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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, 157-63

DATE: Feb. 21, 1965

FROM : Robert P. Womack

SUBJECT: KLAN ACTIVITIES
Jackson, Division

FOIA(b) (7) - (D)

Based on information obtained that a meeting of the state officers of the Klan was to meet in Jackson on 2/20/65, place unknown but contact point for directions to meeting place at Primos N. State, a surveillance was conducted. Persons participating in addition to writer were ROY M. McDANIEL, SAMUEL N. JENNINGS, and REESIE L. TIMMONS, RA at McComb.

Surveillance was instituted at 4:30 pm and maintained until 6:15 pm. First automobile arriving at about 4:51 pm was white Ford Sedan '64 model, license unknown with one male. He was joined by young w/m about 30, 5'8-10"; 165 with light brown hair. He came from the rear of Primos and got in the automobile with unknown male and they drove away.

The second car that acted suspiciously was a cream and brown '55 Chevrolet, license H-16411. This same young man spoke to the occupant of this car. He drove around the block and parked and stayed parked near the entrance of the Primo parking lot. He was joined by another male for part of the time he stayed there. This license registered to Mrs. J. A. SHEARER, 3823 Northview Drive, '55 Chev., Ser # 048,788T 552.

Efforts to locate these persons at Holiday Inn Highway 51 North resulted negatively.

Another automobile that acted somewhat suspiciously was a '65 model either Chev or Pontiac, Black in color with one male occupant. The license number was 39-115.

A check of records determined this license was listed to D. J. SANDIFER, Jayess, Miss. This information was obtained from Mary Turner, State MV Comptrollers Office. The serial # of the car was 41839S281493.

It will be noted the man described above was seen again with SHEARER and again coming out of Sears Roebuck Store, carrying what appeared to be one or more ledgers of the type used as Cash Books etc.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, Jackson

DATE: 3/15/65

FROM : Director, FBI (157-1552)

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

The March 9, 1965, issue of "The Evening Star" newspaper, Washington, D.C., contained an article by Miriam Ottenberg which set forth, "In Mississippi, a cache of Russian-made rifles turned up among Ku Klux Klan Klansmen accused of bombing Negro homes."

Jackson advise Bureau of any information concerning such a situation. If no information has come to the attention of the Jackson Office, immediate contact with logical informants and sources should be made to determine if such a situation does exist in the State of Mississippi.

Information developed from your inquiries should be submitted to the Bureau in a form suitable for dissemination. Original and seven copies should be forwarded to the Bureau.

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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
RM (KLAN)

ReBuairtel to Jackson 2/17/65 captioned "White
Christian Protective and Legal Defense Fund".

Enclosed for Bureau original and eight copies
of LHM captioned "White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of
Mississippi", sub-titled "Fund Raising Activities", based
on information received from FOIA(b) (7) - (D)

ReBuairtel to Jackson refers to Bureau's interest
in the White Christian Protective and Legal Defense Fund.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Jackson, Mississippi
March 25, 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 24, 1965, he traveled to Brookhaven, Mississippi, and attended a meeting of the Board of Directors of the White Christian Protective and Legal Defense Fund. The meeting was presided over by Elmore D. Greaves, the State Chairman, and in attendance were: Harvey H. Heredeem, Secretary-Treasurer; Reverend Delmar Dennis, Meridian, Mississippi; I. H. "Pete" Shumaker, Kosciusko, Mississippi, and a Mr. Everett.

This meeting was scheduled for March 25, 1965; however, it was changed for some unknown reason.

A review of the organization's fund raising efforts indicated that a total of \$2700 had been collected thus far. Expenses indicated outlays of \$1000 for stamps and \$500 for miscellaneous items such as printing and advertising. This left a total balance of \$1200 in the fund. However, the source advised that this is in no way a complete collection report.

It was decided at the meeting to contact the County Chairman of the White Christian Protective and Legal Defense Fund to recall all the containers previously distributed throughout the state and make a formal accounting of the monies collected. The source indicated that the containers would, after the accounting was completed, be redistributed.

The directors then empowered Heredeem and Greaves to proceed to the aid of any "White Christian" who may be

indicted or forced to stand trial because of the Civil Rights Act. The source indicated by this that Heredeen and Greaves would be able to furnish any necessary legal funds to any white defendant without prior approval of the board.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC JACKSON FOIA(b) (7) - (D)

DATE: 3-31-65

FROM : SA CLARENCE G. PROSPERE

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 PCI PSI

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

Dates of Contact

3-24-65

Titles and File #s on which contacted

- ~~157-63 WKKKKOM~~
- ~~157-569 KKK Activity, Franklin Co., Miss.~~
- ~~157-941 APWR- Franklin Co., Miss.~~

Purpose and results of contact

- NEGATIVE
- POSITIVE
- XX

On 3-24-65 FOIA(b) (7) - (D) advised that there had been little activity on the part of the APWR in Franklin County until recently. He stated that about a week or ten days ago there had been a meeting which was well attended, and he had heard this was because of a special speaker whose identity he had not determined.

FOIA(b) (7) - (D) stated he has several trusted employees who are members of the APWR and he will make an effort to determine the officers and activities of the APWR.

FOIA(b) (7) - (D) stated there had been little or no activity on the part of the WKKKKOM since FBI agents were in the area before Christmas.

Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

Rating

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Personal Data

FOIA(b) (7) - (D)

- 1 - 157-941
- ① - 157-63
- 1 - 157-569

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Jackson, Mississippi
April 2, 1965

RE: WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE
KU KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI
Racial Matter

Alleged Fast Threat To Kill
Martin Luther King, Jr.

A confidential source advised an Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in March, 1965, that an unverified rumor among some Klansmen at Jackson, Mississippi recently was that the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi was reported to have hired a killer in 1964 to kill Martin Luther King when he was to be in Jackson, Mississippi during that year. This killer was allegedly a man known as "Two Jumps" and was from the State of Oklahoma. He went to Jackson, Mississippi, dates unknown, to "case the layout" and while in Jackson stayed at the Tarrymore Motel. He was to use a high powered rifle in the killing. The deal fell through when the Klan was unable to raise the \$13,000.00 cash demanded by "Two Jumps" for the job.

"Two Jumps" is the same individual who killed a person whose last name was Dillon and who was at the time on the Ten Most Wanted List of Fugitives of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Dillon was allegedly killed in the Flamingo Motel in Jackson, Mississippi and his body was transported to either Oklahoma or Kansas where it was dumped in an old well.

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"Two Jumps" was also allegedly hired to kill a burglar from the State of Texas sometime ago. This killing was to occur in Jackson, Mississippi but did not come off. It was rumored that the lawyers of the unknown burglar "paid off" the killer.

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

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



*In Reply, Please Refer to
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

**Jackson, Mississippi
April 2, 1965**

**TITLE: WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
 OF MISSISSIPPI**

CHARACTER: RACIAL MATTER

**REFERENCE: Jackson letterhead memorandum
 dated April 2, 1965.**

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

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-63) (P)

WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE
KU KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI
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Enclosed for the Bureau are original and seven copies of LHM reflecting information received from [redacted] FOIA(b)(7) - (D) who is a [redacted] FOIA(b)(7) - (D) a reliable individual, and is acquainted with members, or former members, of the WKKKKOM. He stated this information was overheard as general rumor among some Klansmen and he does not know the source. He is doubtful of its truthfulness. FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

Oklahoma City and other offices are presently conducting investigation under caption, [redacted] to identify "Two Jumps" and to ascertain the reliability of information. It is noted the Jackson Office has no information as to the details concerning the death and subsequent location of JOHN GIBSON DILLON and therefore is not in position to evaluate information concerning him.

- 3 - Bureau (Enc.-8) (RM)
- 1 - Atlanta (Enc.-1) (RM)
- 2 - Oklahoma City [redacted]
- 3 - Jackson (1 - 157-63) (1 - [redacted])

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(1 - 100-161 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.)

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LEADS

THE OKLAHOMA CITY DIVISION

AT OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

- (1) Will continue efforts to identify "Two Jumps."
- (2) Will advise Jackson from details available re death and subsequent location of JOHN GIBSON DILLON, possibility of information concerning DILLON's death in Jackson, Miss., is accurate.

THE ATLANTA DIVISION - INFORMATION

One copy furnished Atlanta in view of information concerning past plan to kill MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Investigation continuing at Jackson, Mississippi.

(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

Mississippi Klansman Voices Opposition To LBJ Probe Plan

NATCHEZ, Miss. (AP) — A Mississippi Klan leader joined other Klan officials Sunday in voicing opposition to President Lyndon Johnson's push to probe the clandestine organization.

E. L. McDaniel, grand dragon of the United Klan, realm of Mississippi, said the President should urge legislation to rid the United States of Communists rather than attacking the Ku Klux Klan.

McDaniel asked:

"Could it be that Mr. Johnson sees that the Klan is standing in his way of being a dictator?"

He said the President should get on national television and warn the Communists that they should get out of the party before it is too late.

Johnson told a national television audience that four Ku Klux Klansmen were arrested by the FBI in connection with the fatal shooting of a Detroit housewife, who was driving civil rights workers from Montgomery to Selma, Ala.

After announcing the arrests, the President vowed to wage war on the Klan and urged anyone affiliated with the organization to "get out before it is too late."

A source close to the United Klan in Mississippi placed the present membership at about 400. There has been no comment from the white knights of the Klan, which is believed to have a larger membership in the state.

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

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Meridian Star

Meridian, Miss.

Date: 3-29-65

Edition: Daily

Author:

Editor: JAMES B. SKEWES

Title: KKK, MISS.

Character:

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Classification: 157-63-862

Submitting Office: Jackson

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

M E M O R A N D U M

TO : ALL AGENTS
FROM : SAC JACKSON (66-26)
SUBJECT: OFFICE MEMORANDUM 65-12

DATE: 3-30-65

DONALD DEAN RAINEY - FUGITIVE
I.O. #3900, W.F. #365
BANK ROBBERY; CONDITIONAL RELEASE
VIOLATOR
"TEN MOST WANTED FUGITIVES" PROGRAM
JN 91-155

RAINEY has been approved as a replacement in the Ten Most Wanted Fugitives Program replacing EARL VENEY. Any information developed in this matter should be immediately communicated to ASAC - SAC.

WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
OF MISSISSIPPI
RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)
JN 157-63

Bureau letter of 3-15-65 called attention to the fact that communications being sent to the Bureau by the Jackson Office under various captions regarding Klan activity have not been reported previously in a form suitable for dissemination. Information regarding Klan activities, where appropriate, should be included in a letterhead memorandum

1 - SAC
1 - ASAC
1 - Supervisor #3
1 - Supervisor #4
1 - Chief Clerk
1 - Supervising Steno
1 - All Agents
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with the original and seven copies to the Bureau.

The above is the responsibility of each Agent and cannot be properly handled any other way at headquarters city since the information is frequently outdated by the time it reaches the supervisor or Klan co-ordinator.

ECONOMY - TELETYPES

You are reminded that when copies of a message are mailed to certain offices, last sentence of message transmitted by teletype or radio should inform offices receiving by teletype or radio which offices receiving by mail.

INDEXING NAMES IN CONNECTION
WITH POLYGRAPH MATTERS

Bureau, by routing slip, recently advised as follows:

Recently instances have come to our attention wherein some offices have neglected to index the names of all individuals concerning whom authorization was sought to administer a polygraph examination or to whom the Bureau has authorized such a test to be given. This is material that must be indexed and it is the Agent's responsibility to see that it is done.

REPORT WRITING
JN 66-31

Agents are responsible for the necessary indexing of FD-302s or inserts without delay. Indexing of these communications may be done by preparing memorandum for the file showing the names to be indexed, by indexing an interim communication which contains the names to be indexed, by indexing a copy of the FD-302 or insert, or by indexing to the communication in which copies of FD-302 or insert are used as insert pages.

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ARTHUR PIERCE, JR., aka - FUGITIVE
I.O. #3864, W.F. #364
UFAP - MURDER
TOP TEN FUGITIVE
JN 88-287

Discontinue. Subject apprehended 3-25-65 by
Bureau Agents at Spring Valley, New York.

CRIMDEL PROGRAM
JN 92-22

SA EDWARD V. SCHAUM and SA DONALD A. SCHLAEFER
are responsible for items re CRIMDEL to be submitted to
SA BONE by 4-6-65 without fail.

PHOTOGRAPHIC MATTERS

For information of Agent personnel recently arrived
Jackson Division, black and white films which do not constitute
evidence are processed locally in headquarters. This is
accomplished by routing film to receptionist with file
number, Agent's name and specific instructions as to processing.
Films will be returned to Agent personnel for identification
and preparation of 1A envelopes. Local processing of color
films can be accomplished satisfactorily only if films are
of the roll type such as 35mm or 120. Local color processors
are not equipped to accommodate 4 X 5 cut film such as is used
with speed graphic film holders. It is recommended that this
color film be submitted to the Bureau - attention Mechanical
Section, by airtel.

All films which may constitute evidence should be
sent to the Bureau - attention Mechanical Section, registered
mail, for processing. Such cover communication must contain
specific instructions as to number of prints and disposition.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Post Office Box 1450

Jackson, Mississippi

March 29, 1965

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
OF MISSISSIPPI,
PROPOSED MARCH OF KLANSMEN
AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA

On March 28, 1965, a confidential source who is a member of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi (WKKKKOM) advised that on March 27, 1965, Tommie Beddingfield, another member of the WKKKKOM from Meridian, Mississippi, had made the following comment:

Beddingfield said that he had a letter in his possession which letter he had received from Raymond Roberts, younger brother of Alton Wayne Roberts, who is a defendent in the Neshoba County Civil Rights slaying case. In this letter Raymond Roberts asked Beddingfield to try and get as many Klansmen as possible from the Meridian, Mississippi, area and go to Atlanta, Georgia, on April 25, 1965. Roberts also wrote that Lester Maddox from Atlanta was arranging for a big march of Klansmen in Atlanta on April 25, 1965, to protest the march of Negroes and Civil Rights workers at Selma, Alabama.

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1552)

FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-63)

**WKKKKOM
RM (KLAN)**

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are the original and seven copies of a LHM captioned "WKKKKOM - PROPOSED MARCH OF KLANSMEN AT ATLANTA, GA.", based on information received from Jackson informant [redacted] (7) - (D). Also enclosed for the Atlanta Office are two copies of above described LHM.

The information included in above described LHM is all information known to informant to date. In the event further information is received the Bureau will be advised.

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Johnson Asks For Legislation Against KKK

WASHINGTON. (UPI)—President Johnson has declared an all-out battle to banish the Ku Klux Klan from American society.

Friday, he ordered Atty. Gen. Nicholas Katzenbach to draft legislation bringing the Klan "under effective control of law" and urged a prompt congressional investigation of its activities.

The chief executive did so in announcing the arrest of four Alabama men in the slaying Thursday night of Mrs. Viola Gregg Liuzzo of Detroit, a white civil rights worker, on a federal highway between Selma and Montgomery, Ala. He said the arrested men were klansmen.

The response on Capitol Hill was swift. Rep. Edwin E. Willis, D-La., announced that his House Committee on Un-American Activities would meet early next week to consider a formal inquiry into the Klan and other "extremist" groups. Committee investigators already have gathered information on the Klan in Alabama and Mississippi and have conferred with the FBI, it was stated.

Rep. Emanuel Celler, D-N. Y., said his House Judiciary Committee would consider "with all possible dispatch" any new criminal legislation dealing with the Klan.

It was not clear what legislation Katzenbach might propose. There were indications that the

Justice Department had just begun its work on a measure under Johnson's orders.

The president, who conferred throughout the night with the attorney general and FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover about the latest Alabama slaying, said Mrs. Liuzzo had gone to Alabama to serve what he called "the struggle for justice."

Four Men Arrested

Fast moving FBI agents, perhaps operating with inside information, quickly rounded up the four Alabama men Friday and charged them in the slaying of Mrs. Liuzzo, the first white woman to die in the civil rights movement.

The President went before a national television audience to announce the arrests and personally identify the suspects as Eugene Thomas, 43, Bessemer, Ala.; William Orville Eaton, 41, Bessemer; Gary Thomas Rowe, Jr., 31, Birmingham, and Collie Leroy Wilkin, Jr., 21, Fairfield, Ala.

The chief executive was flanked by Hoover and Katzenbach at the hurriedly-arranged news conference at the White House.

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Meridian Star
Meridian, Miss.

Date: 3-27-65
Edition: Daily
Author:
Editor: JAMES B. SKEWES
Title: KKK

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Outlaw The Klan?

The Ku KluxKlan is a thoroughly despicable organization. Everything which it stands for in action — no matter what it may claim in some of its high-blown theory — is repugnant to decent Americans. But we wonder exactly how legislation can or should be framed which would outlaw its activities while leaving equally unsavory organizations untouched.

Particularly hard to understand is the reasoning which puts the KKK in a special category all its own. There are plenty of hate groups operating in this country whose relationship to violence is no less tangible than the Klan's. There are other white supremacy outfits, and black supremacy groups such as the Black Muslims. There are fringe rightist organizations along the lines of the Minutemen and Rangers, to whom an incredible cache of automatic weapons was being funnelled when intercepted earlier this week.

FINALLY, there is the organization which poses the greatest single threat to the United States of all the extremists. This is the Communist party, by whose side the KKK looks like a motley troop of overage Boy Scouts. While the Klan in its present incarnation is a sectionally isolated outlet for hatred and frustration, the Com-

munist party is neither sectional nor isolated. It is the direct tool of a foreign power, and while its membership is, if anything, smaller than the Klan's, its members' dedication is far greater.

As far as we are concerned, there is no need for special legislation against any of these, Klan or otherwise. The nation is amply protected by laws which are on the books against the activities of organized bigots or organized traitors. To pass legislation singling out such organizations by name only invites the subterfuge of quick dissolution under one name and reincorporation under another.

More basically, we doubt the wisdom in a free society of outlawing any group except for extraordinary reasons of national security. Tyrants always win their arguments by a final recourse to the jail cell or the firing squad, but free men are supposedly more willing to permit extreme diversity in the hope that truth will out from the welter of conflicting opinions.

Crack down on the Klan's outlaw members, certainly. But outlaw the Klan itself? It would be ineffective, probably unconstitutional, selective and in the final analysis a small but very real betrayal of our libertarian heritage.

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— Delta Democrat-Times

— Greenville, Miss.

Date: 3-31-65
Edition: Daily
Author: HODDING CARTER II
Editor: KKK
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Probe Of Klan Is OK'd

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House Committee on Un-American Activities voted unanimously today to conduct a searching investigation into the activities of the Klu Klux Klan.

Chairman Edwin E. Willis, D-La., said the committee's preliminary study indicated "that shocking crimes are carried out by highly secret action groups within the klans."

These groups, Willis said, are known as "knockoff squads" or "holy terrors."

Willis also announced that the committee had instructed him to go on with his preliminary inquiry into activities of the Black Muslims, the American Nazi Party and the Minute Men.

The committee said its decision to throw the full light of a congressional investigation of the klan was based on three factors:

—Its staff's preliminary study "clearly indicated the klan activities are such that investigation is called for."

—Statements by federal officials indicating that klan members have been involved "in a number of recent murders and other unconstitutional acts of violence and terrorism."

—President Johnson's appeal last Friday in which he indicated support for congressional investigation of the klans as an aid to enactment of remedial legislation.

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THE MERIDIAN STAR

MERIDIAN, MISS.

Date: 3-30-65

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Author:

Editor:

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Craig Says KKK Will Fight LBJ

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — A Ku Klux Klan leader said today the robed order would fight a presidential attack after four Klansmen were arrested on charges of federal conspiracy in the highway killing of a white civil rights worker.

"We're going to put President Johnson back on the spot — he has jumped on the white people of the South," said Calvin F. Craig, grand dragon of the Klan in Georgia.

Craig, reached in Atlanta, said the Klan's attorney was defending the four men.

They were arrested by FBI agents in the assassination of pretty Mrs. Viola Gregg Liuzzo, 39, a Detroit mother of five. Mrs. Liuzzo was shot to death Thursday night near Lowndesboro after taking part in the civil rights march to the state capital.

President Johnson announced the arrests and then declared war on the Klan. He called for controlling legislation and congressional probes.

Craig followed the lead of Robert M. Shelton Jr. of Tuscaloosa, Ala., the imperial wizard of the United Klans, in denouncing the President's stinging verbal attack.

"I regret very much that this white lily, Mrs. Liuzzo was killed," Craig said. "And I hope — and believe — that our men were not responsible."

Gov. George C. Wallace deplored the crime and announced an

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Alabama may seek first degree murder indictments against the four arrested.

If the evidence warrants, "I'm going to insist that we get a first degree murder indictment, State Atty. Gen. Richmond Flowers said Friday night.

Mrs. Viola Gregg Liuzzo, 39, white and mother of five, was shot to death near Lowndesboro, Ala., while assisting in a civil rights drive.

Flowers said, "from what I've heard thus far, it looks like pre-meditated murder."

Conviction for first degree murder in Alabama carries either a death sentence or life imprisonment at the discretion of the jury.

The President announced the arrests in Washington, 16½ hours after Mrs. Liuzzo, who grew up in the South, slumped over in the driver's seat of her car, a bullet in the temple.

Selma Negro, Leroy Moton, 19, was beside her in the car when another auto pulled alongside and two shots were fired. The two were returning to Montgomery after shuttling a group of civil rights workers to Selma. She was en route back to pick up another group.

The four men arrested were Eugene Thomas, 42, and William Orville Eaton, 41, both of Bessemer; Gary Tommy Rowe Jr., 34, of Birmingham; and Collie Leroy Wilkins Jr., 21, of Fairfield, Ala.

The four were taken into custody by FBI agents in the Birmingham area. A U.S. commissioner set bond at \$50,000 each. Thomas, Eaton and Rowe were released several hours later when their attorney posted bond.

Wilkins remained in jail. He was convicted in federal court last November on a charge of possessing an unregistered shotgun, given a one-year suspended sentence and placed on probation for two years.

R. Macey Taylor, an assistant U.S. district attorney, said the four were charged with violating a 90-year-old federal statute for conspiring to deprive another person of his constitutional rights. Maximum penalty is 10 years in prison, a \$5,000 fine or both.

There were these other developments on the racial scene:

1. Seven policemen were treated at a hospital in Waterbury, Conn., after a street fight broke out in a Negro neighborhood when officers tried to make an arrest. Police said

~~they were~~ called "segregationists" and other names by a crowd of from 150 to 200. Bottles and bricks were thrown at the officers.

2. Counties seeking exemptions from the proposed voting rights act of 1965 were promised full Justice Department cooperation. Atty. Gen. Nicholas Katzenbach told delegates of the National Association of Counties, meeting in Washington, "we want to make the burden on the counties as small as we can."

3. A boycott at Negro Jackson High School in Jonesboro, La., ended its third week with no solution in sight. The pupils are protesting what they called sub-standard facilities and courses.

4. Nineteen Syracuse University students asked Katzenbach for federal protection while in Jonesboro, La., helping reconstruct two Negro churches destroyed by fire Jan. 19. They plan to spend their spring vacation in the Deep South community. And Gov. John J. McKeithen of Louisiana said he will go to Jonesboro to try personal diplomacy with Negro students boycotting a school.

5. The House Committee on Un-American Activities probably will meet next week to decide whether it should launch a formal investigation of the Ku Klux Klan.

The four men the FBI said belonged to the Klan had little to say when brought before U.S. Commissioner Louise O. Charlton except "Yes m'am," and "yes, your honor."

The commissioner is a spry 76 and has had her office in Birmingham for 41 years. She wore a pink suit with a turquoise blouse for the bond hearing. A pink rose was stuck in her near-white hair.

Once when opposing attorneys disagreed over an arraignment date she told them, "Now, let's don't put this off forever and ever please."

She handed them a calendar and after brief discussion set April 15 as the date.

Wilkins, who was dressed in a dark brown shirt and black trousers, and Rowe, who was neatly garbed in a dark grey suit and white shirt, objected to photographers taking their pictures.

"Get those damn lights out of my face," Wilkins told one cameraman.

Rowe, who has red hair, lunged three times at photographers, ~~once~~ forcing ~~an~~ FBI

~~agent to~~ push him into a hastily opened door for a moment.

Another time when Rowe was ducking a cameraman he appeared to make a threatening gesture and said, "I'm fixing to bust one of them in the mouth." An FBI agent said, "Take it easy."

Some hours after completion of the bond hearings in Birmingham, a blue and white Teamsters Union plane arrived in Detroit with the body of Mrs. Liuzzo, wife of a union official.

The plane was sent to Montgomery on orders of Teamsters President James R. Hoffa.

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Ku Klux Klan Once Was Powerful Political Force

NEW YORK (AP) — The Ku Klux Klan, a sprawling giant of the 1920's that nearly choked to death two decades later on its own violent dedication to "Americanism," is getting new life from the growing civil rights movement in the South.

Dr. Richard M. Chalmers, a University of Florida professor and author of a new book on the Klan's secret world of mystic rituals, strange passwords and hooded violence, argues that a decaying Klan was given new "impetus and environment for action" by two events:

The Supreme Court's May 17, 1954, decision outlawing public school segregation, and the sit-ins, freedom rides and mass demonstrations of the early 1960's.

A number of other observers have pointed to a very recent rise in Klan membership, now believed to number 30,000 to 35,000 active Klansmen with up to 20,000 active sympathizers, mainly in the Deep South.

Klan officials say their influence has been increasing steadily since the current civil rights struggle began. James Venable, Atlanta attorney and imperial wizard of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, estimates growth at 10,000 to 12,000 new members a month.

"We try to weed out undesirables, our purpose is not to collect hoodlums," Venable said. "We're trying to get the sweat-box people in. Educated people have been brainwashed into be-

lieving in brotherly love — in peaceful coexistence."

Chalmers says in his book, "Hooded Americanism," which is to be published by Doubleday, that one inherent defect in Klan structure that may have prevented it from becoming even more of an influence is the impossibility of controlling the actions of individual branches.

Today's Klan, actually a number of separate Klans, has most influence in small cities and rural areas, usually those with a high percentage of Negroes.

But 40 years ago, it was a giant of four million members that elected governors and senators, both in the North and South.

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pranks and mystic initiations in 1866, one year after the Civil War ended, the Klan soon turned to a major role in the overthrow of carpetbag state governments in the South and the restoration of white supremacy.

By 1871, the estimated 550,000 Klansmen disappeared as a formal organization. President Ulysses S. Grant, under the Ku Klux Klan Act of 1871, suspended the writ of habeas corpus in nine South Carolina counties, and thousands of Klansmen were arrested.

Another Klan did not appear until 1915, when the organization was resurrected on top of Stone Mountain, Ga., with the burning of a cross and an oath of allegiance to the "invisible empire of the Ku Klux Klan."

By 1924, it had become a national political power, with four million members dedicated to opposing not only Negroes, but Catholics, Jews, and anyone who was not a native-born, Anglo-Saxon Protestant.

But, by the beginning of the depression, the Klan's power and glory were gone in the North and West.

The third Ku Klux Klan revival was organized in Atlanta late in World War II by an Atlanta obstetrician, Dr. Samuel Green. It had a brief period of activity, but splintered after Green's death in 1949.

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Craig Says He Will Not Meet Dept. Lawyer

ATLANTA, Ga. (AP) — A Ku Klux Klan leader who has asked for a meeting with President Johnson said today he had received a telegram from U.S. Atty. Gen. Nicholas Katzenbach advising him that a government attorney would contact him.

Calvin F. Craig, Georgia grand dragon of United Klans, said he had no intention, however, of meeting with the attorney, St. John Barrell of the civil rights division of the Department of Justice.

"He is prejudiced against the white people. Otherwise, he would not be in the civil rights division," Craig said. "We feel that we shouldn't have to go through the back door of the White House any longer."

Craig and Robert M. Shelton Jr. of Tuscaloosa, Ala., Klan imperial wizard, sent President Johnson a telegram Sunday asking a meeting after Johnson attacked the Klan.

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Informant advised that on 3/9/65, he went to visit W. R. MANGUM, at which time he asked MANGUM to obtain for him 15 machine guns. MANGUM stated he could obtain these machine guns for \$150 a piece. Informant advised MANGUM that the price was too high and the informant then inquired if MANGUM could obtain for him .44 caliber ammunition. MANGUM advised that he could not obtain any .44 caliber ammunition and suggested that the informant contact members of the National Guard who have previously been successful in purloining ammunition from the National Guard Armorys.

Informant advised that at a meeting of Province and State officers of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi (WKKKKOM) in Jackson, Miss., on 3/6/65, the Klansmen first met at the Westland Plaza and were then led to a man's house. At this house, there was a large number of children in the family who were present in the room when an attempt was made to hold a meeting so it was decided to move to a second man's house who appeared to be a bachelor and whose house was located approximately five miles west of Terry, Mississippi. At this meeting on 3/6/65, there were approximately 20 or 25 individuals present. There were two men from Vicksburg, Miss., whose identity was unknown. MARK SANDIFER from Lawrence County, Miss., who operates a store near the Ruth Community, was present, together with another individual from Lawrence County, whose identity was not determined. (FNU) GREAVES, the secretary or treasurer of the White Christian Protective Legal and Defense Fund (WCPLDF) was present. The man from Gulfport, Miss., who operates a cleaning establishment and who has previously been identified, was at the meeting.

There were two guards who had walki-talkies and one of these guards remained inside the house while the other waited outside. These two individuals alternated on their assignments. Of those present were SAM BOWERS, JULIUS HARPER, BILLY BUCKLES, ERNEST GILBERT, CLYDE SEALE, and J. K. GREER.

Informant advised that at this meeting on 3/6/65, SAM BOWERS told a story about his .44 caliber automatic being stolen in Meridian, Mississippi, and that later when two Negroes, whom he described as Black Muslims, killed a filling station attendant in Laurel, Mississippi, and were later caught and searched, a gun was found which was used to kill the filling station attendant and also found in possession of the two Negroes was a .44 caliber automatic of SAM BOWERS which had previously been stolen in Meridian, Mississippi. BOWERS stated that his .44 caliber automatic had been "planted" by the FBI in the car of the two Negroes.

BOWERS brought out at the meeting on 3/6/65, that he had not been paid for the past three State Meetings and advised that he had out of his own personal money spent \$1500 on Klan business.

In accounting of Klan money, it was discussed at the meeting and it was brought out that \$3200 had been collected and approximately \$1600 or \$1700 of this sum had been spent for advertising.

It was also discussed that the bank has refused to handle any more of the money collected by the WCPLDF in that the bank has disassociated itself in every way from this fund. It was pointed out that money would continue to be collected at the post office box which had previously been furnished as the mailing address for the WCPLDF.

Informant advised that GREAVES, who is the treasurer or secretary for the WCPLDF, is keeping a record of all contributions and disbursements and that he reports directly to SAM BOWERS.

Informant advised that ERNEST GILBERT suggested that in view of the fact there had been a poor response to the letters sent to various businessmen in the State of Mississippi requesting contributions to the WCPLDF, that letters should be directed to the "plain country folks" asking for money and that these letters, after they were printed, should be purchased by various local units of the Klan which would then be responsible for addressing and mailing out these letters. Informant advised that

there was a discussion of the various units purchasing and selling stamps similar to Easter Seals which would have some designation on the stamp indicating that they had contributed to the WCPLDF. These stamps are to be sold to the various klaverns, who in turn will be responsible for the selling of these stamps to either Klansmen or individuals outside of the Klan.

BILLY BUCKLES, JULIUS HARPER and SAM BOWERS in a discussion brought out the fact that the Klan treasury presently has sufficient money to pay all Klan obligations but that after these obligations are paid, the Klan will have no money.

Informant pointed out that information has been received from numerous units that they are not contributing any more money to the State Headquarters as they feel SAM BOWERS is not giving a proper accounting for the money which has been collected.

ERNEST GILBERT inquired at the meeting if Klan money was to be given to help the individuals who had been arrested in connection with the murder of the three civil rights workers near Philadelphia, Mississippi. SAM BOWERS replied that it was not necessary for the Klan to furnish money to these individuals as the attorneys representing them had made the statement they would defend the defendants in this case regardless of whether or not they received payment for their services. BOWERS then stated the purpose of the WCPLDF was for propaganda purposes so that word could be put out by the Klan that the Klan presently has one million dollars to defend anyone in the State of Mississippi who is accused of a violent act.

JULIUS HARPER then advised the meeting that attempts were being to get the WCPLDF set up as a nonprofit organization in order to avoid paying Federal income taxes.

The informant advised that in a closed meeting the four State Officers, BILLY BUCKLES, JULIUS HARPER, ERNEST GILBERT and SAM BOWERS, discussed a proposed plan by SAM BOWERS to reorganize the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi (WKKKKOM). The proposal of SAM BOWERS pointed out that the Communist Party is set up so that one communist does not know the identity of any other communists. BOWERS then proposed that Exalted Cyclops for each klavern be designated by him and that the Exalted Cyclops would then in turn choose four officers for his klavern. The four officers would not know the identity of any other officers other than the Exalted Cyclops. Each officer would then select three or four men to assist him but the officer who was in charge of the guards would not disclose the identity of the guards he had selected and in turn the guards would not know the identity of those individuals selected to assist the treasurer and so forth. Each member would then be allowed to choose four additional members who would not know the identity of any other members. Meetings would be held at which everyone attended in robes and was masked so that no one would know the identity of the other individuals. ERNEST GILBERT then pointed out to BOWERS that his plan was "ridiculous" in view of the fact there would be no control over the various individuals as the identity of the Klansmen in the unit would not be known and that anyone could commit any act of violence he desired and blame it on the Klan.

Informant advised that he had received information that ERNEST GILBERT, JULIUS HARPER and BILLY BUCKLES are presently investigating SAM BOWERS to obtain documentary proof with dates, facts and figures which will be presented at the next State Meeting in order to remove SAM BOWERS as Imperial Wizard of the WKKKKOM.

Informant advised that it had come to his attention that the individual who had put out the word about SAM BOWERS having pictures of MUSSOLINI, HITLER, KRUSCHEV and FIDEL CASTRO in his home was a Karate teacher who was

supposed to have been an informant of the Laurel Police Department. The Klan subsequently banished this individual from Klan membership when it was determined that he was an informant for the Laurel Police Department.

Informant went to the State Meeting at Jackson on 3/6/65, with BILLY BUCKLES and CLYDE SEALE. During the ride the informant asked about the Negro who was killed in Ferriday, Louisiana, at which time BUCKLES and SEALE mentioned the fact that the Negro who was killed in Ferriday operated a shoe shop which they named, but both of them only laughed and made no further comments about the burning of this Negro.

Informant advised that J. M. FOSTER has telephonically contacted him and the informant is of the opinion that FOSTER wants to arrange a trip between himself and the informant to go to Bogalusa, La., to repay the visit made by the Klansman from the 6th Congressional District of Louisiana.

Informant advised that in his contact with klansman he has come to the conclusion that the trouble in Selma, Alabama, and the speech made by President JOHNSON recently in connection with the Selma, Alabama, incidents, will drive people back into the Klan. Informant pointed out that some Klansman who have become inactive have told him that if necessary they would prefer to have martial law in Mississippi rather than subject themselves to the incidents which have occurred in Selma, Alabama.

Informant advised that the next State Meeting of Province Officers and State Officers will take place on Saturday, 3/20/65, in Jackson, Mississippi. The first meeting place will be in Westland Plaza, after which they will go to a designated place.

Informant advised that an individual who formerly was employed by the Lomax Printing Company in Laurel, which

has done printing for the Klan, went to work for a newspaper in Meadville, Mississippi. This man, name unknown, telephonically contacted SAM BOWERS and asked who he should contact in the Meadville area regarding participation in Klan activities. BOWERS told BILLY BUCKLES about this man and pointed out that he may be an FBI Agent but that if BUCKLES checked him out to be satisfactory, that BUCKLES could contact the individual and possibly use him.



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

The following bulletin was circulated in the residential section of Hattiesburg, Mississippi, by unidentified persons on March 21, 1965:

"ANOTHER WHITE KNIGHTS BULLETIN"

"The NAACP, The Communists, The COFO and other Jew backed subversive organizations now have a perfect system of infiltrators in your homes. Yes, at this very minute in the majority of South Mississippi homes is a trained agent of the anti-white, anti-American revolutionary conspiracy. Without apparently realizing the grave dangers involved, many white citizens take the nigger maids into their homes, to care for their innocent children and run their households while they work or engage in their social activities. Reliable sources that keep close watch over these Communist-Jew backed Black Supremist Organizations, report that as high as 90% of all nigger maids that enter the homes of white people in South Mississippi have been thoroughly indoctrinated by the NAACP or CORE, they are instilled with a burning hate for the whites, and are trained for the rebellion against the white society which, at the present rate of progress, is not far away.

"They are trained to undermine the christian morals of your children, while they pretend to be, "A good ole nigger mammy" to your face. There have recently been numerous cases in which young white children have repeated vile language, or committed vulger acts, and upon questioning by their parents, have admitted that the nigger maid had taught them to do these things. Yes the Jews promised to corrupt the minds of the youth. You must surely agree that any Christian parent upon hearing these shocking facts, could no longer allow a black savage to care for their children. God will surely punish a white parent that leaves their innocent white children at the mercy of these descendants of the African savage.

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"Only a few days ago, a family came home to a meal prepared by one of these nigger infiltrators, and were hospitalized due to some substance placed in their food by this nigger saboteur. Naturally, the nigger never showed up for work again and it was later learned, that the night before, she had attended an NAACP rally, where a Jewish speaker had worked the nigger audience into a frenzy of savage emotion with his anti-white propoganda. (They also spit in your food and even worse.) These things are happening to innocent whites every day, you could be next, take action and get rid of these nigger destroyers before you or your innocent children suffer.

"If you think that it just couldn't be your maid.. Let us remind you of this; You are dealing with decendants of savage africa, who will, like a wild animal, turn against you at a moments notice. In Africa they eat each other. Once they have been subjected to the communist doctrine of the NAACP and COFO or CORE they will cast aside any loyalty that years of kindness on your part may have brought about, and seek to destroy the hand that has fed them for so long. To cit a recent example, A city bus load of maids were returning to town after working for white families in the western section of Hattiesburg. The white bus driver was forced, due to the actions of one of the niggers, to stop the bus and hail a passing police car. He reported the actions of the negro woman and the officers arrested her. When this happened, every negro maid on the bus walked off in sympathy with the arrested trouble maker. Was your "good ole mammy" among these? If you can't find a white woman to come into your home then place your children in a day nursery or make arrangements with relatives, do this today. Tomorrow may be too late. "

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DIRECTOR, FBI

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For the information of the Bureau, enclosed
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On March 27, 1965 a mimeographed leaflet consisting of two pages stapled together and rolled tightly together and secured by a rubber band, was distributed throughout certain sections of residential areas of Hattiesburg, Mississippi by unidentified individuals. The leaflet was prepared on legal size paper. The first page was plain white paper, and the second page was of a color, other than white. The following information was typewritten on the two pages:

"Who are these people?

What people are you talking about?

"We are talking about the people that the Jews and their Communist dupes are trying to force the white people to intergrate into our schools, churches, swimming pools, parks, restaurants, homes and ever our beds. These are the people that will vote you into slavery and the Jew into mastery of the world.

"Now these people were originally known only in the darkest jungles of Africa. But then the jew saw a great opportunity for vast profits in rounding up these helpless half-humans and selling them into slavery; especially in America. If tens of thousands of them died en route, it didn't matter to the jew, it only added to his overhead. Anyway there were millions more free for the catching. Sad? Well not to the Jew; he has dealt in human misery for centuries. Witness the brutal "prize" fights, organized gambling and prostitutuion, dope peddling, vulgar, obscene magazines and picture shows and the thousands of other sordid enterprises owned or operated by Jews.

"Now back to these people that the Jews and their brainwashed, bleeding-heart helpers want to cram down the white people's throats. Lets look at some of their actions.

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"In 1958 in Accra, Ghana (Africa), the Jewish financed and masterminded Communist intellectuals met to plan the "liberation" of Portuguese Anglo, a land that Portugal had owned for more than 400 years. Here is how it was liberated on March 15, 1961 as reported by the Portuguese-American Committee:

"On the morning of March 15, the Primavera plantation near Sao Salvador was attacked and all the European (white) population were slaughtered. The only survivor was SERA REIS, the wife of the owner, who, after being repeatedly raped, was left for dead. Four white women and five children from the nearby village of Hablada managed to escape to the woods where they huddled together in a group while two of their menfolk went to Sao Salvador for help. When they returned they found that the tiny group had been discovered by the terrorists, the women had been violated and hideously mutilated and the children had been hacked to pieces and their remains hung from the branches of trees. Some of the bodies were found with their chests cut open and their abdominal cavities stuffed with grass and bits of wood and set afire.

"On the morning of March 15, the small village of Bacla was attacked and the administrator and his wife were tied to boards and methodically sliced to pieces. All the other members of the village except the wife of the guard, were also slaughtered including businessmen SER FERNANDES, who had first to watch his wife being raped and then obscenely mutilated despite her advanced state of pregnancy. Her stomach had been cut open and the unborn child pulled out and beheaded.

WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
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"On the morning of March 15, in the village of Love near the Congolose frontier, the owner of the local sawmill, together with his wife, two small sons, and several others, met their death in a particularly horrible way. They were tied to planks of wood and fed into the saw. 'We sawed them lengthwise,' one of the terrorists admitted to a journalist from Lemade, afterwards.

"And that is how the Communist liberate a country. When will your town be liberated.

"Now if you want the horrible things mentioned above to happen right here in your home and to your loved ones, all you have to do is to just keep sitting on your bottom and saying 'Well what can I do about it?' 'If I say anything, do anything, contribute money to or join a patriotic group or sign a petition or try to influence my friends I might lose my job, or I might lose a friend, or it might hurt my business. Friends lets face facts; you are losing money, friends, and jobs and also your own self-respect by not doing the things you (and you neighbors) know you ought to do. Lets resolve now that regardless of what 'people think', we will put out shoulder to the wheel and fight day and night to keep our homes from being over run by savages, either black or white.

"We realize that there are many good people in this country and in this community that are not too upset about the things that are going on around them and do not feel that they should spend any time or money fighting those things. A lot of people sincerely believe that these problems will go away if you ignore them. (A greater friend the Communists never had.) To these good people

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that honestly think this way, let us beg you to please take the time and make the effort to find out what is really going on around you. We warn you that you will not get the truth from reading the average newspaper or looking at television. Why? Because they are either owned or controlled by Jews. They must control your thinking in order to control you. Think.

"To get the truth you must go out and find it. It will never be handed to you by the enemy. There are hundreds of books and pamphlets written by smart and patriotic people to expose the plans and activities of your enemy. Most of these are kept out of your public libraries. Who would do a thing like this? The Jewish-Communist conspiracy. Most of the books and writings mentioned above can be found in the Patriotic Book Store and information centers springing up all over the country. Ask your neighbor or write to some of the many Patriotic broadcast for more information. Most all of the locally owned radio stations are carrying good sound Patriotic materials daily. Call for times.

"Far too many of our good people have been brain-washed without knowing it. For instance there are people that think that by signing the "School Compliance Pledge" they will be helping our children get a better education. Nothing is further from the truth. The compliance pledge is the most brazen attempt for complete control over the minds and lives of the people that the Communists have yet had the nerve to try. It is tailored for the south because the south has never yet submitted to Jewish domination.

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"It is very doubtful if one tenth of your school trustees or school administrators have any idea of the far-reaching effects of this Communist-inspired "blackmail pledge." Any persons that signs this pledge is either ignorant of its purpose or is Communist bent on destroying America. It and the new "voting rights" bill proposed to Congress is a one-way ticket to slavery. The Communist know that preachers and school teachers are very influential in community life. Therefore they started many years ago to "mold" their minds to think in terms of intergration "one-worldism" Government control and all the other is's that are useful in world domination. These brainwashed preachers and teachers are now expected by the Communist-Jewish planners to pass their "learning" along to everybody in the community so that the people will fall for this naked grab for power. Did you notice how they rushed to Seise. When you are a victim of the Commies you have to hop when they say frog.

The two-pronged drive for school intergration and voter-registration have nothing at all to do with the welfare of the Negro. To those of us that have studied the Jewish-Communist methods, the whole plan is crystal clear. Intergration and moral decay that goes along with it prepares the white people to stand by and watch murder and rape of white people without raising a hand to stop it. Like they do in the intergrated northern cities. The voter-registration fight that is being pushed so hard by the Liberals and Communists is a plan by the eastern Jewish International Bankers for an ironclad guarantee that they can control (and we mean completely control) the political and economic life of the people of the South. They already have this in the north. (the big seise in the South is waking a few Northerners to their peril.)

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"Of course what the Jews want in the South is all of the profits from our great industrial expansion that is now taking place. The Jew is not greedy but he does want it all. Only through complete control and ruinous taxation can we be made slaves. The Jew has never hesitated to use any method to get what he wants. However, they try if possible to use other people (Gentiles) to do their dirty work. So beware of the person that says the Jew is just a downtrodden minority. War, revolution, riots, civil disorders, artificial famine, depression, blackmail, marches, and murder are all standard tools of the international Communists.

"Now remember that the Jew just hates to have his schemes and rackets exposed. For this reason they maintain the World's largest and most elaborate espionage and smear machine; the Anti-defamation League. (Don't forget B'IAI B'ITH). Its purpose is to spy on and smear any persons or organization that exposes or tells the truth about their cooked activities. But to hear them tell it, any person that exposes their rotten plans has a sick mind and any printed matter that criticizes them is a 'hate' sheet. If they were on the right side of decency they would g have to spend half their time defending themselves.

We must come to the realization sooner or later that the real enemy behind most of the world's troubles is the international Jew and a small number of the white

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people that have been corrupted by the Jew. The sooner you accept this fact of life and concentrate your efforts on your real enemy, the sooner some of your problems will disappear. Please don't sleep any longer. If you do you will be sorry you woke.

"What can you do to help?

"Here are some of the things you can do. One of the most important is to write letters. Write to your Congressman, other Congressmen, your Governor, other local, state, and national officials. Write to newspapers, magazines, TV stations. Tell them what you think of their liberal intergrationist propoganda. Call or write your local radio stations and thank them for their good works and condemn the rest. All of your press, television and radio is dependant upon advertizers or sponsors. If you put the pressure on these advertizers and boycott their products, they won't be long in getting the papers and TV stations in line. If you are tired of intergration propoganda and Negro faces in the news, follow our advice and do something about it.

"The old saying 'There is strength in numbers' applies to today's problems. For this reason you should join some organized Patriotic group where you can make your efforts more effective. Join at least one local group and one national group that are working for you and your loved ones. This is the best you can do. They need a lot of your help and a little of your money. In these times here is one thing that is of utmost importance; support you local police and county officers and do not be intimidated by others. You local police will be your last

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should between you and the Communist police when the chips are down.

"Read all you can about the Jewish-Communist plot for world domination. Learn how to fight it.

Be willing and anxious to sign all petitions that express your feelings about the problems and personalities that are hurting you and your country.

Money is the key. Keep the key in your pocket. Spend your money only with those loyal Gentile merchants that you know are on your side. If your preacher is for integration and "one world government" let him support it with his money and you keep yours in your pocket. If your church has any connection with the National Council of Churches (that trained the COFO agitators) then hold your money.

"Stop helping support the NAACP, COFO, CORE, SCLC, KING, JMW, and all other Communist fronts and organizations.

"The Lord helps those that help themselves. Please help yourself.

"It is your duty to pass this paper to others to read.

Yours for America

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[redacted] FOIA(b) (7) - (D) dated 3/29/65.

On 4/2/65, [redacted] FOIA(b) (7) - (D) a notorious
confidence man and gambler who operates primarily in the
Southeastern United States and has been under development
as an informant of the Jackson Division for the past two
months, was contacted by SA JAMES A. ABBOTT. It is pointed
out that the Bureau has conducted numerous investigations
into the activities of [redacted] and on one occasion, FOIA(b) (7) - (D)
succeeded in convicting him, resulting in a seven-year
penitentiary sentence. [redacted] still will not discuss FOIA(b) (7) - (D)
his own personal activities; however, he has exhibited
a cooperative attitude and will discuss situations which
do not directly involve him, or which in his opinion, are
past history. It is pointed out that this information should

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not be disseminated outside the Bureau, inasmuch as [redacted] is still in a very sensitive and vulnerable position and has excellent potential as a criminal informant of this Division.

Informant was asked if he knew an individual named DONALD SPARKS or GENE SPARKS, to which he promptly replied, "Who, Two Jumps?" He was then shown a photograph of DONALD EUGENE SPARKS, Tulsa, Oklahoma Police Department number 38224, dated 9/7/63. Informant promptly identified this photograph of DONALD EUGENE SPARKS as being identical with the person he has known for many years as "Two Jumps." Informant then went on to relate that SPARKS got the nickname "Two Jumps" from his ability as a cowboy. According to informant, SPARKS was an excellent "broncho buster" and could ride almost any horse going. Informant considered SPARKS to be an extremely hard and tough individual who would not hesitate to kill anyone.

The informant then went on to state that "Two Jumps," together with a second individual, whom he knew as BOB JENKINS, MARTIN EDWARDS, LEROY MC MINNAN, and another individual known only as BUTCH, were all present in Jackson, Miss., during November, 1963 at which time they murdered top ten fugitive JOHN GIBSON DILLON, in a motel in Jackson, Miss., and then transported DILLON's body to Oklahoma, where they dumped it in a well. According to informant, "Two Jumps" was present at the time of the murder, but did not actually do the killing. Informant was asked how DILLON was killed, to which he replied, "They blew his brains out."

Informant then rummaged through a pile of old papers and produced a Southern Bell Telephone Company "list of calls" for long-distance telephone calls billed to his telephone number at Jackson, Miss. Informant stated that the call made on 11/18/63, to Chickasha, Oklahoma,

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number 405-CA4-6245, was to the home phone of DONALD EUGENE SPARKS, aka "Two Jumps." Informant then added on second thought the four phone calls made on 11/18/63 were pertinent. These phone calls were as follows:

11/18/63, New Orleans, Louisiana, 504-523-4471
11/18/63, Chickasha, Okla., 405-CA 4-6245
11/18/63, Moffett, Okla., 918-TR 3-9073
11/18/63, Moffett, Okla., " " "
12/2/63, Vicksburg, Miss., 636-4551.

Informant advised that all of the phone calls made on 11/18/63, were made by the man he knew as BOB JENKINS, and were made to locate individuals to meet with him at Jackson, Miss. The calls to Chickasha, Okla., and Moffett, Okla., were made to "Two Jumps."

Informant was exhibited a photograph of RUBIE CHARLES JENKINS, which informant advised appeared to be identical with the person known to him as BOB JENKINS, except that BOB JENKINS now has grey hair and wears it crew-cut style.

The informant gave the following rundown of the individuals he believes were involved in the killing of DILLON:

The individual known as "BUTCH" is a resident of Tulsa, Okla., and is believed to operate a pool hall at Tulsa, Okla. He is not certain if "BUTCH" is identical with BOB JENKINS. "BUTCH" allegedly was the individual who actually murdered DILLON.

DONALD EUGENE SPARKS, aka "Two Jumps" is presently believed to be in the penitentiary in Oklahoma.

MARTIN EDWARDS, a former notorious bootlegger in Oklahoma, is presently serving a sentence at the State Penitentiary in McAllister, Okla.

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LEROY MC MINNAN is presently serving a nine-year sentence for his connection with an automobile theft ring, as well as one year for harboring JOHN GIBSON DILLON at Levonworth Penitentiary. MC MINNAN was formerly of Wichita, Kansas.

According to the informant, the reason DILLON was killed was that he had told his attorney in Tulsa, Oklahoma, that he intended to "blow the whistle" on approximately 40 or 50 thieves, burglars, and holdup men to help get himself "off the hook." This information was purportedly relayed to another Tulsa, Okla., attorney who has the nickname of "CLARENCE DARROW." This second attorney in turn notified JENKINS or SPARKS, who then called the meeting in Mississippi, resulting in DILLON's murder.

During the interview, informant advised on several occasions that he considered "Two Jumps" to be an extremely hardened criminal who would resort to any tactics if the monetary gain was worth the risk. Informant considers SPARKS to be a pure and simple killer.

The possibility that "Two Jumps" SPARKS was propositioned to assassinate MARTIN LUTHER KING was not proposed to the informant; however, based upon the informant's assessment of SPARKS, it is felt that SPARKS is entirely capable and would be a logical person, by those who know him, to hire as a killer.

It is again pointed out that this information should not be divulged outside the Bureau unless it is appropriately paraphrased in order to protect the informant.

It is requested that all offices receiving copies of this communication advise Jackson immediately if any information is developed which would confirm the fact that DONALD EUGENE SPARKS is known to other individuals as "Two Jumps."

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY FOIA(b) (7) - (D)
SUBJECT: WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE
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Re Jackson airtel to Oklahoma City, 3/23/65; Oklahoma City airtel to Jackson, 3/29/65; and Jackson airtel to Bureau, 4/2/65.

Jackson airtel to Oklahoma City requested investigation in Oklahoma to identify "TWO JUMPS." Results background contained in former case JOHN GIBSON DILLON (DECEASED) TOP TEN FUGITIVE, was furnished to Jackson in detail by referenced Oklahoma City airtel of 3/29/65.

For information of Bureau and Jackson complete background contained in case involving DILLON does not substantiate the allegation that DILLON was killed in Mississippi. It is highly doubtful that this is true. It is not known where DILLON was killed but suspected either in Southern Kansas or Northern Oklahoma due to the time elapse when he was located alive and later found with heavy iron weights tied to the corpse, which weights were stolen in the near vicinity where the body was found approximately two days after he was last known to be alive in Kansas.

Efforts continuing to attempt to identify "TWO JUMPS."

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White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan
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A source of information who has furnished reliable information in the past has advised a Special Agent of the FBI that a member of the staff of U.S. Representatives, Mr. John Bell Williams of Mississippi, has agreed to obtain information relating to the activities of the Ku Klux Klan (KKK) and to furnish this information to members of the KKK in the State of Mississippi. This individual whose name is [redacted] is or has been a member of the White Knights of the KKK of Mississippi.

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The source of information further advised that Congressman Williams has placed trust in [redacted] but there is no indication whatsoever that Congressman Williams has any knowledge of [redacted] intentions.

The above information was furnished to Charles Marx, Assistant to A.D. Morgan, Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol, on April 9, 1965, and Mr. Marx stated he would furnish this information to the Honorable Paul B. Johnson, Governor of the State of Mississippi.

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Attached for the Bureau are the original and 7 copies of a LHM reflecting information furnished by [redacted] at Natchez, Miss., on 4-8-65.

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[redacted] advised he obtained this information from SAM BOWERS, Imperial Wizard of the WKKKKOM and he does not know how many other individuals have possession of this information. It is, therefore, requested that every precaution be taken in the dissemination of this information in order not to compromise the source of this information.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, 157-63

FROM : SA CHARLES M. KOKES

SUBJECT: White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan
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DATE: 4/6/65

On the night of 4/5 - 6/65, the attached copy of "The Klan Ledger" was passed out in various neighborhood in north Jackson, Mississippi. Copy attached was found in driveway of SA Kokes residence.

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THE WHITE KNIGHTS

An Official Publication of the White Knights of the KU KLUX KLAN of Mississippi

SPECIAL Presidential Edition APRIL 1965

Mr. Lyndone Baines Johnson
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sirs -

"It does not mean to stand by the President or any other public official save exactly to the degree in which he himself stands by the country. It is patriotic to support him insofar as he efficiently serves the country. It is unpatriotic not to oppose him to the exact extent that by inefficiency or otherwise he fails in his duty to stand by the country. In neither event, it is unpatriotic not to tell the truth - whether about the President or anyone else - save in the rare cases where this would make known to the enemy information of military value which would otherwise be unknown to him."

Above are the words of our outstanding American President, Theodore Roosevelt. They are an appropriate introduction for what we will say here:

Mr. Johnson, since you have decided to declare war on your own fellow citizens in this country, it is high time that we should bring the attention of all the citizens of our great nation to bear upon this conflict and expose the issue in crystal clear focus under the strong light of truth.

You have seen fit to attack the entire KU KLUX KLAN because of one incident in Alabama in which a female communist agitator was killed in the performance of her nefarious duties. You alleged that four white citizens of Alabama were responsible. You also alleged that these four were Klansmen. In your attack upon the entire Klan, you spoke of "Justice" by yet your very attack itself which could only be based upon these slim allegations, was nothing less than a naked affront to JUSTICE itself. Especially is this true when we consider how you encouraged and protected the communist agitation which prepared the way for this incident. The guilt is yours, Mr. Johnson; do not try to shove it off on the KU KLUX KLAN.

One point needs clarification here. The White Knights of the KU KLUX KLAN of the Sovereign Realm of Mississippi is Sovereign to Mississippi as regards the work and administration of the Invisible Empire. We are spiritually connected with our Klan Brethren in our Sister State of Alabama, through Christ, our Lord and Savior, and this is the extent of our affiliation. You know this, yet you may seek to smear the Christian Klansmen everywhere in one stroke, in a typical communist fashion. And you are the one who is accusing us of tar and feathers!!! Why do you always pounce upon the Christian Klan at every opportunity, Mr. Johnson? Is it because the atheistic communists who own and control you have ORDERED you to persecute and destroy us? Is it because you and they know that the atheistic enemy of America is safe while we live? Is it because that, like all agents of high Satan, you abhor and despise a Christian Witness for Jesus Christ, Lord of our lives?

You are not really against killing and murder, Mr. Johnson; two murders in fact have been recorded in your own political background in Texas. You owe your present office to still another KU KLUX KLAN. You stood by in silence while an unlawful and bloody invasion took place at Old Miss. You are sending American boys to their slaughter in Viet Nam in a war which you have no intention of trying to win. You ignore to your own bloody career and try to compensate by placing the guilt on the White Knights of Christians of the South. You must be consistent and honest, Mr. Johnson; if you expect TRULY decent people to respect your words.

In reference to your "plea and warning" to "come out of the Klan and enter decent society now", we ask for clarification.

WHAT decent society, MacBeth's?

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Are you referring to your homosexual associates such as Walter Jenkins and Bayard Rustin? Your procurer, Bobby Baker? Your vicious, blood-stained Attorney General Katzenback who led the Ole Miss invasion? Your mulatto street agitator, M. Lucifer Coon? Your heir apparent, Hubert, the darling of the communists with whom they will replace you as soon as they have used you up? (You remember how it was in Dallas.)

NO THANK YOU, SIR !!!!

Your "Great Suicide" is to full of treason, blood and perversion to hold any attraction for us Christian White Knights of the Klan. Possibly, some of our Brother Klansmen are impetuous and short tempered. Some of them may occasionally engage in rash action as a consequence of their being goaded by communists who are protected by your unlawful decrees, but in spite of their shortcomings, we will still choose to stand with our Christian American Patriots of the Klan - sinners though they may be - rather than to leave them and join your society of sex perverts and atheistic murderers who are engaged in the deliberate, criminal destruction of this Nation under color of unconstitutional, unlawful statutes and decrees.

You gave us a plea and a warning, Mr. Johnson. In the True Spirit of Christian Humility we wish to reciprocate. By virtue of the brute physical power of the governmental machinery which you now possess and control you can imprison and destroy the flesh of our physical bodies. We are reluctantly prepared to face this as the price which Christian Witnesses are sometimes required to pay for Salvation. It is true, you have the power to afflict and endanger our bodies, but our Christian Souls are quite beyond your reach.

You, Mr. Johnson, now stand in a very great and real danger of both the body and Soul. You are but a tool of the anti-Christ and your usefulness to them is fast passing. When it is gone, you will be removed and Hubert will take your place.

Indeed, it does appear that there is but little time remaining, Mr. Johnson, for but Eternity is eternal. Will you not use this last little time to save your own Soul and try to preserve the life of this Nation? Will you not use your power to drive the atheists and anti-Christ forces out of the Temple of our Government and become yourself a Witness for Christ?

We of the Klan do not hate you, Mr. Johnson, though many would grant us justification. We hate your sins as we do our own, and we hate the Satanic Conspiracy against Christian Liberty in which you have become enmeshed, but no one is beyond redemption until he finally chooses to reject Christ.

Come out of Babylon, Mr. Johnson. Come out, and stand for Christ and the Constitution. Fear not them which can destroy the body, but rather, fear HIM who can destroy both body and Soul.

There can be no unity between Christ and Satan, Mr. Johnson, and the Klan will not leave Christ. We all live in this material place we call America, but know its Soul and our Spiritual Home is in Christ. If you continue to stand with and permit yourself and your office to be used as a tool of Satan, then no Christian can unite with you for the benefit of America.

The Division between Christ and Satan is the most important division in this world. One cannot be with both without rejecting the other. If you continue to defy Holy Scripture and place your wisdom above Constitutional Principles; if you continue to harden your self against the Message of Jesus Christ, and yield to the cunning solicitations of Satan, then, truly, we can say that what divides us is infinitely more important than what unites us.

We, therefore, the White Knights of the KU KLUX KLAN, of the Sovereign Realm of Mississippi, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the Universe for the rectitude of our intentions, do hereby refuse and decline your invitation to desert our Christian Brethren and join you in Satan, Mr. Johnson, and do declare that the CHOICE of changing positions is properly yours and not ours.

GOD'S WILL BE DONE, AMEN.

In reference to your "plea and warning" to "come out of the Klan and enter decent society now," we ask for clarification.

TAHM

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Anti-Klan Law Passed In Mississippi--1870

By REX B. MAGEE
WASHINGTON — Ironically, the Mississippi legislature passed an anti-Ku-Klux law in 1870 and Republican Governor James L. Alcorn, Mississippi planter and former Confederate general, posted a \$5,000 reward for the conviction of a Klansman.

More ironical, however, is the fact that the first indictment under the law was a white carpet-bagger and his Negro group dis-

guised as Klansmen to "Ku-Klux" a Democratic Negro, Adam Kennard, in Meridian, Miss.

This, incidentally, led to a Meridian riot in which a white judge was shot and killed on the bench by a Negro defendant.

The "Negro Democrat "Ku-Kluxed" by members of his own race was from Livingston, Alabama, seat of Sumter county adjoining Mississippi's

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Lauderdale county. In March, 1871, Adam Kennard came to Meridian as a deputy sheriff to arrest some Negroes who had broken labor contracts. He had neither credentials nor legal right in the case. But he persisted.

At night a disguised band, led by Daniel Price, white scalawag who had fled Livingston, Ala., waited on Kennard. They stripped him of clothes and money, whipped him, and shot and wounded him as he ran.

ASSAILANTS IDENTIFIED

"The law" stepped in. Kennard identified scalawag Price, white, as the mob leader. He also had some Negro members arrested. All were tried under the state anti-Ku-Klux Klan law.

Price had a record of trouble making — a convict pardoned serving a grand larceny sentence in the penitentiary, said to be a Confederate soldier who had deserted the Union Army, become a white living among the Negroes. He became circuit clerk of the county. Aside from his preaching agitation among the Negroes he "took up with a yellow girl" and "stayed with her like a wife." Feeling ran threateningly high and Price shook the dust of Livingston from his feet and settled in Meridian to become a member of the Radical political party in Lauderdale county. After arrest Price gave bond for \$200 and skipped out of Meridian.

~~Kennard's white friends from~~

Alabama rode into Meridian disguised they caught the three Negroes Kennard would arrest and sent them back to Livingston. The white men then stacked their shotguns in the street and went to the hotels where they ate breakfast. After eating they gladly told the hotel keepers: "Charge it to the city." They were called Alabama Ku-Kluxers.

NEGROES STIRRED

After that event, the trial of Price's Negro Klansmen was continued. Negroes stirred over the events called a mass meet-

ing. They were inflamed over Price's untimely desertion and over the high-handedness of the "Alabama white Ku-Klux" invading Meridian for three of their colored men.

In their rage, the Negroes decided to burn Meridian. After much hesitation over where to start, they fired a large building but the flames were confined to it.

Out of this fire came the arraignment of three Negro leaders charged with arson and disorderly conduct. One of the men was Warren Tyler who conducted his own defense. Tyler got in a fight with a white witness who brandished a hickory cane. Tyler fled the courtroom but ~~was~~ at the door and fired

his pistol wildly. Judge Bramlette toppled on the bench and fell dead from one of Tyler's bullets.

BATTLE IN COURT

A courtroom battle broke. One of the three firebrand Negroes was wounded and when found not dead was heaved from the second floor balcony. Still he didn't die. But he was carried back in the courthouse where his throat was fatally cut to finish him.

Tyler, who had killed the Judge, was caught and killed. The third arsonist got away and was chased by a posse train for 50 miles in Alabama.

Eventually this late "Ku Klux" outrage brought about the holding of six whites under

bond until the grand jury failed to indict. No white man or Negro was found guilty of "Ku-Kluxing" under the Mississippi State law and Democrat Adam Kennard, Negro, whipped by a band of his own race, never could collect the \$5,000 reward offered by Mississippi's Governor James L. Alcorn.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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

DATE: 4/9/65

FROM : SA BILLY BOB WILLIAMS

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

On 4/8/65, The informant advised he had received information from a source high in the ranks of the White Knights Of The Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi (WKKKKOM) that a former Mississippi Highway Safety Patrolman named [redacted] is now a member of the staff of Congressman JOHN BELL WILLIAMS and has agreed to furnish any information coming into his hands to the WKKKKOM.

Congressman WILLIAMS is believed to have confidence in [redacted] and there is no indication that Congressman WILLIAMS will have knowledge of or sanction the activities of [redacted]

[redacted] was formerly a Congressional Page sponsored by Congressman WILLIAMS and was later a member of the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol. He is known to have formerly been the moderator of state meetings of the WKKKKOM.

The informant states he does not know how many persons have knowledge of this situation and careful handling of the information is urged in order to avoid a compromise.

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[redacted]

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check trans - sent to head of Highway Patrol advised & will advise Gov. 4/9/65 RRM

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Jackson, Mississippi
April 9, 1965

RE: SAM HOLLOWAY BOWERS, JR.
Racial Matter (Klan)

On April 7, 1965, a copy of a letter dated April 6, 1965, addressed to Mr. H. H. McKee, United States Postmaster, Laurel, Mississippi, was received by the FBI Resident Agency at Laurel. The contents of this letter is as follows:

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Laurel, Miss.
6 April, 1965

Mr. H.H. McRae
U.S. Postmaster
Laurel, Miss.

Dear Sir,

During the past week several pieces of mail have been delivered to my box at 820 S. 4th. Ave., Laurel, Miss. addressed in one form or another to:

"The White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan"
"Samuel H. Bowers"
"Laurel, Mississippi."

The contents of such mail have a distinctly subversive character and I have placed all of it in the hands of the local FBI.

I have no connection with the Ku Klux Klan, nor do I have any desire to participate in any of their activities, any rumors to the contrary. I most earnestly desire that you assist me in clearing myself of any such connection or association with the Ku Klux Klan by placing any future mail deliveries which are addressed to me in this connection directly in the hands of the F.B.I. and not in my box at 820 S. 4th. Ave., Laurel, Miss.

Your cooperation in helping a loyal citizen of the Republic of the United States of America to uphold his reputation will be greatly appreciated.

Yours truly,

Sam H. Bowers, Jr.

820 S. 4th. Ave.
Laurel, Miss.

Copy to:

Mr. Robert E. Lee
Resident Special Agent, F.B.I.
Laurel, Miss.

On this same date a letter dated April 6, 1965, addressed to Mr. Robert Edward Lee, Resident Special Agent, FBI, Laurel, Mississippi, was received which reads as follows:

Laurel, Miss.
6 April, 1965

Mr. Robert E. Lee
Resident Special Agent, FBI
Laurel, Miss.

Dear Mr. Lee,

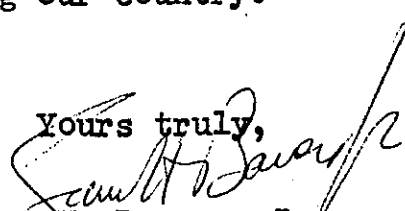
Enclose you will find two very suspicious letters which have been delivered to me recently by the Postal Dep't.

As you know, from our previous conversations, I am a loyal citizen of the Republic, and am always most willing and eager to cooperate with other loyal citizens and enforcement officers in every possible way to preserve our Christian Nation under its Constitution. As per ypur frequent requests, I am placing this mail in your hands for investigation in order that I may assist you in discovering the nature of what it is behind the Ku Klux Klan.

I am enclosing under separate cover a copy of a letter to Mr. H.H. Mc Rae, our local postmaster requesting him to abstain from delivering all such mail to me and rather, place it directly in your hands. I feel that in this way I can best serve the interest of my country and that of myself in demonstrating that there is absolutely no foundation in fact to the malicious and ridiculous rumors which link myself with the Ku Klux Klan.

You may rest assured that I will continue to cooperate in every way possible with the qualified Christian American Patriots of the FBI in all matters pertaining to the well-being of our Republic. As a citizen, I sincerely appreciate the work which your organization has done in the past in tracking down the deadly communists who are destroying our country.

Yours truly,


Sam H. Bowers, Jr.
820 S. 4th. Ave.
Laurel, Miss. .

One of the letters was addressed to "White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Mr. Samuel Bowers, Laurel, Mississippi" bearing a return address of Stephen Sundale, Sand Creek, Wisconsin. It was postmarked Sand Creek, Wisconsin, April 2, 1965, in the A.M. This letter requested information concerning the Ku Klux Klan.

The other letter was addressed to Mr. Samuel H. Bowers, White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Laurel, Mississippi; the envelope was postmarked April 30, 1965, during the P.M., at Arlington, Virginia. This envelope contained a pamphlet with lettering on both sides titled, "Constitutional Provisional Government of the United States, P. O. Box 19143, Washington, D. C." This article was signed "By Order Of The Constitution Of The United States"; Herbert C. Holdridge, Brigadier General, United States Army (Ret) Administrator.

Sam H. Bowers, Jr., Laurel, Mississippi, has been identified by informants who have furnished reliable information in the past as Imperial Wizard of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi.

A characterization of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi and Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Louisiana are attached to this memorandum.

April 2, 1965
Box 32
Sand Creek, Wisconsin

White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan
Mr. Samuel Bowers
Laurel Mississippi

Dear Mr. Bowers :

During the racial disturbances in Selma, Alabama, many questions have arisen in my mind concerning the Negro revolt. Much information is available about Civil Rights Organizations, but little is available about the Ku Klux Klan. Since your group is more militant and aggressive than the faction headed by Shelton, I would be very interested in knowing more about it. Could you please send me as much information as possible.

Sincerely yours,

Stephen P. Gundale
Stephen P. Gundale

CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES
P. O. Box 19143 - Washington, D.C.

OPEN LETTER

March 29, 1965

TO: Senator James O Eastland, Chairman Senate Judiciary Committee
Hon. Emanuel Celler, Chairman, House Judiciary Committee

Lyndon B. Johnson - Murderer!

As an extension of prior reports concerning the insanity of Lyndon B. Johnson, usurping president of the United States, I now indict him for the murder of Mrs. Vila Luizzo, in Alabama, with Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., as accessory before and after the fact.

It was Johnson who, in conspiracy with King, master-minded the "march" on Montgomery; who set up the false slogans of "right to vote - one man one vote", to incite to internal rebellion, knowing that, through his own seditious actions, the right to vote has become a tragic delusion for all U.S. voters; who incited the rabble-rousing press to create the irrational hysteria which underlay the "march", which has continued since; who deluded the marchers into believing that solutions could be found in Montgomery; when lawful, constitutional action could under no circumstances be found there, but represented fundamental constitutional and economic changes; who created a situation of grave peril to the marchers, to all Negroes, to all Whites, to the State of Alabama and to the entire United States, through his irrational, deranged "March" programming disaster; who, when he finally realized the enormous dangers let loose by his acts in bringing into conflict two angry armed groups, attempted to throw the onus on the shoulders of Governor Wallace for protecting the State of Alabama, the marchers, and the total citizenry of the state, by attempting to force him to mobilize the National Guard of Alabama in a tacit declaration of war against his own people, and against the people of the United States generally; who, when Governor Wallace refused to assume the illegal, irresponsible, impossible burden, himself mobilize the National Guard of Alabama and invaded the State with US troops; who knew that should violences occur, a chain reaction of racial violence would follow throughout the United States on issues having nothing to do with the right to vote; who knew that one sharp-shooter could shoot Martin Luther King from a distance of 1000 yards and thus light the fuse which Johnson himself had laid, for a blood bath for the entire United States; who - a congenital coward - having set the stage for disaster, flew nonchalantly off to his Texas ranch, shunning his own responsibilities, hiding from the explosion which he must have expected.

Murder was implicit in the situation, and became the obvious outcome. It was a miracle that only one individual was killed (one, incidentally, who should have known enough to keep away from Martin Luther King's battlefield of a seditious "war against the United States"). Thousands might have been slaughtered on both sides. This fact stands as a monument to the restraint of the marchers, the guards, and the people of Alabama.

Now this criminal Johnson, having set the stage and incited the murder by creating an explosive situation of violence which has been triggered by the acts of four men, declares war on them publicly for a crime committed in the White House, to create national hostility against them to prevent a fair trial (on the precedent of Lee Oswald, assassinated by the press of the United States for a crime committed by another), to murder them as he has already murdered Mrs. Luizzo - the men not a cause of the murder, but an effect of the lawlessness of Lyndon B. Johnson; who now incites murder against the long-suffering people of Selma, victims of the Johnson - King conspiracy, selected as "whipping boy" to distract attention from Johnson's crime; who declares war against the Ku Klux Klan, an organization reduced to clandestine operations because, under Lyndon B. Johnson, law and order have disappeared in the United States; and thereby declares war on the State of Alabama, and the entire United States, by creating a situation again leading to violences. This

lent solutions based on LAW, will next order the use of so-called "non-lethal" gases against the people of Alabama as he has against the people of Viet Nam. His purpose? To defeat Governor Wallace as a candidate in the 1968 presidential elections NOW! - the dirty, grievous, futile, murderous "March" launched as a political "gimmick"!!!

The issue goes deeper. As I have warned, the incitement of Negroes to civil disobedience is part of a long range strategy of international forces of Wall Street - the Vatican - the Kremlin, to create national disunity, to give an excuse for overthrowing the Constitution of the United States and establishing some form of dictatorship, or to weaken us for invasion. The logic of this premise is beyond dispute.

Racial problems have never been primarily an issue of color, but of economics, today as at the time of the Civil War. The irrational emotionalism of Uncle Tom's Cabin, of William Lloyd Garrison's abolitionism, of John Brown's attack on Harper's Ferry, is on a par with the foolish, purposeless, lawless hysteria of Martin Luther King and his equally foolish, irrational following among priests, preachers and rabbis in Alabama, which never touched the vital issues involved.

The greatest Negro "march" in History started at Fort Sumter in 1861, and ended at Appamatox in 1865 - four long, bitter years of mud, blood, murder, wasted resources, hatred, disunity - all ending in futility and defeat for both participants; the basic causes carried over one hundred years, still unsolved; still no recognition of causes to point the way to solutions; a tragic historic failure which must cause Lincoln's heart to bleed, wherever he may be.

Decision: Treason and murder in high places, under cover of fraudulent public power, must be, and shall be rooted out, not by executing four men in Alabama, victims of a violent society incited from the White House, or by striking at the relatively insignificant numbers of the Ku Klux Klan, but by reaching out for the invisible and visible "prime movers", nationally and internationally.

I demand the assured arraignment of Lyndon B. Johnson and Rev. Martin Luther King for the crimes of Treason and Murder, which they incited in Alabama, consummated in their punishment by confinement in a penitentiary, or commitment to a mental institution.

This era of disobedience to LAW in high and low places shall end; justice under LAW shall be restored; a "new birth of freedom" shall take place; positive solutions which I have advanced for over 30 years, sabotaged by the rabble-rousing, seditious press, shall emerge under the aegis of the Constitutional Provisional Government of the United States. "It Is Written!"..... unless catastrophe incited by madman Lyndon B. Johnson and his equally mad cohorts, nationally and internationally, moves too fast to be contained by programs of moderation under Constitutional Law.

In launching my own program of constitutional "rights" for Negroes and all other citizens, I have designated as my staff representative for Negro affairs, Mr. Ali Timbel, an enlightened, spiritually oriented, inspired Negro of a kind not now found among the so-called Negro "leaders" who lead to disaster. Mr. Timbel is dedicated to law and order under the Constitution, recognizes the underlying causes of racial conflict, and will be my right hand in promoting the "Holdridge Plan For Everyone", as the solution for Negro rights and responsibilities. The people of the United States will find this young man a refreshing change to positivity from the dismal negatives to which they have been subjected by non-Negro as well as Negro leaders in the dangerous racial controversy. He will be given ample opportunity to speak for himself.

By Order Of The Constitution Of The United States:

Herbert C. Holdridge

Herbert C. Holdridge, Brigadier General, US Army (Ret.)

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.

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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

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-18) (P)
SAM HOLLOWAY BOWERS, JR.
RM (KLAN)

Enclosed for the Bureau are original and 7 copies of LHM dated and captioned as above.

Mr. GEORGE MYERS, Assistant Postmaster, Laurel, Miss., advised SA ROBERT E. LEE on 4/7/65 that he planned to write SAM BOWERS and tell him matter referred to in LHM is being referred to Postal Inspector.

SA LEE personally acknowledged letter from BOWERS on 4/8/65.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC; Jackson (157-63)

DATE: 4/11/65

FROM : SA H. MAX LOUDERMAN

SUBJECT: WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX
KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI

RM

The attached two copies of the Klan Ledger, headed "Special Presidential Edition, dated April, 1965 were found in the front yard of the writer on the morning of 4/10/65. It was observed that the surrounding neighbors had also received what appeared to be the same publication.

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of Klan
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[redacted] was contacted at the Allbritton Chain Saw Supply Company, Highway 11 South, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, and at the very outset was advised of the nature of the investigation being conducted. [redacted] stated he had no objections to discussing this matter with the FBI.

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At first [redacted] denied ever being a member of the Klan; however, during the course of interview, reluctantly admitted that he had been sworn into the Klan, but had no further contacts. Upon further interview [redacted] disclosed the following information:

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He stated that ASA WEATHERS made the initial contact to get him to join the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi (WKKKKOM). He said he accompanied WEATHERS to the barn of TRAVIS AINSWORTH on James Street several months ago, possibly the early part of 1964, and attended a meeting of the Klan. At this meeting he took the oath, and was assigned a number for identification. He said his number was either 25 or 26. [redacted] said the only people that he could recall in attendance at this meeting were as follows:

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- ASA WEATHERS, owner and operator of Weathers Used Car Lot
- TRAVIS AINSWORTH, owner of Hattiesburg Manufacturing Company
- P.T. EUBANKS, farmer in the tung nut business in Lamar County.
- (PNU) EUBANKS, son or brother to P.T. EUBANKS

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On 3-29-65 at Hattiesburg, Mississippi File #

SA LOREN C. BROOKS
SA J.L. MARTIN/psg

by Date dictated

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He said he could not recall who administered the oath. [redacted] said he immediately felt uncomfortable in the presence of these men and realized he wanted no part of the Klan from that very first night. He said he was subsequently contacted by an unknown individual who tried to collect dues but he declined to have anything further to do with the Klan. He said AINSWORTH tried to collect some money from him, to assist in paying for a building which the Klan was to meet in; however, he refused to make any donation.

[redacted] said in his opinion AINSWORTH seemed to be "featherbedding" his pockets, collecting far more money than what was needed.

SAC, JACKSON (157-New)

4-12-65

SA LOREN G. DECKE

[Redacted]

On 2-4-64 [Redacted] identified subject as taking the oath, but would not be active.

On 2-6 and 2-26-64 subject was interviewed by the FBI and 302's were not found in the Forrest County Control file of the WKKK (157-68).

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On 3-26-65 [Redacted] advised that subject was extremely shaken over the turn of events, and participated in interview by the FBI, regarding his being in the Klan.

On 3-29-65 subject was interviewed and advised his membership as well as the identity of four other Klansmen in the Forrest County Klans of the WKKK. He stated he would have nothing further to do with the Klan. He indicated he would not be willing to involve himself in the Klan, in order to assist the Bureau at this time.

It is recommended that no further investigation be conducted regarding this individual. Attached hereto is the FD-302 for the file with copies to other cases involved.

- 1- 157 - New [Redacted]
- 1- 157-68 (Forrest Co. WKKK)

- 2- 157-New (P. E. Nabanku) [Redacted]
- 1- 157-582 (Travis Ainsworth)
- 1- 157-582 (Ann Weathers)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-63)

DATE: 4/12/65

FROM : SA CLARENCE G. PROSPERE

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

Informant:	FOIA(b) (7) - (D)
Date of Report:	4/5/65
Dates of Activity:	3/23/65 - 4/1/65
Date Received:	4/1/65
Location of Original Information:	FOIA(b) (7) - (D)

On 4/1/65, [redacted] 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 - 157-GARLAND WHITE
- 1 - 157-JULIUS HARPER
- 1 - 157-FELTER POLK
- 1 - 157-B. F. HINTON
- 1 - 157-SAM BOWERS
- 1 - 157-(FNU) AINSWORTH (Hattiesburg)
- 1 - 157-A. C. HERRINGTON
- 1 - 157-CLYDE SEALE - 157-945
- 1 - 157-ARCHIE PRATHER
- 1 - 157-(FNU) CRISWELL (Lloyd Star)
- 1 - 157-(FNU) THOMAS (Greenville)

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- 1 - 157-EDDIE MC DANIEL
- 1 - 157-Volunteers of America
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On 3/23/65, informant advised that he went to Franklin County and visited with CLYDE SEALE, during which visit he invited SEALE to a fish fry being held by the Klan in Lincoln County the night of 3/27/65. Informant advised that in conversation with CLYDE SEALE and other Klansmen, he has gained the impression that the feeling among Klansmen is "beginning to run high" due to the Civil Rights activity in Alabama and the fear there will be stepped up activity by Civil Rights agitators in Mississippi during the coming summer.

Informant advised that on 3/25/65, he met with GARLAND WHITE of Brookhaven, Mississippi, and that together they went to Crystal Springs for the purpose of inviting JULIUS HARPER to the fish fry in Lincoln County on 3/27/65.

Informant advised that he gained the impression in talking to HARPER that HARPER had changed and seemed "strange". Informant stated he is of the opinion HARPER is now working for Governor PAUL JOHNSON as an investigator. Informant stated HARPER is getting ready to run for a political office and it is possible he may run for Representative in the State Legislature from Crystal Springs.

Informant stated that in his conversations with GARLAND WHITE, he gained the impression that WHITE is not now interested in the Klan or Klan activity.

Informant advised that on 3/26/65, he went to Prentiss and Laurel, Mississippi, and while in Prentiss he visited with FELTER POLK, the former EC of the Prentiss Klavern. Informant stated that POLK advised him that things were not going well in the Prentiss Klavern as no control was being maintained over any of the members in the Prentiss Klavern.

Informant advised that on March 26, 1965, he went to Laurel, Miss., where he visited with B. F. HINTON and that HINTON advised him that SAM BOWERS had told him, HINTON, that Agent ROBERT E. LEE of the FBI has been to BOWERS twice and told him that the Klan was going to kill BOWERS. HINTON stated that he believes that the story about SAM BOWERS and the pictures of CASTRO, KHRUSHCHEV, HITLER and MUSSOLINI in the home of SAM BOWERS is a plot by the FBI to get BOWERS killed. HINTON stated that he believes the FBI started the story through informants in the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi (WKKKKOM) and through informants in the United Klans of America (UKA). HINTON advised the informant that he would keep an eye on SAM BOWERS and indicated that he had other individuals assisting him in this project.

HINTON advised the informant that he now believes that SAM BOWERS is a "religious fanatic".

HINTON advised the informant that he has been to a meeting at Hattiesburg with SAM BOWERS and (FNU) AINSWORTH and a third individual whom the informant could not recall by name. HINTON stated that at the meeting a man held all of the Kluckers at gun point and demanded that ten dollars be returned to him since AINSWORTH had sworn in this man's son as a Klansman and collected ten dollars which had never been turned into the Klan by AINSWORTH. HINTON stated that AINSWORTH finally gave the man ten dollars to put up his gun and leave the meeting.

Informant stated that HINTON advised him that Agent ROBERT E. LEE had offered to go to Hattiesburg with HINTON and SAM BOWERS to "help them". Informant pointed out that this was the story as told by HINTON and he could not vouch for the veracity of this statement by HINTON.

Informant advised that on 3/27/65, there was a fish fry in Lincoln County, Mississippi. He stated the fish

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fry was held on the farm of a Klansman whose name he could not recall. Informant described the location of the meeting as follows: The fish fry was held three miles from Caseyville. In going from Brookhaven to Fayette one turns right at Caseyville and goes approximately three miles to the second white house on the left which is a big house with large trees in the front house. To reach the meeting place, go just past this big house and turn left through a cattle gap. After crossing a pasture one enters the woods where the meeting was held.

Informant pointed out that a Province Meeting is scheduled for April 10, 1965, and is to be held at the same location as the fish fry which is described above.

Informant advised that at the fish fry on March 27, 1965, the following were present:

A. C. HERRINGTON
CLYDE SEALE
BILLY BUCKLES
ERNEST GILBERT
ARCHIE PRATHER
(FNU) CRISWELL
CHARLES FALVEY

Approximately 50 to 75 other Klansmen.

Informant advised that CLYDE SEALE had a good representation at the fish fry from his Klavern in Franklin County.

Informant advised that at the fish fry CLYDE SEALE made a short talk in which he stated that his "boss, BILLY BUCKLES" had told him to get his group back together and to get the men working again.

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BUCKLES made a talk in which he stated he had to go to Greenville to pay a Mr. THOMAS \$500 but it was not brought out why the \$500 was to be paid by BUCKLES to Mr. THOMAS. Informant advised that on the night of March 30, 1965, he went to Crystal Springs, Miss., where he visited with Mr. HURDEEN (PH), who is Secretary-Treasurer of the White Christians Protective Legal and Defense Fund (WCPLDF). Informant pointed out that HURDEEN has been the Secretary-Treasurer of the WCPLDF for the entire time and that previous reports referring to GREAVES as the Secretary-Treasurer were in error. Informant pointed out that HURDEEN is keeping all of the money collected for the WCPLDF and is the individual who is mailing out the letters to businessmen and individuals in an attempt to collect money.

Informant stated that HURDEEN advised him that the FBI was at the Westland Plaza in Jackson, Miss., on Sunday afternoon to cover the meet of Klansmen in connection with the WCPLDF but that the meeting had actually been held the Saturday before. HURDEEN then stated that there would be no more meetings of the Klan regarding the WCPLDF and that the jugs which had been put out for collection of money would be called in. HURDEEN stated that he and SAM BOWERS will decide what to do with the money which has been collected.

Informant advised that at this meeting with HURDEEN and JULIUS HARPER on 3/30/65, that after HURDEEN left that HARPER made the statement that BOWERS had been to Crystal Springs attempting to get Jackson to hold the next State Meeting at the Jackson Farm. Informant stated he gained the impression that a final decision was not reached and that he suggested that the next State Meeting be held in Lincoln County at the location of the fish fry which was held on March 27, 1965.

Informant advised that HARPER told him that EDDIE MC DANIEL, the Grand Dragon of the United Klans of American, Inc., Realm of Mississippi, had recruited three WKKKKOM in Meridian, Miss., recently. Informant stated the three

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Klansmen who had been recruited by MC DANIEL were not identified by HARPER.

Informant stated that he did get a commitment from HARPER that HARPER would attempt to keep SAM BOWERS from going to the next State Meeting and that HARPER agreed that he would not go to the State Meeting himself. Informant stated that he impressed on HARPER that if HARPER and BOWERS would stay away from the next State Meeting, that he, the informant, would attempt to keep the Klan from causing any trouble by acts of violence. Informant stated that he felt he had convinced HARPER that the best way to handle the Negro situation in Mississippi was to allow the Negroes to create so many disturbances that public opinion would be against the Negroes and that the Klan should make a concerted effort to avoid any incidents which would materially assist the cause of the Negroes.

Informant advised that he had heard no discussion of any new group being formed in the State of Mississippi which has as its purpose the combating of the Negro Civil Rights activity in Mississippi.

Informant advised he had received no information regarding the molotov cocktails thrown at the residence of SILAS MC GHEE, Greenwood, Miss., 3/5/65.

Informant advised that CHARLES WRIGHT, formerly was employed by Homco and resided on the Gulf Coast. CHARLES WRIGHT subsequently moved to either Houston, Texas, or Lafayette, La. The (FNU) WRIGHT, who is allegedly the brother of CHARLES WRIGHT, was at a meeting of Klansmen north of Gulfport, Miss., near Sauciar, at which time ANTHONY DE SALVO was also present at this meeting. It was at this meeting that (FNU) WRIGHT made the statement to the informant that he was the brother of CHARLES WRIGHT, who is employed by Homco. Informant

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advised that he had no information as to where (FNU) WRIGHT, who said he was the brother of CHARLES WRIGHT, resides or works. Informant pointed out that he knew for a fact that CHARLES WRIGHT was a Klansman who was possibly at one time the Exalted Cyclops of a klavern on the Gulf Coast but that he recalls definitely that CHARLES WRIGHT was a leader in one of the klaverns on the Gulf Coast before he moved to either Houston, Texas, or Lafayette, Louisiana. Informant stated he had no way of knowing if (FNU) WRIGHT was in reality a brother of CHARLES WRIGHT or if he was making this statement for the benefit of the other Klansmen who were present.

Informant advised that he is unable to place JAMES RUSSELL STUART, SR., and that the mailing address P.O. Box 2505, West Jackson Station, Jackson, Mississippi, had no significance to him. Informant pointed out that there are several STUART's in the Klan within the State of Mississippi but that he is unable to place a JAMES RUSSELL STUART, SR., or any STUART in the Jackson area.

Informant advised that A. C. HERRINGTON, who resides in the Ruth Community of Lincoln County, Miss., gave him the name "DAVE CARRAWAY" as a Kleagle at Large, who should be contacted by the informant for information in the Amite County area. Informant advised that he had at no time ever contacted DAVE CARRAWAY and that he feels if investigation has failed to locate a DAVE CARRAWAY in the Amite County area, that there must be some confusion as to the name DAVE as given by HERRINGTON. The informant advised that he will attempt to check with HERRINGTON in an effort to identify the CARRAWAY referred to as a Kleagle at Large.

Informant advised that in connection with the Copiah County Rod and Gun Club, that GERALD WHITEHEAD was the contact man between Philadelphia, Miss., and State Headquarters. Informant advised that the mother of GERALD WHITEHEAD resides in the Philadelphia, Miss., area which

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given him an excuse to visit Philadelphia. Informant pointed out that GERALD WHITEHEAD has previously been reported as being the Province Giant of Province 9 and that he asked to be removed. He was replaced by CLYDE SEALE, who was elected Province Giant of Province 9.

Informant advised that he could not say that the building formerly occupied by the Copiah County Rod and Gun Club is being used as a Klan Headquarters and that he actually feels that the building is not being used by the Klansmen but that they are probably meeting at the various homes of the Klansmen in Copiah County.

Informant advised that he has no personal knowledge of any Klansman residing or frequenting the Natchez, Miss., area who would be described as a large man driving a 1958 red and white Ford or a 1956 to 1958 model, dark colored, Buick.

Informant advised that as of 4/1/65, the following are officers of the Klan and reside in the towns indicated:

SAM BOWERS is the Imperial Wizard and resides Laurel, Mississippi;

JULIUS HARPER is the Grand Dragon and resides Crystal Springs, Miss.;

BILLY BUCKLES is the Grand Giant and resides near Oldenberg, Mississippi, on a rural route out of Roxie, Miss.;

ERNEST S. GILBERT is the State Investigator and resides at Brookhaven, Mississippi;

A. C. HERRINGTON is the State Kleagle at Large and covers all of Mississippi south of U. S. Highway 80;

GORDON LACKEY is the State Kleagle at Large and covers all of Mississippi north of U. S. Highway 80;

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JOHN MC GREGOR was the Propaganda Chief and was fired for misappropriation of Klan funds. Informant advised that he has no information indicating that BOWERS has appointed another Propaganda Chief;

Informant advised he cannot recall the name of the new State Chaplain who was elected at the last election but he pointed out that he had previously furnished this information and that there has been no change in the chaplain.

Informant advised that the headquarters of the Klan is generally considered to be at the home of SAM BOWERS which is located at 816 South 4th Avenue, Laurel, Mississippi, and at the business of SAM BOWERS which is located at 820 South 4th Avenue, Laurel, Mississippi.

Informant advised that the Klan operates by a constitution which has had numerous amendments since the original constitution was written and that there is presently no printed constitution containing all of the amendments. Informant stated he does not believe anyone but BILLY BUCKLES would know all of the amendments as it is the responsibility of BILLY BUCKLES to record all of the amendments and have them added to the constitution.

Informant advised that there has been no changes made to the original Kloran as published by the Klan.

Informant advised that the WKKKKOM is not affiliated with any outside Klan group, either within the State of Mississippi or outside the State of Mississippi.

Informant advised that the Province Giants have changed but that to his knowledge, the last list provided by him after the last election is the most recent list of Province Giants and there have been no changes to this list to the informant's knowledge.

Informant stated that the last report he had on the Klan finances was that when all outstanding bills are paid, the Klan will again be broke.

Informant advised he had no information whatsoever regarding a Klan Meeting near Greenwood, Mississippi, the night of 3/26/65. He pointed out this was possibly a Province Meeting and he had not received an invitation to this meeting.

Informant advised that he had no information regarding CHARLES SALVEY moving around or traveling in the State of Mississippi and Alabama. Informant pointed out that he is in quite frequent contact with SALVEY and that he has had no reason to believe that SALVEY is moving around extensively. Informant also pointed out that SALVEY does not have an automobile, that he normally drives an old pickup truck and during the course of business drives a butane gas truck.

Informant advised that in connection with the ZOLLIE CASE shooting in Lincoln County, that he has received information from CHARLES SALVEY that this shooting was a family political feud. SALVEY stated that Mrs. CASE was actually shot by one of her sons. Informant pointed out that he has also received this same information from several other individuals in Lincoln County. Informant stated that he had heard the story that when someone, whose identity he did not know, told Mrs. CASE that it was her son who had shot her, she called the sheriff and the FBI and told them who had made this statement.

Informant stated that MELSON CASE is a County Supervisor in Lincoln County and that MELSON CASE is a relative of ZOLLIE CASE and that there seems to be a political feud between members of the CASE family.

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Informant advised that he is not acquainted with an individual by the name of GARLAND BROWN, who is allegedly employed in Lincoln County by the Mississippi State Forestry Commission. Informant stated he does not know GARLAND BROWN to be an investigator for the Klan.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Jackson, Mississippi

April 13, 1965

In Reply, Please Refer to
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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 24, 1965, a meeting of the White Christian Protective and Legal Defense Fund (WCPLDF) was held at Whitworth College, in Brookhaven, Mississippi. The following members were present:

- Mr. Elmore B. Greaves, President,
- Reverend Delmar Dennis,
- Reverend A. C. Everett,
- Mr. I. H. Shumaker
- Mr. H. H. Heredeem, Secretary-Treasurer

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Greaves and opened with a prayer by the Reverend Dennis.

On a motion by Reverend Dennis and seconded by Mr. Shumaker, the board voted to call in all collection jars, previously distributed throughout the state by the WCPLDF, due to the deplorable condition of some of the placards, and turn in the money contained in these jars as per existing instructions with one exception. This exception being that all monies and correspondence be directed to the Fund's Post Office Box 426, Jackson, Mississippi. The County Chairmen are to have the jars cleaned and held for new placards that will be issued in about a month's time. These new placards will be colored and eye-catching, and the wording changed considerably.

On a motion by the Reverend Dennis and seconded by Reverend Everett, the board voted to authorize the President and the Secretary to investigate cases called to

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their attention of men placed in jail on civil rights charges, and if conditions warrant, they are authorized to arrange bail for these men and secure authority to have them represented legally.

On a motion by Mr. Shumaker and seconded by Reverend Everett, the board authorized the Treasurer to mail a check in the amount of \$100.00 to Mrs. Charles R. Buckley, widow of a Jackson police officer who was shotgunned by a Jackson Negro. Mr. Greaves will also write a personal letter to Mrs. Buckley, copies to be placed in the hands of some of the Jackson police.

The Treasurer gave the board a financial report. As of the 24th of March the Fund had receipts of \$2,785.22 and disbursements of \$1,558.19. The reason the disbursements are so high is due to the fact that the Jackson Hinds Bank advised the Fund that they had never given anyone permission to use their box number and name on anything connected with this Fund. The Fund then stated that they had received from the printer 10,000 return envelopes and 10,000 drafts which had to be burned. The Fund mailed out over 15,000 donation letters but the response from these letters was not too good. It has been decided that the Fund would discontinue these letter for the time being.

The meeting then was adjourned with an inspiring prayer by the Reverend Everett.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1552)
FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-63) (P)

**WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX
KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI
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Re Jackson airtels to the Bureau, 2/2/65 and 3/11/65,
and Bureau airtel to Jackson dated 2/17/65, captioned "The
White Christian Protective and Legal Defense Fund."

Enclosed for the Bureau are an original and eight
copies of an LHM captioned "White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan
of Mississippi - Fund Raising Activities", based on informa-
tion furnished by FOIA (b) (7) - (D)

Referenced Bureau airtel to Jackson refers to the
Bureau's continued interest in the "White Christian Protective
and Legal Defense Fund".

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COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY - DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(SAMUEL HOLLOWAY BOWERS)

ReBulet to JN, 3/9/65 and JNlet to Bureau,
1/21/65, captioned "SAMUEL HOLLOWAY BOWERS" and "WHITE
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI".

Considerable thought has been given to other
techniques along the lines of those set out in reJNlet
by which to expose SAMUEL HOLLOWAY BOWERS, Imperial
Wizard, WKKKKOM. However, nothing of preponderance has
been conceived. It is noted that at present BOWERS is
being interviewed by Agents with a view toward making
him an informant. In the light of his development, this
technique is being held in abeyance pending further
developments in this regard.

It is noted that the HCUA is very much interested
in calling BOWERS to testify at the proposed hearings and
every opportunity will be made to exploit this situation
to expose BOWERS publicly as the Imperial Wizard of the
WKKKKOM.

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	Date(s) of activity
Brief description of activity or material No info on VAAV; no developments in F.C. Klavern of WKKK; named one INGRAM of Honor Loan Broker, who spoke of gun theft in Collins, Miss.	File where original is located if not attached FOIA(b) (7) - (D)

Remarks:

Informant paid \$200 for services and \$100 for expenses during the period 3/1 - 3/31/65.

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DAYTON H. GILLESPIE, member of the Forrest County Klavern of the WKKKK, told JOHN MANBERG, another member of the Klavern, that he had been interviewed by the FBI and his cooperation was solicited by the FBI concerning Klan activity. GILLESPIE said he declined to be of any help to the FBI.

It is alleged that a man by the name of INGRAM, employed at the "Honor Loan Broker", Hattiesburg, Miss., may be in possession of information regarding the theft of some guns from Collins, Miss.

During the past week there has been no activity in the Forrest County Klavern, at Hattiesburg, Miss.

Post Office Box 1450
Jackson, Mississippi
April 9, 1965

Mrs. W. J. Cunningham
3975 Northeast Drive
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mrs. Cunningham:

Thank you for your recent letter and its enclosure. I want to thank you for referring this matter to us and you may rest assured that it will receive the appropriate attention.

Very truly yours,

Roy K. Moore
Special Agent in Charge

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Dear Sir,
I found this printed
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received other copies.

It seemed to me that
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it contained a threat
against the President's life -
sincerely

W. J. Cunningham
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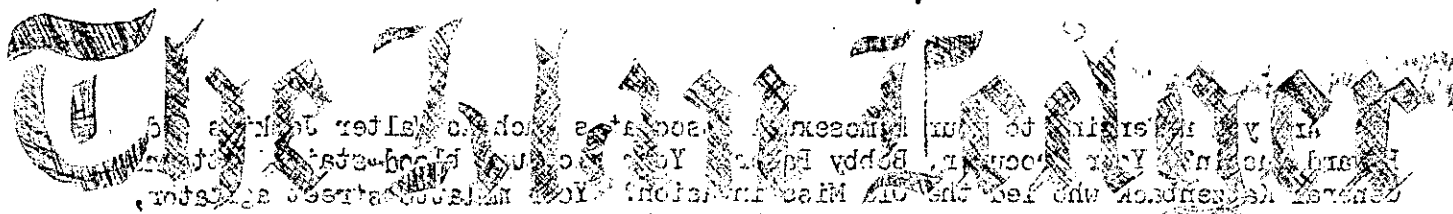
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SPECIAL Presidential Edition

April, 1965

!!! HIS JOY NAHT ON

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1600 Pennsylvania Avenue Washington, D.C.

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Come out of Babylon, Mr. Johnson. Come out, and stand for Christ and the Constitution. Fear not them which can destroy the body, but rather, fear HIM which can destroy both body and Soul.

There can be no unity between Christ and Satan, Mr. Johnson, and the Klan will not leave Christ. We all live in this material place we call America, but its Soul and our Spiritual Home is in Christ. If you continue to stand with and permit yourself and your office to be used as a tool of Satan, then no Christian can unite with you for the benefit of America.

The Division between Christ and Satan is the most important division in this world. One cannot be accepted without rejecting the other. If you continue to defy Holy Scripture and the Constitution; if you continue to place Wisdom before Righteousness; and Political Propaganda above Constitutional Principles; if you continue to harden yourself against the Message of Jesus Christ, and yield to the cunning solicitations of Satan, then, truly, we can say that what divides us is infinitely more important than what unites us.

We, therefore, the White Knights of the KU KLUX KLAN of the Sovereign Realm of Mississippi, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the Universe for the rectitude of our intentions, do hereby refuse and decline your invitation to desert our Christian Brethren and join you in Satan, Mr. Johnson, and do declare that the CHOICE of changing positions is properly yours and not ours.

GOD'S WILL BE DONE, AMEN.

(over)

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AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1552)

FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-63)

WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE
KU KLUX KLAN OF MISS.
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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are eight copies of a LHM containing copies of "The Klan Ledger", an official publication of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi, April, 1965, edition.

Copies of this edition of "The Klan Ledger" were distributed in various towns throughout Mississippi during the first week of April, 1965.

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A characterization of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi is attached hereto.

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Come out of Babylon, Mr. Johnson.

Come out and stand for Christ and the Constitution.

Fear not them which can destroy the body, but rather, fear HIM which can destroy both body and Soul.

There can be no unity between Christ and Satan, Mr. Johnson, and the Klan will not leave Christ. We all live in this material place we call America, but its Soul and our Spiritual Home is in Christ. If you continue to stand with and permit yourself and your office to be used as a tool of Satan, then no Christian can unite with you for the benefit of America.

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We, therefore, the White Knights of the KU KLUX KLAN of the Sovereign Realm of Mississippi, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the Universe for the rectitude of our intentions, do hereby refuse and decline your invitation to desert our Christian Brethren and join you in Satan, Mr. Johnson, and do declare that the CHOICE of changing positions is properly yours and not ours.

GOD'S WILL BE DONE, AMEN.

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.

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4/13/65

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AIR MAIL

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

FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS [FOIA(b)(7) - (D)]

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

Re Oklahoma City airtel, 3/29/65, entitled [FOIA(b)(7) - (D)] and Jackson airtel dated 4/8/65 captioned, The White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi. RM.

Indices of the New Orleans Office negative on "Two Jumps" and "Two Shoes."

A review of file entitled "JOHN GIBSON DILLON, aka - Fugitive, BAIL JUMPER" New Orleans file 26-26550, contains no additional information to that furnished by the Oklahoma City Office concerning "Two Jumps" and "Two Shoes."

The file reflects that on 11/21/63 a beige Cadillac bearing 1963 Oklahoma license ZV3587, registered to G. W. EDWARDS, father of TOMMY MARTIN EDWARDS, was observed at the residence of JOE BUCHANAN at Jackson, Mississippi, and observation on 11/23/65 revealed this automobile was no longer there. Previous to this time, TOMMY MARTIN EDWARDS had possession of the registration for the above-described Cadillac.

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- ② - (157-63)
- 3 - New Orleans 1 - [FOIA(b)(7) - (D)]
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Based on information that there would be a meeting of the Dillon gang with the Marshall-DeFord gang of Las Vegas, in the area of Biloxi, Mississippi, spot checks of motels and residence of Dillon associate DEAN DE FOREST LIAKIS were made for automobiles in possession of EDWARDS, RUBY CHARLES JENKINS and DONALD EUGENE SPARKS, and nothing was developed concerning the presence of these automobiles in the Biloxi area. Confidential Informants and sources were unable to identify these individuals as being in the Biloxi area.

Investigation regarding LIAKIS developed that he was reportedly employed as a truck drivery by D. J. VENUS but actually was a strong-arm man and body guard with JIM BLACKWELL for VENUS, according to rumors, inasmuch as VENUS was anticipating another shoot-out with RICHARD HEAD.

The file reflects that the proposed meeting between the Marshall-DeFord gang and the Dillon gang at Biloxi did not materialize, and the Las Vegas Office advised on 12/2/63 that DE FORD, ET AL were back in Las Vegas, and instructed that leads in this instance be discontinued.

It is noted that information furnished by Dillon associate LEROY BASIL MC MANAMAN to the Kansas City Office, (KC airtel to OC 10/29/63) pertains to associates of DILLON and lists DEAN LIAKIS, Gulf Coast, CHARLES HORN of Jackson, Mississippi (CHARLES HENRY HORNE, Jackson PD #8945); JIM BLACKWELL, associate of DILLON and FUQUA from Tulsa (probably JIM BLACKWELL of Laurel, Mississippi and Mississippi Gulf Coast, known associate of GEORGE FUQUA).

Information concerning JIM BLACKWELL was provided to the Jackson Office by New Orleans airtel dated 2/16/65 entitled Klan Activity in Rankin County, Mississippi, RM (NO file 157-1999, Jackson file 157-45).

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Jackson

DATE: April 12, 1965

FROM : SAC, Denver (157-0)

SUBJECT: LEAFLET ENTITLED "TO ALL SOUTHERN PATRIOTS"

FOIA(b) (7) - (D)

RACIAL MATTERS

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There are enclosed the original and a copy of a legal-size leaflet entitled "To All Southern Patriots" and page 3 of the March 13, 1965, issue of "The Clarion-Ledger." There is also enclosed an envelope addressed to

FOIA(b) (7) - (D)

This material was furnished by FOIA(b) (7) - (D) who presently resides at FOIA(b) (7) - (D) Denver, Colorado 80205. FOIA(b) (7) - (D) states that both he and his wife formerly resided at Laurel and he strongly suspects that this material is distributed by the Klan.

It is to be noted that FOIA(b) (7) - (D) a Negro and a present employee of the Internal Revenue Service, New Custom House, Denver.

The attached is being furnished for your information.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-63)

DATE: 4/16/65

FROM : SA LEON ROSS GRABEN

SUBJECT: WKKKK OF MISSISSIPPI
RM

On 4/16/65, ~~Mrs. VALLIE B. STINNETT~~, 1621 Pratt Avenue, Gulfport, Mississippi, was contacted by SA LEON ROSS GRABEN and the copy of the "Klan Ledger" mailed by her to the Jackson FBI Office was acknowledged. Mrs. STINNETT said the "Klan Ledger" was found in her front yard and she wanted to bring to the attention of the FBI that this publication was being distributed in the Gulfport area.

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AIR MAIL

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

FROM: SAC, LAS VEGAS [FOIA(b)(7) - (D)]

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

RACIAL INFORMANTS

**THE WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
OF MISSISSIPPI
RACIAL MATTERS**

Re Oklahoma City airtel to Jackson dated 3/29/65 under first caption and Jackson airtel to Director dated 4/8/65 under second caption.

Detective BOB CLEVELAND, Las Vegas PD, was consulted by SA ORVILLE F. MC VAY 4/15/65. He advised that he has had no contact with RICHARD GERALD CLARK since CLARK was committed to FCI, Terminal Island, California, summer 1964. He advised he has no further information regarding the identity of "Two Jumps" referred to by CLARK in their conversations in 11/63.

RICHARD GERALD CLARK contacted SAS WILLIAM R. SWOPE and ORVILLE F. MC VAY in mid-March, 1965, following his release from Federal custody. He advised he was in Las Vegas only temporarily to get his bond reinstated in connection with a State burglary charge and was returning immediately to Los Angeles, where he had prospects of being employed in the sheet metal industry. He presumably remains in Los Angeles, although a report was received that he was

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believed to have sneaked back into Las Vegas during the first week of April for one day. SAS SWOPE and MC VAY had considerable contact with CIARK during the investigation of the Las Vegas facet of the DILLON case and in connection with the over-all investigation of the so-called MARSHALL-DE FORD Gang.

The Agents received the impression that CIARK'S knowledge of the DILLON Gang was superficial and second-hand. He constantly referred to DILLON as "JACK" while insofar as is known to Las Vegas, people who really knew and associated with DILLON referred to him as "JOHN". During one contact with CIARK he was shown photos of members of the DILLON Gang, including photos of DONALD EUGENE SPARKS and RUBY CHARLES JENKINS. He recognized neither of these people, although SA MC VAY knows from personal experience that the photo of JENKINS was an excellent current likeness.

The Agents gained the impression that CIARK had received his knowledge of the members of the DILLON Gang from other members of the MARSHALL-DE FORD Gang, possibly the late JAMES LYMAN DE FORD, CHARLES "CHUCK" CORNET, REX STIDHAM WINDOM, Jr. MARION CARTER "CURLY" BOWMAN or possibly ROBERT EDWARD REYNOLDS, aka, Bobby Jack Reynolds. It is also known that members of the MARSHALL-DE FORD Gang had great respect for JACK RAINEY, well known to Phoenix, and were in frequent contact with RAINEY. All members of the gang located in Las Vegas were questioned at one time or another concerning DILLON.

DE FORD claimed to have known DILLON but never furnished any specific information about him. Extent of DE FORD'S connection, if any, with the DILLON Gang is unknown. DE FORD at one time was closely associated with EDDIE LEON CROUCH and BILL PAT KELLEY, burglars. CROUCH professed to have known DILLON and claimed to aspire to emulate DILLON'S stature in the underworld. KELLEY was reported to have been an associate of DILLON and it was claimed that DILLON once planned to free KELLEY from a county jail in Illinois.

CHUCK CORNET was born in Lawton, Oklahoma, but apparently grew up in West Virginia. He is known to have had some connection with DILLON'S bondsman, PETE KING, Tulsa, Oklahoma, but again the extent of this connection is unknown to Las Vegas. It might be of interest to note that in December, 1963, CORNET was in possession of a Phillips Petroleum Company credit card of FRANK VAN IERBERG, which had been stolen in the heist of a poker game attended by several prominent people near Kansas City in November, 1963, such robberies apparently being a trademark of the members of the DILLON Gang. CORNET has denied any knowledge of or connection with members of the DILLON Gang but it should be noted he is notoriously uncommunicative about his illegal activities.

WINDOM has never furnished Las Vegas Agents any information.

It would appear at this time that any direct contact with RICHARD GERALD CLARK would reveal to him that CLEVELAND was cooperating with the Las Vegas Office during his series of contacts with CLARK in November and December, 1963.

Copies of both references are being sent to Phoenix.

THE PHOENIX OFFICE AT PHOENIX, ARIZONA

Request SA J. RICHARD BUTTS consult his logical source concerning the identify of "Two Jumps".

THE OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE AT TULSA, OKLAHOMA

SA ORVILLE F. MC VAY recalls that JENKINS and MC MANAMAN were defended in their trial in Topeka, Kansas, by ELMO PAGE, believed to be an attorney from the Tulsa area, along with co-counsel ERNIE RICE, Topeka, Kansas, and BOB FEIRING, Kansas City, Kansas. PAGE is a stentorian courtroom lawyer and it is the Agent's recollection that in conversation with JENKINS, MC MANAMAN or someone else connected with the trial, one of the group jokingly remarked that PAGE "talks louder than CLARENCE DARROW did". WINDOM

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also remarked to SA MC VAY that he was going to get PAGE to defend him on his present Las Vegas charges. It is suggested Oklahoma City bear this in mind in attempting to identify the lawyer referred to by the Jackson source.

THE LAS VEGAS OFFICE AT LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

Will consult with ROBERT CLEVELAND, Sr., father of Detective BOB CLEVELAND, who was a long time officer in Oklahoma and knew some of the members of the DILLON Gang.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Jackson, Mississippi
April 19, 1965

WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
OF MISSISSIPPI - PROPOSED MARCH OF
KLANSMEN AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA

On April 17, 1965, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Wayne Roberts, a defendant in the murder of the three civil rights workers in Neshoba County, Mississippi, on June 21, 1964, plans to journey to Atlanta, Georgia on or about April 26, 1965, to participate and lend moral support to a demonstration led by Lester Maddox, in Atlanta, Georgia. Source does not know what is the purpose of this demonstration.

Source also related that Roberts will be accompanied by one Tommy Beddingfield, a known klansman in Meridian, Mississippi area.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1552)

FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-63)

**WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX
KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI
RM (KLAN)**

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are the original and seven copies of a LHM captioned "White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi - Proposed March of Klansmen at Atlanta, Georgia." based on information received [redacted] FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

Also enclosed for Atlanta are two copies of the above-described LHM.

The information contained in the above-described LHM is all information known to informant to date and in the event further information is received, Bureau will be advised.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC JACKSON FOIA(b) (7) - (D)

DATE: 4/19/65

FROM : SA DONALD J. CESARE

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

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of Mississippi	
SAM HOLLOWAY BOWERS, RM	157-18
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Purpose and results of contact

NEGATIVE
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INFORMATION HEREIN OBTAINED CONFIDENTILLY;
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DEFINITELY THAT HE IS TO BE A WITNESS IN A
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Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

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April 19, 1965

Date

A Confidential Source

who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that he had received the following issue of the Klan Ledger from SAM BOWERS, Imperial Wizard of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi. The Ledger is dated April, 1965, and marked as special Presidential issue:

"THE KLAN LEDGER April 1965

"AN OFFICIAL PUBLICATION OF THE WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE
KU KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI

"SPECIAL PRESIDENTIAL EDITION

"Mr. Lyndon Baines Johnson

1600 Pennsylvania Avenue

Washington, D. C.

"Dear Sir:

"Patriotism means to stand by the country. It does not mean to stand by the President or any other public official save exactly to the degree in which he himself stands by the country. It is unpatriotic not to oppose him to the exact extent that by inefficiency or otherwise he fails in his duty to stand by the country. In either case, it is unpatriotic not to tell the truth--whether about the President or anyone else--save in the rare cases where this would make known to the enemy information of military value which would otherwise be unknown to him."

"Above are the words of an outstanding american President, Theodore Roosevelt.

On 4/6/65 at Meridian, Mississippi File # Jackson FOIA(b) (7) - (D)
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 by SA DONALD J. CESARE bgj Date dictated 4/6/65

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"They are an appropriate introduction for what we will say here.

"Mr. Johnson, since you have decided to declare war on your own fellow citizens in this country, it is high time that we should bring the attention of all the citizens of our great nation to bear upon this conflict and expose the issue in crystal-clear focus under the strong light of Truth.

"You have seen fit to attack the entire KU KLUX KLAN because of one incident in Alabama in which a female communist agitator was killed in the performance of her nefarious duties. You allege that four white citizens of Alabama were responsible. You also allege that these four were klansmen. In your attack upon the entire Klan you spoke of "Justice", yet your very attack itself which could only be based upon these slim allegations was nothing less than a naked affront to JUSTICE. Especially is this true when we consider how you encouraged and protected the communist agitation which prepared the way for this incident. The guilt is yours, Mr. Johnson, do not try to shove it off on the KU KLUX KLAN.

"One point needs clarification here. The White Knights of the KU KLUX KLAN of the Sovereign Realm of Mississippi is Sovereign to Mississippi as regards the work and administration of the Invisible Empire. We are spiritually connected with our Klan Brethern in our sister state of Alabama, through Christ, our Lord and Savior, and that is the extent of our affiliation. You know this, yet you seek to smear the Christian Klansmen everywhere in one stroke, in typical communist fashion. And you are the one that is accusing us of tar and feathers!!!! Why do you always pounce upon the Christian Klan at every opportunity, Mr. Johnson? Is it because of the

atheistic communists who own and control you have ORDERED you to persecute and destroy us? Is it because you and they know that no atheistic enemy of America is safe while we live? Is it because that, like all agents of satan, you abhor and despise a Christian Witness for Jesus Christ?

"You are not really against killing and murder, Mr. Johnson. Two murders have been recorded in your own political background in Texas. You owe your present office to still another. You stood by in silence while an unlawful and bloody invasion took place at Ole Miss. You are sending American boys to slaughter in Viet Nam in a war which you have no intention of trying to win. You ignore your own bloody career and try to compensate by placing the guilt on the White Christians of the South. You must be consistant and honest, Mr. Johnson, if you expect TRULY decent people to respect your words.

"In reference to your "Plea and Warning" to "Come out of the Klan and enter decent society now" - we ask for clarification. What decent society, MacBeth's? Are you referring to your homosexual associates such as Walter Jenkins and Bayard Rustin? Your procurer, Bobby Baker? --Your vicious, bloodstained attorney General Katzenback who led the Ole Miss invasion? Your mulatto street agitator, M. Lucifer Coon? Your heir apparent, Hubert, the darling of the communists with whom they will replace you as soon as they have used you up?

"(You remember how it was in Dallas)

"NO THANK YOU, SIR!!!

"Your "Great Suicide" is too full of treason, blood and perversion to hold any attraction for us Christian White Knights of the Klan. Possibly, some of our brother Klansmen are impetuous and short-tempered. Some of them may occasionally engage in rash action as

a consequence of their being goaded by communists who are protected by your unlawful decrees, but in spite of their shortcomings, we will still choose to stand with our Christian American Patriots of the Klan - sinners though they may be - rather than to leave them and join your society of sex-perverts and atheistic murderers who are engaged in the deliberate, criminal destruction of this Nation under color of unConstitutional, unLawful statutes and decrees.

"You gave us a plea and a warning, Mr. Johnson. In the True Spirit of Christian Humility we wish to reciprocate. By virtue of the brute physical power of the governmental machinery which you now possess and control you can imprison and destroy the flesh of our physical bodies. We are reluctantly prepared to face this as the price which Christian Witnesses are sometimes required to pay for Salvation. It is true, you have the power to afflict and endanger our bodies, but our Christian Souls are quite beyond your reach.

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"GOD'S WILL BE DONE, AMEN."

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC JACKSON 157-new

DATE: 4/16/65

FROM : SA ROBERT F. COOPER, JR.

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS , KKK Leaflets
Distributed on Woodell Drive , Jackson, Miss.
RM

On 4/16/65 ~~Mr. Ernest REAGAN~~, address 1216 Woodell Drive , Jackson, Mississippi, telephone # 372-5051 telephonically advised that about once each week for the past two or three weeks leaflets have been distributed on Woodell Drive and these have been signed KKK.

REAGAN said he was calling from his office at the engineering department of the Southern Bell Telephone Co., in Jackson, Miss and would not be able to relate just what the leaflets said . He advised that he has kept some of the leaflets at his home and desires to turn them over to the FBI . He said he has no information as to who has been distributing the leaflets.

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He requested that an Agent call by his home to pick up the leaflets referred to above as he wanted to turn the same over to this Bureau for any action desired. He stated his wife is usually at home and can furnish the leaflets, in the event Reagan is not there.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Open 157-new. Contact Reagan Address to leaflets referred to above and any information re distribution.

*SM. Thomas
E.C. Bush.*
*Reagan
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AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-63) (P)
WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN OF MISS.
RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

Re Bureau airtel to Jackson 4-14-65.

Enclosed herewith are an original and 7 copies of a LHM captioned "WKKKKOM in State Cabinet Meeting on 3-20-65." This information is based on information furnished [redacted] who is in attendance at the above-described meeting.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Jackson (157-63)

DATE: 2/16/65
Biloxi, Mississippi

FROM : SA H. Warren Tool, Jr.

SUBJECT: WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
RM

On April 15, 1965, Col. M. B. DePASS, Fenton Community, near Pass Christian, Mississippi, furnished a two page legal size mimeographed publication purported to be the official of the WKKKK, April 1965, called their 'Presidential Edition'.

A copy is attached.

DePASS said this leaflet is one of many that were found scattered recently at Bay St. Louis, Mississippi. He said he felt that the pattern in which they were found gave indication they could have been dropped from a small plane.

The pamphlet is furnished for information.

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Jackson, Mississippi
April 20, 1965

WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN OF
MISSISSIPPI IN STATE CABINET MEETING
ON MARCH 20, 1965

A confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised that a meeting of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi (WKKKKOM) was held in Jackson, Mississippi, on March 20, 1965.

The agenda consisted of a "pep talk" by Sam Bowers, Imperial Wizard of the WKKKKOM, and Julius Harper, Grand Dragon of the WKKKKOM. The "pep talk" re-affirmed the aims and problems of the Klan and the importance of its reason to preserve the white race.

Billy Buckles and J.K. Greer, Klansmen and both plane pilots, proposed dropping leaflets containing Klan propaganda on the civil rights marchers in Selma, Alabama; however, after much discussion, no plans were formulated. However, (first name unknown) Dunn did mention that some "fellows" were on their way to Selma with Klan literature which they will distribute along the marchers' route.

Confidential source also advised that during this meeting, Billy Buckles advised he has a secret source in the Delta area of Mississippi (a geographic area of the state) from which he can borrow money for Klan matters without paying interest. The confidential source was unable to learn of the identity of this secret source.

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White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi

**A characterization of the White
Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of
Mississippi and the Original Knights
of the Ku Klux Klan are attached hereto.**

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APPENDIX

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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.

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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.

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.

APPENDIX

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Jackson (157-63)

DATE: 2/16/65
Biloxi, Mississippi

FROM : SA H. Warren Tool, Jr.

SUBJECT: WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
RM

On April 15, 1965, Col. M. B. DePASS, Fenton Community, near Pass Christian, Mississippi, furnished a two page legal size mimeographed publication purported to be the official of the WKKKK, April 1965, called their 'Presidential Edition'.

A copy is attached.

DePASS said this leaflet is one of many that were found scattered recently at Bay St. Louis, Mississippi. He said he felt that the pattern in which they were found gave indication they could have been dropped from a small plane.

The pamphlet is furnished for information.

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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 844 through serial 933A.

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