Company in Crystal Springs. The informant said he does not recall seeing GILBERT at the last Klan meeting in Crystal Springs.

The informant stated that the election of any officers in the Klan is scheduled between 9/15/64 and 11/15/64 and that BILLY BUCKLES, who lives on the Oldenberg Road out of Meadville, Miss., is coordinating the election. Each unit will vote for the officers they want which will then be reported through the provinces to headquarters. The new officers of the Klan will be elected to serve for four years in Mississippi.

The informant said that all Klansmen in Mississippi were forbidden to carry guns, pencils, lighters or just about anything else into a state Klan meeting. He said the state meetings are set up so they have snipers stationed in trees surrounding the area of the meeting, as well as armed guards patrolling on foot, horseback and in automobiles. In addition to this, he said they had an airplane flying overhead when the meeting was held at Raleigh, Miss. The informant learned that the Klan is now attempting to train dogs to use as guards around the state meet and also the local headquarters of the various Klan units.

The informant said that during August, 1964, CLYDE WENTWORTH, who is a painter and also Exalted Cyclops of

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Unit Number 1, Franklin County, Mississippi, had access to an entire list of this unit of the Klan and this list had been observed by Patrolman BERNICE BEASELY of the Mississippi Highway Patrol stationed at Meadville, Miss. BEASELY allegedly observed this list while he was at Jackson, Mississippi.

The informant pointed out that at one time about 80% of the Mississippi Highway Patrolmen were allegedly in the Klan. However, they have been sworn out. Informant said, however, that many highway patrolmen still pass on information to the Klan and act as lookouts for the Klan. The informant stated BEASELY, who is at Meadville, Miss., was definitely in the Klan at one time and still passes on information to the Klan members at Meadville. The informant learned that an individual referred to as "TALL MAN" at the Pure Oil Station, Meadville, Miss., has been talking about one CHARLES MARSHALL, who resides near Meadville, Miss., and who takes off from work to attend Klan meetings. MARSHALL allegedly owes everyone in the county and is driving a Thunderbird. According to the "TALL MAN", CHARLES MARSHALL is the individual who furnishes names of Klan members to BILL SCARBOROUGH, the Ford dealer at Meadville, Miss. Allegedly, SCARBOROUGH gives MARSHALL \$1,000 a month for information regarding the Klan. The informant was not able to elaborate on the above arrangement.

About the only thing the informant could learn relative to the above was something said by CLYDE SEALE, father of JAMES, EUGENE, DONALD and JACK SEALE, who lives on the Bunkley Road near Meadville, Miss., indicating that CHARLES MARSHALL had gone to Baton Rouge, La., and purchased a wedding ring for \$3,000 which he later had appraised at the bank in Meadville. Informant further learned that MARSHALL had lost his job at the International Paper Company, Natchez, Miss., and had been to Meridian, Miss., trying to get into the Klan Unit there. CLYDE SEALE made the remark that MARSHALL is supposed to be engaged to a girl who lives at Meridian and is using this as an excuse to visit Meridian, trying to obtain names of Klansmen which he allegedly passes

on to BILL SCARBOROUGH. According to the informant, the Klan group which CLYDE SEALE belongs to has voted to whip SCARBOROUGH. The informant emphasized that CLYDE SEALE and/or some of the members of the two Klan units at Meadville, Miss., may do away with CHARLES MARSHALL if the above information regarding MARSHALL is true.

Informant is of the opinion that a young highway patrolman or SAM BOWERS, both of Laurel, Miss., were the individuals who bombed the newspaper there several months ago. SAM BOWERS has refused to discuss this newspaper bombing with other members of the Klan.

The informant could not learn any information regarding the murder of the two Negroes, MOORE and DEE, whose bodies were found a few months ago in the Mississippi River north of Natchez, Miss. The informant was then advised that BILLY BUCKLES was known to have made the statement that DEE was a victim of circumstances and had to be done away with. Informant then stated that with this information he might be able to develop something on the MOORE-DEE killings. The informant was not acquainted with an explosion in a church at Brookhaven, Miss., and knew nothing of an attempted burning or explosion of any churches in that area.

The informant was not aware of the identity of the person described as an electrician from Franklin County, Miss., employed at the International Paper Company, Natchez, Miss., who allegedly burned the juke joint of JAKE FRISHMAN in Natchez, Mississippi.

The informant advised that he knew the identity of several individuals who fired a smoke bomb into the house of KID RUSSELL and they are DALE MC LEMORE, DOUGLAS A. BYRD and possibly ERNEST AZANTS and JACK SEALE. The informant knew that DOUGLAS BYRD was drunk after the first attempt to smoke bomb RUSSELL's house failed and, further, BYRD was the one who obtained the smoke grenade which was fired into the house.

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Informant is acquainted with ERNEST PARKER of Natchez, Miss., who is the individual who distributed Klan papers by plane at Brookhaven the first time they were distributed by plane there and PARKER's plane has been used by the Klan even though it was not flown by PARKER on other occasions. Informant knows one J. K. GREER of Fenwick, Miss., who is a pilot licensed to fly both day and night and is the only known member of the Klan who is so licensed. Informant stated that usually GREER rents a plane at the Natchez Airport when distributing papers for the Klan by plane.

The informant said that BILLY BUCKLES and DOUGLAS A. BYRD put out the Klan papers from the plane at Greenwood, Miss., a few months ago. The informant stated that BUFORD ASHLEY of Meadville, Miss., also owns an airplane which the Klan can use but ASHLEY can only fly during the daylight hours.

Informant said that CLYDE SEALE was responsible for the distributing of papers in the Meadville area. Informant recalled that one of these papers merely stated that names would be called if things were not changed and the second paper distributed there actually called names of particular individuals.

Informant advised that the plane owned by ERNEST PARKER was the one used to drop Klan papers over Philadelphia, Miss., about the first part of August, 1964.

The informant said the only information he has regarding a church burning came from an individual named PHELPS who operates Phelps Cafe at Laurel, Miss. PHELPS advised about 6/1/64 that he knew how a church was burned but the informant was not aware of which church PHELPS was referring to but believed it was near Raleigh, Mississippi. Informant said PHELPS claimed the church was saturated with gasoline or kerosene and that a Butane gas line was the line which subsequently ignited the gasoline or kerosene.

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The informant said he had no information about any church burnings in Pike County, Miss., and that all the Pike County Klan Units are members of the United Klans of America with the exception of one unit. The informant was not acquainted with this one Pike County Unit and did not know the identity of the members.

Informant stated that ERNEST GILBERT had allegedly received about \$4,000 in expense money from the Klan between 1/1/64 and 6/1/64 but that the local investigators in the various provinces had claimed mileage expense and that the money to pay this was turned in to the state headquarters. GILBERT allegedly gets the money back from the state headquarters to pay to the local Klan investigators, leaving little money for GILBERT's personal use.

Informant advised that the unit of the Klan at Crystal Springs, Miss., had borrowed money at a local bank and had plans to build a building in which to hold their meetings. All members of the Klan unit supposedly signed the note with the bank. The informant learned that an official of the bank made the statement that he had the names of all the Klansmen in Crystal Springs as he had their names on a note at his bank.

Informant said there was no special account of the Klan at any bank but that the Klan money was handled by a man named HENSHAW who resides on Highway 84 east of Laurel, Mississippi. The money handled by HENSHAW is supposed to be put into the personal account of HENSHAW. The informant recalled that at the state Klan meeting at Raleigh, Miss., HENSHAW was instructed to turn all money of the Klan over to "Judge" BROCK of Utica, Miss., and to the other three Bursars of the State Klan Organization.

Informant learned that DOUGLAS A. BYRD had made a call to ERNEST GILBERT from Natchez, Miss., sometime in

the past few months asking GILBERT to come to Natchez to kill a Negro by the name of WILLIAM DENNIS WARE. The informant said that LOUIS COWART of Brookhaven, Miss., went to Natchez, Miss., shortly after this telephone call and that three others went to Natchez also, HORACE JACKSON and LUTHER HART, both of Brookhaven, Miss., and a fourth individual whose name was not recalled. Informant was not aware of what happened at Natchez on this occasion.

The informant advised that an individual named FULLER came to Brookhaven, Miss., from Monroe, La., and was there to help organize the Klan. FULLER was a very close associate of ROYAL V. YOUNG.

Informant learned that a man named JAMES (first name unknown) who operates the Amoco Service Station at the bypass at Natchez, Miss., a brother of HORACE "ZULU" JAMES, the radio dispatcher at the Natchez, Miss., Police Department, and PAUL FOSTER had called ERNEST GILBERT at Brookhaven to get him to investigate the shooting of RICHARD JOE BUTLER, a Negro male at Natchez, Miss. According to the informant, JAMES and PAUL FOSTER believe that this shooting of BUTLER was done by MARVIN MC KINNY and [REDACTED] Informant said that a Klan leader questioned MARVIN MC KINNY about this later and MC KINNY denied being involved in the shooting of BUTLER. The informant did not believe any of the Klan leaders had been able to determine which Klansman was responsible for shooting BUTLER.

Informant advised that during August, 1964, BILLY WOODS and CLAUDE FULLER contacted ERNEST GILBERT and tried to get permission to kill some Negro, which permission was denied them by GILBERT. They allegedly were going to kill LEONARD WOODLEY, a Negro preacher who had been stirring up trouble and talking about the Klan. WOODLEY was attempting to organize the Negroes.

The informant advised that SHELBY BREWER was formerly the head of the Americans for the Preservation of the White Race (APWR), Lincoln County, Miss., but has recently resigned. The informant was not acquainted with the officers of the APWR.

Informant advised that ALTON ALLRED, operator of a grocery store near the Amoco Station, just east of the Homco Offices in Brookhaven, Miss., has a contract to furnish all of the robes for Klansmen for the State of Mississippi. Informant stated ALLRED has certain women working for him to do the sewing on the robes but these women are not known.

The informant advised that he learned through a very confidential source that Mr. C. C. CLARK, a prosperous businessman at Ruth, Miss., who is the former Postmaster there, was secretly sworn into the Klan and this information is known by four people only.

Informant advised that A. C. HARRINGTON of Ruth, Miss., is the Exalted Cyclops of the Ruth Unit and that HARRINGTON is also the State Grand Kleagle (State Organizer). The informant offered the opinion that the recent bombing incidents at McComb, Miss., are being done by the Klan group at Ruth, Miss. The informant said the foreman of C. C. CLARK, Ruth, Miss., mentioned above, is a member of the Ruth Unit of the Klan; however, he cannot recall his name at the present time. SEDGY HARRINGTON, brother of A. C. HARRINGTON, is also a member of the Ruth Unit of the Klan.

The informant said there are seven Klaverns of the KKK at Lincoln County, Mississippi. The Exalted Cyclops of Unit #1 is an individual by the name of SOMMERS who is the owner of the Brookhaven TV and Appliance Store. The Assistant Exalted Cyclops is an individual by the name of POSEY who is employed by SOMMERS at the Brookhaven TV and Appliance Store. "GOOSE" WICHMAN is the investigator of Klan Unit #1. WICHMAN is employed by the telephone company

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at Brookhaven. Other members of this same unit are HOUSTON JORDAN, TOBE LEGGETT, CHARLY BRANHAM, SAM BRAMLETT, operator of a Texaco Service Station, CLYDE SMITH, CURTIS SMITH, who may be out of the Klan now, and SHELBY BREWER, who has Klegle Commission and can work anywhere in the state. The informant said another member of this unit is the manager of either the Dollar Store or Shainberg Department Store, Brookhaven. Two other members are CECIL CROSS and LEE STAMP.

The informant said the newest unit of the Lincoln County Klan is the Heights Retreat Unit which is in a community located out toward the Brookhaven airport. The Exalted Cyclops of this new unit is a man who runs the Ford tractor place in Brookhaven but his name could not be recalled. Another member of this new unit is BILLY MACK DONALD who offered the ground on which a building could be built for Klan meetings but this offer was turned down by the Klan leaders since DONALD would not allow the Klan to purchase the property on which the building would be built.

The informant advised that there is an executive meeting of the Klan officers at JACKSON's place near Crystal Springs, Miss., each Sunday and informant will try to find out what happens at the next meeting.

Recommendation:

The above information sets forth pertinent information regarding numerous organizations and individuals connected with captioned organization and should be considered for inclusion in reports of captioned organization or individuals.

Due to the length of this memo, specific leads are not being set forth herein but agents receiving copies of this memo should review the material and conduct logical investigation.

THIS INFO IS NOT TO BE DISSEMINATED OUTSIDE THE BUREAU AND EXTREME CARE SHOULD BE USED IN DISCUSSING THIS INFO AS THE INFORMANT'S LIFE COULD EASILY BE JEOPARDIZED.

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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1562)
FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-1974)
SUBJECT: EXPLOSIVES IN POSSESSION
JACK SEALE, NATCHEZ,
MISSISSIPPI, 3/13/64
RM

Remyairtel 4/10/64 captioned as above.

[REDACTED] who furnishes weekly written reports and is in telephonic contact with SA CLARENCE G. PROSPERE several times a week has advised that he has seen no other explosives in possession of JACK SEALE and that he has not heard SEALE mention the practice hand grenades or dynamite again. Explosives allegedly thrown in Mississippi River by SEALE not located. [REDACTED] has advised that should he obtain any further information in connection with this matter he will immediately advise SA PROSPERE.

In view of the foregoing the New Orleans case in this matter is being closed.

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Air Mail

To: Director, FBI

From: SAC, New Orleans (157-1974)

EXPLOSIVES IN POSSESSION
JACK SEALE, NATCHEZ,
MISSISSIPPI, 3/13/64
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Re Bureau airtel 4/8/64.

[REDACTED] advised SA CLARENCE G. PROSPER on 4/6/64 that he had been informed by JACK SEALE that SEALE had thrown the case of dynamite previously in his possession in the Mississippi River near Natchez, Mississippi. SEALE told informant the reason for throwing the case of dynamite in the river was that he felt that it might be a violation of a Federal law to have this dynamite in his possession; and he was afraid that the FBI would learn of the dynamite in his possession. SEALE did not indicate when he had disposed of the dynamite or the exact location of disposal.

[REDACTED] said that he had never actually seen this dynamite in the possession of SEALE, but that at the Klan meeting held on 3/14/64 in Natchez, SEALE told informant that he had a case of dynamite in the trunk of his car.

Informant stated that SEALE has an uncle, name unknown at this time, who reportedly is a member of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi (WKKKK), in

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Franklin County, Mississippi, in which county Eude, Mississippi, is located. Informant stated that in the event SEALE did not actually dispose of the dynamite in the river, it is possible he may have given the dynamite to his uncle in Franklin County. Informant stated, however, that at no time has SEALE ever given any indication that he furnished the dynamite to his uncle.

Informant advised that he is in daily contact with SEALE and other Klan members in Natchez, Mississippi, and that neither SEALE nor other Klan members have ever mentioned anything regarding the practice hand grenades in possession of the Klan in Natchez. Informant has attended weekly meetings and has not observed any additional practice grenades at these meetings or in the possession of any of the members.

Informant will continue daily contacts with SEALE and other Klan members. An attempt to develop further information regarding the dynamite and the practice hand grenades will be made by informant.

On 4/3/64, Chief of Police J. T. ROBINSON, Natchez PD, advised that he had received information from a reliable confidential source, whose identity he did not desire to disclose, that SEALE had disposed of the dynamite by throwing it in the Mississippi River. Chief ROBINSON said this source did not indicate the date or place of disposal.

For the information of the Bureau, a photograph of SEALE has been identified by GEORGE GREENE, Bufile 157-1103, as one of the individuals who was in a 1964 blue Chevrolet which stopped GREENE between Natchez and Fayette, Mississippi, about five months ago, and fired a pistol into the car GREENE was riding in. GREENE, at that time, was a Field Secretary for the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee. A photograph of CLYDE DON SEALE, a brother of JACK SEALE, was also identified by GREENE as being a passenger in this same Chevrolet.

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The files of the New Orleans Office indicate that JACK SEALE has two other brothers, JOE EUGENE SEALE, and JAMES FORD SEALE, both of Meadville, Mississippi.

In connection with the investigation of the case involving GEORGE GREENE, Bufile 157-1103, JACK SEALE denied any knowledge of this shooting, and the other three SEALE brothers declined to be interviewed.

Bureau will be kept advised of any additional pertinent developments in the captioned matter.

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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1551)
ATTENTION: CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION,
GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-1939) (C)

UNSUBS; JAMES CARTER
WINSTON - VICTIM
RM

Re New Orleans airtel and letterhead memorandum
to Bureau dated 3/10/64.

Enclosed for the Bureau are four photographs of the
victim. Two copies of each of the two exposures are being
furnished in the event the Bureau desires to furnish photo-
graphs to the Department.

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AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

ATTENTION: CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION
GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-1939) (C)

RE: UNSUBS; JAMES CARTER WINSTON -
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RM

ReBuairtel 3/6/64.

Enclosed herewith are the original and seven
copies of a letterhead memorandum dealing with captioned
matter.

For the information of the Bureau, local authorities
have developed no information to date in connection with this
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AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

ATTENTION: CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION
GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-1989) (C)

RE: UNSUBS; JAMES CARTER WINSTON -
VICTIM
RM

ReBuairtel 3/5/64.

Enclosed herewith are the original and seven
copies of a letterhead memorandum dealing with captioned
matter.

For the information of the Bureau, local authorities
have developed no information to date in connection with this
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

New Orleans, Louisiana
March 10, 1964

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; JAMES CARTER
WINSTON - VICTIM

On February 24, 1964, James Carter Winston furnished the following signed statement:

"Natchez, Miss.
2/24/64

"I, James Carter Winston, make the following voluntary statement to Merriman D. Diven and Clarence G. Prospere who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the F.B.I.

"I am 39 years old and attended college for four years in a Catholic Seminary and two additional years in theology. I am not a registered voter in Adams County, Miss., or elsewhere; I have never attempted to register to vote; I have never attended any school or demonstration in connection with attempts to register to vote.

"On 2/15/64 I got off from work at Picketts Cafeteria located in the International Paper Co., near Natchez, Miss., at about 9:00 PM. I normally leave work around 5 to 5:30 PM, however, on Saturdays I usually stay a little later. On 2/15/64 I left work about 9:00 PM.

"I have no car so I either walk, catch a ride or use a taxi to get to Natchez. On 2/15/64 I walked to an intersection just past the plant entrance and had just passed this intersection and

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was standing near a church when a car went past me and stopped. I do not know the make of car and only recall it was a dark four door car. I walked up to this car thinking they had stopped to give me a ride. Upon reaching the car a white male wearing a mask over his eyes stepped out of the left rear door of the car with a rifle. He told me to get in the car and gave me no alternative. As I got in he told me to get on the floor. There was one man driving and two men on the back seat. As they drove off a piece of cloth was put over my head.

"As the car was moving I was asked if I was a member of the NAACP. I told them I was not. I am not a member of CORE or any similar organization. As we continued to ride a gun was placed against my left temple and at the same time against my left side. They felt my pockets and removed my pocketbook. In addition to my identification I had two dollars in my pocketbook. As yet I have not recovered my pocketbook, however, I have received word that my pocketbook has been found. I do not know if the two dollars and the identification papers of mine were found with the wallet.

"I have no idea as to the time I spent riding in the car. The car finally stopped after turning off on a gravel road which appeared to run through a swamp. After the car stopped I was told to crawl out of the car and crawl to a muddy, sloppy, wet place. My clothes were then torn off of me. I had the cover over my head removed also. I was told not to look but to keep my head down. I estimate there were seven or eight men around me as I had been told there would be others where we were going.

"I was whipped with what I believe to be whips which were long. During the whipping the men stopped and had me drink from a small bottle which bore a castor oil label. They then whipped me some more. During the whipping I noticed one man wearing a black

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hood over his head with holes cut for the eyes.

"At no time from hearing the voices or seeing partial features was I able to identify any of the individuals who whipped me.

"I have no idea as to why I was picked up other than the fact I have been at the paper company for eight or nine years and perhaps these individuals had seen me near the plant. I have had no cross words with any colored or white individuals and I know of no reason why I was whipped.

"After the men stopped whipping me I was told to get on that road and make tracks. I was nude and barefooted. I ran to the road and out of sight of the men. I then wandered around until I came to a house which I later determined belongs to an individual named Woods. The following morning I was brought to Natchez to a point near my home. Later on a Deputy Sheriff Hernandez came to ___ home and I told him what had happened to me.

"I did not visit a doctor and no photographs were taken of me by anyone. I stayed at home the following Monday and went to work the next day.

"I have read the above statement of this, and 5 other pages. I put my initials at the bottom of the other 5 pages. This statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

/s/ James Carter Winston

"Witnesses:

Clarence G. Prospere, Sp. Agent, F.B.I., New Orleans,
La., 2/24/64

Merriman D. Diven, Special Agent, FBI, New Orleans,
La., 2/24/64"

**UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; JAMES CARTER
WINSTON - VICTIM**

The following is a description of James Carter Winston as obtained from observation and interrogation on February 24, 1964:

Name	JAMES CARTER WINSTON
Alias	James Winston Carter
Sex	Male
Race	Negro
Age	39
Date of Birth	
Place of Birth	Natchez, Mississippi
Residence	10 Beach Street, Natchez, Mississippi
Height	5'8"
Weight	200 pounds
Build	Heavy
Hair	Black, bald on top
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Dark
Scars and Marks	None
Peculiarities	Large lips
Occupation	Porter in cafeteria
Marital Status	Single
Arrest Record	Arrested Natchez, 1963 investigation vagrancy Patient Whitfield for examination, 1953 released, 1954
Immediate Relatives	Father - LOUIS WINSTON, Sr., deceased Mother - LEE ANNA WINSTON, deceased Step-mother-AMY WINSTON, 10 Beach St., Natchez Brother - LOUIS EDWARD WINSTON, JR. Muskeegan Hts., Muskeegan, Michigan

Sister - Mrs. RUTH NELSON,
St. Louis, Missouri
Sister - Mrs. JESSIE
McQUEEN, St. Louis,
Missouri

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New Orleans, Louisiana
March 10, 1964

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; JAMES CARTER
WINSTON - VICTIM

On February 24, 1964, James Carter Winston furnished the following signed statement:

"Natchez, Miss.
2/24/64

"I, James Carter Winston, make the following voluntary statement to Merriman D. Diven and Clarence G. Prospere who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the F.B.I.

"I am 39 years old and attended college for four years in a Catholic Seminary and two additional years in theology. I am not a registered voter in Adams County, Miss., or elsewhere; I have never attempted to register to vote; I have never attended any school or demonstration in connection with attempts to register to vote.

"On 2/15/64 I got off from work at Picketts Cafeteria located in the International Paper Co., near Natchez, Miss., at about 9:00 PM. I normally leave work around 5 to 5:30 PM, however, on Saturdays I usually stay a little later. On 2/15/64 I left work about 9:00 PM.

"I have no car so I either walk, catch a ride or use a taxi to get to Natchez. On 2/15/64 I walked to an intersection just past the plant entrance and had just passed this intersection and

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was standing near a church when a car went past me and stopped. I do not know the make of car and only recall it was a dark four door car. I walked up to this car thinking they had stopped to give me a ride. Upon reaching the car a white male wearing a mask over his eyes stepped out of the left rear door of the car with a rifle. He told me to get in the car and gave me no alternative. As I got in he told me to get on the floor. There was one man driving and two men on the back seat. As they drove off a piece of cloth was put over my head.

"As the car was moving I was asked if I was a member of the NAACP. I told them I was not. I am not a member of CORE or any similar organization. As we continued to ride a gun was placed against my left temple and at the same time against my left side. They felt my pockets and removed my pocketbook. In addition to my identification I had two dollars in my pocketbook. As yet I have not recovered my pocketbook, however, I have received word that my pocketbook has been found. I do not know if the two dollars and the identification papers of mine were found with the wallet.

"I have no idea as to the time I spent riding in the car. The car finally stopped after turning off on a gravel road which appeared to run through a swamp. After the car stopped I was told to crawl out of the car and crawl to a muddy, sloppy, wet place. My clothes were then torn off of me. I had the cover over my head removed also. I was told not to look but to keep my head down. I estimate there were seven or eight men around me as I had been told there would be others where we were going.

"I was whipped with what I believe to be whips which were long. During the whipping the men stopped and had me drink from a small bottle which bore a castor oil label. They then whipped me some more. During the whipping I noticed one man wearing a black

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hood over his head with holes cut for the eyes.

"At no time from hearing the voices or seeing partial features was I able to identify any of the individuals who whipped me.

"I have no idea as to why I was picked up other than the fact I have been at the paper company for eight or nine years and perhaps these individuals had seen me near the plant. I have had no cross words with any colored or white individuals and I know of no reason why I was whipped.

"After the men stopped whipping me I was told to get on that road and make tracks. I was nude and barefooted. I ran to the road and out of sight of the men. I then wandered around until I came to a house which I later determined belongs to an individual named Woods. The following morning I was brought to Natchez to a point near my home. Later on a Deputy Sheriff Hernandez came to ___ home and I told him what had happened to me.

"I did not visit a doctor and no photographs were taken of me by anyone. I stayed at home the following Monday and went to work the next day.

"I have read the above statement of this, and 5 other pages. I put my initials at the bottom of the other 5 pages. This statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

/s/ James Carter Winston

"Witnesses:

Clarence G. Prospere, Sp. Agent, F.B.I., New Orleans,
La., 2/24/64

Merriman D. Diven, Special Agent, FBI, New Orleans,
La., 2/24/64"

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WINSTON - VICTIM**

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The following is a description of James Carter Winston as obtained from observation and interrogation on February 24, 1964:

Name	JAMES CARTER WINSTON
Alias	James Winston Carter
Sex	Male
Race	Negro
Age	39
Date of Birth	
Place of Birth	Natchez, Mississippi
Residence	10 Beach Street, Natchez, Mississippi
Height	5'8"
Weight	200 pounds
Build	Heavy
Hair	Black, bald on top
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Dark
Scars and Marks	None
Peculiarities	Large lips
Occupation	Porter in cafeteria
Marital Status	Single
Arrest Record	Arrested Natchez, 1963 investigation vagrancy Patient Whitfield for examination, 1953 released, 1954
Immediate Relatives	Father - LOUIS WINSTON, Sr., deceased Mother - LEE ANNA WINSTON, deceased Step-mother-AMY WINSTON, 10 Beach St., Natchez Brother - LOUIS EDWARD WINSTON, JR. Muskeegan Hts., Muskeegan, Michigan

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JAMES C. WINSTON - VICTIM
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If not already done, surep or LHM reflecting results of interview with Winston. If already submitted, advise caption, date and nature of communication.

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ALFRED WHITELY - VICTIM
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JAMES C. WINSTON - VICTIM
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UNSUBS (5);
ARCHIE CHARLES CURTIS
WILLIE JACKSON - VICTIMS
RM
(157-1940)

UNSUBS;
(FNU) BLANTON - VICTIM
RM
(NO 157-1941)

At 5:32 p.m., 2/20/64, C. L. McGOWAN of the Bureau telephonically requested that the victims of the above-mentioned cases be immediately interviewed and determine whether they engage in any type of voter registration work. He referred to our teletype of 2/16/64 and letterhead memo of 2/17/64.

SA DIVEN was instructed to immediately contact SA PROSPERE and to leave on the night of 2/20/64 for Natchez to handle the above.

At 5:40 p.m., C. L. McGOWAN advised that the Mayor of Natchez, with whom the Department of Justice had been in contact, had stated this was a "terrible thing" and he did not want local law enforcement officials notified. The Department also instructed they not be notified. Above information was furnished to SA DIVEN and he was instructed to notify no one.

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On 2/21/64 SA PROSPERE telephonically advised they had contacted all available victims and were sending teletypes to the Bureau; that they had been unable to locate the first person who reported being beaten about three weeks ago, (FNU) BLANTON, that he was unknown in the community and the only possible way to locate him was by contacting the Sheriff.

I advised PROSPERE that we had informed the Bureau we were going to contact the Sheriff to find out the progress; that the only instructions were that we should not advise him we were conducting an investigation; that we would still have to contact the Sheriff to find out what progress he was making, at which time he could probably determine the whereabouts of this man.

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AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTENTION: CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION,
GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-1939) (P)

UNSUB;
JAMES C. WINSTON - VICTIM
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Re New Orleans teletype 2/16/64.

Enclosed herewith are the original and seven
copies of a letterhead memorandum dealing with captioned
matter.

Will follow and advise Bureau of any information
developed by local authorities in this matter.

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New Orleans, Louisiana
February 17, 1964

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
JAMES C. WINSTON - VICTIM

On February 16, 1964, Sheriff Odell Anders, Adams County Sheriff's Office, Natchez, Mississippi, advised that James C. Winston, colored male, who resides at # 10 Beech Street, Natchez, Mississippi, and who is employed in the cafeteria of the International Paper Company, Natchez, Mississippi, by Picket's Food Service, caterers for the cafeteria, left work at approximately 9:15 p.m. on February 15, 1964, and began walking to Natchez, Mississippi. Winston, who has no automobile, usually began walking from work to Natchez and was normally picked up before reaching town. On the night of February 15, 1964, Winston had only walked a short distance when a car containing three white males wearing Halloween masks over their eyes stopped the car and got out with rifles. These men blindfolded Winston and forced him to lie on the back seat of the car. With a gun against the temple of Winston, these men asked Winston if he had any money. He replied he had only \$2.00. Winston was then made to give his pocket book to the men. When his pocket book was recovered, the \$2.00 was missing.

Winston was driven to Beverly, south of Natchez, where the car turned right on a gravel road into Homochitto Swamp. At this point the car stopped and Winston was forced to get out of the car. Winston then observed that other men were gathering where the car had stopped. Winston was then forced to remove his clothes, after which he was whipped with bull whips and a whip described as a "cat tail" whip. After the whipping, Winston was left in the swamp. He then walked through the swamp to the home of Curtis Bernard, who brought him the next day, February 16, 1964, to Natchez.

Sheriff Anders advised there was no indication that law enforcement officers were involved in the whipping of Winston.

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JAMES C. WINSTON - VICTIM

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New Orleans, Louisiana
February 19, 1964

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
JAMES C. WINSTON - VICTIM

On February 18, 1964, Sheriff WALL, victim,
Adams County Sheriff's Office, Natchez, Mississippi,
advised that James C. Winston, colored male, the resident
of 7 1/2 Beach Street, Natchez, Mississippi, and who
is employed in the canteen of the International Paper
Company, Natchez, Mississippi, by Natchez's Food Service,
caterer for the canteen, left work at approximately
9:15 p.m. on February 18, 1964, and began walking to
Natchez, Mississippi. Winston, who has no automobile,
usually began walking from work to Natchez and was
usually picked up before reaching home. On the night
of February 18, 1964, Winston had only walked a short
distance when a car containing three white males carrying
ballroom sticks over their open stopped the car and got
out with rifles. These men intimidated Winston and
forced him to lie on the back seat of the car. With
a gun against the temple of Winston, these men asked
Winston if he had any money. He replied he had only
\$2.00. Winston was then made to give his pocket book
to the men. When his pocket book was recovered, the
\$1.00 was missing.

Winston was taken to Lumbert, south of Natchez,
where the car turned right on a gravel road into Satchelle
Swamp. At this point the car stopped and Winston was
forced to get out of the car. Winston then observed
that other men were gathering there the car had stopped.
Winston was then forced to remove his clothes, after
which he was whipped with ball whips and a whip described
as a "cat tail" whip. After the whipping, Winston was
left in the swamp. He then walked through the swamp
to the home of Artie Barlow, who brought him the next
day, February 19, 1964, to Natchez.

Sheriff WALL advised there was no indication
that law enforcement officers were involved in the
whipping of Winston.

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INTERNAL SECURITY;
ALAN C. WATKINS - TROTT

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : FILE

DATE: 2/20/64

FROM : SAC

SUBJECT: UNSUBS (5); ARCHIE CURTISS;
WILLIE JACKSON - VICTIMS
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UNSUBS; JAMES C. WINSTON - VICTIM
RM
(NO 157-1939)

UNSUBS; (FNU) BLANTON - VICTIM
RM
(NO 157-1941)

Mr. McGOWAN of the Bureau at 4:35 p.m., 2/20/64 advised that the New Orleans Office submitted teletypes on the weekend of 2/16/64 advising that there had been three incidents of beatings.

One of the above instances involved JAMES C. WINSTON. Another incident involved ARCHIE CURTISS and WILLIE JACKSON, and the third one referred to victim as (FNU) BLANTON.

According to McGOWAN the New Orleans source of information was the Sheriff at Natchez, Miss.

Mr. McGOWAN stated the Department has requested New Orleans interview the above victims to determine the facts and circumstances surrounding the beatings and specifically determine whether any of the above persons have been engaged in any type of voter registration activities. This would apparently include efforts on the part of the individuals to register to vote as well as participate in voter registration schools as a student or an instructor. In event these persons have so participated, full details concerning such participation should be obtained.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM NEW ORLEANS /157-NEW/ 1 P

UNSUBS; JAMES C. WINSTON DASH VICTIM. RM.

ON TWO SIXTEEN, SIXTYFOUR SHERIFF ODELL ANDERS, ADAMS COUNTY SO, NATCHEZ, MISS. ADVISED THAT VICTIM, NEGRO MALE, EMPLOYED IN CAFETERIA, INTERNATIONAL PAPER CO., NATCHEZ, LEFT WORK NINE FIFTEEN P.M. TWO FIFTEEN, SIXTYFOUR AND WAS WALKING TO NATCHEZ WHEN STOPPED BY THREE WHITE MALES IN CAR WHO WERE WEARING HALLOWEEN MASKS OVER EYES. VICTIM FORCED AT GUNPOINT INTO CAR AND ROBBED OF TWO DOLLARS. VICTIM TAKEN TO SWAMP WHERE OTHER WHITE MALES WERE WAITING. VICTIM STRIPPED AND BEATEN WITH WHIPS. NO INDICATION LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS INVOLVED.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (167-2108)

DATE: 5/8/64

FROM : SA J. WOODROW GILMORE

SUBJECT: EXPLOSIVES IN POSSESSION
JACK SEALE, NATCHEZ, MISSISSIPPI
3/13/64
BM

C. M. MC GINNIS, Apartment C, 2527 Alvar Street,
advised 4/8/64 JOSE TOGNO was not away from the vicinity
of his home on 4/3-4/64

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AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1562)

FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-411) (C)
VIA SAC, NEW ORLEANS

SUBJECT: EXPLOSIVES IN POSSESSION
JACK SEALE, NATCHEZ, MISS.
3/13/64
RM

Re Bureau airtel to New Orleans dated 3/3/64
entitled "White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi;
Americans for the Preservation of the White Race, Racial
Matters."

The matter referred to on page one, paragraph
three of referenced airtel is identical with captioned
case in which information was furnished to the Bureau in
several letterhead memoranda.

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To: Director, FBI (157-1552)
From: SAC, New Orleans (157-1982)

WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE
KU KLUX KLAN OF
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Re New Orleans teletype to Bureau and Memphis 6/25/64
captioned "RACIAL SITUATION, STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, RM."

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies and for
Memphis is one copy of a letterhead memorandum pertaining to
captioned matter.

Source mentioned in enclosed letterhead memorandum is

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1: 157-1374 (MIRON WAYNE BEALE)
1: 157- (PAUL DE MARCO)
1: 157-2139 (ERNEST FINLEY)
1: 157-2281 (PETE HARVEY)
1: 157-2151 (PAUL FOSTER)
1: 157- (FNU JAMES)
1: 157-2122 (FNU MC KINNEY)
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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New Orleans, Louisiana
June 26, 1964

WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX
KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on June 23, 1964, that there are currently eight "goon squads" in the Adams County Klavern of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (WKKKK) of Mississippi. This source added that there are seven men on each squad, and it is planned that there will be twelve such squads by the first of July.

This source stated that any Klan members who are members of the auxiliary police will not be assigned to any of the "goon squads." Source advised that any "goon squad" member who is caught by a fellow Klansman committing an act of violence is to be arrested by other Klansmen, and that the leaders of four of the "goon squads" are as follows: Myron Wayne "Jack" Seale, Ernest Finley, Pete Harvey, and Paul DeMarco. Source added that DeMarco is the owner of a drug store in Natchez, Mississippi, and that these "goon squads" were set up by Paul Foster, the Exalted Cyclops of the Adams County Klavern. This same source informed that an individual by the name of James of the James Amoco Service Station, Natchez, is secretary of the Adams County Klavern and reported that the Klavern has on hand approximately \$300.00 to \$375.00.

This source stated that individuals who are members of the auxiliary police and who are also members of the Klan have been instructed that if any demonstrator or "freedom rider" spits upon them or curses them that the Klansman is to

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KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI

remember the identity of the individual and determine where this person is staying. The Klan is then to be advised of this information, and the individual will be taken care of by the Klan under the cover of darkness.

This source stated that there seems to be little or no planning on the part of the Klan at Natchez, Mississippi, at this time as to what action will be taken when and if the demonstrators or "freedom riders" arrive in Natchez, and that all assignments will be made by Paul Foster.

This source added that Myron Wayne "Jack" Seale has plugged with pipe plugs the practice hand grenades which Seale had in his possession in February, 1964; however, this source did not know if these grenades have been loaded with powder.

It is noted that this same source previously reported on February 25, 1964, that at a Klan meeting held at Natchez on the same date, Jack Seale exhibited two practice hand grenades, each of which had a hole in one end, which hole was sealed with wax. A discussion was held regarding the removing of the wax from the grenades and tapping the hole and thereafter filling the grenade with black powder and inserting a pipe plug in the tapped hole. It was not indicated how many such grenades were in the possession of Seale; however, the two grenades were carried by Seale in a small blue canvas flight-type zipper bag.

This source further advised on June 23, 1964, that the Adams County Klavern has been annoying a local attorney, Fred Berger, during all hours of the night, by telephoning Berger's residence and then not speaking. This is because Berger has been representing Negroes who have been mistreated by the Klan.

WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX
KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI

This source further advised that James K. Greer, of Finwick, Mississippi, is the Provincial Giant of the Cloverhill Klavern of the WKKKK, and that Tiny Lewis is the Exalted Cyclops of this Klavern. Lewis is also a Colonel on the staff of Governor Paul Johnson of Mississippi, and the Cloverhill Klavern meets in the same building used by the Adams County Klavern. According to this source, the Adams County Klavern meets on Tuesday night, and the Cloverhill Klavern meets on Thursday night.

This source stated that on the evening of June 23, 1964, members of the Adams County Klavern were looking for a white Comet automobile bearing a New Jersey license plate and reportedly occupied by one white male and one Negro male, who were believed to be members of the Mississippi Summer Project.

Special Agents of the FBI at Natchez, Mississippi, on the evening of June 23, 1964, also attempted to locate such an automobile, without success.

The above information was furnished to Chief of Police J. T. Robinson of the Natchez, Mississippi, Police Department on June 25, 1964.

A characterization of the WKKKK is attached.

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APPENDIX

WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE
KU KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI

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

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

APPENDIX

5/16/64

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AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1562)
FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-1974)
SUBJECT: EXPLOSIVES IN POSSESSION
JACK SEALE, NATCHEZ,
MISSISSIPPI, 3/13/64
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[REDACTED], who furnishes weekly written reports and is in telephonic contact with SA CLARENCE G. PROSPERE several times a week has advised that he has seen no other explosives in possession of JACK SEALE and that he has not heard SEALE mention the practice hand grenades or dynamite again. Explosives allegedly thrown in Mississippi River by SEALE not located. LUKE has advised that should he obtain any further information in connection with this matter he will immediately advise SA PROSPERE.

In view of the foregoing the New Orleans case in this matter is being closed.

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Bureau should be kept currently informed of pertinent developments in this matter.

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[REDACTED] who has
furnished reliable information in the past, furnished on
April 13, 1964, a written report regarding a meeting of
the WKKKK held at Natchez, Mississippi, on 4/7/64. This
report can be located in [REDACTED]

Informant reported that the meeting was held
at the Klan headquarters on April 7, 1964, and members
in attendance at this meeting were ERNEST PARKER, JACK
SEALE, ERNEST FINLEY, JEFF LUKE, FRANK CRAFTON, ROBERT
MURRAY, SID HANEY, SR., JOE PEOPLES, DILLON, and two
other men whose names were unknown.

Informant reported that the general topic of
discussion at the meeting was the recent shooting in the
Kingston area and everyone was of the opinion that this
shooting did not have the sanction of the Klan. Informant
stated that from his observations at this meeting it was
evident that everyone thought that [REDACTED] was the
trigger man in this shooting incident. Informant stated
that it was also brought out at this meeting that [REDACTED]
was a member of the Sligo Group and had only attended
one meeting; however, the other white men mentioned in
connection with the shooting were not known to be
Klansmen.

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At this meeting, some of the members were for a membership drive to bolster the ranks of the Klavern. Informant reported that membership and attendance at the meetings are on the down grade during the recent weeks and that there is a drive to get the old members to start attending the meetings again. Informant stated that it appeared to him that the hard core members of the Klavern appeared to be desperate in an attempt to hold the Klavern together at this time.

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FROM: WASHINGTON 171727

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*Lennex L. Forman, D.A.,
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-1339) DATE: 2/29/64

FROM : SA CLARENCE G. PROSPERE

SUBJECT: KLAN ACTIVITY,
NATCHEZ, MISSISSIPPI

Re memo of SA CLARENCE G. PROSPERE, 9/27/63, captioned
"DOUGLAS A. BYRD, KLAN-TYPE ORGANIZATIONS, NATCHEZ, MISS."

FOIA(b)7 - (D)

on 9/19/63,

advised SA HUNTER E. HELGESON that, according to GEORGE TAYLOR,
a member of a klan-type group, Yazoo City, Miss., one BYRD
(phonetic), (FNU), but who is from Natchez, Miss., is the
"Grand Wizard" of the KKK in Miss.

FOIA(b)7 - (D)

on 9/20/63,

telephonically advised SA HUNTER E. HELGESON that (FNU) BYRD,
from Natchez, Miss., whom he had previously described as the
"Grand Wizard" in the State of Miss., was in Yazoo City, 9/30/63,
meeting with local klan leaders.

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stated that, based on conversation he has had
recently with GEORGE TAYLOR of Yazoo City, he is of the impression
that one JACK SILL (correct name JACK SEALE), from Natchez, Miss.,
is the #1 organizer for the KKK in the State of Miss. Reportedly,

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SEALE met with JAMES ROBERTS, SR., and GEORGE TAYLOR in Yazoo City on 9/20/63. The nature of this meeting was not known to

FOIA(b) - (D)

Sheriff WILLIAM T. FERRELL, Adams Co., Natchez, Miss., advised SA CLARENCE G. PROSPERE on 9/23/63, that he felt there was some klan-type activity going on in Adams Co., Miss. FERRELL advised that on the night of 9/20/63, a CLAUDE W. FULLER, who was an unsuccessful candidate for constable in the second district of Adams Co., Kingston, Miss., during the recent election, reported that he was driving home when six Negro males passed him on the Kingston Rd. near Natchez and these Negroes fired a shotgun blast of buckshot into the front fender of his car. FULLER stopped his car and ran into the woods, after which the Negroes returned and set fire to his car. The car was totally burned.

Sheriff FERRELL stated his investigation has indicated that the car was actually burned by FULLER as two days after winning the first primary he traded a 1962 Oldsmobile on which he still owed about \$2200 for the 1958 Ford which was burned. FERRELL pointed out that he had determined that FULLER owed about \$1000 on the Ford and had not as yet made a payment on the Ford. FERRELL stated the payments were past due and that FULLER had lost the election in the second primary.

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FERRELL stated that his reason for mentioning the above incident about FULLER was because on Saturday after the car of FULLER was burned, an individual by the name of DOUGLAS A. BYRD came to the SO to inquire why the story about FULLER's car had not been released to the local Natchez newspaper. Sheriff FERRELL pointed out that both he and Chief of Police J. T. ROBINSON of the Natchez PD had been withholding items from the newspaper which possibly bore on racial incidents.

Sheriff FERRELL went on the state that this same DOUGLAS A. BYRD had come to his attention earlier on Friday afternoon, 9/20/63, when the local trial of WILLIAM DENNIS WARE (NO 44-1893) came up in Natchez. FERRELL stated he had received information that cars of white males were coming to Natchez on the afternoon of 9/20/63, from Amite, Wilkinson and Franklin Counties with the object of keeping an eye on the Negroes who might attempt to demonstrate at or during the trial of WILLIAM DENNIS WARE. FERRELL stated that for this reason, he had his deputies in the vicinity of the Natchez City Hall and that among the individuals he observed was DOUGLAS A. BYRD accompanied by five unknown white males. BYRD was in a blue and white, 1957 or 1959 Ford, bearing a dealer's tag assigned to the dealer. FERRELL stated he did not have a record of this license number. It has since been determined that BYRD drives a 1960 light blue,

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two door Ford, bearing 1964 Miss. license 1-6051.

FERRELL stated that as a possible interesting sidelight, the burning of a Negro church on the lower Palestine Rd. near Natchez was reported Friday night, 9/20/63, and after developing further information on BYRD, he suspects BYRD has something to do with the burning of the church.

Sheriff FERRELL stated he did not know of any associates of BYRD other than possibly CLAUDE W. FULLER whom BYRD inquired about the morning after FULLER's car was burned.

In connection with the men coming from Amite, Wilkinson and Franklin Counties, FERRELL pointed out that about the time the cars were arriving near the Natchez City Hall, he observed Sheriff E. L. CASTON of Amite Co. in the vicinity of City Hall. FERRELL stated he asked CASTON what was going on and CASTON replied he was merely passing through Natchez and stopped for a cup of coffee. FERRELL stated CASTON was accompanied by two unknown white males and that Mr. L. K. WINGATE, 811 Kenwood Lane, Natchez, had advised the SO that Sheriff E. L. CASTON and his present Chief Deputy who is now Sheriff-elect, DANIEL JONES, are both members of klan-type organizations. It is pointed out that E. L. CASTON of Amite Co. is now the former Sheriff and that information has been developed which is set forth later in this memorandum that CASTON is an official of the KK in Miss.,

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and DANIEL JONES has now taken office as Sheriff in Amite Co., at Liberty, Miss.

FERRELL stated that he had determined that DOUGLAS A. BYRD had at one time submitted letters to the "Peoples Forum" a colum in the "Natchez Democrat", a local newspaper; that these articles were submitted following the admission of JAMES MEREDITH to the Univ. of Miss.

Background information regarding DOUGLAS A. BYRD has been obtained and is contained in New Orleans file 157-1340-30.

On 9/23/63, Chief of Police J. T. ROBINSON, Natchez, Miss., advised that he and Sheriff FERRELL of the Adams Co. SO, Natchez, Miss., had been working together on DOUGLAS A. BYRD in an attempt to develop information concerning BYRD. Chief ROBINSON advised that from a highly confidential source, he had obtained the following information from a notebook in the car of DOUGLAS A. BYRD when BYRD was in Natchez on 9/20/63. (The following information has been previously submitted and disseminated to the proper files.)

Fayette, Miss.
Brookhaven, Miss.
Brookhaven, Miss.
Summit, Miss.
Meadville, Miss.

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5250
1474
276-7624
384-5140

R. M. CARNEGIE
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Liberty, Miss.	657-2661	CASTON
Yazoo City, Miss.	746-5183	
Woodville, Miss.	888-5471	JOHN LEWIS
Woodville, Miss.	888-4142	
Attempted contact	LEWIS COWART, Brookhaven, Miss., phone 117-R-2	
Brookhaven, Miss.	460	Mr. GILBERT or Mr. CALLENDER C. E. CALLICOTT BO YOUNG ROYAL B. YOUNG
Brookhaven, Miss.	1007W	
Bossier City, La.	425-8093	
Haughton, La.	949-3589	
Vidalia, La.	336-4238	

Chief ROBINSON advised that he further determined from his highly confidential source that DOUGLAS A. BYRD has a telephone in his 1957 or 1958 Ford and that the number of this Ford is JL 73429, registered to DOUGLAS BYRD Used Cars, 151 Liberty Rd., Natchez, Miss. It has since been determined that this telephone has been removed from the auto of BYRD.

Attorney WILLIAM H. BARBOUR, 117 East Jefferson St., Yazoo City, Miss., advised SA SAMUEL N. JENNINGS on 10/21/63, that CLAUDE H. DAVIS, aka., "Boots" Davis, a white male about 45 years of age, 6' tall, 160 lbs., slim build, sandy hair, formerly residing in Yazoo County, is now residing Vidalia, La. According to BARBOUR, DAVIS is known as a "contact" man for Natchez, Miss. in the KKK. BARBOUR was of the opinion that someone at Natchez, Miss., was issuing instructions and that DAVIS was traveling around to various locations carrying out these instructions for what appeared to be a klan leader at Natchez. BARBOUR advised that DAVIS drives a 1963, white over

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red, "88" Oldsmobile Sedan with La. license. DAVIS has made a number of trips to Yazoo Co., during the past few months and is related to a number of individuals in this county, some of whom are members of a klan organization at Yazoo City.

A summary of CLAUDE H. DAVIS, aka., "Boots" Davis, is contained in NO file 157-1474-6.

In connection with investigation conducted in the case captioned "UNSUBS (2); GEORGE GREEN; BRUCE PAYNE - VICTIMS", NO 44-2046, JACK SEALE and a brother of JACK SEALE as yet unidentified, are suspects.

In connection with investigation conducted in the case captioned "ERNEST HENRY AVANTS; JAMES KENNETH GREER; JOHN WILLIAM BARBER, aka., John Morgan Scott; FRANK HYMAN THURMAN; BRUCE LLOYD PAYNE - VICTIM", NO file 44-2047 (C), JAMES K. GREER, JOHN WILLIAM BARBER, ERNEST AVANTS and FRANK THURMAN, were identified as the subjects of this case.

FOIA(b) - (D) on 12/5/63, advised SA EARL COX that on 12/4/63, ROYAL YOUNG of the La. KKK, stated that IRVING BAYLES, ROBERT FULLER and CHARLIE PIERSON were to meet J. D. SWENSON and accompany him in SWENSON's meeting with MURRAY MARTIN in Natchez, Miss., on 12/6/63. YOUNG stated that MURRAY MARTIN would be accompanied

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by DOUGLAS, who presently holds the title of Grand Dragon of Original Knights of KKK in La. and possibly by others. YOUNG stated that if a split is accomplished, MURRAY MARTIN would head up the klan in La. for ROBERT SHELTON.

On 12/19/63, FOIA(b)7 - (D) advised SA DONALD R. BELMONT that ROYAL YOUNG, SR., Imperial Dragon, OKKKK, is leaving at 10:00 A.M., 12/19/63, to attend a meeting in Miss. to be held the night of 12/19/63. Location of the meeting was not definite, but young mentioned the name Gloster, Miss. YOUNG has to travel to Monroe, La., and then to Vidalia, La., in his Cadillac. He may pick up JACK FULLER in Monroe. In Vidalia, La., he is to be picked up by private airplane which he claims will be flown by the Chief Deputy of the Miss. State Police, accompanied by Sheriff of one of the Miss. Counties, and they will be flown to the area of the meeting place in Miss.

YOUNG indicated this meeting is to be with persons in Miss. who pulled out of YOUNG's organization last week, and he will try to bring them back into the organization. YOUNG also indicated he would try to get rid of DOUGLAS BYRD, a leader of the rebellious group in Miss., and then place a man named SAMPSON in charge. YOUNG also said the Miss. people are unhappy with J. D. SWENSON and do not want him to come over to Miss. anymore. One reason given for this was that SWENSON had not

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obtained their klan robes for them yet, although he has already collected their money.

YOUNG also stated that a man named HAWKINS, who is reported to be Secretary-Treasurer of the Minute Men of the United States, and who lives somewhere in Miss., is supposed to be present at this meeting.

On 12/19/63, the foregoing information was telephonically furnished by SA DONALD R. BELMONT to SA CLARENCE G. PROSPERE at Natchez, Miss., and attempts were made by SA PROSPERE to develop information as to the meeting described above. On 12/19/63, Inspector DAN R. BARRETT of the MHSP, Brookhaven, Miss., advised that he knew of no airplane which was flown by any member of the MHSP, other than the official state plane which is stationed at Jackson, Miss.

Spot checks of the motels in Vidalia and Natchez, Miss., failed to show the presence of the Cadillac bearing the license number of ROYAL YOUNG, SR.

On 12/26/63, FOIA(b)7 - (D) advised SA DONALD R. BELMONT that ROYAL YOUNG confirmed that he attended a meeting in Miss. on Thursday, 12/19/63. This was the meeting he had previously referred to as scheduled to be held in a town called Gloster, Miss., but he did not confirm upon his return whether

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the meeting was held there or where it was held. He said he drove to the meeting, and was not picked up in Vidalia, La., by a private plane as he had planned.

at
YOUNG stated that the meeting with the Miss. people it was indicated that a man named BYRD, who was a leader of the KKK in Miss., will probably be ousted, and that a man named SAMPSON or SWANSON, will replace him as leader. This latter individual is a man who owns the private plane which was supposed to have picked up YOUNG in Vidalia for the meeting.

YOUNG said the Miss. people agreed they do not want J. D. SWENSON to come to Miss. anymore. He also said he was successful in getting a Sheriff and a State Police Officer in Miss. back into the organization.

On 1/1/64, [FOIA(b)7 - (D)] advised SA DONALD R. BELMONT that ROYAL YOUNG, on 1/1/64, exhibited an official notice indicating he had expelled DOUGLAS BYRD from the OKKKK on 12/29/63. BYRD was a leader of the klan around Natchez, Miss.

On 1/5/64, [FOIA(b)7 - (D)] (Protect Identity), Jena, La., telephonically advised SA PAUL R. LANCASTER, Alexandria, La., that he had overheard conversations which led him to believe that the klan is active in Natchez, Miss., and

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that there is a shooting or sporting club of some type in Natchez where men are trained in the art of shooting.

On 1/6/64, [FOIA(b)7 - (D)]

advised SA EARL COX that Mrs. ROYAL YOUNG made the statement on 12/19/63, that ROBERT FULLER and ROYAL YOUNG were in Natchez, Miss., at that time to attend a meeting with klan units in that area.

[FOIA(b)7 - (D)] advised that ROYAL YOUNG made the statement on 12/26/63, that he felt the trouble over the split developing in the klan was pretty well settled at that time. He remarked that he felt he might lose all the klan units in Miss. to DOUGLAS BYRD. He also commented that he was hopeful that a few of the Miss. klan units might stay with him. YOUNG had a letter from TOMMY L. JONES from Miss., who appeared to be an organizer, possibly in the Natchez area, and this letter advised YOUNG that JONES regreted the split that had developed in the klan, that he felt he should go with DOUGLAS BYRD, and JONES sent in his membership card, which appeared to show that he was #6 in klavern unit 1001 in Miss. The name of that klan unit appeared to be the Adams Company, Inc. (It has been determined as will be shown later, that TOMMY L. JONES is a member of the klan at Natchez, Miss., and is believed to be attached to the Cloverdale Klan.)

On 1/13/64,

FOIA(b)7 - (D)

advised SA EARL COX that ROYAL YOUNG stated he had received a letter sometime prior to 1/11/64, and had also received a telephone call from ALVIN SANSING of Miss., and that SANSING wanted YOUNG to attend a meeting with Miss. klan leaders to be held on 1/11/64. YOUNG stated that SANSING had told him that DOUGLAS BYRD was not speaking for all the Miss. klan when he told ROYAL YOUNG that Miss. klans did not want to stay with the original KKK. YOUNG stated that SANSING had told him that the Miss. klansmen did not want to follow the leadership of DOUGLAS BYRD and EDWARD MC DANIEL. YOUNG also stated that SANSING had advised him that E. S. GILBERT, who had been associated with BYRD and MC DANIEL in connection with the split in the klan, wanted to apologize to YOUNG and the old original KKK and that GILBERT wanted to stay with the klan headed by YOUNG. YOUNG did not make it clear who ALVIN SANSING is and just what his connection with the klan has been.

ROYAL YOUNG and CHARLIE PIERSON arrived in Vidalia, La., about 7:00 PM, 1/11/64, for the klan meeting to be held at the Shamrock Motel. The banquet room at the Shamrock had been reserved for this meeting and there were approximately 25 men present. YOUNG introduced PIERSON who was with him, as his personal aid. ALVIN SANSING was the spokesman for the Miss. klansmen at this meeting and the statement was made at the meeting that these men represented six different klan units

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in Miss., and that they wanted to go forward with ROYAL YOUNG to build the old Original Ku Klux Klan in Miss. The Miss. group stated to YOUNG that they wanted him to understand that they were satisfied with the explanation of the financial situation in the klan and it was pointed out to YOUNG that the trouble that arose was largely because of statements made by J. D. SWENSON and HOUSTON MORRIS in recruiting new members and organizing new units. It was stated that SWENSON and MORRIS had made statements that there were as high as 200 or 250 units in La. and that each unit had about 100 men in each. From statements allegedly made by SWENSON and MORRIS, klansmen in Miss. had concluded that a great deal of money was going into the klan and that this money was not being properly accounted for. At this meeting, YOUNG admitted there were only about 1500 men who were in the klan in La. and were paying dues. It was stated that klan units were required to pay into the national treasury of the klan, that is to ROYAL YOUNG, 50¢ per month for each of the klan members on the roll of the various klan units. It was stated that the klan unit treasurer was responsible to see that this 50¢ per month was paid to the national treasury. YOUNG made the statement to this group that he had records as proof as to how much money he had received in the klan treasury, and he had expense sheets showing what disposition was made of the funds sent into him.

There was a discussion at this meeting at Vidalia, of the part that DOUGLAS BYRD had played in the split in the klan and the Miss. klan leaders present requested and received permission from ROYAL YOUNG to take any steps necessary to prevent BYRD from interfering with klan activities and the klan leadership in Miss. The impression was given by the Miss. klan leaders present at this meeting that they would definitely take any action necessary to deal with BYRD. The following are the names of some of the Miss. klan leaders present at this meeting:

BILLY JACK CASTON, Box 293, telephone 657-2431, Liberty, Miss., Grand Dragon of Miss. (The wife of BILLY JACK CASTON is presently employed as the Office Deputy of the present Sheriff, DANIEL JONES, Liberty, Miss.)

HAROLD BECKMER, telephone 876-2302, Tylertown, Miss., Chief, KBI of Miss.

JOHNNIE HAROLD SIMMONS, Rt. 4, telephone 876-3348, Tylertown, Miss., Grand Giant of Miss.

WINFRED R. LOWERY (a Baptist minister), Johnston, Miss., telephone 276-7477, Grand Chaplain of Miss. The impression was given that LOWERY belongs to a klan unit at Summit, Miss.

CHARLIE STRINGER, 209 Westview Cr., McComb, Miss., telephone 684-4416, Grand Kleagle of Miss.

AL SIBLEY, 502 Pearl River Ave., Mc Comb, Miss.

E. L. CASTON, who apparently is a Sheriff or has recently been a Sheriff in an area of Miss. near Natchez. (E. L. CASTON is the former Sheriff of Amite Co., Liberty, Miss., who went out of office on 1/6/64, and is presently engaged in dairy farming at Amite Co., Miss., near Liberty.)

YOUNG picked E. L. CASTON to be his personal aid in Miss. Comments made indicated that E. L. CASTON and BILLY JACK CASTON were cousins. (This has been verified.) E. L.

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CASTON stated to YOUNG that he, CASTON, had talked with the Gov. of Miss., and that he would get a special permit from the Gov. of Miss., for the chief of the KBI and for YOUNG and that they could use these permits to travel all over the State of Miss., in an official capacity for the State of Miss.

The statement was made that the personal aid, E. L. CASTON, to ROYAL YOUNG would have the authority to go anywhere at anytime on klan business, and that the personal aid would be answerable only to ROYAL YOUNG. It was said that CHARLIE PIERSON who accompanied YOUNG to the meeting at Vidalia, was YOUNG's personal aid in the State of La.

On 1/13/64,

FOIA(b) - (D)

advised SA EARL COX that ROYAL YOUNG had revoked the commissions and expelled the following klansmen:

DOUGLAS A. BYRD, Natchez, Miss.
EDWARD L. MC DANIEL, Natchez, Miss.
E. S. GILBERG, Brookhaven, Miss.

The charges set forth in the notice of expulsion indicated that the above individuals were guilty of committing treason by inciting or recommending a revolt to the principles of the old original rules and regulations.

On 1/31/64,

FOIA(b) - (D)

advised SA CLARENCE G. PROSPERE that the headquarters of the KKK in Adams Co., which is used by four separate klans in Adams Co., is located on the

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Morgantown Rd., near Natchez, Miss., across the road from Scarborough Machine Shop. LUKE advised that the meeting night is every Tuesday night for the Morgantown klan and that he believes on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, the meeting hall is used by the other three klans.

On 2/4/64, [FOIA(b)(7) - (D)] advised SA CLARENCE G. PROSPERE that DOUGLAS A. BYRD has a phone at the American Gas Station on the 61-84 Bypass, Natchez, Miss., in the name of Adams Co. Sportsman's Club and that BYRD has requested an extension for his phone at the headquarters of the KKK on the Morgantown Rd.

On 2/17/64, [FOIA(b)(7) - (D)] advised SA PROSPERE that DOUGLAS A. BYRD had dropped his application for a phone at the Adams Co. Sportsman's Club on the Morgantown Rd. due to controversy over the name since there is a legitimate Adams Co. Sportsmen Club in Adams Co., Miss., which is actually comprised of sportsmen and has no association whatsoever with any KKK.

[FOIA(b)(7) - (D)] advised that the Morgantown group is headed by ERNEST PARKER and that two other officers of the Morgantown group are DOUGLAS A. BYRD and JACK SEALE. [FOIA(b)(7) - (D)] advised that the following individuals were present at the meeting at the Morgantown Rd. headquarters of the KKK on 2/11/64:

ERNEST PARKER
DOUGLAS BYRD
JACK SEALE
BABY RAY PARKER
G. T. LAMBERT, 103 Rushing St., Morgantown Rd., Natchez
GRADY LEVERTTE, 204 LaSalle St., Natchez, Miss. (city
policeman)
WILLIE STROUD, S. Pearl St., across from gun shop.
(city policeman), Natchez, Miss.
TOMMY L. JONES, Cloverdale, Natchez, Miss., (was
visiting Morgantown group, believed to be a
member of Cloverdale klan)
W. W. "PEANUT" CARNELL, Mt. Carmel Subdivision,
Morgantown Rd., Natchez, Miss. (operates machine
shop on Hwy. 61 N.)
DAVID CARNELL, son of W. W. CARNELL and is employed
in machine shop of Scarborough across Morgantown
Rd. from headquarters of KKK
ROBERT MURRAY, City fireman, 36 Ouachita St., Natchez
SIDNEY E. HANEY, Morgantown Rd., Natchez, Miss. (head
of Citizens for Preservation of White Race)

[REDACTED] - [REDACTED] advised that the Morgantown group has a membership
of approximately 40 and that his number is 40-M. He stated he
knows there is a Sligo group and believes there is a Cloverdale
group. He stated that there are definitely four groups that use
the Morgantown Rd. headquarters. [REDACTED] - [REDACTED] advised that he was told
by other members there were 300 to 400 members in the Adams Co.
KKK.

[REDACTED] - [REDACTED] advised that following are individuals known
to be members of the KKK, having been told by another member of
the KKK:

MARIO HERNANDEZ, Deputy Sheriff, Adams Co., Natchez;
Capt. J. G. WISNER, Natchez PD, who resides Wash.,
Miss., in the old Propinquity (phonetic) House;
PETE HARVEY who is employed at SBT&T, Natchez, in
the plant dept. outside of maintenance;
TINEY LEWIS, owner of Bar-b-Q Pit, U. S. Hwy. 61 N.
(LEWIS is a Col. on the Gov.'s staff of Miss., under the present
Gov., PAUL B. JOHNSON).

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SHORTY BREELAND, employed International Paper and
resides ~~Kennenburg~~, Miss.
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FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-New)
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On March 15, 1964, Chief of Police J. T. Robinson, Natchez, Mississippi, Police Department, was advised of the above information.

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EXPLOSIVES IN POSSESSION JACK SEALE, NATCHEZ, MISSISSIPPI,
FEBRUARY TWENTYFIVE, SIXTYFOUR.

ON MARCH FOURTEEN, LAST, [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT HE OVERHEARD JACK SEALE MAKE STATEMENT HE HAD CASE OF DYNAMITE IN TRUNK OF HIS CAR. SEALE WAS SPEAKING TO AN INDIVIDUAL WHOSE IDENTITY IS UNKNOWN TO [REDACTED] WHEN THE UNKNOWN THIRD PARTY ADVISED SEALE THAT A SIXTY POUND JOLT COULD SET OFF THE DYNAMITE, [REDACTED] STATED SEALE BECAME APPREHENSIVE. SEALE MADE STATEMENT CAPS WERE NOT OBTAINED.

ON MARCH FIFTEEN, DET. CHARLIE C. BAHIN, NATCHEZ, MISSISSIPPI, PD, ADVISED SA CLARENCE G. PROSPERE THAT A CASE OF ONE HUNDRED STICKS, SIXTY PERCENT HERCULES DYNAMITE HAD BEEN STOLEN FROM THE WAREHOUSE OF GARLAND GEE, NATCHEZ, MISSISSIPPI.

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THIS DYNAMITE REPORTEDLY SEEN BY EMPLOYEES OF GEE/S ONE WEEK
AGO. DET. BAHIN STATED CAPS NOT TAKEN WHEN DYNAMITE STOLEN.

ON MARCH FIFTEEN LAST, CHIEF OF POLICE, J. T. ROBINSON,
NATCHEZ, MISSISSIPPI PD, WAS ADVISED OF ^{above} ~~INFORMATION. FURNISHED~~
~~BY LINE.~~ CHIEF ROBINSON STATED SEALE LIVES IN ADAMS COUNTY
AND NOT WITHIN CITY LIMITS OF NATCHEZ.

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EXPLOSIVES IN POSSESSION JACK SEALE, Natchez,
Mississippi, February 25, 1964
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JACK SEALE, whose identity is known to Chief ROBINSON.

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additional info re explosives.

This matter will be followed closely.

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EXPLOSIVES IN POSSESSION JACK SEALE, NATCHEZ,
MISSISSIPPI, FEBRUARY TWENTYFIVE, SIXTYFOUR. RM.

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AIRMAIL

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SUBJECT: EXPLOSIVES IN POSSESSION OF
JACK BEALE, NATCHEZ, MISSISSIPPI,
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INVESTIGATES IN THE POSSESSION
OF JACK SEALE, NATCHEZ,
MISSISSIPPI, 2/25/64

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The above source advised that when he was sworn in to the Klan-type group, February 21, 1964, an individual named Finloy, employed by Magi Bar Tool Company, told him that Sheriff Odell Anders, Adams County, Natchez, Mississippi, had been secretly sworn into the Klan-type group with only three or four members present. There was no indication when Anders was sworn in. //

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EXPLOSIVES IN THE POSSESSION
OF JACK SEALE, HATCHEZ,
MISSISSIPPI, 2/26/64

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EXPLOSIVES IN POSSESSION JACK SEALE, NATCHEZ, MISS.,
FEBRUARY TWENTY FIVE, SIXTY FOUR. RM.

ON FEBRUARY TWENTY FIVE, LAST, [REDACTED] PAREN PROB PAREN ADVISED THAT AT THE MEETING OF THE KLAN DASH TYPE GROUP AT NATCHEZ, MISS., THE NIGHT FEBRUARY TWENTY FIVE, LAST, JACK SEALE, AN OFFICER IN THE MORGAN TOWN GROUP, OF THE KLAN DASH TYPE GROUP, NATCHEZ, MISS., EXHIBITED TWO PRACTICE HAND GRENADES WHICH HAD A HOLE IN ONE END SEALED WITH WAX. A DISCUSSION WAS HELD AT THE MEETING REGARDING REMOVING THE WAX FROM THE GRENADE, TAPPING THE HOLE, FILLING THE GRENADE WITH BLACK POWDER AND INSERTING A PIPE PLUG IN THE TAPPED HOLE. IT WAS NOT MENTIONED HOW MANY SUCH GRENADES WERE IN POSSESSION OF THE KLAN DASH TYPE GROUP. THE GRENADES WERE CARRIED BY SEALE IN A SMALL BLUE CANVAS FLIGHT DASH TYPE ZIPPER BAG.

[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT WHEN HE WAS SWORN IN TO THE KLAN DASH

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TYPE GROUP, FEBRUARY ELEVEN, LAST, AN INDIVIDUAL NAMED FINLEY, EMPLOYED BY MAGI BAR TOOL COMPANY, TOLD HIM THAT SHERIFF ODELL ANDERS, ADAMS COUNTY, NATCHEZ, MISS., HAD BEEN SECRETLY/
SWORN INTO THE KLAN DASH TYPE GROUP WITH ONLY THREE OR FOUR MEMBERS PRESENT. THERE WAS NO INDICATION WHEN ANDERS WAS SWORN IN.

IN VIEW OF INFORMATION RE ANDERS, THE INFORMATION RE EXPLOSIVES IN POSSESSION SEALE, NOT BEING FURNISHED TO SHERIFF ANDERS. THIS INFORMATION WILL BE FURNISHED CHIEF PD, J. T. ROBINSON, NATCHEZ, MISSISSIPPI, UACB.

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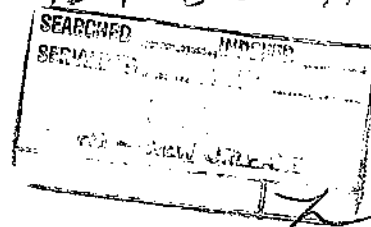
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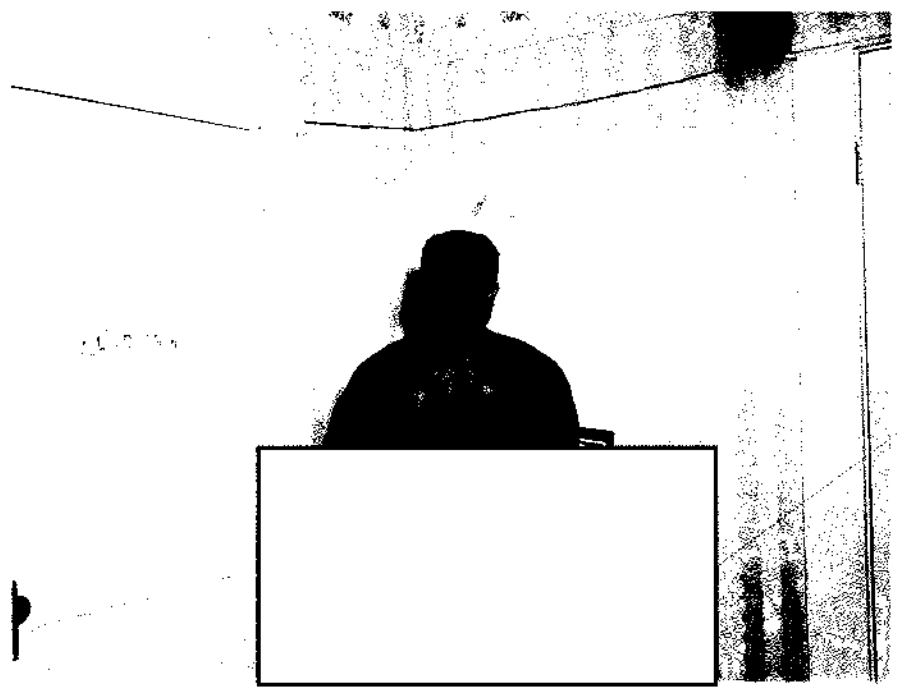
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Natchez, Miss.
2-24-64

I, James Carter Winston, make the following voluntary statement to Merriam D. Diven and Clarence B. Trosper who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the F. B. I.

I am 39 years old and attended college for four years in a Catholic Seminary and two additional years in Theology. I am not a registered voter in Adams County, Miss., or elsewhere; I have never attempted to register to vote; I have never attended any school or demonstration in connection with attempts to register to vote.

On 2-15-64, I got off from work at Picketts Cafeteria located in the International Paper Co., near Natchez, Miss., at about 9:00 P.M.

I normally leave work around 5 to 5:30 P.M., however, on Saturdays I usually stay a little later. On 2-15-64 I left work about 9:00 P.M.

I have no car so I either walk, catch a ride or use a taxi to get to Hatchery. On 2-15-64 I walked to an intersection just past the plant entrance and had just passed this intersection and was standing near a church when a car went past me and stopped. I do not know the make of car and only recall it was a dark four door car. I walked up to this car thinking they had stopped to give me a ride.

Upon reaching the car a white male wearing a mask over his eyes stepped out of the left rear door of the car with a rifle. He told me to get in the car and gave me no alternative. As I got in he told me to get on the floor. There was one man driving and two men on the back seat. As they drove off a piece of cloth was put over my head.

As the car was moving I was

asked if I was a member of the NAACP. I told them I was not. I am not a member of CORE or any similar organization. As we continued to ride a gun was placed against my left temple and at the same time against my left side. They felt my pocket and removed my pocketbook. In addition to my identification I had two dollars in my pocketbook. As yet I have not recovered my pocketbook, however, I have received word that my pocketbook has been found. I do not know if the two dollars and the identification papers of mine were found with the wallet.

I have no idea as to the time I spent riding in the car. The car finally stopped after turning off on a gravel road which appeared to run through a swamp. After the car stopped I was told to crawl out of the car and crawl to a muddy, sloppy, wet place. My clothes were then torn off

of me. I had the cover over my head removed also. I was told not to look but to keep my head down. I estimate there were seven or eight men around me as I had been told there would be others where we were going.

I was whipped with what I believe to be whips which were long. During the whipping the men stopped and had me drink from a small bottle which bore a castor oil label. They then whipped me some more. During the whipping I noticed one man wearing a black hood over his head with holes cut for the eyes.

At no time from hearing the voices or seeing partial features was I able to identify any of the individuals who whipped me.

I have no idea as to why I was picked up other than the fact I have been at the paper company J.C.W.

for eight or nine years and perhaps these individuals had seen me near the plant. I have had no cross words with any colored or white individuals and I know of no reason why I was whipped.

After the men stopped whipping me I was told to get on that road and make tracks. I was nude and barefooted. I ran to the road and out of sight of the men. I then ~~was wandering~~ ^{J.C.W.} ~~around~~ ^{J.C.W.} wandered around until I came to a house which I later determined belongs to an individual named Woods. The following morning I was brought to Hatchery & I print near my home. Later on a Deputy Sheriff Hernandez came to home and I told him what had happened to me.

I did not visit a doctor and no photographs were taken of me by anyone. I stayed at

J.C.W.

home the following Monday and went to work the next day.

I have read the above statement of This, and 5 other pages. I put my initials at the bottom of the other 5 pages. This statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James Carter Winston

Witnesses

Claude B. Troper, sp. Agent, F. B. I.,
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Remond J. Dene, Special Agent, FBI,
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