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To: SAC, Jackson

From: Director, FBI

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

ReJNairtel dated May 11, 1965, captioned FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

Paragraph one, page four, of reJNairtel sets forth that Jackson informant furnished material used in recruiting members for the above-captioned organization. Jackson furnish Bureau copies of this material, specifically: Manual of Recruits; "Mississippi Constitutional Council of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan;" Executive Lecture for March 1, 1964; Initiation Ceremony for the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi; and, Kleagle -At-Large Certificate dated September 7, 1964.

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

Reurairtel 4/8/65 concerning effort to develop information regarding DONALD EUGENE SPARKS.

Logical racial informants of the Atlanta Office have been contacted; however, none of them could furnish any information regarding this individual.

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

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

Enclosed are 8 copies of LHM dated and captioned as above setting forth information that members of the WKKKKOM plan to defect to the UKA, Inc.

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

Attached is for the information of the Bureau.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC JACKSON (157-63)

SUBJECT: WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE
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 RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

Re Bureau airtel to Jackson dated 5-21-65.

Enclosed herewith as requested are Xerox copies of the following:

Manual for Recruiters

Mississippi Constitutional Council (of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi)

Executive Lecture of March 1, 1964

Initiation Ceremony of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi

Kleagle-At-Large Certificate dated September 7, 1964

The above Klan literature and documents were made available by [redacted] on 4-27-65. FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

- 3 - Bureau (Enc. 5)(RM)
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Jackson, Mississippi

May 26, 1965

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A confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised that on Sunday, May 16, 1965, Robert Shelton, Imperial Wizard, United Klans of America (UKA), Inc., while visiting in Natchez, Mississippi, received a telephone call from Julius Harper, Grand Dragon, White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi (WKKKKOM) at Crystal Springs, Mississippi. Harper was reported to have said that he realizes that the WKKKKOM is all "busted" and that Harper and all of his followers want to join forces with the UKA, Inc.

A characterization of the WKKKKOM and UKA, Inc., is included in the appendix pages of this letterhead memorandum.

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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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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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5/26/65

Date(s) of activity

May, 1965

Brief description of activity or material

WCP&LDF; SAM BOWERS; AMERICAN NAZI PARTY;
TOMMY BEDDING FIELD; MISCELLANEOUS.

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- (1 - 157-63, WKKKKOM)
- (1 - 157-2366, WCP&LDF) (Enc. 2)
- (1 - 157-H. H. HEREDEN)
- (1 - 157-18, SAM BOWERS)
- (1 - 105-14, OKKKK)
- (1 - 105-AMERICAN NAZI PARTY-WUFENS)
- (1 - 157-1543, UNSUB; BROTHER OF JERRY BLOOMFIELD)
- (1 - 157-2697, FNU HICKS)
- (1 - 157-1229, DICK WARNER)
- (1 - 157-1286, CHARLES MC GEE)
- (1 - 157-1287, NORMAN CHARLES MOSLEY)

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(1 - 157-1324, DEWITT SMITH)
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(1 - 157-1383, ROBERT F. ALEXANDER)
(1 - 157-1390, BELFORD BROWN)
(1 - 157-1290, MORGAN COCHRAN)
(1 - 157-1323, ROY SHARP)
(1 - 157-1153, RAYMOND ROBERTS)
(1 - 157-1386, GEORGE GADDIS)
(1 - 157-1279, TOMMY BEDDINGFIELD)
(1 - 157-1128, BERNARD CLAY)
(1 - 157-1833, CHESTER L. SCOTT)
(1 - 157-1831, HOMER G. SCOTT)
(1 - 157-1349, ROY GRIFFIN)
(1 - 157-1303, PAUL GRICE)
(1 - 157-1301, BOBBY GIBSON)
(1 - 157-2238, H. C. KEENE)

Remarks:

The source made available two letters from H. H. HEREDEEN, the Secretary-Treasurer of the White Christian Protective and Legal Defense Fund. These are being designated as enclosures (2) to the substantive file on the WCP&LDF, JN 157-2366.

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SAM BOWERS

Source advised that BOWERS contacted DELMAR DENNIS, Province Giant, WKKKKOM, and related to him that he was recently contacted by a member of the American Nazi Party. (Name Unknown). BOWERS stated that he has been thinking of joining the ANP. BOWERS is convinced that they (ANP) are against what the White Knights are against. He stated that they are for a "Christian Civilization" and so is the KKK. That they are bitterly opposed against the Communists and so is the KKK. He stated that they will kill Communists, and although he is not a "bloodthirsty man" he might be in favor of killing Communists. He did state that the ANP is a bloodthirsty organization and that they "are full of vengeance", and according to BOWERS "VENGEANCE IS MINE SAITH THE LORD".

WHITE CHRISTIAN PROTECTIVE AND LEGAL DEFENSE FUND

The following is a letter received from H. W. HEREDEEN, Secretary-Treasurer, of the WCPLDF.

" WHITE CHRISTIAN PROTECTIVE
AND
LEGAL DEFENSE FUND

P.O.Box 426
Jackson, Mississippi

May 12, 1965

Rev. Delmar Dennis
Rt #2 Box 146-A
Meridian, Miss.

Dear Rev. Dennis:-

Since I accepted the honor of being secretary
-treasurer of the fund, the later part of January, I have
used out of petty cash \$45.85 for gasoline on mileage
in connection with the fund. No meals or lodging included.

This expenditure has never been authorized by
the board and I would appreciate your using the enclosed
return envelope to advise whether you are in favor of
this expenditure or not.

In a way this is a personal letter. Mrs. Heredeem
and I traveled wi the bus load of Jackson patripts last
week to Bougalousa for the White Citizens Rally. Pepers
said that there was 3,000 there but there was over
6,000 in the march (We were in it) and well over 16,000
at the rally. The Governor of Lousiana did everything
in his power to stop the rally, even to prevailing
upon the speakers not to show up (and they did'nt) Not
one colored gentleman was seen on the streets of Bougalousa
that day. It was the greatest thing since electric lights.

Governor Wallace will speak in Jackson at the
new air conditioned coliseum on Monday night, May 17th.
Be sure and be there and pass the word. We want thousands
there.

Yours in Christ,
/s/ H H Heredeem
H. H. Heredeem
Sec-Treas."

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"WHITE CHRISTIAN PROTECTIVE
AND
LEGAL DEFENSE FUND

P.O.Box 426
Jackson, Mississippi

May 10, 1965

Rev. Delmar Dennis
Rt.#2 Box 246-A
Meridian, Miss.

Dear Delmar:-

Will you please use the anclosed return envelope to advise me whether there are any jars in your area that have not been picked up.

If you have jars that are still out, it is important that they be picked up and collections mailed to the fund at the above address.

Yours for God and Country,

/s/ H_H_Heredeem

H.H. Heredeen
Sec-Treas."

KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN MEETING 4/19/65

Source stated that he is not familiar with one HOUSTON MORRIS and that he has no information regarding a grand scheme to organize all "Klans" into one group and the election of an Emperor.

DICK WARNER

Source indicated that he had no knowledge of WARNER's current Klan activity.

DEWITT SMITH

Source stated that SMITH was very much in favor of the Klan and its objectives. He has been advised that he will be obligated as a member of the UKA, Inc. SMITH has given the source \$40.

DR. E. B. ROBINSON

Source stated that he is not active since he threw copies of the Klan Ledger of "Black List" from the top of a downtown building in Meridian, Mississippi.

TOMMY BEDDINGFIELD

Source stated BEDDINGFIELD is a Klansman and according to WAYNE ROBERTS is a "real Klansman". Source had no information regarding BEDDINGFIELD's current Klan activity.

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The following individuals are not known as Klansmen to the source:

BERNARD CLAY

CHESTER L. SCOTT

CHARLES MC GEE

NORMAN CHARLES MOSLEY

ROBERT F. ALEXANDER

BELFORD BROWN

MORGAN COCHRAN

ROY SHARP

RAYMOND ROBERTS,

HOMER G. SCOTT

ROY GRIFFIN

GEORGE CADDIS

PAUL GRICE

BOBBY GIBSON

H. C. KEENE

"FNU" HICKS, a barber in Meridian, Mississippi

UNSUB, Brother of JERRY BLOOMFIELD

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	Date(s) of activity 5/3/65-5/12/65

Brief description of activity or material Identity of Klansmen in Wesson and Heucks Retreat, Miss. Activity of JOHN BERRY; Incident involving L.J. WEEKS at Co-Lin College three or four months ago.	File where original is located if not attached FOIA(b) (7) - (D)
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Remarks:

Rec: Open and assign a 157 case on GEORGE BOUTWELL and JOHN BERRY. Open dead files on C.R. BEARD, SAM CASE, ED BERRY, SR., and BOBBY BRITT.

Will set lead out to New Orleans to have JOHNSON interviewed.

Informant also supplied KKK extra edition referring to Brookhaven schools now registered for integration. This will be maintained in 1A section of informant's file.

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- ① 157-63 (WKKKKOM)
- 1- 157-52
- 1- 157-1985
- 1- 157-584 (Lincoln County WKKKKOM)
- 1- 157-478 (Garland White)
- 1- 157-2242 (Ashley)
- 1- 157-1703 (Rutland)
- 1- 157- (George Boutwell, Jr.)
- 1- 157-1222 (W.D. Haynes)
- 1- 157- (C.R. Beard)
- 1- 157- (Sam Case)
- 1- 157- (John Berry)

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Wesson, Mississippi
May 12, 1965

Informant advised that in the municipal elections held at Wesson on May 11, 1965, JAMES A. ASHLEY was re-elected to the post of Alderman and Quinn Burdette Rutland was defeated in his bid for re-election.

Informant advised that he had learned that an individual named GEORGE BOUTWELL, JR., held some type of position with the Wesson Unit of the WKKKK. He advised that BOUTWELL lives in Jackson and allegedly has some type of job with the Government, either state or Federal. BOUTWELL's relatives live in Wesson and he comes down to Wesson quite frequently.

Informant advised that he had learned that GARLAND WHITE was the leader of the Brookhaven unit of the WKKKK and that WHITE has some type of connection with a man named W.D. HAYNES who lives in Danny's Trailer Court on Highway 51 about two miles north of Brookhaven, Mississippi. W.D. HAYNES is a relative of Curtis Davis' wife and is a heavy equipment operator.

Informant advised that he had learned that C.R. BEARD and SAM CASE who reside at Heucks Retreat, Lincoln County, Mississippi, were Klansmen

Informant also learned that JOHN BERRY, the son of ED BERRY, the banker in Wesson, had brought the special Presidential edition of "The Klan Ledger" down to Wesson from Jackson for distribution in Wesson. Informant advised that ED BERRY, SR., the banker, knows his son brought this literature down from Jackson. Informant stated that ED BERRY, SR., was upset when the literature about CURTIS DAVIS and DR. FRIEDMAN was distributed in Wesson as he did not want his son, JOHN, to be blamed for this distribution. Informant advised that ED BERRY, SR.,

is a rabid segregationist but he did not know if he was a Klansman. Informant advised that JOHN BERRY has a brother named ED BERRY, JR., who lives in Jackson and works for the Bruce Furniture Polish Company. ED BERRY, JR., is not in agreement with his father or brother JOHN.

Informant advised that BOBBY BRITT, the brother-in-law of JAMES A. ASHLEY, and a relative of CURTIS DAVIS, knew beforehand about the literature in connection with CURTIS DAVIS and the fact that it would be distributed in Wesson, Mississippi.

Informant advised that RAY "Dago" SANDERS tried to recruit an individual named J.T. MYERS into the Klan. He advised that MYERS works at the Cablevision plant in Brookhaven and lives in Wesson. He advised that MYERS refused to join.

Informant also advised that W.B. CARLISLE, the night Marshal at Wesson, had received some harassing phone calls after last week's interview by FBI Agents at Wesson.

Informant also advised that the following incident occurred at Wesson about three or four months ago:

Copiah County Deputy Sheriff L.J. WEEKS was riding in his car in the area of Co-Lin College. His son L.J. WEEKS, JR., was with him. They noticed a cross burning on the campus of Co-Lin College and they also noticed a pick-up truck pulling away from where the cross was burning. Weeks and his son chased the pick-up truck and informant had heard that some shots were exchanged but the pick-up truck got away.

A few days later a man in a 1959 green Oldsmobile with a Louisiana tag stopped MARVIN WEEKS in Wesson and told him that his father better stop chasing the Klan. Informant advised nothing had happened to WEEKS since this incident.

Informant advised that an individual named CLYDE JOHNSON from Kentwood, Louisiana, owns a 1959 green Oldsmobile which is registered in the State of Louisiana. He advised that JOHNSON comes to Wesson on occasion.

SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY

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SAC, LAS VEGAS

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RACIAL INFORMANTS

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

Re Las Vegas airtel dated 4/16/65.

RICHARD GERALD CLARK contacted SA ORVILLE F. MC VAY on another matter on 4/26/65 and the opportunity was had to bring up the subject of "Two Jumps". CLARK said he had heard the nickname and specifically recalled that he overheard the late JAMES LYMAN DE FORD and REX STIDHAM WINDOM, JR., talking about "Two Jumps". He got the idea that "Two Jumps" was always two steps ahead of the law and gained the impression this nickname applied to "MC MANAHAN" (obviously referring to LEROY BASIL MC MANAMAN). CLARK said he had no general information about "Two Jumps" but said when his crowd got together there was always a lot of bragging, especially on the part of DE FORD, BOB MARSHALL, and REX WINDOM, as to who they knew. CLARK advised he had completed his Federal time; faced some state time for Burglary, and that he had completely severed his relations with members of the MARSHALL-DE FORD Gang.

ROBERT CLEVELAND, SR., Father of Sergeant ROBERT CLEVELAND, Las Vegas PD, has been contacted and no pertinent information developed regarding anyone named "Two Jumps".

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1-Las Vegas

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, DETROIT (157-945) (RUC)

THE WHITE KNIGHTS OF
THE KU KLUX KLAN OF
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RACIAL MATTERS

Re Jackson airtel to Bureau, 4/8/65, captioned as above.

Contact Detroit PD, Wayne County SO, both located Detroit, Mich., as well as contact of logical and established sources, Detroit Division, failed to develop any identifiable information regarding DONALD EUGENE SPARKS, aka., "Two Jumps". Detroit Indices negative.

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Brief description of activity or material

Proposed state meeting Sunday, 5/2/65; ROSTON WEATHERS and LAWLER SHARP to attend from Hattiesburg, Mississippi. Unsub driving auto with tag K-12643 visited ASA WEATHERS on 4/30/65 and possibly messenger re the meeting.

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Remarks: **MHSP, Hattiesburg, furnished 10-28 reflecting that Tag K-12643, registered to ARTHUR COOPER, 705 Carole Street, Laurel, Mississippi, for a 1961 Ford.**

Info re state meeting prepared for Jackson Division under separate memo on 4/30/65.

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- 1-157-66 (Forrest Co.)**
- 1-157-63 (Control File) mkk**
- 1-157-2249 (ROSS WEATHERS)**
- 1-157-677 (LAWLER SHARP)**
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Hattiesburg, Miss.
4/30/65

On April 30, 1965, an individual driving a four-door Plymouth Sedan, with Jones County License K-12643, visited ASA WEATHERS, a known Klansman of the Forrest County Klavern, at his place of business on Second Street.

On this same date it was reported that ROSS WEATHERS and LAWLER SHARP would attend a state meeting of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi (WKKKKOM), to be held on May 2, 1965, in Perry or Jones County. It was reported that ROSS and LAWLER would leave at 4:00 a.m. to attend the meeting.

There was some indication that this information might have been reported to see if anyone would be found observing the residences of ROSS WEATHERS and LAWLER SHARP at that hour of the day, to trace any leaks in the Klan.

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Brief description of activity or material

Travel by people of Hattiesburg, Mississippi, to Bogalusa, Louisiana, to attend a white rally on 5/7/65 to begin at 6:00 p.m. with march and movies.

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Remarks:

On May 7, 1965, a teletype was submitted to New Orleans re information furnished by informant on that date.

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- 1-157-66 (Forrest Co.)
- 1-157-63 (control file) *MRK*
- 1-157-677 (SHARP)
- 1-157-582 (ASA WEATHERS)
- 1-157-714 (HAMILTON)
- 1-157-2249 (ROSS WEATHERS)
- 1-157-(FNU) BUCHANAN

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Hattiesburg, Miss.
5/7/65

It was reported that a group of people were chartering a bus on May 7, 1965, to leave at 5:00 p.m. (\$2.50 round trip) to attend the white rally in Bogalusa, Louisiana, which would begin with a march at 6:00 p.m. and at 7:30 p.m. movies of the Selma March uncensored.

The following people were reportedly going from Hattiesburg, Mississippi, who are known members of the Forrest County Klavern:

LAWLER SHARP
ASA WEATHERS
M. W. HAMILTON
ROSTON WEATHERS
(FNU) BUCHANAN

It was reported that Dr. BYNUM would also be traveling with the above group. BYNUM is described as being active in the Citizens Council.

It is reported that all members of Citizens Councils would be welcome, and to check in with the Brock Cafe, for directions upon arrival in Bogalusa, Louisiana.

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Brief description of activity or material
ASA WEATHERS, M. W. HAMILTON, PETE WALL, JIMMY SWAN, CHARLIE PRICE, reported in attendance at Rally in Bogalusa, Louisiana, traveling by auto from Hattiesburg, Mississippi. Another White Citizens Council Rally to be held in Jackson on 5/17/65.

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Remarks:

Information re proposed rally on 5/17/65, furnished telephonically to Supervisor JENNINGS on 5/10/65. Informant claimed his vehicle broke down en route and was unable to attend meeting.

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- 1-157-582 (ASA WEATHERS)
 - 1-157-714 (M. W. HAMILTON)
 - 1-157-709 (PETE WALL)
 - 1-157-2447 (J. SWAN)
 - 1-157-CHARLIE PRICE
 - 1-157-63 (control file) *mkK*
 - 1-157-66 (Forrest Co.)

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It is reported that the following persons actually went to the meeting at Bogalusa, Louisiana, which was a rally or gathering of white citizens (segregationists) on May 7, 1965:

ASA WEATHERS
H. W. HAMILTON
PETE WALL
JIMMY SWAN
CHARLIE PRICE

The above named individuals, all members of the Forrest County Klavern, traveled in a red station wagon (further description not known) and were very disappointed not to see the movies on the march from Selma to Montgomery.

It was reported that a similar type of rally would be held in Jackson, Mississippi, on May 17, 1965.

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4/28/65 - 5/4/65

Brief description of activity or material

~~TOM THRASHER has turned all his papers over to B. L. WHITE. The new E. C. FRANK HERNDON is operating the restaurant at Sharps Truck Stop, Gautier, Mississippi.~~

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- ① - 157-63 (WKKKKOM) *MRK*
- 1 - 157-1246 (KKK, Jackson County)
- 1 - 157-1492 (TOM THRASHER)
- 1 - 157-2844 (B. L. WHITE)
- 1 - 157-1104 (FRANK HERNDON)
- 1 - 157- (CARL WOODWARD)
- 1 - 157- (R. W. POE)

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May 10, 1965
Pascagoula, Mississippi

TOM THRASHER, the former Exalted Cyclops of the Pascagoula Klavern has turned all his papers over to B. L. WHITE, the new Exalted Cyclops.

WHITE has told me that he has recently taken CARL WOODWARD, who operates an auto body shop on South Market Street, and R. W. POE, who is employed by NOLAN SMITH, into the Klan. They have not been to a meeting so far as I know and will presumably be sworn in at a meeting later.

I was back in Biloxi, Mississippi and rechecked the location of the meeting which took place there recently. I was wrong in reporting that it was off Cowan Road. It was in a wooded area on a sand road going west from Popp's Ferry Road in Biloxi near the Back Bay.

On April 4, 1965 I stopped at the restaurant at Sharps Truck Stop in Gautier. I saw FRANK HERNDON there. He said he operates this place now. We talked about the Klan and his getting in at Pascagoula. He said the FBI is watching him too closely and he cannot be active now.

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Brief description of activity or material
WKKKKOM, Kemper Co., UKA, WAYNE ROBERTS, LEE ROBERTS, Lauderdale Co. members, Meridian Church Burning.

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Remarks:

- (40) Jackson
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- (1) - 157-63, WKKKKOM)
 - (1 - 44-1, MIBURN)
 - (1 - 157-30, Kemper Co. Klavern)
 - (1 - 157-343, Lauderdale Co. Klavern)
 - (1 - 157-471, UKA)
 - (1 - 157-1106, WAYNE ROBERTS)
 - (1 - 157-1124, LEE ROBERTS)
 - (1 - 157-1342, HURBERT ODOM)
 - (1 - 157-1224, CHARLES BARFIELD)
 - (1 - 157-1324, DEWITT SMITH)
 - (1 - 157-1331, E. B. ROBINSON)
 - (1 - 157-2489, A. L. LONG)
 - (1 - 157-1354, ROLAND HARDY)
 - (1 - 157-1377, W. L. HOWINGTON)
 - (1 - 157-1122, T. C. DIXON)
 - (1 - 157-1052, EARL AKIN)
 - (1 - 157-1264, RANDOLPH PICKETT)

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- (1 - 157-1323, ROY SHARP)
- (1 - 157-1333, JOE HEDGEPATH)
- (1 - 157-2032, GRADY DIAL)
- (1 - 157-2034, OSCAR DIAL)
- (1 - 157-2491, MARVIN PAGE)
- (1 - 157-1218, LEROY YAROROUGH)
- (1 - 157-1233, C. W. KID)
- (1 - 157-1286, CHARLES MC GEE)
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- (1 - 157-1304, JOE CURRY)
- (1 - 157-1313, FNU RICHARDSON)
- (1 - 157-1334, MARTIN PACE)
- (1 - 157-1383, ROBERT ALEXANDER)
- (1 - 157-1390, BELFORD BROWN)
- (1 - 157-1381, CHARLES ALEXANDER)
- (1 - 157-1206, CLARENCE DEARMAN)
- (1 - 157-1345, ARTHUR HORNE)
- (1 - 157-1157, WALTER D. SCITZS)
- (1 - 157-2829, UNSUB, ATTEMPTED BURNING OF MT. PLEASANT
NEGRO BAPTIST CHURCH, LAUDERDALE CO., MISS. 3/28/65)
- (1 - 157-2830, UNSUB, ATTEMPTED BURNING OF MT. BETHEL
NEGRO BAPTIST CHURCH, MERIDIAN, MISS., 2/27/65.

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WKKKKOM

From the general conversation I have received without recalling the specific source of the information, I have received the impression that all members of the WKKKKOM are dissatisfied with the organization and that none are actively participating in the organization. Should any further attempts be made to reactivate the WKKKKOM it is felt that the organizers would have a difficult time because the individual members, although not changing their beliefs, have begun to believe that an organization of this type can only cause harm to the individual members in that when some radicals take over, the actions of these radicals do not speak for the feeling of the entire group and also the fact that so many people are talking to the FBI, that they are afraid that even casual participation would cause deep involvement in an FBI investigation.

KEMPER COUNTY KLAVERN

During my active participation in the Klan, I had no knowledge of a Klavern in the Kemper County, and with the knowledge that RANDOLPH PICKETT was an active Klansman and because of this was removed from his active participation in the Miss. National Guard, I did not hear any other information concerning any activities or membership in this Klavern.

UKA, INC.

I have recently learned that both WAYNE ROBERTS and LEE ROBERTS are actively campaigning to recruit members into the UKA. I learned that WAYNE ROBERTS approached HURBERT ODOM at his place of business and I was present and overheard LEE ROBERTS attempting to persuade several individuals including myself to actively join in the UKA operations in the Meridian area. LEE ROBERTS gave the impression that

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the organization was beginning to find itself in this area and that members of the White Knights were being attempted to be swayed over to UKA.

CHARLES BARFIELD

I know CHARLES BARFIELD to be personally involved in the WKKKKOM and at one time was considered an honorable member but because of a drinking problem and a violent temper accompanying this, the membership felt that BARFIELD was too dangerous to be included in plans or supplied with information.

DEWITT SMITH

At the time of my active participation in the WKKKKOM, SMITH was the secretary-treasurer of the Lauderdale County Klavern.

DOCTOR E. B. ROBINSON

Doctor ROBINSON was obligated into the WKKKKOM at the same time that I was and although he attended several meetings, his main purpose was to furnish the Klan with any information of pertinent that he might receive as a private individual or as a professional man.

A. L. LONG

LONG is not known to me personally but I recall conversation at several Klan meetings that they were planning to obligate LONG into the WKKKKOM and there was a great deal of joking about it because they mentioned that LONG was the father of State Representative BETTY LONG and that although he was at first

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reluctant to join, they felt that they may have a step in the right direction concerning the state legislature should LONG become a strong member. I do not know how involved LONG became in the activities of the WKKKKOM.

LAUDERDALE COUNTY KLAN MEMBERS

The following listed individuals are known to me to have been at one time active members of the WKKKKOM, Lauderdale County Klavern, but because of my decline in active participation in Klan activities and the general decline of the WKKKKOM, I do not know their present involvement at this time:

ROLAND HARDY

W. L. HOWINGTON

G. C. DIXON

EARL AKIN

"POP" WARNER

ROY SHARP (A Meridian Constable)

JOE HEDGEPATH

GRADY DIAL

OSCAR DIAL

MARVIN PAGE

The following listed individuals are not known to me personally nor are their names familiar as being mentioned or overheard at meetings of the WKKKKOM:

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LEROY YAROROUGH

C. W. KIDD

CHARLES MC GEE

CHARLES MOSLEY

JOE CURRY

(FNU) RICHARDSON

MARTIN PACE

ROBERT ALEXANDER

DELFORD BROWN

CHARLES ALEXANDER

CLARENCE DEARMAN

ARTHUR HORNE

WALTER D. SCITZS

MERIDIAN CHURCH BURNING

The information previously supplied concerning the burning of the Mt. Pleasant and the Mt. Bethal Negro Baptist Churches was the full extent of the information I was able to obtain concerning these acts.

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BURNING OF PISGAH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH,
PISGAH, RANKIN COUNTY, 4/12/65

I have no knowledge concerning the above entitled church burning but will remain alert to any information overheard concerning current church burning activities.

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Informant furnished information concerning MIBURN; WKKKKOM; B. L. AKIN; BILLY BIRDSONG; UKA, INC; TOMMY HORNE; LEE ROBERTS; AUSTIN McCARY; HAROLD CRENSHAW

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- 1 - 157-471 (UKA, INC.)
- 1 - 157-343 (Lauderdale County Klavern)
- 1 - 157-63 (WKKKKOM) *mkk*
- 1 - 157-1110 (B. L. AKIN)
- 1 - 157-450 (BILLY BIRDSONG)
- 1 - 157-18 (SAM BOWERS)
- 1 - 157-1112 (TOMMY HORNE)
- 1 - 157-1374 (AUSTIN McCARY)
- 1 - 157-1387 (CECIL KILLEN)
- 1 - 157-1403 (W. S. TORRANCE)
- 1 - 157-1124 (LEE ROBERTS)
- 1 - 157-486 (E. L. McDANIEL)
- 1 - 157-1308 (HAROLD CRENSHAW)
- 1 - 157-2301 (SAM KELLER)

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CONVERSATION WITH B. L. AKIN AND
BILLY BIRDSONG

On May 3, 1965, source advised that on Saturday, April 30, 1965, he telephonically contacted B. L. AKIN to notify AKIN of a proposed meeting of the Lauderdale County group of the United Klans of America, Inc., at which time AKIN told source to give him about 30 minutes time and for source to then come to his office at AKIN Trailer Sales, Tom Bailey Drive, Meridian, Mississippi. Source said that after a lapse of about 30 minutes, he drove out to AKIN's office and when he walked in, BILLY BIRDSONG was there talking with AKIN. Source said that he immediately confronted BIRDSONG with information to the effect that BIRDSONG has stated on several occasions that source was responsible for the beating received recently by BIRDSONG. BIRDSONG immediately went on the defensive by saying that he had never made such comments and what he had actually said was that assailant had some characteristics which were similar to source. Source said that after a lengthy and heated argument, BIRDSONG offered to shake hands with source but source refused. Source related that BIRDSONG then admitted that he had been to see officials of the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol at Jackson, Mississippi at that agency's request and merely answered questions that were asked of him. BIRDSONG said that he did offer his services to that agency in order to help them get SAM BOWERS of Laurel, Mississippi, WALLACE MILLER of Meridian, Mississippi, and JIM JORDAN, who has confessed to the FBI in connection with the civil rights slaying case at Philadelphia, Mississippi.

Source said that after conversing with BIRDSONG, he asked B. L. AKIN if he could talk with him alone in another room. AKIN agreed and source asked AKIN if he was coming to the meeting of the United Klans of America, Inc. on May 1, 1965 and AKIN said that he would attend with other klansmen from his group and would meet source at the Spot Restaurant in Meridian at 3:30 p.m. on May 1, 1965.

SMALL GATHERING OF UNITED KLANS OF
AMERICA AT MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI

On May 3, 1965 source advised that on May 1, 1965, B. L. AKIN did not meet him at the prearranged place on that date and neither did Preacher DELMAR DENNIS show up as agreed. Source said as he was leaving the Spot Restaurant, with AUSTIN McCRARY in the car with him, they happened to pass TOMMY HORNE, also of Meridian, on the street and flagged HORNE down. HORNE, McCARY and source then drove to the home of W. S. TORRANCE and the only ones present at that residence were TORRANCE and CECIL KILLEN.

Source said that the five of them then had a short meeting and the only things discussed were prompt payment of dues and the fact that the FBI was now concentrating on breaking up the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (WKKKK) to put SAM BOWERS out of business.

TOMMY HORNE

TOMMY HORNE commented to source on May 1, 1965 that he was going to Birmingham, Alabama on May 3, or May 4, 1965 to take a plumbing job in that city. HORNE commented that he would return to Meridian, Mississippi on the week-ends. HORNE told source that the Exalted Cyclops, DELMAR DENNIS, wanted to see source.

LEE ROBERTS

Source said that on May 1, 1965, in the late afternoon, he stopped by the home of LEE ROBERTS and had dinner with ROBERTS and ROBERTS' family. He related that he only had idle conversation with ROBERTS.

GATHERING OF UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA
AT NATCHEZ, MISSISSIPPI ON MAY 2, 1965

Source said that on May 2, 1965, he left Meridian, Mississippi at about 9:00 a.m. with AUSTIN McCARY in source's car en route to the gathering of the United Klans of America, Inc. Source said that he and McCARY arrived at the ball park in Natchez at about 1:30 p.m. as the festivities were just getting underway. He said that he listened to a couple of speeches and talked briefly with E. L. McDANIEL of Natchez. Source said that McDANIEL appeared pleased that source had come to Natchez and told source that he wanted source to be thinking about some arrangements for a possible klan rally in Meridian, Mississippi at some future date whereby Mr. SHELTON would preside over the rally. E. L. McDANIEL further related to source that he was going to send about six hooded klansmen to Meridian, Mississippi to walk up and down the streets of Meridian clad in hoods and robes, but he would let source know when to expect these men. McDANIEL also told source that he, McDANIEL, was going to be busy and tied up for about the next two weeks, however, in about two weeks, he was going to hold a State Meeting of the United Klans of America, Inc. of Mississippi whereby state officers would be elected.

UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.
BLACK LIST

On May 10, 1965, source advised that at the request of W. S. TORRANCE, Exalted Cyclops, Lauderdale Klavern, United Klans of America, Inc., he was obliged to assist in preparation of a so called black list of persons and establishments in the Meridian, Mississippi area who have in the past exhibited a moderate approach to the current racial problems in the area. Source said that he is not aware of any overt racial activity on the part of any persons, whose names were included in the list.

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Source said that on the evening of May 8, 1965, he went to the home of LEE ROBERTS, Patrolman, Meridian, Mississippi Police Department, and collaborated with ROBERTS and ROBERTS' wife in an effort to prepare the "Black List." Source said that he contributed some of the names for the list, ROBERTS contributed some and ROBERTS' wife suggested others. Source said that the list was typed on a typewriter belonging to ROBERTS. Source then went to the home of DELMAR DENNIS, Exalted Cyclops of the Underground Unit of the United Klans of America, Inc., and borrowed a mimeograph machine to run off a sufficient number of copies of the list to distribute around the City of Meridian, Mississippi. He said that he then took the mimeograph machine and the stencil of the black list to the home of AUSTIN McCARY, another member of the Lauderdale Klavern, and at McCARY's home, they ran off numerous copies of the black list.

Source said that on Sunday evening, May 9, 1965, he got together with AUSTIN McCARY, and HAROLD CRENSHAW, at which time they drove all over the City of Meridian distributing the list in the doorways of various business establishments.

B. L. AKIN

Source advised that W. S. TORRANCE indicated to him on May 8, 1965 that the Meridian men in the Lauderdale Klavern, should get together and banish B. L. AKIN from membership in the United Klans of America, Inc. because of his association with BILLY BIRDSONG.

MAYOR HENRY BURNS, MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI

Source said that he has learned through general conversations among klan members that if Mayor HENRY BURNS

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of Meridian, Mississippi was re-elected to office, then the klan was going to see to the fact that SAM KELLER, Sergeant on the Meridian Police Department, was appointed Chief of Police.

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Brief description of activity or material
Meeting at home of B. L. WHITE, Gautier, Miss. 5/11/65. (FNU) NEWMAN identified as VINCENT PURSER. Mr. LACEY described as Grand Dragon. LEE McINTOSH a new member. Reported that Negroes plan a wade-in 5/16/65 at Pascagoula. Klansmen will attempt to identify those

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Remarks: participating. ALBERT OWEN DAVIS (NA), Chief of Police, Pascagoula, advised re wade-in plans.

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- 1- 157-63 (WKKKKOM) MARK
- 1- 157-1246 (KKK, JACKSON COUNTY)
- 1- 157-1496 (VINCENT PURSER)
- 1- 157-1499 (MARVIN LACEY)
- 1- 157-1227 (W. E. SNOWDEN)
- 1- 157-2844 (B. L. WHITE)
- 1- 157- (JOE TURNER)
- 1- 157-1492 (TOM THRASHER)
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May 12, 1965
Pascagoula, Mississippi

The man who has called himself NEWMAN called May 10, and said there was to be an important meeting Tuesday night, May 11, 1965 at the home of B. L. WHITE in Gautier.

TINY FRAZIER showed up at the meeting with JOE TURNER and LEE McINTOSH, a man who is from Laurel, but is now living in Pascagoula and working at the shipyard. Present at the meeting were also W. E. SNOWDEN, Mr. LACEY, B. L. WHITE, the man known as NEWMAN and ERNEST J. PITTMAN, who lives at 1101 - 11th Street in Pascagoula.

NEWMAN advised us that his real name is VINCENT PURSER. He is from Gulfport, Mississippi. He said he had invited ERNEST J. PITTMAN on the recommendation of Mr. CROW of Picayune. I don't know CROW.

TINY FRAZIER told Mr. LACEY that he had investigated JOE TURNER and LEE McINTOSH. LACEY asked PITTMAN to leave the room then he had all the others raise their hands and take the oath. PURSER read the constitution. He then told all those present that Mr. LACEY is from Laurel and that he is Grand Dragon of the Klan. I am not sure whether Mr. LACEY is MARVIN LACEY of Gulfport or not.

We discussed the selection of a full slate of officers. B. L. WHITE is the Exalted Cyclops. LEE McINTOSH will be the Sergeant at Arms. He has training in Judo and agreed to teach Judo to other Klan members.

Mr. LACEY told TINY FRAZIER that he had been recommended for the office of Province Giant. FRAZIER agreed to accept this office.

WHITE's wife was not at home and she was expected at about 9:00 p.m. WHITE wanted everyone to leave before she arrived. The meeting didn't last more than an hour and was finished before 9:00 p.m.

It was decided that the next meeting would be held in a trailer located behind the Hideaway Lounge on Telephone Road which is operated by W. E. SNOWDEN.

It looks like TOM THRASHER is really out of the Klan. He was invited to this meeting and refused to go.

WHITE and LACEY said that they have information that Negroes are going to attempt a wade-in on the beach at Pascagoula this coming Sunday. They urged all the members to go to the beach and to take car license numbers and otherwise identify persons participating in this wade-in. They said that Klan members were not to touch these people at the beach and were not to take any weapons with them to the beach.

Both LACEY and WHITE said they would be unable to be in Pascagoula Sunday. PURSER said he would be there.

I have received no information indicating that there are any plans for the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (WKKKK) to associate itself with any other Klan group except on a cooperative basis to achieve specific ends from time to time as the need may arise.

B. L. WHITE is supposed to be an Assistant Manager of General Building Supply Company at Gulfport.

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Klavern meeting at Gautier, Miss., 5/17/65.
Contemplated Burglary of the Columbia, Miss.
Armory. Approx. 12 New members to be initiated
on meeting evening of 5/24/65

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Klavern Meeting, 5/17/65 at Pascagoula, Miss.

At about 7:30 PM, 5/17/65 I attended a meeting of the WKKKOM, Pascagoula Klavern. The meeting was held in a trailer house behind the Hide Away Lounge on Telephone Road in Pascagoula. There was an election of Officers and "Tiny" FRAZIER was elected Assistant E.C., LEE McINTOSH was elected Treasurer, JOE TURNER was elected Master At Arms, FRANKIE LARSON and JAMES BALIUS were elected rear guards. B.L. WHITE is E.C.

Several other new members were voted on for admission to the Klan, but I did not get their names. "Tiny" FRAZIER, in addition to being Assistant E.C. of the Pascagoula Klavern is supposed to be made Floating Kleagle by the State Organization, that means he can go anywhere in the State and recruit new members. The Klan treasury has \$26.00 in it and during the last two meetings about \$100 has been collected by the E.C. for the defence fund for the persons indicted in the Civil Rights murders in Neshoba County, Miss.

A decision was made to burn numerous crosses in the Pascagoula area at midnight some night during the week of 5/23/65, details are to be developed at a later meeting.

WHITE said that the Klan has a "contact" man at the Columbia, Miss. National Guard Armory, and a burglary of the Armory was discussed. McINTOSH was mentioned as the person to pull the burglary, but he refused to do it until he had a chance to see the set up. WHITE said they needed guns and ammunition, and burglarizing the Armory was the best way to get it. WHITE said he would make arrangements for McINTOSH to look the Armory over. WHITE also said that LOUIS DE SALVO is selling guns, which could be purchased by Klansmen. Some of the members are considering buying guns.

The next scheduled meeting is for Monday, 5/24/65 at the VCM Club in Pascagoula. About 12 new members, all of whom work at Ingall's Shipyard are to be initiated. I do not have their names yet.

VINCENT PURSER and BILL SNOWDEN also attended the meeting.

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Persons who attended meetings of the Varnell Klavern on 4/5, 12, 19/65, and business discussed.

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- 1-157-2074 (REECE BRACEY)
- 1-157-1701 (EDWARD STAGNER)
- 1-157-2073 (HERMAN McKENZIE)
- 1-157-2109 (A. J. RAYBORN)
- 1-157-2110 (DALE RAYBORN)
- 1-157-2111 (HAROLD BECKNER)
- 1-157-2112 (B. J. SAWYER)
- 1-157-2113 (SHELTON STAGNER)
- 1-157-2114 (SETH STAGNER)
- 1-157-2285 (VON BEARD)
- 1-157-2284 (BUFORD BOYD)
- 1-157-2286 (WILTON RUSHING)
- 1-157-WILEY MARTIN
- 1-157-PREACHER ALFORD
- 1-157-1340 (ALVIN RANDALL)
- 1-157-2106 (ALTON RIMES)
- 1-157-1165 (LEO DIXON)
- 1-157-1357 (TED BRACY)
- 1-157-1172 (J. O. MAY)
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The Varnell Klavern of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi (WKKKKOM), met on April 4, 1965 and April 12, 1965, at the Packwood Lake, out in the open, and the following Klansmen attended both meetings:

WILEY MARTIN
ALVIN RANDALL
PREACHER ALFORD
ALTON RIMES
WES DILLON
LEO DIXON
J. O. MAY

At the above meetings a collection was taken up for the survivors of Klansman REESE BRACY, now deceased. The only business dealt with a discussion about a white man and white woman who were committing adultery (names not recalled).

The Varnell Klavern of the WKKKKOM met on April 19, 1965, at the Packwood House, south of Packwood Lake, south of REESE BRACEY's Store, and the following were in attendance:

ALVIN RANDALL
HAROLD BEARD
ALTON RIMES
LEO DIXON
TED BRACY
WES DILLON

ALVIN RANDALL and ALTON RIMES did most of the talking and the discussion was about Bogalusa, Louisiana, and the fact that Klansmen in the southern part of Walthall County, and the southern part of Marion County, had joined in with the Bogalusa Klansmen.

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The following Klansmen in Walthall County have not been active during the above period, and no additional information was developed about their background or activities:

HERMAN MCKENZIE
A. J. RAYBORN
DALE RAYBORN
HAROLD BECKNER
B. J. SAWYER
SHELTON STAGNER
SETH STAGNER
BURFORD BOYD
VON BEARD
WILTON RUSHING
EDWARD STAGNER

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-1935) DATE: May 31, 1965

FROM : SA THOMAS E. O'CONNOR

SUBJECT: KLAN ACTIVITY, WESSON, MISSISSIPPI
RACIAL MATTER

On May 12, 1965, RUFUS MIDDLETON, Wesson, Mississippi, furnished the following information to SA THOMAS E. O'CONNOR:

He advised that he is the former Mayor of Wesson, Mississippi. He stated that he was a former member of the Ku Klux Klan (KKK) in Mississippi in 1920 but in 1921 he left this organization.

He advised that though he has no direct information, the following citizens of Wesson, Mississippi are rumored to be members of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (WKKKK):

- WILMER NEWMAN
- GEORGE EARLS
- BILLY BUCK ASHLEY
- EDWARD ASHLEY
- JAMES A. ASHLEY
- QUINN BURDETTE RUTLAND
- HAROLD RUTLAND
- (FNU) BRITT

MIDDLETON advised that he had some information in connection with the distribution of Klan type literature in Wesson, Mississippi on May 1, 1965.

He advised that on the night of May 1, 1965, GEORGE EARLS

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- 1-157-HAROLD RUTLAND
- 1-157 (FNU) BRITT
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had been driving around the area of Wesson, Mississippi, and he had an accident with his car. He advised that the Wise Motor Company of Hazlehurst, Mississippi, was called and they came out to EARLS' car and towed it in. He felt that EARLS possibly had something to do with the distribution of this Klan type literature on that night.

He advised that an individual named KENNETH McCLENDON of Hazlehurst, Mississippi, was a former policeman in Wesson. He advised that McCLENDON had been invited to join the WKKKK but had declined the invitation. He stated that McCLENDON has some Klan type literature which he felt might have come from the automobile of GEORGE EARLS on the night that it was towed in by the Wise Motor Company. He advised that McCLENDON would be cooperative toward the FBI and that he might have some information in regards to the WKKKK in either Hazlehurst or Wesson, Mississippi.

He also stated that JAMES ASHLEY, who runs the Ashley Supermarket of Wesson, has a mimeograph machine. He stated that he did not know if the Klan type literature which was distributed on the night of May 1, 1965 had been printed on ASHLEY's mimeograph machine, but he advised that he would try to obtain some sample pieces of paper which had been printed on ASHLEY's machine.

He advised that the following might be the possible source of trouble between CURTIS DAVIS and the other townspeople of Wesson, Mississippi:

He advised that an individual named WILMER NEWMAN, who is rumored to be in the Klan, used to spend a lot of time around DAVIS' Shell Service Station in Wesson. He stated that he had heard that NEWMAN used to tell any customers who would come into DAVIS' Shell Station for mechanical work to go to his brother, JOHN NEWMAN, who is a mechanic, rather than bring

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their automobiles into DAVIS' Station. He stated that DAVIS heard about this and that DAVIS then told NEWMAN to quit hanging around the service station. He advised that after this happened, DAVIS began to have his problems.

He advised that a waitress who works in the Wesson Cafe, which is the only cafe in Wesson, named DOT PICKETT, might be the possible source of the rumor that MIDDLETON's wife was contributing to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). He advised that PICKETT is friendly with the ASHLEY brothers and other members of their association. He advised that this group thought he might seek re-election as mayor of Wesson, and he felt that they started the rumor about his wife contributing to the NAACP in order to downgrade his name in the community. He advised that there was no truth to this rumor.

He stated that he did not know if there was any truth to the rumor that CURTIS DAVIS was having an affair

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Suggested action:

Will locate and interview KENNETH McCLENDON, Hazlehurst, Mississippi, for any information he might have and will furnish concerning the Klan in Hazlehurst or Wesson.

Will recontact MIDDLETON and obtain from him samples of papers which have been printed on JAMES ASHLEY's mimeograph machine.

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~~LAWRENCE RAINEY; JERRY MC GREW SHARPE; PETE~~
~~JORDAN; CLYDE PARKER; RICHARD ANDREW WILLIS;~~
~~CECIL PRICE; J. E. WATKINS.~~

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- 1- 157-1544 (BILLY WAYNE POSEY)
- 1- 157-1108 (CECIL PRICE)
- 1- 157-1107 (LAWRENCE RAINEY)
- 1- 157- 1116 (RICHARD ANDREW WILLIS)
- 1- 157-1109 (PETE JORDAN)
- 1- 157-1141 (LELAND KILGORE)
- 1 - 157-1117 (BOB HOWELL)
- 1 - 157-1144 (CLAYTON LEWIS)
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1- 157- (FNU KENNEDY, a State Tax Man)
1- 157-1291 (HORACE GOODMAN)
1 - 157-1300 (J. C. RIGDON)
1- 157-1104 (FRANK HERNDON)
1- 157-1110 (B. L. AKIN)
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BILLY RUFFIN

May 20, 1965

BILLY RUFFIN is evidently still holding meetings of the auxiliary police in Philadelphia, Mississippi. On one occasion during the week of May 10, 1965, RUFFIN commented to source that source had been missed at the last meeting of the auxiliary police.

Source said that on one occasion in the late summer of 1964, BILLY RUFFIN called the auxiliary police together at a meeting in Philadelphia, Miss., at which time he made an announcement to the group that all auxiliary police would parade in line through the colored section of Philadelphia to show the colored people the strength of the auxiliary police. Source said that about 15 to 20 cars joined in the parade as requested by RUFFIN. RUFFIN also stated that the parade would serve to harass the colored people and the FBI if the FBI was around to observe.

POSSIBLE KLAN MEETING AT PHILADELPHIA,
MISSISSIPPI, ON EVENING OF MAY 11, 1965

Source said that he was on the street of downtown Philadelphia, Miss., on the evening of May 11, 1965, and observed BOB HOWELL on the Courthouse square steps standing around as if he were waiting for someone. Source then observed PETE JORDAN drive by at about the same time with another individual in the car as if they were beginning to gather for a klan meeting. Source said that he also observed LEIAND KINGORE in the area at about the same time. Source said that in view of the fact all of the persons mentioned above are known to him as klansmen, then he assumed that they were gathering for a klan meeting.

SHERIFF LAWRENCE RAINEY

Source said that he has recently seen Sheriff LAWRENCE RAINEY conversing with CLAYTON LEWIS and CLYDE PARKER. He said that in view of the fact they are all known klansmen, he assumes they were probably discussing klan business.

Source said that at about the time or shortly after RAINEY was arrested by the FBI, RAINEY was commenting to source about EDGAR RAY STELEN's concern over who to hire as his attorney in the civil rights slaying case and was apparently pestering RAINEY over the matter. RAINEY commented to source "EDGAR is going to get us all in the pen if he doesn't settle down with his attorney."

BILLY WAYNE POSEY

Source said that through his observations in the recent past, he has noted that there appears to be a very close association between HENRY SHARPE and BILLY WAYNE POSEY.

Source advised that during a conversation with BILLY WAYNE POSEY during the week of May 10, 1965, POSEY advised source that a COFO worker recently drove into POSEY's Phillips 66 service station at which time POSEY waited on him, not knowing that he was a COFO worker. POSEY said that after he had serviced the COFO worker's car, the man presented POSEY with a COFO credit card. POSEY commented that this made him very mad that he had already serviced the man's car before knowing that he was a COFO worker.

POSEY further related to source that he knew of a COFO worker who recently appeared in downtown Philadelphia, Miss., barefooted and wearing a goatee. This COFO worker supposedly asked some person on the street what a person

could do in Philadelphia for recreation in his spare time. POSEY commented that it was his understanding that someone took that man and pulled his goatee out with wire pliers. POSEY also commented that the COFO worker was supposedly from South Carolina.

Source said that he drove past the Adelpia Motel just outside of Philadelphia in an attempt to verify the fact that persons from South Carolina were possibly in the area. Source said that he observed two cars at that motel bearing South Carolina license, however, he did not make a note of the license numbers.

Source said that it is rumored in the Philadelphia, Miss., area that BILLY WAYNE POSEY has been having marital troubles and it is felt that POSEY's wife has possibly been unfaithful to POSEY. He said that it has also been rumored that POSEY and his wife have been attending some wild drinking parties in the Meridian, Miss., area.

UNKNOWN MAN FROM CRYSTAL SPRINGS, MISS.,
BELIEVED TO BE A BROTHER-IN-LAW OF
BILLY WAYNE POSEY

Source said that he had previously reported an incident about a trip that he, POSEY, JERRY SHARPE, and an unknown man from Crystal Springs, Miss., made to Louisville, Miss., to contact the owner of the Rebel Restaurant relative to organizing a klan klavern in that area. Source said that he now recalls that while en route to Louisville, the man from Crystal Springs commented about how frightened he was at the time of his first participation in an act of violence where there was bloodshed. He also spoke of how sick it made him to dispose of the bloody clothes after this first crime was committed. Source said that he could recall no other details of the conversation but described the man from Crystal Springs as a white male, about 35 years of age, 200 pounds, and a brother-in-law of BILLY WAYNE POSEY. Source said that he seems to recall that this man was supposed to have been the Imperial Wizard or some other klan official in Crystal Springs, Mississippi.

KLAN LEADERS IN PHILADELPHIA,
MISSISSIPPI AREA

Source said that the core of the klan in the Philadelphia, Miss., area appears to center around the following persons, who are all known to him and are friendly with him:

BILLY WAYNE POSEY
JERRY SHARPE
PETE JORDAN
CLYDE PARKER

Source also commented that SHARPE appears to be the "daredevil" of the group in that he will do most anything on a dare from other persons.

J. E. WATKINS

Source said that he now recalls J. E. WATKINS of Philadelphia, Miss., as having been present at one of the Neshoba Klavern Klan meetings in the past; however, he cannot recall which meeting he recalls having seen WATKINS.

FNU KENNEDY

Source advised that he recalls also that one (FNU) KENNEDY, a Mississippi State Tax man, was in attendance at one of the Neshoba Klavern Klan meetings. He stated that as best as he can recall, KENNEDY's appearance was probably at the Bloomo School Gymnasium just outside of Philadelphia, Miss.

RICHARD TINSLEY, COFO WORKER, PHILADELPHIA,
MISSISSIPPI

Source advised that a Mrs. HERRING, wife of the jailer at Philadelphia, commented recently that a white girl came to the jail at Philadelphia to visit the colored

COFO worker being held in that jail on a felonious shooting of another COFO worker charge. Mrs. HERRING commented that the white girl will never get into the jail to visit that man.

DEFENSE FUNDS FOR THE CIVIL RIGHTS
SLAYING DEFENDANTS

Source said that BILLY WAYNE POSEY recently commented that the men who had promised money for the civil rights slaying defendants had now refused to contribute and this made POSEY very upset. Source said this statement, to him, meant that the klan had not come up with the money they had promised.

Source said that through general conversations with klansmen in the Philadelphia, Miss., area he has come to the conclusion that the Neshoba County Defense Fund has not been doing too well.

DEPUTY SHERIFF CECIL PRICE

Source said that he has heard rumors in the Philadelphia, Miss., area in the past that CECIL PRICE has had a girl friend, name unknown, from somewhere in the Philadelphia, Miss., area.

RICHARD ANDREW WILLIS

Source said that he recalls that in about September, 1964, RICHARD ANDREW WILLIS told source that if he ever heard of anybody talking, he would personally put a bullet through the head of the person who did the talking. Source said that he took this statement to concern anyone who talked to authorities concerning the civil rights slaying case, even though WILLIS did not directly mention that case.

KLAN ACTIVITY, COLUMBUS, MISSISSIPPI

Source said that during his short stay in Columbus, Miss., he has received no indication of any klan type organization in that area.

MAID OF REVEREND HOWARD L. BENSON,
PHILADELPHIA, MISSISSIPPI

Source advised that he had recently learned through Reverend HOWARD L. BENSON, 435 Columbus Avenue, Philadelphia, Miss., that BENSON's maid knew something about the whipping of the Negroes at the Mt. Zion Church, which church was burned prior to the slaying of the three civil rights workers in Neshoba County.

CHIEF BILL RICHARDSON, PHILADELPHIA,
MISSISSIPPI

Source advised that Chief of Police BILL RICHARDSON, Philadelphia, Miss., was very instrumental in getting the auxiliary police started in Philadelphia. He said that he does not know how RICHARDSON feels about that organization at the present time.

JERRY SHARPE

Source said that during his trips to the Philadelphia, Miss., area, he has noticed a close association between JERRY SHARPE and BILLY WAYNE POSEY.

PROMINENT LAUDERDALE KLANSMEN

Source advised that the below-listed klansmen were unknown to him and he had no information concerning their association with any klan type group:

B. L. AKIN
FRANK HERNDON
J. C. RIGDON
HORACE GOODMAN
REGINALD MYLES

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Jackson

DATE: June 3, 1965

✓ FROM : Director, FBI

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

Enclosed for the use of the Jackson Office are 18 color transparencies taken at a meeting of the "Ku Klux Klan." These transparencies were furnished the Bureau by Mr. Frank De Felitta of the National Broadcasting Company. These transparencies do not have to be returned to the Bureau but should be retained by the Jackson Office.

The transparencies are being forwarded to Jackson for purpose of possible identification of those individuals appearing in the transparencies. The pictures were taken on Sunday, May 2, 1965 at the ball park in Natchez, Mississippi. The principal speaker was Robert Shelton and Ed McDaniel, Klan officer, appeared with him.

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- 1- 157-1403 (W. S. TORRANCE)
- 1- 157-1106 (WAYNE ROBERTS)
- 1- 157-1228 (JACK JONES)
- 1- 157-1374 (AUSTIN MC GARY)
- 1- 157-486 (E. L. MC DANIEL)
- 1- 157- (FNU PEEBLES)
- 1- 157-1377 (W. L. HOWINGTON)

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LAWRENCE RAINEY

On 5/12/65, source advised that he had recently talked with AUSTIN MC CARY and while in the presence of MC CARY, he heard MC CARY ask Patrolman LEE ROBERTS of the Meridian Police Department as to how well ROBERTS knew Sheriff LAWRENCE RAINEY of Philadelphia, Miss. MC CARY said that his reason for asking was because of the fact that E. L. MC DANIEL of Natchez, Miss., wants to meet with RAINEY in an effort to get the Neshoba Klavern of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi (WKKKKOM) into the United Klans of America, Inc. ROBERTS commented that he knew RAINEY quite well.

Source said that AUSTIN MC CARY has been working in Natchez, Miss., and has been conversing on occasion with E. L. MC DANIEL.

LEE ROBERTS AND ALTON WAYNE ROBERTS

Source said that W. S. TORRANCE told him recently that LEE ROBERTS, Patrolman on the Meridian, Miss., Police Department, was obligated as a secret member of the United Klans of America (UKA) on Saturday night at the home of W. S. TORRANCE in Meridian, Miss.

On 5/24/65, source said that the information he previously received from W. S. TORRANCE concerning LEE ROBERTS' secret membership in the UKA was apparently a misunderstanding since he was talking with ROBERTS on Saturday, 5/22/65, at which time ROBERTS said that he and his brother, ALTON WAYNE ROBERTS, were not yet members of the UKA, but would probably be sworn in on Sunday, 5/23/65, as secret members, at the home of W. S. TORRANCE.

JACK JONES AND LEE ROBERTS

Source advised on 5/13/65 that on a Saturday night, believed to be 5/12/65, he saw LEE ROBERTS and JACK JONES at the home of W. S. TORRANCE in Meridian, Miss., and he assumed at the time that JACK JONES was also

obligated as a member of the UKA, Inc., since there was some klan conversations carried on in the presence of JONES. Source said that he recalls JONES commenting that the klan in the Meridian area needed a bazooka and spoke of how effective a bazooka could be for distance. LEE ROBERTS then spoke up and said that he thought he might be able to get a bazooka from some member of the Hinds County Klavern.

UKA, INC. MEMBERSHIP IN MERIDIAN, MISS.

On 5/19/65, source said that W. S. TORRANCE commented to him that as of Friday night, 5/14/65, he had collected dues from 22 persons who have been obligated as members of the United Klan in Meridian.

TEN MEN FROM LAUDERDALE KLAVERN TO BE TROUBLE SHOOTERS

On 5/13/65, AUSTIN MC CARY told source that E. L. MC DANIEL had told MC CARY that he wanted the Lauderdale Klavern to try to line up about 10 men who could be used as trouble shooters and who could go from Lauderdale County into other areas of the state in the event of trouble in those areas.

E. L. MC DANIEL COMMENTS CONCERNING FBI INTERVIEWS

Source said on 5/13/65, that he recalled that in a recent conversation he had with E. L. MC DANIEL, that MC DANIEL commented that he had been interviewed by FBI Agents on several occasions in the past and that on each occasion he had agreed to the interview without hesitation. MC DANIEL said that he has now made up his mind to refuse to submit to interview by Agents in the future.

FNU PEEBLES

Source said that on 5/15/65, he learned that FNU PEEBLES was possibly sworn in recently as a member of the UKA, Inc. by W. S. TORRANCE. Source said that PEEBLES works for the General Box Co. in Meridian, Miss.,

and lives at Suqualena, Miss. PEBBLES supposedly drives a white Falcon automobile and lives in the house right where one would turn left off Route 19 at Suqualena.

W. L. HOWINGTON

Source said on 5/13/65 that he had heard through W. S. TORRANCE that W. L. HOWINGTON was recently obligated as a member of the Lauderdale Klavern of the UKA, Inc. Source said that he did not know where HOWINGTON lives or works.

CLARENCE DEARMAN

Source advised on 5/13/65, that in a recent conversation with CLARENCE DEARMAN, DEARMAN commented that he had received information to the effect that there were supposedly two men who work at the Flintkote Company in Meridian, Miss., who are on the FBI payroll.

Source stated on 5/19/65 that on 5/15/65 he approached DEARMAN about the whereabouts of the dynamite DEARMAN supposedly has buried and whether or not DEARMAN wanted any help in disposing of the dynamite. DEARMAN stated that he did not want to handle the dynamite and that he wanted to leave it where it is now buried.

W. C. SIMS

On 5/13/65, W. S. TORRANCE told source that he was going to obligate W. C. SIMS' unit of the WKKKKOM into the UKA, Inc., at sometime in the near future.

On 5/19/65, W. S. TORRANCE told source that he was going to obligate W. C. SIMS' unit into the UKA, Inc., on Saturday night, 5/22/65.

On 5/24/65, TORRANCE advised source that SIMS' unit was not obligated into the UKA, Inc., on 5/22/65 as was planned.

WAYNE ROBERTS

On 5/19/65, source said that he had talked with WAYNE ROBERTS on either 5/15 or 5/16/65, at which time ROBERTS commented that he had recently talked with Sheriff LAWRENCE RAINEY of Philadelphia, Miss., and RAINEY said that he had been contacted by the UKA and RAINEY spoke as if the Neshoba Klavern of the WKKKKOM was going to switch from the WKKKKOM and join the UKA.

Source said that while talking with WAYNE ROBERTS, the subject of the Mt. Zion Church burning case came up and in connection with that church burning, ROBERTS said "BILLY BIRDSONG jumped the niggers without authority."

ROBERTS, on the same occasion, commented to source that sometime ago, he went to B. L. AKINS Trailer Sales Company warehouse and after arriving at that warehouse, he noticed that BILLY BIRDSONG was already there. ROBERTS said that while talking with AKIN and BIRDSONG, BIRDSONG commented about the fact that WAYNE ROBERTS pulled the trigger on the two white men and ROBERTS said that this statement on the part of BIRDSONG made him mad and he really "chewed BIRDSONG out."

AUSTIN MC CARY

Source said on 5/21/65 that AUSTIN MC CARY was at that time in Meridian, Miss., and had been for several days. MC CARY was supposedly working as of 5/21/65 on some construction project at St. Joseph Hospital in Meridian.

E. L. MC DANIEL AND LAWRENCE RAINEY

On 5/24/65, source advised that W. S. TORRANCE had told him on 5/22/65, that E. L. MC DANIEL went to see LAWRENCE RAINEY sometime during the week prior to 5/24/65 about getting the Neshoba Klavern of the WKKKKOM into the UKA, Inc. TORRANCE said that he felt that the contact was favorable and that the Neshoba group would join the UKA, Inc.

MARCH OF ROBED KLANSMEN AT MERIDIAN

W. S. TORRANCE told source on 5/22/65 that he had talked with E. L. MC DANIEL of Natchez, Miss., and that the robed march of klansmen was not to occur until such time as the UKA, INC, could arrange for a klan rally at Meridian. TORRANCE said that such a rally had not yet been arranged; however, after such arrangements are made and ROBERT SHELTON is set up as the main speaker, then the robed klansmen will be designated to march up and down the streets of Meridian on the same date. TORRANCE said he would notify source as soon as any rally arrangements have been set up.

UNITED KLAN CALLING CARDS

On 5/22/65, W. S. TORRANCE gave source about 6 or 8 calling cards, which cards TORRANCE supposedly obtained from E. L. MC DANIEL with instructions to distribute the cards in the Meridian area by leaving them under a coffee cup in restaurants. The calling card, on the front, reads as follows: "You have been patronized by a member of the United Klans of American, Inc. Knights of the KKK. Anyone interested in affiliation with above organization write to; Post Office Box 1341, Natchez." On the back of the card, the following information appears "The only reason you are white today is because your ancestors believed in practicing segregation."

JULIUS HARPER CALL TO ROBERT SHELTON

On 5/24/65, source said that he had received information from W. S. TORRANCE to the effect that on Sunday, 5/16/65, ROBERT SHELTON, while visiting in Natchez, Miss., received a telephone call from JULIUS HARPER at Crystal Springs, Miss. HARPER, according to W. S. TORRANCE, was supposed to have said that he realizes that the WKKKKOM is all "busted" and that HARPER and all of his followers want to join forces with the United Klans of America, Inc.

NEWTON, MISSISSIPPI KLANSMEN

Source advised that both JOHN SHARP HENRY
and KEITH HENRY of Newton, Miss., are unknown to him.

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State meeting of Klan to be held 6/6/65,
officials of Pascagoula Klavern to attend,
No regular meeting of Pascagoula Klavern
since 5/17/65

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STATE MEETING KKK

There has been no activity in the Pascagoula Klavern of the WKKKKOM, LEE RUSH McINTOSH, Treasurer still plans to attend a State Meeting on 6/6/65, he is to take his car which is a tan 1964 2 Dr. Ford XL, bearing 1965 Jones County License K13044. He also owns a 1963 or 4 red Corvair Monza bearing 1965 Jones County license KB 5006, but he said that he contemplates taking the Ford.

McINTOSH is not sure exactly where the meeting is to be held, he thinks it is to be in Jackson, Miss., but it might not be. He is to take B. LINDSEY WHITE, VINCENT PURSER and another man from Biloxi whose name I do not recall.

There has not been a regular meeting of the Pascagoula Klavern since 5/17/65. McINTOSH, PURSER and WHITE met on the evening of 5/24/65 in PURSER's car at the beach in Pascagoula, Miss. and discussed getting "Tiny" FRAZIER out of the Klan because he has a "big mouth" and talks to much in bars. There has been no action on this yet.

6/4/65

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-2382) (P)

"CHANGED"

DR. W. M. CASKEY, Aka.,
William Malvin Caskey
RM

Title "CHANGED" to reflect full name of Subject as
WILLIAM MALVIN CASKEY.

Reurletter dated 5/12/65.

Subject interviewed by Agents of the Jackson Office
at his home on 6/2/65. After being advised of his rights, the
identities of the Agents and the purpose of the interview, he
advised as follows:

He is not a member of the White Knights of the Ku Klux
Klan and he does not know any members. He has never been asked
to join this organization.

He does not know JULIUS HARPER or SAM BOWERS.

He belonged to a Klan group in North Louisiana in the
1920s but this group disbanded shortly after he joined.

He does not know anything about the White Christian
Protective and Legal Defense Fund. He denied ever receiving a
request from anyone to appear on television and radio on behalf
of the subjects arrested in connection with the slaying of the
three Civil Rights workers during June, 1964.

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He is not an advocate of violence. He is an ardent segregationist.

He has a PHD Degree from Vanderbilt University in history and government.

He is presently on the staff of Whitworth College, Brookhaven, Miss. He is a Professor Emeritus at Mississippi College.

He is a member of the following organizations:

Sons of Confederate Veterans
Mason (Scottish Rite)
Shriners
Citizens Council
Americans for the Preservation of the White Race
(Jackson, Mississippi Chapter).

Jackson will continue to follow activities of Subject.

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Date 5-14-65

JAMES AUBRY ASHLEY was contacted at his place of business, Ashley's Supermarket, Wesson, Mississippi. He was advised as to the identities of the Agents, that he did not have to furnish any information, and any information he did furnish could be used against him in a court of law. He was advised by SA BENJAMIN F. GRAVES that he could consult with an attorney prior to furnishing any information.

He was exhibited a copy of a leaflet which had been distributed in and around Wesson on the morning of May 1, 1965, which was captioned "CITIZENS OF WESSON" and the first paragraph read, "We, the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi, are a Christian organization, dedicated to work against evil of integration and communism".

ASHLEY advised that he had read the leaflet but he had no information to who caused this leaflet to be circulated and he did not know the identity of those who circulated the leaflets.

ASHLEY advised that he was not a member of the klan and he had never been a member of the klan. He stated he had been approached by an individual from Brookhaven, Mississippi, to join the klan about a year ago. He refused to identify the individual who approached him to join the klan.

ASHLEY advised that he is a substitute mail carrier for the Wesson, Mississippi, Post Office. He stated he operates a dairy and a washateria and he stated he had no time to devote to organizations such as the klan.

The following description of JAMES ASHLEY was obtained by observation and interrogation:

Race	White
Sex	Male

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On 5-5-65 at Wesson, Mississippi File #

SAs JAMES J. MAHONEY &

by BENJAMIN F. GRAVES:hke

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Age	38
Date of birth	December 12, 1926
Place of birth	Wesson, Mississippi
Height	5 feet 11 inches
Weight	180 pounds
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Mailing address	Post Office Box 392 Wesson, Mississippi
Residence	Lives across the street from Ashley's Supermarket in Wesson
Marital status	Married and has two sons ages 18 and 11
Education	Graduated from high school
Occupation	Owns Ashley's Supermarket, Wesson, Mississippi
Military service	U. S. Navy, 1945 - 1946
Criminal record	Denies any arrests
Automobiles	Owns 1964 Chevrolet
Weapons	Owns 12 gauge shotgun, .22 rifle, .38 pistol

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5-14-65

Date

JAMES AUBRY ASHLEY was recontacted at his place of business, Ashley's Supermarket, Wesson, Mississippi, and he was again advised as to the identities of the Agents, that he did not have to furnish any information, and any information he did furnish could be used against him in a court of law. He was advised by SA BENJAMIN F. GRAVES that he could consult with an attorney prior to furnishing any information. ASHLEY was advised that the FBI had received information that he was until a month and a half ago a member of the klan. He was also advised that the FBI had received information that his brother, EDWARD, is the present Exalted Cyclops of the Wesson Unit of the klan and that his brother, BILLY, and employee, GEORGE ALLEN EARLS, are active members of the klan. ASHLEY advised that he is not a member of the klan and whoever told the FBI that he is a member is lying. ASHLEY was advised it was more likely he was lying because the FBI has a number of sources who state that he was until the recent past a member of the klan. ASHLEY advised that he is too busy to have anything to do with the klan. He stated that besides operating his supermarket he also operates a dairy, a washerteria and he is a substitute mail carrier for the Wesson Post Office. He advised that he began working as a substitute carrier on May 26, 1962. ASHLEY was advised that it would be necessary to advise the appropriate Postal Officials in Washington, D. C., that it had been reported that he was a member of the klan. He advised that the FBI could cause him to lose his job with the Wesson Post Office.

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On 5-8-65 at Wesson, Mississippi

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JULIUS BURT was contacted as he was working on new U. S. Highway 55, Bogue Chitto, Mississippi. He was advised as to the identities of the Agents, that he did not have to furnish any information, and any information he did furnish could be used against him in a court of law. He was advised by SA BENJAMIN F. GRAVES that he could consult with an attorney prior to furnishing any information.

BURT advised that he had never done anything wrong and he was not going to furnish any information that could get anyone in trouble. He even refused to furnish any background information.

The following description was obtained by observation:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	48 - 50
Height	5 feet 11 inches
Weight	175 pounds
Complexion	Tan
Occupation	Highway Inspector, Mississippi Highway Department (drives truck number TK 4731)
Residence	Brookhaven, Mississippi

On 5-8-65 at Brookhaven, Mississippi File # JN 157-584
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 by SAs DARYL R. HARRELL & BENJAMIN F. GRAVES:hke Date dictated 5-9-65 *157-63*

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details of meeting on Monday 5/17/65 at Jackson Miss., White Citizens Council attended by Informant, naming about 13 members of the KKK in attendance.

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- 1-157-2682 Coon Dog Dossett
- 1- -2921 James Earl Lee.
- 1- -2153 ERNEST L. MYRICK
- 2-157-New (fnu KITRELL)(possible ALONSO KITRELL)
- 1-157-677 Lawler Sharp
- 1-157-582 ASA WEATHERS)
- 2-157-New George Prescott
- 2-157-New (fnu WALLACE - I.C. Fgt.Office)
- 2-157-New (fnu ROGERS Pine Sol.)
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- 2-157-New (fnu LEE - with Komp Equpt. co.)
- 1-157-63 (control)
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- 1-157-676 (Travis Ainsworth)
- 1-157-2165 J. Watts
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May 19, 1965

May 17, 1965, the Trailways Bus left the parking lot on corner of East Peire and Market St. at 5:20 p.m., Hattiesburg, Miss., and went straight to the colesium in Jackson where the meeting was opened by the WILLIAM J. SEISAMORE, Administrator for State Citizens Council, who acted as master of ceremonies. Where different officials were introduced, among them was Lt. Gov. CARROLL GORTIN, Attorney General JOE T. PATTERSON, Commissioner of Agriculture CORLEY, and State Senator GEORGE YARBROUGH from Red Banks. Also former Gov. HUGH WHITE. Sheriff JESS CLARK from Selma was introduced, and received a standing ovation from the crowd.

Then ROSS BARNETT was introduced and after making a short speech in regard to Gov. WALLACE, he introduced WALLACE, who opened his remarks in regard to the National press and news media, for being unfair to the South in regard to the reporting of the news. Then he went on to the school situation and that the public health and education was going to cause chaos in the South, trying to push to fast. Told about the feeling on the Civil Rights Bill cooling down some since the trouble in the East. And after this summer it would be about 50 - 50.

Talked about the students having the demonstrations on the campuses of several colleges in regard to the Viet-Nam war. He said if that was tried in Alabama they would be expelled because they would be committing sabotage against the United States of America - that the people of Alabama still loved their country - even if they had been slapped on the wrist for things they did not deserve. The reactions from the people were mixed, most of the racket was made on the left side of the speaker where the people from Bogalusa, Greenwood, and Millsapps College were seated.

The conversation going up on the bus, was mostly in regard to this summer and trying to get at least 400 marchers for Citizens Council in Forrest County. So they could get around the seg of the schools. The arrangements for the trip were handled by Mr. HAMILTON and that is who the money was paid to. The fare was \$3.54 plus dinner at Denney's after the speaking - According to a statement made there was approximately 15 members of the right church on the bus (KKK). I believe I picked about all of the men that went. 1. LAWLER SHARP, 2. JOHN MANBERG, 3. ACE WEATHERS, 4. Mr. ROGERS who operates Pine Sol, 6. Mr. KETRELL who is mechanic, 7. LEE MYRICK and 8. his brother 9. Mr. LEE who works for Komp Equipment Co. very large. 10. Mr. PRESCOTT, 11. Mr. HAMILTON and 12. son, 13. Mr. WALLACE? I.C. Freight Office.

They have decided on a bus to go to Natchez on June 5 for a rally over there, and expect people from Louisiana, Alabama, Arkansas, Mississippi, Georgia, Tennessee. This will be on Saturday afternoon. Other people seen at Jackson were Mr. and Mrs. BEN GAMELL of 4th St. Mr. and Mrs. SAUL (plumber), Dr. and Mrs. BYRUM, Dr. SMITH (makes balloons and antiseptics). Mrs. NAN FRANCES, a Mrs. HERRINGTON and Mrs. LEE MYRICK, and another Mrs. MYRICK. Understand quite a few others were there but did not know them. The Mr. FARMER you was asking about who belongs to Church lost a leg, he is a logger. Also a Mr. FOSHER from Lamar County works for Gulf Refining Co.

They are taking the members in the church (KKK) now five at a time. and if their names leak out they are dropped so they won't know any more of the members until they have been tested. Otherwise they are really trying to find leak.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-63)

DATE: 6/5/65

FROM : SA WILLIAM F. DUKES

SUBJECT: WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
OF MISSISSIPPI (WKKKKOM)
RM

Investigator JOE PRICE (NA), Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol, Gulfport, Mississippi, a native of Pearl River County, Mississippi, advised on 5/20/65 that from recent inquiries he has made of what he believes to be reliable sources, it appears that the Ku Klux Klan in Pearl River County, Mississippi is at least inactive at the present time, and may very well be disbanded.

Mr. DOYIE HOLLIDAY, Chief Criminal Deputy Sheriff, Washington Parish, Bogalusa, Louisiana, contacted on another matter 6/4/65 at Bogalusa, advised that he has reliable Klan sources in the Bogalusa area, located only a few miles west of the Crossroads community in Pearl River County, Mississippi. HOLLIDAY advised that according to his sources, the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (~~WKKKKOM~~) of Mississippi (WKKKKOM) in Pearl River County, Mississippi has become virtually inactive, and there is no indication that any of these individuals has participated in recent racial violence in the Bogalusa area.

HOLLIDAY advised that he would be alert in contact with his sources, and immediately advise on receipt of any information indicating activity on the part of any Pearl River County Klan group.

RECOMMENDATION: For info and file. The above info substantially corroborates info from [redacted] to the effect that the Klan in Pearl River County (WKKKKOM) is now virtually non-existent, and has not participated in recent racial violence in Bogalusa, Louisiana area, believed to have been precipitated by the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, or possibly by the National States Rights Party (membership card of this organization found in possession of ERNEST RAPHAEL MC ELVEEN, suspect in shooting of deputy sheriff at Bogalusa, Louisiana in JN File 44-1084).

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May 19 - 21, 1965

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Informant advised information received that VINCENT PURSER of Gulfport is attending meetings at Pascagoula, Miss., and that PURSER recently attended a demonstration by whites at Bogalusa, La. Informant of opinion PURSER and VINCENT LACY ~~Resorts~~ of Gulfport are the only active klan members there at this time. Informant had no info re theft of explosives, Cobb Co., Ga. in April, 1965.

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- 1- 157-1503 (DOLLAHITE)
- 1- 157-2852 (STEELE)
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- 1- 157-2854 (LAKEY)
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- 1- 157-2856 (PLUMMER)
- 1- 157-2857 (HOLLIMAN)
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advised W. C. DOLLARHITE at Gulfport, Mississippi, told him recently that he read in the newspapers where the FBI had revealed knowledge of the fact that SAM BOWERS is the "top man of the White Knights" (WKKKKOM). DOLLARHITE expressed the belief that if the FBI knows who the top men in the klan are in Mississippi, that it will in all probability be impossible for the klan to function effectively. DOLLARHITE said he had not been to any meetings at Gulfport and that the only activity he knew at Gulfport at the present time was the fact that VINCENT PURSER has been going to meetings at Pascagoula, Mississippi, and that PURSER recently went to a demonstration by whites at Bogalusa, Louisiana in protest of Negro demonstrations at Bogalusa to implement integration of public facilities there. DOLLARHITE did not indicate whether anyone went with PURSER or not, but informant expressed the belief that MARVIN LACY probably accompanied PURSER, inasmuch as it is informant's belief that PURSER and LACY at the present time constitute probably the entire active klan in the Gulfport area.

Informant advised that he heard that one HOLLIMAN, a member of the Gulfport Klavern and operator of a grocery store north of Gulfport, had not only resigned from the klan, but had left the Mississippi Gulf Coast area, his present whereabouts being unknown.

Re UNSUBS; Theft of Explosives, Cobb County,
Georgia

Informant advised he had no information whatever concerning this theft and further had no reason to believe that the klan in the Gulfport area at the present time has any explosives.

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Brief description of activity or material
Informant advised contact with VINCENT PURSER and MARVIN LACY, Gulfport, Mississippi area indicates these persons continuing efforts to revive Klan activity in that area with little success. Informant alerted to fact that BUFORD POSEY possibly to arrive Gulfport area

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Remarks: 5/19/65 for estimated one week duration. States recalls seeing on television in summer of 1964, but has no indication Klan in Gulfport interested in POSEY one way or the other.

Informant was contacted 5/8/65 at which time he advised he had no information to report.

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- 1 - 157-2083 (BUFORD POSEY)

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Informant advised that he has been in contact with VINCENT PURSER and MARVIN LACY on several occasions recently and had renewed his interest in reaffiliating with the Klan in the Gulfport area. He stated that both PURSER and LACY have indicated they are continuing efforts to revive the Klan but have stated to informant that interest is lagging and that the group is inactive at the present time. Informant is of the opinion that this is probably true.

RE BUFORD POSEY

Informant was alerted to the fact BUFORD POSEY reportedly will arrive in the Gulfport, Mississippi area on 5/19/65 for an estimated stay of one week's time. Informant recalls in the summer of 1964 having seen POSEY depicted on television in the course of interview of POSEY by newsmen in Neshoba County, Mississippi, concerning the death of three civil rights workers. Informant has never seen POSEY, was not aware that he had any relatives in the Gulfport area, and stated he has never heard any members of the Klan (WKKKKOM) in the Gulfport area indicate any interest in POSEY one way or another.

Informant advised he would be alert for any indication that Klansmen in the Gulfport area may be aware of POSEY's presence in the area and immediately advise concerning any pertinent information received in this regard.

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Brief description of activity or material

Informant furnished info re UKA, Inc. scheduled meeting at Natchez, Mississippi, 5-15-65; WAYNE ROBERTS, DEXTER TORRANCE, W. S. TORRANCE.

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Information contained in the enclosed report, if used in a report being prepared for dissemination, should be suitably paraphrased in order to adequately protect the identity of this informant.

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- 1-157-343 (LAUDERDALE COUNTY)
- 1-157-18 (SAM BOWERS)
- 1-157-1106 (WYANE ROBERTS)
- 1-157-1110 (B. L. AKIN)
- 1-157-1112 (TOMMY HORNE)
- 1-157-1403 (W. S. TORRANCE, JR.)

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SAM BOWERS AND E. L. MC DANIELS

Source advised that he has informed BOWERS and MC DANIELS that he has returned from his trip to South Carolina and that he is ready to assume any and all klan assigned tasks.

UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.

Source advised that he has received a personal invitation from MC DANIELS to attend a meeting of the United Klans Of America (UKA), Inc. to be held in Natchez, Mississippi, on May 15, 1965. Source indicated that he would attend the gathering on the 14th and 15th, however, due to previous commitment, it would be necessary for him to leave Natchez on the evening of the 15th. However, the source feels that he can adequately cover this meeting. Also the source indicated that W. S. TORRANCE would be in attendance and in all probability his brother, DEXTER TORRANCE, both active United Klansmen in the Meridian, Mississippi, area.

WAYNE ROBERTS

Source repeated that ROBERTS did not effect any rendezvous with SAM BOWERS during the early part of May, 1965. ROBERTS has many pressing problems at home. He is unable to get a job and is living off of "hand outs" from B. L. AKIN. Source indicated that his wife is the breadwinner in the family - she works as a nurse at a local hospital. The source indicated that he feels that ROBERTS is not too interested in the activities of the klan and is disquieted due to his inability to secure steady employment. He blames the FBI for this because they let it be known that he was dishonorably discharged from the U. S. Marine Corps.

TOMMY HORNE

HORNE secured a "tear gas bomb" which in reality is a "rat and mice poison" device consisting of a glass jar in a can and when the two different contents in the containers mixed together they exude a caustic fume which is supposed to eliminate rats and mice. This device, common to the exterminating and pest control men, was secured according to the source from ED FRASIER, a local politician and professional exterminator. HORNE related that he has

given this device to W. S. TORRANCE and there was talk that he was going to release it in one of the restaurants in the Meridian area which complied with the Civil Rights Act of 1964, regarding the Public Accommodations Section.

DEXTER TORRANCE

Source advised that TORRANCE picked up a mimeograph machine from him about 9:30 p.m. on May 9, 1965, and stated that he had compiled a "black list" and was going to run it off and effect distribution throughout Meridian, Mississippi. Source advised that TORRANCE had three men in the car with him when he came by to pick up the machine. (He could not identify these men)

JERRY BARFIELD

BARFIELD was in telephonic contact with the source and stated that he would be by to see the source later in the week.

UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.

The following is a letter received from E. L. MC DANIEL Grand Dragon, UKA, Inc., addressed to all "E. C." (Exalted Cyclops). This letter was received from the source on May 10, 1965, and is as follows:

"P. O. Box 1341
"Natchez, Miss.
"May 4, 1965

"To All E.C.:"

"It seems that you have forgotten to notify the State office of the number of persons who are planning to attend our State Klonvocation. This is of most importance that every Klansman who is not working or sick be present.

"Please forward by return mail the number of members in your Unit that is coming. I have to notify the Hotel in order that preparations can be made.

"Bro. Matt Murphy, Imperial Klan attorney, will be our guest speaker at the banquet. Everyone should hear him.

"If you are not present and laws are passed which you do not go along with, you can blame only yourself. I sincerely hope we have a good turn-out because we have to elect officers.

"See you May 15th and 16th at the Eola Hotel in Natchez, Miss.

"Yours for God and Country,

/s/ E. L. McDaniel

"E. L. McDaniel, Grand Dragon
"United Klans of America, Inc.
"Realm of Mississippi

"We need the support of every possible member.

"Thanks__

"Mc"

In addition, the source provided a piece of literature from the UKA, Inc., which is as follows:

"United Klans of America, Inc.
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
Realm of Mississippi
Office of the Grand Dragon
P. O. Box 1341
Natchez, Mississippi

"Dear Friend:

"Did you know -

"The white race is the minority in the earth, estimated to be only 1/6th of the world population. There is no unified direction for the defense of this minority, except the ethnic and religious bonds which hold them together. Other races have

overwhelming numerical advantage, in addition to the fact that they have organized pressure groups operating world-wide to promote their goals.

"It is imperative that white Christians unify to repel determined efforts of the non-white majority to extinguish our race. Can anyone deny this race the right of self-preservation? If any doubt the seriousness of the situation, let him consider what is happening right now; who is it that is being murdered, butchered and tortured in the Congo, Algeria, Angola, Tanganyika, Zanzibar, and in numerous other places? They are missionaries, business and professional men and women and their children; members of YOUR race and faith.

"Even more diabolical is the program to wipe out the white race by mongrelization. This is in direct opposition to God's laws and instructions to His People.

"Who are these people? What has this minority in the world contributed to mankind? Consider these pertinent facts:

"The written records of man's history show that all civilized progress which has given all men everywhere in the world the highest degree of prosperity and learning is the direct result of white Christian initiative, labor, and scientific knowledge and skill. These builders have shared the gifts of their spiritual understanding with mankind in every corner of the globe.

"The United States, under its Divinely inspired Constitution, with only 5% of the world population, in the first 100 years produced more material wealth than had been produced by the rest of the world in all its recorded history. Stop and think: How many nations and races are today sharing in the bounty provided by the United States?

"Don't let this be destroyed by the Communist Conspirators. The United Klans of America, Inc. is the vehicle for the bringing together of white Christians of all denominations to defend their race, their faith, and their country.

"Yours for God and Country

/s/ E. L. McDaniel
"Grand Dragon
"Realm of Mississippi"

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SA JOHN WILLIARD THOMAS

WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
OF MISSISSIPPI
WARREN COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
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Sometime during the night of 6/8 and early morning of 6/9/65, copies of "the Klan Ledger" for April, 1965 were distributed in Vicksburg, Mississippi. This was a Special Presidential Edition and written as if sent to President Johnson, Washington, D.C. With the Klan Ledger was a reproduction of the front page of the "Vicksburg Citizens' Appeal" May 24, 1965 issue dealing with the 800 Negro vote which reportedly decided close results in local primary election in Vicksburg, Mississippi.

In the middle of the reverse page of the Klan Ledger there appears the sentence, "You, Mr. JOHNSON, now stand in a very great and real danger of both body and soul".

Additional interviews are contemplated with Klan members, and persons suspected of being Klan members, when SA WILSON returns to Vicksburg from special assignment in Alabama.

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Official Publication of the White Knights of the KU KLUX KLAN of Miss.

Special Presidential Edition April, 1965

Mr. Lyndon Baines Johnson
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir,

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

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

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

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

One point needs clarification here. The White Knights of the KU KLUX KLAN of the Sovereign Realm of Mississippi is Sovereign to Mississippi as regards the work and administration of the Invisible Empire. We are Spiritually connected with our Klan Brethren in our Sister State of Alabama, through Christ, our Lord and Savior, and this is the extent of our affiliation. You know this, yet you seek to smear the Christian Klansmen everywhere in one stroke, in typical communist fashion. And you are the one that is accusing us of tar and feathers!!!! Why do you always pounce upon the Christian Klan at every opportunity, Mr. Johnson? Is it because the atheistic communists who own and control you have ORDERED you to persecute and destroy us? Is it because you and they know that no atheistic enemy of America is safe while we live? Is it because that, like all agents of Satan, you abhor and despise a Christian witness for Jesus Christ?

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

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

WHAT decent society, MacBeth's?

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

(You remember how it was in Dallas)

NO THANK YOU, SIR !!!!!

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

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

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

Indeed, it does appear that there is but little time remaining, Mr. Johnson, but Eternity is eternal. Will you not use this last little time to save your own Soul and try to preserve the life of this Nation?

Will you not use your power to drive the atheists and anti-Christ forces out of the Temple of our Government and become yourself a Witness for Christ?

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

Come out of Babylon, Mr. Johnson.

Come out, and stand for Christ and the Constitution.

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

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

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

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

GOD'S WILL BE DONE, AMEN.

VICKSBURG CITIZENS' APPEAL

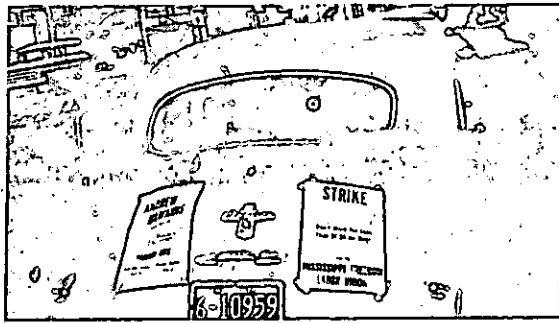
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Vicksburg, Mississippi—Monday, May 24, 1965

Freedom Labor Union Strengthens Its Strike

Since the Mississippi Freedom Labor Union began striking in several Delta coun-

ty union. The march was broken up by police, who arrested the demonstrators.



BOLIVAR CO. car with posters supporting MFLU and Andrew Hawkins, Negro candidate for Mayor of Shaw.

ties for \$1.25 minimum wage, the union members—mostly field laborers in Bolivar and Washington Counties—have taken steps to strengthen the strike.

In the last few weeks the MFLU has met to arrange welfare help for those on strike. At the same time, union organizers have gone out to the cotton fields to recruit new members.

As the union grows, plantation owners are beginning to react. Some have raised the daily wage for cotton-chopping; others have already fired workers they suspect of being union members.

On May 8, seven community gardens had been started in Bolivar County to provide food for the local families on strike. On the same day it was reported that the Shelby plantation, just north of Winstonville, Bolivar Co., had offered \$8 a day for cotton choppers—a higher wage than had ever before been paid.

Mr. Andrew Hawkins of Shaw, MFLU leader and candidate for mayor of Shaw, has been campaigning on a union platform. Hawkins supporters held a campaign march in Shaw on May 8 to win support from local Negroes for Hawkins and for the

The union is growing, organizers say. In many cases, 'all we need to do is go onto a plantation and talk with the workers,' one member said. 'The man figures the people we talk to are already in the union, and tells them to get off his land. This means the union gets that many more striking members.'

Adult School Is Big In Beechwood

Take two small blackboards with chalk and a rural church building along with 20 or 30 people who want to learn. If you're lucky you will come up with something like the Beechwood community's Adult School.

For nearly three months the MFLU Beechwood precinct has sponsored an evening school, on Mondays and Tuesdays, where adults can learn the 'three R's'. Teachers and pupils are all residents of Beechwood. The New Zion M. B. Church houses the school which meets usually from 7-9 P.M.

Two teachers, Mrs. Minnie Prentiss and Miss Ruby Gaskin, handle the classes in arithmetic, reading, spelling and writing. Mrs. Prentiss is a retired grammar school teacher; Miss Gaskin, 18 years old, is one of the youngest people

Negro Vote Helps To Decide Close Result In Local Primary

Negro votes helped decide last week's primary election here, official election returns showed.

In both contests for city commissioner, and especially in the city tax assessor's race, close winning margins reflected the influence of unified Negro support.

FDP Meets, Discusses Statewide Problems

The present structure and the Summer Project were two subjects that came up for discussion at a State meeting of the Freedom Democratic Party held on May 16, at the Masonic Temple in Jackson.

Those attending from Warren County were Mrs. Carrie Belle Rivers, Mr. Levi Brown, Mrs. Emma Lee Hunter, Mrs. Ledessa Chatman and Mrs. Mildred Cosey. More than 150 other members from all parts of the state were present at the afternoon meeting.

The first problem to come before the meeting was that of struc-

ture. In response to requests and suggestions concerning more efficient FDP organization on the local, district and state levels, Chairman Lawrence Guyot asked for volunteers to serve on a structure committee. Mr. Brown and Mrs. Rivers were among the nine who volunteered. The committee will study and set procedure for elections and re-elections to all FDP precinct and executive committee offices.

For better communication between members of the party, several speakers stressed, more

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Oren Bailess, Charles Guion and Travis Vance Sr., all candidates supported by the Warren County Improvement League, won Democratic nominations which, in the absence of any Republican opposition, assured them of election to office.

SIGNIFICANT NEGRO AID

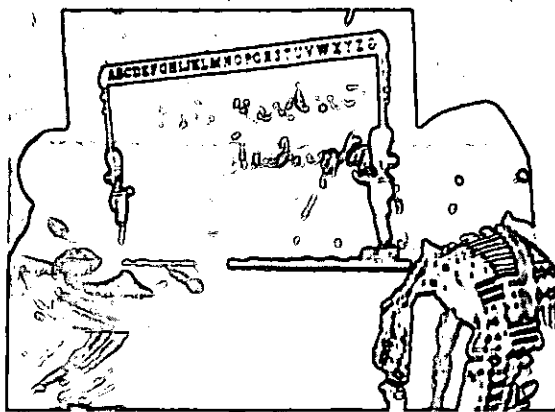
Mr. Bailess, winner of an upset victory over former commissioner O.J. Bori, received most Negro support in the First Ward, one of three city precincts which gave him a lead in the assessor contest. Messrs. Guion and Vance got Negro votes in all seven precincts, and Mr. Vance's winning edge was small enough to show significant Negro aid.

800 VOTE

According to leaders of the Improvement League, about 800 Negroes voted in the runoff. On the basis of this figure, compared to the total number of votes cast, Negroes were responsible for slightly over 14% of the deciding votes.

VOTING BLOC FORMED

Improvement League backing was given to the three winners in a pre-election meeting held Monday, May 17, at the Warren County courthouse. President Frank Summers and others voiced their endorsement of Bailess, Guion and Vance, urging the audience of several hundred voters to unify into a Negro voting bloc.



TWO PUPILS "Sign in" at the Beechwood Adult School.

at the school. Many of the pupils have passed the age of 60 years.

'Some can read a little, but some can't read none. So we have to help ourselves,' said Mr. John Prentiss, Beechwood precinct chairman, telling why the Adult School began.

Mrs. Ernestine Washington, precinct secre-

tary explained further. 'She had attended FDP political workshops in other parts of the state, and saw that the discussion and education provided by these sessions could be valuable to her neighbors in Beechwood. 'But,' she said, 'these workshops were too far

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Non-Influential Votes

Now that few registered Negroes in Vicksburg have had their say about who is to serve in the city government for the next four years, it is time to ask: how much did their 800 votes do to influence the course these newly-elected officials will follow?

The honest answer is 'not much.' And the reason is simple. No white man can represent the interests of Negroes -not even of those who can be persuaded to vote for him. We saw some plain talk written down shortly before the election that goes to prove this point. The candidates, addressing the Women for Constitutional Government, all went on record as being against two things they ought, if they represented Negroes, to be for.

URBAN RENEWAL AND SEGREGATED SCHOOL SYSTEM

Urban renewal is badly needed in this decaying town, where more and more Negroes are being forced out of their homes to make way for bigger roads. But all our prospective aldermen were against it 100%. The city's segregated school system would be laughable if Negro children were not the subjects of the joke. Still, the candidates for tax assessor figured we could all tighten our belts some--white and black alike--and support to the end the system's good two tone uniformity against the Federal government's integration rulings.

In this case, as always, the winners were the white people of Vicksburg. The Negroes were the losers as usual.

There is a difference between having voice in the city government and having a voice in choosing the people who will govern your city. This time, some Negroes had the second; but this time like all the times before, no Negro had the first. At the rate politics are going in Vicksburg, on both sides of the tracks, it may be well past next election by the time that first voice is heard.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 5-14-65

GEORGE ALLEN EARLS was re-contacted at his place of employment, Ashley's Supermarket, Wesson, Mississippi. He was advised as to the identity of the Agents, that he did not have to furnish any information, and that any information he did furnish could be used against him in a court of law. He was advised by SA BENJAMIN F. GRAVES that he could contact an attorney prior to furnishing any information.

EARLS advised that he would have talked to the Agents on May 5, 1965, when they contacted him on the street in Wesson, but he was working at the time and had to terminate the interview.

EARLS advised that he knows nothing about the leaflets which had been distributed in and around Wesson on May 1, 1965. He stated he first saw one of the leaflets about 10:00 to 10:30 a.m. on the morning of May 1, 1965, when he made a grocery delivery to a local customer. EARLS denied that he had circulated any of these leaflets.

EARLS advised that about 7:15 p.m. on April 30, 1965, he picked up his girl friend, DIANA MC GREW, who resides in Enterprise, Mississippi, and he stated he took her home about 11:00 p.m. that night. He stated that after he took his girl friend home he checked on some set hooks which he had set out in his brother RANDOLPH EARLS' pond. He stated his brother resides about five to seven miles out of Wesson. He stated that he talked to his brother and sister-in-law while he was at the pond. He stated that he was at the pond from about 12:15 a.m. to 2:40 a.m. on the morning of May 1, 1965. He stated that as he was driving to his home in Wesson he fell asleep and drove into the ditch at the residence of WILKINS BARLOW, who resides a couple of miles Northeast of Wesson.

EARLS advised that following the accident he walked into Wesson and awoke EDWARD ASHLEY. He stated that he and ASHLEY were on ASHLEY's porch when JIMMY HODGES and JOHN BLACK,

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On 5-7-65 at Wesson, Mississippi

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a Negro, delivered ASHLEY's newspaper. He stated ASHLEY drove him out to the scene of the accident and then drove him home.

EARLS advised that as he was walking toward Wesson from the accident HULAN JACKSON, who lives around Wesson, passed him by driving in the direction of Wesson.

EARLS advised that he is not a member of the klan and he has never been a member of that organization. He advised that he knows no klan members and has no knowledge of their activities.

EARLS advised that he has been working for the ASHLEY Brothers since his youth and he had worked regularly for them since 1961.

EARLS advised that he has filed both his federal and state income tax forms.

The following description was obtained from observation and interrogation:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	22 years
Date of birth	[REDACTED]
Place of birth	Wesson, Mississippi
Height	5 feet 8 inches
Weight	140 pounds
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Residence	Resides with father, Constable LEE EARLS in Wesson, Mississippi

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Employment

Clerk, Ashley's Supermarket

Marital status

Wesson, Mississippi

Arrests

Single

Denies any

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CURTIS DAVIS, owner, Shell Service Station, Wesson, Mississippi, was contacted at his place of business and he furnished the following information after he was advised as to the identities of the Agents and that any information he furnished could be used in a court of law:

He was shown a leaflet captioned "CITIZENS OF WESSON" which contained the following excerpt, "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. Since that warning he has continued his activities with the NIGGER woman. Do you think any man like this could have any morals? We don't!! This man is unworthy of having a business establishment in Wesson. We think that all decent upright citizens of this county should refrain from trading with this establishment."

DAVIS was asked if he knew about the leaflet and if he had any information as to the identity of the individuals who might have circulated this leaflet in the Wesson area.

DAVIS advised that a copy of this leaflet was brought to his attention about 8:30 a.m. on May 1, 1965, by ANDREW HARTLY, the Day Marshal of Wesson. He stated that HARTLY brought a copy of the leaflet to his service station. He stated that one of the leaflets had been located at his residence which is Route 2, Box 297, Wesson, later in the day on May 1, 1965.

He advised that he did not know who might have circulated these leaflets. He stated that he had heard that

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JAMES ASHLEY, who owns and operates Ashley's Supermarket in Wesson, owns a mimeograph machine on which these leaflets could have been printed.

He advised that he had heard that JAMES ASHLEY and his brothers, EDWARD and BILLY, are members of the klan. He stated that EDWARD and BILLY work in JAMES ASHLEY's Supermarket in Wesson.

DAVIS advised that he had heard that GEORGE EARLS, who works in Ashley's Supermarket, wrecked his automobile in the early morning hours of May 1, 1963, on the Beauregard Road leading from Wesson to Beauregard, Mississippi. He surmised that EARLS' accident occurred about the time that the leaflets supposedly were being circulated.

DAVIS advised that RUTH GLASPER, a Negro nurse, mentioned in the leaflet, is the sister of ROBERT CLAY, a Negro employee of his who works at his station. He stated RUTH GLASPER is a customer of his at the service station. He denied having any relationship with GLASPER except that between a customer and a service station operator.

DAVIS advised that one night in August, 1964, he received a telephone call at his residence, from an unknown individual, advising him that a Mr. SMITH, who he did not know, was stranded out of Wesson and was in need of gasoline for his automobile. DAVIS advised that he took gasoline to the location which had been given him and on arriving at the location five hooded individuals beat him into unconsciousness. He stated before he fell into unconsciousness, one individual made a comment about him being a "Negro lover".

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He stated one individual seemed to be the spokesman for the group and that individual held a shotgun on him before he was advised to lie on the ground and they began beating him. He stated he thought he recognized this individual's voice as being that of THOMAS EARL HENNINGTON, a 23-year-old son of a local restaurant owner.

He advised that the only automobile he recalls seeing at the scene was a black Falcon. He advised the only black Falcon in Wesson is owned by JOHN RICE, the owner of Rice's Cafe, which is located North of Wesson on Highway 51.

He advised that in the fall of 1964 on two occasions shots were fired into his home and his automobile which was parked in front of his home.

He advised that he knew of no reason why he was given the beating or why his house and automobile had been shot into.

DAVIS advised that he had been approached on two occasions in the past by W. D. HAYNES to join the klan. He advised he asked HAYNES where the meetings were being held and HAYNES told him that he could not tell him but that he would pick him up and take him to the meeting. DAVIS stated he did not join the Klan and he did not attend any meetings.

He advised that HAYNES resides in a trailer house near Danny's Motel, which is located across the highway from the 51 Drive-In Theater which is South of Wesson. He stated HAYNES is a road construction worker and described him as

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white male, age approximately 50.

DAVIS advised that he would be very willing to furnish any information he could regarding the people and situation in Wesson to the FBI.

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WALTER LYNN HOWINGTON was contacted at his place of employment, the Lincoln County Hospital, Brookhaven, Mississippi. He was advised as to the identity of the Agents, that he did not have to furnish any information, and any information he did furnish could be used against him in a court of law. He was advised by SA BENJAMIN F. GRAVES that he could consult with an attorney prior to furnishing any information.

He advised he is not a member of the klan and he has never been approached to join this organization.

He advised he knew nothing about the leaflets which were distributed in and around Wesson, Mississippi, on May 1, 1965.

The following description was obtained by observation and interrogation:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	20
Date of birth	[REDACTED]
Place of birth	Wesson, Mississippi
Height	6 feet
Weight	185 pounds
Hair	Brown
Residence	Post Office Box 42 Wesson, Mississippi
Employment	X-ray trainee Lincoln County Hospital Brookhaven, Mississippi
Education	Completed high school
Marital status	Single
Military service	None
Arrests	Denies any

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On 5-6-65 at Brookhaven, Mississippi File # JN 157-1221
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by SAs DARYL R. HARRELL & BENJAMIN F. GRAVES:hke

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Automobiles

Owns 1965 Ford bearing
Mississippi license 15-4500

Weapons

Owns .22 rifle

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EDWARD LEE ASHLEY was contacted at his place of business, Ashley's Supermarket, Wesson, Mississippi. He was advised as to the identities of the Agents, that he did not have to furnish any information, and any information he did could be used against him in a court of law. He was advised by SA BENJAMIN F. GRAVES that he could consult with an attorney prior to furnishing any information.

He was exhibited a copy of a leaflet which had been distributed in and around Wesson on the morning of May 1, 1965, which was captioned "CITIZENS OF WESSON", and the first paragraph read "We, the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi are a Christian organization, dedicated to work against the evils of integration and communism".

ASHLEY advised that he had read the leaflet but he had no knowledge as to who caused it to be circulated and he did not know the identity of those who circulated this leaflet.

ASHLEY denied being a member of the klan. He was then advised that the FBI had received information from a number of sources who advised that he is a very active member of the klan. He inquired into the identity of the individual who stated that he was a member of the klan and he was advised that he would never learn their identity from the FBI. He advised that if the Agents would not tell him who stated he was a member of the klan he had nothing else to say to the FBI, and the interview was terminated at this point.

The following description was obtained through observation and interrogation:

Name	EDWARD LEE ASHLEY
Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	36

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Date of birth	January 10, 1929
Place of birth	Vicksburg, Mississippi
Height	5 feet 9 inches
Weight	140 pounds
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Education	Completed 10th grade of high school
Mailing address	Box 171, Wesson, Mississippi
Marital status	Married and has three children
Occupation	Grocery clerk at Ashley's Supermarket, Wesson, Mississippi
Military service	U. S. Navy, 1948- 1952 Honorable Discharge
Criminal record	Denies any arrests
Automobile	Owms 1963 blue Falcon bearing Mississippi plate 15B85 (Copolah County)
Weapons	Owms 12 gauge shotgun and .22 rifle

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GEORGE ALLEN EARLS was contacted on the street in Wesson, Mississippi, and he was advised as to the identity of the Agents, that he did not have to furnish any information, and that any information he did furnish could be used against him in a court of law. He was advised by SA **JOHN T. KELLY** that he could consult with an attorney prior to furnishing any information.

He advised that he is employed at Ashley's Supermarket in Wesson. He stated that he had an automobile accident in the early morning hours of May 1, 1965, near Beauregard, Mississippi. He stated he had been alone and he had been to see his girl friend and had fallen asleep as he was driving home.

EARLS inquired of the Agents if they had a warrant for his arrest and stated if they did not he had to go to work. The interview was terminated at this time.

On 5-5-65 at Wesson, Mississippi File# JN 157-157-63-1067
 by SAs JAMES J. MAHONEY & JOHN T. KELLY:hke Date dictated 5-9-65

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SAM SAVELL was interviewed at his residence located on Tank Road approximately three miles east of Terry, Mississippi. He was advised that he did not have to make a statement, that any statement he made could be used against him in a court of law, that he had the right to an attorney and that no force, threats or promises would be made to him to induce him to furnish any information. He advised as follows:

There was a meeting at his house during March 1965, which was attended by about 20 men.

These men were strangers to him and he did not ask them who they were.

He did not know if they were Klansmen.

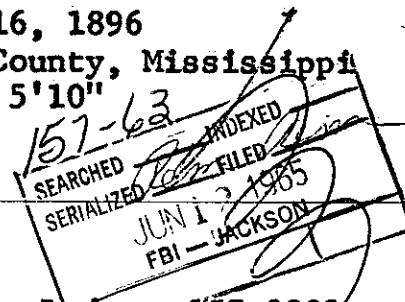
He did not know what went on at the meeting.

He is not a member of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan and has never been asked to join.

He does not know any members of this organization.

From interview and observation, SAVELL is described as follows:

Name	SAM SAVELL
Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	March 16, 1896
Place of Birth	Leake County, Mississippi
Height	5'9" - 5'10"
Weight	170
Hair	Gray



On 6/2/65 at Terry, Mississippi

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by SA THOMAS E. O'CONNOR
SA GEORGE DARLEY KEITH-ish

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Eyes
Complexion
Marital status
Car

Light blue
Ruddy
Single
Claims not to own one

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Brief description of activity or material Informant furnished information regarding Klan members in Bogue Chitto, Lincoln County, Brookhaven, Mississippi.		File where original is located if not attached FOIA(b) (7) - (D)

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Klaverns in the Lincoln County area;

KKK activity, Walthall County - informant stated he believes the Klan in Walthall County is about non-existent along with the Klan in Lawrence County;

A.C. HERRINGTON - informant stated that he had received information that HERRINGTON is the Kleagle at Large for the southern half of the State of Mississippi;

LOUIS COWART - informant stated that LOUIS COWART as far as he can determine is still in Louisiana living at a fishing camp. He stated COWART is afraid to come back to Brookhaven, Miss., because he ran away with some of the Klan's money not too long ago. Informant stated that subject's wife lives on Highway 84 west out of Brookhaven approximately six miles past New Prospect Church;

V. RAY SMITH - informant stated that V. RAY SMITH still associates with known Klan members such as ALDO RAY MOAK and GEORGE EARL WINBORNE. Informant stated V. RAY SMITH runs a Cities Service Gas Station across the

street from the courthouse in Brookhaven, Miss.

LLOYD CASE - informant stated that approximately two weeks ago LLOYD CASE shot his wife. Informant stated CASE's wife is in critical condition and LLOYD CASE is in jail. Informant stated that the Klan is taking up a collection to defend LLOYD CASE and is "talking it up" in the Lincoln County area to the effect that that was what was expected of him due to the way his wife was acting;

SEDGY HERRINGTON - informant stated that SEDGY HERRINGTON is a brother of A.C. HERRINGTON. Informant stated that SEDGY HERRINGTON lives in the Ruth, Miss., area and works for the Miss. Highway Commission out of McComb, Miss.;

HORACE JACKSON - informant stated that HORACE JACKSON reportedly is a retired farmer who lives on Highway 84 west of Brookhaven, Miss., near Prospect Church. Informant stated that he believes HORACE JACKSON is working for a wealthy person in Brookhaven, whose name he cannot recall;

Operator of Ford Tractor Place, Brookhaven, Miss. - informant stated he is not certain who owns the Ford Tractor Place in Brookhaven, Miss., but will ascertain this person's identity before the next contact;

LEE STAMPS - informant stated LEE STAMPS suffered a partial paralysis in a recent stroke or automobile accident and believes him to be presently living in Jackson, Miss., with relatives;

TOTP LEGGETT - informant stated he believes TOT LEGGETT is apparently TOBE HENRY LEGGETT who lives in the Brookhaven area and is unemployed a large percent of the time. Informant stated that TOBE HENRY LEGGETT is a "crackbane" and is liable to do anything;

CHARLES BRANHAN - informant stated CHARLES BRANHAN runs a Sinclair Station on the Highway to Monticello just at the City Limits of Brookhaven, Miss., east. Informant stated that to his knowledge CHARLES BRANHAN was a Klan sympathizer and Klan leader and reportedly lives at Route 6, Box 83, Brookhaven. Informant stated BRANHAN is approximately age - 40 and his wife's name is MARY;

Dr. BENNY HENNINGTON - informant stated BENNY HENNINGTON has recently called a lawyer in Jackson, Miss., and pledged a retainer for the WKKKK to defend LLOYD CASE and TOM EARL HENNINGTON who was apprehended by the Lincoln County Sheriff on a charge of assault and battery, at which time HENNINGTON has been charged with beating C.L. DAVIS, a service station owner and manager in Wesson, Miss. Informant stated HENNINGTON is a Klan member and radical;

ERNEST MAPP - informant stated ERNEST MAPP reportedly lives at 1010 Fisher St., in Brookhaven, Miss., and owns his own drilling company. Informant stated MAPP is approximately 37 years of age;

JULIAN CASE - informant stated JULIAN CASE is a "ne'er do well" who in 1924 or 1926 killed two men over a woman. Informant stated CASE received a penitentiary offense, but was allowed to go to the penitentiary on his own and spent most of his time back in Brookhaven on visiting privileges. Informant stated JULIAN CASE lives in the area of Brookhaven, Miss., and hangs around the pool hall;

CLAUDE CLARK - informant stated he believes CLAUDE CLARK is a mechanic who works for C.C. CLARK in the Ruth, Miss., area;

ELMO REID - informant stated he does not know ELMO REID's present location, but does know that ELMO REID would probably not have time for the KKK because he is too busy bootlegging;

JIMMY WHITTINGTON - informant stated that JIMMY WHITTINGTON lives at Route 2, Bogue Chitto, Miss., and his wife's name is TERESE IDELL WHITTINGTON. Informant stated he believes JIMMY WHITTINGTON is a brother of the Constable, Beat 4, JAYCEE WHITTINGTON. Informant stated he had heard that JIMMY WHITTINGTON had broken his arm or leg and would probably be at home;

ERNEST J. REEVES - informant stated that ERNEST REEVES lives approximately 1/4 of a miles south of Norfield, Miss., in an old shack on the left of Highway 51. Informant stated that ERNEST REEVES has recently returned from Baton Rouge, La., where he worked as a clerk in a relative's mercantile store;

CHARLIE STRINGER - informant stated that he had heard that CHARLIE STRINGER "swears in all the Kluckers in the southern Miss. area;

JACK EVANS, aka JESS EVANS - informant stated he believes there is a JESS EVANS working for Mrs. B. MC KENZIER, supervisor of the third district in Lincoln County in the area of Ruth, Miss.;

ARNIE WALKER, aka AUTIE WALKER - informant stated to his knowledge AUTIE WALKER is working on an off shore oil rig in New Orleans, La. He does not recall which one;

BUDDY WEIR, aka FRANK WEIR - informant stated FRANK WEIR works at the Clark Gin Co., in Ruth, Miss., as a mechanic;

J.W. RITCHIE - informant stated he believes RITCHIE's mother is presently working at Owens Cafe in Brookhaven, Miss. Informant stated that he has heard that J.W. RITCHIE drives a Holsum Bread Truck out of Brookhaven, Miss., and usually returns to Brookhaven approximately 4:00 p.m. each day;

MOISE RUSHING - informant stated that he does not believe there is any such name as MOISE RUSHING. He stated there is a BOISE RUSSELL who lives in the Ruth, Miss., area and is a member of the Klan;

MACK WALKER - informant stated that MACK WALKER approximate age 35, lives below Ruth, Miss., on Highway 583, in a new house on the left. Informant stated MACK WALKER presently works for Croft Aluminum Co., in McComb, Miss.;

SAM BULLOCK - informant stated that he believes SAM BULLOCK works for C.C. CLARK of Ruth, Miss., as a "general flunky";

ALFUS DAVIS, aka ALCUS DAVIS - informant stated that ALCUS DAVIS lives in the area of Ruth, Miss., across the highway from C.C. CLARK's Shell Station and is in his early thirties;

B.F. MASON, aka S.B. MASON - informant stated that S.B. MASON is a mechanic at the Clark Cotton Gin Co., and is approximately 65 years of age; FOIA (b) (6)
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JERRY DALE KYSZAR - informant stated that JERRY DALE KYSZAR is approximately 22-23 years of age, has been two or three times, and lives in the area of A.C. HERRINGTON, near Ruth, Miss.;

JAMES TOWNSEND - informant stated that JAMES TOWNSEND is a tenant farmer, who lives in the area of A.C. HERRINGTON, around Ruth, Miss., in an old shack approximately three miles from HERRINGTON's residence on the left side of the Farm to Market Road;

JOHN SMITH, JR - informant stated that JOHN SMITH, JR. lives in Bogue Chitto and works for the Keystone Seneca Co., in Brookhaven, Miss. Informant further stated that during the time of the Selma marches he had learned that JOHN SMITH, JR., was absent from his work;

ROGER SMITH - informant stated that ROGER SMITH lives at Route 5, Box 233, Brookhaven, Miss., and works for Oddie Smith Construction Co., who has its headquarters at the Standard Station on Highway 51 near the new hospital in Brookhaven, Miss. Informant stated ROGER SMITH is approximately 29 years of age;

VIRGIL REED - informant stated VIRGIL REED is a cripple who reportedly had polio twice and has had one stroke. Informant stated VIRGIL REED lives on Highway 550 in the Brookhaven area, is approximately 50 years of age and has one shoe built up higher than the other;

TEMER LAIRD - informant stated that TEMER LAIRD lives on Highway 84 east of Brookhaven and is still in the logging business to the best of his knowledge;

DONALD FAUVER - informant stated that he believed DONALD FAUVER is presently back in the Bogue Chitto area unemployed. Informant stated that FAUVER used to work at the Johnson Lawn Mower Plant and the Keystone Seneca Wire Company but quit a short time ago;

RAYFORD FRANKLIN - informant stated that RAYFORD FRANKLIN presently works with HORACE JACKSON for a rich tenant farmer in the Brookhaven, Miss., area. Informant stated that he would try to ascertain the identity of the rich tenant farmer;

W.A. WHITTINGTON - informant stated that W.A. WHITTINGTON is a Klan member and lives in the Brookhaven, Miss., area, but he does not recall the exact address;

JACK POSEY - informant stated that JACK POSEY at one time worked for the Keystone Seneca Screen Wire Plant in Brookhaven, Miss., but he believes that JACK POSEY works for the International Paper Co., in Natchez, at the present time. Informant stated that he would attempt to ascertain the full details regarding JACK POSEY's occupation and whereabouts;

ARTHUR WALLACE - informant stated that ARTHUR WALLACE is a cripple, retired farmer who lives in the Bogue Chitto, Miss., area, almost to the Franklin County line;

ROGER HART - informant stated that to his knowledge ROBERT HART has taken over the leadership of the Bogue Chitto Klan from GEORGE L. WINBORNE. Informant stated that he believes GEORGE L. WINBORNE has moved to a higher position, but cannot advise just what it is at the present time;

DERRALD WALLACE - informant stated that DERRALD WALLACE lives on Route 3 in Bogue Chitto, Miss., but does not have any further information;

(FNU) REEVES - informant stated that he knows a number of REEVES, but does not know any REEVES who live in Summit, Miss. Informant stated he does not recall whether or not there is a REEVES operating a City Service Filling Station in Summit, Miss.;

(FNU) CASE - informant stated that he does not recall whether or not there is a CASE who operates a service station in Summit, Miss.;

(FNU) BREWER - informant stated he does not know any BREWER who owns a lumber company in Brookhaven, Miss.;

Klan activity, Pricedale, Miss. - informant stated he has very little information regarding the Pricedale Klan, and stated that he has not heard of any of their activity if they are active;

ALDO RAY MOAK - informant stated that ALDO RAY MOAK is the ex-Exalted Cyclops of the Bogue Chitto Klavern. Informant stated ALDO RAY MOAK works with GEORGE EARL WINBORNE at Red Pest Control, which has its headquarters in McComb, Miss., next to the McComb Police Department;

SIDNEY BRYANT - informant stated the only SIDNEY BRYANT is working for the IC Railroad in McComb, Miss.;

A. BYRD - informant stated the only A. BYRD that he can recall is from Amite County, but he stated he does not have any details, he just recalls the name;

THREEMFINGER SMITH - informant stated that THREE FINGER SMITH is a nickname for HOMER SMITH who is a "loud mouth Klansman" and is relatively harmless;

CARROL SMITH - informant stated that CARROL SMITH has a 1963 yellow Oldsmobile and is "liable to do anything". Informant stated that he is a member of the Bogue Chitto KKK, but has no further information;

WIRGIL BECKMAN and CLYDE MORRISON - informant stated that he does not know any CLYDE MORRISON or WIRGIL BECKMAN and stated he has been trying to ascertain if these two individuals are in the Brookhaven area and stated to his knowledge they are not living in the Brookhaven area;

UNSUB, son-in-law of DOC BLADES - informant stated that DOC BLADES is a Constable in Lincoln County and is presently in charge of the county farm where he works prisoners on the county farm. Informant stated he believes that he can find out by the next contact who DOC BLADES son-in-law is;

WALTER LEE BRENT - informant stated that BRENT is a member of the MHSP and is reportedly a member of the KKK. Informant stated he has not been able to place BRENT in a Klan meeting, but has heard from several sources that BRENT is a Klan sympathizer and passes on information to the Klan;

CLEON LEGGETT - informant stated that the baseball gambling season is about to arrive and he will have one of his men buy a baseball gambling ticket from CLEON LEGGETT at the Oasis Bar and turn the ticket over to the FBI. Informant stated he believes the tickets come from Louisiana, but he does not know who the "runner" is.

Cover Sheet for Informant Report or Material
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in person by telephone by mail orally recording device written by Informant

If orally furnished and reduced to writing by Agent:

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Authenticated by Informant _____

Date of Report
6/1/65

Date(s) of activity
4/17, 21, 27; 5/27, 31/65.

Brief description of activity or material

Informant furnished information re the various members of the West Group (Wolf Pack), Jones Co., Miss., as well as various members of the Laurel Group. Info re a state meeting of the WKKKKOM & UKA at Natchez, Miss., 6/4/65.

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- Remarks:
- Informant paid \$30.00
 - Informant's notes attached.
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 - 1- 157-17 (B. F. HINTON)
 - 1- 157-628 (GRADY CHANCE)
 - 1- 157-1987 (PAUL WEST)
 - 1- 157-1988 (KEITH DYKES)
 - 1- 157-1202 (LEONARD MC KEE)
 - 1- 157-2391 (CLARENCE HOLIFIELD)
 - 1- 157-63 (WKKKKOM)
 - 1- 157- (UKA)
 - 1- 157- (GERALD BYNUM)
 - 1- 157- ("SPECK" STEWART)
 - 1- 157- (J. C. BROADHEAD)
 - 1- 157- (PAT DICKERSON)
 - 1- 157- (V. L. LEE)

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GERALD BYNUM

On 4/17/65, GERALD BYNUM, was heard make the remark that the Negro that killed Mr. CARTER, at the service station in Laurel, Mississippi, should be taken out of jail and killed. (NOTE: Negro has been moved to Parchman, Miss., to begin serving his sentence.)

C. H. THOMPSON

MORGAN HOLIFIELD

On 4/21/65, THOMPSON and MORGAN HOLIFIELD, former Sheriff, Jones County, Mississippi, were talking about the Negro that had killed Mr. CARTER at the service station in Laurel. Mr. HOLIFIELD was of the opinion that the Negro should have been sentenced to the "gas chamber"; instead, he got life in prison.

J. C. BROADHEAD

PAT DICKERSON

PAUL WEST

On 4/21/65, Mr. BROADHEAD remarked that PAUL WEST was still the Exalted Cyclops of the Laurel group. He also advised that PAT DICKERSON, who lives at the BROADHEAD home, is a member of the East Group (Wayne County), and is employed at Masonite Corporation, Laurel.

Mr. BROADHEAD states that he has not attended any recent meetings of the Laurel group and does not know what they have been doing.

On 5/27/65, Mr. BROADHEAD advised that PAUL WEST is no longer Exalted Cyclops, but has withdrawn from the klan due to his wife's objection. She is reported to be highly nervous and feared that Mr. WEST might get in trouble or be called before the Senate Committee during the coming investigation.

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BUDDY SHARPE

R. E. RIVERS

Source states he was talking with [redacted] on Sunday, 5/30/65, and learned that he is a member of the Laurel Group of the WKKKKOM. He also learned that PAUL WEST had resigned as Exalted Cyclops and at the present time there is no Exalted Cyclops. Mr. R. E. RIVERS, insurance salesman, Liberty National Life Insurance Company, is the Assistant Exalted Cyclops. He lives in the Shady Grove Community. FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

[redacted] FOIA(b)(7) - (D) was also discussing the trial of the three klan members in Alabama and commented that all the members of the jury were members of the klan, except three. All but two of the klan members voted for a conviction so that it would look "good" to the public. When the next trial is held, the vote will probably be about nine to three and will come down with each trial until the case is thrown out of court.

Source states that there is some "rumor," according to [redacted] that the three other defendants are going to turn "States evidence" and try to convict the FBI informant. He does not know just why [redacted] told him this since he did not indicate any interest in the conversation.

"SPECK" STEWART

LEONARD MC KEE

It has been learned that LEONARD MC KEE is no longer Exalted Cyclops of the East Group (Wayne County). He has been replaced by "SPECK" STEWART, who is reported to live on the Lower Myrick Road. He is employed at Masonite and has a brother, COOPER STEWART, who is employed at Jones Battery Company, Laurel.

V. L. LEE

On 4/27/65, V. L. LEE was talking about the Negro situation in Alabama recently. He stated that if they (Negroes) came to Mississippi and started that kind of activity, there would be "a young war" and he would be one that would lead it.

UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA

Source states that on 5/31/65, he was approached by a klansman, name not recalled, who asked him to go to Natchez, Miss., on Friday, 6/4/65, since there is to be a state meeting of the klan. He understands that ROBERT SHELTON, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, will be the speaker. He does not know the reason that a member of the WKKKKOM would be invited to the meeting, unless it was to change over.

B. F. HINTON

GRADY CHANCE

On or about 5/24/65, B. F. HINTON contacted DICK BARRETT, Barrett Service Station, Laurel, Miss., and made arrangements to have his vehicles serviced. Source has learned that HINTON and CHANCE have had an argument and HINTON has quit trading with CHANCE. He does not know what the break-up is about, but he has heard "rumors" that there is some woman involved.

He also learned through general klan circles that CHANCE has pulled out of the klan and does not want anything else to do with it. The trouble seems to have some relation between the Shrine Patrol (Motor) since CHANCE is trying to sell his motorcycle. He will follow this in an effort to get more information.

KEITH DYKES

KEITH DYKES recently stated that the West Group (Wolf Pace) has not held a meeting in over a month and does not expect to hold one until CLARENCE HOLIFIELD, Assistant Exalted Cyclops, gets over the "drunk" he has been on for weeks.

Source states that DYKES does not appear to be interested in holding any meeting since he, source, saw HOLIFIELD just a few days ago in Laurel.

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Brief description of activity or material
Source furnished information concerning a meeting to be held on 6/5/65 by the APWR, Inc., at Natchez, Miss. Also activities of local klansmen in the Lauderdale County area. Source furnished info re a klan meeting to be held at Natchez, Miss., on 6/12/65.

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Regarding the information furnished by the source about the possible beating of a COFO worker in the Meridian, Miss. area, GEROGE SMITH, Project Director, COFO, Meridian, Miss., was advised of this possibility and advised to take proper precautions.

Source made available one copy each of the following items which are being placed in the 1A section of his case file:

1. Handbill entitled, CONSERVATIVE RALLY, Saturday, June 5, 1965, Natchez, Miss., published by the Americans for the Preservation of the White Race (APWR), Inc., Natchez Chapter.

2. A form letter addressed to Dear Fellow Americans, and listing a number of products that are

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sponsors of nationwide television and radio network programs which distort news programs.

3. Christian Conservation Communique, Vol. 1, No. 12, dated 5/27/65.

4. A letter from E. L. MC DANIEL, Grand Dragon, UKA, Inc., Natchez, Miss., advising of a UKA klan rally scheduled for 6/12/65.

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- 1- 44-1 (MIBURN)
- 1- 157- (UKA, Inc.)
- ① 157-63 (WKKKKOM)
- 1- 157-343 (WKKKKOM, Lauderdale Co.)
- 1- 157-1112 (TOMMY HORNE)
- 1- 157- (AFWR)
- 1- 157- (JERRY BARFIELD)
- 1- 157- (COFO)
- 1- 157- (E. L. MC DANEIL)
- 1- 157-1124) (LEE ROBERTS)
- 1- 157-1153 (RAYMOND ROBERTS)
- 1- 157-1159 (ED FRASIÈR)
- 1- 157- (Leake Co. UKA, Inc.)
- 1- 157-1110 (B. L. AKIN)
- 1- 157-1113 (PETE HARRIS)
- 1- 157-2620 (V. CAHGON)
- 1- 157- (FNU) (BAUCUM)
- 1- 157-1403 (W. S. TORRANCE)

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BLACKLIST

During the first part of May, 1965, a blacklist was distributed throughout the City of Meridian, Mississippi. On Sunday, 5/2/65, DEXTER TORRANCE picked up a mimeograph machine from DELMAR DENNIS and stated that he had a list to print. TORRANCE had three men in the car with him; however, I do not know who printed this list or who distributed it.

Recently, I learned that SAMMY DAVIDSON, Vice President of the Southern Pipe Co., Meridian, Miss., and whose brother's name, MYER DAVIDSON, was on the blacklist, contributed \$250 to the Legal Defense Fund for the defendants in the civil rights slayings in Philadelphia, Miss., in June, 1964.

JERRY BARFIELD

Recently I was in contact with JERRY BARFIELD, at which time he advised me that he wanted nothing further to do with any klan organization. BARFIELD stated that he was formerly the Secretary of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi (WKKKKOM), Lauderdale County; however, he is burning all records and does not plan to have any further association with this group.

TOMMY HORNE

During the latter part of May, 1965, I was in contact with TOMMY HORNE, at which time he advised that his wife is quite displeased with his being associated with the klan. He stated that he is harassed by Agents of the FBI continually and that his wife is insistent that he get out of the klan. HORNE did not indicate whether or not he would adhere to his wife's wishes.

AMERICANS FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE WHITE RACE, INC. (APWR)

On Saturday, 6/5/65, a conservation rally is to be held at the Liberty Ball Park, beginning at 3:00 p.m. in Natchez, Miss. Speakers will be KENT COURTNEY, Publisher, "The Independent American," New Orleans, Louisiana; Reverend A. C. EVERETT, Professor of Whitworth College, Brookhaven, Miss.; Honorable JOHN RICHARD RARICK, District Judge, St. Francisville, La.; and JAMES E. CLARK, JR., Sheriff of Dallas County, Selma, Alabama. This rally is to be sponsored by the APWR, Natchez Chapter.

The APWR is also distributing a letter which contains a list of products which, according to this letter, are sponsors of nationwide television and radio network programs which have teamed up with MARTIN LUTHER KING and his

"civil righters" goon squad to destroy the constitutional liberties of all Americans, Negroes and whites, North and South. These listed sponsors are, according to this letter, financing distorted news programs.

The APWR is also distributing a printed mimeographed letter or newsletter entitled, "Christian Conservative Communique", Vol. 1, No. 12, Jackson, Miss., 5/27/65. This letter sets forth numerous news articles regarding racial demonstrations which have happened throughout the world.

E. L. MC DANIEL, GRAND DRAGON, UKA, INC., NATCHEZ, MISS.

Recently it was learned that E. L. MC DANIEL has mailed letters to all Exalted Cyclops and fellow klansmen in Miss., stating that the time has arrived that the klan should show strength, and therefore, a call is being put out for every klansman to be in Natchez, Miss., at 12:00 noon Saturday, 6/12/65. This letter indicates there is to be a motorcade through downtown Natchez, Miss., composed of klansmen wearing their robes. After the motorcade, they will go to a place and play a tape of an alleged confession, which a local newspaper editor has made big issue over. Instructions were given that all klansmen were to go the Albert Pick Motel and someone will have a Rebel flag on the antenna of his car to direct the

klansmen to the place where they will transfer into cars bearing Adams County tags. The letter denotes that they will not be recognized. It also urges that everyone in the area where the letter is received should be notified of this rally. This letter indicates that it is desired that at least three or four hundred members be present for the rally. MC DANIEL indicates that if robes are not available, then klansmen in Natchez will provide them, if at all possible.

W. S. TORRANCE, EXALTED CYCLOPS, UKA, LAUDERDALE COUNTY, MISS.

On 5/28/65, W. S. TORRANCE advised that in April, 1965, a newspaper article was published in the "Meridian Star" in which it requested that persons interested in segregation should go to Atlanta, Georgia, on 4/25/65 and participate in a march organized by LESTER MADDOX. This article was signed by RAYMOND ROBERTS. TORRANCE advised that LEE ROBERTS had this article placed in the "Meridian Star," however, he, TORRANCE, actually paid the expense of having the article published. TORRANCE stated that it is his plans to get in touch with RAYMOND ROBERTS who lives in Georgia, and to have ROBERTS contact the Georgia klan and get them to

"take care of" JAMES E. JORDAN, who is reported to be living in an unknown place in Georgia. JORDAN is reported to be a "stool pigeon" for the FBI. He is also reported to have furnished the FBI information regarding the slaying of the three civil rights workers in Philadelphia during June, 1964.

SMITH COUNTY, UKA, INC.

W. S. TORRANCE advised that recently while in conversation with E. L. MC DANIEL, Grand Dragon, UKA, Inc., Natchez, Miss., MC DANIEL indicated that the UKA had gained new strength in Raleigh, Miss. MC DANIEL stated that several new units had been organized at Raleigh.

ED FRASIER

ED FRASIER, employee of Redd Exterminating Company, Meridian, Miss., has been sworn into the UKA as a secret member. FRASIER is reported to be going to reorganize the old WKKKKOM unit in Kemper County and bring them into the UKA, Inc.

LEAKE COUNTY, UKA, INC.

W. S. TORRANCE has advised that he plans to go to Carthage, Miss., to organize the UKA, Inc., in that county. W. S. TORRANCE stated that he desired to have someone else handle this matter, but if he could not get anyone, he would do it himself.

WKKKKOM

W. S. TORRANCE advised that the WKKKKOM is presently on its "last legs" and that BILLY BUCKLES, JULIUS HARPER, and SAM BOWERS are the only persons who are attempting to hold this organization together.

W. S. TORRANCE related that VERNON "COOKY" CAHOON and one FNU BAUCUM, both of Chunky, Miss., have paid up their dues in the UKA, Inc., and plan to organize a unit of their own in Chunky, Miss. CAHOON owns and operates a number of music boxes in the Lauderdale County area.

BERNARD L. AKIN

W. S. TORRANCE related that he anticipates B. L. AKIN, owner and operator of Akin's Mobile Homes and attempt to have AKIN once again become active. TORRANCE related that AKIN was quite active in the WKKKKOM and he is hopeful that he will be able to get AKIN interested in the UKA.

PETE HARRIS

PETER HARRIS, according to W. S. TORRANCE, recently paid his dues up to date in the UKA. HARRIS has been inactive in klan work since he was indicted by a Federal Grand Jury in connection with the slaying of the three civil rights workers in Philadelphia in June, 1964.

ALGENE PRICE

Recently, ALGENE PRICE advised that he was once again interested in joining in klan work. PRICE has indicated that he is amenable to organizing his own UKA unit. He related that he plans to organize slowly in order to get good men.

PRICE related that he has come upon an idea whereby persons such as MARTIN LUTHER KING who should be eliminated can best be killed by the use of a bow and arrow. PRICE is of the opinion that the person to be eliminated could be shot with a bow, thereby fatally wounding him and without causing any noise or commotion. He then related that he could destroy the bow and arrow by burning them and they could not be traced. He would then deny that he is capable of shooting a bow and arrow. PRICE advised that he intends taking up the art of archery in the near future.

COFO

W. S. TORRANCE related that the Lauderdale County Klan of the UKA plans to beat up a COFO worker in the Meridian, Miss. area. TORRANCE advised that this COFO worker is a tall, red-headed young boy who usually wears a big straw hat. TORRANCE did not give the reason as to why

this COFO worker was to be beaten, other than that he had seen him at the dedication ceremonies of the new junior college in Meridian, Miss., and did not like the way this person was acting.

W. S. TORRANCE

On 5/28/65, W. S. TORRANCE, during a conversation with a number of known klansmen, advised that there would be a UKA planned rally and motorcade in Natchez, Miss., on 6/12/65, and that persons participating would wear robes. He stated that his wife plans to make robes for klansmen who are going to participate in this rally. TORRANCE is also known to have in his possession the UKA oath, which he intends to use to swear in new members.

GARY SMITH, PROGRAM DIRECTOR, WOKK RADIO STATION, MERIDIAN, MISS.

GARY SMITH was voted on to become a member of the WKKKKOM in Lauderdale County during the middle of the summer of 1964. To my knowledge, SMITH was never obligated as a member and it is my impression that it was SMITH's father who was the instigator in having his name put up as a possible member for the WKKKKOM. I have never heard any klansmen state that SMITH actually was ever obligated as a member of the WKKKKOM.

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Meeting of Pascagoula Klavern 5/17/65. Officers appointed and nine new members sworn in. Possibility of burning some crosses discussed.

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- 1- 157-63 (WYNNWOOD)
- 1- 157-1246 (JACKSON COUNTY)
- 1- 157-2844 (B. L. WHITE)
- 1- 157-1499 (MARTIN LACEY)
- 1- 157-2841 (FURBER)
- 1- 157- (JOE BARNER)
- 1- 157- (W. E. SNOWDEN)
- 1- 157- (REGIL HAYDEN)
- 1- 157- (ROONEY JONES)
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- 1- 157- (T. ADAMS)
- 1- 157- (TOM SEAY)
- 1- 157- (CLARK DEVERS)
- 1- 157- (JAMES BALDUS)

- 1- 157- (SAM LNU) (operator of Triangle Cafe, Pascagoula)
- 1- 157- (TROY LNU) (operator of Woodie's Cafe, Pascagoula)
- 1- 157-2842 (ENI SHELTON)

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MARTIN BERRY

May 20, 1965
Pascagoula, Mississippi

The Pascagoula Klavern met Monday night, May 17, 1965, in a trailer located behind the Hideaway Lounge on Telephone Road between Pascagoula and Moss Point, Mississippi. This trailer is owned by W. E. SNOWDEN who operates the hideaway.

B. L. WHITE, TINY FRAZIER, LEE MC INTOSH, JOE TURNER, BILL SNOWDEN, VINCENT PURSER and Mr. LACEY were present. They agreed among themselves that WHITE will be Exalted Cyclops, FRAZIER will be Assistant E. C. and Secretary, MC INTOSH will be Treasurer and TURNER will be Master at Arms.

The following new members were voted on for admission by the officers, and then sworn in. Most of them had been members before the latest reorganization:

CECIL HAYDEN

RODNEY JONES

FRANKIE LARSON, owns a sheet metal company

J. ADAMS, partner with LARSON

TOM SEAY, owns Riverside Cafe and deals in "Moonshine."

CLARK DEVERS, operates a fruit stand on Telephone Road

JAMES BALIUS, works on off-shore oil rig.

SAM (LNU), operates Triangle Lounge

TROY (LNU), operates Woodie's Cafe near Hideaway Lounge

FRANKIE LARSON and JAMES BALIUS were elected to the office of Rear Guard.

B. L. WHITE said that the Klavern needed guns and that the National Guard Armory at Columbia, Mississippi, would be easy. He said he had a man in the guard there who would leave the door open. He wanted MC INTOSH to do the actual burglary. MC INTOSH said he would not do it without seeing it first. FRAZIER, WHITE, MC INTOSH, JOE TURNER and PURSER plan to go there and look it over sometime next week. They will travel in PURSER's car, a 1960 Chevrolet sedan, two-

door, blue, which has an Alabama license. This burglary was discussed only by the officers and the new men were not taken in on it.

WHITE discussed the possibility of burning some crosses. He said he was making them at his house and they should burn about 25 in the Pascagoula area. Possible places for burning them was on the neutral ground of Highway 90 in Gautier, in front of the U. S. Post Office at Pascagoula, Walkers Barbeque on Telephone Road, Tom's Super Market on Market Street (it is rumored that a Negro employee of Tom's has been going with a white woman), and the Midway Cafe on River Road (this place has been selling beer to minors.)

The meeting ended at about 9:30 p.m. It was announced that there would be a meeting every Monday night.

FNU SHELTON

The SHELTON I mentioned earlier lives somewhere in North Mississippi. The last time I saw him was at the meeting at Greenwood, Miss. To my knowledge, he has not lived or worked in Louisiana. It was my information that A. C. HERRINGTON had moved to Louisiana.

SHELTON is a white male, about 6' tall, 35 - 40 years of age, husky build, black curly hair, and speaks with a hoarse voice.

VCM CLUB, KREOLE, MISSISSIPPI

TOM SEAY has taken over the VCM Club and reopened it about a week ago. TINY FRAZIER is running it for SEAY.

JOE TURNER

JOE TURNER has Alabama license 2-96017 on his car.

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- 1- 157-1749 (WINSTON DUCKWORTH)
- 1- 137-1750 (JAY KIMBROUGH)
- 1- 157-1751 (SAMMY STEWART)
- 1- 157-1752 (HUBERT HAUGHTON)
- 1- 157-1753 (C. W. CHAIN)
- 1- 157-1762 (ABNER LEE)
- 1- 157-1769 (CARL WHITE)
- 1- 157-1813 (JAMES TILLSON)
- 1- 157-1814 (Rev. WILLTON HOLDEN)
- 1- 157-1865 (J. W. WHITE)
- 1- 157-1868 (DELMAS POLK)
- 1- 157-2120 (RUDOLPH PONDER)
- 1- 157-2321 (ALTON HOLLINGSWORTH)
- 1- 157-2322 (MAYO PONDER)
- 1- 157-2324 (JESSIE NICHOLS)
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 1- 157-2500 (BILLY RAY LEE)
 1- 157-2501 (LAVELLE PRINCE)
 1- 157- (TOXIE ALLEN)
 1- 157- (VESTER BOND)
 1- 157- (LESTER BURNHAM)
 1- 157- (CLIFTON BYRD)
 1- 157- (CECIL CHAIN)
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 1- 157- (BUDDY RUNNELS)
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 1- 157- (ODELL STUCKEY)
 1- 157- (DOUGLAS TYRONE)
 1- 157- (KENNETH WARREN)
 1- 157- (G. T. WHITE)
 1- 157-2891 (VIRGIL TELLOISON)
 1- 157- (UNSUBS; Burning Four COFO Houses,
 Indianola, Miss., 5/1/65.
 1- 174- (UNSUBS; Theft of Explosives,
 Cobb Co., Ga.)

Mt. Olive, Mississippi
May 21, 1965

MEETING OF COVINGTON COUNTY UNIT #1. Mt. Olive, Mississippi;

A regular meeting of the Covington County Unit #1, Mt. Olive, Mississippi, was held on 5/11/65 with 21 members present. The following officers were present:

HUBERT HAUGHTON, Vice President
SAMMY STEWART, Secretary
HOMER SULLIVAN, County Senator
C. W. CHAIN, Investigator
WINSTON DUCKWORTH, Exalted Cyclops

The meeting was called to order by WINSTON DUCKWORTH and reports on the state meeting were given by HOMER SULLIVAN and HUBERT HAUGHTON.

Names of two prospective members were voted on for the first time. Nothing else of importance was discussed at the meeting.

Informant advised that the following members are rather active in this unit:

C. W. CHAIN, Investigator
HUBERT HAUGHTON, Vice President
WINSTON DUCKWORTH, President
HOMER SULLIVAN, County Senator
SAMMY STEWART, Secretary
JAY KIMBROUGH, Treasurer
J. W. WHITE, Chaplin
CECIL CHAIN
JAMES HALL
CHARLES HALL
JACKIE DICKSON
THOMAS FLYNT
DON HARVEY
BUCK HARVEY
HOLLIS JONES

BILLY RAY JONES
THOMAS MC BETH
MELVIN MC LENDON
ROSS MC LEOD
ROGER PARRISH
BILL ROGERS
JAMES TILLSON
JOHN SHARP PONDER
MAYO PONDER
RUDOLF PONDER
BUCK ROBERSON
ODEL STUCKEY
JERRY STUCKEY

He related that the following are dues-paying members, but are rather inactive:

MILTON AINSWORTH
CLIFTON BYRD
D. L. HARDEN
WILTON HOLDEN, Rev.
ALTON HOLLINGSWORTH
LAVELLE NICHOLS
JESSIE NICHOLS
DELMAS POLK
LAVELLE PRINCE
BROOKS SMITH
G. T. WHITE
CARL WHITE
DOUGLAS TYRONE

KENNETH WARREN
GAMMON HENRY
P. H. LONG
LEONARD HALL
HOWARD FLYNT
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CHARLES MC QUEEN
ABNER LEE
CHARLES RAY LEE
VESTER BOND
TOXIE ALLEN
LESTER BURNHAM
BUDDY RUNNELS

UNSUBS; Theft of Explosives,
Cobb County, Georgia.
BM

Informant states he does not have any information regarding this theft.

UNSUBS; Burning of
Four COFO Houses,
Indianola, Miss., 5/1/65
RM

Informant states he does not have any information as to who might have been responsible for these burnings.

VIRGIL TILLOTSON
RM

Informant states he does not know this individual.

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SA JOHN WILLIARD THOMAS

W. M. CHILDS
RM - KLAN

Klan literature was passed out in Vicksburg, Miss., during evening of 6/8/65, and information pertaining to this matter was recorded in JN 157-267 (WKKKKOM Warren County)

On 6/11/65, J. W. HEARN, Chief Deputy Sheriff, Warren County Sheriff's Office, Vicksburg, Mississippi advised SA THOMAS that it had been reliably reported to one of the Deputies that the literature had been passed out around Vicksburg, Mississippi on 6/8/65 at about 9:00PM and later from a yellow 1949 Mercury bearing 1965 Warren County, Mississippi license V-8441. He said from his personal knowledge and a check of his records that this license plate is issued to W. M. CHILDS, Route 3, Box 44 (Oak Ridge Community) Vicksburg, Mississippi, for use on a 1949 Mercury. He said he believes CHILDS is in his late 20's and has no regular employment and generally "no good".

JACKSON at VICKSBURG, MISSISSIPPI

Will conduct credit and criminal checks on subject and obtain additional background information, thereafter, will locate and interview concerning Klan activities.

- 2 - 157-New (W. M. CHILDS)
- 1 - 157-267 (WKKKKOM, Warren County)
- ① - 157-63 (WKKKKOM)

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Results of state meeting of WKKKKOM, 5-2-65, near Poplarville, Mississippi. Statements of State Officers during meeting.

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Remarks:

Informant's report attached. Also a copy of The Klan Ledger, April, 1965.

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- ① - 157-63
- 1 - 157-18
- 1 - 157-77
- 1 - 157-483
- 1 - 157-676
- 1 - 157-894
- 1 - 157-946
- 1 - 157-1582
- 1 - 157-2121
- 1 - 157-2333
- 1 - 157-483 (W. R. MANGUM)
- 1 - 157-946 (JULIUS HARPER)
- 1 - 157-2331 (SPELL PHILLIPPS NORRIS)

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STATE MEETING WKKKKOM:

A state meeting of the WKKKKOM was held on 5-2-65 about 18 miles West of Poplarville, Mississippi, on Highway 43. There were about 100 to 115 members present. SAM BOWERS, Imperial Wizard, and BILLY BUCKLES, Grand Giant, were present. ERNEST GILBERT, State Investigator, and JULIUS HARPER, Grand Dragon, were not present. Reverend (FNU) BILBO, Chaplain, was also present.

SAM BOWERS:

BOWERS arrived about one hour late and explained that he had attended a district meeting in Chickasaw County, Saturday night. When he left there he was followed by FBI Agents to Jackson, Mississippi, where he left his car in a parking lot and came on to the meeting with friends from Hinds County.

He related that HARPER had stayed in Crystal Springs, Mississippi, to lure the Agents in another direction.

BOWERS stated that the United Klan was trying to take over the White Knights or force "use" out. He spoke strongly against the United Klan and related that SHELTON and MC DANIELS are dictators; that our (WKKKKOM) strongest weapon is that we are secret. No member of the WKKKKOM should appear at any demonstration but this should be the time to strike at another location.

BOWERS informed that of the 10,000 members in the State of Mississippi that the WKKKKOM have over half of them.

He then introduced a resolution that the dues be raised from \$1.00 to \$2.00 per month; that \$1.00 be paid to the State Treasurer. This was voted down. Another resolution was made to allow each of the five (5) Klan Bursars to hold \$500.00 each at all times and no disbursement can be made for any purpose. This motion was passed.

BURSARS:

Four of the five Bursars were present and reported over \$3,000.00 on hand not counting the collections at the meeting. It was also set up so that state and district officers can draw monthly

for expenses not to exceed \$50.00 each. This is to come from any money over and above the \$500.00 that the Bursars are to hold.

W. R. MANGUM:

MANGUM was elected Master of Ceremonies, he made a talk and states he has lost his job and credits the FBI for his being out of work. He also claimed that Labor Unions are our (WKKKKOM) worst enemy.

He also told of refusing to take money from FBI Agents to furnish names of WKKKKOM members from Simpson and Covington Counties. He states this proves that they do not know anything about the members.

BILLY BUCKLES:

BUCKLES told of the many times he has been followed and questioned by FBI Agents. He advised against any members supporting the PTA or the Methodist Church.

REVEREND (FNU) BILBO:

Reverend BILBO opened the meeting with a sermon which was not pertinent except one statement. He said that if it becomes necessary to fight against "Saten" my services will be available.

He had to leave at 12:00 noon and a hat was passed among the members for contributions to help with Reverend BILBO's expenses.

TRAVIS AINSWORTH:

AINSWORTH from Hattiesburg, Mississippi, was not present at the meeting. Only one of five units from Forrest County was present.

JOHN PRESTON HARVEY, SPELL PHILLIP NORRIS - COVINGTON COUNTY UNITS:

Mr. HARVEY and SPELL PHILLIPP NORRIS from Covington County Unit 2, were present at the meeting along with two (2) young men who appeared to be around 19 or 20 years old. Their names were (FNU) WARD and (FNU) HERRIN.

MISCELLANEOUS - WKKKKOM:

In addition to the officers present there were four (4) or five (5) Bursars present; four District Kleagles present, and 47 representatives present. There were some 40 absent.

MEETING OF COVINGTON COUNTY UNITS 5-13-65:

SAM BOWERS will visit a joint meeting of the Covington County Units on 5-13-65.

THE KLAN LEDGER, APRIL, 1965:

Informant furnished a copy of the April edition of The Klan Ledger "Special Presidential Edition".

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- 1) Date and location state meet WKKKKOM, pass word and so forth.
- 2) Info re MARTIN LUTHER KING billboard, Lincoln County.
- 3) Info re Meridian informant being exposed.
- Remarks: 4) General info re various klansmen.

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Informant made available copy of The Klan Ledger dated April, 1965.

Informant advised that in his conversations with CHARLES FALVEY, Brookhaven, Mississippi, he has come to the conclusion that if the klan decided to kill an FBI Agent that CHARLES FALVEY would be in on the killing as "he despises the FBI". Informant stated he feels FALVEY could easily be let into killing anyone.

Informant advised that he has been unable recently to get hold of CHARLES FALVEY. He stated that when he calls FALVEY's home that Mrs. FALVEY advises him that CHARLES FALVEY has "just gone

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- ① - 157-63 (Enc. 1)
- 1 - 157-471
- 1 - 157-898
- 1 - 157-JULIUS HARPER
- 1 - 157-18
- 1 - 157-GERALD WHITEHEAD
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- 1 - 157-CHARLES FALVEY
 - 1 - 44-1 157-63-1077
 - 1 - 157-BILLY BIRDSONG
 - 1 - 157-BILLY BUCKLES
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fishing". Informant stated that Mrs. FALVEY calls the informant's wife daily and discusses the informant who was exposed and testified against the klansmen in Birmingham, Alabama, in connection with the white woman who was killed during the march by Negroes between Selma and Montgomery, Alabama. Informant pointed out that he, in the past, has normally been able to reach FALVEY easily and it is not customary for FALVEY to be on extended fishing trips. Informant stated he feels that FALVEY is possibly doing work for the klan and may possibly be surveilling the informant or Agents of the FBI for klan leaders.

Informant suggested if possible FBI Agents should keep their eye on CHARLES FALVEY.

EXTREME CARE SHOULD BE USED IN DISSEMINATING INFORMATION IN THIS FD - 306 AND THE ATTACHED INFORMANT'S REPORT SINCE IT MIGHT DISCLOSE THE INFORMANT'S IDENTITY AND PLACE HIS LIFE IN JEOPARDY.

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COVER PAGE

New Orleans, Louisiana
4-28-65

The state meet of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi (WKKKKOM) is to be held on 5-2-65 and the purpose of holding the meet on 5-2-65 is to keep members of the WKKKKOM from attending the rally being held by the United Klans of America (UKA), Inc., at Natchez, Mississippi, on the same date, 5-2-65. It is the opinion of the klan officials that all FBI Agents will be at Natchez, Mississippi, to cover the rally of the UKA, Inc., and that no attention will then be directed to the state meet of the WKKKKOM. The state meet of the WKKKKOM is to be four miles West of Poplarville, Mississippi, on Highway 26 which is the state highway between Poplarville and Bogalusa, Louisiana. Those attending the meet are scheduled to arrive at 6:30 a.m. on 5-2-65 and there will be a car on this road with the trunk lid up. The pass word is "theater" and every klansman with a car load of fellow klansmen must have a ticket from the Lincoln Theater, Laurel, Mississippi, which is a Negro theater. Upon giving the pass word and exhibiting the ticket to the klansman at the car with the trunk lid up on the highway, further instructions will be given as to the exact location of the state meet.

On the night of 4-27-65, JULIUS HARPER was overheard talking to E. S. GILBERT, the head of the Klan Bureau of Investigation (KBI), at which time HARPER was heard to tell GILBERT that he, HARPER, had talked to SAM BOWERS but could not get BOWERS to stay away from the next state meet on 5-2-65. HARPER told GILBERT that he would not go to the next state meet. He explained that FBI Agents have not questioned him as much as they have SAM BOWERS and that therefore FBI Agents do not know as much about HARPER as they do about BOWERS. HARPER indicated that he wanted to leave the situation as it is as he felt this put him in a much better position.

Following the meet between JULIUS HARPER and E. S. GILBERT, it was noted that GERALD WHITEHEAD of Brookhaven, Mississippi, talked to HARPER. HARPER was pointing and appeared to explaining directions to WHITEHEAD and during the course of this explanation, HARPER appeared to be upset. Following this conversation, WHITEHEAD departed as if he was going on a mission for HARPER.

The frame has been built for the sign on the Laird place just out of Brookhaven, Mississippi. The sign will bear a picture showing MARTIN LUTHER KING in attendance at the Highlander Folk School at Monteagle, Tennessee. It is expected this sign will be erected within the next few days.

Informant advised that SAM BOWERS told him that BILLY BIRDSONG, Meridian, Mississippi, exposed an FBI informant to the klan and that this informant was a policeman of the Meridian Police Department. Since this time BIRDSONG keeps coming to BOWERS and asking for permission to kill this informant. Every time BIRDSONG comes to BOWERS he "acts like a bird dog" looking everywhere.

BOWERS stated that the FBI knew that this informant of the Meridian, Mississippi, Police Department, was to be exposed by BIRDSONG and that the FBI then sent BIRDSONG to get BOWERS to give orders to kill the informant. BOWERS stated the FBI would then have a statement from BOWERS giving orders to kill and the FBI could then arrest BOWERS.

Informant stated that BOWERS admitted to him that he did have a picture of former president JOHN KENNEDY and on either side of the picture were pictures of STALIN and LENIN.

Informant stated that he gained the impression that if SAM BOWERS is run out of the klan at the next state meeting this will only split the WKKKKOM and then the UKA, Inc., will attempt to eliminate BILLY BUCKLES and other state officers of the WKKKKOM and thereby take over the members of the WKKKKOM. Informant is of the opinion that if SAM BOWERS is eliminated from the WKKKKOM that some members will follow BOWERS and some members will go with the UKA, Inc. He pointed out that a few members will cease to operate in either klan.

Informant stated that BOWERS advised him that he intended to "hog-tie one member". Informant stated he feels that the individual referred to by SAM BOWERS is BILLY BUCKLES, the Grand Giant.

Informant further stated that he is of the opinion there will be a riot at the state meet, 5-6-65, and that perhaps someone will get killed. He attributed this statement to the fact that

feelings are running high in the WKKKKOM and that many members will attend the meet with side arms.

Informant advised that he has received no information regarding contemplated action by the klan against FBI Agents.

Informant advised that he has not heard of CHARLES JAMES SEALE in several months but that from his past knowledge of SEALE he is of the opinion that perhaps SEALE is the individual who made arrangements for the state meet between Poplarville and Bogalusa, Louisiana, on 5-2-65.

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- 1- 44-1 (MIBURN)
- ① 157-63 (WKKKKOM)
- 1- 157-343 (Lauderdale County)
- 1- 157-450 (BILLY BIRDSONG)
- 1- 157-1124 (LEE ROBERTS)
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- 1- 157-2628 (JIMMY SMITH)
- 1- 157-1110 (B. L. AKIN)
- 1- 157-1514 (JAY RAY RUTLEDGE)
- 1- 157-1308 (HAROLD CRENSHAW)
- 1- 157-1300 (J. C. RIGDON)
- 1- 105-14 (CLIFFORD EDWARDS)
- 1- 157-1084
- 1- 157-74 (Leake County)
- 1- 157-1291 (HAROLD GOODMAN)
- 1- 157-1105 (JAMES JORDAN)

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GEORGE H. BIRDSONG, aka BILLY BIRDSONG

Recently, BILLY BIRDSONG was in the Meridian Police Department talking about a beating which he received from a group of masked men. He related that he was beaten as a result of cooperating with the Mississippi Highway Patrol. BIRDSONG related that he had had nothing to do with the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (WKKKKOM) or the United Klans of America (UKA) since he got out of the klan sometime during the winter or early spring of 1965. BIRDSONG also highly criticized SAM BOWERS, Imperial Wizard of the WKKKKOM, and stated that BOWERS is a communist and that he wants nothing more to do with any klan operations.

BIRDSONG stated that he was now celebrating his divorce from his wife, MARGIE BIRDSONG, and that she is always

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BIRDSONG related that he now owns a 1962 Pontiac which he bought with money he received as a settlement from his wife, MARGIE.

On 5/28/65, BIRDSONG came by the Meridian Police Department and talked with C. WALLACE MILLER, Sergeant,

Meridian Police Department. BIRDSONG related that he now has authority to carry a pistol and that he received this authority from the Attorney General from the State of Miss. BIRDSONG also related that he has in his possession several hand grenades and that if he is attacked by any member of the klan, he will have something to fight with this time. BIRDSONG indicated that he desired to talk with MILLER at length regarding treatment received from MILLER at the hands of the klan. I believe that BIRDSONG might be attempting to get back in the good graces of members of the klan in the Meridian area and that he may be attempting to learn of additional information through this talk with MILLER. MILLER has not indicated whether he will have an extended talk with BIRDSONG. MILLER has indicated that BIRDSONG has been most friendly recently and that he, MILLER, feels that BIRDSONG and he are both in the same situation, in that both have been banished by the klan.

LEE ROBERTS

On 5/1/65, LEE ROBERTS was seen in the company of DEXTER TORRANCE at the Trailways Bus Station, located near the

Meridian Police Department. It was noted that ROBERTS and TORRANCE were talking together and it was also noted that on 5/2/65, a "blacklist" was distributed throughout the Meridian, Miss., area. It is the general belief of police officials that LEE ROBERTS, DEXTER TORRANCE, JIMMY SMITH and B. L. AKIN are responsible for distributing this blacklist.

JAY RAY RUTLEDGE, aka RAYMOND RUTLEDGE

RAYMOND RUTLEDGE, also known as JAY RAY RUTLEDGE, a driver for the Rider Truck Lines, Meridian, Miss., is reported to be a member of the WKKKKOM. RUTLEDGE is a brother of JIM RUTLEDGE, who was caught with some dynamite in Meridian during the summer of 1964. RAYMOND RUTLEDGE is reported to be operating a service station located on 11th Avenue and A Street, Meridian, Miss.

HORACE L. GOODMAN

HORACE L. GOODMAN is a teacher at the Ross Collins Vocational School, Meridian, Miss. GOODMAN lives in Bonita, Miss., and is a member of the Lauderdale County klan, WKKKKOM.

GOODMAN is a friend of AUTHER HORNE, Mr. DEWITT SMITH, and other known klansmen. I do not know if GOODMAN is presently a member of the WKKKKOM or the UKA.

HAROLD CRENSHAW

CRENSHAW lives at Collinsville, Miss., and is a salesman for the Mississippi Power Company, Meridian, Miss. CRENSHAW at one time was a member of Unit 3, Lauderdale Klavern, WKKKKOM. It is not know if he is presently a member of this organization.

J. C. RIGDON

J. C. RIGDON is known to me to have at one time been a member of the Neshoba County Klavern, WKKKKOM. RIGDON was employed at the Swartzfager Ford Company, Meridian, Miss. At present, he is employed at Lex Chamling Company, Meridian. RIGDON is reported to be friends of EDGAR RAY KILLEN, CONRAD KEENE, PETE JORDAN, and other known members of the Neshoba County Klan. RIGDON attended at least one meeting of the WKKKKOM at Key Field, Meridian, Miss.

BILLY BIRDSONG

On 5/28/65, while in conversation with BILLY BIRDSONG, he told me that DEXTER TORRANCE is reported to have a lot of

arms and dynamite in his possession. He stated that TORRANCE might possibly have these weapons in the trunk of his automobile. Recently I have heard through police sources, that TORRANCE is reported to have an arsenal in the back of his automobile, and it is believed that BIRDSONG may have furnished this information to the police department.

JIMMY SMITH

JIMMY SMITH, according to police sources, said that when he was interviewed recently by the police, that the reason the Meridian police officers were placed on the "blacklist" was because they did not fire WALLACE MILLER, the sergeant who was banished by the WKKKKOM.

CLIFFORD EDWARDS

CLIFFORD EDWARDS is not known to me to have been a member of the WKKKKOM, Lauderdale County, Meridian, Miss.

UNDERGROUND ORGANIZATION IN LEAKE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

I have no information to the effect that there is an underground organization in Leake County, Miss. To my knowledge, the WKKKK are reported to have a small unit in that area; however, I cannot substantiate this information.

JAMES JORDAN

I recall that prior to June, 1964, JAMES JORDAN and his wife, WANDA JORDAN, operated a fish camp at Chunky, Miss. Prior to opening this fish camp, WANDA JORDAN worked

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Additional names of members, meetings in Pearl River County, M. W. HAMILTON chartering bus to go to Natchez for AFWR meeting 6/5 - 6/65.

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- 1- 157-66 (Forrest County)
- 1- 157-63 (Control file)
- 1- 157-714 (HAMILTON)
- 1- 157-2249 (ROSS WEATHERS)
- 1- 157- (RAY LEE)
- 1- 157-678 (H. L. DELK)
- 1- 157- (D. C. SMITH)
- 1- 157- (OWNS PHILIPS)
- 1- 157- (SHOEMAKE)

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Hattiesburg, Mississippi
6/4/65

It was reported that there was to be a meeting of the AFR in Natchez, Miss., on the weekend of 6/5 - 6/65, and that M. W. HAMILTON was arranging for a chartered bus to go to Natchez for this meeting.

The informant stated that he had a conversation with ROSS WEATHERS on 6/3/65 and that WEATHERS related that members of the Forrest County Klavern had gone to Pearl River County on a Sunday about three weeks prior. WEATHERS stated no meetings were being held in the Hattiesburg area as the members were afraid to meet in this area. ROSS advised informant that they do not meet in the house in Lamar County since the FBI is watching it.

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The informant furnished the following additional names of members of the Forrest County Klavern:

M. W. HAMILTON, 711 South Main Street, Petal, Mississippi
D. C. SMITH, 301 West 1st Avenue, Petal, Mississippi
OWNS PHILIPS, 66 Broadway Drive, Hattiesburg, Mississippi
FNU SHOEMAKER, Butcher, Louis Food Store, Hardy Street, Hattiesburg, Miss.
RAY LEE, who did own the Pure Oil Station at Broad and Hardy Street

The informant had previously reported that he thought the secretary for the Forrest County Klavern worked for TRAVIS AINSWORTH, at Hattiesburg Manufacturing, but he stated this was an error as he saw the man who he knows to be the secretary driving one of West Brothers trucks in Picayune one night last week.

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Brief description of activity or material 1. Report on state meet, 5/2/65, vicinity Poplarville, Miss. 2. Info re SAM BOWERS 3. Info re numerous klansmen; 4. OKKKK (105-14) 4. UNSUBS; Burning 4 COFO Houses, Indianola, Miss., 5/1/65. RM.		File where original is located if not attached <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;">FOIA(b) (7) - (D)</div>

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- 1- 157- (J.M. FOSTER)
 - 1- 105-14
 - 2- 157-584
 - 1- 157- (UNSUBS; Burning 4 COFO Houses, Indianola, Miss., 5/1/65 - RM)
 - 1- 157- (CHARLES FALVEY)
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Informant advised that he has gotten the feeling that something was wrong about the way BILLY BUCKLES and CLYDE SEALE had continued to talk to the informant about traveling over the State of Mississippi to stir people up about getting SAM BOWERS impeached as Imperial Wizard of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi (WKKKKOM). Informant stated it now appears that BILLY BUCKLES and CLYDE SEALE were attempting to use the informant in view of the fact that at the state meet, BILLY BUCKLES and CLYDE SEALE made no comment or effort to have SAM BOWERS impeached.

Informant advised that he personally went to visit SAM BOWERS and told him he wanted to check the home of BOWERS to determine if the stories that were being circulated about BOWERS having pictures of HITLER, KHRUSHCHEV, MUSSOLINI, and CASTRO in his house were actually true. Informant stated BOWERS told him he could search his house and that if the informant so desired, he, BOWERS, would leave the premises and return later. Informant stated that he advised BOWERS it was not necessary for him to leave the premises. Informant stated he looked about the house and noted a few books on the Nazi party and a file maintained by BOWERS on the American Nazi Party. Informant stated BOWERS admitted that he had some pictures in his house of HITLER, MUSSOLINI AND KHRUSHCHEV, but that he had had them on either side of a picture of ex-President JOHN KENNEDY.

Informant stated he then confronted BOWERS with the fact that the officers of the klan were planning to vote him out at the next state meet and the informant told BOWERS that he, the informant, would vote to have BOWERS impeached if it came to a vote. Informant stated BOWERS then advised him that he had a right to vote as he saw fit, and BOWERS did not seem too perturbed over the fact that the officers were planning to vote him out.

Informant advised that he had been unable to attend the state meet held near Poplarville the weekend of 5/15-16/65,

but that from several sources he had heard that nothing went on of any importance. No vote came up to throw BOWERS out of the klan and several of the sources commented that CLYDE SEALE and BILLY BUCKLES caused no trouble whatsoever. Informant stated that in view of what transpired at the state meet, he feels that CLYDE SEALE and BILLY BUCKLES had hoped to have the informant present at the meeting to initiate the action to have BOWERS removed as Imperial Wizard.

Informant stated that he had been told by his sources that an amendment had been passed which allowed the bursars (all five) to keep on hand \$500 for emergencies regardless of bills or requests for funds.

Informant stated he had been told by his sources that a financial statement had been read by BOWERS which was very well accepted by the entire meeting. BOWERS told how he had spent the klan's money and then began "talking down" ROBERT SHELTON, the Imperial Wizard of the United Klans of America (UKA.). BOWERS stated he thought SHELTON was getting money from the U. S. Government through an intermediate source.

Informant advised that during the course of his meeting with SAM BOWERS, that BOWERS advised him that the UKA is "taking over" Meridian completely. BOWERS asked the informant to get the word out that the WKKKKOM knew where their money was coming from, whereas the UKA will not account for their sources of money.

Informant advised that he feels that CHARLES FALVEY is planning something with CLYDE SEALE, as each time informant attempts to contact FALVEY, he is told by the wife of FALVEY that FALVEY has "gone fishing."

Informant again cautioned that FBI Agents should be extremely careful in their dealings with CHARLES FALVEY, as FALVEY has said he will tell the Agents "to go to hell," and if they do not leave him alone, then he will do something else. Informant again pointed out that FALVEY is known to

have killed one man in Brookhaven, Miss., and informant feels that FALVEY would be willing to kill an FBI Agent if given the slightest provocation.

Informant advised that J. M. FOSTER, who is a brother of PAUL LAYFETTE FOSTER of Natchez, Miss., assisted in the erection of a billboard near Brookhaven, Miss., on the property of one of the LAIRDS who resides near Highway 84. The billboard contains a picture identifying MARTIN LUTHER KING in attendance at the Highlander Folk School near Monteagle, Tennessee.

Informant advised that he had received no information concerning the burning of four COFO houses at Indianola, Miss., on 5/1/65, but that from his knowledge of individuals in this area, he would suspect BYRON DE LA BECKWITH and GORDON LACKEY.

Informant advised that he has received no information about JIM FORD, Grand Titan for the 6th District of the Original Knights of Ku Klux Klan (OKKKK) combining all 47 groups over the United States into one group, with the exception of the Original Ku Klux Klan of America, which is under the leadership of HOUSTON MORRIS.

Set forth below is a list of individuals in the Brookhaven - McComb area, together with comments as to whether or not the below-listed individuals are known to be klansmen, or have been klansmen in the past:

JAMES CLYDE BROWN -	Does not know
EDWARD EARL ALLEN -	Does not know
CLYDE C. ALLRED -	Klansman
DONALD RAY ARNOLD -	Klansman
KARY BOYD -	Does not know
ALMON BRISTER -	Klansman
ORDWAY N. BRISTER -	Klansman
WALTER E. BRISTER -	Klansman
BILLY O. BRITT -	Klansman
CLIFTON C. CROSBY, JR. -	Does not know

HULON DIXON -
JAMES A. FARZER -
HOUSTON MC CAFFREY -
MARLON PEPPER -
HOWARD RICHARDSON -
LLOYD THOMPSON -
TROY WINBORNE -

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	Date(s) of activity Fall of 1964

Brief description of activity or material

Identified Picayune officers and members of White Knights of KKK; WILLIAM CLINTON WALTERS, E.C.; FRED H. SPIERS-Kludd; BOBBY ADCOCK Klabee; CHARLES WILSON VARNADO, an officer and members, meeting places; organizer of klavern E.C.C.J. SEAL of Crossroad klavern. No info pertaining to Bogulusa

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Remarks: killing recently of deputy sheriff (Negro) or location of any arms or ammunition of Picayune klavern.

Informant is to make contacts with former active klansmen (1) to determine activity & (2) and to start attending meetings (3) attempt to discreetly determine previously unidentified members in Picayune klavern, identity of klansmen in Denby & Crossroads klaverns.

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- 1-157-456 KKK, PEARL RIVER CO.
- 1-157-903 CROSSROADS KLAVERN
- 1-157-911 DENBY KLAVERN
- 1-157-898 C. J. SEAL
- 1-157-1417 CHARLES WILSON VARNADO
- 1-157-2708 BILL ADCOCK
- 1-157-2706 BOBBY ADCOCK
- 1-157-2707 FOTCH BLACKMAN
- 1-157-2703 R. PIERCE
- 1-157-2681 WILLIAM CLINTON WALTERS
- 1-157-2705 FRED H. SPIERS
- 1-157-2704 FNU FOXWORTH
- 1-157-901 HOUSTON DILLARD

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The Picayune Klavern of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan was organized by C. J. SEAL, store operator at Crossroads, Miss., an official of the Crossroads Klavern of the White Knights. WILLIAM CLINTON WALTERS was elected Exalted Cyclops, CHARLES WILSON VARNADO, was elected as an officer, exact title not recalled; BOBBY ADCOCK was elected Klabee (treasurer); FRED H. SPIERS Kludd (chaplain).

Other members, in the fall of 1964 were

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wife of FRED SPIERS and is residing in Greenville, Miss. where he probably is employed as a barber, noting that he has had a serious operation with doctors advice not to stand on his feet for any period of time or his leg would have to be removed. BRUCE RAY, originally from North Carolina, who did work at Whitfield Service Station, Sycamore at Highway #11 in Picayune, now working on a boat somewhere in Louisiana was a member and Whitfield Station was across the Highway from the Phillips 66 Station formerly operated by klansman CHARLES WILSON VARNADO, who now reportedly is a carpenter working in a housing project in Picayune.

Meetings of the klavern have been held at various locations such as in a country area west of Picayune and at the home of

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about two miles out of McNeil.

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Sheriff J. P. WALKER of Picayune is not known to be a member.

Exalted Cyclops "CLINT" WALTERS was, in the fall of 1964, in favor of disbanding as he said the FBI was intensely investigating and interviewing klansmen in the area, and while he had nothing to hide he still wanted to disband.

No racial violence by this klavern has been discussed in the meetings however discussion was had regarding klansmen purchasing guns for thier protection and that of their families. The name of LOUIS ANTHONY DiSALVO of Waveland, Miss. is unknown and no mention of his name is recalled concerning a source for weapons. No mention has been made of anyone or the klavern having any explosives to use.

No information has come to attention regarding the recent killing of a negro deputy sheriff in Bogulusa, La. and the wounding of another.

Bill Adcock is not known to be in this klavern. RICHARD PIERCE FNU FOXWORTH are not known. FOTCH BLACKMAN is an acquaintance but not known to be in the Picayune Klavern. HOUSTON DILLARD is not known.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON [REDACTED]

DATE: 6-14-65

FROM : SA LOREN C. BROOKS

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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On 5-23-65 subject contacted SA BROOKS indicating he was in a position to assist the Bureau in Klan matters on a confidential basis. For the information of the office, [REDACTED] had been previously interviewed by SA BROOKS and SA PATTERSON in connection with the Lea's Restaurant demonstrations. Arrangements were made to meet with the subject on 5-25-65 and discuss the matter.

On 5-25-65 [REDACTED] met with SA BROOKS and SA MARTIN, and volunteered the following information:

[REDACTED] said he was contacted by LAWIER SHARP about three years ago to join the WKKKKOM. He said he was taken to the "Big Shed" of TRAVIS AINSWORTH's place on James Street, Hattiesburg, Miss., and the oath was given to him by the EUBANKS brothers. He said he paid \$10 to join and paid \$10 to buy the robes. He said he signed a pledge upon taking the oath, and then was instructed to burn the pledge in the presence of everyone so that no record would ever be had regarding his taking the oath.

[REDACTED] said he was assigned [REDACTED]. He said No. 1 was D.W. SCRIMSHIRE of 803 Newman Street, Hattiesburg, Miss., and No. 2 was TRAVIS AINSWORTH. He said he believed SAM (LNU) was No. 3.

[REDACTED] said the Klavern grew to about 57 before they stopped having meetings in Forrest County, Miss. He said SAM was a regular attender at all of the meetings of the Forrest County Klavern.

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2-	157	(D.W. SCRIMSHIRE)	2-	157	(TOMMY MOORE)
1-	157-66	(Forrest Co.)	2-	157	(FNU MOORE)
1-	157-63	(Control File)	1-	157-2249	(ROSS WEATHERS)
1-	157-714	(M.W. HAMILTON)	1-	157-582	(ACE WEATHERS)
1-	157-2447	(SWAN)	1-	157-2004	(G.F. ROBERTS)
1-	157-676	(AINSWORTH)	1-	157-677	(LAWLER SHARP)
			1-	157-18	(BOWERS)
			1-	157-678	(DELK)

[redacted] said the meeting place changed from one place to another, starting with the big shed of AINSWORTH, and then moving to HILL's Blind Shop on North Main Street, then to the Poll Yard of AINSWORTH's in Palmer's Crossing. He said they finally all donated money toward the building of a meeting house on the Eubanks place, in Lamar County, Miss., with TRAVIS AINSWORTH supplying the materials.

[redacted] advised the following were members of the Forrest County Klavern:

TOMMY MOORE - ex-policeman

(FNU) MOORE - Roofer and father of TOMMY MOORE

CHARLES GRIFFITH - policeman and Chaplain for the Klavern

J.D. HILL - owner of Hills Blinds, 103 North 11th Avenue and 1605 North Main Street

A.F. WEATHERS, 3701 Pearl Street, owner of Weathers Motors, 312 East Second Street

ROSS A. WEATHERS - Old Highway 24 West, employed at Steadman Motors

G.F. (Shorty) ROBERTS, 208 Frances Street, employed at West Brothers, as a driver, auto is black Lincoln Continental, License FD2394

H.L. DELK - 219 Dixie Avenue, ex-policeman, now working for Fowler Butane.

(Name unknown) bookkeeper for TRAVIS AINSWORTH, Hattiesburg, Manufacturing Company. This man is the bookkeeper for the Klavern.

TRAVIS AINSWORTH - Hattiesburg Manufacturing Company

(FNU) EUBANKS

(FNU) EUBANKS - Brothers who live in Lamar County, Miss.

JIMMY SWAN (honorary member - takes no part in the activities but is sworn in in private)

MILTON WEATHERS - Brother of ROSS and A.F. WEATHERS, resident of Richton, Miss., who may be a honorary member, but this was hearsay, as he had never been known to be at a meeting, and was only spoke of as such.

[redacted] advised that the system used in this Klavern, for giving out assignments, was for an officer to poke you in the back sometime during the meeting, which was a signal for one to stay after the meeting was dismissed. Then in private the assignment would be given for maximum security. If the assignment was made by telephone, the member would be addressed by Number, and told to report to a location for the carrying out of an assignment.

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[redacted] stated that the last cross that was burned was shortly after Christmas last year, and he was in on the burning of the cross, and the assignment came over the phone to meet two other numbers, to carry out the assignment.

He said LAWLER SHARP told him of embezzlement in the Forrest County Klavern and not to pay any more dues until they got it straightened out. SHARP said that ROBERTS, DELK and the bookkeeper were involved in the collecting of the money, and recently ROBERTS came by asking for the dues (\$4 per month) but he refused to pay him.

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[redacted] said when they were active the Forrest County Klavern planned to form a 5 man rifle squad, but this never really got organized.

[redacted] said the reason for summoning members to a court house when Klansmen were in trouble was to take up seating space in the court room to keep outsiders out of the court room.

[redacted] said the code word "Koyak" was used to indicate you needed help from a fellow Klansman.

[redacted] said most of the members possess a gun, and he recalled that G.F. ROBERTS carried a .38 derringer over and under two shot pistol all the time.

[redacted] said there was a man at Southern Bell Telephone Company, who was a Klan member, who at one time officiated as a guard at some of the meetings.

[redacted] said that on 5-25-65 D.W. SCRIMSHIRE supplied him with 2 dozen flares. He said he has asked SCRIMSHIRE to get him a couple of flares, for his cars on the road in his personal business, but when he met SCRIMSHIRE's girlfriend and was given 2 dozen, he was of the opinion that they (the Klan) may have something in mind, where they would use the flares.

[redacted] said the word "Rub" meant that a person would be killed.

[redacted] said M.W. HAMILTON was not a member to his knowledge.

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The following is a description of the informant:

Name	FOIA(b) (7) - (D)
Sex	Male
Race	White
Age	41
DOB	
POB	
Nationality	
Residence	FOIA(b) (7) - (D)
Height	
Weight	
Build	Large
Hair	Black and greying
Eyes	Black
Complexion	Medium
Occupation	FOIA(b) (7) - (D)
Wife's employment	FOIA(b) (7) - (D)
Military service	
Property ownership	1965 Plymouth, 4-door Belair, white 1965 Comet Coupe, blue 1964 Ford Galaxie, 2-door, red
Business experience	FOIA(b) (7) - (D)
Arrest record	None
Firearms	380 Automatic pistol .38 S & W Pistol
Social Security	FOIA(b) (7) - (D)

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Immediate relatives

Father

Children

Business phone

Wife's business
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Brief description of activity or material Informant furnished information re SAM BOWERS, WKKKKOM; WAYNE ROBERTS; Future plans for state meetings of WKKKKOM.		File where original is located if not attached FOIA(b) (7) - (D)

Remarks:

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- 1- 157-63 (WKKKKOM)
- 1- 157-343- (Lauderdale Co.)
- 1- 157-18 (SAM BOWERS)
- 1- 157-450- (BILLY BIRDSONG)
- 1- 157-471 (UKA)
- 1- 157- - (Hinds Col)
- 1- 157-1106 (WAYNE ROBERTS)

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SAM BOWERS

Source advised that he was in telephonic contact with BOWERS the past few days. During conversations with BOWERS, the Imperial Wizard related that he was recently visited by MARGIE BIRDSONG, the wife of the former klan investigator, BILLY BIRDSONG. MARGIE advised BOWERS she was experiencing marital difficulties and that recently BILLY had "beat up" her latest boyfriend. She asked if BOWERS would again have BILLY whipped. BOWERS stated that he was not responsible for the whipping of BIRDSONG, but rather that the FBI was responsible.

WKKKKOM

BOWERS related that things were "looking good" throughout the state. The only bleak area insofar as the klan was concerned was the Meridian area. He stated that a lot of the good men are returning to the WKKKKOM after a brief time with the UKA, Inc. BOWERS then proceeded to prevail upon the source not to lose faith, to get out and work and in general to run the Meridian area klan as he saw fit.

WAYNE ROBERTS

BOWERS related that ROBERTS did not attend the meeting of the WKKKKOM which was scheduled for Jackson, Miss. about two weeks ago. BOWERS stated he feels ROBERTS "didn't want to go." In reference to the last state meeting, BOWERS commented that they "had a good one" and that a good "sound financial report" was given and it looks like the "White Knights" are "on their way up."

WKKKKOM STATE MEETING RENDEZVOUS AREA, JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

Executive meetings will be held on the first and third Sundays of the month at 5:00 p.m.. The contact point will be the Dixie Bowling Lanes, located about two blocks from the Westland Plaza. (BOWERS stated that it was the only bowling lanes in the area.)

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Info concerning JAMES SEALE, ARCHIE PRATHER,
(FNU) BEASLEY, MHSP.

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 - 1 - 157-569
 - 1 - 157-ARCHIE PRATHER
 - 1 - 157-CLYDE SEALE
 - 1 - 157-JAMES SEALE
 - 1 - 157-GENE SEALE
 - 1 - 157-DON SEALE
 - 1 - 157-JACK SEALE
 - 1 - 157-WALLACE HAVARD
 - 1 - 157-LOUIS DANCER
 - 1 - 157-JESSIE ALFORD
 - 1 - 157-ROSIER DAVIS
 - 1 - 157-CHARLES EDWARDS
 - 1 - 157-(FNU) ANDERS
 - 1 - 157-(FNU) BEASLEY, MHSP
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KU KLUX KLAN, MEADVILLE, MISSISSIPPI, AREA

Informant has been told by HAROLD SAUCIER that a klan organization exists in the Meadville, Mississippi, area and SAUCIER admitted to informant he was a member of this organization. He also related the following persons attended meetings of this organization:

ARCHIE PRATHER

GLYDE SEALE

JAMES SEALE

GENE SEALE

DON SEALE

JACK SEALE

WALLACE HAVARD

LOUIS DANCER

JESSIE ALFORD

ROSSIER DAVIS

CHARLES EDWARDS

(FNU) ANDERS, age 21, Buckley Community, Mississippi

(FNU) BEASLEY, Patrolman, MHSP

(FNU) GRIFFIN

This organization has held many meetings on Saturday night from Spring of 1964 until before ~~ARCHIE PRATHER~~ ^{Charles Edwards} and JAMES SEALE were arrested for the murder of two Negroes. Since that time there have been no meetings to informant's knowledge of this organization. The meetings were held at an abandoned house near ARCHIE PRATHER's home.

During the Spring of 1964, a group of klansmen who were wearing hoods came to informant's home in a new Chevrolet owned by JAMES SEALE's wife and tried to get informant to come out of his house. Informant knew they were planning to beat him and he would not come out of his house. The men then left and went to the home of ALTON ALFORD whom they kidnaped and then beat him.

After they had beaten ALFORD they brought him to a road near informant's home, let him out of the car and told him to come to informant's house and if he didn't get informant out of the house they would kill him. ALFORD approached informant's house and hollered at informant while the klansmen were waiting outside. He did not answer and after the klansmen left ALFORD came into informant's house and he treated his wounds which he received from the severe beating which they gave him. Informant does not know why the klan beat ALFORD other than he was a heavy drinker and the only reason they wanted to beat informant up was because ARCHIE PRATHER does not like him.

INFORMATION CONCERNING JAMES SEALES

During the Fall of 1964, klan literature had been distributed in the Natchez and Meadville area. It is generally believed by people in Franklin County that the literature was written by ARCHIE PRATHER and typed by Mrs. JAMES SEALE, who works for an insurance company in Natchez. Informant stated he has heard that JAMES SEALE's Volkswagen has not been seen since the disappearance of the two Negro boys, DEES and MOORE.

UNSUBS; DISAPPEARANCE OF DEES AND MOORE (62-5)

Informant has no information concerning the disappearance and murder of DEES and MOORE and the first he knew of it was at the arrest of JAMES SEALE. Prior to the disappearance of these boys, it was rumored that CHARLES EDWARDS had made the statement that the DEES boy would walk by his home and whistle and he said he was going to leave the area.

(FNU) BEASLEY, MHSP

HAROLD SAUCIER has told informant that (FNU) BEASLEY of the MHSP has attended every meeting of the Ku Klux Klan and that he is a member.

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Brief description of activity or material

CURTIS DAVIS swore out warrant against HENNINGTON; Mrs. J. W. CURTIS might cooperate with FBI; Information on BILLY BOUTWELL and BILLY ASHLEY re incident at home of HENRY BRYANT.

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Remarks:

Recommended Action:

- 1. Contact Mrs. J. W. CURTIS of Wesson.**
- 2. Contact mother-in-law of BILLY BOUTWELL.**

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CURTIS DAVIS of Wesson, Mississippi has sworn out a warrant of arrest against THOMAS EARL HENNINGTON of Wesson in connection with the beating DAVIS received during the summer of 1964. The warrant was sworn out at Brookhaven, Mississippi on 5/18/65 at the office of Sheriff JOE BRUECK.

Mrs. J. W. CURTIS of Wesson, who was defeated in a runoff election by "BUBBA" DRAIN for the post of Mayor of Wesson has a lot of information on HENNINGTON and might be willing to talk to the FBI.

During March of 1965, it was learned that a light was shot out on the porch of HENRY BRYANT, a Negro, and resident of Wesson, Mississippi. BRYANT lives northeast of Wesson almost in Beauregard, Mississippi and is not active in civil rights.

The persons who were in the car from which it was believed the shots came were BILLY BOUTWELL, his girl friend who is now his wife, and BILLY ASHLEY. BILLY BOUTWELL's wife's mother is very upset over this incident.

The klan in Wesson feels that the FBI has tapped their telephone lines because they know so much. There is also a conflict between them as they feel someone has talked.

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Date(s) of activity
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Brief description of activity or material

Information re: activity of members of the Ellisville, Miss., Klavern. Results of Mayor's Race and Commissioner's Race, Ellisville, by Klan members

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Remarks:

Informant paid \$68.

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| 1- 157-777 | | 1- 157- | (JIMMIE POLSUM) |
| 1- 157-1919 (CLAUDE STUBBS) | | 1- 157- | (VICTOR WALTERS) |
| 1- 157-1920 (BOBBY CRUMPTON) | | 1- 157- | (UNSUBS; Attempt to Burn Residence of ULYSSES JOHNSON Ellisville, Miss., 4-23-65) |
| 1- 157-2343 (LEONARD CAVES) | | 1- 44- | (Murder of Female CR worker near Selma, Ala., around 3-7-65) |
| 1- 157- BARNEY CARTER | | | |
| 1- 157- (BUFORD DOBSON) | | | |
| 1- 157- (TRAVIS GILES) | | | |
| 1- 157- ("NIG" HALL) | | | |
| 1- 157- (BENOID GRAHAM) | | | |
| 1- 157- (AARON JERNIGAN) | | | |
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Ellisville, Mississippi
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ELLISVILLE, MISSISSIPPI, KLAVERN

Source states that the Klavern has slowed down their activity and only a few persons attend the meetings. About the only regular members are "NIG" HALL, AARON JERNIGAN, BENOID GRAHAM, CLAUDE STUBBS and TRAVIS GILES. He relates these men keep the roads "hot" at night to see what is going on and determine if there are any Negro meetings or other type of gatherings.

He related that HALL, JERNIGAN and GRAHAM have been to Bogalusa, Louisiana, and attended at least one of the rallies. He does not know if they took part or not.

Source states the membership at Ellisville is rather "shook-up" since the recent mayor's election. The Klan had three members in the race, one for mayor, and one for each of the commissioners post. All three were defeated, and the vote was not even close. The members, or at least some of them, feel that the public is not for the Klan and the members who have businesses have started pulling out or have become inactive. VICTOR WALTERS-Mayor; O.L. NIX and BUFORD DOBSON, Commissioners.

BOBBY CRUMPTON -- JIMMIE POLSUM -- BUFORD DOBSON

There is an opening on the Police Department, Ellisville, Mississippi, and all the above have tried to get it. Each one has been questioned about being a member of the Klan. He told them that if they had been a member of this group it would not help them get the job.

CRUMPTON is presently employed by the State Forestry Service, POLSUM operates a tile shop in Ellisville and DOBSON is working for the 555 Wilkinson Tire Shop, Laurel, Mississippi.

UNSUBS; Attempt to Burn Residence
of ULYSESS JOHNSON, Ellisville,
Mississippi, 4-23-65
RM

Source states that on the night the attempt was made to burn the residence of ULYSESS JOHNSON, CLAUDE STUBBS and TRAVIS GILES hung around with policemen ED WARDSWORTH and BARNEY CARTER until they went off duty. The source feels that they had something to do with the fire.

Murder of Civil Rights Worker
Near Selma, Alabama, during
March from Selma to Montgomery,
Alabama, around 3-27-65

Source states that DUB PARKER, Ellisville, Mississippi, asked him to go to Bessemer, Alabama, with him to check on one of PARKER's drivers that was in jail. They were accompanied by BOBBY CRUMPTON, employee of State Fire Service (Forestry). After they had completed the checking on the driver they visited a relative, JIM CRUMPTON, of BOBBY CRUMPTON. This individual is a member of a Labor Union or some official in the Union. JIM made the statement that two of the men charged with the killing of the woman were arrested in the lane leading to his home. Source believes that JIM stated that all four men had eaten at his home the day of the killing. He believes the meal was at breakfast.

LEONARD CAVES

Source states LEONARD CAVES has been to Ellisville on several occasions recently. This may have been in connection with his regular duties.

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Brief description of activity or material

Details of meeting on Monday 5-17-65 at Jackson, Miss., White Citizens Council attended by informant, naming about 13 members of the KKK in attendance

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- 1- 157-704 (Joseph M. Albritton)
- 1- 157-1989 (George Kellum)
- 1- 157-2682 (Coon Dog Dosssett)
- 1- 157-2921 (James Earl Lee)
- 1- 157-2153 (Ernest L. Myrick)
- 2- 157-New (FNU Kitrell) (Possibly Alonso Kittrell)
- 1- 157-677 (Lawler Sharp)
- 1- 157-582 (Asa Weathers)
- 2- 157-New (George Prescott)
- 2- 157-New (FNU Wallace - I.C. Fgt. Office)
- 2- 157-New (FNU Rogers, Pine Sol.)
- 2- 157-New (FNU Shoemake) (butler for Lewis Mkt.)
- 2- 157-new (FNU Lee) (with Kompt Equip Co.)
- ① 157-63 (control)
- 1- 157-66 (Forrest Co.)
- 1- 157-676 (Travis Ainsworth)
- 1- 157-2105 (J. Watts)
- 1- 157-2142 (J. Watson)
- 1- 157-2920 (D. Evans)
- 1- 157-1181 (Dayton Gillespie)

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Informant advised that GEORGE KELLUM is under suspicion of being a leak in the Forrest County Klavern. He said that DAYTON GILLESPIE had lost all the respect from the Klan, in that he has been referred to as weak, and scared to do anything, and the Klavern is disgusted with him for not taking part in the White Citizens Council.

Informant advised that he had not heard anything more about JOSEPH M. ALBRITTON or COON DOG DOSSETT. He said DOSSETT has been noticeably absent from the area lately. He stated that JAMES EARL LEE may be identical with the LEE he referred to who went to the meeting in Jackson, Mississippi, on May 17, 1965.

Informant advised that TRAVIS AINSWORTH has been in the hospital for about 2 weeks.

He advised that JIMMY WATTS, JIMMY WATSON and DEAN EVANS have not been active, and did not attend the meeting in Jackson, Mississippi.

Hattiesburg, Miss.
May 19, 1965

"On 5-17-65 the Trailway Bus left the parking lot on Corner of East Pine and Market St. at 5:20 p.m., Hattiesburg, Miss., and went straight to the colesum in Jackson where the meeting was opened by the WILLIAM J. SIMMONS, Administrator for State Citizens Council who acted as Master of Ceremonies where different officials were introduced. Among them was Lt. Gov. CARROLL GARTIN, Atty General JOE T. PATTERSON, Commissioner of Agriculture CORLEY and State Senator GEORGE YARBROUGH from Red Banks - also former Gov. HUGH WHITE. Sheriff JIM CLARK from Selma was introduced and received a standing ovation from the crowd.

"Then ROSS BARNETT was introduced and after making a short speech in regard to Gov. WALLACE, he introduced WALLACE who opened his remarks in regard to the National Press and news medior for being unfair to the South in regard to the reporting of the news. Then he went on to the school situation and that the public health and education was going to cause chass in the South, trying to push to fast. Told about the feeling on the Civil Right Bill cooling down some since the trouble in the East and after this summer it would be about 50-50.

"Talked about the Students having the demonstrations on the campus of several colleges in regard to the Viet-Nam War. he said if that was tried in Ala. they would be expelled because they would be comitting Sabatog against the United States of America -- That the people of Ala. still loved their country even if they had been slapped on the wrist for things they did not deserve. The reaction from the people were mixed, most of the racket was made on the left side of the speaker where the people from Bogalusa, Greenwood and Millsoppi College were seated.

"The conversation going up on the bus was mostly in regard to this summer and trying to get at least 400 members for Citizen Council in Forrest County. So they could get around the seg_____ of the schools. The arrangements for the trip were handled by MR. HAMILTON and that is who the money was paid to. The fare was \$3.54 plus dinner at Dennery's after the speaking - According to a statement made there was approx. 15 members of the right church on the bus (KKK). I believe I picked about all of the men that went 1. LAWLER SHARP 2. JOHN MAUBERG 3. ACE WEATHERS 4. MR. SHOEMAKE, butcher for Lewis Gro. 5. MR. ROGERS who operates Pine Sol. 6. MR. KITRELL who is mechanic 7. LEE MYRICK, and 8. his brother 9. MR. LEE who works for Komp Equip Co. very large 10. MR. PRESCOTT 11. MR. HAMILTON and 12. son 13. MR. WALLACE ?, I.C. Freight Office.

"They have decided on a bus to go to Natchez on June 5 for a rally over there and expect people from La., Ala., Ark., Miss., Ga., Tenn. This will be on Saturday afternoon.

"Other people seen at Jackson were Mr. and Mrs. BEN GAMELL of 4th St., Mr. and Mrs. SAUL (Plumber) Dr. and Mrs. BYNUM, Dr. SMITH (makes Bullons, and anteceptis) MRS. NAN FRANCES, a MRS. HERRINGTON and MRS. LEE MYRICK and another MRS. MYRICK. Understand quite a few other were there but did not know them. The MR. FARMER you was asking about, who belongs to Church lost a leg, he is a logger. Also a MR. FISHER from Lamar County works for Gulf Ref. Co.

"They are taking the members in the Church (KKK) now five at a time and if their names leak out they are dropped so they want know anymore of the members until they have been tested other_wise they are really trying to find leak.

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Brief description of activity or material Informant advised continued efforts by CHARLES J. SEAL and HOUSTON DILLARD to revive interest in the klan in Pearl River County, Miss. has met with failure. No indication Pearl River County Klansmen (WKKKKOM) have participated in recent racial violence, Bogalusa, La. which informant believes was precipitated by CRRKKK ~~Remarks~~ in Bogalusa, La., area.

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- 1- 157-63 (WKKKKOM)
- 1- 105-14 (OKKKK)
- 1- 157-456 (Klan activities, Pearl River County)
- 1- 157-903 (Crossroads Klavern)
- 1- 157-915 (Poplarville Klavern)
- 1- 157-911 (Derby Klavern)

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- 1- 157-898 (C. J. SEALE)
- 1- 157-899 (RICHARD HAKRELL)
- 1- 157-900 (CLYDE MOODY)
- 1- 157-901 (HOUSTON DILLARD)
- 1- 157-902 (TOXIE BOONE)
- 1- 157-912 (HUBERT HARVEY)
- 1- 157-916 (VICTOR L. PETERS)
- 1- 157-1417 (CHARLES VARNADO)
- 1- 157-2052 (ROBERT LOTT)
- 1- 157-2681 (WILLIAM WALTERS)
- 1- 157-2702 (I. V. FULLENS)
- 1- 157-2703 (ROBERT PIERCE)
- 1- 157-2704 (FNU FOXWORTH)
- 1- 157-2705 (FRED SPIERS)
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- 1- 157-2707 (V. BLACKMAN)
- 1- 157-2708 (BILL ADCOCK)
- 1- 157-2709 (DONALD PENTON)
- 1- 157- (BENNIE CHILDS)
- 1- 157-2936 (ELIJAH LADNER)
- 1- 157-3051 (DOYLE DAVIS)
- 1- 44-1084 (UNSUBS; Dep. Sheriffs O'NEAL MOORE and CREED ROGERS -
VICTIMS; CR.)

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June 4, 1965

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Informant advised he has not been in the Derby or Picayune, Miss., areas recently, but has received what he believes to be reliable information that they have ceased functioning almost entirely, as has the group at Poplarville, Mississippi.

Re OKKKK

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- 1- 157-1148 (EDGER RAY KILLEN)

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- 1- 157-63 (WKKKKOM)
- 1- 157-343 (Lauderdale County)
- 1- 157-1110 (B. L. AKIN)
- 1- 157-2246 (GERRY SMITH)
- 1- 157-1324 (DEWITT W. SMITH)
- 1- 157-2628 (JIMMY SMITH)
- 1- 157-1104 (FRANK HERNDON)
- 1- 157-563 (B. C. LIDE)
- 1- 157-1106 (WAYNE ROBERTS)
- 1- 157-1124 (LEE ROBERTS)
- 1- 157-450 (BILLY BIRDSONG)
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"BLACKLIST"

On 5/2/65, a mimeographed sheet entitled "Blacklist" was distributed throughout the Meridian area. This list contained the following information - Attention white citizens of Meridian and Lauderdale County - Listed below are a few people and businesses who are traders and parasites, who would sell their souls for 30 pieces of silver - integration. After this paragraph was listed the names of 33 businessmen, police officials, and businesses. It has been rumored that LEE ROBERTS, DEXTER TORRANCE had something to do with this list and that B. L. AKIN and JIMMY SMITH probably distributed the list. On 5/3/65, AKIN was overheard to say that he and SMITH had numbers of paper to deliver. The following morning a number of blacklists were located on the lawns of various individuals.

On 5/26/65, B.L. AKIN advised that he had been summoned to the Meridian Police Department and questioned about the blacklist. He stated that he denied any knowledge of this list and that he told Police Chief GUNN that B. C. LIDE could probably furnish him some information regarding

this list. LIDE is supposed to tell GUNN that he thinks City Councilman HOPPER THOMAS and CURTIS SAXTON, THOMAS' employee, and both known integrationists, to have had something to do with this list. It should be noted that the list contained the name of HOPPER THOMAS, as well as Mayor-elect AL KEY.

It has been ascertained that the list was designed to hurt the chances of AL KEY being elected Mayor of Meridian. It was noted that this apparently did not work, since most of the Negroes in the Meridian area indicated they voted for AL KEY against Mayor BURNS.

On 5/26/65, JIMMY SMITH, Private Detective, advised that he had been called to the Meridian Police Department and was questioned any knowledge he might have regarding the black-list. SMITH stated that he told police authorities that he felt the list was published by HOPPER THOMAS and CURTIS SAXTON, and was a move designed to assist THOMAS in re-election as city councilman. SMITH added that THOMAS had been on television and said that the klan was out to get him.

B. L. AKIN

Recently, B. L. AKIN attempted to get enough

individuals interested in traveling to Jackson to attend a Citizens Council Rally. AKIN was unable to do so; however, he drove his own automobile and he was accompanied by B. C. LIDE, HERBERT BREWER, and J. B. COLLIER.

On or about 5/25/65, B. L. AKIN related that the klan was expecting some guns from Selma, Alabama.

On 5/26/65, Constable HARRY HUGHES related that he had recently been traveling with Detective MIKE NICHOLS and had learned that DEXTER TORRANCE has been made head of the "goon squad" for the klan. HUGHES stated that TORRANCE is reported to have a load of guns in the trunk of his automobile, and that the police are watching TORRANCE very closely. HUGHES stated that TORRANCE should be warned that the police may "knock him off." This information was furnished B. L. AKIN, who stated that the klan had recently got in a load of "stuff" and that TORRANCE should be notified. It was decided that WAYNE ROBERTS should be told of this in order that he might contact TORRANCE. It was ascertained that ROBERTS was drunk and unable to handle this assignment, so ED FRASIER was contacted and FRASIER indicated he would locate TORRANCE and advise him of the police's intentions.

FRANK HERNDON

On 5/25/65, FRANK HERNDON was in town and related that some of the "boys" from Selma were reported to have been in town on that date. HERNDON did not furnish any further information regarding this matter. HERNDON is presently operating a "beer joint" near Pascagoula, Mississippi.

JIMMY SMITH

JIMMY SMITH, Private Detective who is reported to be retained by B. L. AKIN, related recently that he had been questioned by the Meridian Police Department regarding the blacklist. He stated that since that time, the police have been "harassing" him and checking him very closely. SMITH stated that he is having to be very careful about his activities in view of the heat being placed on him by the police department.

On 6/1/65, SMITH related that he has been receiving calls during the night threatening his life as well as that of B. C. LIDE. He stated that the persons calling stated that if he did not "lay off" of LEE ROBERTS, he would be shot. SMITH stated that he has not been furnishing any

information regarding LEE ROBERTS and does not understand these threats. SMITH stated that recently he was interviewed by Detective MIKE NICHOLS and HARRY HUGHES and questioned about a plot to kill Sergeant C. WALLACE MILLER. SMITH related that denied any plot to kill MILLER, but stated that he will testify in court that C. WALLACE MILLER tried to get FRANK HERNDON to kill him.

LEE ROBERTS

Recently, it has been rumored that LEE ROBERTS

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It has been noticed that ROBERTS

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has been taking an excessive of sick leave and that his wife

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EDGAR RAY KILLEN

EDGAR RAY KILLEN is reported to be gathering information regarding the character of Sergeant C. WALLACE MILLER. KILLEN is a distant relative of MILLER and intends to use this information to discredit the character of MILLER, should he testify in court against KILLEN and other defendants in the slaying of the three civil rights workers in Philadelphia during June, 1964.

MARGIE BIRDSONG, FORMER WIFE OF BILLY BIRDSONG

During the middle of May, 1965, MARKUS LOVE, who is reported to be the "key man" for the State of Miss., visited Meridian, accompanied by RICHARD C. WALTERS, President of Diamond International Match Company, New York City, and his vice president. These three individuals are

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It is reported that LOVE is to assist MARGIE BIRDSONG in obtaining a settlement of approximately \$40,000 strip of land being acquired by the Mississippi State Highway Department. MARGIE BIRDSONG is reported to have recently obtained a divorce from her husband, BILLY BIRDSONG. She is also reported to have fallen in disfavor with JIMMY SMITH, and has told other klansmen that they are not welcome at the Tallyho Restaurant, which she operates.

DEWITT SMITH and GERRY SMITH

DEWITT SMITH is a known member of the WKKKKOM and his son, GERRY SMITH, a sports announcer for a local television

station, is reported to be a member of the WKKKKOM. I recall that GERRY SMITH's name was brought up for membership and approved; however, soon after that he was interviewed by the FBI. It was reported that even though he was interviewed by the FBI, he was later obligated as a member of the klan. I have never seen either GERRY SMITH or his father, DEWITT SMITH, at any klan meetings.

LAWRENCE RAINY

During the second week in May, 1965, LAWRENCE RAINY was observed at Shoemaker Court, Meridian, Miss. RAINY was observed at this location from about 3:00 a.m. until after 5:30 a.m. (Shoemaker Court is a known house of prostitution, and is located west of Meridian, Miss.)

CONRAD KEENE

CONRAD KEENE, a klansman and friend of EDGAR RAY KILLEN, has recently moved 52nd Avenue and Manning Street, Meridian, Miss.

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Information concerning Wesson, Miss.,
Unit of WKKKKOM, BILLY ASHLEY, JAMES TEASTER,
THOMAS EARL HENNINGTON

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- 1- 157- (JAMES TEASTER)
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- 1- 157- (BILLY BOUTWELL)
- 1- 157- (JAMES "PEE WEE" WILLIAMS)

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Copiah County
May 14, 1965

WKKKKOM, Wesson Unit

The Wesson Unit of the WKKKKOM of Mississippi is bothered by the fact that the FBI has been questioning all of the members and they have decided not to hold any more meetings until the FBI stops contacting their members and interviewing them.

BILLY ASHLEY and JAMES TEASTER

Recently BILLY ASHLEY and JAMES TEASTER both have decided to leave the WKKKKOM as they did not like being contacted by the FBI and they were amazed to learn that the FBI knew they were members of the WKKKKOM. TEASTER is concerned over loosing his job as a result of his membership in the WKKKKOM.

BILLY BOUTWELL

BILLY BOUTWELL has been treasurer of the Wesson klavern for approximately three months. Members of the klan are trying to talk BOUTWELL into hiring a lawyer and sueing the Potter Company for firing him due to his klan activity.

THOMAS EARL HENNINGTON

THOMAS EARL HENNINGTON has been very upset recently and is aware that the FBI knows he is a member of the klan. He was formerly active in klan activities and undoubtedly is worried about his past activities.

It is believed by members of the klan that the FBI had a list of all of the klan members in Wesson prior to their interviewing any members. The klan suspects JAMES "PEE WEE" WILLIAMS as being one of the persons who talked to the FBI.

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- 1-157-GARLAND WHITE
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- 1-157-J. M. FOSTER
- 1-157-DR. HENNINGTON (BROOKHAVEN)
- 1-157-JULIUS HARPER
- 1-157-JACK SEALE
- 1-157-LOUIS DI SALVO
- 1-157-CLYDE SEALE
- 1-157-L. C. MURRAY
- 1-157-486
- 1-157-CHARLES FALVEY

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- 1) Info re various klansmen
- 2) Report on state officers meet, 5-16-65

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Informant made available a photostat copy of a charter for the Anti-Communist Christian Association which he stated is the klan charter for the Sixth Congressional District of Louisiana. A xerox copy of this charter is being enclosed for the New Orleans Division.

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- 1 - 157-JACK SEALE
- 1 - 157-PAUL LAFAYETTE FOSTER
- 1 - 157-J. M. FOSTER
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- 1 - 157-(FNU) DILLARD

- 2 - 157-471
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 - 1 - New Orleans (157-OKKKK of Louisiana) (Enc. 1)
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 - 1 - 157-W. R. MANGUM
 - 1 - 157-JULIUS HARPER
 - 1 - 157-18
 - 1 - 157-W.C.P. & L.D.F.
 - 1 - 157-ROBERT SHELTON
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Informant also made available a copy of the Konstitution of the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of USA, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (a copy of this is not being furnished to the New Orleans Division in view of the fact that they presently have a copy of this "Konstitution" in their possession).

Informant advised that Mrs. CLYDE SEALE, Bunckley Community, Franklin County, Mississippi, made the statement in the presence of the informant that the WKKKKOM knew the names of the FBI Agents and where they were from before the Agents arrived.

Informant advised that at the meeting ROBERT SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, UKA, reported in attached report that JACK SEALE told the informant that ERNEST PARKER of Natchez had monitored the FBI radio transmissions during the UKA Klonvocation at Natchez on 5/15-16/65. Informant stated he did not know if PARKER monitored the MHSP frequency or the FBI frequency but that SEALE further stated that PARKER was installing new radio equipment in his airplane.

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Informant advised that SAM BOWERS at the officers meeting of the WKKKKOM on 5-16-65 at Jackson, Mississippi, made the statement that FBI informants would be called in closed session of the HCUA hearings and that other klansmen would be called in public session.

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In the officers meet on 5-16-65 (FNU) DILLARD from Pearl River County, Mississippi, made the statement he was obtaining information from a man who has a daughter in Jackson who has been employed at the FBI office since the Jackson office was opened. The informant got the impression that this daughter is married and lives in Jackson and that her father resides in the Crossroads, Mississippi, area. DILLARD stated this father asked his daughter who sold out the names of the klansmen in the Crossroads area and they mentioned a suspect to which the daughter replied that they should look further down the road.

Informant stated that it appears those at the officers meet suspect (FNU) VARNADO of Picayune, Mississippi, as being an FBI informant. According to DILLARD the klan is laying a trap for VARNADO. The informant expressed the opinion that DILLARD may be

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an informant of the FBI and that he is attempting to divert attention from himself. Informant stated that he personally does not feel there is any truth in the story about the FBI employee divulging information to the klan but he feels that since this story has been repeated several times in his presence that it is possible if the klan persists in repeating the story that some "hot headed" klansman may kill VARNADO because he believes him to be an informant of the FBI. Informant stated that following the state officers meet he personally went to C. J. SEALE and LOUIS DI SALVO and told them to tell VARNADO about the fact he was suspected of being an FBI informant and for VARNADO to keep a gun handy. Informant stated that in his conversation with C. J. SEALE and LOUIS DI SALVO he did not feel that either of these individuals suspected VARNADO of being an informant.

Information contained in the enclosed report, if used in a report being prepared for dissemination, should be suitably paraphrased in order to adequately protect the identity of the informant.

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New Orleans, Louisiana
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Informant advised that on 5-17-65 in conversation with C. J. SEALE and LOUIS DI SALVO he determined that C. J. SEALE will bring into the UKA, Inc., the units of the WKKKKOM in Crossroads, Picayune and Derby. DI SALVO promised him that he would bring into the UKA the WKKKKOM units in the Bay St. Louis area.

Informant advised on 5-14-65 he went to Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, and set up a meet with LOUIS DI SALVO for Monday night, 5-17-65. Following this he went to the Crossroads area and met with C. J. SEALE to set up a meet for Monday night, 5-17-65. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss having the WKKKKOM join the UKA.

On 5-15-65, informant went to Jackson, Mississippi, to see (FNU) FORTENBERRY whom he was unable to locate. Informant did visit with BILL SULLIVAN in Jackson and was told that all of the Jackson units of the WKKKKOM with the exception of one or two had gone over to the UKA.

Following his meeting with SULLIVAN informant went to Magee, Mississippi, and visited with W. R. MANGUM. MANGUM made the statement that the Mount Olive-Magnolia Unit has the tightest group with no leaks. He based this statement on the fact that only nine klansmen in this unit had been interviewed by FBI Agents. Informant stated he asked MANGUM if there had been any incidents or trouble in this area to which MANGUM replied there had not been any trouble. Informant then stated he pointed out to MANGUM that perhaps the FBI would have informants in his unit but had only interviewed nine klansmen in order not to divulge the fact that they were fully acquainted with the klansmen in his unit.

Informant stated he inquired of MANGUM if MANGUM was going to help the informant with the idea of forming a political party and disbanding the klan. MANGUM stated he would go along with this idea if it did not interfere with the WKKKKOM. Informant stated he then advised MANGUM that the WKKKKOM had done absolutely nothing but had taken an oath to uphold the Constitution of the U. S. in an honorable way. Instead of doing this the WKKKKOM had played into

the hands of the Negro by causing incidents and creating strife.

Informant advised that on Sunday, 5-16-65, there was a meeting of the state officers of the WKKKKOM in the American Insurance Company offices located in the Magnolia Towers building, Jackson, Mississippi. Informant stated that he went to this meeting with CLYDE SEALE of the Bunckley Community, Franklin County, Mississippi; that JULIUS HARPER of Crystal Springs was picked up en route to Jackson. Present at the meeting was SAM BOWERS and BOWERS made a talk about dissension in the members of the WKKKKOM and about the impending investigation by HCUA. Informant stated he replied to BOWERS regarding the dissension that this was caused by the officers of the WKKKKOM calling "booger" all the time. Informant pointed out that everyone in the WKKKKOM is "running scared" and that this caused distrust and dissension among the members.

JULIUS HARPER made a short talk which dealt with getting informants of the FBI out of the klan.

ERNEST S. GILBERT gave a talk regarding the idea that the klan should be dissolved and a large political organization formed throughout the South with a very small per cent of klansmen as members of this organization.

The discussion at this meeting then turned toward the HCUA hearings and it was decided that the WKKKKOM would have Attorney HUGH BAILEY and some other Jackson Attorney present with each klansman when he appears before the HCUA and that the klansman and the attorneys would attempt to embarrass and make fools out of the HCUA.

Informant advised that it was then brought out that the WKKKKOM will again put out the jugs formerly used by the White Christian Protective and Legal Defense Fund (WCP&LDF) with new labels on the jugs asking for help. It was brought out that the hearings by the HCUA should be used by the klan for propaganda purposes in that the klan can use the approach that the klan is being persecuted by the Federal government which is unable to prove anything against the klan.

There was a discussion regarding having stencils made to attach KKK on bridge abutments, highway signs, and similar such places.

Informant advised that at the meeting JULIUS HARPER made the comment that A. C. ANDREWS, who manages a plant at Wesson, Mississippi, had been visited by two FBI Agents who made ANDREWS fire an employee. HARPER stated he wanted to institute a suit against the FBI charging ANDREWS and the FBI with violation of the civil rights of the employee who was fired.

Informant advised that on Sunday night, 5-23-65, there was to be a meeting at Brookhaven, Mississippi, at which time CLYDE SEALE, BILLY BUCKLES and other leaders of the WKKKKOM were to discuss moving from the WKKKKOM to the UKA.

Informant advised that at the officers meeting in Jackson on 5-16-65, that (FNU) DILLARD from Pearl River County was appointed "co-ordinator" by SAM BOWERS upon the request of (FNU) PURSER who is from the Mississippi Gulf Coast area. DILLARD then made the statement that the klan had fooled C. J. SEALE as the last state meeting was held on DILLARD's property in the Crossroads area and they had "cut out" C. J. SEALE. Informant advised that at this point ERNEST S. GILBERT gave DILLARD hell as a "Johnny come lately" who was now saying what was good for the klan and what was not good for the klan. GILBERT then jumped on BOWERS for breaking up the Poplarville units by saying he had goon squads who would "eliminate" any klansman who got out of line.

Informant advised that SAM BOWERS is now trying to get his trusted men into position in the WKKKKOM to control the organization. He stated BOWERS appoints all Titans and Co-ordinators which are officers made up by BOWERS and have no connection with the klan insofar as the Constitution is concerned.

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RE: M. W. HAMILTON

On 5/8/65, source advised that MARVIN WORD had been to Hattiesburg, Mississippi, one night during the weekend 5/8/65 to attend a Karate instruction class and had attempted to contact HAMILTON by telephone, without success. Subsequent to this, WORD told FATHO OVERBY that he doubted that HAMILTON would talk to him even if he was successful in contacting HAMILTON. OVERBY also furnished HAMILTON's name and address as being M. W. HAMILTON, 711 South Main, Petal, Miss., wrote the initials A.O.G. on a slip of paper and told WORD to show that to HAMILTON and tell him OVERBY sent him and HAMILTON would know WORD was okay.

On 5/13/65, source furnished the following information: GATHO OVERBY was at some sort of meeting recently at which he was asked by some individual, whose identity is unknown to the source, if he had a gun. GATHO said yes, a .32 cal. pistol. This individual asked him if it was registered and OVERBY said no. This individual then told OVERBY his gun was no good and for him to take the one the individual then handed OVERBY. OVERBY also said he heard HAMILTON tell another individual that he (HAMILTON) had access to plastic explosives through his surplus store.

On 5/18/65, source advised as follows: GATHO OVERBY saw HAMILTON at the coliseum in Jackson on Monday evening at the White Monday meeting. At that time OVERBY approached HAMILTON about having MARVIN WORD give Karate instructions to a group in Hattiesburg. HAMILTON told OVERBY he did not want to have anything to do with anyone not known to HAMILTON personally.

ACTIVITY AT MONROE, LA.

On 5/13/65, source advised the following individuals were present at the house of HOUSTON P. MORRIS on 5/8/65 and received Karate instructions from MARVIN WORD:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
CARL FARTHEREE	323-5723
HOUSTON P. MORRIS	----
J. E. LEE	323-0484
CHARLES COBB	396-2346
H. L. SANFORD	396-2595
W. J. KIDD	373-1220
JESSIE LENORD	325-1630
T. D. HIGHTOWER	373-2130
BILL TERRY	665-2239
JIMMY MOORHEAD	325-5784

TERRY and MOORHEAD are new to this Karate class. Source believes TERRY works on a dairy farm. It is believed MOORHEAD works at a paper mill.

W. J. KIDD carries a little black book of names and appears to be the number two man next to MORRIS. KIDD carries name cards the front of which bears a confederate flag in the two upper corners and the words, "Christianity Freedom" in the top center. His name, W. J. KIDD, Box 115, Swartz, Louisiana, appears in the center of the card. In the lower left corner is the notation: "CB Radio CH 1-15 KKR3808". His telephone number, 373-1220, appears in the lower right corner. The flags are in color, and the printing is in red and blue ink. The reverse of the card bears the following: "When the Edicts, Decrees and Commands of Un-elected Judges, Bureaucrats, and Dictators order us to violate the moral laws of God and Man, should we become immoral?"

Two individuals from Arkansas were in attendance of the class held on 5/15/65. It is believed they were from Hamburg, Arkansas. HOUSTON P. MORRIS and others also were in attendance on 5/15/65.

ACTIVITY AT NATCHEZ, MISSISSIPPI

On 5/18/65, source furnished the following information:

GATHO OVERBY said there was to be a rally at Natchez, Mississippi, on a Saturday in the near future at 3:00 p.m. at which Sheriff CLARK from Selma, Alabama and some Judge would speak.

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- 1- 157-1662
- 1- 157-2190
- 1- 157-2200
- 1- 157-2446
- 1- 157-2627
- 1- 157-2838
- 1- 157-2839
- 1- 157-987 (BILLY L. WOODS)
- 1- 157- (GEORGE NOSSER)

- 1- 157- (ERNEST AVANTS)
- 1- 157- (C. L. WHEELER)
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- 1- 157- (WKKKKOM, Adams County)

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ORIGINAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (OKKKK)

Individual klan members of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi (WKKKKOM) and officers of this organization in the Adams County, Mississippi area, have no knowledge of any plan on the part of the OKKKK to combine all klan groups into one organization.

"TINY" LEWIS

"TINY" LEWIS, a person with whom the informant is well acquainted, is believed to have been a member of the United States Navy during World War Two. He was probably born in Hinds County, Mississippi, and was most probably educated at Terry, Miss. LEWIS is no longer a Province Giant in the WKKKKOM.

UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC. (UKA), WALTHALL COUNTY, MISS.

The informant has no knowledge relating to activities or units of the UKA, Inc., in Walthall County.

BURNING OF COFO BUILDINGS, INDIANOLA, MISS.

The informant has no knowledge of the person or persons responsible for the burning of several buildings used by the COFO at Indianola, Miss., in the recent past.

WKKKKOM, WILKINSON COUNTY, MISS.

It is not believed that meetings of the unit of the WKKKKOM in Wilkinson County, Miss., are being held at the present time on any regular basis.

ACTIVITIES OF INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF THE WKKKKOM AND UKA, INC., ADAMS COUNTY, MISS.

JIMMY D. MITCHELL is not engaging in sufficient klan activity to make himself known to officers of the WKKKKOM in the Adams County area at the present time.

MARION LEE HOUSE is strongly interested in the erection of billboards depicting civil rights leader MARTIN LUTHER KING at a communist training school. HOUSE has assisted in erecting several of these signs.

JOHN BOSTICK has greatly decreased his activities in the WKKKKOM in recent weeks due to an increased workload. The increased workload came about as a result of a fire at the "Natchez Democrat" newspaper building where he is employed and he now has to drive on a daily basis to Vicksburg or McComb, Miss. BOSTICK has in his possession sufficient money for the purchase of several walkie-talkie type radios for the WKKKKOM.

ROBERT LEE TEMPLETON is not known to be a member of the WKKKKOM or the UKA, Inc. He is not known to the informant.

JOHN NOSSER, Mayor of Natchez, Miss., who is not known to be a member of any klan type organization, but who sometimes appears outwardly sympathetic to klan organizations, is presently suffering in business from an unofficial boycott on the part of many Negro citizens in Adams County, Miss. NOSSER owns or has interest in three large supermarkets in Natchez, Miss.

FNU BRASWELL is not known to be engaging in klan activity at the present time.

PERCY NETTLES is believed to be a membership recruiter for the UKA, Inc., in the Adams County, Miss., area.

BILLY L. WOODS is presently taking flying lessons at the Natchez Adams County Airport and he has purchased a one-fourth interest in a light airplane. WOODS has expressed the desire to be a crop-dusting pilot.

GEORGE NOSSER, the son of Natchez Mayor JOHN NOSSER, is very worried about his business situation due to the Negro boycott and is presently trying desperately to induce the white residents of the Natchez community to trade with him.

ERNEST AVANTS, a member of the WKKKKOM in Adams County, Miss., is believed by many of his associates to be losing his mind. He traveled to a fish camp south of Vidalia, La., on Sunday, 5/16/65, and had his wife and 7 year-old son with him. AVANTS had strapped a .22 caliber pistol in a holster on his 7 year-old son's hip and was teaching him to shoot at logs floating in the Mississippi River. AVANTS was extremely drunk and was asked by other members of the fishing camp to leave the area or take the .22 pistol away from the small boy.

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1-157-CHARLES FALVEY

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On 5-27-65, informant met with former governor ROSS BARNETT in the office of BARNETT in Jackson, Mississippi. Informant advised BARNETT that he represented a large group in Mississippi which was affiliated with a large group in the Southern states. Informant advised BARNETT that he needed advise politically and the help of someone who could command respect among the people of Mississippi. BARNETT advised the informant that he would be glad to help in any way that he might which would benefit the people of the South.

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HAROLD A. JEFCOAT is secretary of the Forrest County Klavern of the KKK.

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The source reported that the name of the individual, who works for West Brothers Trucking Company, and had been previously identified by the source as the secretary of the Forrest County Klavern of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, is HAROLD A. JEFCOAT, 211 Smith Street, Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

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Brief description of activity or material

- Info re **FOIA(b) (7) - (D)**
- Information re numerous klansmen
- WKKKKOM units swing over the UKA

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Informant advised that he had overheard klansmen discussing the fact that the klan was able to obtain a "delayed action pill" which consists of several capsules, one within the other. These capsules are dropped into the gas tanks of automobiles and after some period of time, there is an explosion, the extent of which is unknown to the informant.

Informant stated that in conversation with JACK SEALE, Natchez, Miss., he was told by JACK SEALE that SEALE had been catching a great number of rattle snakes. Informant stated that knowing the warped mind of JACK SEALE, he could only surmise that SEALE was contemplating placing these snakes

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THE FOREGOING INFORMATION SHOULD NOT BE DISSEMINATED, AS THE INFORMANT HAS STATED THAT THE FOREGOING TWO ITEMS RE THE DELAYED PILLS AND THE RATTLE SNAKES COULD QUITE POSSIBLY BE "BAIT" INFORMATION BEING PUT OUT BY JACK SEALE TO TEST THE INFORMANT.

Informant advised that JACK SEALE appears to be very friendly with the informant and also the individual whom the informant "allowed to talk him" into joining the UKA. Informant stated that he does not feel that JACK SEALE suspects him; however, the informant stated he would continue to be very apprehensive concerning any of his dealings with the SEALES.

Informant identified photo of [FOIA(b)(7) - (D)] as an inner guard at a meeting in Bogalusa, Louisiana approximately a week ago when the informant, JULIUS HARPER, BILLY BUCKLES, DR. HENNINGTON, CLYDE SEALE, CHARLES FALVEY AND J. M. FOSTER, all from Mississippi, went to Bogalusa at the request of the Bogalusa group to explain the WKKKKOM constitution and its functions. Informant stated he recalled [FOIA(b)(7) - (D)] was dressed in a black robe and was wearing a .45 caliber automatic pistol on the outside of his robe.

The above-mentioned meeting was held approximately eight miles west southwest of Bogalusa, La., in a "shotgun" building with a small room in front, and behind this, a long and larger room.

SAXON FARMER was in charge of the meeting and FARMER was attempting to pull his group out of the OKKKK of Louisiana.

Informant advised that approximately three months ago, SAXON FARMER and 11 other individuals came to the informant's house for further advice regarding organizing a new klan group in the 6th Congressional District of La.

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Informant was exhibited the Louisiana driver's licenses of the following individuals, all of whose photos he identified as klansmen in the 6th Congressional District of Louisiana:

VIRGIL E. CORKERN, # 667994; EDWARD D. BURKETT, #930430; EDDIE P. DUBUISSON, #1955384.

Informant advised that he was unable to see any close association between the above-named three individuals FOIA(b) (7) - (D) inasmuch as he had not closely associated with these individuals.

Informant advised that within the next few days, he is to contact klansmen in the Crossroads, Derby, and Picayune areas at which time he may obtain information regarding the murder of the Deputy Sheriff in Bogalusa, La.

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1- 157- (FNU OVERBY) (phonetic), Brandon store owner

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(Joe DANIEL HAWKINS)

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Informant advised that within the next few days he will visit C. J. SEALE, who resides in the Crossroads, Mississippi area, at which time SEALE is to bring into the United Klans of America (UKA) the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi (WKKKKOM) units at Derby, Crossroads, and two Picayune units.

Informant advised that on 5/28/65, he went to Prentiss, Miss., and visited with FELTER POLK, who is the individual who swore Preacher BROWN and Preacher BILBO into the WKKKKOM. Informant stated that BROWN now resides at Brookhaven, Mississippi.

FELTER POLK stated he had gone to north Mississippi to see GORDON LACKEY at the specific request of SAM BOWERS and LACKEY told POLK how to build a furnace which is fired by butane gas. This furnace would be used to cremate Negroes or anyone else the klan wished to eliminate. POLK came back to Prentiss and built one or more of these furnaces. POLK stated that BOWERS had promised him that the state treasurer of the WKKKKOM would pay for the building of these furnaces, but that POLK had at no time received any remuneration for these furnaces which he still had in his possession. POLK did not discuss the location of these furnaces.

Informant stated that he went to Columbia, Miss., and met LOUIS ANTHONY DI SALVO. Together, they went to a klan meet at Cocomo, which was held in a field with no shelter. It rained during this meeting. This was a meeting of a Columbia unit. Present were two visiting klansmen from Walthall County who advised the informant that the Walthall Unit had broken up and formed a unit of their own. These two individuals, whose identity is not known to the informant, asked for a poster of MARTIN LUTHER KING at the Highlander Folk School, Monteage, Tennessee. Informant agreed to furnish these individuals with a poster. These same two individuals then asked the informant if their Walthall

Unit could come into the UKA and keep it a secret. The informant advised them that this could be arranged, and that he would use fictitious names for their dues.

Informant advised that an individual by the name of FORTENBERRY, who said he was from Columbia, Miss., and is described as being young, 6 feet tall, slender build, crew-cut, and wearing a .45 caliber automatic pistol in a holster on his stomach, advised the informant that he was either joining the UKA or he was going to Bogalusa and join the group there.

Informant advised that on 5/29/65, he went to Natchez, Miss., and saw EDDIE MC DANIEL, Grand Dragon, Realm of Mississippi, UKA, who said he had been up for two days and nights keeping the "niggers" out of Duncan Park. MC DANIEL advised the informant that the demonstration by the klansmen in the park put pressure on the Chief of Police in Natchez to do something. MC DANIEL made the statement that the "klansmen would be back at the park each and every time the Negroes attempted to integrate the park."

Informant stated that while he was conversing with MC DANIEL, that BILL SULLIVAN called from Jackson and advised them that two klansmen were in jail at Brandon, for pointing a gun at a Negro. Informant stated that this "shook" MC DANIEL and that after he settled down, the informant agreed to go to Brandon and attempt to get the two klansmen out of jail.

Informant stated he proceeded to Brandon where he met BILL SULLIVAN. Informant stated from inquiry and conversation in Brandon, he determined that the Chief of Police of Brandon and the son of the Chief of Police are both members of the WKKKKOM. The Chief of Police then took them to a grocery store and explained before entering that the owner of the grocery is a member of the WKKKKOM and would be a good man for the informant to know. Informant stated that he recalled the owner of the store to be named OVERBY, and that OVERBY apparently recognized him as the KBI Agent for the WKKKKOM.

OVERBY advised the informant to get the bonds

at the Sheriff's Office and he would sign them and "they had better let them out." Informant stated he obtained the bond from the Deputy Sheriff, as the Sheriff could not be located. After the bonds were signed, the Deputy Sheriff did contact the Sheriff by radio, at which time the Sheriff stated if the bonds were not "right" and the men were released, that it was possible that a Federal Marshal might pick up these two individuals and take them to a Federal institution. It was decided to leave the two men in jail until Sunday morning to insure that there was no difficulty in connection with the bonds.

Informant stated that he then visited with the two men in jail and advised them as to why they were not being released Saturday night and that they would be released the following morning. Informant stated he pointed out to these individuals that the march of the Negroes had not been successful but that by pointing a gun at one of the Negroes, the klansmen had actually made the march a success, as this gave the Negroes widespread publicity.

Informant advised that he and BILL SULLIVAN would, on 6/10/65, go to Smith County to swear in 100 or more klansmen into the UKA. These klansmen are from the Raleigh, Taylorsville, Bay Springs, Silvenia, and Mize area.

Informant advised that on 5/30/65, CLYDE SEALE, his wife; DON SEALE and his wife; DI SALVO and his wife, went to Whitworth College, Brookhaven, Miss., to hear ex-governor ROSS BARNETT make a speech.

Informant advised that on 5/31/65, he went to Natchez and picked up literature and wrote a press release for E. L. MC DANIEL. He then returned to Brookhaven, where he swore in J. M. FOSTER and T. E. SMITH. These individuals promised that they would take into the UKA "the cream of the crop" in the Brookhaven area and that there would be no "hot-heads." Informant was asked if this was meant to include CHARLES FALVEY, whom he has previously described as a "mean and tough" individual whom the Agents should handle

with caution, to which informant replied that FALVEY was to be sworn into the UKA because the informant felt as other klansmen in the Brookhaven area felt, that FALVEY could be controlled by the klansmen and that it was much better to have him in the klan where he could be watched than to antagonize him and have him against the klan.

Informant advised that on June 1, 1965, EDDIE MC DANIEL and himself met with Dr. HENNINGTON's group which is the Laurel and West Lincoln group, to discuss swinging this group over from the WKKKKOM to the UKA. Informant stated that this group "talked favorably" and that they would advise him within two weeks whether or not they would make such a move.

Informant advised that DR. HENNINGTON had made the comment on this occasion that he had recently been visited by 2 FBI Agents and that they were "real nice to him for a change."

Informant stated that the meeting of Dr. HENNINGTON's group mentioned above was held on the property of "Three Finger" HOMER SMITH, but that this has no particular significance as to locating the place, since SMITH owns several farms in the Brookhaven area.

Informant advised that on 6/2/65, SHELBY BREWER was summoned as a kleague.

Informant advised that Professor (FNU) EVERETTE of Whitworth College, Brookhaven, Miss., is to be sworn into the UKA and EVERETTE is asking the klan to help him secure finances to set up a high school which would be a private school in conjunction with the College of Whitworth.

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SA REESIE L. TIMMONS

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Above informant when contacted on 6/17/65, furnished the following information when questioned as to why it was so difficult to contact him, and why he would not go to a pay telephone to call the writer or SA HARRELL:

Approximately four to five months ago, CHARLIE STRINGER, a radio announcer from Mc Comb, Miss., spoke to his Klan Unit in the Salem, Miss., area as he had done on other occasions in the past. On this occasion STRINGER commented at length regarding the number of members of various Klans throughout the State of Miss., who worked for the telephone companies, the number of daughters, wives, sisters, girl friends, of these and other Klan members who worked for the telephone companies, and how the Klan could check any telephone call to any individual in the state at any time of the day.

STRINGER advised the members of his Unit that the Klan could check any telephone they wanted to, it did not matter what part of the state or what position the individual may hold whose phone calls they wanted monitored they could have it done with one phone call the the right party.

(Above information was furnished to Inspector Sullivan on 6/18/65 for his information)

It is recommended that above information be called to attention of all agents in the Division if not done at an earljer date.

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

WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
OF MISSISSIPPI
RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)
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Attached for the Bureau is the original and seven copies of LHM reflecting information relating to a state meeting of the captioned organization on 6/27/65.

The confidential source of information referred to in the attached LHM is FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

One copy of this LHM has been furnished to Secret Service, Jackson, INTC, Ft. McPherson, Ga., OSI, Barksdale AFB, La., and ONI, 6th Naval District, Charleston, S. C.

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Will continue to follow and report on the activities of the captioned organization.

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Jackson, Mississippi**June 28, 1965**

Chief
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Dear Sir:

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

1. Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
2. Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
3. Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.
4. U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.
5. Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:
 - (a) Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior;
 - (b) Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
 - (c) Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.
6. Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

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Very truly yours,


 John Edgar Hoover
 Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s))
 U. S. Secret Service • **Jackson**

Enclosure(s)

(Upon removal of classified enclosures, if any, this transmittal form becomes UNCLASSIFIED.)

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Jackson, Mississippi
June 29, 1965

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

On June 28, 1965, a confidential source of information, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished a copy of the following letter to a Special Agent of the FBI:

"White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan
Realm Headquarters
Realm of Mississippi

"To all Klaverns:

"Plans for a top secret action on state-wide scale enclosed below:

"Select the best group of men in your unit and begin immediately to prepare for a state-wide cross burning July 1, 1965 at 9:30 p.m. sharp. Use a standard 5 feet high by 3 feet wide cross. Properly wrap with sacks or cloth and soak in a half and half mixture of gasoline and diesel fuel for at least 18 hours. Burn these crosses in public places. This is a SYMBOLIC CROSS BURNING. Each unit will burn two crosses only. No person is to make any call to a radio, newspaper or TV station. This will be done by the proper officers in the Klan. All men involved will keep this project as secret as possible. Highway intersections, court house lawns and such places are ideal. Pick a place with safety first in mind. Then pick a place that the most people will see the crosses. Throughout this entire operation all Klansmen are urged to use the utmost amount of caution.

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OF MISSISSIPPI**

All Klaverns are urged to participate unless absolutely prevented from doing so and if prevented must make an explanation to their province officers why they did not participate.

"Should any member become involved with the law or become caught, then the proper member or officer of his unit will immediately contact the Province Giant or Investigator.

"Unified Order 1-65

"The Staff of Grand Officers
"The White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan
"Realm of Mississippi

"June 26, 1965--

"DO NOT BURN THESE CROSSES ON ANY PRIVATE
PROPERTY WHATSOEVER."

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

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

Attached for the Bureau is the original and seven copies of a LHM reflecting information received indicating a planned state-wide cross burning on the part of the captioned organization on 7/1/65.

The confidential source of information referred to in the attached LHM is FOIA(b) (7) - (D)

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Notification of local law enforcement officers and appropriate Federal agencies regarding this matter is being delayed pending contacts with additional racial informants in the Jackson Division in order to establish that this is not an attempt to trap the source of information.

At such time as additional information is received, appropriate local law enforcement officials and government agencies will be advised.

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Identity of various individuals in the Brookhaven area who are possible klausmen.

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Other topics discussed on this meet have been included in a separate memo to the SAC, Jackson, Mississippi, by SA CLARENCE G. PROSPERE, captioned N. 50-R and dated 5-16-65.

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New Orleans, Louisiana
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Informant was exhibited a list of employees of the Wire Bound Box Company, Brookhaven, Mississippi, at which time he identified the following individuals as either presently being or having been klansmen:

~~WILLIE ELIJAH DOUGLAS~~

~~HUGHEY MACK REEVES~~

~~WESLEY RAY LEWIS~~

~~JOHNNY HUGH BOYLES~~

~~JAMES R. LAMBERT~~

~~JAMES CURTIS NATIONS~~

~~PRENTISS WILLIAMS~~

~~GERALD BURKE~~

~~JAMES COLON SMITH~~

~~LAMAN POSEY~~

~~GEORGE PENNINGTON~~

~~JAMES ALLEN MARTIN~~

~~SHELTON THOMAS CASE~~

~~BENTON L. PORTER~~

~~WILLIAM BENJAMIN THOMPSON~~

~~DAVID EARL THORNHILL~~

~~CHARLES E. CASE~~

~~MILFRED T. MALONE~~

Informant advised that the individuals listed below could not be identified positively by him in view of the fact there was insufficient information to identify these individuals. He pointed out that should he be furnished such information as description, location of residence, relatives, prior employment, he would possibly be able to either identify or eliminate the following individuals as klansmen:

PAUL R. LEA

LAFAYETTE W. MC DAVID

HOLTON SMITH

ALEXANDER HALL

HOLLIS D. ROBERTS

TOMMIE B. JAMES

EDWARD GURSTELL JOHNSON

JACKIE G. COTHERN

JAMES KNOX LAIRD

PAUL EXCELL THOMPSON

VIRGIL R. FARMER

SIDNEY RATCLIFF



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Jackson, Mississippi

June 28, 1965

In Reply, Please Refer to
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WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
OF MISSISSIPPI
RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

On June 28, 1965, a confidential source of information, who has furnished reliable information in the past, 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 (WKKKKOM) was held on June 27, 1965. This meeting was held in Carroll County, Mississippi, approximately seven miles east of Greenwood, Mississippi. A total of 86 men attended the meeting. Thirty-three units of the WKKKKOM were represented. The meeting was held in the front yard of a private home belonging to an unidentified white man.

The meeting opened at 10:00 a.m. with a prayer. Thereafter, J. K. Greer was elected moderator and served in that capacity throughout the meeting. W. R. Mangum acted as chaplain.

State officers, including Billy Buckles and Sam Bowers, spoke at length regarding the attempts of the United Klans of America, Inc., to gain a foothold in the State of Mississippi. Instructions were issued that no members of the WKKKKOM were to associate with members of the United Klans of America, Inc. (UKA). Billy Buckles compared the association of the WKKKKOM and the UKA to that of the United States and Russia during World War II in that they were engaged in a common cause but did not trust one another.

Sam Bowers, Imperial Wizard, stated that there was no need to worry about the House Committee on Un-American Activities investigation due to the fact that he believed that only Federal Bureau of Investigation informants would be

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called to testify at the hearings and in this way the Federal Bureau of Investigation informers would be pointed out.

Sam Bowers observed a Dodge automobile with four white men riding in it pass by the meeting place and he stated that these individuals were probably law enforcement officers.

After a lunch period, the meeting resumed and several resolutions were passed. One of these resolutions was "a resolution requiring all Knights of the WKKKKM to get in or out." One paragraph of this resolution is as follows:

"That commencing on the first day of August, 1965, and continuing thereafter no officer or member of the WKKKKM may contact, discuss or negotiate any Klan business, nor enter into any Klan inspired relationship, nor represent himself, nor acknowledge himself to be a Klansman, with any officer or member of the UKA in the Realm of Mississippi, upon pain of banishment from the WKKKKM except, only that licensed Kleagle of the WKKKKM may attempt to recruit United members into the WKKKKM with the direct knowledge and special permission of the Imperial Wizard of the WKKKKM in each case."

The confidential source stated that Bowers made it quite clear that the WKKKKOM and UKA were to have no further contacts with regard to any Klan business.

An election of officers was held for the purpose of electing a new Klan investigator. An individual named (first name unknown) Nix, who operates John's Restaurant, Laurel, Mississippi, was elected the new Klan investigator.

WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
OF MISSISSIPPI

The assembled members voted to appropriate \$300 per month toward publication of the "Southern Review" newspaper. Final action on this matter depends on the action of the Klan Bursars.

A financial accounting was presented to the members and votes were taken on the various bills outstanding.

It was decided that if at least \$300 is available in the treasury of the WKKKKOM that at least \$300 and no more than \$500 is to be sent to the white man being held in Bogalusa, Louisiana, for the murder of a Negro deputy. This money is to be used for legal defense.

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Date(s) of activity
June, 1965

Brief description of activity or material

Meeting of members of South Jackson Unit and members from other units in Hinds County at new place, 6-2-65. Eleven new members sworn in by BURRIS DUNN who conducted initiation ceremony. All those present wore robes and hoods. Next meeting scheduled to be held 6-15-65 for election of officers

Remarks:

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- 1- 157-63 (WKKKKOM)
- 1- 44-1 (MIBURN)
- 1- 157-54 (HINDS COUNTY)
- 1- 157- (H.H. HEREDEN)
- 1- 157- (BURRIS DUNN)
- 1- 157- (CHARLES C. WILSON)
- 1- 157- (KEN HENSARLING)
- 1- 157- (MARSHALL SANFORD)
- 1- 157- (PLUMMER SANFORD)
- 1- 157- (EARL COMFORT)
- 1- 157- (MEREDITH W. TATUM)

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FBI-Jackson

June 4, 1965

MEETING OF MEMBERS OF SOUTH JACKSON KLAVERN

A meeting was held the evening of 6-2-65 in a wooded area at the South end of Siwell Road. To get there you go South on Siwell Road from Raymond Road and take the right fork near the end of Siwell and proceed approximately one-fourth mile into a wooded area.

There were 25 individuals in hoods and robes and about seven to ten guards around the meeting area. The only recognizable guard was a heavy set individual who lives in Choctaw Village and is employed at Zinsco Electrical Products Company in Jackson. The meeting commenced at 8:15 p.m. and lasted about an hour and a half.

There were 11 new members sworn in and the initiation ceremony was conducted by BURRIS DUNN. The only recognizable members were:

H.H. HEREDEEN
JOHN MC GREGOR
CHARLES C. WILSON
KEN HENSARLING
MARSHALL SANFORD
PLUMMER SANFORD.

The purpose of the meeting was to swear in the new members and announce that the next regularly scheduled meeting was to be held on 6-15-65 for the election of officers.

The swearing in ceremony was very formal, the meeting was brief and the members did not stand around talking after the meeting as had been customary in the past.

At the next meeting in addition to the elections, plans of reorganization will be discussed. It is not contemplated that robes will be worn at this meeting.

The proposed election of officers will include the Jackson area and possibly maybe countywide.

MISCELLANEOUS

EARL COMFORT, a friend of MEREDITH W. TATUM, is a member of the North Jackson Unit.

The present manager of Mid-State Glass Company, 614 South West Street was the Exalted Cyclops of the North Jackson Unit up to a few months ago and is believed to be serving in that capacity now although the unit does not appear to have been too active recently. All the male employees in this company are members of the North Jackson Klavern and meetings have been held at 614 South West Street in the past. It is believed that there are four or five employees in this firm.

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Date(s) of activity
General information

Brief description of activity or material

Efforts of BUBBA DRAIN, ED BERRY, to have CURTIS DAVIS drop complaint against THOMAS EARL HENNINGTON.

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Remarks:

Informant did not authenticate information furnished.

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- 1- 157-63
- 1- 157-1985
- 1- 157- (BUBBA DRAIN)
- 1- 157- (ED BERRY)

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FBI - JACKSON

June 8, 1965
Wesson, Mississippi

Informant advised that ED BERRY, the banker in Wesson, and "BUBBA" DRAIN, the Mayor of Wesson, asked GRADY TARVER, a county supervisor from Brookhaven, to speak to CURTIS DAVIS for them. They also asked HOLLIS COWAN of Wesson to speak to DAVIS.

These men were to ask DAVIS if he would drop the charges he brought against THOMAS EARL HENNINGTON.

DRAIN and BERRY had advised COWAN and TARVER to tell DAVIS that they (DRAIN and BERRY) would assure DAVIS of his safety and if any further incidents occurred they would call the FBI.

Informant advised DAVIS would not drop the complaint.

Informant also advised that HOLLIS COWAN told him that he (COWAN) had overheard conversation in the Wesson Cafe to the effect that the klan would "lay off" DAVIS until the case was disposed of.

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Brief description of activity or material <u>Attempt to further identify klansmen, LEE ROBERTS, WAYNE ROBERTS, BILLY BIRDSONG</u>	File where original is located if not attached FOIA(b) (7) - (D)
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- 1- 157-63 (WKKKKOM)
- 1- 44-1 (MIBURN)
- 1- 157-30 (Kemper County Klavern)
- 1- 157-343 (Lauderdale County Klavern)
- 1- 157-1124 (LEE ROBERTS)
- 1- 157-1106 (WAYNE ROBERTS)
- 1- 157-450 (BILLY BIRDSONG)
- 1- 157-1315 (HAROLD KELLER)
- 1- 157-1396 (L. W. PRICE)
- 1- 157-1407 (O. D. BYRD)
- 1- 157-1414 (T. J. CULPEPPER)
- 1- 157-2409 (WILBUR DAVIS)
- 1- 157-1415 (W. W. BOTTS)
- 1- 157-1646 (LESTER WHITE)
- 1- 157-1293 (HILL AUST)
- 1- 157-1409 (CLIFTON CRAFT)
- 1- 157-1411 (RON BARFIELD)
- 1- 157-1413 (GRACE BRIGGS)

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LEE ROBERTS and WAYNE ROBERTS

LEE ROBERTS is currently working the 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. shift on the Meridian Police Department.

I was present at a conversation between LEE ROBERTS and an unknown individual in downtown Meridian, where LEE mentioned that his brother, WAYNE ROBERTS, was currently employed on a part-time basis at the Skyview Club on Highway 45 South. WAYNE ROBERTS was allegedly working as a bouncer and card dealer.

BILLY BIRDSONG

I learned that the divorce proceedings filed by MARGIE BIRDSONG were finalized in divorcing BILLY BIRDSONG and at the present time BILLY BIRDSONG has taken up with his former girl friend, SNOOKY SELLERS and I have observed his new 1963 Pontiac parked on several recent occasions at the Touristmotel. on several occasions

WKKKKOM

I have attempted to recall or inquire generally but have been unable to establish any klan activities for the following klaverns and listed individuals: Lauderdale County Klavern; HAROLD KELLER, L. W. PRICE, O. D. BYRD; Kemper County Klavern; T. J. CULPEPPER, WILBER DAWS, W. W. BOTTS, LESTER WHITE, HILL AUST, CLIFTON CRAFT, RON BARFIELD, GRACE BRIGGS.

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Date(s) of activity
5/7 - 28/65

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Brief description of activity or material

~~No meetings being held by the Wesson Unit of the WKKKKOM; Hazlehurst Unit continues meetings.~~

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- 1- 157-63
- 1- 157-62
- 1- 157-584
- 1- 157-2241
- 1- 157-2240
- 1- 157-3118 (THOMAS EARL HENNINGTON)

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5/28/65

Hazlehurst, Mississippi

[redacted] advised that he has been in contact recently with BILLY ASHLEY, ED ASHLEY and THOMAS EARL HENNINGTON and has continually been advised that the Wesson Unit of the WKKKKOM will not resume meetings until such time as they are certain that the FBI Agents who were in the area may have departed.

He stated that THOMAS EARL HENNINGTON seems to think he will not be successfully prosecuted in Lincoln County Court for the beating of CURTIS DAVIS. [redacted] advised that HENNINGTON told him that the state attorney for the WKKKKOM would represent him in any court proceedings at no expense to him personally.

[redacted] further advised that THOMAS EARL HENNINGTON is a period of several weeks, from mid-October to approximately mid-December, was the Acting Exalted Cyclops of "his squad of the Wesson Unit." He stated that after the Wesson Unit voted QUINN RUTLAND out of office, the unit was divided into three squads completely divorced from each other. He stated HENNINGTON was the Acting Exalted Cyclops of his squad and he could not furnish the identity of the leaders of the other two squads. He stated that his squad consisted of 13 to 15 members and met weekly in gravel pits or along creek banks in the Wesson area. During bad weather, the met in the dairy barn of one of the squad members.

[redacted] advised that he had heard an unrecalled member of the Wesson Unit during the summer of 1964 make the statement that THOMAS EARL HENNINGTON had been elected "spokesman" for the group that gave CURTIS DAVIS the beating during the summer of 1964. Regarding the shooting into the

home of CURTIS DAVIS, the informant stated that QUINN RUTLAND was the Exalted Cyclops when this happened, and that during the evening meeting following this shooting, RUTLAND questioned individually every member present in an effort to determine who shot into the house. He stated RUTLAND and JAMES ASHLEY (position unknown) were both extremely unhappy about the shooting into DAVIS' house, stating that innocent members of his family or visitors to his home could be killed, and further stating that no such action would be knowingly condoned by the leadership of the Wesson Unit.

The informant advised that he has heard through associates of his in the Hazlehurst area that that unit continues to meet on a weekly basis in wooded areas or in the vicinity of the local "auction barn." He stated that he has mentioned to one or two members of that unit the possibly necessity of his transferring his membership from the Wesson Unit to the Hazlehurst Unit, in view of the fact that he is building a home in Hazlehurst, will move there shortly, and is employed in Hazlehurst. The informant advised that he is reasonably certain he can arrange such transfer when and if requested to do so by the FBI.

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Brief description of activity or material

Informant advised KKK in the Miss. Gulf Coast area, specifically Gulfport, believed limited at the present time to 3 or 4 active members, including VINCENT PURSER, MARVIN LACY, and W. C. DOLLAHITE PURSER,

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Remarks: and possibly LACY, alleged to continue to meet periodically with Klan at Pascagoula, Miss. No indication Gulfport klansmen involved racial violence, Bogalusa, La. area.

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- ① 157-63
- 1- 157-534
- 1- 157-1496
- 1- 157-1499
- 1- 157-1503
- 1- 157-2854
- 1- 157-2853
- 1- 157-2856
- 1- 157-2855
- 1- 157-2858
- 1- 157-2852
- 1- 157- 2857
- 1- 157-471
- 1- 157- (OKKKK)
- 1- 44-1084

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Gulfport, Mississippi
June 10 and 11, 1965

Informant advised that he has continued to make discreet inquiries and is convinced the Ku Klux Klan (WKKKKOM) in the Mississippi Gulf Coast area, specifically Gulfport, consists only of three or four active members at the present time, including VINCENT PURSER, MARVIN LACY, and W. C. DOLLAHITE. Informant advised he heard that AVON HOLLIMAN did not actually leave the coast as previously indicated, but still operates his small store north of Gulfport, Miss.

Informant advised that W. C. DOLLAHITE related recently that VINCENT PURSER continues to make periodic trips to attend klan meetings at Pascagoula, Miss., and information believed that MARVIN LACY may occasionally accompany PURSER on these trips. Informant advised that DOLLAHITE furnished information concerning PURSER in a derogatory tone, again indicating to informant that DOLLAHITE is disgusted with the klan and is not actually particularly active at the present time.

Informant had no information whatsoever to indicate that there is any activity in the Mississippi Gulf Coast area on the part of the United Klans of America (UKA), or the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (OKKKK), adding that he has no reason to believe that any klansmen from the Mississippi Gulf Coast have participated or intend to participate in any racial violence in the Bogalusa, Louisiana area.

Re UNSUBS; Deputy Sheriff O'NEAL MOORE - VICTIM,
ET AL, CR,

Informant advised he knew nothing whatever about this matter, except for what he has heard through the press media, and he has no information concerning possible suspects and no reason to believe that anyone from the coast area may have participated in this shooting.

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Brief description of activity or material Organization of Smith County Klan; May 1964 District meeting				File where original is located if not attached FOIA(b) (7) - (D)

Remarks:

FOIA(b) (7) - (D)

- 1- 157- (CHARLES HOLDER)
- 1- 157- (DEE MOON)
- 1- 157- (FNU MAGNUM)
- 1- 157- (FNU WEDGEWORTH)
- 1- 157- (HAROLD HUSBANDS)
- 1- 157 (RED FORTENBERRY)
- 1- 157-2538
- 1- 157-2526
- 1- 157-2571
- 1- 157-3011
- 1- 157-3006
- 1- 157-1421
- 1- 157-2572
- 1- 157-2578
- 1- 157-2998
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Smith County, Miss.
6/8/65

During the last week in January, 1964 and the first three weeks in February, 1964, three organizational meetings of the Ku Klux Klan (KKK) were held at HAROLD HUSBANDS' place which is two miles west of Raleigh, Mississippi, on Highway 18. JACK YATES, a klansman from Crystal Springs, Miss., along with "RED" FORTENBERRY, a klansman from Jackson, Miss., who is employed with the Jackson City Water Department, accompanied by several unidentified klansmen, came to the meetings to organize a klan group in Raleigh, Miss.

I attended all three meetings and at one of the meetings I was sworn in by "SLIM" VINSON, who was the Exalted Cyclops. My number was FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

The following persons whom I know were in attendance at the organizational meetings:

ELTON CRAFT
MILTON BARRETT
W. O. GARNER
CHALRES HOLDER
BERT MC DANIELS
SLATER ROBINSON
DALLAS LITTLE
VOYD "SPEEDY" WALTERS
ROYCE WELBORN
(FNU) WEDGEWORTH, employed by Sunbeam Co., Forrest, Miss.
BURFORD YELVERTON
TILLMAN MYERS

"SLIM" VINSON is the Exalted Cyclops, MILTON BARRETT is the secretary, and ROYCE WELBORN is the treasurer. I paid \$1.65 in dues to ROYCE WELBORN.

A klan meeting was held in May, 1964, in the Pleasant Hill Gravel Pit, seven miles west of Raleigh, which was a district meeting for Smith, Jasper, counties. (FNU) MAGNUM from Magee, Miss., presided at the meeting. I recall a (FNU) MOON from Pelahatchie, Miss., attended.

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6/10/65-6/16/65

Brief description of activity or material

A group of Klan members met at Beach Park Pascagoula, Mississippi on 6/13/65 awaiting a reported plan of Negroes to wade-in. No wade-in took place.

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FOIA(b) (7) - (D)

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- 1 - 157-63 (WKKKKOM)
- 1 - 157-1246 (JACKSON COUNTY)
- 1 - 157-3125 (RAYMOND TURNER)
- 1 - 157-2844 (B. L. WHITE)
- 1 - 157- (BEDFORD HARRIS) 0
- 1 - 157-3306 (FRANKIE LARSON)
- 1 - 157-3294 (CLARK DEVERS)
- 1 - 157-1492 (TOM THRASHER)

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June 16, 1965

Pascagoula, Mississippi

Sunday, June 13, 1965, I was at the beach at Beach Park in Pascagoula. B. L. WHITE, RAYMOND TURNER, BEDFORD HARRIS, FRANKIE LARSON and CLARK DEVERS were there awaiting a proposed wade-in to be made by Negroes. We all just stood around. No wade-in took place but several cars of Negroes drove past. One car filled with Negroes stopped but no one got out.

The beach was patrolled by Pascagoula Police car all afternoon and I saw Mississippi Highway Patrol cars in the area. Chief OWEN DAVIS drove by several times accompanied by Detective WINSTEAD.

TOM THRASHER told me that TROY WILKERSON and B. L. WHITE have been interviewed by FBI Agents. WHITE hasn't mentioned this to me or other members as far as I can tell.

No plans have been made for any meetings in the near future.

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Date(s) of activity
6/17-23/65

Brief description of activity or material

B. L. WHITE reportedly has turned in his papers as a Klan Official and says he is done with the organization. LEE MC INTOSH says he has learned a proposal to rob a National Guard Armory is a "set up". Info

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Remarks: re inactive members furnished.

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- ① - 157-63 (WKKKKOM)
- 1 - 157-1246 (JACKSON COUNTY)
- 1 - 157-2844 (B. L. WHITE)
- 1 - 157-1499 (MARVIN LACEY)
- 1 - 157-2841 (VINCENT PURSER)
- 1 - 157- (JOE TURNER)
- 1 - 157-2412 (VIRGIL BECKMAN)
- 1 - 157-2416 (CLYDE MORRISON)
- 1 - 157-2139 (JOHNNY BERGER)
- 1 - 157-2267 (CHARLES HAGAN)
- 1 - 157-2268 (PAUL WATSON)
- 1 - 157-2632 (MICKEY MC GUIRE)
- 1 - 157-2638 (SONNY HODGES)
- 1 - 157-2054 (J. L. SKINNER)
- 1 - 157-2254 (JULE HUNT)
- 1 - 157-2044 (DOUG PEREZ)
- 1 - 157-2058 (ANDREW DUNN)

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June 22, 1965

Pascagoula, Mississippi

Friday night, June 18, 1965 LEE MC INTOSH called me all upset about having been interviewed by FBI Agents. He wanted me to call B. L. WHITE. He suspects that WHITE is talking to the FBI. I called WHITE and asked him what should be done. He said he had turned in his papers as a Klan official and was done with the organization. JOE TURNER has quit his job and left Pascagoula. It appears that the Klavern at Pascagoula is breaking up. Everyone is scared. MC INTOSH believes that if WHITE is not talking then JOE TURNER must be.

TOM THRASHER thinks VINCENT PURSER is informing.

MC INTOSH told me that he learned through his Uncle JUNIOR MC INTOSH at Laurel that the proposal by WHITE to burglarize the National Guard Armory at Columbia is a "set up" to get someone killed. He believes that this set up is being planned by WHITE to eliminate someone.

INFORMATION REGARDING INACTIVE MEMBERS

The two men VIRGIL BECKMAN and CLYDE MORRISON who said they were from Brookhaven have not contacted me since February and I don't believe they have been in contact with anyone here since then. I believe they may have been using false names. I haven't learned anything more about them than I have previously reported.

JOHNNY BERGER has left Pascagoula and I do not know his whereabouts. No one here seems to know what happened to him.

CHARLES HAGAN and PAUL WATSON are no longer members of the Klavern. They were not taken in after it was reorganized with B. L. WHITE as E. C.

The man I knew as MICKEY MC GUIRE has left town. I have heard he is wanted by the Pascagoula Police Department for bad checks as MC MCGUIRE or MICKEY MYERS.

SONNY HODGES who lives on Ken Avenue is not active and I believe he is no longer a member.

J. L. SKINNER quit at Ingalls Shipyard during the strike there two or three months ago and is reportedly working at a shipyard in Louisiana.

The man named HUNT I referred to in the past is JULE HUNT not JAMES HUNT.

DOUG PEREZ and VINCENT PEREZ are brothers. I was told by someone in the Fall of 1964 that they were Klan members, but I can't recall who told me this. I never did see them at any meeting nor did I ever talk to them about being in the Klan.

ANDREW DUNN has not been to any Pascagoula meetings. If he is a member he must be inactive.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-63)

DATE: 6/27/65

FROM : SUPVR. PAUL R. ALKER

SUBJECT: WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN OF MISS.
RM

On 6/27/65, Mrs. SAM FREEDMAN, 4319 Dunn St., Jackson, Miss., next door neighbor of the writer, furnished the attached mimeographed sheet which she had found rolled up in her driveway on 6/27/65. No similar sheet was seen in any other driveway or on any lawn in the neighborhood, including the writer's.

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ALLEN-SCOTT REPORT

Federal Tax Agents Hot After Ku Klux Klansmen

By ROBERT S. ALLEN and PAUL SCOTT

WASHINGTON—The tax returns of Ku Klux Klan officials in four Southern states are under close scrutiny by the Internal Revenue Service.

This unannounced development is a direct outgrowth of the sweeping investigation of the Klan the House on Un-American Activities has been quietly conducting for several months—in preparation for holding public hearings, now slated for around the middle of July.

Under authority granted by President Johnson, committee agents compared Klan officials' tax returns with information from other sources. The resulting disclosures, turned over to the Revenue Service, led to its launching a probe of its own.

Illustrative of the nature of the committee's evidence is the following:

One Klan official made a statement to the Veterans Administration that he had no income other than a World War II pension. The House investigators obtained records revealing this klansman was doing a thriving business selling Klan attire and paraphernalia.

Other significant committee findings due to be aired at the public hearings are:

A Louisiana Klansman, at the instigation of officials of the organization, became a licensed gun dealer for the purpose of providing klansmen with weapons at wholesale prices. Records show he purchased some 600 rifles, shotguns and pistols, directly linked to klansmen in four Southern states. Committee agents are on the trail of other reputed instances of gun dealers for this purpose.

A number of Negro shootings in the past two years have been directly linked to klansmen. However, while all of these cases of terror tactics by individual Klan elements have been carefully documented, the House investigators have uncovered no ties between them and Klan officials. In no instance was the need perpetrated at the behest of a Klan officer.

Most Klan officials are school dropouts. They average less than a fifth grade education.

NEGRO 'KLUXERS'

Rep. Edwin Willis, D-La., chairman, is discussing with other committeemen widening the investigation to include the "Deacons for Defense and Justice."

This is a Negro organization with the avowed purpose of safeguarding members of that race and civil rights workers and demonstrators.

Launched last summer in northern Louisiana, the DDJ reportedly now has some 40 chapters in that state, Mississippi and Alabama. Estimated membership is around 10,000, approximately half that of the Klan. Ernest Thomas, Jonesboro, La., is chief organizer.

The Deacons are armed with rifles and pistols. Since a group of them fired at anti-civil rights partisans in Louisiana earlier this year, the organization has been under surveillance by the FBI.

One significant FBI discovery is an apparent growing close relationship between the Deacons and the Congress for Racial Equality (CORE). In areas where CORE is particularly active, notably in Louisiana, Miss.

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Mississippi and Alabama, Deacon units spring up and seem to thrive.

Attorney General Katzenbach is balking at the committee's request for evidence linking Klan officials with the activities of terror squads of the Klan.

Similarly, he has turned down Chairman Willis' request that FBI and other government informants be permitted to testify at the committee's public hearings next month. Katzenbach contends these sources are too valuable to "surface" at this time.

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover, testifying before a House Appropriations subcommittee in March, revealed the FBI had infiltrated Klan and "hate-type" organizations. Said Hoover:

"We have penetrated these Klan and hate-type organizations with highly qualified sources consisting of not only rank-and-file members but also individuals who are in a position to have access to plans and policies. These sources furnish valuable information on a continuing basis."

'KBI' TARGETED

A major target of the committee's hearings is Klan units known as "KBI" — Klan Bureau of Investigation. Their avowed function is to "safeguard the internal security" of the Klan, particularly against infiltration by state and federal agents.

In Hoover's testimony, he also disclosed the FBI is investigating 14 Klan-type organizations.

"The largest and dominant Klan group," he said, "is the United Klans of America, Inc.

Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, with headquarters in Tuscaloosa, Ala. This group is active in eight states, has an estimated membership of 4,600 individuals, and is led by Imperial Wizard Robert Shelton.

Another prominent Klan group is the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi. Its membership is estimated at 2,000 persons and is led by Imperial Wizard Samuel Bowers.

"In Louisiana, the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan is active. Its headquarters are in Jonesboro, La., and its membership is estimated to be 1,500. The leader of this organization is Roy E. Davis. Another Klan group is the United Florida Ku Klux Klan which operates in Florida. It has an estimated membership of 900, and is led by Jason C. Kersey, with headquarters in Samsula, Fla."

CAPITAL TIDBITS

One of the Secret Servicemen regularly assigned to Vice President Hubert Humphrey is a Negro. He accompanies him on trips throughout the country.

The National Park Service is making no effort to maintain that small grassy plot in front of the Archives Building, on historic Pennsylvania Avenue, where a block of Vermont marble was placed this spring as a memorial to President Roosevelt. The neglected grass is scraggly, the concrete foundation of the memorial is showing, and paper and other debris litter the site. Alfred J. Barrett, National Parks maintenance official says lamely, "In the fall we are going to fix it up real nice, with grass and shrubbery."

Rep. Eugene Keogh, D-N.Y., veteran legislator voluntarily retiring with this Congress, is taking over the chairmanship of the FDR Memorial Commission, relinquished recently by former Attorney General Francis Biddle, wearied by the protracted dispute over the nature of the still undecided memorial.

Jackson, Mississippi
June 30, 1965

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

On June 29, 1965, a confidential source advised that a state meeting of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi (WKKKKOM) was held near Greenwood, Mississippi, Sunday, June 27, 1965. There were some 100 members present.

In order to get to the meeting after arriving in Greenwood they traveled East on Highway 82 about two miles until they observed a truck on a jack on the side of the road. The man at this truck was given the code word "cigarette lighter". This individual instructed the drivers to go East one-fourth mile, turn right on a gravel road and drive to a "horse trailer", then give the second pass word "cigarette". This second individual gave them a pass word "Ohio" which would get them into the meeting area. The meeting was held in a green frame house with a new unpainted addition. There were peach trees across the road in front of the house in an orchard. All those present were requested to take everything out of their pockets and leave the articles in their automobiles. They returned to the meeting area and were searched before the meeting started.

Sam Holloway Bowers, Jr., Imperial Wizard, WKKKKOM, appointed W. R. Mangum, Magee, Mississippi, to serve as Chaplain during this meeting. In addition to Bowers, Billy Buckles, Grand Dragon, WKKKKOM, was also present.

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WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU
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Bowers attacked the United Klans of America (UKA) for trying to take over the UKKKKK. He told the gathering that the leaders of the UKA were dictators; that the officers are appointed instead of being elected so, therefore, the individual members had no control over the organization. Bowers stated that any member who wanted to switch over to the UKA was free to do so.

Bowers told the group not to get worried about the FBI and not to panic when interviewed. He also directed members to quit accusing other members of being informants. He said lots of good members have gotten out of the Klan after being accused by members that did not like them. He related that the FBI probably has informants in the group present but not to worry about it.

Buckles made similar remarks and in addition told those present not to get mad when interviewed by the FBI since that is what they, FBI, wanted. Buckles explained that after a member gets mad, the FBI watches who this member contacts. They follow the chain of contacts and eventually know all the members in the immediate area. Buckles stated the FBI has informants at this meeting but not to worry as they can only take back what they remember. Buckles mentioned that the office of Klan Bureau of Investigation (UKBI) was open and suggested it be filled during this meeting since it was a temporary assignment. Bowers disagreed, stating it was a permanent assignment and should be filled through an election by the officers. This was brought before the meeting and Buckles' suggestion was out. Desware Hix, Laurel, Mississippi, was elected to fill this vacancy.

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

Bowers then stated there is a unit of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (WKKK) near Bogalusa, Louisiana. It was pointed out that this is a group sponsored by the Mississippi Klax. During the discussion it was pointed out about the man who was arrested for killing the Deputy Sheriff in Bogalusa. It was pointed out that this individual needed money for his lawyer whose fee was reported to be approximately \$15,000. Those assembled voted to send \$500 to Bogalusa to assist in paying this individual's lawyer.

It was also voted to raise the reserve fund held by the Bursars from \$500 to \$750. Bowers states he is going to keep raising this fund until each Bursar can have up to \$6,000 in reserve.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI(157-1552)

FROM: SAC, JACKSON(157-63)

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

Enclosed to the Bureau are eight copies of an LHM captioned as above regarding the state meeting of the WKKKKOM 6-27-65 near Greenwood, Mississippi.

The confidential source mentioned in the LHM is

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Date of Report _____

Date(s) of activity
September, 1964 to date

Brief description of activity or material

~~Current meeting place of Improve Hit Improve, Miss., and residence of ABNER ARD;~~

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Remarks:

INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS INFORMANT REPORT WAS FURNISHED SA JOHN REYNOLDS, BOGALUSA RESIDENT AGENCY TELEPHONICALLY ON 6/18/65.

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Walthall County, Mississippi

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contacted on 6/18/65, advised that he was very much opposed to the violence that resulted in the murder of the Negro Deputy Sheriff in Washington Parish, Mississippi; however, he still could not "be a pimp" on his friends and relatives or in other words, he would not at this time furnish the identity of the individuals who were members of the Improve Klavern with him prior to September, 1964. He advised that he would furnish information on any individual of particular interest to the FBI.

When questioned regarding FELDER STOGNER, the informant advised that in late September, 1964 when he was sworn out of the Improve Unit, FELDER STOGNER was a member of a unit of the United Knights of American in Tylertown, Miss. He stated that he has heard nothing of FELDER STOGNER since he withdrew from the klan at Improve in late September.

When advised that it was important that the FBI determine his current activity, if any, in klan-type organizations, the informant advised that he would make a short trip, return in approximately one hour, if the writer could wait that long, and see if he could obtain any information regarding STOGNER's current activity. He was advised that the writer would wait if he thought he could obtain any information during an hour. The informant departed, came back in 55 minutes, and advised as follows:

FELDER STOGNER was a member of a unit in Tylertown, Miss., when the entire Tylertown Klan disbanded in early December, 1964; STOGNER became associated with the Improve Unit of the UKA and immediately after his membership therein each member of the Improve Unit was assessed a small fee for the construction of a Unit meeting hall. He advised that the

building was constructed on the property of FELDER STOGNER behind his home and the Improve Unit continues to meet in this building on either Friday or Saturday night.

FOIA (b) (7) - (D) advised that STOGNER no doubt is a current member of the Improve Unit, but stated that in his opinion he is completely incapable of participating in activity such as the murder of the Washington Parish Deputy Sheriff on 6/2/65.

Regarding ABNER ARD, the informant stated that he was a member of the unit in Tylertown, Miss., at the time it disbanded and transferred his membership to the Improve Unit.

He stated that ABNER ARD lives just above the Louisiana line in Mississippi, where Louisiana Highway 438 comes up to the Mississippi border. He states that where 438 turns left below the Mississippi border, there is a highway sign pointing straight north reading, "Tylertown 9 miles." He stated that straight north of that sign approximately one and seven tenths miles on the left hand side of the road is a white concrete dairy barn, immediately behind which is a white concrete block house with a sun porch above the garage with white railings around it. He stated that there are numerous swings in the front yard and generally a red Volkswagen convertible with white top sitting by the house. He stated that he considers ABNER ARD completely incapable of participating in any violence for the following reason:

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Brief description of activity or material

~~WKKKKOM; APWR activity at Brookhaven, Miss.~~

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- 1- 157-86 (APWR)
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Source advises GATHO OVERBY is going with a group in a bus to a meeting at Brookhaven, Miss., the evening of 6/15/65, where the movie "Birth of a Nation" is to be shown. The group sponsoring this movie is not known to the source; however, attendance is by invitation only.

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Brief description of activity or material Informant member of Salem Unit UKA as of 6/11/65.		File where original is located if not attached FOIA(b) (7) - (D)

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Inq. J. Sullivan 6/18/65.

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- 2- New Orleans (44-2594)

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6/17/65
Pike County, Mississippi

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on 6/17/65, advised that at the 6/11/65 meeting of the Salem Unit, United Klans of America (UKA), he became a member of that organization. He advised that much to his surprise, he was not sworn into the klan by anyone. He stated he was taken to the meeting by BRYANT LEWIS, a cattleman in the Salem area and a member of the Walthall County Board of Education and after conversing briefly with an individual unknown to him at this time, he was advised by this individual that the initiation fees were \$10 and that it would cost him an additional \$30 which he assumes to be dues for an unknown length of time. He advised that he hoped to determine why the dues cost him \$30 as of that date, but was unable to question BRYANT LEWIS regarding this matter. He stated that there were two individuals by the name of HOLMES, father and son, not further identified, and approximately 11 other individuals present at this meeting. He stated he did not attend the business meeting, but arrived toward the end of the function and heard no comment regarding what transpired other than a statement made by an unknown individual as they prepared to depart, to the effect that each member of the unit must "continue to have a witness with him every night for an alibi."

Informant advised that he is not aware of the significance of this statement, but hopes to determine same at the 6/18/65 meeting.

The informant advised that he is concerned about the manner in which he became a member of the Salem Unit and is fearful that the leaders of the unit may be setting a trap for him to determine whether or not he is an informant for the FBI or some other organization.

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Brief description of activity or material Info regarding the regular meeting of Covington County Unit #1, and #2; also info re state meeting to be held 6-27-65 near Greenwood, Mississippi.	File where original is located if not attached FOIA(b) (7) - (D)
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Remarks:
Informant was paid \$237.00 for services and expenses from 6/1-25/65.

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- 1 - 157-18 (SAM BOWERS)
 - 1 - 157-894 (COVINGTON COUNTY UNIT #1)
 - 1 - 157-1750 (JAY KIMBROUGH)
 - 1 - 157-1751 (SAMMY STEWART)
 - 1 - 157-1752 (HUBERT HAUGHTON)
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 - 1 - 157-2327 (P. JONES)
 - 1 - 157-2329 (G. T. RODERICK)
 - 1 - 157-2333 (JOHN P. HARVEY)
 - 1 - 157-2334 (BUCK ROBERSON)
 - 1 - 157-FELTON CAMERON
 - 1 - 157-JACKIE DICKERSON
 - 1 - 157-W. R. MANGUM
 - 1 - 157-MELVIN MC LENDON
 - 1 - 157-JESSIE NICHOLS
 - 1 - 157-JOHN SHARP PONDER
 - 1 - 157-LATRELL SANFORD
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 - 1 - 157-ROBERT TURNAGE (E.C.)
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Mt. Olive, Mississippi
June 25, 1965

W. R. MANGUM

On June 21, 1965, W. R. MANGUM, Magee, Mississippi, passed through Mt. Olive on his way to Collins, Mississippi. He said the Collins Unit had disbanded because of suspected leaks. MANGUM advised that two suspects at Collins had been identified as Judge FELTON CAMERON, Justice of the Peace, and LATRELL SANDFORD, Constable.

He related that MANGUM remarked that the week before he had gone to Collins to help disband the Collins Unit but the FBI and the Sheriff was all along the road near the meeting. That scared the people away and the meeting was not held.

ROBERT TURNAGE -- W. R. MANGUM

MANGUM stated on June 21, 1965, that he had met with the Mize, Mississippi, Unit and had helped with the swearing in of the new officers. The new president (Exalted Cyclops - EC) is ROBERT TURNAGE. This man is an electrician.

On June 23, 1965, W. R. MANGUM told HOMER SULLIVAN, City Marshal, Mt. Olive, Mississippi, that a state meeting of the WKKKKOM would be held on Sunday, June 27, 1965. The meeting will be near Greenwood, Mississippi. Go two miles East of Greenwood on U. S. Highway 82, until a truck is observed on the side of the road. This truck will be jacked up. Stop and use the code word "cigarette lighter" and the man at the truck will then give further instructions. The meeting is supposed to start at 8:00 a.m.

STATE MEETING WKKKKOM - May 2, 1965

W. R. MANGUM advised that he and several of the other state officials believe that the state meeting on May 2, 1965, was taped. He based this belief on the fact that the FBI had talked with several klansmen two or three days after the meeting and told them everything SAM BOWERS, Imperial Wizard, and Reverend (FNU) BILBO had talked about.

They feel that two men from the Natchez, Mississippi, area who sat near the speakers stand were the ones that did the taping. No one was searched so it was possible that some one had a tape recorder on his person.

COVINGTON COUNTY UNIT #1, MT. OLIVE, MISSISSIPPI

On June 22, 1965, a regular meeting of the Mt. Olive Unit #1 was held with the following persons observed in attendance:

HUBERT HAUGHTON, President (EC)

HOMER SULLIVAN

C. W. CHAIN

JAY KIMBROUGH

SAMMY STEWART

JESSIE NICHOLS

JOHN PONDER

JACKIE DICKSON

W. N. HARVEY

BROOKS SMITH

MELVIN MC LENDON

J. O. TILLSON

BUCK ROBERSON

Mr. HAUGHTON stated that every member is a suspect of being a plant and everyone would be investigated thoroughly.

SAMMY STEWART reported that 30 members have paid their dues which are to be paid this month.

It was discussed among various members during the week that some member of the Covington County Unit #1 has to be talking. They based this on the fact that the FBI was talking about the two PONDER boys who were the last ones to come into the Unit and had attended only one or two meetings. They are not too well known in the Unit.

Everyone is very careful about who he talks to and when.

JOHN PAUL HARVEY

JOHN PAUL HARVEY keeps the membership list of Covington County Unit #2 in his personal possession at all times. It is believed that HARVEY wants to be the EC of Covington County Unit #2.

P. JONES "LITTLE TATER" --- C. T. RODERICK

JONES and RODERICK have stated they are not attending any meetings and RODERICK states he is trying to get out of the klan.

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On 6-25-65 [redacted] was contacted on other matters and advised he had tried to get in touch with Agen. who was out of town on SL, re KKK activities. He stated that Houston "Sonny" Evans has been having meetings at his house and that Eddie McDaniel, undoubtedly identical with person of same name from Natchez, Miss., was present at one of these meetings. He stated Evans is the most active of the Klan members in Greenville at the present time and is currently attempting to organize a local Klavern of the United Klan. He advised that recently he was contacted re the placing of the monument on the grave of Curly Reid, deceased Klan member and that Otis Evans, formerly associated with the WKKKK contacted him and he gave Evans \$30.15 to make up what was needed over and above the \$35 they got from Dan Thaggard, and are to place the marker on the grave. He advised he has been asked to rejoin and told them he remembered all the talk last summer about him furnishing information and he did not want any more of that, and more or less left it at that. He advised he has been contacted by Jimmy Phillips, as well as Otis Evans re membership and will take steps to get back in which he feels will be no problem in view of the numerous requests made of him by members.

In view of the circumstances of this source getting back in the the events of last summer, it will not be possible to interview members on a wholesale basis as was done, without blowing this source. Every effort will be made to develop this source into a productive one as to activities of the United group. Source stated he knew nothing of a statewide meeting of any kind ~~xxx~~ and was playing it cozy for the time being insofar as asking any questions are concerned.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON 157-63

DATE: 6/30/65

FROM : FROM SA THOMAS E. O'CONNOR

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

On 6/30/65 Copiah County Deputy Sheriff WOODROW W. PURSER, Hazlehurst, Mississippi furnished SA THOMAS E. O'CONNOR the following described 11" by 15" poster.

The poster is the size given above, it has a light blue background, shows a figure who is an obvious imitation of "Uncle Sam" dressed in Klan robes and pointing at the reader of the sign.

The wording on the sign is " I WANT YOU IN THE WHITE KNIGHTS OF MISSISSIPPI, KU KLUX KLAN"

The sign is an obvious imitation on the famous poster of Uncle Sam inviting young men to join the U. S. Army.

PURSER advised that several of these signs were nailed to telephone poles in Hazlehurst on Monday night 6/28/65. He advised that the city Police of Hazlehurst had ripped them down. He advised that he did not know he might be responsible for these signs being put up in Hazlehurst.

This poster will be put in the la section of Jackson file 157-63.

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TO : DIRECTOR

FROM : JACKSON (157-63)

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

RE JACKSON AIRTEL AND LHM TO BUREAU DATED JUNE TWENTYEIGHT
SIXTYFIVE.

PRELIMINARY CHECK THROUGHOUT STATE REFLECTS TWENTYTHREE
CROSSES REPORTED BURNED BETWEEN NINE AND ELEVEN PM THIS DATE
ON HIGHWAYS, AT COURTHOUSES AND PUBLIC PLACES. CROSSES REPORTED
BURNED IN FOLLOWING COUNTIES: HINDS COUNTY, FIVE; HARRISON COUNTY,
FOUR; FORREST COUNTY, TWO; ADAMS COUNTY, TWO; LE FLORE COUNTY, ONE;
JONES COUNTY, THREE, SMITH COUNTY, TWO; COVINGTON COUNTY, TWO;
AND WASHINGTON COUNTY, TWO. NO REPORTED INCIDENTS RELATED TO THESE
SYMBOLIC CROSS BURNINGS.

BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED OF FURTHER CROSS BURNINGS.

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Jackson, Mississippi
July 1, 1965

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

On June 30, 1965, Mr. James Ray, 238 Savannah Street, Jackson, Mississippi, made available to an agent of the FBI a Mimeograph copy of a one-page leaflet captioned "Chamber of Commerce Element Our Worst Enemy" which he believes was printed and distributed by the Ku Klux Klan. Mr. Ray advised that these leaflets were distributed to the front doors of all the homes in the block where he lives.

Additional citizens of Jackson, Mississippi, have reported that they also received copies of this leaflet at their front doors during the night of June 28, 1965, and June 29, 1965.

The above-mentioned leaflet does not indicate by whom it was printed or distributed, however, its content is similar to previous literature distributed by the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi.

A characterization of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi is attached to this memorandum.

The above-mentioned leaflet is as follows:

"CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ELEMENT OUR WORST ENEMY

"The Holy Bible says, 'It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle, than it is for a rich man to go to heaven.' Of course, the real meaning here is that the rich live only for their money and in most cases turn back on God, Race and Country. The best example of this can be found here in the South.

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

"In recent weeks our local newspapers have been carrying ads written and paid for by local businessmen and their Chamber of Commerce. They plead with the White people to obey the Civil Rights Laws, and to keep the peace and help quietly integrate all communities. The rich businessmen say that in order for them to make money and grow richer, they must have a 'peaceful' and 'integrated' community. They cannot stand the thought of losing a single dollar from any Negro boycott. In fact, they are so frightened by the thought of any Negro CORE picket line, they want to surrender in advance. They are in a big rush to hire Negro clerks, cashiers, even white collar workers, place Negroes in supervisory positions over White workers, just to appease the demands of Martin Luther King and his communist rabble.

"The rich businessmen know that they can afford to live in wealthy areas of a city where the Negro cannot move, they have their rich private country clubs and golf links and swimming pools and private schools. **THEY ARE SELFISH AND VICIOUS IN DEMANDING THAT THE WHITE WORKING CLASS MIX WITH BLACK UN-CIVILIZED ANIMALS JUST SO THAT THEY MAY MAKE MONEY OFF THEIR NEGRO CUSTOMERS!**

"It is time that we single out the main leaders of these 'surrender all White Rights at any cost just so I can make money' business leaders and boycott them to the hilt. Let's cut off their White trade and put them in the bread lines with negroes where they would like to place OUR people. **SPEAK UP, WHITE MAN, TELL THESE SELL-OUT TRAITORS TO EITHER STAND AND FIGHT WITH THE WHITE RACE, OR PACK UP THEIR CARPETBAGS AND MOVE IN WITH THE NEGROES BECAUSE THEY ARE GOING TO LOSE ALL THEIR WHITE TRADE. SINCE THEIR PRINCIPLES ARE BANKRUPT, LET THEIR BANK ACCOUNTS ALSO BE BANKRUPT.**

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

"The above is an exact copy of a recent article in the conservative publication 'Thunderbolt.' We wish to point out the following: There are some different tactics being used on our local scene.

"Robert L. Ezell, Jr., president of our Chamber of Commerce and Mississippi Bedding (Mattress) Co., has had a lot of people sound asleep, but not with the use of his mattresses. This motley master was a Millsaps Major in the mid 30's, followed in a couple of years by Robert Mayo and Nat S. Rogers, and all of them follow the socialist lines. Also, there has been a 'finger' in the pie in more recent years.

"The Chamber, with 'Big Robert' at the head, has remained primarily in the background for almost one year, or ever since they came out with their outright compliance in absolute defiance of the principles and people they are supposed to represent. The Miss. Manufacturers Association and the Miss. Economic Council have been used as the somewhat open supporters of the communist-backed movement to bring about complete abolition of our Christian beliefs and way of life.

"If you can recall or assemble the recent comments and announcements from our liberal press, you will readily see how many phases of activity the Miss. Economic Council has delved into (business, social, civic, churches, schools, even roads, etc.), nothing short of dictating policies to all of these organizations.

"We invite and humbly request that you take notice and ask questions about 'Big Robert' and this situation. There will be more, and THEN, think about these comments and announcements, and you will readily realize the seriousness of the sell-out that has taken and is taking place, and what can and will be done about it."

WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
OF MISSISSIPPI

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

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.

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7/1/65

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-63)

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

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are eight
copies of a LHM dated and captioned as above.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC JACKSON 157-63

DATE: 7/2/65

FROM : SA ROBERT F. COOPER, JR.

SUBJECT: ~~#####~~
CROSS BURNING 7/2/65 Intersection Highway 569 and 98. of Miss.
WHITE KNIGHTS KKK MISS.
RM

J. J. [Signature]

On 7/2/65 an individual who gave his name as Marshall Ganz, employed by SNICC, address Rt. 3 Box 101A Osyka, Pike County, Mississippi telephonically advised as follows:

He was at the office of the FDP, Jackson, Miss: telephone 948-4038 and wanted this Bureau to have this information.

On the morning of 7/2/65 at about 11:10 AM as he was driving to Jackson, Miss the remains of a burning cross were observed at the intersection of highway 569 and 98. This is about 10 or 12 miles north of Liberty, Miss at the Amite-Lincoln County line. He had no idea as to who may have burned the cross other than he said he believed it was done by the WK KKK Miss. He could furnish no information to substantiate this belief.

SA Jennings was advised of the above.

Recommended action : Route to Agent to whom case is assigned.

above cross total included in total of 88 reported in State S.I.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-63)

DATE: 7/2/65

FROM : SA JOHN WILLIARD THOMAS

SUBJECT: WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX
KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI

The following investigation was conducted by SA JOHN WILLIARD THOMAS telephonically on 7/2/65 concerning the burning of crosses in Mississippi on evening of 7/1/65. No cross burnings have been reported in the Vicksburg Resident Agency Territory:

Warren County, per Sheriff VERNON O. LUCKETT
Claiborne County, per Sheriff DAN McKAY
Sharkey County, per Mrs. Warnock in Sheriff's Office
Issaquena County, per Mrs. CORDELL, Office Deputy in
Sheriff's Office.
Yazoo County, per Sheriff HOMER C. HOOD.
Vicksburg, Mississippi per Deputy Shief M. R. BROWN

All negative.

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(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

**UNITED KLANS
OF AMERICA, INC.**
 Knights of the
 Ku Klux Klan
 Anyone Interested in Affilia-
 tion with Above Organization
 Write to:
 P. O. BOX 1711
 MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI

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

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Meridian Star

Meridian, Miss.

Date: 6/22/65
 Edition: Daily
 Author:
 Editor: J.B. Skewes
 Title: KKK

Character: 157-2836
 or 157-63
 Classification: 157-471
 Submitting Office: Jackson

Being Investigated

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	Brief description of activity or material Subjects involved in firebombing at Vicksburg, Miss.

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Remarks:

Informant declines to sign reports but states is true.

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- 1 - 157-267
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Vicksburg, Mississippi
June 24, 1965

The White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan was chartered at Vicksburg, Two klaverns, in 1960. There are about thirty members in one group but I do not know how many there are in the second group or klavern.

With reference to the beating of TOM MONTGOMERY, elderly negro male, while eating in the Vicksburg Cafe on Washington Street in March, 1965 by REX PIERCE, JR. and MILTON STOKES, while they are members of the Klavern, this incident was not sponsored by the Klan. In fact PIERCE and STOKES were tried by the klavern for doing this on their own, were severely reprimanded and placed on two years probation by the klavern.

With reference to the Vicksburg Cafe, BILLY RAY FORD who is a commercial fisherman at Kingspoint, Mississippi furnished the Ford automobile used, drove it and some thirteen or fourteen other men were called in on the job, is called to the hospital parking lot from which FORD and his two accomplices left from. This many people are not generally knowledgable of what is going on, for generally we are furnished information that an act is going to be carried out, it may happen say tonight but it maybe sometime within a week. The general membership is not told who is going to do it but the ones given the assignment are secretly notified.

With reference to the firebombing of Anderson's Cafe in Vicksburg in March, 1965 this was planned by BILLY RAY FORD but he had nothing further to do with it. WARREN "LITTLE SON" NEVELS drove his two tone blue Ford and probably was accompanied by two men, whose identity I will determine.

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Brief description of activity or material

Source furnished info re WKKKKOM, UKA, Inc, B. C. LIDE, Scheduled rally UKA, Meridian Miss., 7/10/65; LAWRENCE RAINY, Miscellaneous.

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- 1- 157-342 (Neshoba Co.) ✓
- ① 157-63 (WKKKKOM)
- 1- 157-18 (SAM BOWERS) ✓
- 1- 44-1 (MIBURN)
- 1- 157-2836 (UKA, Lauderdale Co.) (Enc 1)
- 1- 157-563 (B. C. LIDE) ✓
- 1- 157-486 (E. L. MC DANIEL)
- 1- 157-1403 (W. S. TORRANCE)
- FOIA(b) (7) - (D)**
- 1- 157-745 (BILLY BUCKLES)
- 1- 157-944 (JULIUS HARPER) ✓
- 1- 157-1112 (TOMMY HORNE) (Enc 1)
- 1- 157-1334 (DEWITT SMITH) ✓
- 1- 157-1107 (LAWRENCE RAINY)
- 1- 157-1352 (TRAVIS BARNETT)
- 1- 157-1371 (DOYLE BARNETT) ✓
- 1- 157-1289 (A. D. THOMAS)
- 1- 157-2490 (T. E. HAMNER)

- 1- 157-1817 (ROY PRICE)
- 1- 157-1297 (FNU) ROGERS)
- 1- 157-1302 (A. L. JONES)
- 1- 157-2301 (SAM KELLER) ✓
- 1- 157-2339 (L. B. SHARP)
- 1- 157-2676 (ROBERT EARL NO)
- 1- 157-2823 (MURRAY ROGERS)
- 1- 157-3033 (A. L. SHAW) ✓
- 1- 157-3058 (JAMES BAKER)
- 1- 157-1370 (FNU) BARNETT)
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B. C. LIDE

Source advised that W. S. TORRANCE and TOMMY HORNE, both members of the UKA, Inc., have stated that they are going to "whip" LIDE because they are sure that he has been an informant.

WKKKKOM

Source stated that BILLY BUCKLES, JULIUS HARPER, and SAM BOWERS are still maintaining their association with the WKKKKOM. Source did relate that overtures were made to HARPER by MC DANIELS to come on into the UKA, Inc., but he refused. Source could not amplify on this.

SCHEDULED RALLY OF UKA, INC., AT MERIDIAN, MISS., 7/10/65.

A rally of the UKA, Inc., is tentatively scheduled for Meridian, Miss., on 7/10/65. It is expected that klansmen from Alabama and Mississippi will be on hand and the speaker may be SHELTON or MC DANIELS of the UKA, Inc. It was proposed that the meeting take place outdoors, possibly in an open field near Suquelena, Miss. (a small community located off Highway 19 North, of Meridian, Miss.) The source advised that the meeting would be similar to that which was held at Natchez, Miss. recently. Source additionally advised that the participating klansmen would wear robes.

W. S. TORRANCE

TORRANCE advised the source that he has a supply of robes on hand, and that he will be the source of supply for the East Central Mississippi area. TORRANCE's wife is making these robes.

TOMMY HORNE

HORNE has been receiving a great deal of admonishment from his wife regarding his klan activities. She wants him

to stop, but he has repeatedly stated he would not give up his activities in the klan. HORNE recently had published at his own expense (\$11.00) a pamphlet entitled "Objectives of the Communist Party and the National Council of Churches)." This Pamphlet is marked as an enclosure to the subject's substantive file.

DEXTER TORRANCE

Source stated that DEXTER and his brother, W. S. TORRANCE make a good team and are presently the motivating force behind the activities of the UKA, Inc., in the Meridian, Miss., area. Source made available a rubber stamped copy of a pamphlet entitled, "Some Questions that Needs Straight Answers" and containing the insignia of the United Klans of America, on the front page. This pamphlet is designated as an enclosure to the UKA, Lauderdale Co. file. DEXTER TORRANCE answers any inquiries directed to the Post Office Box as indicated on the pamphlet.

MIKE WATKINS

Source stated that WATKINS, one of the defense attorneys in the case involving the slaying of the three civil rights workers in Neshoba County on 6/21/64, is presently in Washington, D. C., on business re the case. He could not add anything else re this comment.

DEWITT SMITH

SMITH has not been obligated into the UKA, Inc. However, he is acting as the "go-between treasurer" of the UKA organization. Source advised that SMITH would do anything to become a klansman, but he is afraid to take any chances so he refuses to be sworn into the klan. SMITH is an older man and is reputed to be very sickly.

LAWRENCE RAINEY

W. S. TORRANCE has stated that RAINEY has written to E. L. MC DANIEL of the UKA, Inc., and asked to be notified when the UKA will hold their next meeting. He indicated in the letter that he wants to be there.

MISCELLANEOUS

The following individuals are not known by the source to be klansmen:

A. D. THOMAS, T. E. HAMNER, ROY PRICE, (FNU) ROGERS, A. L. JONES, SAM KELLER, L. B. SHARP, ROBERT EARL NORTHCUTT, MURRAY ROGERS, A. L. SHAW, JAMES BAKER, (FNU) BARNETT, works at Motors Supply.

Source advised that he had no current information regarding the activities of the following individuals:

TRAVIS BARNETT
DOYLE BARNETT

Source additionally advised that he is not familiar with one JESS DICKENSON or JEEF DICKERSON of Brandon, Miss. He stated that he is not familiar with one DENNISON LOTT of Collins, Miss.

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Brief description of activity or material

~~VINCENT PURSER, Gulfport, Miss., reported by source to be "shook up" following recent interview by FBI Agents at Gulfport. Source knew of little activity on part of Gulfport Klan at the present time, and no indication on part of PURSER to affiliated with UKA.~~

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- ① 157-63 (WKKKKOM)
- 1- 157-534 (Harrison County)
- 1- 157-1246 (Jackson County)
- 1-157-471 (UKA)
- 1- 157-1496 (PURSER)
- 1- 157-1499 (LACY)
- 1- 157-1503 (DOLLAHITE)
- 1- 157-2852 (STEELE)
- 1- 157-2853 (ATKINSON)
- 1- 157-2854 (LAKEY)
- 1- 157-2855 (DR. SHEELEY)
- 1- 157-2856 (PLUMMER)
- 1- 157-2857 (HOLLIMAN)
- 1- 157-2858 (THOMAS)
- 1- 157-2895 (MC ARTHUR)

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Informant advised that VINCENT PURSER is very "shook up" following a recent interview by FBI Agents at Gulfport, Mississippi. Following this interview, PURSER told MARVIN LACY and W.C. DOLLAHITE that in the course of talking with him, the FBI Agents made reference to Pascagoula, Miss., as a result of which PURSER is convinced that the FBI is aware that he has been recently attending Klan meetings at Pascagoula. PURSER believes in this regard that there must be an FBI informant at either Gulfport or Pascagoula, and he also believes that the FBI either has him under surveillance or has his telephone tapped or both.

Informant had no information to indicate that PURSER is attempting to affiliate with the United Klans of America, Inc. (UKA) and stated that so far as he can tell the Klan on the Coast, particularly in the Gulfport, Miss., area, is still inactive and consists primarily of PURSER, LACY and DOLLAHITE.

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Brief description of activity or material

ERNEST GILBERT is new Kleagle for United Klans of America, Inc., Realm of Miss. Request by E. L. MC DANIEL for BILLY BUCKLES to become a kleagle for UKA, Realm of Miss. Plans by JAMES SEALE to harass Buagents. Meeting of state officers, WKKKKOM, at Jackson, Miss., 6/6/65. Plans by members UKA to obtain Citizens Band radios.

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- 1- 157-63
- 1- 157-574 (WKKKKOM, Adams County)
- 1- 157-945 (BILLY BUCKLES) ✓
- 1- 157-950 (JAMES SEALE)
- 1- 157-18 (SAM BOWERS)
- 1- 157-946 (JULIUS HARPER)
- 1- 157-2590 (H. H. HEREDEEN)
- 1- 157-2869 (BURSE (LNU) (DUNN))
- 1- 157-951 (CLYDE SEALE)
- 1- 157-1129 (FNU) SANDY WEFER
- 1- 157-2916 (JACK SHEARER (phonetic) ✓)
- 1- 157-122 (GEORGE NOSSER)
- 1- 157-1097 (JOE NOSSER) ✓

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GRAVES

6/10/65
Adams County, Mississippi

ERNEST GILBERT

ERNEST GILBERT has apparently separated himself from the WKKKKOM and is now a kleagle at the state level for the UKA, Inc., Realm of Mississippi.

BILLY BUCKLES

E. L. MC DANIEL, Grand Dragon, Realm of Miss., UKA, Inc., recently asked BILLY BUCKLES to become a kleagle for the UKA, Inc. BUCKLES has refused to accept this position and presently is a member of the WKKKKOM.

RACIAL SITUATION, NATCHEZ, MISS.

Recent attempts by Negroes to integrate the Duncan Park in Natchez, Miss., have become a topic of great interest to members of the WKKKKOM. The klansmen are particularly concerned with the possibility that Negroes may attempt to use the swimming pool in Duncan Park. This matter is a very explosive topic of conversation and in the event the Negroes do attempt to use the swimming pool, it could become a serious and dangerous situation.

JAMES SEALE

JAMES SEALE, Franklin County, Miss., has stated that recently, two FBI Agents went to his employer at Roxie, Miss., and informed his employer that SEALE and a companion were believed to be carrying guns in the course of their employment. SEALE and his companion drive a sawdust truck from Roxie, Miss., to Bogalusa, La. After the Agents left, the employer told SEALE that he would be fired if he did not cease carrying his gun while driving the truck.

SEALE has stated that if he is fired, he fully intends to bring suit against his employer and attempt to

learn the identities of the Bureau Agents and bring suit against them. An attorney at Natchez, Miss., by the name of BILL RILEY would handle these suits and has acted as SEALE's attorney in the past.

MEETING OF STATE OFFICERS, WKKKKOM, JACKSON, MISS., 6/6/65

A meeting of the state officers of the WKKKKOM was held at the Snack Shop in Jackson, Miss., on 6/6/65. The back portion of the Snack Shop had been rented for the sum of \$15 for the meeting. The persons attending first went to the Cotton Bowl Bowling Alley and were thereafter directed to the Snack Shop.

Persons in attendance were:

SAM BOWERS
JULIUS HARPER
BILLY BUCKLES
CLYDE SEALE
H. H. HEREDEEN
BURSE (LNU) (DUNN) ?
(FNU) SANDIFER from Jayess, Miss.
JACK SHEPHERD (phonetic)
J. K. GREER, from Natchez, Miss.
One man from Natchez who is employed by Natchez Upholstery Co. and resides at Franklin County, Miss.

The meeting opened and thereafter SAM BOWERS and JULIUS HARPER discussed the fact that the UKA, was attempting to take over membership of the WKKKKOM. BOWERS and HARPER voiced varying degrees of concern regarding this matter.

BILLY BUCKLES stated that the organization must began having two state meetings a quarter in order to hold the membership, and that four state kleagles should be put to work on as near a full-time basis as possible in order to gain and hold membership.

There was a discussion regarding the fact that the klan should carefully plan anything that is to be done and that the klan should try to come out into the open more. It

was discussed that work should be started in an effort to gain help from the National Council of Churches, the PTA, and other civic organizations.

It was suggested that literature of good quality is publicly available which calls attention to the communist influence in the United States and that this literature could be distributed by the klan as a program.

Included in the meeting was a showing of a movie depicting the riots during the UN-American Activities Committee meeting in San Francisco, California, several years ago. The klansmen thought the activities of the rioting persons were very poor and stated that in the event they are investigated, they do not want any repetition of such activities with regard to them.

BILLY BUCKLES again brought up the activities of the UKA, Inc. in taking members of the White Knights away.

SAM BOWERS stated he does not want either one of the NOSSER brothers from Natchez, Miss, brought to any more state meetings.

UKA, INC.

Members of the UKA in the Adams County, Miss., have recently shown great interest in obtaining Citizens' Band radios for use in their personally-owned automobiles. Several have contacted TINY LEWIS with regard to obtaining such radios.

MISCELLANEOUS

There appears to be no knowledge among klansmen in the Adams County, Miss., area with regard to the possibility of killing a Negro citizen on the Louisiana side of the Mississippi River in the near future.

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Brief description of activity or material
Informant afforded list of names of individuals employed at Johnson Lawn Mower Plant described as members of the Brookhaven Unit of the WKKKKOM.

Remarks:

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- 1- 157- (DENNIS ROY SMITH)
- 1- 157- (EARL ALLEN)
- 1- 157-584 (Lincoln County Klan) 1- 157- (RAYMOND DOZIER)
- 1- 157-3170 (TROY WINBOURNE) 1- (CHARLES BRANNON)
- 1- 157- (JAMES FABRE) 1- (HOUSTON JORDAN)
- 1- 157- (VIC NETTLES) 1- 157-63
- 1- 157- (CURTIS STEWART) 1- 44-1
- 1- 157-3169 (LLOYD THOMPSON)
- 1- 157- (EUGENE CASTILLO)
- 1- 157- (PETE BRISTER)
- 1- 157- (BILL KIMBLE)
- 1- 157-584 (CLYDE COLUMBUS ALLRED)
- 1- 157-3168 (HOWARD RICHARDSON)
- 1- 157- (AUDWAY BRISTER)
- 1- 157-2487 (ROY SMITH)
- 1- 157- (JERRY LUPO)

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Informant advised that during the past weekend, he contacted the son-in-law of "DOC BLADE," former Brookhaven Constable, and with "DOC BLADE" obtained from his son-in-law a list of individuals who are employed at Johnson Lawn Mower Plant and who are members of the Brookhaven Unit with "DOC BLADE's" son-in-law.

FOIA(b) (7) - (D) advised that the members of this Brookhaven Unit were attempting to have "DOC BLADE" and/or his son-in-law killed because they believed the son-in-law to be an FBI "stoolie" through "DOC BLADE."

FOIA(b) (7) - (D) advised that after considerable conversation with the son-in-law of "DOC BLADE" he was able to obtain the list set forth below:

TROY WINBOURNE
JAMES FABRE
VIC NETTLES
CURTIS STEWART
LOYD THOMPSON
EUGENE CASTILLO
PETE BRISTER
BILL KIMBLE
CLYDE ALLRED
HOWARD RICHARDSON
AUDWAY BRISTER
ROY SMITH
JERRY LUPO
DENNIS ROY SMITH
EARL ALLEN
RAYMOND DOZIER
CHARLES BRANNON (Service station)
HOUSTON JORDAN (Standard Auto Parts)

FOIA(b)(7) - (D) advised that he learned through the above-described individuals that the two individuals in Brookhaven most actively participating in the campaign by the WKKKKOM to intimidate the local school board are:

1. CHARLES BRANNON, who operates a service station in Brookhaven
2. HOUSTON JORDAN, who operates a Standard Auto Parts Company in Brookhaven.

FOIA(b)(7) - (D) advised that he would discuss with "DOC BLADE" and his son-in-law contacting FBI Agents in McComb.

W. S. Galt

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Brief description of activity or material

Informant advised CHARLES J. SEALE and HOUSTON DILLARD, Cross Roads Klavern (WKKKKOM) are very much concerned about recent interview of DILLARD by FBI Agents which DILLARD states believed was caused

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Remarks: by CHARLES VARNADO of Picayune, Miss.
No current Klan activity Cross Roads area except for efforts on part of DILLARD and SEALE.

THE ATTACHED INFORMATION IF DISSEMINATED SHOULD BE APPROPRIATELY PARAPHRASED IN ORDER TO AVOID ANY POSSIBILITY OF COMPROMISING INFORMANT

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- ① 1- 157-63 (WKKKKOM)
- 1- 157-456 (Klan Activities, Pearl River County)
- 1- 157-903 (Cross Roads Klavern)
- 1- 157-915 (Poplarville Klavern)
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- 1- 157-901 (HOUSTON DILLARD)
- 1- 157-902 (TOXIE BOONE)
- 1- 157-912 (HUBERT HARVEY)
- 1- 157-916 (VICTOR L. PETERS)
- 1- 157-1417 (CHARLES VARNADO)
- 1- 157-2052 (ROBERT LOTT)
- 1- 157-2681 (WILLIAM WALTERS)
- 1- 157-2702 (P. V. PULLENS)
- 1- 157-2703 (ROBERT PIERCE)

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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)
1- 157- (BENNIE CHILDS)
1- 157-2936 (ELIJAH LADNER)
1- 157-3041 (DOYLE DAVIS)
1- 157-471 (UKA)

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June 24, 1965

Informant advised that CHARLES J. SEALE and HOUSTON DILLARD of the Cross Roads Klavern (WKKKKOM) are very much concerned about a recent FBI interview of DILLARD.

Informant stated DILLARD has told a number of persons in the Cross Roads area about this interview and has freely expressed his opinion in the area that he believes CHARLES VARNADO of Picayune, Mississippi, is an FBI informant who possibly referred the FBI to DILLARD for interview.

Informant expressed the opinion that DILLARD may actually be "putting the bad mouth" on VARNADO in order to cover up the possibility that he, DILLARD, may actually be an FBI informant.

Informant advised he heard that both DILLARD and CHARLES SEALE recently went to some kind of state meeting but he had no information as to this meeting, and he had no reason to believe that either DILLARD or SEALE or making any effort at this time to affiliate the Cross Roads group with the United Klans of America, Inc. (UKA).

Informant advised that sofar as he knows there still is no activity in the Cross Roads Klavern with the exception of efforts on the part of SEALE and DILLARD to revive interest in the Klan in that area.

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Brief description of activity or material **Activity at 6/12/65 meeting of Varnell Klavern, WKKKKOM, ~~identity of those present and comments by each.~~**

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Remarks: Where indicated in this report, the information referred to was furnished telephonically to Inspector SULLIVAN at the Bogalusa Resident Agency on 6/18/65.

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- ①- 157-63
- 1- 157-500
- 1- 157-2106 (ALTON RHYMES)
- 1- 157-468 (MILTON HARVEY)
- 1- 157-1340 (ALVIN RANDALL)/
- 1- 157- (DALE GHIN)
- 1- 157-886 (WILTON RUSHING)
- 1- 157- (ELVERT SANDIFIER)
- 2- New Orleans (44-2594)
- 1- 157-498 (J. C. KNIPPERS)
- 1- 157-1716 (EDWARD DUNCAN)
- 1- 157- (ABNER ARD)
- 1- 157- (ALBERT REIS DILLON)
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on 6/17/65, advised the following individuals attended the 6/12/65 meeting of the Varnell Klavern of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi (WKKKKOM) held on the front porch of the home of ALTON RANDALL, Klavern Leader: ALTON RANDALL, aka ALVIN REYNOLDS, DALE GHIN, ALTON RHYMES, WILTON RUSHING, ELVERT SANDIFIER and WES DILLON.

Informant advised that the individual who appeared before the Klavern in February, 1965 and promised to supply the rifles, ammunition and hand grenades, has been discussed on many occasions and was mentioned at the 6/12/65 meeting. It is now the opinion of the membership that this individual who introduced himself as ROBERT (BOB) WHITE, was the biggest liar ever to address the group. He promised to return with rifles and hand grenades in two months and has not been heard from by a member of the Unit since February, 1965. ALTON RANDALL advised he had tried to contact this individual at his insurance agency in Brookhaven, Miss., and could find no such individual in the insurance business. It is the opinion of all that he has never had the number of rifles he claimed or someone would have been trying to sell them to members of the Unit by this time.

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described this ROBERT WHITE as an individual approximately 47 years of age, 6'2" or 6' 3" tall, weighing approximately 250 pounds with sandy or light grey hair.

ALTON RANDALL advised that on Saturday night, 6/19/65, it is his intention to put acid on and inside the automobile of the local leader of the NAACP, one CHRISTINE MAGEE, who lives on Highway 98, just east of Tylertown and just west of the Stewart Dairy Bar, on the south side of the highway. He advised that he had five or six quarts of powerful acid in powerful containers with hand pumps on each that would make it possible to spray the acid several yards. He advised he

would have to wait until very late, as the lights from the dairy bar lit up the area at the front of MAGEE's house, where her yellow 1965 Ford is generally parked.

ALTON RANDALL, in answer to a question from one of the group, advised that many of the leading citizens of the community and town of Tylertown are members of the klan. He advised that for example, during the Christmas holidays of 1963, the following individuals were sworn in as secret members, promising to aid the klan in any way possible, but requesting their identity and membership remain secret due to their position in the community:

1. J. C. KNIPPERS, Sheriff, Walthall County
2. EDWARD DUNCAN, a school teacher in the Improve, Miss., area, former Superintendent of Education, Tylertown, Miss., at the time he was sworn in.
3. ALBERT REIS DILLON, owner of the Dillon Feed Mills and one of the wealthiest men in the county.

When questioned about the recent murder of the Negro Deputy Sheriff in Washington Parish, La., RANDALL made the following comment to the best of the recollection of

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"They were delivering three men to the Improve, Miss. area after the shooting and taking the long way home." He also stated there was an automobile that came into the Improve, Miss. area with the Chevrolet truck driven by MC ELVENE.

(Regarding the above statements by RANDALL, FOIA(b) (7) - (D) advised that he has heard the same story in his place of employment and on the streets in Tylertown on numerous occasions and is of the opinion that RANDALL is "carrying the best rumor in town.)

WILTON RUSHING, advised that on Thursday evening, 6/3/65, he cooked a large steak and carried it to the Walthall County Jail and asked Sheriff KNIPPERS if he could give the steak to the individual arrested and accused of participating in the murder of the Negro Deputy Sheriff. He was advised by KNIPPERS that no one could give anything to the prisoner as long as he remained in the Walthall County Jail.

FOIA(b)(7) - (D) advised that in his opinion, the only individual connected with the klan who resides in the general area of Improve, Miss., who is capable of participating in the murder of the Negro Deputy Sheriff in Washington Parish, La., is one ABNER ARD, a cattle man who lives on one of the blacktopped roads south of Improve, Miss., toward the Louisiana line.

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Brief description of activity or material

Informant furnished information concerning MISURN; UFA, INC.; E. L. MC DANIEL; W. S. TORRANCE; ROBERT SHELTON; LEE ROBERTS; AUSTIN MC CARY; HAROLD CRENSHAW; PETE HARRIS

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| 1- 157-471 (UFA, Inc.) | 1- 157-1308 (HAROLD CRENSHAW) |
| 1- 157-486 (E. L. MC DANIEL) | 1- 157-1124 (LEE ROBERTS) |
| 1- 157-450 (BILLY BIRDSONG) | 1- 157-2266 (EDGAR MOORE) |
| 1- 157-563 (B. C. LIDE) | FOIA(b) (7) - (D) |
| 1- 157-1052 (B. L. AKIN) | 1- 157-1870 (HERMAN TUCKER) |
| 1- 157-1403 (W. S. TORRANCE) | 1- 157-1925 (W. H. PETTIS) |
| 1- 157-1374 (AUSTIN MC CARY) | |
| 1- 157-1128 (BERNARD CLAY) | |

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DEXTER TORRANCE DESIGNATED AS OPEN MEMBER OF
UKA, INC.

On 6/7/65, source advised that DEXTER TORRANCE has received instructions from E. L. MC DANIEL, Grand Dragon on the United Klans of America, Inc., to "Come out in the open" as a member of the UKA, Inc., in Meridian, Miss. Source said that TORRANCE has rented a Post Office Box, Number 1711, Meridian, Miss. and he is to act as the official klan spokesman in Lauderdale County, Miss. He said that TORRANCE accepted the position only with the agreement that he be notified in advance of any klan-sponsored activity, violent or non-violent, in order that he could establish an alibi at the time of the activity.

UKA, INC. OBLIGATION CEREMONIES, JUNE 11, 1965,
WARREN LAKE, NEAR MERIDIAN

On 6/7/65, source advised that he had received information from W. S. TORRANCE to the effect that on Friday night, 6/11/65, there was to be a big UKA swearing in or obligation ceremony at WARREN LAKE, near Meridian, Miss. He said that TORRANCE did not mention the name of the person on whose property the ceremony would be held. Source did state that E. L. AKIN was supposed to attend the ceremony with some men from his group of friends, who were desirous of being sworn into the UKA, Inc.

UKA, INC, MARCH AT NATCHEZ, MISS., SATURDAY,
JUNE 12, 1965

On 6/7/65, source advised that he had received information on 6/5/65 from W. S. TORRANCE to the effect that E. L. MC DANIEL, of Natchez, Miss., had made plans for a big klan march on 6/12/65 at Natchez, Miss. Source said he has not received any details of the march other than the fact that W. S. TORRANCE said that quite a few UKA, Inc. members from Louisiana would be participants in the march and that klansmen were to march in their klan robes. Source said that he is supposed to leave Meridian, Miss., at about 7:00 a.m. on Saturday 6/12/65 with AUSTIN MC GARY and W. S. TORRANCE in TORRANCE's car.

BERNARD CLAY AND B. C. LIDE

On 6/7/65, source advised that W. S. TORRANCE, Exalted Cyclops of the UKA, Inc, Lauderdale Klavern, ordered one DEXTER TORRANCE to contact BERNARD CLAY, owner of the Torch Restaurant and Service Station in Meridian, Miss., and tell CLAY that the UKA wanted him to remove a juke box from his establishment since the juke box was owned and operated by B. C. LIDE, a suspected FBI informant. Source said that he had learned that on 6/6/65, DEXTER TORRANCE did go to see CLAY and "really shook CLAY up" by telling CLAY if he did not move the juke box out of his place of business, then the klan would do it for him.

Source said that he has also learned that B.C. LIDE has been conducting his own investigation in an effort to learn the identity of the persons behind the printing of the "Blacklist" for the Meridian area.

POSSIBLE SPEAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR ROBERT SHELTON

On 6/7/65, source advised that W. S. TORRANCE related to him on 6/6/65 that he had made inquiry concerning the little league ball field at Suqualena, Miss., as a possible speaking place for ROBERT SHELTON at some future date. W. S. TORRANCE said that he felt that he could get that ball field for such a speech if and when it is desired by E. L. MC DANIEL of Natchez, Miss. Source said that TORRANCE told him that he was going to talk to MC DANIEL about the possibility of a speech at that ball field and if MC DANIEL liked the setup, then he would try to make final arrangements. TORRANCE said that he would notify source of the decision of MC DANIEL on 6/12/65.

DEXTER TORRANCE HAS RUBBER STAMP IDENTIFYING HIMSELF WITH UKA

Source advised on 6/7/65 that W. S. TORRANCE brought back instructions on 6/5/65 from E. L. MC DANIEL,

Natchez, Miss., for DEXTER TORRANCE to get a rubber stamp identifying himself with the UKA and a Post Office Box. Source said that he had learned that on 6/7/65, DEXTER TORRANCE did rent Post Office Box 1711, Meridian, Miss., and that he had also obtained a rubber stamp containing the following information: UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC., KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN. ANYONE INTERESTED IN AFFILIATION WITH ABOVE ORGANIZATION, WRITE POST OFFICE BOX 1711, MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI." Source said that TORRANCE was supposed to use that rubber stamp in connection with any klan type communications.

ROBES FOR MERIDIAN, UKA KLAN

On 6/7/65, source advised that W. S. TORRANCE recently told him that Mrs. W. S. TORRANCE was in the process of making klan robes for the Meridian klan members and further that he, W. S. TORRANCE, had spent about \$50 out of his own money for material for these robes.

PETE HARRIS AND TOMMY HORNE,
UKA MEMBERSHIP DUES

Source advised on June 9, 1965, that he received instructions from E. L. MC DANIEL to contact PETE HARRIS of Meridian and TOMMY HORNE, former defendant in the murder of the three civil rights workers, in an effort to collect dues owed to UKA, INC.

TOMMY HORNE has also advised source that he quit his job in Birmingham, Alabama because he was afraid the FBI would interview him at his place of employment.

SHERIFF RAYMOND DAVIS VISITED BY W. S. TORRANCE

On June 9, 1965, source advised that W. S. TORRANCE recently told him that he, TORRANCE, visited Sheriff RAYMOND DAVIS at Meridian, Miss., recently relative to "MA" SHOEMAKER, on Old Highway 80 near Meridian. TORRANCE

said that he was upset over the fact that SHOEMAKER was allowed to operate a house of prostitution at that address and therefore, he had a discussion with Sheriff DAVIS and told DAVIS that the klan did not like the idea of DAVIS' allowing such a place to operate openly and that the UKA would do everything possible to sabotage any future plans that DAVIS might have for public office, if DAVIS did not close that place. Source said that he had learned later that Sheriff DAVIS had closed "MA" SHOEMAKER's house of prostitution upon the threat of TORRANCE.

HAROLD CRENSHAW

On 6/3/65, source advised that he recently learned that W. S. TORRANCE had brought instructions back from E. L. MC DANIEL of Natchez, Miss., for TORRANCE to advise HAROLD CRENSHAW that he was going to be designated as another individual in the Lauderdale Klavern who would be authorized to obligate new members into the UKA.

PREACHER DELMAR DENNIS

W. S. TORRANCE recently commented to source that he had been instructed by E. L. MC DANIEL of Natchez, Miss., to have a talk with Preacher DELMAR DENNIS and to instruct DENNIS that he was going to have to start carrying his share of the klan business in Meridian. TORRANCE said that it was his feeling and the feeling of MC DANIEL that DENNIS was not doing all he can to help promote and further the klan efforts in Meridian.

BILLY BIRDSONG

On 6/3/65, source advised that he had learned through general conversation with the black-haired waitress at the Tally Ho Restaurant that BILLY BIRDSONG supposedly recently paid cash for a 1963 Pontiac and has been flashing what is purportedly a state investigator's card. Source

said that he also received information from the same waitress that BIRDSONG recently bought a small pistol from the woman who owns the Triangle Restaurant in Meridian, Mississippi.

KLAN SOURCE OF INFORMATION AT MERIDIAN,
MISS., POLICE DEPARTMENT

Source advised that he and other klansmen in the Meridian area now have a source of information in the person of Captain HAIG's secretary at the Meridian Police Department. He related that any information coming to the attention of Captain HAIG is also usually known to his secretary since HAIG has made a point of confiding in his secretary to gain her favor. Then the same secretary furnishes LEE ROBERTS with information which may be of interest to ROBERTS, especially klan type information, and then the same information is made known by ROBERTS to klansmen.

EDGAR "SHORTY" MOORE

Source advised on 6/7/65 that EDGAR "SHORTY" MOORE can be contacted during his off hours from the Flintkote Corp. at the King Loan Company on 4th Street across from the Western Union office in Meridian, Miss.

HERMAN TUCKER AND W. H. PETTIS

Source advised on 6/9/65 that he had been unable to develop any information which would indicate that HERMAN TUCKER and W. H. PETTIS are active in the klan in Philadelphia, Miss.

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Brief description of activity or material

HOUSTON DILLARD, Crossroads, Miss.,
has expressed concern over recent
interview of DILLARD by FBI Agents, &
he believes Agents keeping him under
observation. No indication current

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Remarks: **activity in Pearl River County, Miss.**

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- 1- 157-3154 (BENNIE CHILDS)
- 1- 44-1084 (UNSUBS; Dep. Sheriffs O'NEAL MOORE, ET AL - VICTIMS, CR.)

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RE HOUSTON DILLARD

Informant advised HOUSTON DILLARD has expressed concern over the fact that he was interviewed within the past several days by FBI Agents. Informant advised DILLARD was telling it around the Crossroads area that the Agents knew enough about him, including his current employment at the NASA site in Hancock County, that DILLARD is convinced the Agents must be keeping him under observation.

RE WKKKKOM, UKA, and OKKKK

Informant advised that there still is no current activity at Crossroads or in Pearl River County, Miss., on the part of the WKKKKOM, and no indication that there is currently any effort on the part of the UKA or the OKKKK to actively recruit or infiltrate the WKKKKOM in the Pearl River County area.

RE UNSUBS; Deputy Sheriff O'NEAL MOORE, et al - VICTIMS, CR

Informant had no information whatever concerning possible suspects since previously contacted, and he reiterated his belief that no Pearl River County, Miss., klansman participated in this shooting.

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Brief description of activity or material **Furnished current address of WILLIAM CLINTON WALTERS, Exalted Cyclops of Picayune Klavern of WKKKKOM, and identified Picayune Klavern. No info. re NED MITCHELL being active in KKK in Picayune, Miss.**

FOIA(b) (7) - (D)

Remarks: Informant advised that he has been unable to make contact with former active members of the Picayune Klavern as his truck had broken down and he had no means of transportation. Informant will make contacts with former active members and start attending meetings.

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- 1- 157-~~436~~ (C. J. SEAL)
- 1- 157-~~898~~ (HOUSTON DILLARD)
- 1- 157-~~901~~ (CHARLES WILSON VARNADO)
- 1- 157-~~147~~ (BILL ADCOCK)
- 1- 157-~~2108~~ (BOBBY ADCOCK)
- 1- 157-2707 (FOTCH BLACKMAN)
- 1- 157-2703 (R. PIERCE)
- 1- 157-2681 (WILLIAM CLINTON WALTERS)
- 1- 157-2705 (FRED H. SPIERS)
- 1- 157-2704 (FNU FOXWORTH)
- 1- 157-3136 (NED MITCHELL)

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WILLIAM CLINTON WALTERS

WILLIAM CLINTON WALTERS, Exalted Cyclops of the Picayune Klavern of the KKK, is reportedly to have recently moved from Greenville, Miss., to 307 Railroad Street, Brookhaven, Miss., where he is living with JEWEL SPIERS, the wife of FRED H. SPIERS of McNeill, Miss. JEWEL SPIERS' father, H. L. WALTERS, resides at the same address.

KU KLUX KLAN, PEARL RIVER COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

The Picayune, Miss. Klavern of the WKKKKOM, Realm of Miss., is described as Klavern Number 3, Province Number 8, District Number 5.

NED MITCHELL

NED MITCHELL of Picayune, Miss., is not known to be active in klan activities in Picayune.

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KLAN CROSSES ARE REPORTED IN SEVERAL AREAS OF STATE

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Mississippi Highway Patrol said Thursday night flaming "Ku Klux Klan" crosses were being burned in several sections of the state.

The Jackson Police Department reported "at least five" burning at 9:30 in several areas of the capital city.

Shortly before the burnings started an unidentified caller phoned the Associated Press with the statement: "I am a representative of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. We are burning about 600 crosses across the state tonight as a reminder to the Communist conspiracy."

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Police Removing Klan Posters Put Up Overnight

A number of Ku Klux Klan posters, similar to the "Uncle Sam wants you!" type of military recruiting sheets, were put up throughout Jackson overnight, police report.

The klan posters, red-white-and-blue with a hooded figure pointing outward, were placed

on utility poles and near several private homes and churches.

The posters urge readers to join the clandestine organization.

M. B. Pierce, chief of detectives for the Jackson police department, said no complaints had been received from individuals concerning the posters on their property.

Pierce said police were removing them from utility poles and public locations.

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