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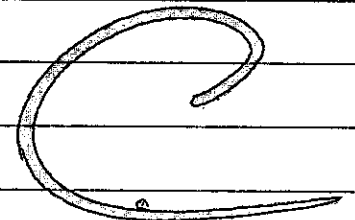
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- 1- 157-63
- 1- 157-500 (Walthall County)
- 1- 157-584 (Lincoln County)
- 1- 157-973 (Ford Tractor Shop, Brookhaven, Mississippi)
- 1- 157-1170 (BRYANT LEWIS)
- 1- 157-357 (Pike County KKK)
- 1- 157-1982 (OSCAR SUMMERAL)
- 1- 157-2107 (EVERETT SANFORD)
- 1- 157-2108 (EVERETT BEARD)

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- 1- 157-2816 (HAROLD BEARD)
 - 1- 157- (A. J. RAYBORN)
 - 1- 157- (BUCK MC CAIN)
 - 1- (TRULY CONNERLY)
 - 1- 157- (Selma films)
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NEW ORLEANS DIVISION

- 2- 157- (Sheriff of Washington Parish, La.)
- 2- 157- (Chief of Police, Bogalusa, La.)
- 2- 157- (JOHN R. HILL, investigator for Bogalusa Police Department)
- 2- 157- (Bogalusa Paper Mill)
- 2- 157- (RUSSELL MAGEE, school teacher Pine, La.)
- 2- 157- (RALPH COTTON)
- 2- 157- (brother of RALPH COTTON, who is in the water well drilling business)
- 2- 157- (FNU WHEATS, WHEAT's Klan)
- 2- 157- (Threat to bomb personal vehicle of DORMAN A. CROWE, Sheriff Washington Parish, Franklinton, La., RM)

Tylertown, Mississippi
3/11/65, 3/24/65, and 4/10/65

On 3/11/65, informant stated he believed the threat to do harm to the Sheriff of Washington Parish had been "cooled off". Informant stated that the threat to bomb the Sheriff's personal vehicle stems from the fact that a Negro who owns a "juke joint" near Hackley, La., just below the Louisiana, Mississippi border invited the Sheriff and some of his deputies to a "chicken fry" and the Klan element, as well as some of the Negroes in the area did not like the Sheriff associating with the Negroes. Informant stated he had reason to believe that the Klan and the Negroes were plotting separately to do away with the Sheriff because of his association with the Negroes in this particular juke joint. Informant further stated that the Sheriff is very much afraid that someone will try to do harm to him and that he is always escorted by two or three deputies. Informant stated he does not believe the Sheriff is a member of the KKK and does not know about his deputies.

Informant stated he did not know that the Sheriff's personal car would be bombed or dynamited, but assumed this would be the method used if the Sheriff was to be "done away with".

Informant stated that a person by the name of BUCK MC CAIN has had at one time ten or fifteen cases of dynamite on his property near Improve, Miss., in a concrete block house. Informant stated MC CAIN was previously in "the stump blowing business", but states MC CAIN has not blown any stumps for quite some time to his knowledge. Informant stated about two weeks ago he saw BUCK MC CAIN with a truck load of stumps and stated he did not know if MC CAIN is using his dynamite for stump blowing or not, but will try to ascertain whether or not he is still in the stump blowing business. Informant stated he would ascertain the present quantity of dynamite on the property of BUCK MC CAIN

as soon as he can figure a way to determine how many cases are still in the concrete block house. Informant stated he believes RUSSELL MAGEE, a school teacher in Pine, La., is a "big power" in the Klan in Bogalusa". Informant stated he believes RUSSELL MAGEE might consider discussing Klan activities with a Bureau agent, but is not sure. Informant advised that a RALPH COTTON, who is in the water well drilling business in the Bogalusa area, is a member of the Klan as well as his brother. Informant stated he believes the brother of RALPH COTTON would be willing to discuss Klan activities with a Bureau agent. Informant describes RALPH COTTON's brother as 5'7", 155-160 pounds, black curly hair, approximately 30-35 years of age. Informant stated RALPH COTTON's brother is a "pimp" for the Sheriff and would know everything the Sheriff knows". Informant stated that the Chief of Police of Bogalusa is a Klan member as well as the entire Bogalusa Police Department. Informant stated that JOHN R. HILL is an investigator for the Bogalusa Police Department and is an excellent shot with a pistol. Informant stated HILL may be cooperative with a FBI agent, but he is not sure. Informant further stated that the Bogalusa Paper Mill is a hotbed of Klan members and believes that two out of three persons working at the paper mill are Klan members. Informant further advised that he believes a family by the name of WHEATS have their own Klan in the area of Crossroads, La., one of which owns a cafe at the crossroads. Informant stated that about three years ago he heard that this Klan was responsible for killing a Negro for raping a white woman in the area. He stated the Negro's body was later found floating down the river. Informant stated that the WHEATS are killers, radicals, and would probably be behind any shootings and acts of violence in the Bogalusa area. Informant stated that during a Klan meeting one night in the Improve, Miss., area before he stopped going to Klan meetings, he stated he went into the meeting place, pulled out his .38 caliber pistol and pulled off his hood and stated "if there is anyone of you S.O.B.

here that does not have a buddy you're dead".

Informant advised that he believes the Klan in the Walthall County area is practically nonexistent. He states, however, that there are several small groups still meeting in the Jayess, Enid, and Salem communities, but states he is not familiar with these persons to know of their activities. Informant stated he believes the Lincoln County Klan will be a hotbed this summer, due to the fact that there are many ignorant people who have joined the Klan up in that area and have become renegades. Informant stated he is not speaking from personal knowledge, but speaking from what he has heard. Informant further stated that BRYANT LEWIS is a radical and "dangerous" as far as Klan activity is concerned. Informant stated BRYANT LEWIS will do anything at anytime and suggested the interviewing agents take much caution. Informant advised that the Pike County Klan is still active as far as he can hear from Pike County, but stated he does not know any of them personally. Informant stated that OSCAR SUMMERALL is not likely to give anyone any trouble and feels he is possibly not a Klan member. Informant stated that the names EVERETT SANFORD, EVERETT BEARD, and HAROLD BEARD are familiar to him as being residences of Walthall County, but states he does not know anything about their Klan activities. Informant stated that he has been to the Ford Tractor Company in Brookhaven, Miss., on business and states he does not know for sure who the Klan members are in that area, but will try to ascertain their identities. Informant stated that he had recently been talking with A. J. RAYBORN and had determined that RAYBORN had talked with some Klan member who had taken pictures of the demonstrations in Selma, Alabama, and on the march route and informant stated RAYBORN told him he had seen films of Negroes and whites in tents and in the area of the tents performing sexual acts. Informant stated he would try to get a copy of the films. Informant stated a man by the name of TRULY CONNERLY, who lives in the Walthall County area, reportedly collects dues for the NAACP for the Negroes for 15 cents on each dollar collected.

Informant stated TRULY CONNERLY lives in the vicinity of Tylertown, Miss., on Highway 27. Informant further stated that he had heard that the Civil Rights workers that participated in the march from Selma to Montgomery had hired prostitutes for \$10 per day to go along with them on the march. Informant stated he did not know whether or not this was true, but would attempt to find out.

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Date of Report
4/8/65

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Informant furnished info re WAYNE ROBERTS, SAM BOWERS, Defense Fund.

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Remarks:

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- 1 - 44-1 (Miburn)
- ① - 157-63 (WKKKKOM)
- 1 - 157-342 (Neshoba County)
- 1 - 157-2366 (Defense Fund)
- 1 - 157-343 (Lauderdale County)
- 1 - 157-18 (SAM BOWERS)
- 1 - 157-1106 (WAYNE ROBERTS)

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WAYNE ROBERTS

On 4/6/65, I was visited by WAYNE ROBERTS. He asked if I could intercede with SAM BOWERS and secure for him some money. He told me that he needs money desperately. He is without a job and has been borrowing money from B. L. AIKEN to buy groceries for him and his family. He has also rented a car and house from AIKEN. I told him that I would make it a point to see BOWERS and mention his financial predicament to BOWERS. But I reassured ROBERTS that BOWERS would not give any money to ROBERTS until the various funds, used to raise money for the defense of the individuals in the Civil Rights slayings, were consolidated into one fund controlled by the WKKKKOM, and, in essence, SAM BOWERS. BOWERS is still very much upset by the fact that ROBERTS took it upon himself to solicit funds for the "Meridian Group" in the Neshoba County slayings. ROBERTS did state that he was aware that BOWERS was sending money to HERMAN TUCKER in Philadelphia and that he couldn't see why he couldn't receive some of this money.

SAM BOWERS

On 4/7/65, I rendezvoused with BOWERS at our usual meeting place in Pachuta, Miss. I informed him of WAYNE ROBERT's situation and request. BOWERS stated that he "didn't have anything for ROBERTS". He said that since the defense funds were not consolidated into the control of the WKKKKOM as he desired, he had no money for ROBERTS. He added that he wasn't refusing ROBERTS but that he didn't have any money for him. I then told BOWERS that I would relay this on to ROBERTS and I told him that I was sure that ROBERTS would be down to see him. BOWERS agreed and we parted from the meeting.

WAYNE ROBERTS

On 4/7/65, I relayed BOWERS' reply to ROBERTS and WAYNE became very angry. He stated that he was going down to see BOWERS and settle this "thing". He repeated to me "BOWERS was

helping TUCKER and I'm as good a man as he is". I agreed and told WAYNE that I was only following orders when I took money to the Philadelphia group. ROBERTS stated that he understood and wasn't angry with me, only BOWERS. I then injected the thought that "maybe there was some kind of an unknown connection between BOWERS and the Neshoba County Group?" I felt that this would promote additional discord re the defense funds and WAYNE agreed with me. ROBERTS then stated that he "can hurt SAM" and that he was going to see BOWERS in the evening. So I gave ROBERTS BOWER' address and telephone number. ROBERTS then related to me how he had to borrow money to feed his children and I gave him a \$20 bill.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO : ALL AGENTS

DATE: 4-20-65

FROM: *[Signature]* SAC JACKSON (66-26)

SUBJECT: OFFICE MEMORANDUM 65-15

RACIAL INFORMANTS

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Revised Manual of Instructions deleted the designation "non-organizational" and all racial informants are now designated as "probationary" until removed from probationary status by the Bureau. All racial informants previously designated as "non-organizational" should now be designated "probationary".

If a non-organizational racial informant is presently qualified to be removed from probation, submit recommendations to the Bureau by letter indicating he can be operated without embarrassment to the Bureau.

- 1 - SAC
- 1 - ASAC
- 1 - Supervisor #3
- 1 - Supervisor #4
- 1 - Chief Clerk
- 1 - Supervising Steno
- 1 - All Agents
- 1 - 66-26 (Office Memoranda File)

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- 1 - 44-00
- 1 - 44-1
- ① - 157-63
- 1 - 157-2369
- 1 - 26-00
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CIVIL RIGHTS;
CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964
JN 44-00

On 4-7-65 JOHN DOAR was confirmed by the Senate to be the Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Civil Rights Division, U. S. Department of Justice. Therefore, when making reference to Mr. DOAR, he should now be referred to as an Assistant Attorney General instead of an Acting Assistant Attorney General.

MIBURN
JN 44-1

WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI
JN 157-63

Bureau, by airtel 4-14-65, again called attention to the fact that information concerning White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi under MIBURN caption is not being included in letterhead memoranda as it should be.

Each communication regarding MIBURN which also contains information on White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi should be made into a letterhead memorandum for the Bureau.

HARASSMENT OF AGENTS BY THE KLAN
JN 157-2369

Bureau airtel 4-13-65 sets forth information that the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan recently discussed possibility of harassment of FBI Agents. The leader of this Klan group stated that Klansmen should enter the office and homes of FBI Agents at Shreveport, Louisiana, to develop information that would cause embarrassment if publicized. No specific details were discussed, but all Agents should be alert to any form of possible embarrassment by Klansmen and should make every effort to avoid these situations.

JN 66-26

Any harassment by the Klan should be placed in Jackson file 157-2369 and the Bureau should also be advised immediately.

USE OF LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE

An analysis of last month's telephone bill reflects an unusual number of collect calls from Resident Agents to headquarters. In addition, there are a large number of telephone calls from the headquarters office to the Resident Agents irrespective of our regular use of the WATS line. I seriously doubt that each of these was absolutely necessary.

Each Senior Resident Agent is to carefully screen long distance telephone calls to insure that they are absolutely essential.

A headquarters Agent, before a long distance call (except use of WATS line) can be placed to a Resident Agency or anyplace within the State of Mississippi, must have permission of the SAC or ASAC.

SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS -- DELINQUENCY IN

Bureau advised by letter dated 4-15-65 that the delinquency in pending active matters in classifications 65, 100 and 105 was approximately 37.2% as of the end of March, 1965. This trend must be reversed and the administrative report of April will be analyzed along these lines. Each Agent having cases assigned in the above classifications must make a concentrated effort to send out a postable communication by the end of the month. This matter is being followed very closely in this office.

ITSMV CASES

JN 26-00

In a recent report we sent the Bureau we quoted a police officer for the recovery value of the car. The Bureau

JN 66-26

requested that this not be done, but rather we use the blue book value for cars recovered. ASAC has such a book, however, it is not believed practical to utilize this book in every instance in determining the recovery value of the auto inasmuch as the car may have special equipment, it may be a special model, or may be ready for the salvage yard. Particularly in the case of Resident Agents, you should consult with a local automobile dealer to obtain the recovery value of the vehicles and indicate that he utilized the blue book in connection with his evaluation.

CRIMDEL PROGRAM
JN 92-22

SA JOHN W. THOMAS and SA REESIE L. TIMMONS are responsible for items re CRIMDEL to be submitted to SA BONE by 4-27-65 without fail.

NORMAN BELYEA GORHAM, aka
William Gray - FUGITIVE
I. O. #3824, W. F. #354
TOP TEN FUGITIVE
BANK ROBBERY
JN 91-45

Pursuant to Bureau suggestion, the Boston Office has requested that all offices contact logical informants in organized crime areas to determine if hoodlums know or are in contact with GORHAM.

Results of any contacts made should be furnished to SA BONE.

SUBJECT GORHAM IS ARMED AND SHOULD BE CONSIDERED DANGEROUS.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Jackson

DATE: April 20, 1965

✓ FROM : Director, FBI (157-1552)

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

ReJNairtel April 12, 1965, captioned, "Miburn," (44-1).

Klan information set forth in reJNairtel should be included in a letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination with original and seven copies submitted.

If this information has already been submitted by letterhead memorandum, advise date and caption of communication.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Jackson, Mississippi
April 21, 1965

In Reply, Please Refer to
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WHITE CHRISTIANS PROTECTIVE
AND LEGAL DEFENSE FUND

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that on March 24, 1965, a meeting was held at Brookhaven, Mississippi, of the Board of Directors of the White Christians Protective and Legal Defense Fund (WCPALDF). The source advised that the meeting was presided over by Elmore D. Greaves, the State Chairman, and in attendance were the following:

Harvey H. Heredeem, Secretary and Treasurer

Reverend Delmar Dennis, Meridian, Mississippi

I. H. "Pete" Schumaker, Kosciusko, Mississippi

Mr. (First Name Unknown) Everett

The meeting was scheduled for March 25, 1965, however, this was changed for some unknown reason.

A review of the organization's fund raising effort indicated that a total of \$2700 has been collected thus far. Expenses indicated outlays of \$1000 for stamps and \$500 for miscellaneous printing and advertising space. This left a total balance of \$1200 in the WCPALDF, however, source advised that this is not a complete collection report.

It was decided at the meeting to contact county chairmen throughout the State of Mississippi to recall all of the containers previously described and make a formal accounting of the monies collected. According to source the containers would be redistributed throughout the State of Mississippi.

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WHITE CHRISTIANS PROTECTIVE
AND LEGAL DEFENSE FUND

The Board then empowered Heredeen and Greaves to procede to the aid of any "White Christian" who may be indicted or forced to stand trial because of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The source further indicated 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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between SAM BOWERS & ALTON WAYNE ROBERTS; Conversa- tion with LEE ROBERTS, TOMMY HORNE & W. S. TORRANCE. FOIA(b) (7) - (D)

Remarks: E. L. MC DANIELS, UKA, Inc.; JOE STURDIVANT

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- 1 - 157-63 (WKKKKOM)
- 1 - 157-471 (UKA)
- 1 - 44-1 (MIBURN)
- 1 - 157-18 (SAM BOWERS)
- 1 - 157-486 (E. L. MC DANIEL)
- 1 - 157-1106 (WAYNE ROBERTS)
- 1 - 157-1124 (LEE ROBERTS)
- 1 - 157-450 (BILLY BIRDSONG)
- 1 - 157-1112 (TOMMY ARTHUR HORNE)
- 1 - 157-1127 (WALLACE MILLER)
- 1 - 157-1307 (HERB BREWER)

- 1 - 157-1403 (W. S. TORRANCE, JR.)
- 1 - 157- (BILLY BUCKLES)
- 1 - 157-1121 (DEXTER TORRANCE)
- 1 - 157- (JOE STURDIVANT)
- 1 - 157-343 (Lauderdale Co.)

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MEETING BETWEEN SAM BOWERS, IMPERIAL WIZARD OF THE WKKKKOM, AND WAYNE ROBERTS, A DEFENDANT IN THE CIVIL RIGHTS SLAYING IN NESHOBA COUNTY

ROBERTS met with BOWERS in Laurel, Mississippi, recently and ROBERTS was given \$200 by BOWERS. However, ROBERTS was instructed that the money was given with the idea that he would aid DELMAR DENNIS, the Province Giant of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi (WKKKKOM), in reconstructing and bringing together the dissident elements of the White Knights in the Meridian area. BOWERS also admonished ROBERTS for taking it upon himself to solicit money independently. ROBERTS apologized, said he didn't "do very well" and admitted he was ill advised by BILLY BIRDSONG, the former Klan Bureau Investigator. ROBERTS commented that "People always said they were going to give to the fund, but didn't".

CONVERSATIONS WITH LEE ROBERTS, MERIDIAN, PATROLMAN, AND WAYNE ROBERTS

Both LEE and WAYNE ROBERTS advised that they didn't have anything to do with the recent beating inflicted on BILLY BIRDSONG. However, both said that "He should have had that accident long ago".

TOMMY HORNE

HORNE spent two hours with me over the weekend. He continually complained about harassment by the FBI. He stated the next time Agents came to his house he was "going to have it out". I feel that HORNE means he is going to whip the Agent or Agents. HORNE also related that he was one of the individuals who dropped the leaflets of the Klan Black List out of the Mississippi Greater Life Building in downtown Meridian. He also stated that WALLACE MILLER, a member of the Meridian Police Department, should be killed since it is HORNE's opinion that he has been an informant for the FBI. He proposed that we ought to hire a Chicago gangster to do the job. HORNE stated

that he would contribute toward the killer's expenses. He additionally advised that HERB BREWER, a local taxicab driver, is another one who should be whipped since he is trying to "stir up trouble".

W. S. TORRANCE

On 4/10/65, TORRANCE dropped by to see me and advised that E. L. MC DANIELS, the Grand Dragon of the United Klans of America, Incorporated (UKA), would contact me when he arrived in Meridian, Mississippi.

E. L. MC DANIELS

MC DANIELS effected contact with me at 3:00 p.m. on 4/10/65. He occupied Room 731 of the Holiday Inn Number 2, located on Highway 45 south of Meridian, Mississippi. MC DANIELS likes to stay at the Holiday Inns where he identifies himself as the Grand Dragon of the UKA, Inc., and manages to secure for himself a discount rate. MC DANIELS was accompanied by a big man with glasses who was supposed to be his bodyguard. I do not know this individual's name. We talked about SAM BOWERS and the White Knights. MC DANIELS said that the White Knights are breaking up and that BILLY BUCKLES wants BOWERS' job as Imperial Wizard and that "If BOWERS wants trouble he'll find it in the United Klans because we have the men, material and guts". MC DANIELS then talked about informers in the Meridian area and said that "When all this quiets down" to organize hunting parties and include in these parties suspected informers. He related that "All sorts of accidents happen on deer hunting trips". MC DANIELS feels this is a sure way of eliminating informers.

At approximately 7:30 p.m. on 4/10/65, an obligation ceremony was held in MC DANIELS' room at the Holiday Inn Number 2. Those in attendance were MC DANIELS, his bodyguard, DEXTER TORRANCE, W. S. TORRANCE, DELMAR DENNIS, TOMMY HORNE and two unidentified men. All in attendance were sworn into the United

Klans of America. The group was issued a charter and known as the Meridian Unit of the United Klans of America, Incorporated. W. S. TORRANCE was appointed temporary Exalted Cyclops until elections are held. MC DANIELS advised that by May 10 he expects the Meridian Unit to have 25 dues paying members. Each member is to be assessed \$3.25 per month. If the dues are not paid the charter will be relinquished by the Meridian Unit. MC DANIELS explained that this is all in accordance with the Constitution of the UKA, Inc.

Conversation took place between DENNIS and MC DANIELS indicating that MC DANIELS wanted DENNIS to give up his title as Titan of the UKA, Inc. He felt that this was necessary since he wanted someone to come out into the open to recruit for the UKA. DENNIS has refused to do this. MC DANIELS has indicated that someone else would be appointed Titan but DENNIS would remain as an Exalted Cyclops in the Underground Unit or the "Terrorist Group" of the UKA, Inc.

MC DANIELS stated he was recently interviewed by a reporter from Life Magazine and that this interview lasted approximately four hours. Also that NBC, the National Broadcasting Company, is coming to Mississippi the first week in May to film an outdoor rally of the UKA, Inc., Realm of Mississippi, tentatively scheduled for Natchez, Mississippi. MC DANIELS said "We like publicity - any kind! as long as they spell Ku Klux Klan right!" He also talked about getting so well organized that the Klan would then be able to go to Washington, D. C. to march as a unit.

JOE STURDIVANT

STURDIVANT is an 18 year old boy who resides at 403 47th Avenue in Meridian, Mississippi. This individual has been calling and writing to E. L. MC DANIELS and SHELTON of the United Klans of America, Inc. for information and stated that he would do anything to join the United Klans. STURDIVANT advised that he simply wants an opportunity to serve in any capacity. MC DANIELS made the comment that he'd find something for this young boy to do, even if it was "to raise money".

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	Date(s) of activity March, 1965

Brief description of activity or material
Information re organization of United Klan of America, Inc. in Lauderdale County, Mississippi

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- 1 - 157-471
- 1 - 157-343
- 1 - 157-450
- 1 - 157-563
- 1 - 157- (Mr. HANSPORD)
- 1 - 157- (Mr. PATE)
- ① - 157-63

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"March 26, 1965

"The planned U.K. organizational meeting planned by James Baker & Carol Smith for 7.30 PM At North Hills Shop Center was called off because of Baker's illness. The meeting was called off during a long distance phone call between Baker and Pate of Tuskilusa on March 25. Baker and Carol Smith were told by Pate that they would be contacted again in a few days for a new meeting date. They were also told that the man that would contact them lived in Meridian, and when Baker ask how they had selected the man to head the group here, Baker was told that the local man had recently brought a petition to him in Tuskilusa with 170 names from this area requesting the U.K. to organize here. After checking several sources here I have reason to believe that their main man here is Billy Birdsong. I continue to hear rumors that he is recruiting.

"The word seems to have gotten around that Carol Smith & Baker were organizing also because James Smith (Private Detective) called them today (3-26-65) and ask to attend the meeting tonight, that he wanted to join.

"B. C. Lide seems to be putting pressure on his friends not to join the U.K., He has talked to Litchfield and I am not sure that Litchfield will come in.

"The man from Key field that I gave you the initial (His name is A. D. Hunter.

"B. C. Lide is also investigating the renting of old St. Joseph Hospital to C.C.F.G.. There seems to be Henry interested in this project. B. C. Lide is having this investigation done through a committee from The York Rite Masons who will pretend to want to buy the old hospital. This is supposed to be a cover up."

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Date(s) of activity
April 4; 5, 1965

Brief description of activity or material

Information regarding VERNON MAY; FLOYD MC DANIELS; ARSENE DICK; KKK, Ruth Unit, Enon Unit, Bogue Chitto Unit (Lincoln Co, Miss).

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Remarks:

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- 1 - 157-584 (KKK, Lincoln Co)
- 1 - 157-968 (KKK, Ruth Unit #2)
- 1 - 157-969 (KKK, Bogue Chitto)
- 1 - 157-2873 (VERNON MAY)
- ① - 157-63 (WKKKKOM)
- 2 - 157- (FLOYD MC DANIELS)
- 2 - 157- (ARSENE DICK)

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McComb, Mississippi
April 6, 1965

Informant was contacted at his employment in McComb, Miss., on 4/6/65 and furnished the following information:

He advised that the Klan in the Enon Community and the Ruth, Miss., Community had re-vamped in the recent past and had removed from membership all individuals under 45 years of age since it had been determined by the Klan units that all the FBI informants were under 45 years of age.

Informant advised that the above two Klan Units are meeting in wooded areas at irregular intervals and never meet without having guards armed with rifles posted around the meeting area.

He advised that he had recently attended a meeting of the Enon Unit as a guest and was stopped three times before he and his host arrived at the actual meeting place. Informant advised that he was unable to learn the identity of any individuals present since he was a guest. He advised he stayed only a few minutes during which time the lights were turned out or to low for him to see any faces.

Informant advised that he is certain that he can get into either the Ruth or Enon Units and go to the top in a very short time. He advised he is well known and respected in that area and would be considered the "best catch" they have made in some time.

Informant was instructed to contact individuals in Summit who might be connected with the Klan or other hate type organizations and determine what action if any would be taken after the shooting by the negro in Summit on 4/5/65.

At 7:00 PM, 4/6/65 Informant advised that he contacted ARSENE DICK and FLOYD MC DANIELS at Dicks Cage in Summit. Informant advised that both these individuals were upset because they had just left the Sunset Motel

parking lot where they were in conversation with two other individuals when "FBI Agents TIMMONS and HARRELL drove by in TIMMONS' car, turned around when they saw us and came back to the motel". Informant advised that both DICK and MC DANIELS commented that the FBI was watching them 24 hours per day.

Informant advised that he feels there will be no action taken by any group or individuals as a result of the negro shooting the five white people and his father in Summit on 4/5/65. He advised there was a meeting of some kind held by some organization in Summit on the night of 4/5/65, but he was unable to learn what the nature of the meeting was or who attended.

Informant advised that he is very close to VERNON MAY who operates a small grocery store Highway 51, North of Summit, and who was a plumber for many years. He advised there is a possibility that MAY no longer owns the grocery store as he heard very recently he was trying to sell out and go back into the plumbing business.

Informant advised that MAY is Grand Master Mason in Summit, Miss. He advised that he would contact MAY in the near future and determine thereafter what association or connection MAY might have with Klan type groups in that area.

Informant advised that he has heard that the Bogue Chitto Klan had recently reorganized, has pulled in members from other Klan groups that have been inactive of late and also may have adopted the 45 year age limit. He advised he has many friends who may be in the Bogue Chitto Unit and feels that in time he will be able to furnish information regarding that Unit, as well as the Enon and Ruth Units.

Informant advised that he is self employed as a carpenter, must work six days per week in order to support his family, and is certain that should he be able to spend one or two days per week contacting individuals he has reason to believe are Klan members he could in a short time (less than one month) determine the identity of all members of the Enon and Ruth Units.

Date received **3-30-65** Received from (name or symbol number) **FOIA(b) (7) - (D)** Received by **SA H. MAX LOUDERMAN**

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Date of Report **3-30-65**
Date(s) of activity _____

Brief description of activity or material
No unusual occurrences around station of LOUIS ANTHONY DI SALVO. JACK REINHARDT, an individual who possibly has visited with DI SALVO at station.

File where original is located if not attached
FOIA(b) (7) - (D)

Remarks:
On 3-4-65 an unsuccessful attempt was made to locate informant at his place of business.
On 3-24-65 it was determined that informant was on a buying trip in New Orleans and unavailble.

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Waveland, Mississippi
March 30, 1965

Informant advised that he continues to watch the activity at LOUIS ANTHONY DI SALVO's Service Station, but since the last time he was contacted nothing of a suspicious nature has happened. He has noticed no strangers frequenting the establishment nor has DI SALVO been away from his business any more than usual. He does not recall seeing anyone in a late model black automobile at the station.

He cannot be sure, but he believes that JACK REINHARDT is an individual he has seen at DI SALVO's station who drives a 1960 Ford convertible, blue in color.

On the week end of March 20/21, 1965, he does not recall seeing DI SALVO at the station, however, this is not unusual, as sometimes he opens up on the week ends and sometimes he does not. He does recall seeing DI SALVO's boy at the station.

From his inquiries he has learned that there is an individual named DECKMAN who is from New Orleans. What DECKMAN's association is with DI SALVO he does not know.

Informant advised that he would continue to be alert to the people who frequent DI SALVO's place of business and will also attempt to find out something about JACK REINHARDT.

Date received **4/14/65** Received from (name or symbol number) **FOIA(b) (7) - (D)** Received by **SA ROY L. BURNS & JOHN H. PROCTOR, JR.**

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Date of Report **4/14/65**
Date(s) of activity **April 1965**

Brief description of activity or material
Information re compliance with equal opportunity employment at Forest Industries, Forest, Miss. Church burning at Sanhill, N.E. Rankin Co., 4/12/65.

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Remarks:

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- 1 - 157-2924
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- 1 - 157-64
- 1 - 157-55

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UNSUB; BURNING OF PISGAH MISSIONARY
BAPTIST CHURCH 4/12/65

I have received information that the above church was burned. It is my opinion, after having talked with several individuals who should be familiar with the incident, that this church was burned by either negroes or those individuals attempting to push the civil rights movement in Rankin County. The reason for this conclusion is based on the fact that for some time now the Pisgah Church has had a diminishing number of members and supporters. In addition, it was an old church and very run down in condition. For some time now the civil rights workers in that area, including two white girls who have been living with negroes, have been unsuccessful in attempting to create any type of incidents or receive any type of publicity. Without incidents which will obtain publicity for them they are unable to obtain the sympathy and backing from several of the local citizens, both colored and white. As a result they probably decided to create their own incident in an attempt to solicit this sympathy. I am certain that it was not burned by Klansmen because, for one reason, no Klansman would be careless enough to leave a five gallon can or bottle at the scene of a burning. Further, I have not received any information through the Klan concerning the burning and feel that I would have by now had the Klan been responsible for the burning.

COMPLIANCE WITH EQUAL OPPORTUNITY
EMPLOYMENT LAW AT FOREST INDUSTRIES, FOREST, MISS.

I have not heard anything pertaining to the distribution of Klan-type or anti-equal opportunity literature at the Forest Industries and am certain that such distribution was not performed by any members of the Scott County Klavern. It is my opinion that this was probably done by members of the Smith County Klavern or possibly the Newton County Klavern. I have also learned that Forest Industries is attempting to comply with this new law through token integration. The negroes who are now working on the production lines have been carefully selected by the key personnel of the plant and promoted to those positions. The selection is made on the basis of promoting negroes who will cooperative, not cause any type of trouble, not push for additional benefits and know their place. The plant has

three basic goals and aims concerning this token integration. First to have a minimum amount of integration; Second, to keep the plant running smoothly; and Third, to comply with the law. Individuals at the plant who are probably formulating this policy are CHARLES PAUL, HENRY MELICHAR, and (FNU) TROUT.

The Scott County Klavern is all in favor of this equal opportunity at employment and is actually pushing it to some degree. I believe their purpose in so doing is to have a hand in the selection of the negroes to be hired or promoted and to insure that these negroes are "compatible" with the white people and one's who "know their place" and will not become "pushy".

NEWTON COUNTY KLAVERN

I have had no contact with any members of the Newton County Klavern. They are never represented at the state meetings and are, for all practical purposes, dormant at the present time.

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4/5/65 FOIA(b) (7) - (D) SA JOHN H. PROCTOR, JR.
SA ROY L. BURNS

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Brief description of activity or material
 Info re Scott Co. Klavern, WKKKKOM, "Minutemen",
 HERBERT B. PATRICK, Kemper Co. Klavern, WKKKKOM,

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- ① - 157-63
- 1 - 157-921 (SCOTT CO.)
- 1 - 157-64 (NEWTON CO.)
- 1 - 157-643 (JOHN SHARP HENRY)
- 1 - 157-2495 (CHARLIE WILLIAMS)
- 1 - 157-2874 (VAAV)
- 1 - 157-2134
- 1 - 157-1644
- 1 - 44-970
- 1 - 87-7
- 1 - 44-1
- 1 - 62-2
- 1 - 62-ROBERT HUNT
- 1 - 62-H.H. or I. H. MATTHEWS

- 1 - 62-HARRY A. SIBLEY
- 1 - 62-MRS. LOUISE D. FROEHLICH
- 1 - 62-ANDREW E. SHIK
- 1 - 62-WARREN W. WILLIAMSON

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HERBERT B. PATRICK

I know of my own personal knowledge that the individual sometimes referred to as PAT PATTEN, is actually HERBERT B. PATRICK. He is employed as a cigarette salesman in Jackson, Mississippi, and was, approximately two weeks ago, interviewed by Special Agents of the FBI. He travels a great deal in connection with his employment and covers Canton, Chrystal Springs, and Morton in addition to other towns around the State of Mississippi.

BURNING OF COFO HOUSE, INDIANOLA, MISS., 3/5/65

I have not been able to learn anything pertaining to the burning of the COFO House in Indianola, Mississippi, on 3/5/65. If it was done by Klansmen, it has been kept real quiet.

SCOTT COUNTY KLAVERN

The Scott County Klavern of the WKKKKOM now has a total membership of 23 members which includes a total of eight members in Sabastapel, Mississippi. There has been no activity on the part of this Klavern since the burning of the crosses and none anticipated in the near future. This Klavern is going along with the Aid to Poverty Program of President Johnson and it will probably assist this program in any way possible.

NEWTON COUNTY KLAVERN

The Newton County Klavern has been dormant for a period of months and they have not been engaged in any sort of activity. I do not know the reason for this but assume it is because of a general lack of interest in Klan activities along with the possible inability of the Klavern to obtain permission for any sort of action.

JOHN SHARP HENRY

I am acquainted with JOHN SHARP HENRY and believe him to be a member of the Newton County Klavern. I'm sure he, like the rest of the Klavern, is not active in any type of Klan activity and feel sure that I would hear something in the event he becomes active.

CHARLIE WILLIAMS

I do not know anyone by the name of CHARLIE WILLIAMS who is a member of the WKKKKOM. I feel that if he is a member and becomes active, I will learn of it soon thereafter.

"MINUTEMEN"

The "MINUTEMEN" Unit of Scott County remains at nine members. It is completely dormant at this time and will probably remain so. This Unit is composed of very influential and prosperous individuals and do not advocate any type of lawlessness unless the current law enforcement organizations break down. The following individuals are not known to me and if they belong to the "MINUTEMEN" organization it is the second group which is composed of the type of individual who would join such right wing organizations as the John Birch Society and similar organizations. By and large they are more radical and more poorly trained than the original units.

ROBERT HUNG
H.H. or I. H. MATTHEWS
HARRY A. SIBLEY
MRS. LOUISE D. FROEHLICH
ANDREW E. SHIK
WARREN W. WILLIAMSON

VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA (VAAV)

I have not been in receipt of any information pertaining to any type of organization being formed to

replace the Klan. Neither have I received any information pertaining to any group being formed which will wear khaki colored uniforms or old Army-type fatigues.

AFO;TGP

I have heard about the FBI Agent who was assaulted in Selma, Alabama, but was not aware that a camera had been stolen at this time.

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SA FRANCIS X. SHORTT

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H. H. HEREDEEN purchased Duplicator machine for Klan literature; machine located at Office of Southern Review. 5000 copies of report answering President's attack on the Klan distributed in JN and Greenwood. Report composed & written by H. H.

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Remarks: HERNDON & CHARLES WILSON. Info concerning BURRIS DUNN, JR., Kleagle of Hinds Co., Mr. and Mrs. ROY CAMPBELL, TOMMY GUNTER, RALPH MITCHELL, FNU GROGAN, FNU MC KAY. Carraway Auto Parts, Terry or Utica, Miss., a source of guns for Klansmen.

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- 1, - 157-54 (Hinds County)
- 1 - 157- (H. H. HEREDEEN)
- 2 - 157- (CHARLES WILSON)
- 1 - 157-1089 (The Southern Review)
- 1 - 157- (BURRIS DUNN, JR.)
- 1 - 157- (ROY CAMPBELL)
- 1 - 157- (TOMMY GUNTER)
- 1 - 157- (KARL SUMMERS)
- 1 - 157- (RALPH MITCHELL)

- 1 - 157- (FNU MC KAY)
- 1 - 157- (APWR - Hinds County)
- 1 - 157- (Owner Carraway Auto Parts)
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- 1 - 157- (WASP, Inc)

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The following described papers were made available by source and are to be placed in his file. It is recommended that these papers remain in informant's file as to protect his identity as items numbered 1, 5, 7, 8, and 9 were exclusively in possession of source.

1. Notes written by ELMORE D. GREAVES for MEREDITH W. TATUM entitled "Prospectus For A Book To Be Entitled, 'The Long Hot Summer'".
2. Manual for Recruiters of WKKKK.
3. Papers prepared by WASP, Inc.
4. Application form for the WKKKKOM.
5. Uniform Quarterly Report on a Klavern level for WKKKK.
6. Initiation Ceremony of the WKKKKOM.
7. Prospectus for the "Southern Review".
8. First copies of "The Southern Review", 9/1 and 9/15/64.
9. A commission with the Seal of the Imperial Wizard given to informant personally by SAM BOWERS with instruction to deliver it to person whose name appears on the commission.

4/8/65

REPORT TO PRESIDENT'S ATTACK ON THE KLAN

H. H. HEREDEEN ordered and paid for a Speed A Print Duplicator valued at \$159.00 for getting out Klan literature. It is a portable unit and can easily be transported by car.

Five thousand copies of a report or letter answering the President's verbal attack on the Klan were distributed in the Jackson area and also in Greenwood. This report was composed and written by H. H. HEREDEEN who lives on Jiggets Road in Jackson and CHARLES WILSON who is employed at the VA Center in Jackson. Copies were distributed in Jackson Tuesday night, April 6th. The copies were run off in the Office of "The Southern Review."

INFORMATION CONCERNING KLAN MEMBERS IN THE JACKSON AREA

BURRIS DUNN, JR., a Kleagle (Recruiter) for Hinds County and an active member of the South Jackson Klavern, lives on Plummer Circle off Raymond Road, outside the City Limits of Jackson. His father, BURRIS DUNN, SR., lives on Raymond Road and, though he is not an active member of the Klan, he is aware of Klan activities and several State Meetings have been held on property he rents off Raymond Road about one mile west of the Log Cabin Store. Mr. DUNN, SR., owns Dunn Printing Company, 214 South State Street in Jackson.

ROY CAMPBELL, owner of Bullard Hill Shell Service Station, is a Klan member and an Indian, who is employed by CAMPBELL at the service station, is also an active member. Mrs. ROY CAMPBELL does extensive typing work for the Klan, "The Southern Review" - a Klan paper, and for the John Birch Society. She is considered an employee of "The Southern Review."

Mrs. H. H. HEREDEEN also does work for "The Southern Review".

TOMMY GUNTER, owner of Capitol Blueprint and Supply Company, E. Pearl Street, recently made an application for a loan from the Small Business Administration, which is located in the Federal Building on Capitol Street. GUNTER has seven employees at Capitol, two of whom are active Klan members; KARL SUMMERS and a male employee who walks with a limp.

RALPH MITCHELL is in the Klan. He operates a grocery store on Raymond Road in Forest Hill and belongs to the "Forest Hill Klan", an unchartered unit comprised of 23 members.

H. H. HEREDEEN is currently in charge of the South Jackson Klavern. He recently approached JOHN MC GREGOR, former Exalted Cyclops, and asked MC GREGOR if he would take over the Klavern again and MC GREGOR agreed to do so.

FNU MC KAY, who is employed by the Bus Company in Jackson, is a member of the Klan. He works for the same company as W. L. BARRETT.

FNU GROGAN, owner of Grogan Seat Covers, Raymond Road, is an officer of the APWR and meetings are held at his place of business. He is possibly a Klan member.

MISCELLANEOUS

Carraway Auto Parts of Terry or Utica, Mississippi, is a source of guns for Klan members. CARRAWAY has had a large supply of British made, bolt action rifles, believed to be 03's.

DE QUINCY SUTTON, whereabouts unknown, believed to be from outside the State of Mississippi, has been a Kleagle At Large for Hinds County.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Jackson, Mississippi

April 21, 1965

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
OF MISSISSIPPI - STATE CABINET MEETING
SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 25, 1965

On April 17, 1965, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Sam Bowers, the Imperial Wizard of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi (WKKKKOM), was in Meridian, Mississippi, on April 16, 1965, for a short time. Bowers contacted his Province Titan, Delmar Dennis, and advised him of a state meeting of the WKKKKOM scheduled for April 25, 1965. Source stated that Dennis advised Bowers that he could not attend this meeting due to a previous commitment. However, Dennis recommended that Wayne Roberts, a defendant in the murder of the three Civil Rights workers in Neshoba County, Mississippi, on June 21, 1964, be designated as the representative from the Meridian area. Bowers agreed to this. Bowers then related that he would telephone Roberts at 6:00 a.m. on the 23rd of April, 1965, using the name "Bill Smith" and arrange to meet with Roberts. At this meeting Bowers will then relate to Roberts where the state klan meeting will be held.

Source related that Dennis then contacted Roberts and relayed to him Bowers' message. Roberts was pleased to be chosen to attend the state meeting and remarked that prior to this selection he had always considered himself a "private or follower" but now he "likes being trusted and depended upon".

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AIR MAIL

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

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

Enclosed for the Bureau are an original and 8 copies
of an LHM captioned "WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN OF
MISSISSIPPI - STATE CABINET MEETING SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 25,
1965".

The confidential source mentioned is

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AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, JACKSON(157-2366) (P)

WHITE CHRISTIANS PROTECTIVE
AND LEGAL DEFENSE FUND
RM(KLAN)

Re Bureau airtel to Jackson, 3-26-65.

Enclosed for the Bureau are an original and 8 copies of an LHM captioned "WHITE CHRISTIANS PROTECTIVE AND LEGAL DEFENSE FUND", which was formed by the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi(WKKKKOM) as a fund raising endeavor.

The confidential source referred to is

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

WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KLU
KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI
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Remyairtel 4/8/65 reflecting [redacted] FOIA(b) (7) - (D)
Jackson, Miss., had identified DONALD EUGENE SPARKS, Tulsa, Oklahoma, PD # 38224, as being identical to "TWO JUMPS" and Oklahoma City airtel dated 3/29/65 indicating SPARKS was confined to the Oklahoma State Pen at McAlester, Oklahoma.

In view of this identification and information set out in referenced Oklahoma City airtel regarding the possibility that SPARKS is known as "TWO JUMPS", it would appear that SPARKS is quite likely the person referred to as "TWO JUMPS" who had allegedly been contacted by the Ku Klux Klan and had agreed to kill MARTIN LUTHER KING at Jackson, Miss.

Investigation at the Tarrymore Motel in Jackson failed to disclose a registration that could be identified as being that of SPARKS.

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In view of Oklahoma City airtel indicating the background information in the case involving JOHN GIBSON DILLON does not substantiate the allegation that DILLON was killed in Mississippi, no further investigation is contemplated re this phase

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AT MC ALESTER, OKLAHOMA

Will at the Oklahoma State Pen interview DONALD EUGENE SPARKS regarding the allegation he was contacted by the Ku Klux Klan and agreed to kill MARTIN LUTHER KING at Jackson, Miss.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Jackson, Mississippi
April 22, 1965

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

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on April 21, 1965, that he had been in contact with Lee Roberts, a brother of Alton Wayne Roberts, who is a defendant in the civil rights slaying case at Philadelphia, Mississippi, June 21, 1964. Source advised that Lee Roberts had told him that his brother, Raymond Roberts, was in Meridian for two or three days and Raymond Roberts wanted to solicit klansmen from the Meridian, Mississippi area to march on behalf of Lester Maddox, Sunday, April 25, 1965, in Atlanta, Georgia. Raymond Roberts wants an advertisement in the "Meridian Star" newspaper on April 22 and 23, 1965, which advertisement would be for the purpose of soliciting volunteers to go to Atlanta, Georgia to participate in the march on behalf of Maddox. Lee Roberts told source that he was going to handle the advertisement; however, he wants to be reimbursed for the cost of the advertisement by the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi in the Meridian area.

Lee Roberts related to source that his brother, Raymond Roberts, was leaving Meridian, April 23, 1965, to return to Macon, Georgia, where he is employed as a salesman in a men's clothing store in that city.

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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)**

ReJNairtel to Director 3/29/65.

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 from Jackson informant "DUKE." Also enclosed for the Atlanta Office are two copies of above-described LHM.

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

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UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)
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ReJNairtel 4-15-65 entitled "Miburn."

Immediately submit in disseminable form under the title of appropriate Klan organization pertinent Klan information contained in reairtel. If already submitted, advise date and caption of communication.

You are reminded of your continuing responsibility to provide pertinent information concerning Klan activities in disseminable form under the title of the Klan organization involved.

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Informant was paid \$50.00.

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- 1 - 157- (LAWRENCE MC KINLEY)
- 1 - 157-2549 (BILLY HENDERSON)

- 1 - 157-2556 (ELVIN HENDERSON)
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Taylorsville, Mississippi
April 9, 1965

Informant states that several members of the Raleigh, Mississippi, Unit of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi (WKKKKOM) have been talking with him about starting the meetings in the near future. There have been no definite plans about any meetings, however, it might be that if meetings at Raleigh, Mississippi, are not resumed "splinter" groups might start to meet over the county.

He related that on Sunday 4/4/65, BILLY HENDERSON and ELVIN HENDERSON, acting for ELTON CRAFT, Center Ridge, Mississippi, had contacted him and wanted to know if any meetings could be arranged in the near future. They were told that no meetings were planned. One or both remarked that CRAFT might want to start a group meeting in the Center Ridge Community if the Raleigh Unit did not start meeting soon.

Informant states that BURT MC DANIEL told him recently that SAM BOWERS, Imperial Wizard, WKKKKOM, came to his home on Sunday, 3/28/65, and wanted MC DANIEL to call a meeting of the Raleigh Unit in an effort to start things up. MC DANIEL states he told BOWERS he was through with the Klan and did not want anything else to do with it.

Informant was at HAROLD PHIPPS Cafe, on Monday 4/5/65, and heard LAWRENCE MC KINLEY, who is employed by the REA, Taylorsville, Mississippi, talking with PHIPPS. PHIPPS remarked "The project did not go off Saturday night" and MC KINLEY stated "No, but they will know about it in the morning". Informant feels that this conversation deals with the crosses that were burned on Monday night north of Taylorsville. He will attempt to get additional information about this incident.

He stated that PHIPPS is all time trying to get something going but when the time comes for the "activity" he is always busy and does not have time to take part. He is considered as a big blow hard.

UREE GARNER

Informant has talked with UREE GARNER and GARNER tells him that he is through with the Klan and does not want anything else to do with the Klan or its activity.

TILLMAN MYERS

He states that TILLMAN MYERS got scared when the FBI talked with him and has stated that he will not have any further association with the Klan. It is understood that when MYERS is at home and a strange car comes to his house he will go out the back door and if he is outside he will go in the barn or some place out of sight until he can determine the identity of the caller.

R. E. "COON" JONES

Informant states he has talked with JONES within the past two or three weeks about the Klan and the fact that if they continue to meet there should be no violence, such as shooting into houses and the burning of houses. JONES has told him that they are not meeting at Taylorsville, Miss., and have not met for some time.

He explained that it is his belief that several members of the Taylorsville Klavern have split off and are holding their own meetings. JONES mentioned that possibly the MC KINLEY boys and the STRINGER boys may be active in this new unit.

Informant states JONES has promised to check into the situation and will advise of any information. It is expected that when the Taylorsville group starts meeting in the future he, informant, will be invited to some of the meetings.

He said that he would be in Laurel in the near future and would talk with SAM BOWERS about the new meetings and maybe the State Meeting. He indicated that if he got a chance he would accept a place on the State Committee.

Informant furnished a list of 99 names of persons that have and are members of the Raleigh Unit of the WKKKKOM:

H. B. ASHLEY
MARCELL ARENDER
HOLTON AUSTIN
VARDAMAN AUSTIN
VEL BLAKENEY
AUDIE BLAKENEY
CHARLES BISHOP
OBIE BRYANT
KENNON BRYANT
WAYNE BRYANT
JACK BOYKIN
W. HUGH BAILEY
CECIL BAILEY
MELTON BARRETT
SAM BOWENS
J. C. BOWENS
DAN BOONE
EARL CANTERBURY
ELTON CRAFT
BILLY CRAFT
BILLY RAY CRAFT
JUDE CRAFT
FRANK COKER
DURL CRAFT
LARRY CURRIE
HARVEY DELK
MORRIS DAVIS
GROVER GARNER
O. W. GARNER
UREE GARNER
MAX GRANT
WOODROW GRANT
JAMES HENDERSON
OBIE HENDERSON
BILLY R. HENDERSON
ELVIN HENDERSON
LARRY HUDSON
KENDALL HANCOCK
HENRY HESTER

BILL HEGWOOD
HAROLD HUSBANDS
REVIS HAWKINS
PAUL B. JOHNSON
J. T. JOHNSON
PAT JONES
JESSIE JAMES
ROBERT KELLY
DALLAS LITTLE
BERT MC DANIEL
HOOKER MARTIN
PERCY MARTIN
BUCK MARTIN
FRED (PEALIE) MARTIN
CECIL MARTIN
ROBERT WAYNE MARTIN
HALL MARTIN
SAM MIDDLETON
G. L. MIDDLETON
DEWIN MC DONALD
BUFORD MIMS
TILLMAN MYERS
ALLEN MC ALPIN
HARRY MADDOX
CHARLES NICHOLS
W. C. OVERBY
DOUB OWENS
HAROLD PHIPPS
VIC PURVIS
HOWARD PURVIS
SLATER ROBINSON
BAXTER ROBINSON
MELVIN ROBINSON
BOBBY ROGERS
JASPER SMITH
BILLY WAYNE SIMS
OLYER STRINGER
ERVIN SISTRUNK
R. C. SULLIVAN

JACK SULLIVAN
ANDREW SULLIVAN
W. L. SYKES
HERBERT THOMPSON
EUEL TULLOS
J. L. TULLOS
GLENN TULLOS
MARCUS THOMPSON
WALTER TADLOCK
PAUL THOMPSON
SLIM VINSON
WOODROW WEATHERSBY
WOODROW WARE
J. B. WARE
WALTER WESTMORLAND
ROYCE WELBORN
(WELBURN)
JAMES (TOT) WELBURN
VOYD WALTERS
BURFORD YELVERTON
TRAVIS YELVERTON
ELMER DICKERSON

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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

DATE: 4/21/65

FROM : SA WILLIAM F. DUKES

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

AT NATCHEZ, MISSISSIPPI

[FOIA(b)(7) - (D)] was interviewed by SAS WILLIAM F. DUKES and EDGAR C. FORTEN BERRY on 4/21/65 at his residence located [FOIA(b)(7) - (D)]. [FOIA(b)(7) - (D)] In view of [FOIA(b)(7) - (D)] status as a Subject in the matter captioned [FOIA(b)(7) - (D)]

[FOIA(b)(7) - (D)] was advised by SA DUKES at the outset of the interview of the identity of the Agents, of the fact that he did not have to make any statement, that any statement he made might be used against him in a Court of Law, and that he had a right to talk to an attorney or anyone else prior to making a statement. This interview was primarily for the purpose of developing any information [FOIA(b)(7) - (D)] may have re the murders in the matter captioned JAMES FORD SEALE, etal; HENRY HEZEKIAH DEE, etal - VICTIMS, JN File 62-5.

[FOIA(b)(7) - (D)] advised he had heard about SA DUKES from Investigator REX ARMISTEAD, MHSP, who informed him that SA DUKES could be trusted not to "trick" him; accordingly, [FOIA(b)(7) - (D)] stated he would agreeable to talking with SA DUKES although he believed REX ARMISTEAD had "put him in a trap" on another matter, and that he accordingly did not want to have anything further to do with ARMISTEAD.

[FOIA(b)(7) - (D)] advised he was sworn into the SLIGO unit of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi (WKKKKOM) at Natchez about 9/15/64, and that he is presently [FOIA(b)(7) - (D)]. He advised this unit currently has 12 or 15 members, and meets on an irregular basis each month, although the unit is generally inactive. He stated that at the time he joined, JOE NOSSER and GEORGE NOSSER, sons of Natchez Mayor NOSSER also joined this unit. He advised that JACK SEALE, ERNEST PARKER, J.L. "BIG MAC" MC KINNEY, and MARVIN MC KINNEY were all in the Sligo group at one time, but that JACK SEALE and ERNEST PARKER broke off and are members now of the United Klans of America (UAK), which [FOIA(b)(7) - (D)] advised is the most powerful Klan group in Adams and Franklin Counties at the present time, and is growing stronger all the time.

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- 1: 157-574 (Adams County)
- 1: 157-569 (Franklin County)
- 1: 157-MYRON WAY NE SEALE
- 1: 157-ERNEST PARKER
- 1: 157-J. L. MC KINNEY
- 1: 157-MARVIN MC KINNEY
- 1: 157-ODELL ANDERS, Sheriff of Adams County, Mississippi
- 1: 80-Adams County, Mississippi Sheriff's Office
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[redacted] advised that ERNEST PARKER at one time was Exalted Cyclops of the Clover Hill Unit of the United Klan, and JACK SEALE was Investigator of this Unit.

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

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

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

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

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

[redacted] advised that he [redacted]

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

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

The following description of [redacted] was obtained from interrogation and observation:

NAME:
Race:
Sex:
Birth Data:
Residence:

[redacted] FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

White
Male

[redacted] FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

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

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

[redacted] FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

Build:
Scars & Marks:

Stocky
Noticable cut scar right cheek at corner of mouth.

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

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

[redacted] general personal appearance and the appearance of his residence indicates that he is in extremely poor financial condition, and he thus should be susceptible to monetary remuneration. He was extremely nervous during this interview, and good judgment dictated the advisability of making very little effort to take notes; accordingly, only sketchy notes were taken pending additional efforts to develop [redacted] confidence. [redacted] advised he would under any circumstances testify to the information furnished by him concerning the Klan, and that out of fear for his life and those of his wife and children, he would deny he ever furnished such information if subpoenaed.

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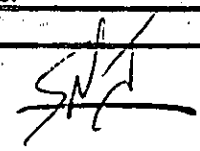
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"March 25, '65
Meridian, Miss.

"There is being formed in Meridian, Mississippi a unit of the United Klan. This will be a unit of the United Klan of Tuscaloosa, Alabama. This came about through the combined efforts of Carol Smith of 1516-49th Ave., Meridian and James Baker of 4404 Kings Road, also Meridian.

"Around November 1964, both Smith and Baker wrote a letter to the United Klan in Alabama. Smith wrote to United Klan in Birmingham and Baker wrote directly to Robert Shelton, Imperial Wizard, United Klan in Tuscaloosa. A few days later, Baker wrote a second letter to Shelton. Neither Baker nor Smith ever received any acknowledgement of these letters until Thursday night 3/18/65. At around 7:30 pm on 3/18/65 two men came to Baker's residence on King's Road in Meridian. One of these individuals stated he was Mr. Hansford, a former Deputy Sheriff from Tuscaloosa, and the other, a Mr. Pate, a used car dealer from Tuscaloosa. They inquired if this was the residence of Mr. James Baker. They then said, "We have two letters from you, sent to Mr. Shelton". They showed Baker the letters he had previously sent to Robert Shelton. They advised Baker that they were here in Meridian to help organized a unit of the United Klan of Tuscaloosa, Ala. They wanted to gain membership in Meridian of about 500 persons and have a temple in Meridian for Lauderdale and surrounding counties. The Temple would be the meeting place for meetings twice monthly. They advised Baker that they did not want any "fanatics" or "rum-heads" in this group, but instead, desired "level-headed" people who knew how and where to apply pressure at exactly the right time. The dues would be \$12.00 per year, payable in advance, and \$25.00 initial unit fee. They desired 16 new members to get a unit started. The unit would have; an Action Committee, Investigative Committee, Sec-Treasurer, and be headed by an E.C. These two people wanted Baker to have 16 new members available by Friday night 3/26/65 in order that someone could return to Meridian, from the United Klan of Tuscaloosa and organize this unit on 3/26/65.

"Baker told these individuals that he needed some help if he was to get 17 interested people together by 3/26/65. He told them that he had a friend also deeply interested in this movement by the name of Carol Smith, and desired to call him before these two left. Baker then called Smith, at telephone #483-4165, and Mr. Pate talked with Smith.

"According to Pate, Smith was deeply interested in this group, and even though he (Smith) is a Deputy Sheriff, Pate was still interested in having him take part in organizing this group. Mr. Pate indicated he had already checked on Smith, and told him over the telephone that he would be contacting him (Smith) again. They left Baker, after several hours of talking, indicating they would contact him again concerning final details of the organization meeting on 3/26/65. About 30 minutes later they telephoned Baker from the Travel Inn in Meridian and stated they were going to Tavel, Mississippi to spend the night and would call him the next day. Baker wasn't convinced that these men were from the United Klan in Tuscaloosa or that they were sent by Robert Shelton, the Imperial Wizard. So he asked Smith to drive to the Travel Inn and get the license number of the car they were driving. They were driving a 1964 black or dark Blue Buick, Electra, with Alabama plate. The number of the plate obtained by Smith was 63-20- and last two digets unknown, but possibly 11. Both men were tall, well dressed, spoke good English, and approximately 40 years of age. Both Baker and Smith, at first, thought these two were F.B.I. Agents, however, Baker advised Smith the next day (Friday 3/19/65) that he had checked with B. L. Akin and telephonically contacted Robert Shelton in Tuscaloosa and had determined that they really were from the United Klan. They telephoned Baker again about 5 pm on Friday 3/19/65 and stated either they or an organizer would be back in Meridian on Friday evening 7:30 pm for an organizational meeting and would contact Baker when they arrive in town.

"Baker told Smith to get 5 new prospects for membership and he (Baker) would get the rest. They decided to hold this meeting at "Mister Carol's University of Hair Fashion," located in the North Hills Shopping Center, Meridian, which business is owned by Carol Smith.

"Baker and Smith met at Baker's residence (a trailer on King's Road, Meridian) sunday afternoon 4 pm 3/21/65 to determine if they could get 16 interested persons together. Smith told Baker that he had asked the following people, all of whom stated they would be present at the forthcoming organizational meeting: L. H. Litchfield, employee of Torch Drive Inn, Hiwy 11 South, Meridian; Cecil King, a painter, whose's wife works at Grant's lunch counter, Broadmoor Shopping Center, Meridian; and FNU White, the Garden Shop manager of Grant's Dept. Store, in Broadmoor Shopping Center in Meridian. Smith had wanted to ask Roy Buford, a police officer, but Baker said no because they did not want police officers connected with this group. Prior to this meeting on Sunday afternoon Baker had talked at length, telephonically, with Robert Shelton, the Imperial Wizard of United Klan of Tuscaloosa and was convinced that Shelton was deeply interested in forming this unit in Meridian. The general feeling of both Baker and Smith was that even though this unit of the United Klan would operate, on the face, openly it would have its members remain secret and would have an Action Committee to handle all violence and undercover works. Baker has nine men (one is his nephew) interested in attending the organizational meeting on 3/26/65. Baker had learned from B. L. Akin and the men from Tuscaloosa that the following individuals are secret paid up members of the United Klan: Capt. W. A. Haag, Meridian P.D.; Bill Miller, Meridian P.D.; Scott Bailey, a wealthy Meridian businessman about 50 years of age; A. C. LNU, who is a mechanic for Fred Key at Key Field; and possibly FNU Goings, also an airplane mechanic for Fred Key at Key Field. Fred Key, brother of Al Key, was a paid up member until about two years ago.

"Carol Smith has been talking with B. L. Akin and B. C. Lide about local politics. Lide intends to get into local politics within the next couple months.

"Carol Smith, mentioned above, is owner and operator of "Mr. Carol"s" Beauty Salon in Meridian and resides 1516-49th Ave. James Baker is a disable_ veteran, unemployed, and resides in a trailor at 4404 Kings Road in Meridian.

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- 1 - 157-1106 (WAYNE ROBERTS)
- 1 - 157-1124 (LEE ROBERTS)
- 1 - 157-1052 (B. L. AKIN)
- 1 - 157-1104 (FRANK HERNDON)
- 1 - 157-2425 (RALPH ANDERSON)
- 1 - 157-1374 (AUSTIN MC CARY)
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CLARENCE DEARMAN

On April 5, 1965, source advised that he had learned that CLARENCE DEARMAN was now residing at the Motor Court Motel at 8th Street and 49th Avenue, Meridian, Mississippi, in Room #22.

E. L. MC DANIEL'S PROPOSED VISIT TO MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI

On 4/5/65, source advised that E. L. MC DANIEL was suppose to appear in Meridian, Mississippi, for a meeting with members of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (WKKKKOM) on Saturday night, April 3, 1965, however, MC DANIEL had gotten in touch with W. S. TORRANCE at Natchez, Mississippi, on Tuesday, March 30, 1965, and had advised TORRANCE to have that meeting called off and postponed until Saturday night, April 10, 1965.

WAYNE ROBERTS

Source advised on April 5, 1965, that he had been in contact with LEE ROBERTS and LEE ROBERTS had advised that his brother, WAYNE, was going to stay away from all Klan activity until his case involving the slaying of the Civil Rights Workers was disposed of.

B. L. AKIN

Source related on 4/5/65, that he had been in recent conversation with B. L. AKIN and that AKIN mentioned to source that he had heard that there was a "leak" in Philadelphia, Miss. Source stated that AKIN did not mention the identity of the "leak" and that matter was not mentioned further.

FRANK HERNDON

Source advised on 4/7/65, that FRANK HERNDON was in Meridian, Mississippi, on 4/6/65. HERNDON said that he is now manageing Sharp's Truck Stop, located on Highway 90 at Gautier,

Mississippi. HERNDON said his mailing address is Star Route, Box 21, Gautier, Mississippi.

HERNDON commented to source that some person, or persons, from Life Magazine had been trying to get in touch with him. HERNDON said he mentioned this fact to his attorney, MIKE WATKINS, and WATKINS told him that if he was again contacted by representatives from that magazine, for HERNDON to tell such persons to contact his attorney.

HERNDON told source that WATKINS was planning to go to Washington, D. C. in the near future in connection with the charges against HERNDON as concerns the Civil Rights Slayings case.

HERNDON related to source that he knows a man in the Pascagoula, Mississippi, area who can get dynamite if same should be needed by source. HERNDON said if source should visit him then he will introduce source to the man who can get the dynamite.

HERNDON commented that the FBI had been to visit a (FNU) WILKERSON in Meridian, Miss., and had talked to WILKERSON concerning his efforts in connection with a raffle of a TV set, which raffle was for the purpose of raising funds for the Meridian defendants in the Civil Rights Slaying case.

HERNDON commented to source that he had placed about 150 of the raffle tickets in the hands of individuals in the Meridian area to sell in connection with the raffling of that TV set. HERNDON related that he has about 500 more of such tickets to give out.

HERNDON also commented to source in a bragging manner that an FBI Agent somewhere near Gautier, Mississippi, had gotten whipped by a Klansman whose identity he did not mention and that the FBI Agent had gotten a good beating.

RALPH ANDERSON

Source advised on April 7, 1965, that RALPH ANDERSON, a member of the WKKKKOM, and a member of W. S. TORRANCE's Unit in Meridian, Mississippi, was employed at Joyner's Garage, at Collinsville, Mississippi, and that this garage was located across the road from an old abandoned school house in Collinsville, Mississippi.

E. L. MC DANIEL'S MEETING TO OBLIGATE WKKKKOM MEMBERS INTO UNITED KLAN

On April 12, 1965, source related the following information: On Saturday, April 10, 1965, W. S. TORRANCE came by source's home and told source that E. L. MC DANIEL would be in town Saturday night, April 10, 1965, and a group of members of the WKKKKOM would get together and join the United Klans of America. Later that same evening W. S. TORRANCE picked up source and at the time W. S. TORRANCE had one AUSTIN MC CARY in the car with him. TORRANCE, MC CARY and source then went to Holiday Inn #2 in Meridian, Mississippi, where they met E. L. MC DANIEL in Room 731 of that motel. Shortly after arriving at that motel, W. S. TORRANCE instructed the source to go to the Lamp Post Cafe in Meridian, Mississippi, and meet other men who were going to join the United Klans of America. Source went to that cafe and waited for about 45 minutes, during which time no other Klan members appeared at that place. Then CECIL KILLEN, from Suquelena, Mississippi, drove up in his car. KILLEN stated that he had gotten mixed up with other men from his group and he was the only man coming from his group. KILLEN then followed the source and MC CARY in KILLEN's 1964 blue and white Oldsmobile, and all drove to Room 731 of the Holiday Inn #2. When this group arrived at the motel, TOMMY HORNE, W. S. TORRANCE, E. L. MC DANIEL and MC DANIEL's secretary were there at that room. TOMMY HORNE commented that he had already been obligated into the United Klans and stated that Preacher DELMAR DENNIS had been at the motel but had left because of some problem with his church. About twenty minutes later Preacher DENNIS came back. The whole group then discussed the United Klan and said that they were going strictly by the constitution and that the Exalted Cyclops would run the

Lauderdale County. The Exalted Cyclops were to answer only to MC DANIEL, who in turn would answer to ROBERT SHELTON in Alabama.

The source, W. S. TORRANCE, AUSTIN MC CARY and CECIL KILLEN then stood up and were sworn into the United Klans of America by E. L. MC DANIEL. The group picked W. S. TORRANCE as the Exalted Cyclops after he was nominated for that position by TOMMY HORNE. E. L. MC DANIEL commented that he would rather not have Preacher DENNIS as the Exalted Cyclops because of other reasons. E. L. MC DANIEL read the charter for Lauderdale County #720.

It was decided at that meeting and instructions were issued by E. L. MC DANIEL for W. S. TORRANCE and Preacher DELMAR DENNIS to contact the WKKKKOM Unit Heads and let them bring their men who they wanted to have obligated into the United Klans of America. W. S. TORRANCE was designated as the Exalted Cyclops of all Klan meetings in the county and Preacher DELMAR DENNIS was designated to be the Exalted Cyclops of the Underground Group or "Terrorists Group".

At the meeting W. S. TORRANCE asked source if he could get a place for ROBERT SHELTON to come to Meridian, Mississippi, to speak. The source suggested Buck Walter Stadium in Meridian, Mississippi, and W. S. TORRANCE liked the idea.

E. L. MC DANIEL asked source if he could arrange for some hooded men from out of the county to come to Meridian, Mississippi, and walk down the downtown streets and distribute handbills. E. L. MC DANIEL said if this could not be arranged then he would do this anyway. MC DANIEL said that he wants a letter from source sometime during the week of April 12, 1965, as to what arrangements have been made for this distribution of handbills by hooded Klansmen. MC DANIEL related that the hooded men from out of the county would come to Meridian unarmed and for the source to arrange to have Klansmen on the streets of Meridian to protect the hooded men in case they are attacked.

W. S. TORRANCE commented to source that in connection with the United Klans, he wanted to publish a pamphlet and

have the pamphlet distributed on the streets of Meridian, Miss., once each week. TORRANCE suggested that the group attempt to raise funds for the purchase of a Memograph machine for that purpose.

LEE ROBERTS

Source told LEE ROBERTS, a Patrolman on the Meridian, Mississippi, Police Department, of the fact that he had joined the United Klans of America and about the plans to purchase a Memograph machine to be used in the printing of a pamphlet and ROBERTS suggested that he and source could go to Mobile, Alabama, and purchase that machine. ROBERTS related that in this way such a machine could not be traced in the Meridian area.

LEE ROBERTS wants the source to obligate him into the United Klans of America as a secret member in order that ROBERTS' superiors in the Meridian, Mississippi, Police Department would not know of his obligation into the United Klans.

ED FRASIER

Source advised on April 12, 1965, that ED FRASIER, who is running for City Council in a future election, had called the source recently and wanted the source to help him politic for the job of City Council.

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BERNARD L. AKIN

Recently it was learned that B. L. AKIN, owner and operator of Akin's Mobile Homes, Tom Bailey Drive, Meridian, Mississippi, is attempting to eliminate all competition in the house trailer business in Meridian. He is especially concentrating his efforts against CURTIS SAXTON, owner and operator of Saxton's Trailer Sales, Meridian. AKIN is attempting to drive SAXTON out of business since SAXTON employs JAMES "HOPPER" THOMAS, Meridian City Councilman. THOMAS has been quite outspoken as an integrationist and endorsed the Democratic Presidential nominees during November, 1965.

AKIN is a close friend of BILLY BIRDSONG, owner and operator of the Valley Motel, and has hired JIMMY SMITH, who operates a night patrol service, to conduct investigations for him. Both BIRDSONG and AKIN have told SMITH that C. WALLACE MILLER, Meridian Police Officer, threatened the life of SMITH and was considering dynamiting SMITH's radio tower, which is located at his home. SMITH believes BIRDSONG and AKIN and has attempted to get MILLER fired from the police department

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as well as dismissed from the Masons, King Solomon's Lodge,
in Meridian.

BILLY BIRDSONG

Recently I learned that BILLY BIRDSONG was beaten
by three hooded men. It was not known the purpose of this
meeting, however, it is the general consensus of opinion that
BIRDSONG was beaten because he had talked to the Mississippi
Highway Safety Patrol (MHSP) regarding his former Klan activities.
BIRDSONG, since his beating, has remained very close to his
motel and it is reported that he does not venture outside after
dark. To my knowledge, BIRDSONG is no longer engaged in any
Klan activities, either White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan or
the United Klans of America.

About a week ago I spoke with DEXTER TORRANCE, a
known member of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of
Meridian, Mississippi, who advised me that BIRDSONG had been
beaten and that the beating had been done by local Klansmen.
It is believed that BIRDSONG is too frightened to talk at
the present time regarding either his beating or his activities
in the Ku Klux Klan.

On 4/10/65, the Meridian Police Department received a telephone call from BIRDSONG's sister, who resides at 5901 5th Street. BIRDSONG's sister, Mrs. DEARMAN, reported that someone had shot into her house, and that she was requesting this shooting be investigated. It was later learned that Mrs. DEARMAN had heard two shots and that investigation disclosed what appeared to be a small bullet hole in her mailbox, which was located in front of her home.

BERNARD C. LIDE

I recall that sometime during the early part of the Spring of 1964, BERNARD C. LIDE told me that he was a member of the WKKKKOM in Pelahatchie, Mississippi. He stated that he had four or five men in Meridian which he planned to take to Pelahatchie with him to join the Klan. LIDE stated that he did not know that there was a Klan in Meridian. When advised that a Klan had been organized in Meridian, LIDE stated that he would bring his men to the next meeting. I recall that LIDE attended the next meeting which was held at the Salvage House, which is owned and operated by AL GENE PRICE and located at Key Field, Meridian, Mississippi. B. C. LIDE was most active in the Klan and attended numerous meetings.

ALTON WAYNE ROBERTS AND LEE ROBERTS

LEE ROBERTS, a patrolman on the Meridian Police Department, has been taking an excessive amount of sick leave recently. ROBERTS appears to be very nervous and has requested that he be taken off of his regular shift and put on the second shift. It is not known the source of ROBERTS' difficulty.

ALTON WAYNE ROBERTS is still unemployed and has been seen in the Meridian area at numerous beer joints and pool halls where he has been soliciting contributions to the defense fund. WAYNE ROBERTS blames the Federal Government for the loss of his job at the Miami Window Corporation.

CLARENCE DEARMAN

During the first part of April, 1965, DEARMAN was placed in the Lauderdale County Jail as a result of his becoming intoxicated and beating his wife very badly. Police were called to the DEARMAN home, at which time they were held at bay by DEARMAN who had in his possession a carbine rifle and threatened to shoot the policemen. He was apprehended when a policeman came up from behind him and disarmed him. DEARMAN stated that while he was in jail, none of the Klansmen came by to see him and that he feels that the Klan does not

care for anyone but the higher-ups. DEARMAN was very critical of the Klan and indicated that he did not desire to have any further contact with that organization.

TOMMY HORNE

Recently it was learned that TOMMY HORNE left the Meridian area for a short period of time and was employed in the vicinity of Mobile, Alabama. HORNE has since returned to the Meridian area and has been pursuing his occupation as a plumber. Recently HORNE has been most critical of the FBI due to their alleged harassment of him.

DEXTER TORRANCE

Recently I learned that DEXTER TORRANCE may be encountering some trouble with his position at the Flintkote Company, Meridian, since he has been involved quite heavily in Klan activities and also involved in recent altercations, regarding several Negroes. I do not know the details of these altercations.

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Laurel, Mississippi
April 14, 1965

Informant advised that there has not been but one meeting of the West Group (Wolf Pack) Jones County, Mississippi since the first of this year. On 3/15/65, KEITH DYKES, told informant that the meeting for that night had been called off because the law knew about it. On 4/5/65, DYKES told informant that a meeting would be held that night, but informant was unable to attend.

On 3/15/65, DYKES stated that he was through with the Laurel Unit, stating that if they want the negroes to take over that will be alright with us (Wolf Pack) but "don't let them come out in Beat #2 and try it". This is the area around Soso and the Big Creek Communities.

BREWER CURRIE FARM

On 3/5/65, informant advised that (FNU) LEE, the one that drives a GMC Pick-up truck, asked him if he had called Mr. MARTIN about some talk that he, LEE, had been putting out about MARTIN. (MARTIN operates the Martin Motor Company). He told LEE that he has been busy and did not get a chance to call him.

Informant was asked by LEE if he had heard anything about a negro house the other night. He was advised that he had not heard anything about any house. LEE then stated that he was going to get the house if he had to "shoot his way to the house". (Informant thinks he is talking about the CURRIE house)

MARIE'S COFFEE SHOP

Informant states that on 3/12/65, he was in Marie's Coffee Shop, Maple Street and heard C. H. THOMPSON and (FNU) ISHEE, works for National Foods, talking about the negroes in Selma, Alabama. He heard ISHEE state that if some white man from Jones County would go to Selma and kill MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., it would stop the negroes from wanting to go to white cafes and schools. Nothing was mentioned that either had any idea of doing this but wanted someone else to go there.

Informant states that on Wednesday, 3/17/65, he was at Marie's Coffee Shop and was sitting near Dr. BUG (this man operates the Dr. Bug, termite treating service) and BUDDY BEARD, Beard's Feed Store, who were talking very low. They

were discussing the Selma situation and criticizing President JOHNSON for the way he took sides with the negroes in Selma.

Mr. BEARD reportedly made the statement that President JOHNSON "wouldn't live to see Christmas", for the way he did in Alabama. He related that he did not like the way the "S-O-B" of a President gave the State of Alabama a Federal Court order not to stop the march by the Civil Rights workers.

Mr. BUG states that the people did right in not letting the whites and negroes eat together. About this time Mr. BEARD remarked that they should have killed the three white ministers.

Mrs. MARIE came up and joined the conversation and stated "the damn FBI are as sorry as the negroes". Dr. BUG asked her why she said that and she stated that on the day the three negro men and the white women came to the coffee shop to eat two FBI agents sat in a car just outside the place. She stated the place was full and she asked the negroes and white girl to leave. She stated the men in the cafe were mad and could have killed them before they got out of the door.

LAWRENCE BYRD AND (FNU) DUCKWORTH

On 3/17/65 informant observed LAWRENCE BYRD and (FNU) DUCKWORTH both members of the Laurel Klavern at Dick Barnes's Service station late at night. They were asked if it was not late for "two old men" to be out. BYRD remarked that it is not when you are investigating some negro.

BYRD asked informant if he had TOM HINTON (brother of B. F. HINTON, Province Giant) arrested for being drunk recently. He was advised that this had been done and BYRD asked if he knew why TOM's wife left him and when advised that he did not, BYRD related that she had left him because TOM was dating a negro girl. He suggested that if HINTON comes back to the station he should be run off.

Informant states that while TOM HINTON was at the station he made the remark that "PAT EASON" is worse than GRADY CHANCE and B. F. HINTON. Informant understands that CHANCE and B. F. are upset with TOM.

SAM BOWERS

Informant states that he overheard SAM BOWERS talking with PAT EASON at Dick Barrett's Service Station on 3/1. BOWERS was getting some gasoline for his car and told EASON that he did not know that he was being placed on probation; That if he had known about the trial he, BOWERS, could have gotten him off without any time at all. While he was in the car, three, unknown white men drove up in a 1957 or 1958 Plymouth and volunteered to take BOWERS back to his car. These men were gone for about one hour when they brought the car back to the station.

UNSUBS; BURNING OF COFO HOUSE,
LAUREL, MISSISSIPPI

Informant states he overheard GERALD LOGAN, who works for the Grigsby Tool Company, Laurel, Mississippi, state on 4/5/65 that the night before the COFO House burned in Laurel some boys had been caught with about 30 pounds of T-N-T. The next night these same boys "put fire" to the COFO House. This man did not call any names and did not say where the T-N-T was stolen from or who had caught the boys. He did not say how he knew the boys were the ones that burned the COFO house. Informant does not know if LOGAN is a member of the Klan or not. He does not answer any signs but does talk at times like he might be a member. (This information was obtained while informant and LOGAN were setting up with a friend in Quitman, Miss.)

J. P. PARKER

Informant related that J. P. PARKER, Supervisor, Beat #2, Jones County, has been sworn in as a "secret" member of the Wolf Pack. He was sworn in at his home by KEITH DYKES, CLARENCE HOLIFIELD and a (FNU) HINTON, who lives near the Calhoun Community. HINTON drives a 1957 light green over white, Chevrolet, Belair. He keeps all the material used in the initiation ceremony in his car. These papers are kept in a brief case.

VIRGIL TILLOTSON

Informant states he does not know any person by the name of VIRGIL TELLOTSON around Laurel.

JOHN JERRELL PICKERING

Informant states that JOHN JERRELL PICKERING has been very quiet and has not had anything to say about the Klan the last two or three times they have been together.

UNSUB ; Attempt Burning of Mount Pleasant Negro
Baptist Church, Lauderdale Count, Mississippi
3/27/65

UNSUB ; Attempt Burning of Mount Bethel Negro
Church, Meridian, Miss., 3/27/65

Informant states he has no information as to who might have been responsible for the burning of these churches.

Jackson, Mississippi
April 24, 1965

White Knights of The Ku Klux
Klan of Mississippi
Racial Matters

Sam Holloway Bowers, Jr.,
Also Known as Sam Bowers
Racial Matters

Robert Henry Larsen
Information Concerning

On February 21, 1964, JN T-1 reported that on February 15, 1964, a state meeting of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi (WKKKKM) was held at Brookhaven, Mississippi, at which time Sam Bowers, Laurel, Mississippi, was elected to head this organization.

On June 7, 1964, JN T-1 reported that a state meeting of the WKKKKM was held near Raleigh, Mississippi, and Sam Bowers, Imperial Wizard, presided.

On November 7, 1964, JN T-2 advised that he has attended state meetings of the WKKKKM since early March, 1964, and had contacts with Sam Bowers, Imperial Wizard, State of Mississippi.

On September 3, 1964, JN T-3 stated he learned that Sam Bowers, Laurel, Mississippi, was elected Imperial Wizard, WKKKKM, at a state meeting of the WKKKKM at Brookhaven, Mississippi, sometime in February, 1964. Bowers attended other state meetings at Crystal Springs and Raleigh, Mississippi.

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White Nights of the Du River Run of Mississippi

On May 15, 1964, Sam Holloway Bowers, Jr., 820 North Fourth Avenue, was interviewed in connection with the explosion of the "Laurel Leader Call" computer, May 10, 1964. He advised that he is President and Vice President of Samsco Amusement Company and the Mobile Consolidated Realty Company, Incorporated, 820 South Fourth Avenue, Laurel. He related that Robert Harry Larson is secretary-treasurer of the above-mentioned companies.

During this interview it was determined that both Bowers and Larson are neighbors and reside at 616 South Fourth Avenue, and the Samsco Amusement Company is located next door at 820 South Fourth Avenue.

Mr. Bowers advised that during the night May 9-10, 1964, he and Larson were collecting money from vending machines and returned home around 12:30 a.m., May 10, 1964. Bowers denied any knowledge of or connection with the explosion of the "Laurel Leader Call." He also denied any connections with the WILKINSON or having any knowledge of its operations (in addition to the information contained above, several other informants have reported on the activity of Bowers).

On May 15, 1964, Robert Harry Larson, 820 South Fourth Avenue, advised Agents of the FBI that he is secretary-treasurer of the Samsco Amusement Company and the Mobile Consolidated Realty Company, Incorporated, with offices located at his residence.

Mr. Larson explained his activities on May 9-10, 1964 by stating that he and his partner, Sam H. Bowers, made collections from various machines located in the City of Laurel, Mississippi. They left their office around 11 p.m. and returned sometime shortly 12:30 a.m., May 10, 1964.

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He denied any knowledge of or connection with the explosion at the "Laurel Leader Call" on the morning of May 10, 1964. He claims he had no knowledge of the explosion until around noon May 10, 1964.

Mr. Larson states he was in the U.S. Army from November 15, 1942, until June 9, 1946. At the time of interview he held the rank of Captain in the U.S. Army Reserve and has been recommended to the rank of Major. He has Serial Number 61329132.

He denied any association with the KKKKKKK and has never been a member.

On March 15, 1965, Mr. Larson advised that he met Sam Holloway Bowers, Jr., sometime around 1945 while both were attending the University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California. They drifted apart after leaving school and lost contact. He came to Laurel sometime around 1959 and ran into Bowers. At that time Bowers was operating the Samba Amusement Company and was just making ends meet.

Mr. Larson states that Bowers offered to let him in as a business partner, which he accepted, since he had some training in the business world. They have improved the business and now seem to be on the way to making it pay.

Mr. Larson stated he and Bowers have had differences of political opinions (he did not elaborate) in the past but he did not let this interfere with their business relations.

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He informed that he has heard that Bowers was associated with the Klan but he has no information this is true. He related that on frequent occasions, "characters" would come to the door and ask for Bowers. Bowers would talk with these individuals and if he left with them, he would only state "I'll be back in a few minutes." He has no way of knowing if these persons were members of the Klan or not.

Mr. Larson states he has never been asked to join the Klan and would not do so if he was asked, since he has a Majors Commission in the U.S. Army Reserve and has a "top secret" clearance.

A characterization of the ~~WUKEKLAN~~ and the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan are attached hereto.

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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.

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.

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 DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
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White Knights of the Ku Klux
Klan of Mississippi

Character

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Reference

Interview communication dated April 24, 1965,
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AIRMAIL

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

WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX
KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI
RM

SAM HOLLOWAY BOWERS, JR.,
aka, Sam Bowers
RM

ROBERT HARRY LARSON
(Information Concerning)

Enclosed are 8 copies of a LHM regarding
ROBERT HARRY LARSON.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, JACKSON (P)

**WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU
KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI
RM (KLAN)
BUFILE (157-1552)
JN File (157-63)**

**UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.,
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
RM (KLAN)
BUFILE (157-370)
JN File (157-471)**

Re Bureau airtel to Jackson, 4/22/65, captioned as above, and Jackson airtel dated 4/15/65, entitled "Miburn".

Referenced Bureau airtel instructs that pertinent Klan information contained in referenced Jackson airtel be forwarded to the Bureau in form suitable for dissemination.

Information regarding GEORGE H. BIRDSONG, aka Billy Birdsong, and BERNARD L. AKIN was forwarded to the Bureau by letterhead memorandum dated 4/16/65, under the captions "BERNARD L. AKIN; et al; JAMES EARL CHANEY, MICHAEL HENRY SCHWERNER, aka Mickey, ANDREW GOODMAN - Victim, CR - EL, JDA."

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Information concerning E. L. MC DANIELS, Grand Dragon, United Klans of America, Incorporated, was furnished the Bureau by letterhead memorandum dated 4/20/65, entitled "E. L. MC DANIELS, RM (Klan)".

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Date: 4/24/65

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
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TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-63)
FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (157-472) (RUC)

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

Reference Jackson airtel to Director 4/8/65.

[redacted] FOIA(b) (7) - (D) of the Kansas City Office and presently an inmate of the USP, Leavenworth, Kansas, on 4/20/65 advised SA MAX E. RICHARDSON that he had heard inmate LEROY BASIL McMANAMAN frequently refer to one "TWO JUMPS" in discussing his activities and the associates of JOHN GIBSON DILLON, former Top Ten Fugitive. He advised that he would be in contact with McMANAMAN on this date and would determine the identity of "TWO JUMPS."

On 4/21/65, [redacted] advised that "TWO JUMPS" is DON SPARKS, who is now believed to be an inmate of the Oklahoma State Penitentiary. The contact with [redacted] was such that time did not permit a lengthy interview with him, and it was not possible to call him out to the interview room. [redacted] indicated that he was not personally acquainted with SPARKS. He was furnished no information but was only asked if he knew anyone by the name of "TWO JUMPS."

McMANAMAN is inmate USP #81371-L at the Leavenworth, Kansas institution.

JACKSON should advise only if it is desired that [redacted] attempt to obtain additional information regarding SPARKS from McMANAMAN or other USP-L inmates who are known to have been associates of DILLON.

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Contacts with TRAVIS AINSWORTH, Investigator, Hattiesburg, Miss; W. R. MANGIM, Magee, Miss. Results of regular meeting of the Covington County Unit #1, Mt. Olive, Miss.

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Mt. Olive, Mississippi
April 13, 1965

W. R. MANGUM

Informant overheard W. R. MANGUM, Magee, Mississippi make the statement that an FBI Agent had offered him \$1,000.00 to make the names of the names of the Klan members in Covington and Simpson Counties available. MANGUM reportedly told the agent that he did not know nothing about the Klan. The agent reportedly ask MANGUM if he would take a "lie" detector test and MANGUM reportedly replied "I want take anything". The agent told MANGUM that he knew that he had put "jugs" in various places of business in Simpson County and MANGUM denied this also.

MANGUM told informant that there would be a State Meeting before long, possibly within the next two weeks. This conversation was overheard on 4/12/65.

DENSON LOTT

On 4/12/65, DENSON LOTT, told informant that he had learned that a Klavern in Hattiesburg, Mississippi found they had a "plant". They disbanded, reorganized with 25 picked men only to find that out of the 25 they had the same plant.

LOTT also reported that he found the young boys he, LOTT, has in his unit are much better to do jobs since they are not afraid and will do what he says. He informed that he has to be with them so they won't be carless.

SAM BOWERS

Informant states that SAM BOWERS will visit the Covington County Units in the near future.

HUBERT HAUGHTON

On 4/13/65, HUBERT HAUGHTON, was overheard by informant, state that he had talked with a (FNU) LEE, a truck driver for Camp Machines Company, Hattiesburg, Miss. who told him that Mr. (FNU) AINSWORTH had just about ruined the Forrest County, Mississippi Units by stealing all the money taken in by the initiations. AINSWORTH was reportedly caught by the members and SAM BOWERS, Imperial Wizard, came to his defense. The Klavern has not had a meeting since the first of the year. LEE informed that they were having plenty of trouble in Forrest County.

April 13, 1965

"Regular Meeting of Mt. Olive Klavern

HUBERT HAUGHTON, Vice President presiding.
H. E. SULLIVAN, Klokar
SAMMY STEWARD, Secty.
JAY KIMBROUGH, Treasurer
J. W. WHITE, Chaplin
C. W. CHAIN, Investigator.

HUBERT HAUGHTON told the members present (26) the conversation he had with Mr. LEE of Hattiesburg. Mr. LEE calls on Mr. HAUGHTON shop every week. J. O. TILLSON - farm Committee member Covington County, said five negroes were being hired to measure cotton acreage in Covington County. Mr HOLLIS JONES said no negro would measure his acreage or put his foot on his land. Several others seemed disturbed but no rash remarks were made.

Treasurer reported over \$300.00 state money has not been paid in.

Klavern voted to hold it until state meeting for fear it may get in wrong hands. C. W. CHAIN purchased 2 way radio with money donated by Klavern - used set cost \$125.00. Set is very powerful and is not legal.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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

DATE: 4/22/65

FROM : SA WILLIAM F. DUKES

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

Remymemo 4/21/65.

AT NATCHEZ, MISSISSIPPI

[REDACTED] was recontacted at his residence by SAS WILLIAM F. DUKES & EDGAR C. FORTENBERRY on 4/22/65. [REDACTED] advised that since the previous contact 4/21/65, he has learned that J. L. "BIG MAC" MC KINNEY's sister in the Hamburg Community near Roxie, Mississippi is a Mrs. MAY HESTER (re JN 62-5). [REDACTED] advised further that he had been thinking about some way of exploiting the possible involvement of J. L. MC KINNEY and MARVIN MC KINNEY in these murders. He advised that BILLY WOODS and some other members of the Sligo Unit of the KKK believe MARVIN MC KINNEY to be an Informant for either the FBI or Highway Patrol, and that MARVIN MC KINNEY is the one who furnished information which resulted in the arrest of WOODS and JACK SEALE in the Fall of 1964 in connection with a Negro beating near Fayette, Mississippi. [REDACTED] advised he intended to exploit this possibility in the course of his next contact with WOODS, and to plant the idea in WOODS' mind that if they could make MC KINNEY tell them (WOODS and [REDACTED]) the details of the MOORE-DEE murders, that they would then have a "hammer" to hold over MC KINNEY to keep him from informing further.

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

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

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

[redacted] advised that he definitely was sworn into the Sligo Unit (WKKKKKOM) in September, 1964, and he believed it was 9/15/64. He advised he was sworn in by ROBERT MYERS, Kleagle of the Unit, at CALVIN CLARK's fruit stand in Natchez. He recalled that several cars of Klansmen were parked that night at the fruit stand, and that Natchez Chief of Police J. T. ROBINSON drove by and told them that they had to move their cars from off the street, inasmuch as the FBI would be checking them if they didn't. FOIA (b) (7) - (D)

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

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

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

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

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Brief description of activity or material
 Informant advised no recent klan meetings, Gulfport, Mississippi, area, according to VINCENT PURSER, due to attempted reorganization of klan into small units of 5 or 6 men each. This reorganization in the interest of security in view of alleged infiltration of klan by FBI "pimps".

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Gulfport, Mississippi
April 7, 1965

Informant advised he was contacted on April 5, 1965, by VINCENT PURSER, who told him there had been no recent meetings of the klan at Gulfport. PURSER explained that it is the plan of the state officials of the WKKKKOM to swear out klaverns in Mississippi as they are presently known, in an effort to reorganize the klan into small groups or cells of five or six men in each group. According to PURSER, this is necessary as a security measure due to the fact that FBI "pimps" have penetrated the klan throughout Mississippi.

Informant advised PURSER told him he would be in contact and arranged for him to become affiliated with a new unit if and when it materializes.

Informant advised that this was substantially the same information as related to him on the same date by W. C. DOLLAHITE at Gulfport.

Informant advised that he has learned that the white male who operates the grocery store on Three Rivers Road North of Gulfport is a man named HOLLIMAN. He stated that PURSER told him that HOLLIMAN had disassociated himself with the klan and PURSER indicated that he felt that HOLLIMAN may be an FBI "pimp". Informant stated that under these circumstances he felt it was possible HOLLIMAN might cooperate in furnishing information if interviewed by FBI Agents.

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Informant furnished information concerning members of the Lauderdale County WKKKKOM and

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their activities.

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- 1 - 157-1052 (EARL AKIN)
- 1 - 157-1110 (B. L. AKIN)
- 1 - 157-1115 (J. T. BARNETT)
- 1 - 157-450 (BILLY BIRDSONG)
- 1 - 157-1113 (PETE HARRIS)
- 1 - 157- (A. L. SHAW)
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LAUDERDALE COUNTY WKKKKOM

Recently I learned that there are three groups of Klansmen in the Meridian area. These three groups are as follows: Members of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan who have remained loyal to this organization and who were, and always have been, members of the White Knights. The second group are former members of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan and who are presently members of the United Klans of America. The third group are independant Klansmen. These are Klansmen that have pulled away from the White Knights and have not joined the United Klans. Some of these persons are B. L. AKIN, EARL AKIN, J. T. BARNETT and possibly BILLY BIRDSONG.

PETE HARRIS

Recently I learned that PETE HARRIS, a truck driver for Hardins Bakery, Meridian, Mississippi, has pulled out of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan and has joined a local unit of the United Klans of America. HARRIS is a close friend of B. L. AKIN and BILLY BIRDSONG and it is believed that he would do whatever he is told by either of these persons. HARRIS is also reported to be a "pill head" and to be obtaining his

supply of pills from BILLY BIRDSONG.

REVEREND DELMAR DENNIS

During the latter part of March, I learned that BILLY BIRDSONG had given Reverend DELMAR DENNIS a bad time. BIRDSONG has been kicked out of both the WKKKKOM and the UKA, and recently DENNIS told me that BIRDSONG will be banished from both organizations. DENNIS further stated that BIRDSONG has been to the police, MHSP and the FBI and has talked quite freely regarding his former Klan activities. DENNIS also advised that BIRDSONG was beaten recently but he knew nothing about this beating. He added also that SAM BOWERS had told him that he, BOWERS, knew nothing of BIRDSONG having been beaten and did not direct anyone to beat BIRDSONG.

DENNIS said that he had joined the UKA and that he had told SAM BOWERS, Imperial Wizard of the WKKKKOM, that he was a member of the UKA. DENNIS said that he recently was in contact with E. L. MC DANIELS, head of the UKA in Mississippi, and that he had told MC DANIELS that he had resigned his position with the WKKKKOM. MC DANIELS appointed DENNIS to a high position in the UKA in the Meridian, Mississippi, however, I do not know the title which he now holds.

DENNIS advised me that the UKA will be organized along the lines of the "Rule of Five". He further explained that there would be five officers who would recruit five individuals under each one of them and that each one of these persons recruited would recruit five additional persons, and that none of them would know one another. This way security could be maintained. DENNIS indicated to me that he was interested in having additional personnel recruited in the WKKKKOM. DENNIS told me that HUBERT BREWER would be the Number 2 man in the reorganization of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan in the Lauderdale County area. DENNIS said that, in fact, on 4/5/65, BREWER brought four men into the WKKKKOM and that they would be part of his unit. He stated that these men are ROY PRICE, railroad employee; A. L. SHAW, a taxi driver; JIMMY SMITH, a taxi driver for the White Top Taxi Company and part-time band leader in the Meridian area; DICK HOWLINGTON, also a taxi driver for the White Top Cab Company, Meridian, Mississippi. DENNIS told me that BREWER brought him \$80.00 which consists of fees of \$10.00 per man and \$10.00 each for the Legal Defense Fund.

DENNIS said that BREWER had been attempting to locate a Memograph machine on which DENNIS was to run off the

recent edition of the "Klan Ledger", however, he, DENNIS, had been able to locate a machine and planned to run this material off at the first opportunity.

KLAN RUMOR

It is rumored in Klan circles that COFO and the NAACP plan to test restaurant facilities in the Meridian area in the immediate future. It is not known what restaurants will be tested.

It is further rumored that a number of young boys, believed to be COFO Workers, are living at the old St. Joseph Hospital in Meridian, Mississippi. It is rumored that they will be at this location during the Easter Holidays and are there for the purpose of rebuilding burned churches in this area. The Klan is reported to be keeping a close eye on this building.

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- ① - 157-63(WKKKKOM)
- 1 - 157-1246(JACKSON COUNTY)
- 1 - 157-2844(FNU WHITE)
- 1 - 157-2063(NOLAN SMITH)
- 1 - 157-BILLY RAY KILLINGSWORTH
- 1 - 157-LEVONNE KILLINGSWORTH
- 1 - 157-G. C. KILLINGSWORTH
- 1 - 157-1492(TOM THRASHER)
- 1 - 157-1499(MARVIN LACEY)
- 1 - 157-FNU NEWMAN
- 1 - 157-1877(CECIL HAYDEN)
- 1 - 157-1878(TROY WILKERSON)
- 1 - 157-DALE PHILLIPS
- 1 - 157-2050(OLLIE MC VEAY)
- 1 - 157-DARRYL MC VEAY
- 1 - 157-2638(SONNY HODGES)
- 1 - 157-1487(WIMFERT COOPER)
- 1 - 157-2255(FNU TANNER)
- 1 - 157-FRANK WEST(Laurel, Miss.)
- 1 - 157-2432(RODNEY JONES)

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Pascagoula, Mississippi
April 6, 1965

The Pascagoula Klavern of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi (WKKKKOM) had a meeting the evening of April 5, 1965, at NOLAN SMITH's fishing camp located on Sioux Bayou North of Gautier, Mississippi. We met at the Gautier Marina and went to the fish camp on boats owned by NOLAN SMITH, TOM THRASHER and BILLY RAY KILLINGSWORTH. This fish camp can be reached only by water. The meeting was attended by TOM THRASHER, TINY FRAZIER, Mr. LACEY and Mr. NEWMAN, who are from Gulfport, and NOLAN SMITH, CECIL HAYDEN, TROY WILKERSON, DALE PHILLIPS, OLLIE MC VEAY, DARRYL MC VEAY, LEVONNE KILLINGSWORTH, G. C. KILLINGSWORTH, BILLY RAY KILLINGSWORTH, SONNY HODGES, RODNEY JONES, WIMFERT COOPER, Mr. TANNER and FRANK WEST, who is from Laurel. If I reported WEST as being from Greenwood previously this was an error. He is from Laurel, Mississippi, and is apparently an important individual in the state organization.

TOM THRASHER told the meeting that O. F. THORNTON, a former Jackson County Highway Patrolman and CLEVE BOND, who lives at Gautier, wants to join the organization.

FRANK WEST did most of the talking at the meeting. He said that SHELTON from Alabama is coming to Mississippi. He wants the WKKKKOM to join with the United Klans. WEST said that Mr. BOWERS was out of town and couldn't come to the meeting.

NOLAN SMITH is active in the Magnolia Hunting Club and is a member of the National Rifle Association. He said that he was going to help organize the Jackson County Rifle Association. It was decided that the Rifle Association will be organized as previously planned and will operate along with the new cell-type organization which has been proposed.

NOLAN SMITH and Mr. TANNER, both of whom are religious fanatics, talked loudly about "joints" selling beer to minors in the area. They proposed using cans of spray paint to mess up the cars of people owning these joints. Those mentioned were:

The Elite Club, The Howdy Club, and the Beacon Lounge. They said they would spray paint around over the car and if the windows were open, inside and that they would also spray the words "This is a warning. KKK". Another place they mentioned that they wished to "mess up" is the Pier Restaurant because the waiters and other employees at that restaurant are homosexuals.

The guns which I have mentioned earlier being in possession of NOLAN SMITH are now located at SMITH's fishing camp. He has them locked up in a closet there. I observed a Thompson submachine gun, an M-2 rifle, some guns which were packed in heavy grease, numerous 45 caliber pistols, and some type of mounted foreign made machine gun.

TOM THRASHER said the FBI is on him too heavy and he has a home to pay for and is worried about his job. He said that he was resigning as of the night of the meeting. I doubt very much that he will actually disassociate himself from klan activities. He may try to maintain his contacts on a secret basis and not appear at meetings in the future.

FRANK WEST said that the next state meeting will be held at Natchez, Mississippi. He did not say when or just where it will be held. He said that he would call me or would call Mr. WHITE and let us know. WHITE was present at the meeting and acted as EC.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: SAC, JACKSON (157-63)

DATE: 4/27/65

FROM: SAC, LITTLE ROCK (157-276) -RUC-

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

Reurairtel to Bureau, 4/8/65.

The only reference in the Little Rock files concerning "Two Jumps" being a possible name for DONALD EUGENE SPARKS is contained in Oklahoma City airtel to your office dated 2/22/65 under the caption [redacted]

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Brief description of activity or material
Organizational structure of the Forrest County Klavern and comments on Klan members.

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- 1 - 157-679
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Hattiesburg, Mississippi
April 24, 1965

FORREST COUNTY KLAVERN, WKKKKOM

Source advised that in September, 1964, the membership of the Klavern was in excess of 42 members. Meetings were discontinued in late August, 1964. At time of discontinuance officers were as follows:

1. DAYTON GILLESPIE - President
2. HERMAN G. KELLUM - Secretary and Editor of the "Citizens Patriot" - the Klan newsletter.
3. ASA WEATHERS - Province #7 Secretary (reportedly no longer an officer but appears to coordinate activity from his place of business.
4. TRAVIS AINSWORTH - Province #7 Investigator
5. M. W. HAMILTON - Possibly the head of the Petal group of the Forrest County Klavern.
6. LAWLER SHARP - Reportedly organizer and recruiter of groups at New Augusta, and Carnes, Miss.

LAMAR COUNTY KLAVERN

Source advised the membership of this Klavern is not known, but reportedly active. It is reported that P. T. EUBANKS and ROSTON WEATHERS organized the Lamar County Klavern.

FORREST COUNTY KLAVERN UNIT #2

No information developed on this alleged Klavern, and the source could furnish no information regarding such a Klavern if such exists.

UNITED KLANS OF AMERICAN, INC.

The source advised that here is no information that the UKA has moved into Forrest County, Miss.

The following inquiries were made concerning individuals who are known members of the Forrest County Klavern (WKKKKOM):

JOHN FRANKLYN BRITT, JR.

Source advised that BRITT is still affiliated with the Seal Lilly Ice Cream Shop, but has shown no activity in the Klavern recently.

REESE GERMAN WALL, aka Pete Wall

The source advised that WALL continues to do carpenters work, and has not shown any activity recently with any other Klan members.

JIMMY SWAN

The source advised that SWAN continues to operate the WBKH radio station, and takes an active interest in the Citizens Council at Hattiesburg, Miss., but is not known to hang around with ASA WEATHERS or other members of the Klan recently.

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Informant was specifically asked if he knew of any Klan activity on the part of the following individuals, at which time he stated he has not seen or heard of any recent activity on the part of any one of these individuals: Informant qualified this statement by advising that he knew of no activity since he last reported on some of these individuals:

(FNU) MC INTYRE
CLYDE WENTWORTH
BUFORD ASHLEY
DONALD SEALE
DENNIS SMITH
LAMAR SELTERS
JACK DAVIS
WALTER GENE HALL
CHARLES EDWARD
DAVID NASH

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- 1 - 157-958
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ERNEST PARKER
TOMMY JONES
FRANK GASTON
ERNEST FINLEY
JACK SEALE
CHARLES E. JAMES
ERNEST AVANTS
GEORGE NOSSER
JOHN DAWSON
FRANK HYMAN THURMAN
EDWARD WILLARD FULLER
NELSON E. HANEY
JOHN W. BARBER



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 Jackson, Mississippi

WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU-KLUX
 KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI
 RACIAL MATTER (KLAN)

A confidential source who has provided reliable information in the past advised that recently Alton Wayne Roberts, a defendant in the slayings of the three civil rights workers, Neshoba County, Mississippi on June 21, 1964 met with Samuel Holloway Bowers, the Imperial Wizard of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi in Laurel, Mississippi. Roberts was given \$200.00 by Bowers, however, Roberts was instructed that the money was given with the idea that he would aid Reverend Delmar Dennis, the Province Giant, White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi in reconstructing and bringing together the dissident element of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi in the Meridian area. Bowers admonished Roberts for taking it on himself to solicit money independently to help defray legal expenses. Roberts apologized and said that he did not "do very well" and admitted that he was ill-advised by George H. Birdsong, the former Imperial Special Investigator for the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi. Roberts commented that "people always said they were going to give to the fund but did not."

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Character RACIAL MATTER (KLAN)

Reference Letterhead Memo dated and
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 Mississippi

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 (157-1552)
FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-63) (P)
SUBJECT: WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX
KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI
RACIAL MATTER (KLAN)

ReBulet to Jn dated 4/20/65 and Jn airtel to Bureau dated 4/12/65 entitled "MIBURN" and Jn airtel to Bureau dated 4/16/65 entitled "TOMMY ARTHUR HORNE, WKKKOM, LAUDERDALE COUNTY KLAVERN, MERIDIAN, MISS., RM (KLAN).

Enclosed are 8 copies of LHM dated and captioned as above. Two copies being furnished to Birmingham Office since they are office of origin.

Referenced Bulet instructions that pertinent Klan information set out in referenced Jackson airtel dated 4/12/65 be submitted in LHM suitable for dissemination. It is noted that information contained in Jn airtel dated 4/12/65 concerning TOMMY HORNE was furnished to the Bureau in form suitable for dissemination by referenced communication under that title.

The confidential source furnishing the information set out in enclosed LHM is FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

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Information set out in Jn airtel dated 4/12/65 concerning E. L. MC DANIEL, Grand Dragon, United Klans of America, Realm of Mississippi, being furnished to Bureau and Birmingham in form suitable for dissemination by another communication.

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
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TO: SAC, JACKSON (157-63)

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

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RACIAL INFORMANTS

THE WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
OF MISSISSIPPI
RACIAL MATTERS
OO: Jackson

Re LV airtel to OC, 4/16/65.

[FOIA(b)(7) - (D)] was interviewed by SA J. RICHARD BUTTS at Phoenix on 4/26/65. Informant advised he knows DONALD EUGENE SPARKS and is well aware that SPARKS' nickname is "TWO JUMPS." Informant was also aware that SPARKS is presently serving time in the Oklahoma State Prison at McAlester, Oklahoma for stealing from parking meters, he believes in Chickasaw, Oklahoma. Informant advised further that he knows personally that SPARKS is mean and would not hesitate to kill someone if he had good reason. He stated, however, that SPARKS is not stupid and in his opinion is an excellent burglar. He said after SPARKS' arrest on the parking meter charge his associates derided him as the big "parking meter bandit" which infuriated him to think that he should be convicted on some petty deal such as this after all the other jobs he had pulled.

[FOIA(b)(7) - (D)] further advised that he knows SPARKS bought a 1964 Continental in Jackson, Mississippi, so he must have been there at one time. He had no knowledge of SPARKS owning a Chrysler.

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PROPOSED RALLY OF UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.,
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN AT HINESTON, LOUISIANA,
5/1/65

PROPOSED RALLY OF UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.,
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN AT JUNCTION CITY, LOUISIANA,
5/8/65

MISSISSIPPI STATE ELECTION CONVENTION OF THE UNITED
KLANS OF AMERICA, INC., KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN,
AT NATCHEZ, MISSISSIPPI, 5/15 -16/65

Two confidential sources, who have furnished reliable information in the past, advised that United Klans of America, Inc, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (UKA), intend to hold a cross burning rally at Hineston, Louisiana, on May 1, 1965.

This rally is to begin at 7:30 PM; however, speeches will begin at 3 PM. According to confidential sources, the rally will be held adjacent to the Leesville Highway, approximately 24 miles from Alexandria, Louisiana.

Confidential sources further advised that the UKA intends to hold a cross burning rally at Junction City, Louisiana, on May 8, 1965. According to confidential sources, this rally will be held in a vacant lot, one block south of the Arkansas line.

Confidential sources stated that the purpose of the above rallies was to generate new interests in the UKA throughout the States of Louisiana and Arkansas.

Confidential sources further advised that the UKA intends to hold a state election convention at Natchez, Mississippi,

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-new)
SUBJECT: PROPOSED RALLY OF UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC., KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, AT HINESTON, LOUISIANA, 5/1/65
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PROPOSED RALLY OF UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC., KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, AT JUNCTION CITY, LOUISIANA, 5/8/65
RM

MISSISSIPPI STATE ELECTION CONVENTION OF THE UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC., KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, AT NATCHEZ, MISSISSIPPI, 5/15-16/65
RM

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Enclosed for Jackson and Little Rock are two copies each of the above mentioned LHM.

One copy of LHM is being sent to ICG and Secret Service, New Orleans.

Confidential sources referred to in this LHM are

LEAD:

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NEW ORLEANS:

AT HINESTON, LOUISIANA:

Will notify Louisiana State Police and local sheriff and police departments that area regarding proposed rally.

AT JUNCTION CITY, LOUISIANA:

Will cover same lead as set out above.

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Brief description of activity or material.

No unusual occurrences around LOUIS ANTHONY DI SALVO's service station; 1959 DeSoto bearing 1965 Mississippi license 23-132 frequently seen at service station.

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Waveland, Mississippi
April 21, 1965

Informant advised that he has noticed no unusual occurrences or any strange visitors to Louis Anthony DiSalvo's service station except that he has noticed a 1959 DeSoto automobile frequenting the service station since the auto first appeared on April 5, 1965. He has not seen the automobile at the station prior to that time and is not familiar with the persons who have come in the car.

Informant further advised that DI SALVO, during the past two weeks has spent almost all of his time at the service station, even including Saturdays and a half day on Sunday.

Approximately one week ago there was Klan literature spread over the community in the form of a letter addressed to President Johnson. As far as he can find out, this literature was not found along the beach but only in areas away from the beach. He personally saw DiSalvo pick up one of the leaflets which had been left in front of his station, and read it. He, the informant, also had one of the leaflets in front of his business. The informant does not have any idea who might have distributed the leaflets or by what means they were distributed.

SAC, JACKSON (52-12)

4/30/65

SA FRANCIS X. SHORTT

UNSUBS; THEFT OF 45 M-1 RIFLES,
ARMORY, MISSISSIPPI NATIONAL
GUARD, COLLINS, MISSISSIPPI
6/15-20/64
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Re memo, SA WILLIAM F. DUKES, 3/1/65.

On 4/12/65 SA FRANCIS X. SHORTT and THOMAS E. O'CONNOR viewed the photograph of W. R. MANGUM, obtained from the Mississippi Police Department at Gulfport, and identified it as being identical with that of W. R. MANGUM who was interviewed on 11/15/64.

The Identification Record of MANGUM is contained in 157-483.

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Informant furnished info on individual Klan members & info re signs having been painted in Bogue Chitto area with the letters KKK.

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- 1 - 157-584 (Lincoln County KKK)
- 1 - 157-1483 (ARTHUR WALLACE)
- 1 - 157-1456 (DONALD FAUVER)
- 1 - 157-1457 (RAYFORD FRANKLIN)
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Bogue Chitto, Miss.

The informant advised that he had recently observed in the area of Bogue Chitto that the Ku Klux Klan in that area had painted the backs of road signs with big red letters "KKK". Informant stated that someone had come along behind these culprits and painted "is yellow", so that the signs read "KKK is yellow".

B. ARTHUR WALLACE

Informant stated ARTHUR WALLACE is a partially disabled farmer who lives on the edge of Lincoln County almost in Franklin County. Informant stated he is not personally acquainted with ARTHUR WALLACE but has heard his name mentioned in Klan circles.

RAYFORD FRANKLIN

Informant stated RAYFORD FRANKLIN is reportedly an active Klan member but stated he has not heard anything regarding his activities in quite some time.

DONALD FAUVER

Informant stated DONALD FAUVER lives in the area of Lloyd Fauver, which is around the West Lincoln School. Informant states he does not recall having heard anything regarding DONALD FAUVER in any Klan activity.

NEPHEW OR SON-IN-LAW OF DOC BLADES

Informant stated he believed that DOC BLADES' son-in-law or nephew, or any relatives that DOC BLADES had, would not be in the Klan. Informant stated he would try to ascertain the identity of DOC BLADES' nephew or son-in-law.

VARNELL WHITE

Informant stated he is not acquainted with VARNELL WHITE and believes that this person must be from the Brookhaven, Miss., area. Informant stated he would know this person if he lived around the Bogue Chitto or West Lincoln area.

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Meridian, Mississippi
April 14, 1965

BERNARD L. AKIN

On April 13, 1965, he overheard a conversation between BERNARD L. AKIN and HERBERT BREWER. AKIN and BREWER were discussing the plight of the 17 defendants in the murder case at Philadelphia, Mississippi. BREWER told AKIN that DELMAR DENNIS, Province Titan, WKKKKOM, had told him that the money received through the White Christians Protective and Legal Defense Fund (WCPALDF) would be split 16 ways and that all defendants would share equally. AKIN asked BREWER if DENNIS told him personally about this or was it hear say. BREWER indicated that DENNIS had spoken to him personally in this regard. BREWER also said that DENNIS told him that he had nothing to do with the beating of BILLY BIRDSONG recently at his motel by three masked assailants. BREWER also told AKIN that he had talked with SAM BOWERS and that BOWERS continued to be a good and trusted klansman.

AKIN advised that he had nothing personally against SAM BOWERS and was not mad at him but that recently when four United Klans of America (UKA) members were arrested near Selma, Alabama, in connection with the murder of a white female Civil Rights worker that ROBERT SHELTON immediately posted \$50,000 bonds for these persons. AKIN advised that when the 17 persons in the Philadelphia incident were arrested they had to post their own bonds and that SAM BOWERS did not lift a hand to help them. AKIN said that BOWERS had let the members of the WKKKKOM down on other occasions also. AKIN said that the UKA had almost got organized in the Meridian area but that it had "broken up" and this was due to BILLY BIRDSONG's talking too much. AKIN added that BIRDSONG is a friend of his and that he (BIRDSONG) has not talked to the FBI. AKIN stated that BIRDSONG told him that General BIRDSONG of MHSP had offered BILLY BIRDSONG a job but he had refused it.

AKIN said that he had made an appointment with Mississippi Governor PAUL JOHNSON and had gone to Jackson and arrived at the Governor's mansion just as the Governor was leaving for lunch.

AKIN noted that he is a member of the Governor's Staff and that the Governor recognized him as he left the mansion. AKIN added that the Governor told him to return after lunch which he did and conversed with the Governor for several minutes. AKIN advised that he told the Governor that he and his son, EARL AKIN, have been harassed by Agents of the FBI. He said that he told the Governor that neither he nor his son were involved in the Neshoba County murders and that the Governor told him that if this were true he had the power of the Governor's Office in back of him in this matter.

AKIN added that he also told Governor JOHNSON that he had removed the license plates from his automobiles since he felt that having these plates (Governor's Staff plates) on his automobile might cause the Governor some embarrassment. AKIN added that Governor JOHNSON told him to replace the license plates on his automobile and to feel free to come back to converse with him at any time.

AKIN related that he is undecided as to whether he will take an active part in any future klan activities by the WKKKKOM or UKA.

J. B. COLLIER

J. B. COLLIER, an accountant, Meridian, Mississippi, and a trustee of the WCPALDF recently related that the state fund had collected \$62,000. He added that he had recently been interviewed by an Agent of the FBI but refused to furnish any information. COLLIER added that he plans to continue his activities in this case with the WCPALDF and feels that this fund is a very worthwhile cause.

LAUDERDALE COUNTY WKKKKOM

Rumors in klan circles are that the Lauderdale County Klavern is backing present Meridian, Mississippi, Mayor HENRY BURNS for re-election. The Klavern is opposed to BILBO ANDERS, JAMES "HARPER" THOMAS and FRED COOK as candidates for Meridian City Council.

CURTIS MILLER,
MERIDIAN CITY COUNCIL AND
MEMBER OF WKKKKOM

BERNARD L. AKIN recently advised that CURTIS MILLER, Meridian City Councilman, said that he, if re-elected, would eventually get the job of Sergeant C. WALLACE MILLER on the Meridian Police Department. MILLER indicated that he would have WALLACE MILLER fired before he could retire.

BILLY BIRDSONG,
MEMBER WKKKKOM
IMPERIAL SPECIAL INVESTIGATOR

BERNARD L. AKIN recently advised that BILLY BIRDSONG, owner and manager of the Valley Motel, Meridian, Mississippi, plans to testify against Sergeant C. WALLACE MILLER in the event MILLER is a witness for the U. S. Government in the trial of the Neshoba County murders. BIRDSONG has indicated that he will testify as to the questionable reputation and character of MILLER, and will stated that MILLER is responsible for the organization of the WKKKK in Lauderdale County, Mississippi. He will further testify that MILLER was under the direction of SAM BOWERS, Imperial Wizard of the WKKKKOM.

FRANK HERNDON,
FORMER EXALTED CYCLOPS,
LAUDERDALE COUNTY

FRANK HERNDON apparently has left the Meridian area since it is rumored that he plans to open a "beer joint" in the vicinity of Pascagoula, Mississippi.

JAMES E. JORDAN and
DOYLE BARNETTE

There have been no recent rumors in klan circles regarding the intentions of the klan to deal with either JORDAN or BARNETTE if it is determined that they will be witnesses for the Government in the forthcoming Neshoba County incident trial.

ALTON WAYNE ROBERTS

ALTON WAYNE ROBERTS continues to be unemployed and is observed on a daily basis in the Meridian area frequenting most of the downtown pool halls and beer joints. For a while ROBERTS was engaged in soliciting funds for the Neshoba County Defense Fund.

BERNARD C. LIDE

LIDE is scheduled to travel to Washington, D. C., in the near future to attend a Masonic ceremony. Recently LIDE has indicated a fear of being subpoenaed by the House Committee on UnAmerican Activities who is scheduled to hold hearings regarding klan activities throughout the Unites States.

JIMMY SMITH

SMITH is the owner and operator of the Meridian Patrol Service.

JIMMY SMITH is employed by B. L. AKIN in an unknown capacity. It is believed SMITH is conducting investigations for AKIN, however, it is not known if SMITH has even been obligated as a member of the WKKKKOM.

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 - 1 - 157-1159 (ED FRAZIER)
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Remarks:

On 4/17/65, [REDACTED] furnished the following items:

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1. Three Mimeograph copies of the "Klan Ledger" dated April, 1965, entitled "Special Presidential Issue". These copies are marked by [REDACTED] as the first copy, second copy, and the 100th copy of the issue as they were run off the Mimeograph machine.

2. Two copies of a form entitled "Parking Garage, Comparsion by Year, October 1 through September 30". This form is indicated as being prepared by the Citizens for Better Government.

These items have been designated as enclosures to the substantive file pertaining to [REDACTED]

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WAYNE ROBERTS

On 4/16/65, WAYNE ROBERTS advised DELMAR DENNIS, Province Titan, WKKKKOM, that he plans to attend a demonstration march in Atlanta, Georgia, sometime around the 26th of April, 1965, and lend moral support to the segregationists views of LESTER MADDOX, former Atlanta restaurant owner. It is not known what the purpose of the demonstration is. ROBERTS states that TOMMY BEDDINGFIELD, a local Klansman, is accompanying him on the trip to Atlanta and ROBERTS inquired about the Klan status of BEDDINGFIELD. DENNIS replied that he was uncertain about BEDDINGFIELD's present status in the WKKKKOM. ROBERTS then replied that "He has been in on several jobs". ROBERTS did not further elaborate on this although the source said that he would attempt to learn more regarding this matter in later contacts with ROBERTS.

SAM BOWERS

SAM BOWERS, the Imperial Wizard of the WKKKKOM, was in Meridian, Mississippi, on 4/16/65, for a short time. He contacted his Province Titan, DELMAR DENNIS, and advised him of a State Meeting slated for 4/25/65. DENNIS advised BOWERS that he couldn't attend due to a previous commitment. DENNIS then recommended that WAYNE ROBERTS be designated as the representative from the Meridian area and BOWERS agreed. BOWERS stated that he would telephone ROBERTS at 6:00 a.m. on the 23rd of May using the name "BILL SMITH". He would then arrange to meet with ROBERTS and at this meeting, they would then relate to him where the State Klan Meeting will be held.

DENNIS contacted ROBERTS and relayed to him BOWERS' message. ROBERTS was pleased to be chosen to attend and remarked that prior to this he was always a "private or follower", but now he likes being trusted and depended upon.

KLAN LEDGER

Source stated that he and TOMMY HORNE ran off 100 copies of the "Klan Ledger" at the request of SAM BOWERS and that HORNE will effect distribution of the "Ledger".

TOMMY HORNE

HORNE, in addition to editing and mimeographing of the "Klan Ledger", ran off copies of a report entitled "Parking Garage, Comparison by Year". This will be distributed by HORNE and WAYNE ROBERTS on the evening of April 17, 1965, throughout the City of Meridian, Mississippi. This report is designed to help ED FRASIER, a local Klansman, in his election race for Council. HORNE and ROBERTS are supporters of ED FRASIER.

BILLY WAYNE POSEY

On 4/15/65, DELMAR DENNIS, Province Titan, WKKKKOM, journeyed to Neshoba County, Mississippi, and gave \$500 to BILLY WAYNE POSEY. This money was given to DENNIS and earmarked for the Neshoba people. POSEY related to the Province Titan that the "Neshoba group" had heard about the recent beating up of BILLY BIRDSONG and that BIRDSONG had stated that "someone from Neshoba had done it".

The following individuals are known by me to be Klansmen but I have no information regarding their recent activities:

J. T. BARNETT
JOHN RISHER
LAUREL G. WEIR
LAMAR SALTER
CLARENCE MITCHELL
LEE ROBERTS
ALGENE PRICE
P. C. DIXON
CLARENCE DEARMAN
HUBERT ODOM
ARTHUR HORNE

JERRY MC GREW SHARPE
EDGAR RAY KILLEN
JIM JORDAN
DOYLE BARNETT

HOOKEY CAHOON

HOOKEY CAHOON is a Klansman. He was sworn into the United Klans of America, Inc. He is not an officer but is simply a rank and file member. The Klan wanted his initiation fee so consequently he was voted in. His place in Chunky was used as a meeting place by the Klan on two or three occasions.

ETHEL GLEN "HOP" BARNETT

The ex-sheriff of Neshoba County, Mississippi, is known by me to be a Klansman. He was present at a Klan church burning near Philadelphia, Mississippi, at some unknown time. He is a close friend of "Preacher" KILLEN.

ED WILKINSON

Was sworn out of the Klan for talking too much.

GARY SMITH

The son of DEWITT SMITH, was sworn into the Klan, but never attended a meeting.

WILLIE C. SIMS

Is a Klansman, according to rumors. I know him to work for the Bell Telephone Company in Meridian, Mississippi.

B. C. LIDE

Is a Klansman and was a former Province Giant in the WKKKKOM. Everyone suspects him of working for the FBI and he is not active.

WILLIE DENNIS

A brother of DELMAR DENNIS, Province Titan of the WKKKKOM, is Pastor of the Southern Methodist Church in Philadelphia, Mississippi. As such he is LAWRENCE RAINEY's Pastor and it is reported that RAINEY contributes \$100 per month to DENNIS' church. DENNIS is an ex-Klansman and is reported to be very disillusioned with the Klan. He is reported to be moving shortly to a new Pastorate in Columbus, Mississippi.

WILLIAM JOHNSON

The District Attorney at Decatur, Mississippi, is a reported Klansman, although he never attends any meetings.

MURRAY ROGERS

Initiated into the Klan by DELMAR DENNIS. He attended two meetings and has since divorced himself from any Klan activity. He is a non-active member.

The following individuals are not known to me to be Klansman:

PETE JORDAN
HOWARD NAP FANNING
ROBERT LEE
P. C. WARD
JACK WEATHERFORD
OTHAR BURKES
RAY SMITH
HOYT WITHERS
JIMMY FULTON
CARROLL PARMER
RONALD PARMER
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(FNU) BARRETT
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H. KILLEN
W. L. HOVINGTON
CHARLIE ALEXANDER
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ED WATKINS
ROY PRICE
T. E. HAMNER
WILLIE FITZGERALD
ROLLAND HARDY
RICHARD ANDREW WILLIS

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- 1 - 157-486 (E. L. MC DANIEL)
- 1 - 157-1113 (PETE HARRIS)
- 1 - 157-1124 (LEE ROBERTS)

POSSIBLE MEMBERSHIP IN THE WKKKKOM

Source was contacted as to his knowledge of any activity on the part of the below-listed individuals as concerns their possible membership in the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. He advised that those persons are known to him, however, to his knowledge, they are not Klan members.

GEORGE DOWNER
EDGAR C. MOORE
BILL GORDON
JAMES ENEZIME SMITH

Source said he has no personal knowledge, however, it is generally understood in Klan circles that the following persons are members of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi, Neshoba Klavern:

LAWRENCE RAINEY
CECIL PRICE
OLEN BURRAGE
HERMAN TUCKER
W. H. PETTIS

Source advised that the following listed persons are unknown to him and he has no knowledge of their being members of the Ku Klux Klan:

FRANK PHILLIPS
L. B. BARRETT
(FNU) "TUBBY" EVANS
J. P. BUSH
JOHNNY BRADLEY
JOHN EDWIN ETHRIDGE

J. T. "PETE" HARRIS

Source advised that he recently talked with "PETE" HARRIS and HARRIS was complaining that different females had

been calling his residence at all times of the day and night. HARRIS commented that on each occasion the female caller would talk with HARRIS's wife and would ask why HARRIS had not met her as promised or if HARRIS was not at home, then the caller would ask when HARRIS was expected home. Source said that HARRIS had no idea as to the identity of the persons calling or their reason for calling.

UNITED KLAN PLANS TO DISTRIBUTE KLAN LITERATURE IN MERIDIAN

Source advised that E. L. MC DANIEL of Natchez, Mississippi, had previously asked him to attempt to arrange for hooded Klansmen from outside the Meridian, Mississippi, area to appear on the streets of Meridian to distribute Klan literature.

Source related that he had talked to TOM GOLDMAN, Meridian City Attorney, and GOLDMAN said that if any hooded Klansmen appeared on the streets of Meridian to distribute Klan literature, then he would arrange for their arrest by the Meridian Police Department. GOLDMAN said this type of activity could not be permitted since they had not allowed the Negroes to parade in the past.

LEE ROBERTS - PARTOLMAN, MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI POLICE DEPARTMENT

Source advised that he had talked with LEE ROBERTS, Patrolman, Meridian, Miss., Police Department, on Thursday, April 15, 1965, at which time ROBERTS commented that he had not seen his brother, WAYNE ROBERTS, in about one week.

LEE ROBERTS further commented to source that a man, not further identified, had told him on the morning of April 15, 1965, that this man would obligate LEE into the United Klans of America sometime in the near future, in private, and no one else would know of this obligation.

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Contacts with various members of the WKKKKOM in Units 1 & 2, Covington County, Miss; information regarding a State meeting 5/2/65.

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Mt. Olive, Mississippi
April 30, 1965

DENSON LOTT

States this individual has stated that he wants to keep young men in the Klan since they are the ones you can depend on. From conversation it would appear that LOTT and members of Unit #2, Covington County, Collins, Mississippi were the ones responsible for the crosses that were burned recently at Seminary, Miss.

HUBERT HAUGHTON

ow 4/28/65
This member has reported that a State Meeting will be held Sunday, 5/2/65. The place of the meeting has not been determined but JOHN PRESTON HARVEY of Unit #2 has indicated that he will discuss the trip with informant sometime today or early next date.

C. T. RODERICK:

Informant has learned from contact with members of Unit #2, that this person has not been active recently.

P. JONES, aka "Little Tater"

JONES has recently made the remark that he would like for the local members to get together with other units around so that he and the members of Unit #2 could see what others are doing. He feels that the Collins Unit #2, has not been very active.

CHARLES HALL

CHARLES HALL has not been to any meetings lately according to DENSON LOTT.

REED CLARK

Informant talked with CLARK, 4/30/65, and this person states he wants to get out of the Klan since he feels that they are not doing any good.

JOHN PRESTON HARVEY

HARVEY is still working at the local pountry packing company and is the Secretary of Unit #2, Collins, Miss. (Covington Co) He will be attending the State Meeting Sunday, 5/2/65 and may ride to the meeting with some of the members from Unit #1, Covington County, Mt. Olive, Miss.

CARL WHITE and CLIFTON BYRD

Informant states both these men are inactive and are trying to get out of the Klan. They do not want to be sworn out but would rather be dropped for the like of attendance and none dues payment. Both seem to be sorry that they got in the Klan in the first place.

DOUGLAS TYRONE

He relates that TYRONE is still employed by the Southern Bell Telephone Company, Collins, Mississippi. He has been inactive in the Klan for the past several months and the Klan is talking about dropping him from the rolls.

BUCK ROBERSON

Informant states this members has not attended a regular meeting in some time he was very active for several months after it was organized but lost interest due to the three (3) months lay off. He does not believe ROBERSON will ever be real active in the future.

Informant states that a majority of the members of the Covington County Unit #1, Mt. Olive are not interested in the Klan at this time and seem to be more interested in getting out. This is due to the amount of publicity being given the Klan throughout the State and the threat of a Federal Investigation.

Informant will cover the State Meeting 5/2/65 and if possible will notify of the location prior, to the meeting date.

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Brief description of activity or material

Mr. NEWMAN from Gulfport said there was to be a State Meeting at Natchez 4/1/65. He did not call TOM THRASHER back & no one from Pascagoula went to Natchez. It is believed the meeting never took place. Photo of FRANK HERNDON identified.

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Remarks:

A photograph of FRANK HERNDON was displayed to informant on 4/9/65, without comment as to his identity. He identified him immediately as the FRANK from Meridian upon whom he had previously reported.

Informant was in an automobile accident at Pascagoula on 4/11/65, and was hospitalized until 4/16/65. His activity may be limited for some time.

SA's SAMUEL JENNINGS and CLARENCE PROSPERE were telephonically advised of proposed meeting at Natchez on 4/9/65.

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Pascagoula, Mississippi
April 16, 1965

Mr. NEWMAN of Gulfport, Miss., called TOM THRASHER, Pascagoula, Miss., on April 9, 1965, and told him there was to be a State Meeting of WKKKKOM at Natchez, Mississippi, on April 11, 1965. He was to call TOM back and let him know when and where to meet with NEWMAN and Mr. LACEY to go to the meeting. TOM planned to take TINY FRAZIER and Mr. WHITE with him and to meet LACEY and NEWMAN near Gulfport and they would then travel in NEWMAN's 1959 black Buick.

NEWMAN never did call TOM back and no one from Pascagoula went to Natchez. I believe this meeting never took place.

SONNY HODGES, who is a member of the Klan at Pascagoula and an associate of RODNEY JONES, lives on Ken Avenue at about 2207.

The picture shown to me on April 9, 1965, is definitely a picture of the man from Meridian, Miss., who is called FRANK and who was in Pascagoula on March 13, 1965, talking about opening a "joint" on River Road.

I have learned that the Exalted Cyclops of the Klavern of the United Klans at Alexander City, Alabama, is E. C. WELLS. He is a white male, about 30-35 years of age. He has short brown hair and is of husky build. He is a friend of T. J. GRAHAM.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Jackson, Mississippi

May 4, 1965

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

A confidential source of information, who has furnished reliable information in the past, has advised a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation that a state meeting of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi was held in a heavily wooded area approximately five miles southwest of Poplarville, Mississippi on May 2, 1965. This meeting was held during the morning and afternoon of May 2, 1965.

The meeting was presided over by Imperial Wizard SAM BOWERS and was attended by approximately 110 persons.

W. R. MANGUM, resident of Simpson County, Mississippi, was elected moderator and served in that capacity throughout the meeting. Other state officers in attendance at this meeting were BILLY BUCKLES, Grand Giant, and (first name unknown) BILBO, Grand Chaplain.

A total of forty-two units of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi were represented at the meeting.

The meeting was brought to order by Imperial Wizard BOWERS and a prayer was offered by Grand Chaplain BILBO.

The principal speaker of the day was Imperial Wizard SAM BOWERS, who made a lengthy talk concerning the "hand in hand" connection between the Communist and the Jewish people. BOWERS further discussed the activities of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Mississippi JACKSON COPY

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

Highway Safety Patrol with regard to the Klan organization. He stated that if he were called before the Congressional Committee, which is expected to investigate the Klan organization, that he will plead the fifth amendment to the United States Constitution and remain silent.

A number of amendments to the constitution of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi were accepted. These amendments dealt primarily with the financial activities of the organization.

One amendment which was accepted states that any Klansman who is arrested on any charge and admits that he is a member of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi, or admits committing the act on which he is charged, will receive no help of any kind from the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi.

A financial statement with regard to the organization was presented by Imperial Wizard BOWERS and the various buyers who were present.

The meeting was closed with a prayer offered by JACK MORROW, a resident of Jackson, Mississippi.

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FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-63)

SUBJECT: WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
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Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and seven copies of a letterhead memo reflecting coverage of a state meeting of the WKKKKOM on 5/2/65.

The confidential source referred to in the attached letterhead memo is FOIA(b) (7) - (D)

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At Jackson, Mississippi

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ing private School Request by E. L. MC DANIEL, Grand Dragon, UKA, Miss., to have meeting of state officials in UKA & WKKKKOM in an effort to bring

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Remarks: WKKKKOM into UKA: Consideration of H. H. HEREDEEN as replacement for SAM BOWERS as Imperial Wizard, WKKKKOM. Planned publicity rally of UKA, Adams Co., Miss. 5/2/65. Coverage of meeting of State & Province Officers, WKKKKOM, Jackson, Miss., 4/4/65. Financial status of WCPALDF & disbursement of funds of same. Plan on the part of WKKKKOM to construct billboards on which posters showing civil rights leaders in compromising situations are to be displayed. Promise by member of staff of Congressman JOHN BELL WILLIAMS to furnish info to WKKKKOM. Identity of one member of the Minutemen in Ferriday, La.

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On 4/8/65, [redacted] furnished one copy of the "Klan Ledger" for April, 1965. This material has been designated as an enclosure to Jackson file number 157-63.

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4/8/65

Adams County, Miss.

APWR, ADAMS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

A private school is being set up in the old Baptist Church at Washington, Miss., by members of the Americans for the Preservation of the White Race (APWR). The Board of Directors for this school is ROWLAND SCOTT, ERNEST PARKER, and OTIS HOUSTON.

OTIS HOUSTON is a former member of the WKKKKOM, but his activity in that organization is now unknown. He is a very active member of the APWR.

UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INCORPORATED

E. L. MC DANIEL, Grand Dragon, Realm of Mississippi, United Klans of America, Incorporated (UKA) has requested a meeting between all UKA State Officials and all WKKKKOM State Officials for the purpose of bringing the WKKKKOM into the UKA. BILLY BUCKLES, Grand Giant, WKKKKOM, has stated that the WKKKKOM should not go into the UKA.

MC DANIEL also strongly advocates that SAM BOWERS, Imperial Wizard, WKKKKOM, must be removed from his office.

The meeting requested by MC DANIEL is being planned for an unknown date in the future.

E. L. MC DANIEL has also stated that a publicity rally is going to be held on May 2, 1965, by the UKA at Natchez, Miss. The title of this rally is to be "The White Mississippians Speak" and attending Klansmen will appear in their robes. The rally is to be covered by the news department of NBC TV. The exact location of this rally is not known at the present time but MC DANIEL has indicated that he intends to try to obtain the facilities of the Liberty Ball Park at Natchez, Mississippi, for this rally.

POSSIBLE REPLACEMENT FOR SAM BOWERS

H. H. HEREDEEN has been discussed by State and Province Officers of the WKKKKOM as a possible replacement for SAM BOWERS as Imperial Wizard whether or not the WKKKKOM affiliates itself with the UKA.

MEETING OF STATE AND PROVINCE OFFICERS, WKKKKOM, JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, 4/4/65

The persons attending the meeting on 4/4/65, left Shoney's Restaurant in Westland Plaza, Jackson, Mississippi, at about 5:15 p.m. on 4/4/65, and traveled out U. S. 55 South where they turned off on the Terry exit and traveled West. They thereafter traveled over a route laid out to include many turns and other matters to add to the confusion of the route. The meeting was eventually held in a pasture and inside an underground silo.

The meeting was opened with a prayer by J. K. GREER and those in attendance were the following:

SAM BOWERS
BILLY BUCKLES
J. K. GREER
H. H. HEREDEEN
(FNU) LEIGH

One other individual from the Mississippi Gulf Coast
Two unidentified men from Jackson, Mississippi
Two unidentified men from the northeast portion of
the State of Mississippi
(FNU) SANFORD (phonetic) from Topeka, Mississippi

The prayer by J. K. GREER was followed with a speech by SAM BOWERS on the forthcoming congressional investigation of the Ku Klux Klan.

BOWERS was followed by BILLY BUCKLES, who gave a pep talk to the various Province Representatives to get the Klan activities going again. BUCKLES also spoke about the fact

that the Klan "wouldn't be in the blind about the congressional investigation".

BUCKLES wanted to know if the "Klan Ledger" had been distributed and then explained that cut stencils for this "Klan Ledger" had been sent to each klavern and it would be the klavern's responsibility to have copies of the paper printed and then distribute them. He stated that this was necessary due to the shortage of state funds.

Copies of this "Klan Ledger" are to be distributed in the State of Mississippi in the near future.

The minutes of a meeting previously held at Whitworth College in Brookhaven relating to the White Christians Protective and Legal Defense Fund were read. These minutes indicated that the wife of the police officer recently killed in Jackson, Miss., had been given \$100 from the fund.

This report also reflected that the expenses of the fund now total approximately \$1000. A total of \$2300.00 has been collected and the total on hand is \$1200.

SAM BOWERS told H.H. HEREDEEN to send the wife of the white constable who was recently slain in Hattiesburg, Miss., \$100 from the WCPLDF and stated that if the Board of Directors did not go along with this the WKKKKOM would cover the amount.

H. H. HEREDEEN was also told by SAM BOWERS that he could take out of the fund enough money to cover his gasoline expenses while working on fund business.

SAM BOWERS gave a general pep talk to the persons assembled about the WCPLDF.

ACTIVITIES OF THE WKKKKOM

A plan is underway by members of the WKKKKOM to build a number of billboards throughout the State of Mississippi on which pictures of MARTIN LUTHER KING and other civil rights

leaders in compromising situations can be displayed.

ERNEST AVANTS, Natchez, Miss., is in possession of a number of large billboard size posters depicting MARTIN LUTHER KING in attendance at a communist school and it is expected that these pictures will be displayed on the billboard. Copies of these posters have also been sent to areas in northern Mississippi.

PUBLICATION OF THE "SOUTHERN REVIEW"

BILLY BUCKLES, Grand Giant, WKKKKOM, has stated that the "Southern Review" has ceased printing operations and a total of 4000 subscriptions are needed before production can be resumed.

Each Klansman has been requested to subscribe to the "Southern Review" for himself and for someone else rather than himself. This is in order that the "Southern Review" will be received by persons other than Klansmen. The Klansmen are also being asked to obtain advertising for the newspaper.

WOODY MATTHEWS

SAM BOWERS has stated to a very small number of selected Klan officers that WOODY MATTHEWS, who was formerly a congressional page sponsored by Congressman JOHN BELL WILLIAMS, is now on the staff of Congressman WILLIAMS and has been placed in a position of trust by Congressman WILLIAMS. MATTHEWS is also associated with the WKKKKOM and he has told the officers of the WKKKKOM that he will obtain all of the information possible relating to the Klan from Congressman WILLIAMS and from the office files of Congressman WILLIAMS. He advised he will furnish this information to the WKKKKOM and this situation is to be of particular importance to the Klan during the forthcoming Congressional Investigation of the Ku Klux Klan.

There is no indication that Congressman WILLIAMS has any knowledge of the activities or planned activities of MATTHEWS with regard to the Ku Klux Klan.

THE MINUTEMEN

ERNEST AVANTS, Natchez, Mississippi, is very interested in the Minutemen Organization and talks a great deal about revolution. He does not seem interested in actually joining the Minutemen.

It is believed that a man named (FNU) GUTHRIE in Ferriday, Louisiana, has tried for sometime to join the Minutemen and has recently been tentatively accepted for membership.

It has been brought out that each Minuteman knows only four other members of the organization.

MISCELLANEOUS

There has been no discussion or indication among members of the WKKKKOM that any new organization is being formed in which the members would wear uniforms or be required to own highpowered rifles.

There has been no discussion or indication of knowledge among members of the WKKKKOM in the Adams County, Mississippi, area, with regard to the burning of the COFO House at Indianola, Mississippi, recently.

JULIUS HARPER, BILLY BUCKLES and SAM BOWERS have discussed at length the manner in which the bodies of the three slain civil rights workers in Neshoba County, Mississippi, were discovered. It is the consensus opinion among these individuals that the bodies were found as a result of a lucky guess on the part of Agents after seeing fresh dirt from a helicopter flying over the area in which the bodies were found.

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sentatives of WKKKKOM from Lincoln, Copiah, Walthall, FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

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On 4/15/65, _____ furnished four pamphlets distributed by MEREDITH TATUM and the Christian Conservatives Leadership Council. The titles of these pamphlets, each of which is one page, are as follows: (1) Christian Conservative Communicate dated 4/5/65 (2) Newspapers reproduction entitled Mississippi's New Crusaders (3) The Colossal Fraud on The American People (4) Emergency Liberty Letter Number 10 dated March 22, 1965.

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April 15, 1965
Adams County, Miss.

ACTIVITIES OF MEMBERS OF THE WKKKKOM, ADAMS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

MARION L. HOUSE is maintaining contact with members of the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Louisiana (OKKKKOM) in the Concordia Parish, Louisiana, area and is assisting in the formation of Klan Units in that area.

GERALD BURKE, a resident of Jefferson County, Miss., has been meeting with the Sligo Group of the WKKKKOM at Natchez, Miss. He is attempting to improve the attendance and activities of this group and has stated that at the last two meetings of the group there have only been four men present.

BURKE has stated that members of the UKA have obtained a tape recording of a meeting of the Sligo Group of the WKKKKOM. This tape is suppose to have come from FRED BERGER, a former resident of Natchez, Mississippi, and is suppose to have been given to ED FULLER originally.

MEETING OF WKKKKOM REPRESENTATIVES AT LINCOLN CO., MISS., 4/10/65

On 4/10/65, representatives of the WKKKKOM from Lincoln, Walthall, Copiah and Franklin Counties held a meeting in Lincoln County, Miss. The details and location of this meeting are not known.

A. C. HARRINGTON

A. C. HARRINGTON, a resident of Lincoln County, Mississippi, is believed to be the State Kludge of the WKKKKOM. HARRINGTON has the responsibility of obtaining and passing on new members who join the WKKKKOM in the area south of U. S. Highway 80 in the State of Mississippi.

THE CHRISTIAN CONSERVATIVE LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

MEREDITH TATUM, who has been active in the formation of the White Christian Protective and Legal Defense Fund (WCPLDF), is attempting to establish a new organization known as the Christian Conservative Leadership Council (CCLC), headquartered in Jackson, Miss. Thus far this Council has sponsored speaking engagements of well-known individuals, the most recent of which was at Brookhaven, Miss., on 4/9/65. A lawyer from Monroe, Louisiana, whose last name is NOSSER, made a speech on world affairs and government. He did not mention segregation or integration and the talk was very well received by those present. The speaking engagement was held in the auditorium at Whitworth College in Brookhaven and had a total attendance of about 50 persons. The individuals from various cities were introduced as groups. The largest group was from Vicksburg, Mississippi, one of these being JASPER BUFORD. There were only six persons in the audience from Brookhaven.

TOMMY L. JONES

TOMMY L. JONES, a resident of the Natchez, Mississippi area, was recently arrested in the State of Louisiana for resisting arrest and carrying a concealed weapon or an illegal weapon. The charges stemmed from a speeding charge. JONES was fined \$251.00. The incident occurred somewhere in the area immediately across the Mississippi River from Natchez, Mississippi. In the past JONES is known to have had possession of a sawed-off shotgun.

ORIGINAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN OF LOUISIANA, CONCORDIA PARISH, LOUISIANA.

Members of the Klan organization in Concordia Parish, Louisiana, believe the FBI "bugged" the building in which their meetings were held. This bugging incident was supposed to have taken place very recently and as a result meetings are no longer being held in this building. The members feel that everything that was said at this particular meeting was recorded by Bureau Agents.

BILLY BUCKLES, a resident of Natchez, Mississippi, has destroyed or otherwise gotten rid of the typewriter utilized by him to prepare the issues of "The Firey Cross" recently distributed in Concordia Parish, Louisiana.

C. L. WHEELER

C. L. WHEELER, who is employed by the Nossier Brothers as a druggist at Natchez, Mississippi, is believed to be using narcotics. WHEELER is frequently observed in a condition which would indicate the use of drugs. He frequently becomes intoxicated after the consumption of only one or two cans of beer.

WHEELER is known to be transporting boxes of unknown material in a most clandestine manner from Natchez, Miss., to the Baton Rouge, La. area. These boxes are approximately 12 by 12 inches square and approximately 4 inches deep. The last of these boxes were taken to Baton Rouge, La., recently and delivered to a white male at the Baton Rouge Airport. WHEELER subsequently indicated that he had received a check for \$800.00 for this box.

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, ADAMS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

The following individuals were formerly members of the WKKKKOM, but at the present time they are either out of the organization or completely inactive:

WILLIE STROUD, Natchez Police Department
ODELL ANDERS, Adams County Sheriff
JASPER W. BURCHFIELD, Constable, Adams County, Miss.
J. G. WISNER, Captain, Natchez Police Department
F. C. "SPOOK" MARTIN, Natchez Police Department...

GEORGE REESE LINDSEY and GRADY LEVERETT, both of whom are Patrolman on the Natchez Police Department, are not known to be former members or present members of the WKKKKOM.

MISCELLANEOUS

VARNELL BARNETT and DAVE CARROWAY are not known to the informant.

DEWITT SANDERFER is a Bursar for the WKKKKOM.

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

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REMARKS:

FOIA(b) (7) - (D) made available a copy of "THE COUNCILOR" an American paper supporting American freedoms which is dated 3-22-65 at Shreveport, Louisiana. This newspaper is being made a 1-A-exhibit.

FOIA(b) (7) - (D) was advised of his possible appearance before the Unamerican Activities Committee and he advised that he intends to "take the Fifth Amendment".

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FOIA(b) (7) - (D) advised that the following information was furnished to him by BILLY BUCKLES on a confidential basis and [redacted] pointed out the fact this information may be "strictly bait".

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

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

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

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

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RFD, New Orleans, Louisiana
4-15-65

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Transcribed **5/4/65**

Authenticated by Informant **Yes, 4/15/65**

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4/15/65

Date(s) of activity
4/15/65 - 4/19/65

Brief description of activity or material

Observations made by informant while in Bogalusa, La., during period 4/15 - 4/19/65.

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Remarks:

A letter will be forwarded New Orleans re observations.

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- 1 - 157-66 (FC WKKKKOM)**
- 3 - 157-2913 (Racial Situation Bogalusa, La.)**

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"Thursday April 15, 1965
Hattiesburg, Miss.

"Was in Bogalusa La. just visting around and talking with some of the people who were standing around, the same answer came from nearly every one. they were getting fed up with the whole mess and that it was the out side people that were sterring up the trouble; When the picket lines started marching the counter pickets started marching at the same time. This went on until a little after 11 o'clock. Then things kinda settled down. I talked to quite a number of the signs carrying counter pickets and from their conversation they are definitely K.K.K's and do not hide the fact. So from personal observation and by stander there will be really trouble in Bogalusa before this thing is settled.

"Friday April 16, 1965

"The tension seems to be a little higher than yester day, there was insults and cat calls to the pickets that were marching. The marchers were not having any thing to say, but there were quiete a few insults made to them by the people who were standing on the street. The local police were very freindly with the stand arrounds and did not try to stop any of the conversation that was going on. Heard one man make a remark that the S.O.B. worked for his company but he would not have a job the next day. There were quiete a few white pickets in the march. Still believe the United Klan of America is the back bone of the resistent.

"Saturday April 17, 1965

"The same pattern being worked to day as other days. With insults and cat calls to the marchers made up of colored and white. The police seem to be very unconcerned and not trying to protect the vulgar language used. About 5 P.M. some marchers seem to be trying to tie traffic up on the corner of 4th Street & Columbia Road, and the K9 dogs were brought out.

I could not see exactly what was going on because I was in conversation with a man from Franklinton La. He was talking about things coming to the breaking point in La. and that if things went like they did in Ala. somebody would get killed.

"Monday April 19, 1965

"Went to Bogalusa found that the tension was gradually mounting up. I saw marching and the policeman over there. There were quite a number of white in the march and at approx. 3:30 a march was made to City Hall by about 350 marchers where the hail and rain really came down. They were asking for the fring of 3 policemen and better protection. No incidents that I saw.

Over heard conversation between Lew Durant and Mr. Jones at Main St. Baptist Church Sunday night in regard to a shipment of guns and ammunition from some store that Mr. Durant keeps up their trucks going to Bogalusa. From what I could git out of him in regard to the matter there must be quite a bit of guns and ammunition being shipped into Bogalusa. As I have said things may come to a real hot thing over there, before this is over and I believe that real coverage should be made on this. I would have been over today, but was on puny side. Would be a good idea of contacting Jeff and I and asking our business in Bogalusa Monday.

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Proposed UKA rallies at Hineston, Louisiana, 5/1/65 and Natchez, Mississippi, 5/15/65

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- 1 - 105-1057 (OKKKK)
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Letter mentioned in attached report can be located in 105-687-1A.

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KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI
RACIAL MATTERS

White Christian Protective and
Legal Defense Fund
Racial Matters

On January 21, 1965, JN T-1 advised that on January 20, 1965, a meeting of the State Klan Administrative Officers was held in Room 3E at the Robert E. Lee Hotel in Jackson, Mississippi. This meeting was called by Sam Bowers, Imperial Wizard, White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi (WKKKKOM). The purpose of the meeting was to discuss fund raising on behalf of the defendants recently arrested for the murder of the three civil rights workers on June 21, 1964. There were approximately 25 province leaders, titans, kleagles and other administrative officers.

During this meeting, it was decided that the currently established state klan fund, known as the White Christian Protective and Legal Defense Fund (WCPALDF), would be the major klan-sponsored fund raising committee in Mississippi on behalf of the defendants. All local defense funds, such as the Freedom Defense Fund in Meridian, Mississippi, are to be brought within the control and jurisdiction of the WCPALDF.

The klan had made up approximately 500 placards describing the purpose of the fund, and intends to distribute jars, sealed with wax to prevent tampering, throughout Mississippi, in an effort to obtain contributions. The money is to be collected by a committee member in each county and transferred to a bank account at the bank in Jackson, Mississippi.

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It was decided at this meeting that a five-man statewide committee would administer the collection and distribution of the funds. Sam Bowers, Imperial Wizard, conducted the meeting and named five men to the committee to assist with this program. Among the individuals attending this meeting were Elmore Greaves, Editor of "The Southern Review"; Julius Harper, Grand Dragon; Jack Williams, State Treasurer; D. Moon of Pelahatchie, Mississippi, and Gordon Lackey of Greenwood, Mississippi.

JN T-1 reported that on January 31, 1965, that a regular semi-monthly meeting of the State Klan Cabinet, WKKKKOM, was held in Jackson, Mississippi.

Sam Bowers conducted the meeting, and approximately 20 individuals attended, which included:

I. H. "Pete" Shumaker, Kosciusko, Mississippi, member, Board of Directors for the WCPALDF.

Harvey H. Heredeem, Jackson, Mississippi, Secretary-Treasurer for the WCPALDF

Bernard L. Akin, Meridian, Mississippi, a member of the Lauderdale Klavern, who has been arrested for his complicity in the conspiracy surrounding the murder of the three civil rights workers June 21, 1964

George H. Birdsong, also known as Billy Birdsong, Meridian, Mississippi, Imperial Investigator for the WKKKKOM

Reverend Delmar Dennis, Meridian, Mississippi, Province Titan, and member of the Board of Directors for the WCPALDF.

Mr. (First name unknown) White, Brookhaven, Mississippi, an insurance man who broke away

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from the United Klans of America (UKA) and formed the first Klavern of the WKKKKOM in Brookhaven, Mississippi.

Mr. (First name unknown) Percy, Gulfport, Mississippi, a Gulf Coast investigator for the WKKKKOM.

The Province Titan from Smith County, Mississippi, whose name is not known to the source.

Jack Williams, the State Klan Treasurer, Julius Harper, the Grand Dragon, Elmore Greaves, publisher of "The Southern Review," a Klan-type newspaper, and Meredith Tatum, editor of "The Southern Review," were not present; however, these individuals were at previous State Klan Cabinet meetings.

The main topic of the January 31 meeting was the fund raising for the defense of the 18 defendants recently arrested for their participation in the murders of Michael Schwerner, Andrew Goodman, and James Chaney.

The WCPALDF has been formed by the WKKKKOM, and is the principal fund-raising organization created and organized by the WKKKKOM.

Letters under the letterhead of the WCPALDF, along with "The Articles of Formation" and the "Rules and Procedures for Placing and Collection of Jars" were distributed to the group. The distribution of jars soliciting funds is to be state-wide, and the letters requesting money are to be distributed throughout the state. It was brought out at the meeting that only active klansmen would be allowed to be on the Board of Directors for the fund, which includes Elmore Greaves, State Chiarmen; Glenn Swettman, Biloxi, Mississippi; I. H. Shumaker, Kosciusko, Mississippi; Reverend Delmar Dennis, Meridian, Mississippi; and James M. Hooper, Sidon, Mississippi.

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On February 8, 1965, JN T-1 reported that as a result of the defection by the Meridian Klan from the WKKKKOM, it is most probable the state organization will still solicit funds to the WCPALDF; however, the state organization will probably use the opportunity to raise money for themselves rather than for the defense of those accused in the slayings of the three civil rights workers.

On February 15, 1965, JN T-1 reported that he learned that Harvey H. Heredeen, Secretary-Treasurer, WCPALDF, had written a letter to Delmar Dennis, a member of the Board of Directors for the fund. Heredeen confirmed the appointment of Ray Parker, Bonita, Mississippi, as the Lauderdale County chairman for the state fund-raising campaign.

Mr. Heredeen expressed the opinion in this letter that the Neshoba County Defense Fund would be first used for the expenses incurred in the defense of persons arrested for the abduction and murder of the three civil rights workers. According to this letter, Elmore Greaves, State Chairman, met with a Mr. Mullins, the Director of the Neshoba County Fund, at which time Mullins and Greaves agreed that the WCPALDF would not solicit in Neshoba County. They also agreed that the Neshoba County Fund and the WCPALDF would not be merged.

Heredeen continued in this letter that it was his understanding that the Meridian defendants were not able to pay their attorney's fees and were unable to obtain assistance from the Neshoba Defense Fund. He stated they would be happy to render aid to the Meridian defendants, and requested that Dennis furnish the names and addresses of the men involved, the names of their lawyers, and the amount of legal fees per man.

This letter was written on the letterhead of the WCPALDF, and was signed "Harvey H. Heredeen, Secretary and Treasurer (for Elmore D. Greaves)."

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During the week of January 24, 1965, B. C. Lide, distributed placards and jars on behalf of the WCPALDF. He left this paraphernalia with the following persons, who are known Klansmen:

1. G. W. Herrington, H and H Restaurant, Philadelphia, Mississippi
2. Leland Allen, De Kalb, Mississippi
3. J. S. Henry, Union, Mississippi
4. C. B. Jones, Pelahatchie, Mississippi
5. Ruhl Hurt, Alpine Cafe, Highway 80 East, Meridian, Mississippi

Lide was previously instructed to leave no placards or jars with any persons other than Klansmen.

On February 25, 1965, JN T-1 reported that he had received information that Wayne Roberts, a defendant in connection with the civil rights murders, had been in Philadelphia, Mississippi attempting to raise money on his behalf. JN T-1 understands that ROBERTS had approached the committee in Neshoba County concerning the possibility of his being retained by them to solicit money on a full-time bases. This request was turned down. Roberts said he would devote full time to collecting money for himself; that he intended to travel to Panola County to see Lee Roberts, father-in-law, who would assist him in his campaign.

Roberts stated that he would take 25 to 50 per cent of what he collected for salary and expenses; give the remainder to the Neshoba Fund; and then hope that he would receive his proportionate share from the combined funds.

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On this same date, Wayne Roberts and Billy Wayne Posey, remarked that they intended to go to Laurel, Mississippi and beat Sam Bowers. During this same conversation it was learned that Delmar Dennis told Posey and Roberts that Bowers had given him \$500 to be used for the defense of the Klansmen accused in the murder of the three civil rights workers, but that it would not be used until the Neshoba and other local funds were consolidated and distributed.

On February 23, 1965, JN T-1 reported that the WCPALDF has met with little success so far because of the competition with the Neshoba Fund and the fact that Billy Birdsong and Wayne Roberts have taken the money collected so far.

On March 3, 1965, JN T-1 reported that according to Sam Bowers, and a discussion at the State Klan Cabinet meetings, the WCPALDF is to be a permanent organization. This organization will not only be concerned with the raising of money for the defendants in the murder of the civil rights workers, but also for the defense of any Klansman accused of committing racial violence.

JN T-1 reported that Delmar Dennis recently made a request for money from the WCPALDF for Lester Williamson, the lawyer of James Rutledge. Rutledge has previously been arrested for possessing dynamite.

He also informed that Ray Parker is Chairman of the WCPALDF in Lauderdale County. Parker does not appear too enthusiastic about his new position. He has indicated that there is too much work involved. Parker is not a member of any Klan organization.

On March 25, 1965, JN T-1 reported that on March 24, 1965, he learned of a meeting of the Board of Directors of the WCPALDF at Brookhaven, Mississippi. The meeting was presided over by Elmore D. Greaves, State

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Chairman, and the following were in attendance:

Harvey H. Heredeen, Secretary-Treasurer;

Reverend Delmar Dennis, Meridian, Mississippi;

I. H. "Pete" Shumaker, Kosciusko, Mississippi;

(First name unknown) Everett.

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 WCPALDF 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 Heredeen 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.

On March 10, 1965, JN T-1 reported that he heard Clarence Mitchell stated on March 10, 1965, that the Neshoba Defense Fund presently had \$3,300. JN T-1 stated that contrary to previous information furnished by Clarence Mitchell, he now contends that all 17 defendants, including Horace Doyle Barnette, will receive money from the Neshoba Defense Fund. It had

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previously been reported by Laurel Weir and Clarence Mitchell that the money was to be used exclusively for those defendants from Philadelphia, Mississippi.

JN T-1 stated that Mitchell seemed "upset" at the fact that J. B. Collier, Chairman of the Lauderdale County Freedom Defense Fund, had not turned over \$710.00 to the Neshoba Committee.

On April 2, 1965, JN T-1 reported that a letter from H. H. Herdeen, Secretary-Treasurer, WCPALDF, dated March 30, 1965, reported that a called meeting of the Board of Directors of the WCPALDF was held on March 24, 1965 at Whitworth College, Brookhaven, Mississippi. The Board instructed the secretary to advise all county chairmen that due to the deplorable condition of some of the placards on the jars, they should be taken up, and monies deposited as per instructions, with the exception that all money or checks be mailed to the fund, Post Office Box 426, Jackson, Mississippi, as well as any future correspondence.

After the jars are in, they should be cleaned and held. The Board of Directors will issue new colored placards in about 30 days, that will be eye-catching, and the wording changed considerably.

On February 4, 1965, JN T-2 states that on February 1, 1965, he heard Julius Harper state that he was the one who started the collection for the individuals arrested in the Philadelphia case and that Sam Bowers was trying to take this away from him. Harper reportedly stated that there are many people in this fund drive for the WCPALDF who are not klansmen. JN T-2 reported that the individuals who are putting out the jars for the collection of money in the various business establishments throughout the State of Mississippi, are the Province Officers.

JN T-2 informed that he heard Harper make the statement that the Klan had letters printed that they were

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going to mail to businessmen all over the State of Mississippi, asking for donations. He has not seen any of these letters as yet.

On March 18, 1965, JN T-2 reported that a meeting of the Klan officials was held on March 6, 1965, near Terry, Mississippi. There were approximately 20 - 25 individuals present, and the meeting was under the direction of Sam Bowers. During this meeting, in accounting for the Klan money, it was discussed that about \$3200 had been collected and approximately \$1600 or \$1700 of this sum had been spent on advertising.

It was also discussed that the bank that had been handling the money had refused to take anymore money collected by the WCPALDF; that the bank had disassociated itself in every way from this fund. It was decided that the money would continue to be collected at the post office box which had previously been furnished as the mailing address for the WCPALDF.

JN T-2 reported that Greaves, Secretary-Treasurer for the WCPALDF, is keeping a record of all contributions and disbursements which he reports directly to Sam Bowers.

JN T-2 reported that Ernest Gilbert, State Investigator, suggested that in view of the poor response to the letters sent to various businessmen in the State of Mississippi requesting contributions to the WCPALDF, 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.

During this same meeting, Gilbert asked if Klan money was being given to assist in the defense of the individuals arrested in connection with the murder of the three civil rights workers near Philadelphia, Mississippi. Bowers replied that it was not necessary for

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the Klan to furnish money to these individuals, as the attorneys representing them had made the statement that they would defend the defendants in this case regardless of whether or not they received payment for their services. Bowers then remarked that the purpose of the WCPALDF was for propaganda purposes so that word could be put out by the Klan that the Klan presently had one million dollars to defend anyone in the State of Mississippi who is accused of a violent act.

It was also mentioned by Julius Harper, that attempts were being made to get the WCPALDF set up as a non-profit organization in order to avoid payment of Federal income taxes.

On March 3, 1965, JN T-3 reported that a short time after the Grand Jury indictment regarding the individuals arrested in Neshoba County with relation to the murder of the three civil rights workers, persons who were subscribers to the "Southern Review," a newspaper printed in Jackson, Mississippi, received a letter from Elmore D. Greaves, Editor of the "Southern Review." This letter was on the letterhead stationery of the WCPALDF and named Elmore D. Greaves the State Chairman. The return address on this letter was Post Office Box 426, Jackson, Mississippi. The Board of Directors was given as Mr. Glenn Swettman, Biloxi, Mississippi; Mr. I. H. "Pete" Shumaker, Kosciusko, Mississippi; Reverend Delmar Dennis, Meridian, Mississippi, and James M. Hooper, Sidon, Mississippi. Swettman and Hooper are known to be members of the WKKKKOM. Swettman is a Province Giant in an unknown province, possibly Province 1 or 2. This letter requested the receiver to contribute money to the defense of any "white christian patriot" who has or may be indicted and forced to stand trial for some real or imagined infraction of the communist-inspired Civil Rights Act. Some of these letters were accompanied by a sheet containing the articles of formation of the organization and rules and

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procedures for the placing and collection of jars to be used in collecting money for the organization. A bank draft to be drawn through the Jackson-Hinds Bank, Jackson, Mississippi, was also included with the letter.

A meeting was held on or about January 1, 1965, at the Heidleburg Hotel, Jackson, Mississippi, for the purpose of obtaining the backing of the WKKKKOM in support of the WCPALDF. In attendance at this meeting were: Sam Bowers, Billy Buckles, J. K. Greer, Pete Shumaker, Julius Harper, Elmore Greaves, Meredith Tatum, Jackson, Mississippi, Gordan Lackey, Province Giant of Leflore County, Mississippi, Johnny Bostick, Natchez, Mississippi, E. L. "Tiny" Lewis, Natchez, Mississippi, and about eight other individuals. The meeting was held in a petitioned dining room of one of the upper floors of the Heidleburg Hotel.

The meeting was opened by Sam Bowers, much in the same manner in which a regular Klan meeting would be opened, with a word of prayer and a short discussion of the situation with relation to the arrests of the individuals at Neshoba County and Meridian, Mississippi. Bowers thereafter introduced Meredith Tatum.

Tatum stated he had recently traveled to Philadelphia, Mississippi, as a representative of the "Southern Review" newspaper and had interviewed Sheriff Rainey. Tatum discussed his conversation with Sheriff Rainey and the fact that these individuals were being persecuted and harassed. He thereafter discussed the fact that he and other individuals had established the WCPALDF in an effort to raise money for the legal defense of the individuals arrested, as well as any other persons arrested in the State of Mississippi on civil rights charges.

At the conclusion of the talk by Meredith Tatum, Elmore Greaves, who had left the meeting for a few minutes, returned and he also made a talk on the need

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for defense funds for individuals arrested on civil rights charges. Sam Bowers again took the floor of the meeting and discussed the instructions for the collection of money and the way in which the operation for collection would be organized. Each Province Giant signed for and received 100 placards for each county in his province. Bowers explained that these cards carried a serial number and were to be attached to gallon jars and subsequently placed in places of business for the collection of money. Bowers further stated the jars were to be sealed with wax and he gave considerable instruction in their preparation. He said the Province Giants would be held responsible for each placard furnished.

Bowers advised the Province Giants to return to their provinces and secure a county chairman for the fund drive in each county. These county chairmen were preferably not to be members of the WKKKKOM. Persons were to be recruited to assist the county chairman in the distribution of the collection jars. It was also preferable that these individuals not be members of the WKKKKOM. The actual distribution and the places selected for depositing the jars were to be up to the county chairman involved. Bowers stressed the fact that the WKKKKOM would be in complete charge of the money and the drive at all times.

Bowers stated that a person-to-person drive was to be pursued in an effort to collect larger amounts of money from more wealthy individuals. These person-to-person contacts were to be carried out by the county chairman and his assistant.

Bowers said that the county chairman and his assistants were not to have knowledge that the campaign was being handled by the WKKKKOM.

The following is the procedure outlined by Bowers for picking up the jars after money has been contributed.

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The order to pick up a jar must originate with the Board of Governors who will either advise the Province Giant involved or the county chairman involved that the jar is to be picked up. Thereafter, a county chairman or one of his assistants will go to the business place involved, where he will detach the placard with the serial number and on the back, enter the name of the establishment. The assistant will then unseal the jar in the presence of the establishment owner, and the two of them will together count the money. The assistant will furnish the owner of the establishment a receipt in the amount of the money contained in the jar. He will also enter this amount on back of the placard. The assistant will then go to a bank and obtain a cashier's check in duplicate for the amount of the money in the jar. He will return a duplicate of the cashier's check to the owner of the establishment for display to the public in order that the public may know where the money went. The cashier's check will be made payable to the WCPALDF. The check will thereafter be handled through the chain of command back to the Province Giant involved, who will in turn mail the check for deposit to the WCPALDF, Jackson-Hinds Bank, Post Office Box 979, Jackson, Mississippi. The Province Giant does not mail the money in; the county chairman mails the money in to the bank. The county chairman retains the used placard and in the event the jar is used a second time, a new placard with a new serial number is attached.

On March 9, 1965, JN T-3 reported that during a meeting of the state officers of the WKKKKOM on March 7, 1965, in Terry, Mississippi, it was brought out that 10,000 blank bank drafts, payable to the WCPALDF, and drawn on the Jackson-Hinds Bank, had been burned because the bank did not wish to be publicly affiliated with the WCPALDF. He stated that every prominent businessman in Jackson, Mississippi, had been mailed a letter relating to this fund and asking for a contribution. He said that not one single reply had come in.

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During this meeting, Sam Bowers gave various province reports relating to the money collected for the WCPALDF and indicated the collections in general, appeared poor.

During this meeting, Clyde Seale told about a jar that was placed at the Crossroads Grocery in Franklin County, Mississippi. The lady that owned the Crossroads Grocery had told him that approximately \$12 was in the jar and that Negroes had put at least half of the money in this jar. Seale further stated that the jars are not doing well in Franklin County.

JN T-3 reported that during the week of March 12 - 19, 1965, a letter was distributed to all members of the Board of Directors, all county chairmen, and all district workers of the WCPALDF. This letter was signed by H. H. Heredeen, Secretary-Treasurer. He indicated in this letter that a total of \$2,675.22 had been received as of that date. He commented that this amount is about what could be expected at this stage. Only two jars have been reported and these had donations of \$850.

Heredeen stated that some 15,000 donation letters had been mailed out, but response from these letters has not been as good as expected and will be discontinued for the time. He indicated that solicitation for the present will be by personal contact. This is very effective, since many people would give in this manner who are, for some reason, afraid to have a check in the name of the fund clear their bank.

This letter also indicated that stickers to place on envelopes were being printed in Jackson. These stickers will read, "Support the Legal Defense Fund." It is expected that placards will be printed later to be placed in store windows, etc., to read something like this: "The beatniks and Northern troublemakers who are

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harassing out people have the help of the Government attorneys and unlimited financial backing from Madison Avenue, New York." "The white patriot has nothing to back him but his faith in God and his stand for decency. Support the Legal Defense Fund."

On March 23, 1965, JN T-3 reported that on March 20, 1965, a meeting of the state officers and bursars of the WKKKKOM was held at Jackson, Mississippi. During this meeting, Heredeen, Secretary-Treasurer for the WCPALDF, reported that the drive for funds was not doing well, and no money is being received through the mail. It was also discussed during this meeting that no cash should be sent through the mail.

On April 1, 1965, JN T-3 reported that about March 29, 1965, a collection jug which had been placed at the Barbeque Pit Restaurant on Highway 61 North, near Natchez, Mississippi, was opened and a total of \$134.09 was taken from this jug for the WCPALDF. This place is owned by E. L. Lewis.

On April 1, 1965, JN T-4 advised that he had recently learned that H. H. Heredeen is the head of the WCPALDF. He also learned that the records of this organization are located in a private office on the second floor above Morris Drug Store, North State Street and Manship Avenue, Jackson, Mississippi. This is the same office where the "Southern Review" is located.

On February 1, 1965, JN T-5 reported that the Scott County, Mississippi Klavern will be active in the WCPALDF and are attempting to obtain leading citizens in Forest, Mississippi, to assist in the collection of this fund.

On February 24, 1965, JN T-6 reported that he has learned that the jars put out in Laurel for the WCPALDF

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were put out by Klan members from the Masonite Corporation. He does not know the names of the individuals that place them in the various business establishments, but has observed jars in several places.

This individual also informed that some Klan member had told him that Mr. Sam Bowers, who lived near the Masonite Corporation, is directing the program.

On February 26, 1965 JN T-3 stated that Uree Garner, Province Giant, Raleigh, Mississippi, recently made the statement that W. R. Mangum, Province Investigator, Magee, Mississippi, had either brought or sent "placards" and fruit jars to distribute in and around Raleigh. These were to be used in connection with the raising of funds for the WCPALDF. Garner reportedly told Mangum or sent word that if he, Mangum, wanted the jars distributed, that he could come and do it himself. Informant stated that to his knowledge, no jars are out in Raleigh. He feels that if anybody put a jar in his place, it would be Harold H. Phipps, owner, Phipps Cafe, and no jar is visible.

On March 22, 1965, JN T-7 reported that on March 12, 1965, Uree Garner, Raleigh, Mississippi that money jars sent to him by W. R. Mangum, Investigator for the Klan, Magee, Mississippi, were returned to Mangum. These jars were to be put out around Raleigh to collect money for the WCPALDF.

He states on March 21, 1965, Garner was discussing the WCPALDF at which time he again mentioned returning the jars to Mangum. Garner also related that he had received some literature about this project which he had stored in a chicken house where it will remain, since he does not want to have anything to do with the project.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Jackson, Mississippi

May 6, 1965

In Reply, Please Refer to
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Character	Racial Matters (Klan)
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON

DATE: 5-5-65

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FROM : SA WILLIAM W. PRICE, JR.

WKKKOM.

SUBJECT: KLAN ACTIVITIES - WESSON, MISS. - 157-1985
RACIAL MATTERS

Chief of Police A. L. HARTLEY, Wesson, Miss., on 5-4-65, furnished a copy of a mimeographed circular which he said was widely distributed in Wesson during the night of 4-30-65. This circular, headed "CITIZENS OF WESSON", read in part:

"We, the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Miss. are a christian organization, dedicated to work against the evils of integration and communism.

"It was brought to light a few months back that the manager of the Shell Service Station in Wesson, CURTIS DAVIS, was having an affair with a NIGGER woman. At that time he was given a warning, but apparently he paid no attention...This man is unworthy of having a business establishment in Wesson. We think that all decent upright citizens of this county should reframe from trading with this establishment.

157-1612
157-326
157-4-492

"The NIGGER woman mentioned is the nurse of the local Doctor, BURTON FREIDMAN, who is also a nigger sympathizer...It has come to our attention that a well known lady, Mrs. RUFUS MIDDLETON is collecting donations for the NAACP...It is a disgrace for a woman of this nature to teach in our public schools.

refused to read letter
157-63-297

"Other white that have had relations with Nigger women are ANDREW HARTLEY, and RUSTY GUYMON."

The circular has been placed in the MA file of this case.

Chief HARTLEY said the warning to CURTIS DAVIS consisted of a severe beating last August.

The Chief said W. B. CARLYLE, the night policeman, seems to know a good bit more about the distribution of the circulars than he has told. He said four of the circulars were thrown in his car while he was making his rounds on the night of 4-30-65. The Chief said CARLYLE seems to be "in with the Klan".

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The Chief said that GEORGE EARLE, RFD Wesson, Miss., and RAY "DAGO" SANDERS are suspected of having a hand in the distribution of the circulars. One reason for this suspicion is that they turned their automobile over in the front yard of WILKIE BARLOW after midnight last Friday night. WILKIE BARLOW lives about two and a half miles north east of Wesson.

GEORGE EARLE works for Ashley's Grocery in Wesson.
SANDERS works in Brookhaven at the Potter Plant (Electric Plant)

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March and April, 1965

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Neshoba Co. Klavern, Lauderdale Co. Klavern,
Meridian church burnings, UKA.

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LAUDERDALE COUNTY KLAVERN

The below-listed individuals are known to me to have been at one time active members of the Lauderdale County Klavern of the WKKKKOM, but their degree of present activity or involvement is not known to me at this time:

DAVID DIAL was obligated in May or June, 1964, although a resident of the State of Alabama.

MURRAY ROGERS attended one or two meetings, but who apparently did not continue.

HAROLD KELLER, a Meridian fireman, was active at one time but who I now know not to be active.

MARVIN HASTINGS, who was active but is presently not involved.

A man whose last name is HICKS, who is employed as a barber in Meridian.

B. C. LIDE, who is presently still active, who on last contact had been attempting to gather funds for the Klan in order to defend the 21 defendants.

WALTER SCITZS who I know is obligated into the Klan but I do not know the degree of his participation.

The following-named individuals are unknown to me as having been members of the Lauderdale County Klavern or involved in any respect with the Ku Klux Klan:

LEROY YARBOROUGH
TOM DECELL
CLARENCE LACKEY
WILLIAM JOHNSON

NESHOBA COUNTY KLAVERN

Although the Neshoba County and Lauderdale County Klaverns were at one time closely associated prior to the death of the three Civil Rights Workers, I was not familiar with many names, but the following-listed names are familiar to me and I can assume that although I do not know them personally that they must have been active or sympathetic toward the Neshoba County Klavern because I would not be familiar with their names not knowing any people who live in the Neshoba County area:

PETE JORDAN
HOWARD FANNING
ETHEL GLEN BARNETT
JOHN RISHER
LAUREL WEIR
LAMAR SALTER
CLARENCE MITCHELL
OTHA BURKES
RAY SMITH

The following individuals are not known to me either by name or from conversations concerning Klan membership:

J. T. BARNETT
ROBERT LEE
T. C. WARD
JACK WEATHERFORD
HOYT WITHERS
JIMMY FULTON
CARROLL PARMER
RONALD PARMER
JESSIE JOYNER
DAN DAVIS
A. V. GRIFFIN
"SKINNY" WATSON
JAKE LINDSAY
HERMAN ALFORD

WILLIE DENNIS

WILLIE DENNIS is known to me as a member of the Neshoba County Klavern and is a relative of Preacher DELMAR DENNIS. Preacher DENNIS brought several of his kinfold into the WKKKKOM and the only one I know by name is his brother, WILLIE, who because of his residence in Philadelphia, has been active in that area. WILLIE DENNIS' current activities are unknown to me.

ROBERT EARL

During my active participation there was never a meeting held at the Skyview Club on Highway 45 South and the only person connected with the Skyview is ROBERT EARL NORTHAM and I do not personally know anyone by the name of ROBERT EARL.

(FNU) BARNETT

I am personally acquainted with all the employees of Motor Supply Company in Meridian, Miss., and unless the individual is a newly hired delivery boy, I do not believe there is anyone by the name of BARNETT who is a member of the KKK that is employed by Motor Supply Company.

MERIDIAN CHURCH BURNINGS

I have no knowledge from conversations with members of the WKKKKOM concerning their involvement in the church burnings that occurred in Meridian, Mississippi, on the weekend of March 27, 1965. It was brought to my attention that the Meridian PD was considering individuals that congregated at a curb store on Poplar Springs Drive and my only knowledge concerning anyone that hangs out there is an individual who operates the health center at the Broadmoor Shopping Center and an individual whose name is unknown to me who drives a blue Simca that lives in the vicinity of 12th Street and 37th Avenue. This car bears license number LA1751 and I have seen this car at this curb stand. About the time of these occurrences I did observe one suspicious car containing a group of teenagers

and the car was a 1964 or 1965 Ford Mustang, bronze in color, and bearing 1965 Mississippi license 50B786, Neshoba County, Mississippi.

UKA, INC.

I have not learned of any activities of the UKA in the Meridian area and the only knowledge I have of anyone disassociating themselves with the WKKKKOM and joining the UKA is the operator of the Valley Motel, BILLY BIRDSONG.

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Brief description of activity or material

Activities of WCPALDF in Adams Co., Miss.
Meeting of State & Province officers WKKKKOM
Jackson, Miss., 4/18/65. Plan by WKKKKOM
to erect billboards throughout Miss. depicting
civil rights leaders in compromising positions

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Remarks: Plans by WKKKKOM to hold State Meeting at Gulfport, Miss., during May, 1965. Orders by JULIUS HARPER for members of WKKKKOM to cease burning churches. Opposition to UKA by SAM BOWERS. Alleged activities of citizens of Adams Co., Miss. to force Sheriff ODELL ANDERS to enforce laws. Identities of law enforcement officers Adams Co., Miss., alleged to have been members of WKKKKOM.

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April 20, 1965
Adams County, Miss.

ACTIVITIES OF WHITE CHRISTIAN PROTECTIVE AND LEGAL
DEFENSE FUND, ADAMS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

Jugs for the collection of funds for the White Christian Protective and Legal Defense Fund (WCPLDF) were placed in the following business houses in Natchez and Adams County, Mississippi:

1. The Barbecue Pit
2. Jordan Aviation
3. Midway Store
4. Indian Village Inn
5. Lees Snack Bar
6. Allen Bryant Tenneco Service Station
7. Haney's Conoco Service Station
8. James Amaco Service Station
9. Glass House Restaurant
10. Rainbow Grill
11. Four Points Club
12. Franklin Street Beverage
13. Morgantown Grocery
14. Italian Kitchen Restaurant
15. John Storm Service Station, Washington, Miss.
16. Tops Grill
17. B. X. Service Station, Washington, Miss.

MEETING OF STATE OFFICERS AND PROVINCE OFFICERS, WKKKKOM,
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, 4/18/65

Persons attending this meeting on 4/18/65, assembled at the Cotton Bowl Bowling Alley on Lynch Street in Jackson, Mississippi, on 4/18/65. They thereafter traveled out Ellis Avenue to Highway 18, almost to Raymond, Mississippi. They then traveled approximately 200 yards past the Rendezvous Juke Joint on the right side of the road.

They then turned right onto a gravel road for approximately one mile. They thereafter turned at the first lefthand turn and went approximately one half mile. They then turned right through a wire cattle gap and the meeting was held approximately two hundred yards through the cattle gap into a pasture and under a tree. This pasture is the property of the father of (FNU) BURSE.

JACK MORROW
Those present at this meeting were SAM BOWERS, JULIUS HARPER, PETE SHUMAKER, VINCENT T. PURSER, (FNU) BURSE, JACK (LNU) from Jackson, Mississippi, J. K. GREER and two unidentified white males from the North Mississippi area who have previously attended these meetings.

The meeting was opened by JACK (LNU) from Jackson, Mississippi. He opened the meeting with a prayer.

WCPLDF

SAM BOWERS spoke of changing the name of the WCPLDF. He wished particularly to change the portion which says "White Christian" because the general public has complained about this name. It was decided at the meeting that the name should not be changed and thereafter a general discussion regarding the fund took place. SAM BOWERS stated he feels the fund will realize a total of about \$2000.

J. K. GREER

J. K. GREER stated that BILLY BUCKLES had recently been questioned by FBI Agents who had asked him what was taking place within the Klan. The Agents stated they had heard reports of men carrying guns to guard meetings. GREER then said that guards who were placed along roads around meetings should be done away with as they served no useful purpose. He asked the group the question "Who would these people shoot?" It then appeared to astonish the group that they had never before thought about the fact that these guards

would appear more ridiculous than to be feared. SAM BOWERS and the other persons present agreed with GREER that the guards should be done away with and BOWERS stated that previously the guards had been put out just for a show and they wouldn't shoot anyone anyway.

Billboards

A discussion relating to the construction of billboards throughout the State of Mississippi took place during the meeting. It has been decided that these billboards will be built all over the State of Mississippi and will be used as a spot on which to place posters depicting MARTIN LUTHER KING and other civil rights leaders in compromising positions. VINCENT T. PURSER stated that BILLY BUCKLES was at his home in Gulfport, Mississippi, on the night of 4/13/65, and BUCKLES had a number of these posters in his car. PURSER indicated that this meeting had additional significance of some type. It is pointed out that PURSER is a District Bursar of the WKKKKOM.

State Meeting of WKKKKOM

PURSER was asked by SAM BOWERS to arrange for the State Meeting of the WKKKKOM at Gulfport, Mississippi, sometime during mid-May, 1965. PURSER stated "It will all hinge on what BUCKLES came to see me about the other night".

BOWERS stated he had arranged to have the State Meeting in Rankin County, Mississippi, during the week of 4/19-2/4/65, but he had to cancel the meeting after the recent church burning in that area because of the increased number of FBI Agents which had been sent to the area.

BOWERS further advised that the members of the WKKKKOM will be notified no later than the next regularly scheduled meeting of the State and Province Officers where and when the big State Meeting will be held.

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BOWERS stated that he used to operate a theater and has a supply of old movie tickets on hand. He will give each Province Officer one ticket for himself and one ticket for each klavern in his province. Each ticket will allow one car load of men to come to the State Meeting. This meeting will be a one-day affair and will probably be held on a Sunday. BOWERS has stated that no pencils, pens or other writing materials will be allowed at the State Meeting and officials are to wonder through the meeting and watch the individual members.

BOWERS advised that the meetings of the State and Province Officers will henceforth be held on the first and third Sunday of each month.

Miscellaneous - WKKKKOM

JACK (LNU), from Jackson, Mississippi, brought up the need to hire a fulltime "runner" to contact the various units of the WKKKKOM in the State of Mississippi. This runner would be used to spread the word from SAM BOWERS, JULIUS HARPER, and the other State leaders to the units in order to keep the organization going strong. This suggestion met with much agreement among the persons present at this meeting.

SAM BOWERS and the United Klans of America

SAM BOWERS stated he will not talk with EDDIE MC DANIEL of the United Klans of America (UKA) under any circumstances and he is wholeheartedly against any connection between the WKKKKOM and the UKA. JULIUS HARPER agreed with BOWERS in this matter, and instructions were issued that White Knights are not to attend the function on May 2, 1965, at Natchez, Mississippi, which is being sponsored by the UKA. This function is to be known as The White Mississippians Speak.

Church Burnings - WKKKKOM

JULIUS HARPER stated that all of the members should be told not to burn or bomb any more churches in the

State of Mississippi as this operation was not accomplishing anything. HARPER did not appear to know who had burned the church recently in Rankin County, Mississippi.

This concluded the meeting on 4/18/65.

LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES, ADAMS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

ERNEST AVANTS has advised that a group of persons in Adams County, Mississippi, have met with District Attorney LENOX FORMAN and Judge TORREY and have arranged to assist with law enforcement operations. These individuals will attempt to spot gambling operations and liquor violations in Adams County. They will then call Sheriff ODELL ANDERS to the scene. They will give ANDERS sufficient time to arrive at the scene and if he does not come they will then call District Attorney FORMAN and advise him of the situation. The individuals will thereafter destroy the equipment themselves, and FORMAN is to later handle Sheriff ANDERS.

It would appear that this situation actually exists as the slot machines have recently been removed from the Barbecue Pit Restaurant near Natchez, Mississippi, which is owned by E. L. "TINY" LEWIS. It is pointed out that LEWIS has always been very restrictive of the persons utilizing these machines and never allowed minors to use them. LEWIS has given no reason for the removal of these machines.

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, ADAMS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

The following individuals are not known to have even been members of the WKKKKOM:

GEORGE REESE LINDSEY, Patrolman, Natchez Police Department.

GRADY LEVERETTE, Patrolman, Natchez Police Department.

J. D. CRAWFORD, Constable, District 5, Adams
County, Mississippi.

The following individuals were previously members
of the WKKKKOM. They are not now known to be active in
the WKKKKOM:

F. C. MARTIN, Patrolman, Natchez Police Department.

W. E. STROUD, Patrolman, Natchez Police Department.

ED MURRAY, Patrolman, Natchez Police Department.

J. C. WISNER, Natchez Police Department.

J. W. BURCHFIELD, Constable, Adams County, Mississippi.

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Brief description of activity or material

Informant identified himself as member of Forest Hill Klavern, WKKKKOM, Hinds County and furnished names of several members of his Klavern as well as state officers of WKKKKOM.

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- ①- 157-63
- 1- 157-54 (KKK, Hinds County)
- 1- 157-18
- 1-157- 946 (JULIUS HARPER)
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- 2- 157-881 (HOLLIS GRICE)
- 1- 157-19 (J. N. FORTENBERRY)
- 1- 157-2621 (MEREDITH W. TATUM)
- 1- 157-1089 ("THE SOUTHERN REVIEW)
- 1- 157-1274 (TOMMY GUNTER)
- 1- 157-2148 (JOE H. ALLEN)
- 1- 157-510 (WOODIE MATTHEWS)
- 1- 157-2623 (KARL SUMMERS)
- 1- 157-2916 (JACK SHEARER, SR.)

- 1- 157-767 (H. L. HOLMES)
- 1- 157-213 (KKK, MONTGOMERY COUNTY)
- 2- 157- (TRUMAN SISTRUNK)
- 1- 157-1418 (BILL SULLIVAN, PEARL, MISS.)
- 1- 157-216
- 1- 157-1420 (S. T. SHOOK)
- 2- 157- (CLAYTON PATRIDGE)

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Informant advised that the following are known to be the state officers of the WKKKKOM:

SAM H. BOWERS, JR., Imperial Wizard, Sambo's Amusement Company, Laurel, Miss;

JULIUS HARPER, Grand Dragon, owns J&F Grill, Crystal Springs, Miss.;

BILLY BUCKLES, Grand Giant, employed International Paper Co., Natchez, Miss.;

ERNEST GILBERT, some type of state organizer, whose address is unknown, but lives in south Miss.

Informant advised that the Forest Hill Klavern which is better known as Unit 5, Hinds County, Miss., is a relatively small Klavern and never had more than about 30 members, most of the members reside in the south or west sections of Jackson, Miss. Usually only five or six members attend Klavern meetings. The most recent meeting was held in Feb. 1965, and six members were present. The meeting was held in an unoccupied building in downtown Jackson and was broken up just after it got started because some stranger looked into the window of this building and the members became so frightened they left immediately. Several of the members, however, meet informally in various cafes and other places. Practically all business is held orally and information is passed in this way from one member to the other.

The Exalted Cyclops of the Forest Hill Klavern is HOLLIS GRICE, who is the manager of the Miss. Inks, North Monument St., Jackson, Miss. Further active members are JOE H. ALLEN, salesman of photographic equipment who resides at 944 Briarfield Road, Jackson, Miss., and who hangs around a lot at Capitol Blueprint Co., 227 East Pearl St., Jackson.

Another member is TOMMY GUNTER, owner of Capitol Blueprint and Supply Co., 227 East Pearl St., Jackson. Informant claims he cannot recall other names of active members, but is in a position to obtain these names at a later date. He said that one of them did work for the Exalted Cyclops but believes he no longer attends meetings. Another member who is the secretary is employed by Supreme Printing Company in the 100 block of East Pearl St., Jackson.

Informant advised that there are five Klan units active in Hinds County at the present time; they are the West Jackson Klavern, the North Jackson Klavern, the South Jackson Klavern, the Utica Klavern, which is the most violent of the five, and the Forest Hill Klavern, which is known as unit five. Informant said he believes West Jackson Klavern is unit one and is not sure of the numbers of the other three Klaverns in Hinds County.

Informant advised there are three Klan units in Montgomery County and two of the leaders are S. T. SHOOK and CLAYTON PATRIDGE. Informant is not aware of what their titles are, but CLAYTON PATRIDGE is the brother of the former sheriff in Montgomery County.

Informant identified the following persons as members of the WKKKKOM, however their specific Klaverns are not known to the informant:

J. N. FORTENBERRY, Klan officer, who is employed by the City of Jackson;

MEREDITH W. TATUM, Editor of "The Southern Review", a monthly newspaper put out by the Klan at Jackson, Miss. TATUM has made the statement recently that he was responsible for putting out the last issue of "the klan ledger" about a month ago at Greenwood, Miss. TATUM's address is Magnolia Towers, P.O. Box 2424, Jackson, Miss.;

KARL SUMMERS, salesman Capitol Blueprint and

Supply Co., 227 East Pearl St., Jackson, Miss., believed a member of the South Jackson Klavern;

JACK SHEARER, SR., 3823 Northview Drive, Jackson. SHEARER travels around Miss. for the WKKKKOM collecting money from various Klans and turns it over to the state officers JULIUS HARPER, BILLY BUCKLES and SAM H. BOWERS.;

H. L. HOLMES, a used car salesman at Jackson, Miss.;

TRUMAN SISTRUNK, 939 Woodville Drive, Jackson, Miss. He is a brother of PAUL SISTRUNK, who was placed on trial at Jackson, Miss., during the summer of 1964 for racial violence involving two white persons and one Negro who SISTRUNK allegedly attack.;

BILL SULLIVAN, a Klan officer, who is crippled in one arm and who resides in Rankin County, possibly at Pearl, Miss.;

GORDON LACKEY, Greenwood, Miss. LACKEY is a loud-mouth, argumentive individual who sounds off at every meeting he attends on every subject that come up for discussion and although he is a Klan officer he is not highly regarded by most Klansmen.

Informant advised that he has attended two county wide Klan meetings in Hinds County during the past few months, both of which were held in a wooded area off of Raymond Road, just outside of Jackson. At the first meeting which was in February 1965, there were about 150 Klansmen present and an individual named HUGH BAILEY, an attorney from Winona, Miss., and an individual named WOODY MATTHEWS, from Utica, Miss., were both nominated for the County Senate position in the WKKKKOM for Hinds County. MATTHEWS won the election over BAILEY and BAILEY is not known to hold any official position in the County Klan organization. Some of the Klansmen present at this meeting mentioned

that BAILEY would be a good man for a state Klan officer, but no action was taken on this. The second meeting of the Hinds County Klavern was held at the same location on property owned by Mr. DUNN and there were about 75 Klansmen present. This meeting was in March 1965. JULIUS H. HARPER of Crystal Springs was the principal speaker at one of the meetings and SAM H. BOWERS was principal speaker at the other meeting. Informant advised that the principal things discussed at these meetings was fund raising, legal defense for persons arrested, uncovering FBI informants, and reorganizing of the Klan into small units for security.

Informant advised he was not aware that there was a state Klan meeting in south Miss. on 5/2/65.

Informant advised that Klansmen TOMMY GUNTER and JOE H. ALLEN, formerly printed "the Klan ledger" until about January 1965 and the state organization of the WKKKKOM owes them approximately \$2000 for work previously done in 1964 in printing "the Klan ledger"; they have been unable to collect so far. BOWERS himself personally arranged for all of this printing to be done by ALLEN and GUNTER and they expect to be paid later.

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Brief description of activity or material- CHARLES J. SEAL, Crossroads Klavern, continues
efforts to revive Crossroads Klan & informant advised SEAL recently observed in Crossroads area in company with Klansman ANTHONY LOUIS DI SALVO

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Remarks: of Bay St. Louis, Miss., and that reportedly a few days after this meeting copies of the "Klan Ledger" mysteriously appeared in Pearl River Co. Informant advised no indication currently any Klan activity in Pearl River Co., but expressed fear that people will be driven back into the Klan as a result of President JOHNSON's alleged alignment with civil rights groups against the Klan.

IF THE INFORMATION IN ATTACHED REPORT BY INFORMANT IS TO BE DISSEMINATED OUTSIDE THE BUREAU, IT SHOULD BE CAREFULLY PARAPHRASED IN ORDER THAT THE INFORMANT'S IDENTITY WILL NOT BE COMPROMISED.

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Informant at this time expressed a reluctance to sign or authenticate any additional reports made by him. In view of this obvious reluctance, no effort will be made to obtain informant's signature on additional reports, at least for the present time.

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- 1 - 157-2705 (FRED SPIERS)
- 1 - 157-2706 (B. ADCOX)
- 1 - 157-2707 (V. BLACKMAN)
- 1 - 157-2708 (BILL ADCOCK)
- 1 - 157-2709 (DONALD PENTON)

April 15, 1965

Informant advised that in view of recent racial activity in Bogalusa, Louisiana, CHARLES J. SEAL of the Crossroads Klavern, has renewed his efforts to revive interest in the Klan in the Crossroads area. In this connection, informant advised that approximately ten days ago he saw LEWIS DI SALVO of Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, at Crossroads in company with CHARLES J. SEAL. Informant was unable to determine why DI SALVO was in the Crossroads area, but from inquiry made he believes that DI SALVO and SEAL were discussing distribution of some kind of Klan-type literature. Informant advised he had not personally seen any of this literature but he understood that several copies of the "Klan Ledger" had appeared mysteriously in the yards of residents in the Crossroads and Poplarville, Mississippi, area within a day or two after DI SALVO and SEAL were together.

Informant advised that so far as he has been able to determine SEAL has been unsuccessful to date in reviving the Crossroads Klavern. Informant advised, however, that he has heard numerous bitter comments recently in the area by citizens concerning the fact that President JOHNSON apparently has aligned himself completely with civil rights groups against the Ku Klux Klan. Informant expressed fear that President JOHNSON's stand in this regard, particularly his alleged adoption of the civil rights slogan "We shall overcome" may result in driving a number of local residents back into the Klan.

Informant advised that so far as he knows there are no Klan meetings being held at the present time in Pearl River County, including Picayune, Mississippi. Informant advised he was in Picayune within the preceding week and stated that so far as he is able to determine, the Picayune Group is inactive at the present time.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1552)

FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-2366) (P)

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KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI
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WHITE CHRISTIAN PROTECTIVE AND
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KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI.

There are enclosed nine copies of a LHM
captioned WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN OF
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LEGAL DEFENSE FUND.

This LHM is based on a review of the file and
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Brief description of activity or material <u>No indication of current Klan activity Pearl River Co., Miss., and no indication Pearl River County Klansmen involved in burning of Pisgah Missionary Baptist Church, Pisgah, Rankin Co., 4/12/64.</u>	File where original is located if not attached FOIA(b) (7) - (D)
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Informant in the course of the 4/28/65 contact, reiterated his reluctance to sign any future written reports. It would appear from conversation with informant that he feels the lack of activity on the part of the Klan in Pearl River Co. at the present time is due to a possible effort by state officials to reorganize the Klan into smaller groups in an effort to "weed out" informant sources; accordingly, informant apparently is afraid to sign future written reports for fear of having his signature documented. It is believed that this is a passing matter and that informant will, in the future, be induced to sign reports if necessary.

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- 1 - 157-2924 (Unsubs; Burning of Pisgah Missionary Baptist Church, Pisgah, Rankin County, 4/15/65, CR-EL)

Poplarville, Miss.
April 28, 1965

Informant advised he has been to no additional Klan meetings and so far as he knows the Crossroads and the Poplarville Klaverns are now virtually nonexistent. Informant advised he has not been in the Derby or Picayune, Mississippi, areas recently but he likewise had received no information to indicate that there is any activity in those areas at the present time.

UNSUBS; BURNING OF PISGAH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH, PISGAH,
RANKIN COUNTY, 4/12/65, CR-EL

Informant advised he had received no information whatever concerning any church burnings generally or specifically concerning the burning of the Pisgah Missionary Baptist Church in Rankin County. He stated he felt certain that no Klansman in Pearl River County was involved in this burning, this again being based on the fact that apparently there is no current activity in Pearl River County.

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Brief description of activity or material <u>Info re SAM BOWERS, Imperial Wizard, & his visit to Raleigh; Activity of members of unit at Raleigh, Miss. and GRADY COOK, Puckett, Miss.</u>	File where original is located if not attached FOIA(b) (7) - (D)
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 Informant was paid \$45.00.
 Informant's notes attached.

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Taylorville, Miss.
April 27, 1965

ROBERT LEE JONES, AKA "COON"

JONES advised on 4/19/65, that the Klavern at Taylorville, Mississippi, has not missed a meeting but was not doing anything. He did say the bunch across the river is really doing things. This is the group near the Stringer Community.

JONES also stated that the last two FBI men that talked with him were "mighty rough". He did not indicate the date of this interview but to informant's knowledge, no FBI Agents have been around Taylorville interviewing Klansmen since the latter part of last summer.

HAROLD PHIPPS AND JUDE CRAFT

Informant overheard PHIPPS, Phipp's Cafe, talking with CRAFT on the street in front of the cafe. PHIPPS said that someone in the outfit is talking since the FBI knows too much about the Klan. He did say that it appears that there is someone in every outfit that will talk about the operations.

CRAFT had a copy of the "Klan Ledger" addressed to President JOHNSON. He indicated that he had gotten it in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, from TRAVIS AINSWORTH, CRAFT's brother-in-law. CRAFT stated that AINSWORTH had told him that the FBI had talked to him.

ELTON CRAFT

On 4/19/65, informant talked with CRAFT and CRAFT did not mention anything about any meetings of the Klan. This person usually talks about what should be done but recently he has quieted down.

GRADY COOK

COOK has not been back to Raleigh, Mississippi, in several weeks. He operates a cafe in Puckett, Mississippi, and at one time was connected with some type of law enforcement. He believes he was a constable.

SAM BOWERS

BOWERS was observed in Raleigh, Mississippi, on Sunday, 4/25/65, at Phipp's Cafe. He was reported to be in Raleigh trying to get some help for CLARENCE HOLIFIELD, a Klansman, who was to be tried in Smith County for making "moonshine" whiskey. He was in town some four or five hours.

BURT MC DANIEL, UREE GARNER, CLARENCE HOLIFIELD

BURT MC DANIEL advised that BOWERS was in town to get some help with the jury in connection with the trial of CLARENCE HOLIFIELD on a whiskey charge. BOWERS was in town for four or five hours making contacts among Klan members.

MC DANIEL states that he and UREE GARNER went to Laurel last fall to get some help in connection with the SHANK's case. (This boy ran into a car in Laurel and killed two boys). He thinks that BOWERS may have been wanting the favor repaid.

CHARLIE BISHOP

On 4/27/65, he heard CHARLIE BISHOP state that he saw FBI Agent BOB LEE go through Raleigh early that date.

UNKNOWN POLICEMAN, FOREST, MISSISSIPPI

Informant states that an individual from Forest, Mississippi, who is connected with the police department or similar law enforcement organization, has attended several

meetings of the Raleigh Klavern. This person wears a regular police uniform and drives a small car believed to be a white Falcon. This car has a two-way radio.

This person is described as follows:

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Age:	38
Height:	5'7"
Weight:	165
Hair:	Dark brown

HOOKER MARTIN

Informant has observed MARTIN hanging around Phipp's Cafe on several occasions but has not heard him mention anything about the Klan.

LAWRENCE MC KINLEY

He observed MC KINLEY at Phipp's Cafe during the early part of the week but did not get a chance to talk with him. He does not know of any conversation regarding the Klan or any related activity.

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Brief description of activity or material <u>Informant furnished info re WKKKKOM, UKA, Inc.</u> <u>E. L. MC DANIELS, DEXTER TORRANCE, W. D. TORRANCE, WAYNE ROBERTS, B. L. AKIN, TOMMY A. HORNE, TOMMIE C. DIXON, HERB BREWER, REV. WILLIE DENNIS.</u>	File where original is located if not attached FOIA(b) (7) - (D)
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- 1 - 157-343 (Lauderdale Co. Klavern)
- 1 - 157-18 (SAM BOWERS)
- 1 - 157-1129 (ALGENE PRICE)
- 1 - 157-486 (E. L. MC DANIEL)
- 1 - 157-1369 (JIMMY ARLEDGE)
- 1 - 157-2095 (WILLIE DENNIS)

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 - 1 - 157-1403 (W. S. TORRANCE)
 - 1 - 157-1122 (TOMMIE C. DIXON)
 - 1 - 157-471 (UKA) (ENCL. 4)
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- 1 - 157-1112 (TOMMY A. HORNE)
- 1 - 157-1110 (B. L. AKIN)
- 1 - 157-1106 (WAYNE ROBERTS)
- 2 - 157- ("SLIM" ATKINS)
- 1 - 157- (UKA, LAUDPRDALE Co.)
- 1 - 157- (UKA, ADAMS Co.)

Remarks:

On 4/31/65, a letter was received at the Meridian, Mississippi, Office of the FBI. This letter contained 3 ~~leaf~~lets and a yellow page of paper with a written message. This message is as follows: "Please spread the word around of this meeting. Hope Meridian will come. Public invited. Yours for God and Country E. M. McDaniel, G.D."

In addition the other 3 pamphlets contained the message "COME HEAR THE TRUTH, Press, Radio and TV Welcome, Televised by NBC. STAND-UP FOR MISSISSIPPI. WHITE MISSISSIPPIAN SPEAKS, Televised by NBC, Sunday May 2, 1965, 1 P.M. at Liberty Ball Park, Natchez, Mississippi. "EATS" will be available at the meeting. E. L. MC DANIEL, who according to the President of the United States heads the "Hooded Society of Bigots" in Mississippi, will be speaking along with other White Mississippians."

These four ~~leaf~~lets are being designated as enclosures for the ~~SUBSTANTIVE CASE FILE~~ (157-471)
UKA, INC.

4/30/65

W. S. TORRANCE

There will be a meeting of the United Klans, Inc., Meridian Chapter, on 4/31/65. This meeting has been called by TORRANCE, the temporary Exalted Cyclops of the UKA Group. Source indicated this might be in preparation for the much-publicized State Klan Public Meeting to be held at Natchez, Miss.

HERB BREWER

BREWER has been in telephonic contact with Rev. DELMAR DENNIS, the Province Titan of the WKKKKOM and the leader of the "Terrorist Group" in the UKA. BREWER periodically checks with DENNIS for new assignments on Klan business.

TOMMIE DIXON

TOMMIE C. DIXON is reported to be anxious to reorganize the Klan in Lauderdale County. DIXON is still a Klansman and states that "he can be counted on".

TOMMY A. HORNE

HORNE related to DELMAR DENNIS that JIMMY ARLEDGE, one of the defendants in the murder of the three Civil Rights Workers in Neshoba County on June 21, 1964, that his lawyer, DENNIS GOLDMAN, was pressuring him for money. As a result of this, ARLEDGE borrowed \$200 and gave it to GOLDMAN. HORNE also stated that ALGENE PRICE has approached him in hopes of organizing a unit for the UKA, Inc.

B. L. AKIN

AKIN and source had a chance meeting in downtown Meridian, Miss. During the conversation AKIN stated that the

hopes of organizing a strong and effective "group" in the area are non-existent. There are too many people "talking". AKIN also made the statement to DENNIS that WALLACE MILLER should have been eliminated a long time ago by SAM BOWERS, the Imperial Wizard of the WKKKKOM.

WAYNE ROBERTS

ROBERTS telephonically contacted DELMAR DENNIS and stated that he had a meeting scheduled with "AUNT MARY" (Klan Jargon for SAM BOWERS, according to source) for 4/29/65, at Pachuta, Miss. Source has heard nothing re the outcome of this meeting.

DEXTER TORRANCE

TORRANCE and source met in downtown Meridian recently and TORRANCE stated the FBI talked to him about the beating inflicted on BILLY BIRDSONG, however, he related to the source that "They don't have anything on me".

REVEREND WILLIE DENNIS

Source stated that WILLIE DENNIS was recently visited by two Agents of the FBI in Columbus, Mississippi, where he is pastor of the Southern Methodist Church. (DENNIS had previously been pastor of the Southern Methodist Church in Philadelphia, Mississippi). DENNIS related the details of the visit to members of his congregation and they became upset that their pastor should be approached by the FBI. in particular a "SLIM" ATKINS (phonetic) who, in addition to other members of the congregation have been critical of the FBI in the past. ATKINS and other unknown members have planned to install a "recording device" in the home of DENNIS and utilize this means to try to embarrass the Bureau. Source stated that in view of the fact that DENNIS has related this visit to the congregation, he has indicated that he would not cooperate with the FBI in the future.

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Brief description of activity or material
The informant furnished information regarding activities of the members of the WKKKOM, Meridian, Mississippi, MIBURN

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- ① - 157-63 (WKKKKOM)
- 1 - 157-343 (LAUDERDALE COUNTY)
- 1 - 44-1 (MIBURN)
- 1 - 157-1114 (EARL B. AIKEN)
- 1 - 157-1110 (B. I. AIKEN)
- 1 - 157- (HENRY BURNS)
- 1 - 157- (ROY PRICE)
- 1 - 157- (HILL AUST)
- 1 - 157- (JIMMY SMITH)
- 1 - 157- (CURTIS MILLER)
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HENRY BURNS, MAYOR OF MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI

During the first part of May 1965 BERNARD L. AIKEN and his son EARL AIKEN, owners and operators of Aiken's Mobile Homes, Meridian, Mississippi, told me that Mayor HENRY BURNS, who is a candidate for re-election, had asked them for their support in his campaign. AIKEN stated that BURNS had assured him that in the event he is re-elected Mayor of Meridian, Sergeant WALLACE MILLER, Meridian Police Department, would be "run off" from the Police Department. On May 1, 1965, B. L. AIKEN and his son EARL were at the Shrine Temple at which time AIKEN told me that I should be very careful about HERBERT BREWER since BREWER is a good friend of WALLACE MILLER, who is reported to be connected with the FBI. BREWER apparently learned of this information and asked AIKEN where he had heard such a rumor. AIKEN replied that JIMMY SMITH, Meridian Patrol Service, had advised him of this. BREWER is reported to have confronted SMITH with this information, and SMITH vehemently denied ever making such a statement.

HILL AUST

On April 29, 1965, HILL AUST and a number of Klansmen from Kemper County were observed at the Valley Motel in Meridian, Mississippi; AUST was driving a truck belonging to a plumbing company. He was not observed in the company of any known Klansmen.

ROY PRICE

ROY PRICE, an employee of the Southern Railroad, recently returned home to Meridian, Mississippi, to visit his sick father. PRICE stated that the FBI has been giving him "hell" in Birmingham. ROY PRICE is known to be keeping company with MARGIE BIRDSONG, wife of BILLY BIRDSONG of the WKKKKOM. BIRDSONG and his wife recently separated, and it is rumored that the reason for this separation was based upon BIRDSONG's Klan activity.

CARROLL SMITH

B. L. AIKEN told me that CARROLL SMITH, head of the Meridian Auxiliary Police, has been attempting to join the Klan; however, he is of the opinion that SMITH is an informant for the FBI. AIKEN added he has been told that automobiles belonging to FBI agents have been observed at SMITH's residence recently.

BILLY BIRDSONG

MARGIE BIRDSONG, wife of BILLY BIRDSONG, has been making a number of trips to Jackson, Mississippi, to see FELDER DEARMAN. MARGIE has related that DEARMAN will take care of everything. It is reported that B. L. AIKEN has been transporting MARGIE to Jackson to confer with DEARMAN.

CURTIS MILLER and ED FRAZIER

Recently a throw-away leaflet was distributed throughout Meridian, Mississippi, which contained information regarding examination of the operation of parking garages in the Meridian area. This leaflet also contained derogatory statements concerning present Meridian mayor. I recently learned that B. L. AIKEN, CURTIS MILLER, and ED FRAZIER were responsible for this leaflet and that they checked with Attorney DAN SELF prior to publishing the leaflet.

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Informant furnished info re MIBURN, WKKKKOM, LEE ROBERTS, ALTON WAYNE ROBERTS, BILLY BIRDSONG, W.S. TORRANCE, E.L. MC DANIELS, BILLY WAYNE POSEY

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- 1 - 157-563 (B. C. LIDE)
- 1 - 157-1106 (WAYNE ROBERTS)
- 1 - 157-450 (BILLY BIRDSONG)
- 1 - 157-1124 (LEE ROBERTS)
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- 1 - 157-2266 (EDGAR C. MOORE)
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LEE ROBERTS, A MEMBER OF THE WKKKKOM

On 4/21/65, source advised that he had been in contact with LEE ROBERTS, brother of ALTON WAYNE ROBERTS, who is a defendent in the MIBURN case. Source advised that LEE ROBERTS had told him that his brother, RAYMOND ROBERTS, was in Meridian for two or three days and RAYMOND ROBERTS wanted to solicit the Klansmen from the Meridian area to march on behalf of LESTER MADDOX, Sunday, 4/25/65, in Atlanta, Ga. RAYMOND ROBERTS wanted an advertisement in the "Meridian Star" newspaper on 4/22/65 and 4/23/65, which advertisement would be for the purpose of soliciting volunteers to go to Atlanta, Ga., to participate in the march on behalf of MADDOX. LEE ROBERTS told source he was going to handle the advertisement; however, he wants to be reimbursed for the cost of the ad by the WKKKKOM in the Meridian area.

LEE ROBERTS related to source that his brother, RAYMOND ROBERTS, was leaving Meridian 4/23/65, to return to Macon, Georgia, where he is employed as a salesman in a men's clothing store in that city.

"SHORTY" MOORE

On 4/21/65, source advised that SHORTY MOORE, when he is not at home or at work, can usually be located at the King Loan Company nextdoor to the American Legion Hall on Fourth Street in Meridian, Miss.

SUSPECTED FBI INFORMANTS

On 4/23/65, JIMMY SMITH advised source that he felt like the following persons were on the FBI's payroll and were acting as informants on behalf of the FBI:

B. C. LIDE
CARROLL SMITH
WALLACE MILLER
HERBERT BREWER

SMITH also related two other names to source, however, source was unable to recall the other two names mentioned by SMITH.

Source advised that SMITH is not a member of the Klan and the only connection SMITH has with the Klan is that he is employed by B. L. AKIN, a Meridian area Klansman.

RAYMOND ROBERTS

On 4/23/65, LEE ROBERTS advised source that his brother, RAYMOND ROBERTS, was now associated with the Georgia Klan, which group was not connected with the United Klans of America and, further, that RAYMOND ROBERTS was going to devote his full time with that group.

BILLY BIRDSONG

On 4/23/65, source advised that B. C. LIDE suspects him as the one who beat up BILLY BIRDSONG in the recent past.

Source advised that BIRDSONG is now staying in Meridian, Miss., with his mother and that his wife, MARGIE BIRDSONG, has run BILLY off from her property and that he is no longer associated in business with MARGIE.

Source related that MARGIE had advised him that she was going to Laurel, Miss., to talk to SAM BOWERS, the Imperial Wizard of the WKKKKOM, and attempt to learn whether or not BOWERS has sent word to Klansmen to have BILLY BIRDSONG killed.

B. L. AKIN

On 4/23/65, source advised that he had learned from a source which he could not recall, that B. L. AKIN had purchased a tape recorder that can pick up conversations between persons for a distance of two or three blocks.

W. S. TORRANCE, EC OF THE MERIDIAN AREA, UKA

On 4/26/65, source advised that on Sunday, 4/25/65, he talked with W. S. TORRANCE and W. S. TORRANCE wants to have a meeting of all United Klan members sometime after 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 1, 1965. TORRANCE said that after all of the men are notified then the meeting will be held out in the woods somewhere.

Source advised that W. S. TORRANCE said that he had talked extensively with E. L. MC DANIEL of Natchez, Miss., recently and MC DANIEL said that sometime within the next two weeks there was going to be a big Klan gathering in Natchez, Miss., and the gathering was going to be covered by "national TV". TORRANCE said that E. L. MC DANIEL was going to speak for the group and be interviewed on TV.

Source advised on 4/26/65, that W. S. TORRANCE wants to prepare a Klan "black list" to be distributed in the Meridian area. Source added that DELMAR DENNIS, a member of the United Klans of America, has a Mimeograph machine to print propaganda for Klan purposes and that any such black list would probably be run off on that machine.

DELMAR DENNIS

On 4/26/65, source advised that he saw DELMAR DENNIS of Meridian on 4/26/65, and DENNIS said he had talked with BILLY WAYNE POSEY of Philadelphia, Miss., and POSEY, after being told of the whipping received by BILLY BIRDSONG, said he was very happy about the whipping and said someone from Philadelphia, Miss., should have handled that job.

ALTON WAYNE ROBERTS

Source advised that on 4/26/65, he had been in contact with ALTON WAYNE ROBERTS and during their insuing conversation, the subject came up regarding the murder of the three civil rights workers near Philadelphia, Miss.

During this conversation ROBERTS said "Well, there are 16 good men in the Klan". Source said ROBERTS did not elaborate further regarding this matter.

LEE ROBERTS

On 4/26/65, source stated that recently he was told by LEE ROBERTS, brother of ALTON WAYNE ROBERTS, and a Klansman, that he, LEE ROBERTS, had paid \$28 out of his pocket for an ad in the "Meridian Star" newspaper on 4/23 and 24/65, which ad tried to get segregationists from Meridian, Miss., to participate in a Klan march on 4/25/65, led by LESTER MADDOX at Atlanta, Ga. LEE ROBERTS is a patrolman on the Meridian, Mississippi Police Department.

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| ① - 157-63 (WKKKKOM) | 1 - 157-2924 (Burning of Pisgah Missionary Baptist Church) |
| 1 - 137-343 (Lauderdale County) | 1 - 157-2349 (COFO) |
| 1 - 157- (LAWRENCE BYRD) | 1 - 157-3 |
| 1 - 157-450 (BILLY BIRDSONG) | 1 - 157-18 |
| 1 - 157-2628 (JIMMY SMITH) | |
| 1 - 157-1110 (B.L. AKIN) | |
| 1 - 157-563 (B.C. LIDE) | |

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Lauderdale County, Mississippi

LAWRENCE BYRD, MEMBER,
WKKKKOM, LAUREL, MISS.

On April 20, 1965, LAWRENCE BYRD attended a meeting of the Shriners in Meridian, Mississippi. During this meeting it was learned that BYRD had made several attempts to locate Reverend DELMAR DENNIS, however was unable to do so. BYRD located HERBERT BREWER and told him that he had tried to get hold of DENNIS and desired that BREWER furnish DENNIS a message which he, BYRD, had for him. BYRD stated that SAM BOWERS, Imperial Wizard, White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi (WKKKKOM), had told him that in May 1965, the NAACP is going to announce that they are sponsoring the Mississippi Summer Project for this year. He stated that offices of the NAACP have been set up in Jackson, Mississippi, Meridian, Hattiesburg and Clarksdale. He added that 250 - 350 college students are to be stationed in these cities. BYRD related that BOWERS had indicated that since no NAACP headquarters was to be located in Jones County, that members of the Klan from Jones County would help any other county where there is possible racial trouble.

During the above conversation, BYRD indicated that a Klansman by the name of HAMILTON residing in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, and BILLY BIRDSONG, owner and operator of the Valley Motel, Meridian, Mississippi, "had to go".

GEORGE H. BIRDSONG, aka
BILLY BIRDSONG, Former Imperial
Special Investigator, WKKKKOM

It has been ascertained that MARGIE BIRDSONG, wife of BILLY BIRDSONG, gave him \$50 on April 17, 1965, and told him to "hit the road". MARGIE is reported to have said that her son, DON RICHARDS, had been to see SAM BOWERS and that her son told BIRDSONG that he knows BOWERS and that if BIRDSONG was not out of the motel in 24 hours he would make a call to Laurel, Mississippi. MARGIE BIRDSONG is reported to have said that BILLY BIRDSONG packed immediately and is presently residing with his mother in the vicinity of 59th Avenue and 8th Street. MARGIE BIRDSONG is also reported to have put out a rumor that there are two men from the Coast (Mississippi Gulf Coast) who have been in Meridian making inquiry as to the whereabouts of BIRDSONG. MARGIE further has reported that BIRDSONG is hiding out at his mother's home and will not answer either the telephone or the front door.

MARGIE BIRDSONG has advised that recently she went to talk with Sergeant BOBBY WEBB, Meridian Police Department, and

assured him that the Valley Restaurant would improve both in clientele and reputation. She added that her former waitresses have been frightened away due to the congregating of Klansmen at this location.

MARGIE BIRDSONG also is reported to have told DEXTER TORRANCE, JIMMY SMITH and HERBERT BREWER to stay away from the Valley Motel unless they could conduct themselves in an orderly manner and to stop any Klan talk at that establishment.

PETE HARRIS

It has been noted that PETE HARRIS has not been frequenting his usual haunts. It is further noted that HARRIS has become inactive in Klan activities and his present whereabouts is unknown.

BERNARD L. AKIN

Recently BERNARD L. AKIN was in conversation with DEXTER TORRANCE, JIMMY SMITH and TOMMY HORN, during which they discussed the forthcoming march of Klansmen at Atlanta, Georgia, on April 25, 1965. BERNARD L. AKIN highly advocated that all Klansmen should go to Atlanta to participate in this march. He further related that "every red-blooded Southerner should be at Atlanta on April 25, 1965".

BERNARD C. LIDE

BERNARD C. LIDE, to my knowledge is no longer a member of the WKKKKOM. He was banished from the Klan on December 19, 1964, and has not been allowed to rejoin that organization. LIDE recently was seen in his automobile parked in the vicinity of the Valley Motel. He appeared to be watching this motel very closely.

B. L. AKIN

B. L. AKIN recently related that he does not feel there will be any trial in the murder of the three civil rights workers in Mississippi during June 1964. He added that he feels that the FBI will hold this charge over the heads of the seventeen defendants in this matter in order to keep them from becoming too actively involved in Klan matters.

BURNING OF PISGAH MISSIONARY
BAPTIST CHURCH, PISGAH, RANKIN
COUNTY, MISS., APRIL 12, 1965

I have been unable to ascertain any information regarding who could have burned this church in Rankin County.

COFO

On April 25, 1965, at about 10:00 PM, there were two automobiles in Meridian, Mississippi, bearing Louisiana license. One of these automobiles was a 1965 white Ford Galaxie, bearing 1965 Louisiana license 305B011, and the second automobile was a 1964 white Galaxie bearing 1965

Louisiana license 183B704. It has been noted that a number of young men have been occupying these automobiles and that they have been eating in Wideman's Restaurant. They have been seen to question the local Negro waiters and to also attempt to cause an argument between white and Negro waiters in this restaurant. One of the persons in this group is a white male approximately 30 years old, 5'9", 200 lbs., black hair, horn-rimmed glasses, Jewish-looking.

On the night of April 25, 1965, this individual became involved in an argument with the white cashier at Wideman's, and asked her how she would like it if a hundred Negroes were killed in Mississippi. It is not known if these people are connected with COFO or some other integration group.

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Informant advised no info received indicating current activity on part of Gulfport Klavern, WKKKKOM, despite continued efforts on part of VINCENT PURSER & MARVIN LACY to revive

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Remarks: interest. No indication LACY & PURSER successful to date in taking over Citizens Council of Harrison Co. as a front for the WKKKKOM. No info Gulfport Klansmen involved in burning Pisgah Missionary Baptist Church in Rankin Co., 4/12/65.

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 - 1 - 157-717 (Citizens Council of Harrison County)
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- 1 - 157-2857 (HOLLIMAN)
- 1 - 157-2858 (THOMAS)
- 1 - 157-2859 (MC ARTHUR)
- 1 - 157-2924 (UNSUB(S); BURNING OF PISGAH
MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH,
PISGAH, RANKIN COUNTY,
4/12/65, CR-EL)

April 26, 1965

Informant advised that from continued inquiry, he is unable to develop any indication that the Ku Klux Klan presently has an active group or klavern meeting on a regular basis in Harrison County, Mississippi, although VINCENT PURSER and MARVIN LACY are both obviously attempting to revive interest in the Klan in the Gulfport, Mississippi, area. In this connection, informant advised that so far as he has been able to determine PURSER and LACY have been unable to date to revive enough interest to take over the Citizens Council of Harrison County as a front group for the Klan.

Informant advised that he has been in conversation recently with Doctor PETE SHEELY and DONNIE STEELE at Gulfport, both of whom have stated that there have been no meetings in the past recent weeks of the Gulfport group. Informant theorized that this may tend to lend substance to information previously furnished by VINCENT PURSER to the effect that the Gulfport Klavern has been "sworn out" by the State Headquarters of the WKKKKOM pending efforts to reorganize the Klan in Mississippi into smaller units.

UNSUB(S); BURNING OF PISGAH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH,
PISGAH, RANKIN COUNTY, 4/12/65

Informant advised he has heard nothing about the burning of this church and has no reason to believe that any Klansmen in the Mississippi Gulf Coast area were connected with this burning.

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Brief description of activity or material

Meeting at Pascagoula 4/23/65. Permanent meeting place discussed. Two new members in attendance. Discussion of interviews by FBI. A Mr. BOWLIN, attorney, was present who is Counsel for the local Klavern. Four prospective new members identified.

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- ① - 157-63 (WKKKKOM)
- 1 - 157-1246 (KKK, Jackson County)
- 1 - 157-1492 (TOM THRASHER)
- 1 - 157-1877 (CECIL HAYDEN)
- 1 - 157-2844 (FNU WHITE)
- 1 - 157-2432 (RODNEY JONES)
- 1 - 157-1878 (TROY WILKERSON)
- 1 - 157- (DALE PHILLIPS)
- 1 - 157-2255 (ABBOTT TANNER)
- 1 - 157-1875 (JAMES STRINGFELLOW)
- 1 - 157-2810 (AARON VARDEN)
- 1 - 157- (JOE TURNER)
- 1 - 157- (RAYMOND TURNER)
- 1 - 157- (BILLY EARL TURNER)
- 1 - 157- (JAMES BOWLIN)
- 1 - 157-1499 (MARVIN LACEY)
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Klavern Meeting, April 23, 1965

The Pascagoula Klavern met at the home of TOM THRASHER on Ken Avenue on the evening of April 23, 1965. Members present were CECIL HAYDEN, TINY FRAZIER, TOM THRASHER, Mr. WHITE, The E.C., RODNEY JONES, TROY WILKERSON, DALE PHILLIPS, ABBOTT TANNER, JAMES STRINGFELLOW, AARON VARDEN, and JOE TURNER.

Two new members RAYMOND TURNER and BILLY EARL TURNER were present. They are brothers but are not related to JOE TURNER.

Also present was Mr. BOWLIN, a lawyer who has his office on Ingalls Avenue. He is counsel for the local Klavern. He told everyone that if the FBI came for any of them with a warrant they should not resist but should go with the Agents and have someone call him. He said he would have them "out in 15 minutes."

At the meeting the obtaining of a regular meeting place was discussed. TOM said he is not going through with the deal to buy a new house in Gautier. He said he would talk to TRACY WALKER about using the VCM Club, which is now closed, as a regular meeting place.

The purchase of a mimeograph machine for \$35 from MARVIN LACEY of Gulfport was discussed. It was decided to buy this machine. LACEY was at the meeting accompanied by Mr. NEWMAN. He said that he has a new electric machine at Gulfport with which he can turn out large volumes of material.

TOM announced that initiation fees for the Klan have been raised to \$15. Of this \$7.50 will go to the State Office and \$7.50 will remain with the local Klavern.

TOM reported that he had recently been interviewed by JIM FILES, of the FBI and "an Agent from Gulfport." This started a discussion of interviews by the FBI. LACEY said, referring to Agent FILES, "That damned game red necked rooster has been following me and when he isn't following me he has someone from Gulfport following me."

CECIL HAYDEN said that if FBI Agents ever came back to see him he was going into his station and close the door and refuse to talk to them.

RODNEY JONES commented that he would "tell them to go to hell."

Proposed New Members

JAMES BALIUS, who lives on Seneca Avenue, off 11th Street, in Pascagoula has expressed a desire to join the Klan. He is employed by some off-shore drilling rig. He drives a 1964 red Chevrolet Super Sport with a Louisiana license. He has a .357 Magnum and is a rabid Negro hater.

CLARK DEVERS who lives near the Walker Shipyard in Pascagoula and owns and operates the Produce Market next to the Elite Cafe on Telephone Road has expressed a desire to join the Klan. He has a white 1965 Chevrolet Super Sport.

A man named SCOVELL, who operates a real estate business, has told TOM that he wants to join.

GEORGE SIMPSON, who lives in a new sub-division located on the first road to the left, north of the Porter saw mill on Route 63, north of Moss Point also wants in. He works at Ingalls Shipyard and drives a 1964 Corvette Stingray.

I believe all these will be admitted in the near future.

State Meeting At Kosciusko

FOIA(b)(7) - (D) was in an automobile accident on April 11, 1965. He was in the hospital for several days and MARVIN LACEY visited him there. He asked [redacted] if he wanted to go to the next state meeting. He said it was going to be held in "a couple of weeks" at Kosciusko.

At that time LACEY also said that TOM THRASHER is being checked by the Klan. He told [redacted] that he had been checked too and would be checked again. He said, "there is a rat somewhere and when we find him we are going to burn him."

Activity of Members

Informant advised that the following who were members of the WKKKKOM in 1964 have not been active during the past two or three months. He said he does not believe they have made any formal resignations but are not keeping in touch with the organization

WIMFERT COOPER
HERBERT LEE
DOUG PEREZ
ANDREW DUNN
SONNY VANN
PAUL WATSON
JIMMY SOLES
JAMES NELSON
JAMES HUNT
JOE DICKERSON, referred to in one report as JOE DIXON

Regarding CECIL E. BYRD, Sheriff of Jackson County, the informant stated BYRD has never been to a Klan meeting to his knowledge. He said he believes BYRD is definitely aware of activities of the Klan and may be a member.

He said W. E. SNOWDEN is definitely still a member but has taken no active part lately.

JOE BLUNK has left Pascagoula. He is operating a Spur service station at Morgan City, Louisiana.

WALTER HAARALA is definitely out of the Klan.

JOHNNY BERGER has departed Pascagoula and his present whereabouts is unknown.

CHARLES HAGEN has not been active but he is in touch with TOM THRASHER and is trying to become active again.

MICKEY MC GUIRE has left Pascagoula. He is wanted by the Pascagoula Police Department for bad checks, either as MICKEY MC GUIRE or as MICKY MYERS.

NOLAN SMITH has become active again but was not at the last meeting.

Mr. TANNER (ABBOTT TANNER) wants to quit the Klan. He is very religious and is disillusioned because the Klan is doing nothing about tavern operators who sell liquor to minors.

J. L. SKINNER, of Lucedale is in Louisiana working in a shipyard. His exact location is unknown.

No one from George County has attended since it was voted to incorporate them into the Jackson County group.

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Informant furnished information regarding members of the Lauderdale County Klan and furnished Klan literature.

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 - 1-157-563 (B. C. LIDE)
 - 1-157-1281 (DAVID DIAL)
 - 1-157-1370 (FNU BARRETT)
 - 1-157-2095 (WILLIE DENNIS)
 - 1-157-2338 (WILLIAM JOHNSON)
 - 1-157-2676 (ROBERT EARL)
 - 1-157-2823 (MURRAY ROGERS)
 - 1-157-450 (BILLY BIRDSONG)
 - 1-157-1104 (FRANK HERNDON)
 - 1-157-2924 (BURNING OF PISGAH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH, 4-12-65)
 - 1-157-1124 (LEE ROBERTS)
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DAVID DIAL

FRANK HERNDON, Exalted Cyclops, Lauderdale Klan, is responsible for getting DAVID DIAL into the Klan. DIAL attended several meetings of the WKKKKOM and I believe that Preacher EDGAR RAY KILLEN obligated DIAL into the WKKKKOM. I specifically recall DIAL attending a meeting at the Salvage House located at Key Field, Meridian, Mississippi. I do not recall the date of this meeting.

FNU BARRETT

FNU BARRETT is a white male approximately 25 to 26 years old, 5'10", stocky built, blue eyes, fair skin, blond hair. He is employed at the Motor Supply Company, Meridian, Mississippi, and drives a small compact blue automobile. I do not recall attending any meetings with BARRETT but I do recall FRANK HERNDON saying that BARRETT was a klansman. BARRETT was also present during a number of meetings at various restaurants where klansmen discussed various matters.

WILLIE DENNIS

WILLIE DENNIS is the brother of Reverend DELMAR DENNIS and is a member of the WKKKKOM, Lauderdale County, Mississippi. I recall being present at a meeting held at the Salvage House, Key Field, Meridian, Mississippi, at which time WILLIE DENNIS

was obligated. I further recall attending meetings at the Harris Box Factory at which DENNIS was present.

WILLIAM JOHNSON

WILLIAM JOHNSON, District Attorney, resides in Decatur, Mississippi. I do not know if JOHNSON is a klansman, however, I do recall EDGAR RAY KILLEN telling me that he was trying to get JOHNSON to join the Klan.

ROBERT EARL

ROBERT EARL NORTHCUTT is the owner and operator of the Skyvue Nigh Club located on Highway 45 South, Meridian, Mississippi. I do not know if ROBERT EARL is a member of the WKKKKOM, however, it is noted that WAYNE ROBERTS was a bouncer at the Skyvue for a number of months. It is further noted that two meetings were held at the Skyvue by defendants in the case involving the murder of the three Civil Rights workers in Philadelphia, Mississippi, during the summer of 1964. It should be noted that one ROBERT EARL RILEY often hangs out at the Skyvue and it is possible that this person is identical with the ROBERT EARL referred to previously.

MURRAY ROGERS

I do not know if MURRAY ROGERS is a member of the WKKKKOM. He is a close friend of DELMAR DENNIS and FRANK HERNDON.

LEE ROBERTS

LEE ROBERTS, a Patrolman on the Meridian Police Department, has recently been sick a great deal. ROBERTS has requested that he be transferred from motorcycle duty on the day shift to a car patrolman on the evening shift. He has recruited the assistance of City Attorney TOM GOLDMAN in his efforts to get changed from one shift to another.

BILLY BIRDSONG

Recently I learned that BILLY BIRDSONG had been banned from the WKKKKOM. Shortly after being banned by the Klan BIRDSONG went to the Highway Patrol at which time he gave them a tape recording of information regarding the WKKKKOM. Since that time BIRDSONG has been sued for divorce by his wife, MARGIE. BIRDSONG is no longer residing at the Valley Motel and it is rumored that he is presently hiding out at the home of his mother located on 59th Avenue and H Street, Meridian, Mississippi. I further learned that there are rumors that individuals from Klan units on the coast were in Meridian making inquiries regarding the whereabouts of BIRDSONG. It is believed that BILLY BIRDSONG is responsible for WALLACE MILLER, Sergeant, Police Department, being

banned from the Klan.

BURNING OF PISGAH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH, PISGAH,
RANKIN COUNTY, 4-12-65.

I have been unable to ascertain any information regarding the burning of the Pisgah Missionary Baptist Church, Rankin County, Mississippi, on 4-12-65.

WKKKKOM

Copies of the following literature were furnished and are being placed in the file concerning the WKKKKOM.

- 1) Initiation Ceremony of the WKKKKOM
- 2) Application for Membership in the Invisible Empire and the WKKKKOM
- 3) A paper explaining the difference between the Tories and the Wiggs.
- 4) Standard Form Examination containing 37 questions
- 5) A form entitled "MISSISSIPPI CONSTITUTIONAL COUNCIL"
- 6) A three page letter entitled "MANUAL FOR RECRUITS"
- 7) Initiation Ceremony of the WKKKKOM
- 8) A one page leaflet entitled "MY FELLOW AMERICANS, HERE ARE 20 REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD, IF QUALIFIED, JOIN AND AID IN SUPPORT OF THE WKKKKOM"

- 9) A one page brochure entitled "WASP, INC.", Bulletin number 24 - 2621.
- 10) A three page mimeographed form entitled "EXECUTIVE LECTURE OF MARCH 1, 1964"
- 11) ~~Kleagle~~-at-Large Certificate for C. W. MILLER dated 9-17-64, WKKKKOM

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- 1 - 157-1403 (W. S. TORRANCE, JR.)
- 1 - 157-471 (UKA)
- 1 - 157-2095 (WILLIE DENNIS)
- 1 - 157-1112 (TOMMY HORNE)
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WILLIE DENNIS

Source advised that WILLIE DENNIS has been in contact with his younger brother, DELMAR DENNIS, Province Titan, WKKKKOM. WILLIE DENNIS decided to call off the scheduled meeting with the two FBI Agents at Columbus, Mississippi. WILLIE DENNIS has agreed to meet with the two FBI Agents sometime during the evening of 5/3/65, in Meridian, Miss. Source advised that he feels that WILLIE DENNIS will cooperate with the FBI.

MEETING OF THE UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INCORPORATED,
MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI, 5/1/65

Source stated that there was a meeting of the UKA element held on Saturday evening 5/1/65. This meeting was called to attempt to gather enough men to take to Natchez, Mississippi, for the outdoor rally of the UKA held on 5/2/65. Source stated he did not attend but that DEXTER TORRANCE, W. S. TORRANCE and TOMMY HORNE were in attendance.

CONVERSATION WITH DEXTER TORRANCE

Recent conversations with TORRANCE indicate that he recently went to "the man's" office (Source indicated that this reference is to B. L. AKIN, local Klansman) and found BILLY BIRDSONG and "the man" engaged in conversation in the office. BIRDSONG would not shake hands with TORRANCE and they "had a few cross words" because BIRDSONG accused TORRANCE as being in on the beating inflicted on BIRDSONG. A heated discussion ensued, and TORRANCE denied participation in the beating. Finally BIRDSONG backed down in his accusations. TORRANCE related to the source that BIRDSONG and "the man" had some unkind words to say about DELMAR DENNIS, the Province Titan, WKKKKOM.

ALTON WAYNE ROBERTS

Source advised that SAM BOWERS, Imperial Wizard of the WKKKKOM, informed ROBERTS of a scheduled meeting of the WKKKKOM on 5/2/65. ROBERTS advised the source that he did not attend due to pressing personal problems at home. ROBERTS also did not elaborate on any particulars re the meeting.

The following individuals are not known to me:

"PETE" LACKEY of Little Rock, Miss.
SWEENEY EDWARDS
HARMON RAGAN
JACK RAGAN

The latter three are all of Pelahatchie, Miss.

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Brief description of activity or material
Officers and membership of Wesson Klavern; Meeting sites; Violence; Cross burnings; Leaflets distributed in Wesson 4/20/65. Harrassing telephone calls and recruiting methods of the Klan.

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- 1 - 157- (BUBBA DRAIN)
- 1 - 157- (GEORGE EARLS)
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Copiah County, Miss.
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WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, WESSON UNIT
COPIAH COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

I joined the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Wesson Unit, Copiah Co. at Wesson, Mississippi in June or early July 1964. I was sworn in by BURDETT RUTLAND, who was the Exalted Cyclops, and I was assigned Number 54. I believe that the highest number in the unit was 59 which means that there were 59 members in the unit. GEORGE EARLS was sworn in with me and ROY SANDERS, aka "DAGO" SANDERS, BILLY ASHLEY and BILLY BOUTWELL attended the ceremony as klansmen.

I paid a \$10.00 initiation fee and pay \$3.00 dues every three months or \$1.00 per month. During the fall of 1964 all klansmen were assessed \$2.00 for the legal defense fund used to benefit any klansmen arrested for klan activities.

OFFICIALS OF THE WESSON UNIT

The following individuals are officials in the Wesson Unit, Copiah Co. of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Miss.:

1. BURDETT RUTLAND, former Exalted Cyclops, however was voted out as E.C. in Sept. 1964.
2. ED ASHLEY, present Exalted Cyclops.
3. JAMES ASHLEY, whose official title I do not know but who ran the meetings after they were opened by the Exalted Cyclops.
4. J. C. ASHLEY, Secretary. Father of JAMES, BILLY and ED ASHLEY.
5. RED BERRY, Treasurer. BILLY BOUTWELL would also assist the treasurer in collecting money.
6. (FNU) HARRISON, who operates a cleaners in Wesson, is the outside guard.

^{copy} The following persons are members of the Wesson Unit,
Lincoln County Klavern:

JAMES C. ASHLEY, owner of Ashley's Store, Wesson (believes
sworn out of Klan).

ED ASHLEY, brother of JAMES ASHLEY, employed at Ashley's Store.

BILLY ASHLEY, brother of JAMES ASHLEY, employed at Ashley's
Store.

J. C. ASHLEY, father of the three ASHLEY brothers.

SID BROWN

BILLY BOUTWELL, employed at the Pottor Company, Wesson
Approx. age 27.

BUBBA DRAIN, Mayor of Wesson, Miss.

GEORGE EARLS, Employed at Ashley's Store, Approx. age 25.

RANDOLPH EARLS, brother of GEORGE EARLS.

CLARENCE FOSTER, Approx. age 40.

PETE FOSTER, Approx. age 35.

THOMAS EARL HENNINGTON, Approx age 25.

BILLY JACKSON

JIMMY JAMES, employed Pure Oil Company (believes sworn out
of Klan)

BUDDY LEONARD

(FNU) LOWERY

VAN MC CARDLE, employed Wise Garage, Hazlehurst, Miss.

HERBERT RAMSEY, Approx age 28

BURDETTE RUTLAND

HAROLD RUTLAND, brother of BURDETTE RUTLAND..

(FNU) REMMINGTON, Approx. age 86.

RAY "DAGO" SANDERS, employed Pottor Company, Wesson. Approx.
age 33.

JIMMY SMITH

RALPH SMITH, employed Feed Co-Op Store, Wesson. (Believes sworn out of Klan)

JAMES LLOYD TEASTER

LEON WILLIAMS

JIMMY WOOTEN

MEETING SITES

All of the meetings I attended were held at BURDETTE RUTLAND's farm until he was voted out as Exalted Cyclops in September, 1964. After that period the meetings were held in wooded areas near Wesson, Mississippi, with some meetings being held along the river bank.

KLAN ACTIVITIES

VIOLENCE - BEATINGS

At the Klan meetings there was discussion about CURTIS DAVIS, a Shell filling station operator in Wesson, who was reportedly having relations with negro women. At a subsequent meeting, date not recalled, some of the members including TOM EARL HENNINGTON said they whipped DAVIS and made him swear he would not date negro women. The Klan also instructed the members not to purchase gas at DAVIS's station and in order not to arouse suspicion, to stop purchasing gas one at a time.

CROSS BURNINGS

After one meeting I was ask if I could assist in burning a cross and as I had to go to school I was unable to accompany the cross-burners. I later heard that the cross was burned in front of the home of Mrs. RUFUS MIDDLETON, a white woman whom the Klan did not like as they believed she was collecting funds for NAACP. I believe GEORGE EARLS, BILLY ASHLEY, TOM HENNINGTON and BILLY BOUTWELL burned this cross.

A cross was also placed in front of CURTIS DAVIS Shell Station, and I believe that GEORGE EARLS, RANDOLPH EARLS and HERBERT RAMSEY were responsible for burning this cross as they were riding around in RANDOLPH EARLS pickup prior to this incident, in the vicinity of DAVIS's station.

LEAFLETS DISTRIBUTED IN WESSON, 4/30/65

I believe that these leaflets were printed in Brookhaven, Miss., and were distributed by GEORGE EARLS, ROY SANDERS, and BILLY ASHLEY.

HARRASSING TELEPHONE CALLS

A Klan telephone committee was set up by BILLY BOUTWELL but I do not know the members. This committee made harrassing calls to CURTIS DAVIS and possibly to Dr. FREIDMAN.

DYNAMITE

I know of no member who is proficient in the use of dynamite nor who desires to use it in Klan activities. The only mention of explosives being used by the klan was at one time GEORGE EARLS wanted to obtain some hand grenades, however this was not popular with the group and it has never been mentioned since.

RECRUITING METHODS OF THE KLAN

= In the Klan each member is responsible for bringing in new members and it is left to the discretion of the klan member as to whom he desires to recruit. To recruit an individual the member is to tell the person that you had been asked to approach him so both you and he could join the klan together. You would be sworn in with him and then if he backed out you would also back out before being sworn in so he would not know that you had become a member.

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WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
CRYSTAL SPRINGS, MISS. KLAVERN

The only member of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan in Crystal Springs, Mississippi which is known to me is CECIL MC CARDLE, who is employed as an offshore driller in Louisiana.

WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
HAZLEHURST, MISSISSIPPI

The following persons are known to me as members of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan in Hazlehurst, Mississippi:

- JAMES CHATTLE - Former Exaulted Cyclops, who is deceased.
- CLARENCE FOSTER - Employed Edward Hyman Co., Hazlehurst.
- BILLY CARR - Employes United Gas. Approx age 32.
- MELVIN CHATTLE - Son of JACK CHATTLE. Approx age 24.
- BILLY THORNTON - Owns barber shop. Approx age 36.
- SAM VARANDO - Operates Standard Service Station.
Approx age 46.
- JACK STEPHENS - Pure Oil Truck Driver. Approx age 52.
- J. W. MC CARDLE - Approx age 32.
- REV. (FNU) BYERS - Pastor of Damascus Church, Hazlehurst.
Chaplin for the Klavern.

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Brief description of activity or material

Informant advised Crossroads Klavern, WKKKKOM, reactivated, and meeting held night of 4/30/65 at residence of HOUSTON DILLARD in Crossroads Community. Five of approximately six members attending named by Informant. CHARLES J. SEAL, Province Giant, stepped down as Exalted Cyclops

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Remarks: of Crossroads Klavern, and HOUSTON DILLARD elected EC. Informant had no knowledge of alleged state meeting of WKKKKOM near Poplarville, Miss. 5/2/65, and no info that Pearl River County Klansmen plan to attend a proposed march of whites at Bogalusa, La., 5/6/65.

Informant advised his failure to attend the 4/30/65 meeting of the Crossroads Klavern was due to the fact that he was hospitalized at Hattiesburg, Mississippi at the time for a gallstone operation, having returned home from the hospital on 5/5/65. Information re the meeting and those in attendance was obtained from HOUSTON DILLARD and BENNIE CHILDS in the course of visits from these individuals at Informant's residence 5/5/65.

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Poplarville, Mississippi
May 6, 1965

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Source advised that he was notified on April 29, 1965 to attend a meeting of the Crossroads Klavern, WKKKKKOM, at the HOUSTON DILLARD residence at Crossroads on the night of April 30, 1965. However, Informant was ill and unable to attend this meeting. He heard since that time that approximately six persons were in attendance, including CHARLES J. SEAL, HOUSTON DILLARD, BENNIE CHILDS, CLYDE MOODY, TOXIE BOONE, and possibly one or two others whose identities Informant did not know at the time. SEAL informed the group that the Crossroads Klavern had been reactivated, and that CHARLES SEAL had stepped down as Exalted Cyclops of the unit, inasmuch as he is Province Giant for Province Number Eight. In SEAL's place, HOUSTON DILLARD was elected Exalted Cyclops.

Informant advised that from the limited number of persons in attendance, it would appear that this is simply further efforts on the part of SEAL and DILLARD to revive interest among the Crossroads group, and Informant doubted their success in the long run.

RE DERBY, POPLARVILLE AND PICAYUNE, MISS. KLAVERNS

Informant advised that as of 5/6/65, he has no information to indicate that these Klaverns are presently active, or that they are having regular meetings.

RE ALLEGED STATE MEETING OF WKKKKKOM WEST OF POPLARVILLE, MISSISSIPPI ON 5/2/65

Informant stated he had heard nothing whatever about an alleged meeting west of Poplarville, Mississippi 5/2/65, and he expressed doubt that such a meeting was attended, if held, to any large extent, particularly in view of the lethargy presently exhibited toward the Klan in Pearl River County. Informant advised that if such a meeting was held, CHARLES J. SEAL undoubtedly attended, and Informant felt he could learn what transpired.

RE PROPOSED MARCH OF WHITES AT BOGALUSA, LOUISIANA, 5/6/65

Informant advised he had read press coverage of a proposed march of whites at Bogalusa, Louisiana scheduled

for 5/6/65, and had heard this march discussed by BENNIE CHILDS and TOXIE BOONE, both members of the Crossroads Klavern, WKKKKOM. He advised that neither of these individuals expressed an interest in going to Bogalusa, and Informant had no reason to believe that any of the Crossroads group intended to attend the meeting.

Informant advised he definitely intended to attend any future meetings of the Crossroads Klavern, and to follow and report on continued efforts on the part of CHARLES SEAL and HOUSTON DILLARD to revive the Klan in the area.

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Brief description of activity or material
Informant advised Crossroads Klavern, WKKKKOM, reportedly being reactivated due to belief on part of HOUSTON DILLARD, EC, that CHARLES VARNADO fo Picayune, Miss., was the FBI "pimp" who caused FBI interview of members of the Crossroads Klavern in 1964. DILLARD now

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Remarks: reportedly employed NASA site in Hancock County, Miss. VICTOR LAMAR PETERS told informant he wanted nothing more to do with the Klan, as he felt this membership prevented him from getting job as substitute mail carrier. Informant had no information re burning of four COFO Houses, Indianola, Miss., 5/1/65.

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Indianola, Miss., 5/1/65)

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Poplarville, Mississippi
May 10, 1965

RE HOUSTON RANDOLPH DILLARD & CHARLES VARNADO

Source advised he had been informed by HOUSTON RANDOLPH DILLARD that the Crossroads Klavern, White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi (WKKKKOM) is being reactivated inasmuch as inquiry by DILLARD has led him to believe that CHARLES VARNADO of Picayune, Mississippi was the FBI "pimp" who furnished information to the FBI which led to interviews of members of the Crossroads Klavern in the late summer and fall of 1964. Source did not have an opportunity to question DILLARD as to the basis for this supposition, but presumed that someone may have seen FBI Agents talking with VARNADO in the Picayune area. According to DILLARD, the Crossroads Klavern is the only Klavern in Pearl River County which still exists to any degree, and that the Picayune group "fell apart" due to suspicion that VARNADO, the Exalted Cyclops of that Klavern, was a "pimp". Informant advised DILLARD is now believed to be working at the NASA site in Hancock County, Mississippi.

VICTOR LAMAR PETERS

Source advised that VICTOR LAMAR PETERS came to visit him on 5/8/65, in the course of which PETERS expressed disgust and said that the Klan is no longer active in the Poplarville, Mississippi area. PETERS said that he believed that his having been in the Klan had prevented him from getting a job as substitute mail carrier at Poplarville and that he, PETERS, wanted nothing more to do with the Klan. PETERS deplored the lack of leadership or ability among Klansmen, and the fact that the legitimate businessmen and citizens who could be of value to the Klan would have nothing to do with it.

ELIJAH LADNER

Source was not acquainted with anyone named ELIJAH LADNER, and had no information to indicate that he was in the Klan. He pointed out, however, that LADNER could possibly be a Klansman of sorts at Poplarville or Picayune without his, informant's, knowing it.

DOYLE DAVIS

Source advised that DOYLE DAVIS is a resident of the Henley Field Community between Crossroads and Picayune, Mississippi and is believed to be employed at the paper mill in Bogalusa, Louisiana. Informant stated that DAVIS definitely was at one time a member of the Crossroads Klavern (WKKKKOM), and that DAVIS would probably reaffiliate with this group if it reactivates. He advised he had never heard anything about DAVIS having a burp gun, to his recollection, and stated it is possible that DAVIS may be an honorary Pearl River County, Mississippi Deputy Sheriff.

UNSUB; Burning Four COFO HOUSES, INDIANOLA, MISS., 5/1/65

Source advised he had no info re this matter, and no reason to believe that any Pearl River County Klansmen participated.

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Brief description of activity or material:
Information concerning Copiah County Klavern WKKKKOM and an open letter to Pres. JOHNSON distributed by Wesson Klavern, Copiah County, Miss.

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Copiah County, Miss.
May 11, 1965

WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
OF MISSISSIPPI

I joined the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi in March 1964. I was sworn into the Klan by BURDETT RUTLAND at his farm and was approached to join the klan by JIM WOOTEN, who is employed at the Potter Company. I was given #48 in the Wesson Unit at Wesson, Mississippi. I paid \$10.00 initiation fee to join.

Mr. Q. B. RUTLAND was the former Exalted Cyclops of the Wesson Unit and he was replaced by ED ASHLEY.

The following persons are members of the Copiah County Klaverns:

ED ASHLEY - Exalted Cyclops

BILLY ASHLEY - Brother of ED ASHLEY

BILLY BOUTWELL - Employed at the Potter Co.

GEORGE EARLS - Employed at the Ashley Grocery Store

RANDOLPH EARLS - Brother of GEORGE EARLS

TOM EARL HENNINGTON

HAROLD RUTLAND - Brother of Q. BURDETT RUTLAND

RAY "DAGO" SANDERS - Employed at the Potter Co., Wesson

Q. BURDETT RUTLAND - Former Exalted Cyclops

JAMES LLOYD TEASTER

CHARLES WALKER - Employed at the Potter Co.

JAMES WOOTEN - Employed at the Potter Co.

PEE WEE WILLIAMS

ARCHIE PHIPPS - Employed for the ICC Railroad, Wesson

JOHN BERRY - Son of the Wesson Banker

At a meeting approximately one month ago which was held in a gravel pit near Wesson, Mississippi, I paid \$8.00 dues to BILLY BOUTWELL.

At this meeting the members rolled up mimeograph sheets of paper for distribution which contained an anomoyous letter written to President JOHNSON. JIM WOOTEN, BILLY BOUTWELL, CHARLES WALKER, GEORGE EARLS, BILLY ASHLEY, TOM EARL HENNINGTON, JAMES LLOYD TEASTER and RANDOLPH EARLS assisted in rolling up the letters and they were distributed by GEORGE EARLS and TOM HENNINGTON.

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Klavern meeting at Gautier, Miss. 5/11/65

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Klavern Meeting, 5/11/65 at Gautier, Miss.

On the afternoon of 5/11/65, "Tiny" FRAZIER asked me to accompany him to a meeting in Gautier, Miss. I was not sure what the meeting was, but is suspected that it was a Klan meeting. We arrived at the home of Mr. B.L. WHITE in Gautier at about 7:30 8:00 PM. At the meeting where B.L. WHITE, who I understood to be the E.C. of the Klavern, VINCENT PURSER, from Gulfport, who was in charge of the meeting, "Tiny" FRAZIER who I found out is some type of important official in the local Klan Group. Also present where several other persons whose names I did not get.

Myself and three others were sworn into the Klan at this meeting. I do not know the names of the other new members, but they are familiar to me as they are residents of the Pascagoula area.

At the meeting a discussion was had concerning a possible attempt on the part of Civil Rights Workers and Negroes to "wade in" at the Beach at Pascagoula. Harassment of the waders was discussed by such means as slashing tires, pouring acid on the upholstery, and putting sugar in the gas tanks of Civil Right Workers cars, and the cars of Negroes involved in the Wade-In. No decisions were reached.

It was mentioned that machine guns were available for purchase, but I did not pay too much attention to this discussion. I am under the impression that they were talking about thompson sub-machine guns, but I am not sure. I do not know who was to sell these guns

I am familiar with TOM THRASHER and have known him for three or four months and I am aware that he was a member of the Klan, I discussed it with him on several occasions and he told me he was no longer a member because it was too dangerous since he had a top secret clearance and he was worried about his job. He warned me to stay away from the Klan.

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Brief description of activity or material Current and past members of the Wesson Unit of the WKKKKOM.	File where original is located if not attached FOIA(b) (7) - (D)
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This is the first report of this informant and while it is known that he is not truthful about the length of his own membership in the Wesson Unit it is known that the information about other individuals checks with that of another informant in the Wesson Unit.

This informant will be contacted in the near future and it is felt he will become more truthful about his own activity in the WKKKKOM.

It is recommended that a 157-Dead file be opened on those members who are not officers or members of the action group of the Wesson Unit.

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Brookhaven, Mississippi
May 7, 1965

Informant advised that he was a member of the Wesson Unit of the WKKKKOM from early December 1964 until approximately two weeks ago when he was sworn out of the Unit.

Informant advised that he is a native of Wesson, Miss. and knows just about all the individuals who attended meetings of that unit during his membership. He advised that he does not know the identity of the individual who swore him into the Unit, but now knows that ED ASHLEY of Wesson is the EC.

Informant advised that the Wesson Unit has had as many as 80 to 85 members but is now down to about half that many who actually pay dues and about 13 to 15 who actually attend meetings.

Informant advised that he has heard members and officers of the Wesson Unit comment that the Hazelhurst Unit and the Crystal Springs Unit are both larger than the Wesson Unit and that the Brookhaven Unit is the largest in the State.

Informant advised that he paid \$10.00 when he went into the Unit and has paid \$300 every three months.

Informant advised that he had no knowledge of cross burnings, or other acts of violence that might have been done by members of the Wesson Unit.

Informant listed the following individuals as having been members of the Wesson Unit but have been sworn out since he became a member or according to friends in the Unit were sworn out before he became a member:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>OCCUPATION</u>
MAC LOWERY	30	Drives a mild truck, hauls to JN.
JIMMY JAMES	39	Operates a Pure Station, Wesson.
JIMMY HUTCHINSON	50	Owens a Dairy farm.
BILLY JACKSON	33	Owens a Dairy farm.
CLARENCE BEARD	60	Owens a Dairy Farm.

HAROLD RUTLAND	27	Clothing salesman on rural route, Former officer of Unit.
BURDETT RUTLAND	36	Clothing salesman on rural route. Former officer of Unit.
QUINN RUTLAND	60	Retired.
R. E. (BUBBA) DRAIN	45	Mayor of Wesson. Owns Hardware Store.
DAN WEEKS	33	Dairy farmer, Sylvernia Community.
SID BROWN	60	Carpenter
PETE FOSTER	40	Has milk route.
CLARENCE FOSTER	43	
J. T. DICKERSON	50	State Highway Department.
BOB GREER	45	ICC Railroad
JIMMY RAINEY	40	
HULON JACKSON	40	Harts Bread Route.
JOHN NEWMAN	35	Auto Shop in Wesson.
ARCHIE PHIPPS, JR.	35	ICCRR. May still be member. Depot Manager in Wesson.
ROBERT SPELL	20	Student at Miss. State University. May still be a member.
SIM RAMSEY		Resides in Hazlehurst.
JAMES LLOYD TEASTER	25	Stahl Erwin Garment Plant, Brookhaven, Miss.
JAMES ASHLEY	35	Owns grocery store in Wesson. Former officer.
J. C. ASHLEY	60	Retired.

Informant advised that the following individuals were known to him to be members of the Wesson Unit as of 5/8/65:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>OCCUPATION</u>
ED ASHLEY	38-40	Grocery store with brothers. EC of Unit.
BILLY ASHLEY	25	Works in family grocery store.
BILLY BOUTWELL	24	Potter Company. Treasurer of Unit.
CHARLES WALKER	30	Potter Company.
JIMM WOOTEN	26	Potter Company.
LEON WILLIAMS		Owns Dairy farm.
J. R. BEARD		Lincoln County Road crew.
VANN MC CARDLE	30	Mechanic at Wise Motor Co., Hazlehurst, Miss.
THOMAS EARL HENNINGTON		Miss. Power & Light Co.
JIMMY SMITH		Owns dairy west of Wesson.
GEORGE EARLS	25	Works at Ashley Grocery.
RED BERRY	27	Operates a dairy in area.

BUDDY LEONARD	37	Operates a dairy in area.
JOHNNY BERRY	37	Bookkeeper in Jackson. May still be in.
JAMES (PEE WEE) WILLIAMS	27	Copiah County Co-Op.
BILL HENNINGTON	45	House painter.

Informant though denying he is currently a member of the Wesson Unit, he advised that through his close association with most of the above members he is certain he will be in a position to furnish information regarding all activity of the Unit.

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Brief description of activity or material
Meeting at Hansboro, Miss., 4/27/65; proposed State meeting on Gulf Coast in near future to be held at Magnolia State Park, Ocean Springs.

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Remarks:
 Informant furnished a copy of "The Klan Ledger" which he said is being distributed at Pascagoula. It is retained in FOIA(b) (7) - (D)

Informant was unable to furnish any information of value concerning the subject matter of 157-2829, 157-2830, 157-2924 or 157-471. Case Agents advised by routing slip.

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- 1 - 157-1246 (JACKSON COUNTY)
- 1 - 157-1492 (THOMAS THRASHER)
- 1 - 157-2844 (FNU WHITE)
- 1 - 157-1499 (MARVIN LACEY)
- 1 - 157-2841 (FNU NEWMAN)
- 1 - 157-2840 (FERRELL STEWART)
- ① - 157- (BILLY EARL TURNER)
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MEETING AT HANDSBORO, HARRISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, 4/27/65

On Tuesday evening, April 27, 1965, TOM THRASHER and [redacted] drove to Keesler Air Force Base, Biloxi, Mississippi, where they talked to JOE D'ANGELO at the NCO Club about some wrestling matches they are going to take part in there. When they left there they went to the Fiesta Lounge on West Beach, Biloxi, and met MARVIN LACEY. They went with LACEY in his 1959 black Buick to the foot of a street which is, I believe, Cowan Road where it comes to a bridge over the Bayou. There is a tavern and restaurant there and a short distance south is a sand road going west into a wooded area. They drove in there and met a group of 10 or 12 men who were standing around in a group with five cars. The group included Mr. NEWMAN of Gulfport, Mr. WHITE of Gautier, and FARRELL STEWART who is the EC at Gulfport. Two of the men there had been to a meeting at Greenwood, Mississippi, on March 29, 1965, but I don't know their names. LACEY introduced [redacted] and THRASHER as [redacted] and 16 from Jackson County. He didn't mention their names and no one else's name was mentioned. The group stood around and talked about putting out literature. They talked about the racial trouble in Alabama and at Bogalusa, La., and said that Mississippi was bound to be next. WHITE spoke about the B&B Barbeque on Telephone Road between Pascagoula and Moss Point, Mississippi. He said that this place was serving colored people and something was going to have to be done about it. No specific plans were made in connection with the place.

There was a discussion about holding a State Meeting somewhere on the Gulf Coast. Someone said it should be a barbeque and there would be no hoods and it should look like a social affair. LACEY mentioned several picnic areas but nothing definite was decided. The mosquitoes got so bad the meeting broke up.

PROPOSED STATE MEETING ON GULF COAST

MARVIN LACEY called on May 3, 1965, and said the State Meeting was to be at Magnolia State Park east of Ocean Springs. He didn't say when it would be but indicated it would be in the near future and said he wanted a big turn out of Jackson County members.

BILLY EARL TURNER AND RAYMOND TURNER

SPURGEON LAUCHASSEE, Employment Manager, Ingalls Shipbuilding Corporation, recently made some effort to fire RAYMOND TURNER from the Shipyard and he and his brother, BILLY EARL, are talking about "messing him up". They are talking about putting paint stripper on his car and sugar in his gasoline tank.

B. F. HINTON

I looked at a picture I was told was B. F. HINTON. This is not one of the men from Laurel who attended a Klan meeting at Pascagoula, but I have seen this man in the past at the Hideaway operated by W. E. SNOWDEN.

KLAN MEMBERS AT COY, MISSISSIPPI

Regarding Klan members in the Coy Community, CARROLL PARMER is about 60-65 years old. He has a farm east of Philadelphia going toward Preston, Mississippi. It is located on a hill after you cross the Bogue Chitto Creek and go on through the Bogue Chitto swamp. He is a tall man of medium build. He has gray hair and speaks with a nasal twang. His wife is AGNES and he has a daughter VIOLA and another daughter whose name may be JOYCE. He has a son whose name I don't know.

JIMMY FULTON is a white male about 30-40 years of age. He has a brother, ODELL FULTON. JIMMY

FULTON's father is JIMMY FULTON, SR., who is a tall thin man about 80 years of age. He may have died but I am not aware of it. Going east from CARROL PARMER's farm there is a road that goes to the left leading to Noxapater. FULTON lives with his mother on a farm on this road.

In connection with RONALD PARMER, I didn't talk to him. CARROLL PARMER told me that his son, RONALD, was a Klan member.

MISCELLANEOUS

The Klan is spreading a lot of copies of "The Klan Ledger", a Mimeographed sheet castigating President JOHNSON around the Pascagoula area.

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MEMBERSHIP OF SOURCE IN WHITE KNIGHTS OF
THE KU KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI

Source advised that in about May 1964, he attended a meeting of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi (WKKKKOM) at Meridian, Mississippi. He said that this meeting was held in an old, two story, ram shackled building, the location of which, he does not remember. That particular klan meeting was presided over by a man whose name he does not recall, who was at the time employed at Risher Radio Supply Company in Meridian.

Source stated that while he was in attendance at this meeting, he was obligated as a member of the WKKKKOM by some person whose identity he cannot now recall. He related that the initiation team or ritual team as it is sometimes called was clad in white hoods and robes. Source said that during the obligation ceremonies, 3 or 4 other individuals were obligated as members of the WKKKKOM.

Source advised that as he recalled, he would estimate the total attendance at that meeting at about 50 to 60 men. He said that the only two men that he can now specifically recall as having been present at that meeting were EDGAR RAY KILLEN of Philadelphia, Miss. and Rev DELMAR DENNIS of Meridian, Miss. He related that he has very few acquaintances around the Meridian, Miss. area and therefore was not acquainted with most of the men in attendance.

Source said that during this meeting, some person, whose identity he does not recall, got up before the group and brought to the attention of the group the fact one of their klan members had been talking outside of klan circles. Source recalled that after this persons identity was brought before the group, the man, himself, was then ushered before the group and a formal banishment order was read and the individual was banished from membership in the WKKKKOM.

Source related that it appeared that very few details of klan activity were discussed in his presence since he was known to very few of the men at the meeting.

Source said that he does recall that outside demonstrators who sponsor integration and who come into the area were going to be harrassed by the klan.

Source said that he cannot now recall any further details of that particular meeting of the WKKKKOM.

MEETING OF THE NESHOPA KLAVERN OF THE WKKKKOM
AT THE BLOOMO SCHOOL GYM,
PHILADELPHIA, MISSISSIPPI

Source advised that sometime in about May, 1964 and shortly after he had attended a meeting of the WKKKKOM at Meridian, Miss., he went to a meeting of the Neshoba Klavern of the WKKKKOM. He said this meeting was held in a gymnasium of the Bloomo School on Highway 16, east of Philadelphia, Mississippi. He explained that Bloomo is a small community just outside of Philadelphia. This meeting was presided over by BILLY WAYNE POSEY of Philadelphia, Miss and EDGAR RAY KOLLEN, both of whom wore hoods and robes and sat at the speakers table. About 75 people were present at this meeting and there was some comment by an unrecalled person in attendance, that the Neshoba Klavern, that night, had reached a total of about 100 members. The following persons were recalled to have been in attendance at the Bloomo School Gym on that occasion:

LAMAR SALTERS
CHARLES COLLINS
PAUL CHUNN
CECIL PRICE
LAWRENCE RAINEY

(NAME UNKNOWN) an out of town speaker, who was about 42 years of age, stocky build, 5' 9" and 150 lbs.

Source said he could recall very few details of this meeting, however, he would attempt to reconstruct the details in his mind and furnish same at a later date.

MEETING OF THE NESHOPA KLAVERN IN PASTURE OF
FARM OF ATTORNEY CLAYTON LEWIS AT
PHILADELPHIA, MISSISSIPPI

Source said that he recalls having attended a meeting of the Neshoba Klavern of the WKKKKOM, sometime prior to the murder of the three civil rights workers near Philadelphia, Miss., which meeting was held on the farm and out in the pasture of Attorney CLAYTON LEWIS' property. Source said that he was driven to this particular

meeting by BILLY WAYNE POSEY, in POSEY's automobile. Source said that he believes that the CLAYTON property was located just off Highway 19 South of Philadelphia, Miss.

Source and BILLY WAYNE POSEY arrived at the gate to the CLAYTON property just before dark on that evening and were met at the gate by CLAYTON LEWIS, who was standing at that point directing klansmen to the klan gathering place in his pasture.

This meeting was presided over by EDGAR RAY KILLEN and a man whose name he cannot recall but who was from Crystal Springs, Miss. This unknown man, KILLEN and POSEY had a discussion in the presence of source, during which discussion they were talking about methods of destroying and ultimately disposing of a human body, however, no particular body was mentioned in the presence of source. Source further recalls one of the parties to that discussion as having given instructions as to just how one should go about dissecting a human body and the fact that the body should be cut down the middle, take out the insides of the body thus keeping the body from floating in water. The correct method for burying a human body was also mentioned, however, source said he could not recall any details concerning that part of the discussion. Source said that he did recall that the unknown individual from Crystal Springs, Miss. did most of the talking during that conversation.

Source said that he further recalls that during that meeting in CLAYTON LEWIS's pasture that one of the klansmen present left the pasture before the meeting was over and it was generally felt among the members present that this man might have left to inform on the gathering. Source said that after the meeting, he recalls hearing the name NAP FANNIN as possibly being identical with the person who had walked off from that klan meeting. Source said he has heard around Philadelphia, Miss. talk which would lead him to believe that NAP FANNIN is a bootlegger in Philadelphia.

Source said that he could also recall having heard discussions in LEWIS's pasture on that occasion concerning meetings of civil rights workers in the area of Philadelphia and the fact that the klan was against any such meetings.

Source said that he knows the following persons to be associated with the Neshoba Klavern of the WKKKOM

at Philadelphia, Miss. since he has either been at meetings with them or has heard their names mentioned by known klansmen in such a way that it would lead him to believe that they are members:

LAWRENCE RAINEY
CECIL PRICE
BILLY WAYNE POSEY (Appears to be the leader of the Neshoba Klavern)
CLARENCE MITCHELL
GEORGE HERRINGTON (H & H Restaurant)
LAMAR SALTERS
FRANK PHILLIPS
BOBO (LNU) (Works Barham Paint & Glass Co., Philadelphia)
DORIS WAYNE COLLINS
CHARLES COLLINS (Radio & TV man)
PAUL CHUNN (Grocery Store, Deemer Rd)
CLAYTON LEWIS (Lawyer, Philadelphia, Miss)
RICHARD ANDREW WILLIS
ETHEL GLYNN BARNETT
OTHA NEAL BURKES
BOB HOWELL
PETE JORDAN
LELAND KILGORE (Was at meeting in CLAYTON LEWIS's Pasture)
EDGAR RAY KILLEN
ROBERT LEE (Former Major in Air Force of Army)
CYLDE PARKER
W. H. PETTIS
JOHN RISHER
JERRY MC GREW SHARPE (Source went with SHARPE on one occasion to Louisville, Miss. on which occasion, SHARPE went to see the owner of the Rebel Cafe in that city in an attempt to start a klavern in that city. Source said he does not know the outcome of SHARPE's discussion with that man)
T. C. WARD
LAUREL WEIR (Possible secret member)
RICHARD A. WILLIS
JOHNNIE BECKHAM (Grocery store owner and bootleger, Route 19, South of Philadelphia, Miss)
DAVID MADISON
HOP BARNETT
S. B. SIMMONS (Western Auto Store)
JAMES COOK (Grocery Store owner, DeKalb Rd, Philadelphia)
CLAUDE FLEMING (Cleaning establishment and under arrest for killing an Indian at Philadelphia)
VANN DAVIS (Was present at one of the klan meetings and works DeWeese Lumber Co).

Source said that several members of the auxillary police in Philadelphia are known klansmen, however, he does not know for certain whether or not the klan and auxillary police are one and the same organization. He said that he attended a meeting of the auxillary police on one occassion at the National Guard Armory, at which meeting, JAMES GIBSON, a squad leader for the police told the members present not to cooperate with the FBI and to lie to the FBI if agents ever questioned them.

SOURCES'S TRIP TO PHILADELPHIA, MISS.
ON MAY 4, 1965

On May 4, 1965, source traveled to Philadelphia, Miss. and while there he visited with CLYDE PARKER, Hamill Drug Store. While at that store, CECIL PRICE walked in to pick up a ring from PARKER since PARKER operates a small jewelry and watch repair counter in that store. Source said that he overheard PARKER say to PRICE in a low voice "What's going on". He could not hear the reply from PRICE.

Source then visited with HOP BARNETT at the Texaco Service Station and BARNETT was very friendly and wanted to express his appreciation to source for something which source was not aware of and at the same time donated gasoline to source. While at that station source observed one BOBBY CHEATAM engaged in conversation with W. H. PETTIS and after PETTIS left, CHEATHAM remained at the station appearing just to kill time.

Before leaving Texaco station, one JOHN RISHER approached source on behalf of source's vote for CLAYTON LEWIS, who is running for Mayor of Philadelphia, Miss., RISHER made the statement that "The only lawyer in our organization and he's on our side". (City election to be held Monday, May 10, 1965)

RISHER spoke distastfully of RICHARD WILLIS by saying how can a man build a \$23,000 house on \$235 per month. RISHER implied that WILLIS is in with EXCELL DUNCAN on the sale of illegal whisky.

Source said that LAWRENCE RAINEY, Neshoba County Sheriff, is very indebted to EXCELL DUNCAN for two automobiles and therefore, DUNCAN has RAINEY's hands tied.

Source said that he has heard that LAWRENCE RAINEY, after he was elected to office, purchased a home from JOHN RISHER.

Source advised that his relation with the above mentioned men is as follows:

CLYDE PARKER	Good
CECIL PRICE	Good
HOP BARNETT	Good
BOBBY CHEATHAM	Good
W. H. PETTIS	Poor
JOHN RISHER	Good
LAWRENCE RAINEY	Good
RICHARD WILLIS	Fair
EXCELL DUNCAN	Poor

Source related that he will continue to travel to Philadelphia, Mississippi and report of his contacts and activities in that city.

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WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
OF MISSISSIPPI
RACIAL MATTERS

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Enclosed for Jackson are nine (9) copies of an FD 302 reflecting interview with SPARKS.

The following investigation was conducted by SA GILBERT W. STRICKLAND:

At McAlester, Oklahoma

On 5/14/65, JOE HAWKINS, Secretary to the Warden, Okla. State Penitentiary advised that DONALD EUGENE SPARKS, Inmate #71755 was received at the institution on 3/9/65 from Tulsa, Oklahoma for 2nd Degree Burglary, with a sentence of two years. His maximum release date is 3/9/67 and minimum release date is 6/3/66. HAWKINS advised there is presently a detainer in effect against SPARKS from Lubbock, Texas charging him with robbery.

On 5/14/65, SPARKS was interviewed by SA STRICKLAND and declined to furnish any information. He did deny being contacted by anyone to commit a murder and stated he would not kill anyone for money for any reason. He specifically denied ever being hired by anyone in the South and specifically Mississippi to commit a murder. He denied knowing anyone in the Ku Klux Klan.

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SPARKS terminated the interview by stating he had never cooperated with any police officer and did not intend to start now and requested that he not be contacted again.

No additional information of value has been developed by sources or informants in Oklahoma. It is the considered opinion only of agents that know SPARKS, his associates, and who handled the former case involving former Top Ten Fugitive JOHN GIBSON DILLON that information that SPARKS was hired to kill MARTIN LUTHER KING, and that he did kill DILLON is not accurate nor truthful information. There has been a massive amount of rumor, speculation, and hearsay information circulated among the criminal element concerning the death of DILLON and this is probably what Jackson's informant is reporting in all honesty.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 5/17/651

DONALD EUGENE SPARKS, Inmate No. 71755, Oklahoma State Penitentiary, was immediately advised of the interviewing agent's identity; the fact that he did not have to make any statement; that any statement he did make could be used against him in a court of law; and that he had a right to consult an attorney or anyone else before making any statement. He was further advised no promises, threats, or duress of any kind would be used to cause him to make a statement.

SPARKS at the outset stated he would not furnish any information. He did deny being contacted by anyone at any time to commit a murder and stated he would not kill anyone for money or any other reason. He denied ever being hired by anyone in the South, and specifically Mississippi, to commit a murder. He denied knowing anyone in the Ku Klux Klan.

SPARKS stated he had never cooperated with any police officer and did not intend to start doing so now. He said he would appreciate it if police officers would not bother him again since they wasted his time and he was working in the plumbing shop in the Penitentiary and could not afford to be away from his job. SPARKS terminated the interview by getting up and leaving the room.

On 5/14/65 at McAlester, Oklahoma File# FOIA(b) (7) - (D)
 by SA GILBERT W. STRICKLAND:ewr Date dictated 5/17/65

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Description of activities and location of state meeting of WKKKKOM, Pearl River County, Miss 5/2/65

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Remarks:
 The names of all persons identified as attending the state meeting of the WKKKKOM on 5/2/65, have been set forth in a separate communication.

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- 1 - 157- (W. R. MANCUM)
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- 1 - 157-945 (BILLY BUCKLES)
- 1 - 157- (Warren County)
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May 4, 1965
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STATE MEETING OF THE WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
OF MISSISSIPPI, MAY 2, 1965

Announcement

A state meeting of the WKKKKOM was announced through the chain of command of that organization during the week of April 26-30, 1965. The announced password was the word "theater", and in order to attend this meeting, the driver of each car entering the meeting area was to have a particular theater ticket which had been distributed by the Imperial Wizard SAM BOWERS. These tickets were distributed on a selected basis to the various state and province officers. They in turn distributed tickets on a selective basis to the various Exalted Cyclops in each Klavern.

The instructions for attending the meeting were as follows:

A car will be placed on Highway 26 four miles west of Poplarville, Mississippi. This car will be a white 1965 Ford. It will be driven by a middle-age man wearing a cowboy hat, blue jeans and cowboy shirt. Show him your entrance ticket and give the password "theater".

Location

Upon arrival at a point approximately four miles west of Poplarville, Mississippi, on Highway 26, a middle-aged white man wearing a cowboy hat, blue jeans and cowboy shirt was observed in the area of a white 1965 Ford automobile. The license plate on this vehicle was not visible as the trunk had been raised. The car had been placed on a jack and one wheel taken off as if in the process of changing a tire.

When a ticket was shown to this man and the word "theater" spoken, he returned the ticket and gave further instructions as to the location of the meeting. The route to reach this meeting is as follows: Travel west on Highway 26 to the intersection of Highway 43. Turn left on Highway 43 and travel until you cross the first bridge. Immediately after passing the bridge, turn left on the first gravel road. Travel down this gravel road to a cattle gap. After going through the cattle gap follow the small road around the field and into the woods.

The man in the white 1965 Ford also provided an additional password which was "gap".

Upon reaching the cattle gap at the entrance to the field, an unarmed white man was observed. He appeared to be the owner of the property on which the meeting was held. The previously described tickets were given to this man and he was given the password "gap".

Cars thereafter entered the field and traveled to a heavily wooded area. This wooded area had been recently cleaned of underbrush in such a manner that individual cars could be parked under the trees so as not to be observed from the air. The meeting was then held in an open area under large trees. This area was excellent for a clandestine meeting.

Attendance

A count of 108 men was taken and there were possibly less than ten more individuals who attended. An actual estimation of 110 persons attended the meeting.

There were only three grand officers present. These included SAM BOWERS, Imperial Wizard; BILLY BUCKLES, Grand Giant; and Rev. (First Name Unknown) BILBO, Grand Chaplin.

A total of 42 Klavern units were counted for during the roll call, seven of which were from the Jackson, Mississippi area.

It was announced during the meeting that JULIUS HARPER, the Grand Dragon, was intentionally absent as a diversion for law enforcement agencies. He had traveled to the northern portion of Mississippi.

The Meeting is Called to Order

SAM BOWERS, Imperial Wizard, opened the meeting and turned the floor over to the Grand Chaplin, Rev. BILBO, who offered a lengthy prayer.

BOWERS, thereafter opened the meeting for nominations for moderator for the day. W. R. MANGUM was elected as moderator and served in that capacity throughout the day.

MANGUM stated in his opening remarks that the FBI had offered him \$1,000 to tell all he knows about the Ku Klux Klan.

The meeting was then turned over to the Grand Chaplin who offered a sermon. This sermon was a "good, logical sermon", including remarks against killing and the evils of killing individuals. The chaplin pointed out that the Klan constitution does not advocate killing or other violence.

BILLY BUCKLES

BILLY BUCKLES took the floor and talked about the large billboards which are being put up in the state of Mississippi and throughout the South. These billboards depict MARTIN LUTHER KING attending a Communist training school. BUCKLES stated he had contacted his source of supply in Shreveport, Louisiana, for the billboard materials, and would travel to Shreveport, Louisiana, on May 4, 1965, and pick up more of the billboard papers. BUCKLES stated that there are now twelve such billboards in the state of Mississippi.

BUCKLES advised that these billboard papers cost \$3.50 each. He stated that he can get the same size signs from the John Birch Society bearing the caption "Impeach Earl Warren", but that these signs sell for \$25.00 each.

BUCKLES then talked about the forthcoming congressional investigation of the Ku Klux Klan and stated he would like to tell his ideas about the Ku Klux Klan on Coast-to-Coast television, but that he would not answer any questions if he is called before the Congressional Committee.

W. R. MANGUM

W. R. MANGUM spoke for a short period regarding the relations of the FBI and the Ku Klux Klan. He also talked of the relations between the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol and the Ku Klux Klan. MANGUM stated that when members are approached by an Agent of the FBI, they should write down the Agent's name and credential number, and thereafter send him away.

SAM BOWERS

SAM BOWERS thereafter took the floor and spoke for over one hour in a rambling fashion. He talked of the "hand-in-hand" connection between the communists and the Jewish people. He then talked at length about the old Klan during the post Civil War days and described the fact that the Klan at that time was very strong because it was made up of Southern aristocrats who had faith in one another, and that these were very trustworthy people. BOWERS' remarks rambled at length but appeared to dwell mostly on the fact that Klan security must be preserved.

BOWERS stated that in the event he is called before the House Un-American Activities Committee, he will plead the 5th Amendment to the United States Constitution, and remain silent. He stated he believed this investigation is a farce because the Federal government has been investigating the Klan for over a year and has failed to turn up anything.

General Discussion

At the conclusion of the talk by SAM BOWERS, the meeting was open to discussion from the floor. A general discussion followed, much of which concerned the FBI and the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol.

An unidentified man from Rankin County stated he has a man in his Klavern unit who works or has worked in the FBI Office at Jackson, Mississippi. This man has told him that on a wall in the Jackson Office is a list of all officers and units of the WKKKKOM and the number of members in each unit. He stated that the Rankin County unit reflected the correct number of members.

Not true of course

J. K. GREER stated that this man should be checked on further to determine exactly how much information he could furnish.

The unidentified man from Rankin County indicated that the individual he has described is possibly a construction worker or a repair and maintenance man.

Following the floor discussion, a lunch period was held beginning at 12:30 PM. During this lunch period, sandwiches and cold drinks were available.

The meeting resumed at 1:15 PM.

After being resumed, the various delegates were separated from the general membership in order that their votes could be counted.

Amendments to the Constitution of the WKKKKOM

A number of amendments to the constitution were suggested and voted on by the assembled delegates. Those amendments which were accepted are described as follows:

Each individual member will henceforth pay 65¢ per month to the state treasury plus his local dues.

Each bursar is to retain a maximum of \$500. This \$500 is to be used only for emergencies, and its use must be approved at a meeting of all Klan bursars. This \$500 is to be used only for legal defense or benevolent purposes. There are a total of five bursars which would make a total of \$2500 in cash readily available to the state. All monies collected by the bursars in excess of \$500 are to be turned over to the chief bursar who will pay all the bills and obligations of the organization.

All province, district and grand officers must attend all of the state meetings of the organization or be fined \$10. Failure to attend must be supported by an excuse which is acceptable to the entire assembled state meeting.

All province, district and grand officers will be paid a maximum of \$60 per month at the rate of 10¢ per mile for travel in connection with Klan business. This is being set up to force the grand officers to use their various province officers since the travel will have to be shared henceforth among the various officers. These expenses can be collected at a meeting of the various state bursars which will be held each month.

Any man arrested on any charge that admits he is a member of the WKKKKOM or admits doing the act for which he is charged, will receive no help whatsoever from the WKKKKOM.

Payment of Obligations

The delegates voted to pay the following obligations:

- 1) \$1795 to pay an old printing bill in Jackson, Miss.
- 2) \$ 300 to Imperial Wizard SAM BOWERS to repay him for money he has given to the White Christian Protective and Legal Defense Fund.
- 3) \$ 200 to W. R. MANGUM for an outstanding expense of some type.
- 4) \$ 42 to the Province Giant from province No. 2.
- 5) \$ 50 each to the two men who were involved in an assault on a COFO worker in Vicksburg, Mississippi, recently.
- 6) \$ 300 to a man in Natchez, Mississippi, who was arrested during the Fall of 1964 by the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol.

The amounts described above are not exact as in most cases they were accompanied by a number of cents in addition to the dollar values.

Bursars' Reports

The various districts represented furnished the following reports of cash on hand:

- 1) Judge (FNU) BROCK \$2,100.00
- 2) (FNU) PURSER 800.00
- 3) DEWITT SANDEFIER 350.00
- 4) BILLY BUCKLES advised that JULIUS HARPER has 400.00
- 5) BILLY BUCKLES advised that the Greenwood Unit has 1,000.00
- 6) The chief bursar reported 1,300.00

SAM BOWERS stated the legal defense fund of the WKKKKOM has collected in excess of \$8,600.00 and in excess of \$8,900 has been distributed. This accounts for the \$300 paid to BOWERS by the assembled delegation. It is believed that BOWERS utilized this \$300 to start the White Christian Protective and Legal Defense Fund.

The Meeting Is Closed

Just prior to closing the meeting, a hat was passed to compensate the Rev. (FNU) BILBO, who had had to hire a replacement preacher to take his place during the morning of May 2, 1965, at his church. It is pointed out that Rev. BILBO left the meeting during the lunch break to return to his church.

The meeting was closed with a prayer offered by JACK MORROW.

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Brief description of activity or material

Information regarding activity of members of the Raleigh, Mississippi Unit WKKKKOM; also fact the one member attended the rally at Bogalusa, Louisiana on 5/7/65.

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Informant was paid \$40.00

Informant's notes attached.

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- 1 - 157-2525
- 1 - 157-2571
- 1 - 157-3022
- 1 - 157-W. R. MANGUM
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UREE GARNER

SAM BOWERS

CLARENCE HOLIFIELD

On 4/30/65, UREE GARNER was discussing the visit of SAM BOWERS, Imperial Wizard, White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi (WKKKKOM) to Raleigh, Mississippi recently trying to get some support from the members in Raleigh to assist in getting help from the members of the Smith County Grand Jury in the trial of CLARENCE HOLIFIELD. HOLIFIELD was to be tried for possession of whiskey. GARNER states BOWERS did not see him during this visit.

BURT McDANIEL

W. R. MANGUM

On 5/2/65, McDANIEL stated that MANGUM had visited him at Raleigh on 4/30/65 or 5/1/65 wanting him to go to the State Meeting of the WKKKKOM on Sunday, 5/2/65. McDANIEL reportedly told MANGUM that he would not go to the meeting and would not have any further activity in the Klan.

ROYCE WELBORN

TILLMAN MYERS

On 5/3/65, WELBORN stated that he did not think we (the Klan) should meet any more since he thought someone was talking to the FBI.

On 5/5/65, WELBORN and TILLMAN MYERS were discussing the Selma, Alabama trial and mentioned "how bad" it would be on an informer. Both indicated they would kill anyone that "talked" about any of their activities.

On 5/7/65, MYERS stated he did not go to the State Meeting and did not think he would attend any more meetings. He suggested that the county units should continue to have meetings. MYERS indicated he might take some part in the local meetings but would not consider any meetings outside the county.

J. B. WARE

WARE was observed talking with TILLMAN MYERS while drinking coffee at Phipp's Cafe. They were reportedly talking about the State Meeting on 5/2/65 and the fact that no one from Smith County attended the meeting.

ELTON CRAFT (ELSON)

On 5/10/65, CRAFT made the remark that he had attended the Klan "Rally" at Bogalusa, Louisiana on 5/7/65. He did not state if anyone went with him or not.

CRAFT also stated that he had heard, sources not mentioned, that the WKKKKOM had a fine State Meeting. He did not elaborate further.

CHARLIE BISHOP

BISHOP has been quiet lately and has had very little contact with the known Klan members who hang around Phipp's Cafe.

GLYNN TULLOS (GLENN)

TULLOS has not been active in the Klan for several months and he is not known to have any active contact within the Klan.

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States he has not been able to identify the Baptist Minister at Polkville, Mississippi that has been reported in the Klan. He will continue to try for some identification.

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Brief description of activity or material

BILLY BUCKLES is taking a vacation to arrange details and location for a state meeting of WKKKKOM. Residents of Franklin Co., Miss., becoming increasingly agitated at investigation by FBI Agents. Brother of SCOTTY WRIGHT, Ferriday, La., was on Navy diving team utilized in locating torsos of murdered Negroes MOORE and DEE during late 1964.

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- 1 - 157-945 (BILLY BUCKLES)
- 1 - 157-18 (SAM BOWERS)

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- 1 - 157-2404 JAMES RUSSELL STUART
- 1 - 157-512 ERNEST PARKER
- 1 - 157- CLAUDE FULLER
- 1 - 157- JAMES MARCUS EDWARDS

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April 28, 1965
Adams County, Mississippi

**BILLY BUCKLES, GRAND GIANT,
WKKKKOM, AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR
STATE MEETING OF WKKKKOM**

BILLY BUCKLES has advised members of the WKKKKOM in Adams County, Mississippi, that he is taking a vacation beginning on or about April 28, 1965, in order to arrange the details and location for a state meeting of the WKKKKOM. BUCKLES also intends to spread the word among the various members of the organization throughout the state of Mississippi that the meeting is to be held and the location.

BUCKLES is extremely upset over the present status of the WKKKKOM and says that a state meeting must be held.

There is an apparent power struggle going on within the higher ranks of the WKKKKOM but the details of this power struggle are not known. The general membership does not believe that SAM BOWERS will be ousted in the near future as the Imperial Wizard of the organization.

BILLY BUCKLES has not outwardly pushed for BOWERS' ouster among the general membership.

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**WKKKKOM, FRANKLIN COUNTY,
MISSISSIPPI**

Members of the WKKKKOM in Franklin County, Mississippi, are becoming increasingly agitated at Special Agents of the FBI who have been and are conducting investigations in that area. There is a large amount of general discussion which apparently stems from no central source that "something should be done about these Agents". Caution on the part of Agents operating in this area is strongly urged.

WKKKKOM, WILKINSON COUNTY,
MISSISSIPPI

Members of the organization in Wilkinson County, Mississippi, believe that a large number of FBI Agents are presently in that county searching for a trailer-load of high explosives. There is presently a great deal of discussion with regard to this matter.

JAMES RUSSELL STUART

The identity of anyone with the name JAMES RUSSELL STUART is not generally known among the membership of the WKKKKOM in the Adams County, Mississippi area.

MURDERS OF THE YOUNG NEGRO MALES,
MOORE AND DEE

Rumors have been spread in Franklin and Adams County, Mississippi, that JAMES EDWARDS, who was originally arrested for the murders of MOORE and DEE, has talked to members of the FBI and the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol. These rumors are not being believed by the other individuals involved in the crime with EDWARDS.

It has been determined that the individual who served on the U.S. Navy Diving Team that recovered the torsos of MOORE and DEE during late 1964, was the brother of SCOTTY WRIGHT, Ferriday, La., and not the brother of HANK HOWINGTON as previously reported.

ERNEST PARKER, Adams County, Miss., owns a Cessna 170 Aircraft. This aircraft is a four place, high wing, two-tone green airplane with a conventional landing gear. PARKER does not operate this aircraft at night, and it is highly unlikely that he would have utilized this aircraft for the transportation of two dead human bodies either during daylight hours or after dark. The airplane is not large enough to hold two dead bodies in any other position other than sitting in the passenger seats.

CLAUDE FULLER

A RESOLUTION OF

CLAUDE FULLER, a resident of Kingston, Mississippi, is becoming increasingly active in Klan business. He is a known member of the Sligo group of the WKKKKOM.



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Jackson, Mississippi

May 20, 1965

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

A confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised that recently Sam Bowers, Imperial Wizard, White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi (WKKKKOM), indicated that he has had contact with the American Nazi Party and that Bowers has been describing certain similarities between the American Nazi Party and the Ku Klux Klan (KKK). He stated that both organizations are aiming for "Christian civilization" and that they are both opposed to communists. Bowers analyzed that the major difference is that the American Nazi Party will not hesitate to "kill communists", whereas the KKK is not a "blood thirsty" organization. Bowers indicated that the American Nazi Party is "full of vengeance" and since this is a right reserved only for the Almighty, he inferred he would not profane the Klan with any type of association or relationship with the American Nazi Party.

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Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and seven copies of LHM entitled "WKKKKOM. EM (KLAN)", setting forth information received from [redacted] concerning recent comments by SAM BOWERS, Imperial Wizard, WKKKKOM, regarding the American Nazi Party.

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Edition of Southern Review to be published week of 5/10/65 and will be printed at Keith Press, Raymond, Miss. ~~ELMORE D. CREAVES,~~ MEREDITH TATUM, and H. H. HEREDEEN responsible for assembly and distribution of this paper.

A paper is to be printed and distributed on 5/14/65 in Jackson area critical of the integration policies of Mayor THOMPSON and giving reasons why he should not be re-elected. Names of those responsible for getting out this paper set forth. Meeting of members of South Jackson Klavern.

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- 1 - 157-54 (HINDS COUNTY)
- 1 - 157-1089 (The Southern Review)
- 1 - 157- (ELMORE D. CREAVES)
- 1 - 157- (MEREDITH TATUM)
- 1 - 157- (H. H. HEREDEEN)
- 1 - 157- (FNU KEITH of Keith Press, Raymond)
- 1 - 157- (CHARLES C. WILSON)
- 1 - 157- (KARL SUMMERS)
- 1 - 157- (ROY CAMPBELL)
- 1 - 157- (MARSHALL SANFORD)
- 1 - 157- (MICKEY BAILEY)
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THE SOUTHERN REVIEW

ELMORE D. GREAVES, MEREDITH TATUM, and H. H. HEREDEEN to put out edition of The Southern Review the week of 5/10/65. The paper will be printed at Keith Press, Raymond, Mississippi. Mr. Keith who owns the press is an active Klan member and has done printing work in the past for the Klan.

MEETING OF SOUTH JACKSON KLAVERN

There will be a meeting of the members of this unit at the Sugarbowl Bowling Alley, Mart 51, Terry Road, Jackson, Mississippi, on Wednesday night, 5/5/65.

May 6, 1965

PAPER TO BE PRINTED AND DISTRIBUTED AGAINST
SEGREGATIONIST POLICIES OF MAYOR ALLEN THOMPSON

A paper or pamphlet is to be printed and distributed on 5/14/65 critical of the segregationist policies of Mayor THOMPSON of Jackson and the paper will urge that he not be re-elected as Mayor.

CHARLES C. WILSON is in charge of writing this paper and he will probably solicit the help of KARL SUMMERS and H. H. HEREDEEN.

JOHN MC GREGOR, Exalted Cyclops of the South Jackson Klavern is to proofread this paper before it is printed.

ROY CAMPBELL, owner of Bullard Hill Shell service station in Jackson is in charge of distribution of this paper.

In addition to the above named individuals, H. H. HEREDEEN, MARSHALL SANFORD, and MICKEY BAILEY are to assist in the distribution of this literature.

ACTIVITY OF MEMBERS OF SOUTH JACKSON KLAVERN

The following members were present at the Sugarbowl Bowling Alley, Mart 51, Terry Road, the evening of 5/5/65 for a short meeting concerning the printing and distribution of a paper against the re-election of Mayor THOMPSON:

BURRIS DUNN
KEN HENSARLING
JOE HOLMES
CHARLES C. WILSON
JOHN MC GREGOR
KARL SUMMERS

Later that evening Mr. ROY CAMPBELL and an Indian who works at his service station went to JOHN MC GREGOR's house to inquire about the distribution of the paper against the Mayor of Jackson.

At the meeting at the Sugarbowl, WILSON wanted to obtain sufficient copies of this paper for distribution by the Forest Hill Unit. There was also talk that a group in Raymond, Mississippi wanted to get out literature against Mr. MAYO (PN), President of Hinds Junior College, accusing him of being a communist. Mr. MAYO was formerly Hinds County Superintendent of Education.

CHRISTIAN CONSERVATIVE LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

This group does not have regular meetings and the extent of their activities is confined to the publication and distribution of a pamphlet at irregular intervals for the purpose of keeping the higher echelon in the metropolitan area informed of attitudes and movements in the integration field so as to prevent the furthering of integration.

Members of this group are as follows:

H. H. HEREDEN, Head of the group.
Mrs. ROY CAMPBELL, Secretary or Treasurer.
JACK SHEARER, helps as a volunteer; is not a member.

ELMORE D. GREAVES

MEREDITH TATUM

CHARLES C. WILSON

Mrs. FNU MC CORKLE, employed at Freedom Book Store, East Capitol Street, Jackson, Miss., helps with distribution.

HEREDEEN and Mrs. CAMPBELL are responsible for the publication and soliciting of volunteer help from people who are not members of the Council. HEREDEEN contributes financial support for the printing of their literature and the only source of funds are from contributions.

Religious leaders, politicians, lawyers, and other leaders in the community are the type person receiving their literature.

Jackson, Mississippi
May 20, 1965

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

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised an Agent of the FBI that at a recent meeting of State Officers of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi (WKKKKOM) Sam Bowers, Imperial Wizard, WKKKKOM, was overheard discussing the appearance of Klansmen before the House Committee on Un-American Activities. Bowers was convinced that any Klansman appearing before the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) in closed or executive session would be an informant of the FBI and that the Klan should identify these persons and take appropriate action against them.

Bowers stated that there would be two Klan attorneys with each Klansman appearing before HCUA and that the Klansman and the attorneys should make every effort to harass or embarrass the committee publicly and make a fiasco of the hearings.

Bowers also advised those present that the WKKKKOM would use the HCUA hearings for propoganda to raise additional funds through use of jugs throughout Mississippi which had previously been put out by the White Christian Legal and Protective Defense Fund. The Klan would use the approach the HCUA was persecuting Klansmen and the Klansmen needed financial assistance.

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WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
OF MISSISSIPPI (WKKKKOM)
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Enclosed herewith is the original and seven copies
of a LHM dealing with captioned matter.

The Bureau may be of assistance in insuring that
SAM BOWERS, Imperial Wizard, WKKKKOM, is called in closed
or executive session as one of the first called from
captioned organization. Informant is of the opinion that
this will possibly thwart BOWERS' plans relative to the
House Committee on Un-American Activities hearings.

The confidential source referred to in attached
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WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX
KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI
RACIAL MATTERS

JN T-1 advised on April 1, 1965, that the Mt. Olive Klavern, White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan Of Mississippi (WKKKKOM), at a regular meeting on March 23, 1965, discussed a training school for Klan members who wish to learn to shoot. Discussion dropped and no action taken. One hundred dollars was approved and donated by members to purchase two-way radios for use in maintaining security at Klan meetings.

JN T-1 also advised that a Klan leader named Ainsworth had indicated to the Klavern at Collins, Mississippi, that the 90 day waiting period on acts of violence had been lifted by the Klan in Mississippi. This informant said other Klansmen at Collins, Mississippi, have remarked that the Masonic Lodge at Philadelphia, Mississippi, is letting the Klan organization in Neshoba County use their hall for meetings and that the members of this lodge are Klansmen.

JN T-1 advised on April 13, 1965, that one of the Klansmen in the Mt. Olive, Mississippi Klavern remarked at a regular meeting that no Negro would measure his cotton acreage or put foot on his land. This was in reference to information that Negroes had been hired to measure cotton acreage in Mississippi during the Summer of 1965.

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JN T-1 reported that \$300 of the state Klan funds were being held by the Mt. Olive Klavern since the local Klan leaders did not want to turn it into the state leaders for fear it would get into the wrong hands.

JN T-2 advised on April 15, 1965, that Charles J. Seal, a Klan leader in Pearl River County, Mississippi, had recently been in contact with Louis Di Salvo, a Klansman from the Mississippi Gulf Coast who sells weapons to Klansmen and they were discussing distribution of some Klan literature. Within a few days after the discussion, Klan literature appeared in the yards of residences in the Poplarville, Mississippi area.

JN T-2 advised that President Lyndon B. Johnson's recent statements concerning the Klan and his use of the Civil Rights slogan "We shall overcome" may result in a number of former Klansmen coming back into the Klan since Johnson apparently is aligning himself with the Civil Rights groups against the Ku Klux Klan.

JN T-3 advised April 13, 1965, that a Klansman, M. W. Hamilton, owner and operator of Polk Hardware Company, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, who in the past has been involved in holding a gun on the Imperial Wizard of the WKKKKOM, Sam Bowers, Jr., recently was making attempts at Hattiesburg, to borrow some Klan robes from other Klansmen, but the purpose for which they were to be used is unknown.

JN T-4 advised on April 1, 1965, that from conversation with Klan leaders in the Natchez, Mississippi area, feeling among Klansmen is "beginning to run high" due to civil rights activities in Alabama and a fear that civil rights advocates will be coming

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into Mississippi in large numbers this summer. This informant advised that from conversation with other Klan leaders in the Laurel, Mississippi Area, the Imperial Wizard of the WKKKKOM Sam Bowers, Jr, is described as a "religious fanatic".

JN T-4 advised on April 15, 1965, that E. L. McDaniel, Grand Dragon of Mississippi, United Klans of America, Incorporated, had recently gone to Billy Buckles, Grand Giant, WKKKKOM, and allegedly said if the White Knights would move one man, he, McDaniel, would come back into the WKKKKOM. McDaniel named Sam Bowers, Jr. as the individual who would have to be removed before he would return to the WKKKKOM. The informant heard this information from other Klansmen and does not know it from personal knowledge.

JN T-4 advised one of the big projects of the WKKKKOM at the present time is to put up large billboards throughout the state showing a picture of Martin Luther King in attendance at a Communist School in Tennessee several years ago. The billboards are to be obtained from California and furnished to the Klan through the Citizens Council of New Orleans, Louisiana.

JN T-5 advised on April 1, 1965, that Milton James, Exalted Cyclops of the Ellisville, Mississippi Klavern recently made inquiry about getting the fire truck out of town on a false alarm so that some job could be pulled, but the informant could not learn what James had in mind when discussing this matter. The Ellisville Klavern is known to be interested in taking some action against Negro George Hawkins, a shoe shop operator there and Hawkins may be the target of further Klan action according to this informant.

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Informant advised that some law enforcement officers in Jones County, Mississippi, who are Klan members may be sworn out of the Klan so they can tell everyone they are not members, however, they plan to continue attending Klan meetings and acting as members. This is to protect the officers in the event they are exposed as Klansmen. Informant advised that Bobby Crumpton, a Klansman from Ellisville, Mississippi, has made the statement recently that two of the Klansmen arrested in Alabama for shooting the white woman working there as a civil rights worker, had eaten breakfast at Crumpton's place or at his brother's place for four straight mornings before the arrest. Informant was unable to verify whether there was any truth to this information.

JN T-6 advised that B. L. Akin, a Klan leader at Meridian, Mississippi, has hired Jimmy Smith who operates a night patrol service in Meridian to conduct investigation for him. B. L. Akin has told Smith that C. Wallace Miller, a Meridian Police Officer, has threatened the life of Smith and was considering dynamiting Smith's radio tower which is located at his home. According to the informant, Smith believes that B. L. Akin is attempting to get Miller fired from the Police Department.

JN T-6 advised that Klan leader Billy Birdsong, Meridian, Mississippi, was recently beaten by three hooded men and the consensus of other Klansmen at Meridian is that Birdsong was beaten because he talked to the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol regarding his Klan activities.

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JN T-7 advised on April 14, 1965, that the money received by the WKKKKOM through the White Christians Protective and Legal Defense Fund would be split 16 ways and all defendants in the murder of the three civil rights workers near Philadelphia, Mississippi, in June, 1964, would share the money equally. Informant advised that Klan leaders at Meridian, Mississippi, are upset, pointing out that Robert Shelton, Imperial Wizard of the UKA, Inc. immediately posted \$50,000 in bonds for Klansmen arrested in Alabama, whereas Sam Bowers, Jr., Imperial Wizard of the WKKKKOM did not lift a hand to assist Klansmen arrested at Philadelphia and Meridian, Mississippi. Informant advised that B. L. Akin, Klan leader at Meridian, Mississippi, who is one of Governor Paul Johnson's Staff (apparently one of Governor Johnson's Colonels of which there are numerous) had recently visited the Governor at Jackson, Mississippi, and explained to the Governor that since he was arrested in connection with the Civil Rights murders, he would be willing to remove his Governor's Staff plates from his automobile if the Governor so desired. Allegedly, the Governor told him if he was not involved in this matter to keep the Governor's Staff plates on his automobile.

JN T-7 advised that J. B. Collier, an accountant, Meridian, Mississippi, and a trustee of the White Christians Protective and Legal Defense Fund (WCPALDF), recently mentioned that the state fund had already collected about \$62,000 for the defense of Klansmen.

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JN T-8 advised on April 1, 1965, that H. H. Herdeen, a Klansman in Jackson, Mississippi, is head of the WCPALDF and the records of this fund are located in a private office on the second floor above Morris Drugstore, Jackson, Mississippi. This is the same office where the "Southern Review", a monthly Klan Newspaper, is located at Jackson, Mississippi. This informant furnished detailed directions to where recent Hinds County Klansmen have been meeting on the property of a Mr. Dunn, just outside Jackson, Mississippi.

JN T-9 advised on April 8, 1965, that Klansmen at Taylorsville, Mississippi, had recently written to the head man of a tool factory, Taylorsville, Mississippi, telling him not to hire any Negroes in the plant. This letter was written by an unidentified Klan member.

JN T-10 advised on April 20, 1965, that the Klansmen in some of the Jones County Units are upset because other Klan units in the large cities are letting the Negroes take over. A Klansman named LEE from Jones County, Mississippi, recently remarked that he was going to get the house of some Negro if he had to "shoot his way to the house". Informant believes this was in reference to taking some action against Brewel Currie on the Luther Hill Road near Ellisville, Mississippi, the scene of previous racial violence during August, 1964. Further conversation heard among Klansmen in the Jones County area reflects Klansmen saying that if someone would go to Selma, Alabama, and kill Martin Luther King, Jr., it would stop the Negroes from wanting to go to white cafes and schools. Nothing was heard in the way of a specific plan to carry out any action against King however.

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JN T-10 advised that on April 5, 1965, Gerald Logan, from Laurel, Mississippi, made the remark that some of the Klansmen at Laurel, Mississippi, had been caught with about 30 pounds of dynamite the night before the Council of Federated Organizations (COFO) House was burned.

JN T-11 advised that the Warren County Klavern recently met in a private home and that from conversation between the new Exalted Cyclops H. L. Miller and other Klansmen, it is apparent that the two men who were recently arrested have assaulted a COFO worker in a cafe at Vicksburg, Mississippi, are the same individuals who later burned this cafe. The Klan plans to force these two men out of the organization because of their being arrested for violence, possibly to protect the other Klansmen.

JN T-11 advised that Ernest Avants, a Klansman from Natchez, Mississippi, is involved in obtaining large billboards showing Martin Luther King attending a Communist meeting which billboards are to be placed along the highways in Mississippi.

JN T-11 advised on April 8, 1965, that the Americans for the Preservation of the White Race (APWR) is setting up a private school in an old Baptist Church in Washington, Mississippi. One of the board of directors of this school is a Klansman, Ernest Parker, and another director is Otis Houston, a former member of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan Of Mississippi.

This informant advised that E. L. McDaniel, Grand Dragon of Mississippi, UKA, Inc., has been requesting a meeting between UKA officials in Mississippi and White Knights officials for the purpose of

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bringing the two Klan groups together. Billy Buckles, Grand Giant, WKKKKOM, has stated that the White Knights should go into the UKA. McDaniel strongly advocates removal of Sam Bowers, Jr. as Imperial Wizard of WKKKKOM. Informant furnished information regarding proposed public rally of UKA, Inc. to be held at Natchez, Mississippi, on May 2, 1965, and to be known as "The White Mississippians Speak". This meeting to be covered by NBC Television News Department. Some Klan officers allegedly will wear Klan robes.

Informant furnished name of H. H. Heredeem, Klansman from Jackson, Mississippi, as possible replacement for Sam Bowers, Jr., Imperial Wizard, WKKKKOM.

JN T-11 furnished information regarding a State Klan Cabinet meeting held on April 4, 1965, inside an underground silo on a farm near Terry, Mississippi. Informant advised that Billy Buckles made a remark at this State Cabinet Meeting that the Klan "wouldn't be in the blind about the Congressional Investigation". This is in reference to proposed House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) Investigation of the Klan and may refer to information that one Woody Matthews, Klansman from Utica, Mississippi, is a cousin of United States Representative John Bell Williams and apparently claims to have access to information through Representative Williams. At this meeting, Klan voted to send \$100 each to the widows of two Mississippi white law enforcement officers killed recently by Negroes.

JN T-11 advised that the "Southern Review", monthly Klan newspaper, had ceased operations and would need 4,000 subscriptions to resume printing. Each Mississippi Klansman was urged to subscribe to the "Southern Review" for himself and someone else so the paper will be received by others besides Klansmen.

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Informant advised that Woody Matthews, Klansman who is related to Congressman John Bell Williams, claims he can obtain information relating to the Klan from Congressman Williams and from the files of Congressman Williams and that the information will be furnished to the Klan during the forthcoming Congressional investigation.

JN T-12 advised on April 2, 1965, that the minutes of the Board of Directors of the WCPALDF meeting at Whitworth College, Brookhaven, Mississippi, on March 24, 1965, reflected that the fund had received \$2,785.22 and disbursements amounted to \$1,558.19.

JN T-12 advised that "The Klan Ledger" is very expensive and the last publication of the Ledger had cost the Klan \$12,000 for approximately 127,000 copies and this bill is still unpaid. This refers to issues of "The Klan Ledger" printed prior to the "Special Presidential Issue" which was the last one.

JN T-13 advised on April 6, 1965, that the Pascagoula Klavern of the WKKKKOM met on April 5, 1965, at a fishing camp north of Gauthier, Mississippi, and about 15 Klansmen attended. Among the things discussed was the formation of a Jackson County Rifle Association which will be operated along the lines of a cell-type Klan organization. This is to take the heat off of members who can claim they are members of a Rifle Association and not Klan members. Other things discussed were the using of cans of spray paint to spray the cars of people running joints and selling beer to minors. Specific groups mentioned which do this are the Elite Club, the Howdy Club, and the Beacon Lounge. Informant also determined that

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at this fishing camp, there was located in a closet, a number of weapons including a Thompson's submachine gun.

All confidential sources referred to in this letterhead memorandum have furnished reliable information in the past.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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.

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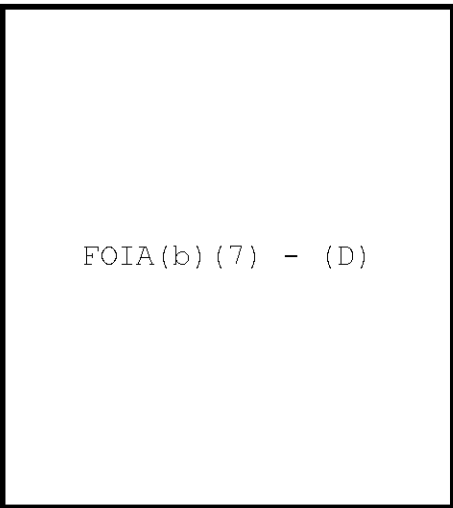
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Re Jackson airtel to Bureau 5/7/65 captioned "Racial Informants, Monthly Progress Letter, Jackson Division".

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Identities of persons attending state meeting of the WKKKKOM held in Pearl River County, Miss., on 5/2/65.

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- 1 - 157- LOUIS DE SALVO
- 1 - 157- H.L. MILLER
- 1 - 157- JUDGE (FNU) BROCK
- 1 - 157- CLAUDE FULLER
- 1 - 157- GEORGE NOSSER
- 1 - 157- (FNU) FREE
- 1 - 157- H. H. HEREDEN
- 1 - 157- JACK MORROW
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A state meeting of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi (WKKKKOM) was held in Pearl River County, Mississippi, approximately five miles southwest of Poplarville, Mississippi, on May 2, 1965. A total number of approximately 110 men attended this meeting. The following is a list of those persons who attended whose names are known:

SAM BOWERS, Imperial Wizard

BILLY BUCKLES, Grand Giant

CLYDE SEALE, Province Giant, from Franklin County, Miss.

J. K. GREER, Province Giant, from Adams County, Miss.

BURSE DUNN, Jackson, Miss.

LOUIS DE SALVO, Hancock County, Miss.

H. L. MILLER, Vicksburg, Miss.

JUDGE (FNU) BROCK, Utica, Miss.

CLAUDE FULLER, Adams County, Miss.

GEORGE NOSSER, Adams County, Miss.

FNU FREE, Natchez, Miss.

H. H. HEREDEN, Jackson, Miss.

JACK MORROW, Jackson, Miss.

DE WITT SANDEFIER, Jayess, Miss.

FNU PURSER, from the Miss. Gulf Coast area.

JOE SPRINGS, Franklin County, Unit #2.

REV. FNU BILBO, Grand Chaplin.

W. R. MANGUM, Simpson County, Miss.