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TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-52)

DATE: 2/17/65

FROM : SA THOMAS E. O'CONNOR

SUBJECT: KLAN ACTIVITY IN COPIAH COUNTY
RM

Informant:

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Date of report: 2/15/65

Dates of activity: No specific dates

Date received: 2/15/65

Location of original information:

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On February 15, 1965 informant, whose reliability is not known, furnished the following information to SA THOMAS E. O'CONNOR:

Informant advised that his wife worked at the J and F Diner, Crystal Springs, Mississippi from December of 1963 until July, 1964. He advised that this diner is owned by JULIUS HARPER.

He advised that during this period of time, his wife had told him that on every Thursday evening a group of men used to meet at the diner at about 7:00 p.m. They would wait at the diner for about ten or fifteen minutes until it seemed that everyone who was to meet at the diner had arrived there. Informant advised that they would then leave the diner and go to an unknown place. Informant stated that they would sometimes return to the diner on these evenings between 10:45 and 11:00 p.m. and at other times they would not return to the diner at all.

Informant advised that his wife had told him that HARPER seemed to know all of these individuals and that he

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and that he would go from table to table in the diner greeting them. Informant also advised that his wife had told him that whenever she would wait on one of the tables where a group of these men were sitting, they would immediately stop their conversation until she was finished serving at the table and had left the area.

Informant advised that his wife left her job at the J and F in July of 1964 and he did not know if these meetings were still taking place on Thursday evenings.

Informant advised that his wife had told him that the following individuals were present at different times at these Thursday night meetings:

W. R. WESTMORELAND

NORMAN JACKSON

ED JACKSON

Reverend HOWARD MC LEMORE

CHARLIE SOJOURNER

GERALD WALKER

Q. B. RUTLAND

JACK YATES.

Informant advised that YATES appeared to be a regular at these Thursday night meetings. He described YATES as being a white male, 50 years of age, 6 feet 3 inches, slender build, wears glasses.

He advised that YATES usually dresses in western clothes and drives a 1965 white Ford pickup truck. He advised that he has not seen YATES in some time and did not know if YATES was still in the area.

He advised that his wife told him that there were usually twenty men at these meetings and that sometimes four or five strangers would be among the group of twenty.

He advised that his wife told him that HARPER knew all of the men, including the strangers.

Informant also advised that at one time he was a close associate of CARROLL HARPER, the son of JULIUS HARPER. He advised that CARROLL HARPER told him at one time that he thought his father (JULIUS HARPER) might be mixed up with the Ku Klux Klan. He advised that CARROLL HARPER told him that he had overheard a conversation between his father and Q. B. RUTLAND of Wesson, Mississippi. CARROLL HARPER told him that his father and RUTLAND were talking about what the Klan should do about a situation. He advised that CARROLL HARPER was unable to recall what situation his father and RUTLAND were talking about.

Informant also advised that JULIUS HARPER always carries a snub nose .38 caliber pistol. He advised that he carries it with him in a shoulder holster under his shirt and when HARPER is in the restaurant, he keeps this pistol in the drawer near the cash register. Informant advised that HARPER also has a silver plated .38 caliber pistol in the drawer near the cash register.

Informant advised that JULIUS HARPER has a bad case of ulcers. He advised that HARPER's wife's name is FRANCES and, to his knowledge, she is a very nice woman. Informant advised that HARPER has two daughters and two sons.

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AIRMAIL

TO: SAC NEW ORLEANS

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

UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA
RM (KLAN)

On 2-19-65, [redacted] advised that he recently received four checks made payable to the Neshoba Defense Fund from E. L. MC DANIEL, Grand Dragon, United Klans of America, State of Mississippi.

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The Neshoba Defense Fund is an effort by certain persons in Neshoba County to raise money on behalf of the Defendants recently arrested for their complicity in the abduction and murder of JAMES CHANEY, ANDREW GOODMAN and MICHAEL SCHWERNER.

E. L. MC DANIEL attended a meeting of the Lauderdale Klavern, WKKKKOM, on 2-6-65, at which time ten (10) former members of the White Knights were sworn into the United Klans of America. Since that time, there has been a considerable effort on the part of the United Klans to win over the Lauderdale and possibly the Neshoba County Klan.

While MC DANIEL advised the group that the United Klans would not finance the defense of the Subjects recently arrested, he did state that he would make an effort to raise money on behalf of the Defendants.

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As a result, he turned over to the informant the following checks made payable to the "Neshoba Defense Fund":

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Bank</u>	<u>Maker</u>
(1)	2-12-65	\$57.75	Natl. Bank of Commerce, New Orleans, La.	JACK M. HELM
(2)	2-12-65	18.00	"	" "
(3)	2-11-65	10.00	"	MARJORIE T. WINGO 1621 St. Charles Ave., New Orleans, La.
(4)	2-11-65	25.00	Whitney Natl. Bank, New Orleans	Dr. E. L. IRWIN

The account number for those checks drawn by JACK M. HELM: 0650 0002 004 22 392.

The informant has no information that the above persons are members of any Klan or klan-type organization. He suspects however that JACK M. HELM may be a treasurer or financial officer for a Klavern in New Orleans. This is based upon the fact that the checks are in odd amounts and were probably collected at a meeting. The above number, therefore, may be the account number for the United Klans bank account.

THE EXISTENCE OF THESE CHECKS IS KNOWN ONLY TO THE MAKER OF THE CHECK; THE GRAND DRAGON, UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, STATE OF MISSISSIPPI; AND THE INFORMANT. ANY INDISCREET DIVULGENCE OF THIS INFORMATION MAY SERIOUSLY JEOPARDIZE THE SECURITY OF THIS SOURCE.

SAC, JACKSON (157-945)

2/24/65

SA SAMUEL N. JENNINGS

BILLY BUCKLES
GRAND GIANT, WKKKKOM
RM

On 2/24/65 a news report over WJDX, Jackson, Miss., indicated that BILLY BUCKLES, employed at the International Paper Company, Natchez, Miss., and a companion, C. L. WHEELER, a druggist from Natchez, Miss., were involved in a light plane crash about 7:00 p.m. on 2/23/65 while attempting a landing at an unlighted field near Louisville, Miss. Both BUCKLES and WHEELER were injured and were taken to the Winston County Hospital at Louisville and later transferred to the Baptist Hospital, Jackson, Miss. Their injuries were not reported as being very serious, however.

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JACKSON

AT LOUISVILLE, MISS.

1. Will conduct investigation at International Paper Company and Winston County Hospital in attempt to determine what purpose BUCKLES may have had for visiting Louisville, Miss., if any, or whether this was possibly an emergency landing. It is noted that the weather in central Mississippi was apparently clear at approximately 7:00 p.m. on 2/23/65.

2. Will photograph wrecked plane in Louisville in connection with MIBURN investigation since this may be the plane used by the WKKKKOM during 1964 to distribute leaflets, etc.

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AT NATCHEZ, MISS.

1. Will attempt to determine identity of C. L. WHEELER and whether he is involved in Klan activities.

2. Will at International Paper Company determine if BUCKLES was on a business trip at the time of above plane crash.

Furnish additional copy of results to JN file 44-1.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Jackson (157-63)

DATE: 2/25/65

FROM : IC Kenneth D. Kendrick

SUBJECT: WHITE KNIGHTS OF KKK OF MISS.

RM

On 2/25/65 Mrs. NELL HINTON, Tag Division, Motor Vehicle Comptrollers Office, Jackson, Miss., advised 1965 Miss. license 53D146 was issued 10/14/64 by the Oktibbeha County SO to DR. D. W. PARVIN, SR., State College, Miss., for a 1964 Oldsmobile, 4 door, VIN 854K026023.

Above car observed parked at Highland Village shopping Center, Jackson, Miss., by SAS SAMUEL N. JENNINGS and REESIE TIMMONS about 6 PM, 2/20/65 in the general area were Klansman JULIUS HARPER and HENRY HEREDEEN were waiting to direct Klan officers to a meeting. No actual contact with Klansmen observed.

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SA WILLIAM F. DUKES

UNSUBS; Theft of 45 M-1 Rifles,
Armory, Miss. National Guard,
Collins, Mississippi, 6-15/20-64
TGP

Rerep SA ROBERT A. CONNORS 2-18-65 at Jackson.

The following investigation was conducted by
SA WILLIAM F. DUKES on 2-25-65 at Gulfport, Miss.:

The following individuals, none of whom were
acquainted with W.R. MANGUM by name or available descriptive
data, were furnished with pertinent background information
in this matter, including a copy of the serial numbers of
the stolen M-1 rifles:

MR. HERBERT MC DONNELL, Chief of Detectives, Harrison
County Sheriff's Office
Investigators GEORGE SAXON (NA) and JOE PRICE (NA),
MHSP

Chief of Police H.L. HOBBS, Gulfport Police Department,
was likewise furnished with a list of the serial numbers of
the stolen rifles in this matter. Chief HOBBS advised that
the W.R. MANGUM, suspect in this matter, appears to be
identical with a former patrolman with the Gulfport Police
Department. Chief HOBBS advised his records reflect that
W.R. MANGUM, a white male born 11-7-20 at Magee, Miss., applied
for and was employed as a patrolman with the Gulfport PD on
September 22, 1947. MANGUM was residing at the time at 4811
Kendall Avenue, Gulfport, Miss. He was employed constantly

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thereafter until he was suspended on May 5, 1956, after receipt of a written complaint by MR. LAWRENCE N. BELAND, 617 Miss. Street, Gulfport, to the effect that MANGUM had been having an illicit affair with BELAND's daughter-in-law, MRS. ROSELYN BELAND, a waitress employed at the Park and Eat Drive Inn in Gulfport and whose husband was in the U.S. Marine Corps at the time, serving at Albany, Georgia. MANGUM was suspended for conduct unbecoming that of an officer.

Chief HOBBS continued that MANGUM was allowed to resign from the Gulfport PD on 7-28-56, adding that to his recollection MANGUM left Gulfport shortly thereafter and returned to his home at Magee, Miss., where he reportedly was engaged for a time in some kind of hardware business until he went broke financially.

Chief HOBBS was not aware of the present employment of MANGUM, adding that so far as he knows MANGUM has not been in the Gulfport, Miss., area for the past several years. He stated his files reflected that MANGUM was born November 7, 1920, at Magee, Miss., height - 5 feet, 7 inches, weight - 220 pounds, auburn hair, grey eyes, ruddy complexion and stocky build.

The file reflected that MANGUM has a scar on his upper lip over the left eye and has a stiff middle finger on the left hand. He was fingerprinted by Gulfport PD Identification Officer PAUL HALE on 3-23-55 incidental to a Departmental policy at that time to fingerprint employees; however, Chief HOBBS advised that he had no records to indicate whether a set of these fingerprints were or were not ever forwarded to the FBI Identification Division. Chief HOBBS furnished a photo of MANGUM, taken by Identification Officer HALE in about 1953.

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Chief HOBBS advised that although he was employed by the Gulfport PD at the time and recalled MANGUM, he knows nothing about MANGUM's background or associates in the Miss. Gulf Coast area.

Detective CRAIG MONROE, Gulfport PD, recalled W.R. MANGUM as a patrolman and temporarily a detective at one time on the Gulfport PD. He stated that MANGUM was a "loner" and he could recall very little about MANGUM's background other than the fact that he recalled MANGUM having made general statements in the past indicating that he is a fervent segregationist. MONROE advised that he has received no information indicating that MANGUM has recently been in the Miss. Gulf Coast area, but stated that he would make inquiries in an effort to determine whether this may be true or not.

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JACKSON DIVISION

At Jackson, Miss.

SAS FRANCIS X. SHORTT and THOMAS E. O'CONNOR, who interviewed W.R. MANGUM in this matter at Florence, Miss. on 11-15-64, should view the photo of W.R. MANGUM obtained from the Gulfport, Miss., PD, to ascertain whether he is identical with suspect MANGUM in this matter.

If determined identical, will request the Identification Division to furnish any identification record of MANGUM based on the background and descriptive data set forth above.

At Gulfport, Miss.

Make inquiry at the Credit Bureau of Harrison County for any additional background or descriptive data concerning W.R. MANGUM.

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Locate and interview LAWRENCE N. BELAND, 617 Mississippi Street, as to the present whereabouts of his daughter-in-law, ROSELYN BELAND, and thereafter interview her for any contacts she may have had recently with W.R. MANGUM, particularly whether she has any knowledge of MANGUM being in possession of any M-1 Rifles.

Contact logical informants and sources in the Gulfport area in an effort to determine whether MANGUM may have been in that area recently and whether he may have disposed of any rifles.

SAC, Jackson (157-945)

3/4/65

SA LAWRENCE W. GORMAN

BILLY BUCKLES
GRAND GIANT, WKKKKOM
RM

Re memo of SA SAMUEL N. JENNINGS, 2/24/65.

On 2/26/65,

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Credit Bureau, Louisville, Mississippi, advised SA LAWRENCE GORMAN that he had received information that one of the two persons involved in the airplane crash in Louisville, Mississippi, 2/23/65, was a nephew of Mrs. HOMER BORLAND, Pontotoc Street, Louisville, Mississippi. He said that HOMAR BORLAND, who formerly resided in Natchez, Mississippi, was presently working as a pharmacist in a drug store at Kosciusko, Mississippi, and that his credit files reflected him to be 62 years of age. He further advised that Mrs. BORLAND had received a telephone call from her nephew advising her of his intention to stop by and visit her. He also stated that there was no International Paper Company in Louisville, Mississippi.

On 2/26/65, CECIL JENNINGS, Sheriff, Winston County, Louisville, Mississippi, advised that he had conducted an investigation in connection with the airplane crash 2/23/65 and determined that the occupant of the aircraft, C. L. WHEELER, came to Louisville with the intention of visiting his aunt, Mrs. HOMER BORLAND. He stated that he was told by the County Tax Assessor the Mrs. BORLAND's maiden name was WHEELER.

On 2/26/65, SHELBY WOODWARD, Veterans Service Officer, Louisville, Mississippi, advised that HOMER BORLAND's file in his office contained a letter requesting

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a birth certificate in the name of his wife, Miss MABLE MAXON. He stated that the file also reflected his wife's name to be MABLE W. BORLAND.

On 2/26/65, A. P. CROXTON, formerly of Laurel, Mississippi, who presently manages the Louisville-Winston County Airport, advised that the aircraft piloted by BILLY BUCKLES, Natchez, had crashed while landing at the airport at 7:00 PM, 2/23/65. He stated that the other occupant of the plane was D. L. WHEELER, a druggist from Natchez. He stated that he was not acquainted with either of these individuals. He also advised that the owner of the aircraft was RAY JORDON, Natchez, Mississippi.

Mr. CROXTON explained the accident as follows:

He said that he had been talking with the pilot of the aircraft by radio and had told him he would attempt to light the landing strip for his landing. It was too dark to see the aircraft until it started to make an approach to the field. At this time it appeared to be a good landing almost to the point of touching down when the plane suddenly rolled to the right, causing the right wing to hit the ground. Later, while he was helping BUCKLES and WHEELER from the aircraft WHEELER asked about the cause of the crash and BUCKLES told him that he had "grabbed the controls."

Six black and white photographs were taken of the aircraft and will be maintained in the MIBURN file (44-1).

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JACKSON DIVISION

At Natchez, Mississippi

Will attempt to determine identity of RAY JORDON, if he is actually owner of instant aircraft, and whether he is involved in Klan activities.

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 MATTERS

DATE: 3/2/65

Informant: [FOIA(b)(7) - (D)]
Date of Report: 2/23/65
Dates of Activity: 2/10/65 - 2/17/65
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On 2/17/65, [] who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished the following information 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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- 1 - 52-Burglary Armory, Brandon, Miss.
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RFD, Baton Rouge, La.
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Informant advised that he had received information that on 2/10/65, MYRON WAYNE "JACK" SEALE and L. C. MURRAY, from Natchez, Miss., came to the home of ERNEST GILBERT and these two individuals advised that SAM BOWERS had a sheet in his home hanging on the wall. Beneath this sheet are photographs of KRUSCHEV, MUSSOLINI, CASTRO and HITLER. SEALE wanted GILBERT to check into this to determine if BOWERS did, in fact, have a sheet hanging on his wall covering the above-mentioned photographs and if it were true SEALE suggested that GILBERT kill BOWERS. GILBERT was heard to invite SEALE and MURRAY to go with him to Laurel to check the home of SAM BOWERS. At this point a phone call was received by GILBERT which apparently necessitated his going to work and he advised SEALE and MURRAY that he would be unable to go to Laurel, Miss., to the home of SAM BOWERS at this time but that he would have a trusted individual check into this matter.

GILBERT subsequently telephoned JULIUS HARPER and told HARPER what SEALE and MURRAY had told him regarding SAM BOWERS having a sheet hanging in his home covering the photographs of KRUSCHEV, MUSSOLINI, CASTRO and HITLER. Informant advised that he subsequently determined that GILBERT had checked with HARPER to determine if HARPER had taken any action and that HARPER had advised he had not been to Laurel to check into this matter.

Informant advised that during the course of the meeting between GILBERT, JACK SEALE and L. C. MURRAY at the home of GILBERT on 2/10/65, that JACK SEALE admitted that he and L. C. MURRAY were members of the United Klans of America in Natchez, Miss. No mention was made by either SEALE or MURRAY of any other members in the Natchez Unit. SEALE did make the statement that the members of the United Klans of America in Natchez are meeting in groups of about five people at individual's homes to avoid informants and to be in a better position to locate any "leaks".

Informant advised that J. M. FOSTER, brother of PAUL LAFAYETTE FOSTER, had arranged for a meeting of Klansmen from

the Florida Parishes which comprise the Sixth Congressional District of La., to meet at the home of ERNEST GILBERT.

Informant advised that on Sunday, 2/14/65, approximately 12 individuals from the Sixth Congressional District of La. came to the home of ERNEST GILBERT. Four of these individuals are identified as follows:

- 1) SAXON FARMER, insurance business, Bogalusa, La., phone RE2-9441.
- 2) H. W. NICKENS, Miller Buick Company, Baton Rouge, La., phone 358-1826.
- 3) CHARLIE CHRISTMAS, Brumfield Motor Company, Amite, La.
- 4) SIDNEY A. BROCK, Franklinton, La., phone VE9-4306.

These approximately 12 representatives from the Sixth Congressional District of La., advised that they had taken the constitution of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi (WKKKKOM) and changed the name of Mississippi to Louisiana, and that they are forming their own Klan in the Sixth Congressional District of Louisiana, which comprises the Florida Parishes of Louisiana. They stated they were originally associated with the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Louisiana (OKKKKOL) and had pledged allegiance to ROYAL V. YOUNG, but that they now wished to disassociate themselves from ROYAL V. YOUNG and the OKKKKOL.

This group then asked J. M. FOSTER and ERNEST GILBERT for information to avoid trouble, at which time GILBERT advised them they should not kill anyone and that they should have no violence. J. M. FOSTER, who was also present at the meeting, suggested that the organization in Louisiana organize klaverns of only 25 members instead of 40 and also suggested that the klaverns of 25 meet in small groups.

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Informant received no information as to the approximate membership or identity of any officers of this new group in the Sixth Congressional District of Louisiana. There was no mention of the official name which was to be used by this group.

J. M. FOSTER has been heard to make the statement that there is a group of the United Klans of America in Brookhaven, Miss.

Informant advised that he would attempt to obtain information concerning the burglarizing of the Armory at Brandon, Miss., but that to date he had received no information regarding this incident.

Informant advised that there was to be a meeting on Saturday, 2/20/65, of state officers and province officers at Jackson, Miss. He pointed out the first meeting place was to be in the parking lot of Primos which is located on State Street, near Sears and Roebuck, and that from this point they would be led to the final meeting place.

Informant advised that at this meeting in Jackson on 2/20/65, he contemplated confronting SAM BOWERS with the information regarding the sheet in his home which covers the pictures of KRUSCHEV, MUSSOLINI, CASTRO and HITLER and pointing out that although BOWERS uses the excuse that the pictures are to remind him of what they are fighting for, that actually other members of the Klan believe that he is a communist and has been leading them down the road in line with the communist desires as other members of the Klan believe that the leadership of BOWERS has played directly into the hands of the communists.

Informant advised that he has received no information regarding the meeting which had previously been held at Brookhaven, Mississippi, and that he has made inquiry of JULIUS HARPER, who advised that he had heard nothing regarding such a meeting. Informant was of the opinion that if there was a meeting at Brookhaven, Miss., that it was possibly A. C. HARRINGTON, who called the meeting for the United Klans of America.

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Informant pointed out that when J. M. FOSTER was told about the sheet in the home of SAM BOWERS which covered the pictures on the wall, that FOSTER made the statement "Don't worry, I know all about it and someone over there is taking care of that."

Informant advised that he has received no information regarding the burning of COFO Headquarters at Laurel, Miss.

Informant advised that he had also received no information of any activity on the part of the Klan in Jefferson County, Mississippi. He pointed out that he had previously reported that the Klan had disbanded in Jefferson County and he stated he is still of the opinion that the Klan has no organization or activity in Jefferson County.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 3/4/65

An examination of the light aircraft piloted by BILLY BUCKLES, Natchez, Mississippi, and damaged while landing at the Louisville - Winston County Airport, Louisville, Mississippi, February 23, 1965, revealed the following:

Location:	Louisville - Winston County Airport
Make:	Beechcraft
Model:	Musketeer (4 passenger) Model 23
Registration Number:	N 2306Q
Serial Number:	M 358
Engine Type:	LYCO-320-D2B
Type Certificate:	AICE
Production Certificate:	8
Manufacturer:	Beech Aircraft Corporation, Wichita, Kansas,
Color:	White - wide red stripe and narrow black stripe on sides, complete white underside

Six black and white photographs were taken of the aircraft.

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On 2/26/65 at Louisville, Mississippi

by SA LAWRENCE W. GORMAN /gjm Date dictated 3/1/65

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If orally furnished and reduced to writing by Agent: Date _____ Dictated _____ to _____ Transcribed _____ Authenticated by Informant _____		Date of Report _____ Date(s) of activity _____
Brief description of activity or material Letter from WALTER A. BAILEY, Biloxi, Miss.		File where original is located if not attached FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

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We moved in fine shape back to the building in which we'd lived so long. Here, we have steam heat. In your area electricity is cheap - here gas is cheap and most modern apartment buildings have gas furnaces or what they call panel-ray heating, which is some sort of a gas burner hidden in a wall and that's the reason we left the other apt. Took too much oxygen to maintain a fire and it's oxygen that I need most in my life. It was a fine place and only 8 blocks due west of our present place.

So Lester Maddox closed. That one arrogant nigger made him do it. Since he opened he'd had 24 blacks and 22 whites including his wife and daughter working for him. So I don't feel sorry for him, nor do I feel sorry for those who's names are included in the clipping you mailed. That woman who owns the joint is a mixture of Spanish, Indian and nigger and her place is in the heart of the Biloxi nigger district. I was in court Thursday night when the case was called and the judge postponed the trial until to-morrow night so they could obtain a lawyer. Court, here, sits Monday and Thursday nights at 6 P.M. The judge will give them the limit. I've had a talk with him. Also the Klan treasurer's son - is City prosecutor, and he'll do his best. Tuesday, I'll see that each of them gets a box of cigars. I'll be in the front row Monday night too. I make all such cases. Also, there'll be about 25 K-men. We have to be in the court room at 5 to get front seats.

I wish Shelton - Venable & Co. would stay off of TV and out of the Saturday Evening Post. I hear but complaints for weeks afterward. A Memphis congressman teamed up with that Atlanta shyster to investigate the Klan.

Haven't heard from Vanable since August -
nor Butterworth since October. I correspond with very
few K-men. They have their troubles and I have mine.

My first completed Action came from North
Dakota of all places. That shows Southerners are
slackers. They do a lot of big talking but that's the
end of them. A hundred a day I talk to and I should
know. Many join the Klan pay up and never attend meeting.

Surely we can use the names of many, many patriots.
We record the petitions we mail out.

Y.I.T.S.U.B.

s/ Bailey

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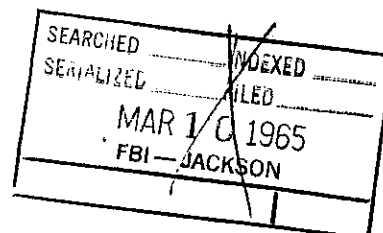
Memorandum

TO : SAC, Jackson (157-945)

DATE: 3-8-65

FROM : SA Clarence G. Prospero

SUBJECT: BILLY BUCKLES,
GRAND GIANT, WKKKKOM.
RM



Re Memo SA SAMUEL N. JENNINGS, Jackson, 2-24-65.

On 3-2-65, WILLIAM D. SIMMONS, Mgr., Natchez-Adams County Airport, Natchez, Miss., advised that the plane used by BILLY BUCKLES and C.L. WHEELER which crashed at Louisville, Miss., on 2-23-65 was a plane rented from DWIGHT MOODY JORDAN who operates a flying service and plane rental at the Natchez-Adams County Airport. SIMMONS stated JORDAN is from Franklin County, Miss.; that he has been employed at the International Paper Co., Natchez, for the past 18 years and on Jan. 1, 1965 began his flying operation at the airport. SIMMONS advised that he has no information to indicate that JORDAN is a Klansman but that he does know that JORDAN "hates niggers".

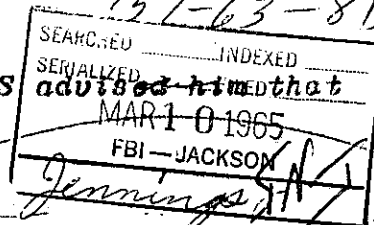
SIMMONS stated C.L. WHEELER is a druggist at the Natchez Super Drug Store, Natchez, Miss.; that WHEELER is "quite fractious" and borders on the point of being unstable mentally.

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION SHOULD NOT BE USED UNTIL CONFIRMATION IS OBTAINED FROM OTHER SOURCES AS INFORMANT ADVISES THAT THE FOLLOWING MAY BE BAIT TO IDENTIFY THE INFORMANT.

On 3-4-65, advised that BILLY BUCKLES ~~advised him that~~

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he went to Louisville, Miss., on 2-23-65 with CLARENCE L. WHEELER to swear in some allegedly reputable people into the Klan who were being recommended by WHEELER. [REDACTED] stated BUCKLES stated he was bringing the plane into a landing when WHEELER suddenly grabbed the controls and stalled the plane causing it to crash.

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Jackson, Mississippi
March 11, 1965

WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE
KU KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI

FUND-RAISING ACTIVITIES

A confidential source, who has provided reliable information in the past, advised that on March 9, 1965, he traveled to Philadelphia, Mississippi, and contacted Clarence Mitchell, Chairman of the Neshoba Fund-Raising Committee. The Neshoba Fund is not a part of the White Christian Protective and Legal Defense Fund, but is an independent effort of persons in Neshoba County to raise money for the defense of seventeen defendants accused in the murder of the three civil rights workers.

Clarence Mitchell advised the source that the Neshoba Fund has collected \$3,300. The Neshoba Committee recently authorized Wayne Roberts, a defendant in the case involving the abduction and murder of the three civil rights workers, to collect money on behalf of the Neshoba Fund. According to Mitchell, Wayne Roberts has been given a letter of introduction which authorizes him to solicit on behalf of the Neshoba Fund.

Mitchell told the source that he was "upset" at the fact that J. B. Collier, who is Chairman of the now defunct Freedom Defense Fund, did not bring the \$710 collected by him to the Neshoba Fund.

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WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI

The source told Mitchell that Sam Bowers, Imperial Wizard, White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi, had recently given the source \$500 which he was to hold until the money raised by Collier and the Neshoba Fund were used to pay the defense attorneys involved.

Mitchell stated, contrary to his previous position, that all of the individuals involved in the murder of the three civil rights workers, including Horace Doyle Barnett, would share equally in the Neshoba Defense Fund. Previously, Mitchell had stated that the money collected by the Neshoba Defense Fund would be used only for those defendants from Philadelphia, Mississippi.

Mitchell stated that he anticipated releasing the information regarding the collections to the newspapers in an effort to obtain more donations.

The fund-raising in Neshoba and Lauderdale Counties has resulted in contributions amounting to approximately \$4,500. They are as follows:

Neshoba Defense Fund	\$ 3,300
Freedom Defense Fund, Lauderdale County	700
Contribution of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi	<u>500</u>
Total	\$ <u>4,500</u>

WHITE CHRISTIAN PROTECTIVE AND LEGAL DEFENSE FUND

On March 9, 1965, the source contacted Sam Bowers, Imperial Wizard, White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi. In addition to the other Klan matters, the two discussed the White Christian Protective and Legal Defense Fund. Bowers stated that the fund-raising on the State level was not going well, but failed to give any information concerning the exact amount collected by the White Christian Protective and Legal Defense Fund.

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AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR FBI (157-1552)

FROM: SAC JACKSON (157-63) (P)

WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
OF MISSISSIPPI
RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

Re Jackson airtel to Bureau dated 2-2-65, and
Bureau airtel to Jackson dated 2-17-65, captioned "WHITE
CHRISTIAN PROTECTIVE AND LEGAL DEFENSE FUND."

Enclosed for the Bureau are an original and eight (8)
copies of a LHM captioned "WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN OF
MISSISSIPPI - FUND RAISING ACTIVITIES," based on information
received from FOIA(b) (7) - (D)

Referenced Bureau airtel to Jackson refers to
Bureau's interest in the White Christian Protective and Legal
Defense Fund (WCPLDF). The activities of the Neshoba Defense
Fund and Freedom Defense Fund in Lauderdale County, as set
forth in enclosed LHM are not part of the WCPLDF. They appear
however to be the most active fund-raising committees in the
Lauderdale-Neshoba areas.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, Jackson

DATE: 3/15/65

✓ FROM : Director, FBI (157-1552)

PERSONAL ATTENTION

SUBJECT: WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE
KU KLUX KLAN OF
MISSISSIPPI
RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

Reference is made to communications being sent to the Bureau by Jackson captioned, "Racial Informants, Monthly Progress Letter, Jackson Division" and "Miburn," Specifically, Jackson airtel dated 3/3/65 captioned, "Racial Informants, Monthly Progress Letter, Jackson Division."

Referenced communications contain information concerning Klan activity which is not being reported in a form suitable for dissemination. Information of this nature should be furnished the Bureau under the proper Klan caption; and where appropriate, this information should be included in a letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination with original and seven copies submitted to the Bureau.

Agents handling Klan matters in the Jackson Division should be alert to above instructions.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON [FOIA(b)(7) - (D)]

DATE: 3/12/65

FROM : SA FRANCIS X. SHORTT

SUBJECT: [FOIA(b)(7) - (D)]

Subject was contacted and interviewed this date concerning his affiliation with the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi (WKKKKOM) in view of the fact that a pending 157 file is open on subject.

Subject stated that he is no longer actively engaged in the above organization or any other similar type group because of the fact that he is against any acts of violence and he wanted to disassociate himself from individuals who use the organization to boost their own ego and create a feeling of being better than average.

Subject stated that he worked for the Klan on a state wide level and [FOIA(b)(7) - (D)] in such areas as Greenwood, Mississippi.

He cited as an example of his displeasure with the Klan the fact that GORDON LACKEY of Greenwood, Organizer of the Klan in that area, has several light skinned negro waitresses in his cafe and it is believed that LACKEY uses these girls for his own pleasure.

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He said that he has always respected the FBI and is willing to cooperate to the best of his ability in furnishing information of value concerning racial matters.

He said that the FBI was probably aware of the fact that he had been 'thrown out' of the Klan several months ago and indicated that this fact was true because some members expressed displeasure at his general attitude .

He stated that he is presently employed as a salesman by FOIA(b) (7) - (D) Jackson, Mississippi , is married but does not have any children.

He said that he knows the names of many individuals belonging to the Klan and can provide the names of those engaged actively in Jackson, Mississippi as well as the names of possible sources of information regarding racial matters.

He suggested that he be recontacted at his place of employment sometime next week, except for Monday, and he should be in a position to provide positive information.

In view of the fact that subject has expressed willingness to cooperate with the FBI and furnish information concerning racial matters it is recommended that a new case be opened, the pending 157 file be closed and background data in that file be transferred to the new file.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-63)

DATE: 3-22-65

FROM : SA CLARENCE G. PROSPERE

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

Informant

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

Date of Report - 3-10-65

Dates of Activity - 2-20-65 through 3-4-65

Date received - 3-4-65

Location of original information -

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On 3-4-65 [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished the following information to SA CLARENCE G. PROSPERE: FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

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

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1- 157- (White Christian Protective and Legal Defense Fund)

1- 157-18

1- 157-945

1- 157- (KKK activity, Lincoln County)

1- 157- (JULIUS HARPER)

1- 157- (C.J. SEALE)

1- 157- (KKK Activity, Poplarville and Picayune, Miss.)

1- 157- (KKK activity, Hinds County, Miss.)

1- 157- (CHARLES FALVEY)

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Informant advised that he is going to start talking "tough" again and that in case other informants of the FBI report back regarding statements made by this informant, he wishes it to be known that he contemplates taking no violent action but has determined in the past that by talking "rough" that Klansmen will tell him information which he would not otherwise receive.

Informant advised that the following information should not be dissiminated or discussed until confirmation is received from other sources in view of the fact he feels that the following may possibly be "bait" in an attempt to identify an informant.

Informant advised that BILLY BUCKLES advised him that he had gone to Louisville, Mississippi, on 2-23-65 with CLARENCE L. WHEELER, a druggist of Natchez, Mississippi, to swear into the Klan some allegedly reputable people in the Louisville area who were being recommended by CLARENCE L. WHEELER.

Informant advised that he has been unable to obtain any information regarding a meeting allegedly held in Brookhaven, Mississippi, on 1-24-65 which was attended by approximately 200 members from south of Mississippi counties. Informant stated it occurred to him that this information might possibly be a plant by SAM BOWERS.

Informant advised that he did not attend the meeting in Jackson, Mississippi, on 2-20-65 but that he has discussed this meeting with JULIUS HARPER who advised him that a meeting was held and that there was a lengthy discussion in connection with the money being collected in the glass jars throughout the State of Mississippi under the guise of the White Christian Protective and Legal Defense Fund.

HARPER stated that SAM BOWERS was present at the meeting and that there was also a discussion regarding reorganizing the Klan in an attempt to get people back into the Klan after which they would put members in groups of five for meetings to preclude the possibility of informants of the FBI being in a position to obtain information.

HARPER stated that BOWERS went along with this idea.

Informant advised that from talking to his sources in the Klan, he has been told that the money collected is to go for the legal defense of Klansmen but that BILLY BUCKLES has advised him that BOWERS was actually using all of the money which had been collected for printing. Informant pointed out that BOWERS has come out with more Klan literature which has been distributed and that it had been previously discussed at the State meeting in November, 1964, that the Klan Ledger would no longer be published and that there would be no other literature published and distributed by the Klan.

Informant advised that the Klaverns in Lincoln County have stated they will not send any more money to the State headquarters.

Informant advised that he made inquiry of both HARPER and BUCKLES regarding how much money had been collected and that neither of these individuals answered his question and that he has not from any other sources received any indication as to how much money has been collected to date.

Informant advised that he had recently overheard a conversation between ERNEST GILBERT, State Investigator, and JULIUS HARPER, Grand Dragon, at which time GILBERT was heard to tell HARPER that if BOWERS was removed as head of the Klan and HARPER would take over as the Imperial Wizard and then go along with GILBERT and BUCKLES to consult between the State officers before action is taken by the Klan in connection with any act of violence, then

GILBERT stated he would go along with the reorganization of the Klan. HARPER stated that he would go along with this idea but said it would have to be brought up at a State meeting at which time the removal of BOWERS would be done by the rules of the Klan along with the appointing of HARPER. HARPER then suggested changing the constitution as BUCKLES and GILBERT had previously attempted at the State meeting in November, 1964, in Simpson County, Mississippi.

Informant advised that from the conversation he overheard between GILBERT and HARPER that it appeared that GILBERT and BILLY BUCKLES would be the individuals to "get the low down" on BOWERS.

Informant further advised that he had overheard ERNEST GILBERT make the statement that he was considering getting JACK SEALE of Natchez, Mississippi, to come to the next State meeting to testify that BOWERS broke up the Natchez group with his mock trial of "MACK" MC KINNEY and that GILBERT had made the statement that C.J. SEALE had stated that BOWERS broke up the Poplarville and Picayune, Mississippi, units by telling them that an assassination squad would eliminate anyone who bucked BOWERS.

Informant advised that BILLY BUCKLES had made the statement that Hinds County is breaking up and pulling away from BOWERS and that this is also happening in Lincoln County in north Mississippi.

Informant advised that there is to be a County wide meeting in Lincoln County on 3-8-65 at which time the informant will make an effort to get BILLY BUCKLES, CHARLES FALVEY and JULIUS HARPER to this meeting.

Informant advised that JULIUS HARPER has specifically requested that the informant come to the next state meeting at Jackson on 3-7-65.

Informant advised that he has been told by J.M. FOSTER that the United Klans of America operates by having a large front group who operate as the United Klans of America, Incorporated, and that within this group ROBERT SHELTON, the Imperial Wizard, of the United Klans of America, goes about the country and picks trusted individuals who are allowed to pick 2 associates and only 2 associates. No 2 of these groups of three knows any other group as they are chosen solely by ROBERT SHELTON. When SHELTON has any "dirty work" to be done, he personally contacts the head of one of the groups of three and advises him what he wants done and in this way no one else in the Klan or outside of the Klan knows what jobs are pulled.

Informant advised that BILLY BUCKLES had informed him that ROBERT SHELTON had recently been to Meadville, Mississippi, making inquiry which BUCKLES did not further describe.

Informant advised that during the Summer of 1964 there was discussion among the Klansmen regarding having a Klan organization outside of the State of Mississippi create some situations to take the spotlight off of Mississippi but that this idea never materialized in that he has heard no mention of this idea during 1965.

Informant advised he is going to wait on being asked to join the United Klans of America. Informant advised he is going to J.M. FOSTER to ask FOSTER to help him get information on BOWERS in order that BOWERS will be removed as head of the WKKKKOM and the informant feels that this will possibly put him in a position where FOSTER will swear in the informant into the United Klans of America.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-63)

DATE: 6/27/66

FROM : SA PHILLIP S. ENDRES

SUBJECT: WKKKKOM

In connection with the destruction of channelizing memoranda, the information contained on the serials listed below was incorporated in a report dated **April 20, 1965**. The review for this report was made from serial 763 through serial 843.

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