



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date November 9, 1964

Mr. J. H. BRADSHAW, Manager of Kowberry's Department Store, Edgewater Plaza Shopping Center, Mississippi City, Mississippi, was contacted and interviewed at Kowberry's Store at which time he advised that when he learned of the individual who was purchasing great numbers of the surplus rifles, he immediately became suspicious, particularly when he determined that the individual was paying cash, and would not furnish his name or phone number. When he learned this individual apparently was Latin in appearance, he thought he might be a Cuban purchasing weapons for a Cuban revolution. After learning on one particular day that this individual was in the store, he sent one of his employees out to obtain the man's license number. Although he does not presently have this number, he telephonically furnished it to Harrison County Sheriff ERNE MC DONALD and told him about the purchase of the guns. Sheriff MC DONALD called back later to tell him that the license checked out to someone in Pass Christian, Miss., whose name he does not recall. As best he can remember, this phone call to the Sheriff was around the first of July, 1964.

BRADSHAW advised that if this individual returned to the store for further purchases of weapons, he would record the serial numbers on the guns and immediately notify the FBI.

After he, BRADSHAW, talked with Sheriff MC DONALD, this man did not return to the store for further purchases.

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KENNETH HENDERAN, Salesman for Houberry's Department Store, Edgewater Plaza Shopping Center, Mississippi City, Mississippi, was contacted and interviewed at the store at which time he furnished the following information:

During the spring months of this year, which transactions took place over a three-month period, an individual who said that he was forming a rod and gun club in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, came into Houberry's and purchased approximately 70 rifles. These rifles are the surplus type available at almost any sporting goods establishment in the country. He, HENDERAN, did not serve this man on every occasion, but did the majority of the time. The salesman who sold the man rifles on other occasions does not presently work here. As he remembers, the gentleman purchased over \$400 worth of the rifles on two separate occasions and on one other occasion over \$200 worth. He was in on other occasions to purchase smaller numbers of the rifles. Almost all of these rifles were 7.62 Russian Finclub Sportsters. These are the surplus Russian rifles whose barrel and stock has been cut down to make it a more desirable looking sport rifle. He also purchased two or three 30.06 Springfield rifles and about the same number of .30 caliber Enfield rifles. Along with the rifles, this individual purchased as much 7.62 ammunition as he could get at Houberry's. This individual told him, HENDERAN, that if he did not have at least 2,000 rounds, he did not want to buy any. He, HENDERAN, has no idea what the total number of rounds would be that this man purchased, but he bought all the store had on at least two different occasions.

The purchases were always paid for in cash, and although there was almost always another older man with this individual (this older other individual was crippled),

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the first individual would always have the cash for the purchase and appeared to make the decisions about the purchases. Since the purchases were in cash, no records of the sales have been kept by the store. The man would not give his name, address, or phone number. No record of the serial numbers from the guns sold to this individual was made. The store does not keep on record the serial numbers of the guns which they have purchased from the supplier. The supplying company, Interarmco, 10 Prince Street, Alexandria, Virginia, probably would have recorded the serial numbers of the guns which have been shipped by them to Newberry's Store in Mississippi City.

KINGERRAN described the man who actually made the purchase of the guns as follows:

Name	Unknown
Address	Bay St. Louis, Mississippi
Race	White
Age	30-32
Height	5 feet 8 inches
Weight	135 to 140 pounds
Complexion	Dark, looked like a Latin
Hair	Black, bushy
Speech	Spoke with what he would guess was a Latin accent
Characteristics	Mustache Always very dirty and unkempt, Exhibited National Rifle Association membership card
Automobiles	Guns were loaded into a cream-colored 1961 Ford on one occasion and into a 1954 blue and white Chevrolet on another occasion.

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ENGERRAN described the individual who almost always accompanied the above-described individual as follows:

Name	Unknown
Address	Unknown
Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	Late 40s
Height	5 feet 8 inches
Weight	135 to 140 pounds
Hair	Unrecalled
Complexion	Unrecalled
Characteristics	Crippled - to the best of his knowledge this individual's right leg was stiff.
Other	Was interested in buying the American-made Springfield rifles

Optional Form No. 10.

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

Date: October 28, 1964

TO: SAC, JACKSON (157-45)
FROM: SA THOMPSON BERRY WEBB
RE: KU KLUX KLAN
RANKIN COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

UNSUBS; BURNING PLEASANT GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH
BRANDON, RANKIN COUNTY, MISS., 3 miles W. Brandon
on Old U.S. Highway 80, about 11:15 pm 7-30-64.

UNSUBS; ATTEMPT TO BURN ST. MATHEWS BAPTIST
CHURCH, Knox Road, Pearl, Mississippi, 8-12-64.

UNSUBS; FIRING of shots into residence JAMES MONROE
PALMER, Brandon, Mississippi, 9-3-64.

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EXTREME CARE SHOULD BE USED IN THE HANDLING OF THE FOLLOWING
INFORMATION AS ITS SOURCE CAN EASILY BE DETECTED RESULTING IN THE
SOURCE, HE FEELS BEING SHOT. TOO SOURCE HAS IN THE PAST DETECTED
HIS TELEPHONE BEING TAPPED, THEREFORE HE SHOULD NOT BE CONTACTED BY
PHONE.

[redacted]
advised that in about June, 1964 Klaverns of the KKK were formed in
Pearl and Brandon, Mississippi, after he was invited to a so called
meetings of citizens, which he discovered to be one to form a klavern.
He stated that in addition to about 8 local citizens there was present
an individual believed to be from Brookhaven, Mississippi. The latter
individual was attempting to organize and was to return on a following
Tuesday or Thursday to grant a charter. He believes that when he has
time he can go to Brookhaven and identify this individual.

With reference to the Pearl Klavern, [redacted] stated that he does
not know the identity of any members but that when he returns to
regular assignment, he believes he can determine much information
concerning it.

- 2 - 157-45 (KKK, Rankin Co.)
- 2 - 157-392 (UNSUBS; Burning Pleasant Grove
Baptist Church, Brandon, Rankin Co., Miss)
- 2 - 157-291 (UNSUBS; Attempt to Burn St. Mathews Baptist
Church, Knox Road, Pearl, Miss.)

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- 2 - 157-dead (UNSUBS; Firing of Shots into Residence
JAMES MONROE PALMER, Brandon, Miss.)
- 2 - 157-new (Brandon Klavern, WKKKK of Miss., Brandon, Miss.)
- ① - 157-63 (WKKKK)
- 2 - 157-new (CLAY OVERBY)
- 2 - 157-new (DOT "W.L." KIMBLE)
- 2 - 157-new (TOMMY THOMAS)
- 2 - 157-new (EDWIN WADE)
- 2 - 157-new (STANCIL McKAY)
- 2 - 157-new (TRAVIS BIDDLE)
- 2 - 157-new (JOE WARREN)
- 2 - 157-new (GIRD WARREN, JR.)
- 2 - 157-new (GIRD WARREN, SR.)
- 2 - 157-new (KEN WARREN)
- 2 - 157-new (OTTO McKAY)
- 2 - 157-new (F.O. WILLIS)
- 2 - 157-new (VERNON KIMBLE)
- 2 - 157-new (FORREST GRANTHAM)
- 2 - 157-new ("Sleepy" FORD)
- 2 - 157-dead (JEFF DICKSON)
- 1 - 157-1418 (BILL SULLIVAN)
- 1 - 157-768 (JACK WILLIAMS)

The following are the known members of the Brandon Klavern, name of klavern unknown, considered to be the most active and dangerous concerning racial violence;

CLAY OVERBY, considered most dangerous of the group, man behind the scene who would incite klansmen to violence. Operates used car lot, has other interests, do anything for a "fast buck", has sufficient money to get for klan what it needs. Drives 1964 white over cream Dodge, Dealer's tag.

DOT (possibly W.L.) KIMBLE, "torchman" for the Klan, is heavy equipment operator (was working Euclid scraper Brandon-Pelahatchie interstate highway under construction)

TOMMY THOMAS, crackpot who would be eager to burn or blow something, works Vickers, previously had a cafe which folded in Brandon, drives Black Chevrolet Corvair.

EDWIN WADE, a "torchman" will burn what the klan tells him employed Jackson Patrol Service & operates Sinclair Service Station Cafe in Brandon. Drives blue & white 56 Chevrolet.

STANCIL MC KAY, employed Southern Bell at Brandon, will tap your phone or listen in on you.

TRAVIS BIDDLE, employed Western Electric installer for Southern Bell, same comments as McKAY above, thoroughly versed in electronics.

JOE WARREN, employed Southern Bell, same as McKAY & BIDDLE, son of Marshal of Brandon GIRD WARREN, SR. (see his below)

GIRD WARREN, SR., Marshall of Brandon, source knows he burned a cross on the town square in Brandon, date not furnished. (see later comments)

GIRD WARREN, JR., school teacher, active klansman.

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KEN WARREN, son of Gird Sr., employed Marquette Cement Plant. One ELLIS SCOTT is janitor at Marquette & lives in front of CLAY OVERBY's farm (above). When civil rights bill passed, SCOTT tried out the shower for white employees, night of 8-13-64 [] is believed to have incited [] into shooting into house of SCOTT.

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OTTO MC KAY, active, no visible means for support, drives 1962 white or cream Chevrolet, & an old model two tone brown Chevrolet, possibly 1954.

F. O. WILLIS, cafe operator, drives dark blue 64 Dodge.

VERNON KIMBLE, father of "Dot" above, sawmill man, drives white over green Oldsmobile, possibly 1956.

FORREST GRANTHAM, operates Grantham Laundry & Dry Cleaners in Brandon, operates 1964 white over brown Dodge.

"SLEEPY" FORD, operator of pool hall in Brandon, brother in law of FORREST GRANTHAM.

"DOT" KIMBLE, EDWIN WADE and STANCIL MC KAY - according to source have been caught burning a cross.

JEFF DICKSON is suspected of being a Klan member - employed by MORROW Insurance Agency in Brandon. Source will advise if he learns DICKSON is member. Meeting place of the klan maybe on the farm formerly operated by the DICKSON family, an abandoned house located by turning off at bottom of Hebron Hill, down Highway 18 about 5 miles. House is good distance off road, farm presently owned by a Jackson doctor who has it planted in pine sapplings. Believed that a load of plywood was taken to the house to seal off the windows, Coleman gas lantern taken there for light.

BILL SULLIVAN of Pearl, Mississippi is head of the AMERICANS FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE WHITE RACE. It was not made clear whether JACK WILLIAMS of Pelehatchie, Miss. is the treasurer of the APWR or the klan in Rankin County. JACK RAGAN, a bootlegger, north of Pelehatchie is an active Klan member.

With reference to the Pleasant Grove Church, EDWIN WADE of Brandon was one of the first individuals to arrive at the fire. He claimed that he had seen the fire from the opposite side of Brandon. Three MHSP units sitting at the court house in Brandon, a rather high location in Brandon did not see it & WADE hollered at these units at the time he passed through town, that there was a fire. The fire was discovered and reported by a negro male HAYWOOD SUTTON and JOHNNIE MAY KNIGHT. WADE said that night at the scene of the fire that COFO had set it on fire, that it was set by HAYWOOD SUTTON. He claimed to know this because he said he is with the Jackson Patrol Service, that he patrols the area of COFO headquarters and on 7-30-64 saw HAYWOOD SUTTON in and out of COFO headquarters three or four times the day in question, and pointed out the fire was discovered by HAYWOOD SUTTON.

HAYWOOD SUTTON was questioned on 7-31-64, was agreeable to a polygraph test, which he was afforded by SAM IVY, MHSP headquarters, with the result that IVY said SUTTON not involved. The polygraph further indicated that SUTTON had never been to COFO headquarters.

GIRD WARREN, SR., Brandon Marshal was in WADE'S Service Station two times between dark and burning of the church that night. WARREN was seen in the Pearl area at 11 PM headed back East toward Brandon - about 4 miles from the church, with the church noted as being on fire at 11:15 p.m.

On July 19, 1964 there was an attempt to burn the St. Mathews Baptist Church on the Knox Glass Road at about 1 a.m. however local negroes in the area were able to put it out immediately. On 8-12-64 the church was completely burned. DOT KIMBLE was observed sitting in Marshal GIRD WARREN, SR's. car in front of the PD. Across the street in front of the court house was observed TRAVIS BIDDLE in his car with the door open as though KIMBLE had gotten out and walked across to the Marshal's car. At approximately 7:30 to 7:45 pm. Source was advised that about 8:15 pm these three men were in WADE'S Sinclair Service Station in Brandon. At 9:15 pm the radio of GIRD WARREN was overheard by State Unit in the Pearl area, it was an attempt to contact a unit, was obviously very close to the state unit and GIRD would not answer. At 9:15 pm the church was on fire. At 11:15 pm a deputy sheriff observed the town car (GIRD'S) BIDDLE's car with DOT KIMBLE, GIRD WARREN, TRAVIS BIDDLE, EDWIN WADE in front of the police station, these individuals coming in from the west, each get in their individual cars and go home.

On the night of September 3, 1964 JAMES MONROE PALMER had two loads of buckshot fired into his house at about 9 p.m. He lives north of Brandon about 5 miles on 471. Some five miles north of him lives KEN WARREN. Two weeks prior to the shooting, he attended a big meeting at NAACP office in Jackson. ED WADE, above, was in the Jackson Patrol Service car, worked the area of NAACP office, obtained the PALMER Negro's license number. Source is confident that [redacted] did the shooting based on the information that he had attended the NAACP meeting. PALMER states this is the only meeting he ever attended.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: SAC JACKSON (105-14) (P)

DATE: 11/12/64

FROM: SA. ROY H. MC DANIEL

SUBJECT: ORIGINAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU
KLUX KLAN
RM

By letter dated 10/22/64, the New Orleans office advised as follows:

HOWARD LEE, 1512 Adams St., Bogalusa, La., has been identified in the past as the Exalted Cyclops of the Klan Unit located in the Mitch Community on the edge of Bogalusa. Information has been received that LEE was sworn out of the Klan within the past 2 or 3 weeks. He is a brick mason by trade and is also self-employed as a gunsmith. He was, according to the AT and TU, New Orleans, issued a Federal License to deal in firearms and ammunition in interstate commerce. Informants reported that during June - August, LEE was obtaining Italian Army rifles, 6.5 mm, as well as other types of firearms and ammunition. Sources reported that he was selling these firearms to Klansman in Southeast La. Investigation determined that LEE obtained rifles and other types of firearms from WALTER CRAIG, Selma, Ala.

In July, 1964, AT and TU, New Orleans, contacted LEE and after determining that he was not keeping records as required by law, gave him until the end of September, 1964, to identify persons from whom purchased, identifying numbers of weapons, and to whom sold. On 10/6/64, LEE was arrested by the AT and TU at Bogalusa for violation of the FFA in that he was not keeping complete records and he was

- 1- 157-901
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- 1- 157-898
- 5- McComb RA (enc.-2)
- 2- Laurel RA (enc.-2)
- 2- Hattiesburg RA (enc.-2)
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subsequently released on bond.

A xerox copy of records of LEE was obtained and made available. It was not, of course, known whether every man listed on the records of LEE are actually Klan members.

A review of these records reflect the following persons apparently residing in Mississippi who purchased firearms from LEE:

<u>MC COMB</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
1. Adams, Cecil	Rt. 1, McComb
2. Alfred, James	Rt. 1, Summit
3. Alfred, Frank	Summit
4. Burch, Henry	Gen. Del., McComb
5. Bullock, Jesse	McComb
6. " , June	"
7. Cockren, Odell, or Cockern, Odell	Tylertown
8. Bullock, Tommy	Summit
9. Dillon, James	Rt. 1, Summit
10. Downs, Thad	McComb
11. Duncan, Willie	"
12. Gill, Joe	Rt. 1, Box 71, McComb
13. Jordan, Joe	Tylertown
14. Morgan, J. N.	Fernwood
15. Morgan, Roy	Rt. 1, Box 274, McComb
16. McCain, Huston	Magnolia
17. McKenzie or McKinzie, Cecil	Rt. 1, Box 276, McComb
18. " , Jesse	Rt. 1, Box 277, McComb
19. " , Percy	McComb (Homestead)
20. " , Norman	Rt. 1, Box 160, McComb
21. " , Winford	" " 161, "
22. " , L. J.	" " 259, "
23. " , L. J., Jr.	" " " , "
24. Nagner, C. C.	Rt. 1, Box 272, McComb
25. " , Cecil	" " 275 , McComb

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| 26. Spikes, Johnny | Fernwood |
| 27. Travis, Jay | 601 5th St., McComb |
| 28. Warner, C. C. | Rt. 1, Box 272, McComb |
| 29. " , Clinton | " , " 275, " |
| 30. Webb, Walter | " , " 271, " |
| 31. Wilkey, James | Magnolia |

LAUREL

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| 1. Barnes, Bob | Rt. 3, Laurel |
| 2. Hicks, J. T. | Laurel |
| 3. Holifield, J. T. | Ellisville |
| 4. Norris, Jerry | Laurel |

HATTIESBURG

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| 1. Barnes, Bradley N. | Rt. 1, Hattiesburg |
| 2. Roberts, Homer | Purvis |

GULFPORT

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| 1. Bennett, Cecil | Rt. 3, Box 306, Picayune |
| 2. Davis, L. M. | Rt. 3, Poplarville |
| 3. Dillard, Houston | Rt. 1, Poplarville |
| 4. Giddens, Buddy | " , " |
| 5. Hill, Jimmy | Picayune |
| 6. Ladner, Cliff | RFD, Poplarville |
| 7. McQueen, Jerry | Nicholson |
| 8. Seals, C. J. | Cross Roads |
| 9. " , David | Rt. 8, Poplarville |
| 10. Travis, Lester | Poplarville |
| 11. Wheat, Horace | " , Rt. 1 |

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ROAD TRIP SOUTH

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| 1. Hughes, Allen | Utica |
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| 1. Eubanks, Truman | 1024 Galveston, Jackson |
| 2. Lee, Nathan | " " " |
| 3. Sharp, L. D. | " " " |

Indices search reflects no references to any of these persons with the exception of the following who may be identical:

HOUSTON DILLARD, Poplarville, may be identical to subject of Jackson file 157-901, captioned "HOUSTON RANDOLPH DILLARD, RM".

C. J. SEALS, or SEALE, Cross Roads, may be identical to person in Jackson files 157-1 and 157-63 as member of the Cross Roads Klavern of the Pearl River Rod and Gun Club (157-456), and is apparently identical to subject of file 157-898, captioned "CHARLES J. SEALS, RM".

JAMES DILLON, Summit, may possibly be identical to subject of file 26-4, captioned "JAMES WILLIS DILLON, ITSMV, ITSP".

Copies of the xerox list of persons with weapons identified are being furnished each resident agency for reference.

LEADS

THE MC COMB RESIDENT AGENCY (2 Copies of list enclosed)

AT MC COMB, MISSISSIPPI

Will interview persons listed above as appearing on Xerox copy and residing in McComb area and ascertain if they are members of any Klan group and obtain explanation of purchase of guns and/or ammunition. If person identified as Klansman, will open separate individual case files for investigation.

AT SUMMIT, MISSISSIPPI

Will conduct same investigation re persons with Summit addresses.

AT FERNWOOD, MISSISSIPPI

Will conduct similar investigation re persons residing Fernwood.

AT MAGNOLIA, MISSISSIPPI

Will conduct similar investigation re persons residing Magnolia.

AT TYLERTOWN, MISSISSIPPI

Will conduct similar investigation re persons residing that city.

THE LAUREL RESIDENT AGENCY (2 copies of list enclosed)

AT LAUREL, MISSISSIPPI

Same as above re Laurel residents.

AT ELLISVILLE, MISSISSIPPI

Same re Ellisville residents.

THE HATTIESBURG RESIDENT AGENCY (2 copies of list enclosed)

AT HATTIESBURG, MISSISSIPPI

Same re Hattiesburg residents.

AT PURVIS, MISSISSIPPI

Same re Purvis residents

THE GULFPORT RESIDENT AGENCY (2 copies of list enclosed)

AT PICAYUNE, MISSISSIPPI

Same re Picayune residents.

AT POPLARVILLE, MISSISSIPPI (2 copies of list enclosed)

Same re Poplarville residents.

AT NICHOLSON, MISSISSIPPI

Same re Nicholson residents

AT CROSS ROADS, MISSISSIPPI

Same re Cross Roads residents.

AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

JACKSON ROAD TRIP SOUTH

AT UTICA, MISSISSIPPI

Same re residents of Utica, Mississippi

AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

Same re residents of Jackson, Mississippi.

Jackson, Mississippi
November 11, 1964

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

On October 2, 1964, a confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised that Dr. L. G. Todd, Superintendent of Education, Lumbardale County, Meridian, Mississippi, is on the black list of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi (WKKKK), Meridian, Mississippi, Lumbardale Klavern. Source advised that it is rumored that Dr. Todd was scheduled to be shot recently and that the man that was to do this job was in town, however, orders were received from the Imperial Wizard of the WKKKK that this assassination was not to take place. Source did not know the date that this action was supposed to take place nor does he know the names of the persons who were to participate. Source advised that the WKKKK is anticipating taking some action toward Todd and are aware of the fact that he stays at his office late one night each week and will probably take whatever action they plan against him on that particular night. Source added that the Klan is of the opinion that Dr. Todd is favorable toward the integration of schools in Lumbardale County and it is rumored that he has made statements so indicating.

On October 3, 1964, Dr. L. G. Todd, Superintendent of Education, Lumbardale County, Meridian, Mississippi, was advised of the above at which time he stated he had received a number of harassing telephone calls several months ago, however, recently he has not been receiving any such calls. Dr. Todd also stated he has no routine of staying at his office on any particular night during the week and that it

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**Re: White Knights of the
Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi**

**is his custom to spend his evenings at home if not out
on official school business.**

**On October 3, 1964, Assistant Chief of Police
C. L. "Ray" Gunn, Meridian Police Department, and Lauderdale
County Sheriff Raymond Davis were notified of the above
information regarding Dr. Todd.**

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AIR MAIL

TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC, JACKSON (157-63)

WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE
KU KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI
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ReBuairtel to Jackson dated 11/3/64.

Enclosed are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum dated and captioned as above reflecting information concerning possible action against Dr. L. O. TODD, Superintendent of Education, Lauderdale County, Meridian, Mississippi.

The identity of the source furnishing the information in attached letterhead memorandum is [redacted]. This informant as well as other racial informants and sources have been contacted and have been unable to furnish any additional information regarding this matter. The Jackson Office will continue to be alert for additional information in this regard and the Bureau will be immediately advised upon obtaining any such information.

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Optional Form No. 10,
United States Government
Memorandum

TO: SAC, JACKSON 157-63

FROM: SA LEROY D. FEDERIE

SUBJECT: White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan
of Mississippi
RM

Re memo of SA LEROY D. FEDERIE re SAC, Jackson dated
10/20/64 on Jackson file Number 157-213.

On 10/17/64 E. W. WEEKS, Sheriff, Montgomery
County, Mississippi advised that on the evening of Thursday
October 1, 1964 he noticed about 15 cars parked in front of
S. T. SHOOKS' garage and also in the Lion Service Station which is
adjacent to SHOOKS' place. WEEKS stated that at that evening the
owner of the Lion Service Station, WILKIN AUSTIN, told that his
station was being used for a parking lot and that he asked a man,
DANIEL FIELDER, who was also why the cars were parked in his
station. FIELDER told AUSTIN that a Klan meeting was being
held in the rear of SHOOKS' garage. WEEKS stated that AUSTIN
then came to him and advised him of what FIELDER had said.

WEEKS stated that in observing the individuals who were
entering and leaving SHOOKS' place at that time that he had
identified many of them as persons whose names he had furnished
to the FBI previously as being Klan members. In addition, WEEKS
stated that he recognized some individuals who he had no prior
knowledge as being mixed up with the Klan and that their names
were as follows: CHARLES PARKER, Kink Street, Winona, Mississippi,
Phone Number 859. PARKER is stated to have acted as a lookout
out on the above occasion and that he is employed as a mechanic
at the Gerard Motor Company, Winona.

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SHER CASTLE, 408 Sterling Avenue, Winona, Mississippi.
Phone Number 453 WATERS stated that CASTLE was a former
sheriff of Montgomery County and had been a law enforcement
officer for over a period of 10 years. WATERS advised CASTLE
lives in Winona and is not employed.

HAROLD WILLIAMS, 123 Powell, Winona, Mississippi.
Phone Number 1063 WILLIAMS works for the Railroad Express
Agency in Winona.

BARNEY MORGAN, Highway 91 N, Winona, Mississippi.
Phone Number 647 M & MORGAN drives a truck for a Delta
(Business name unknown)

M. E. DAVES, Highway 82-W, Winona, Mississippi
Phone Number 286 DAVES works at a furniture store in Winona.

F. K. PIPMAN works as a welder in a welding shop on
the west side of Highway 91 N, Winona.

In view of the fact that FABER, CASTLE, WILLIAMS,
MORGAN, DAVES, and PIPMAN are suspected as being members of
the Ku Klux Klan, it is recommended that a case file be opened
on them and that they be interviewed regarding their
alleged association with the Klan.

OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
M E M O R A N D U M

To: SAC, JACKSON (157-63)

Date: 11/2/64

From: SA BILLY BOB WILLIAMS

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

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Informant: [redacted]

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Informant on October 3, 1964, furnished the following list of names of individuals who are either presently members or have been members of the Norfield Klavern of the Ku Klux Klan

G. C. WELCH, JR.

Operator of small grocery store and service station, Norfield. Residence Norfield, Mississippi.

ESCO WALLACE

Employed Illinois Central Railroad shops, McComb. Resides Norfield, Mississippi.

EDWARD EARL WALKER

Operator of the C & W Sheet Metal Shop, Highway 51, Norfield, Mississippi. Residence Highway 51, Norfield. Wife operates Chatterbox Beauty Shoppe in their home.

THOMAS WELLS

Employed C & W Sheet Metal Shop, Norfield. Residence Norfield.

ERNEST REEVES

Employed as a fireman or a brakeman, Illinois Central Railroad, McComb. Residence Norfield.

RUSSELL WYAN

Employed Illinois Central Railroad, McComb, as a fireman. Resides Highway 51, Norfield.

WILLIE WARRICK

Employed C & W Sheet Metal Shop, Norfield. Residence Norfield.

Informant advised that approximately four months ago CLEON LEWELL telephonically contacted members of the Ku Klux Klan at Boggs Church requesting them to go to the PERCE OLIN State Park grounds as a group of Negroes were planning to go swimming to this park. In addition to some members from the Boggs Church Klavern, the individuals listed above were present at the park and representatives of the Norfield Klavern.

Informant does not know of JACK MORZIN who is the partner of PERCE OLIN in the operation of the C & W Metal Shop and a member of the Norfield Klavern.

Informant advised that WES BROWN who left the Boggs Church Klavern and a close neighbor of GEORGE EARL WINSBARK Boggs Church is keeping close watch on GEORGE EARL

WINNOR AL advised: observe and hear any items
of any importance.

~~ZIMMERMAN~~ advised: in the membership of
the Regu (Chitt) Club was recently stopped on the
highway near Regu (Chitt) by two unknown individuals.

These men told him to quit "LANE" and those super-
visors to quit "LANE" and to quit "WIDE"
MORAN to quit "LANE" and those others.

Informant advised that he does not know the
meaning behind "LANE" and "WIDE" meaning he explained that
"LANE" is a name of a group of men in the area.
He further informed that he does not know what was meant
by the message "LANE" and "WIDE". He also advised that he does not
have any other information or any other connection with
any arrests in the Regu area.

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REFERENCE:

Report of SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER, dated 7/20/64, at New Orleans.

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law enforcement officers in an attempt to further
identify Klan activity in Lauderdale County, Mississippi

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Title: WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
OF MISSISSIPPI, Lauderdale County
Klavern, Meridian, Mississippi

Character: RACIAL MATTERS

Synopsis: The Lauderdale County Chapter of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi (WKKKKOM) has been active under the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi since its formation in early 1964. Lauderdale County branch of the WKKKKOM subscribes to the entire constitution of the WKKKKOM. Klan sources advised Lauderdale County Klansmen who were elected Province officers on 9/27/64, at a Klan meeting in Meridian, Miss., were: B. L. AKIN, Province Klan Bureau of Investigation; B. C. LIDE, Province Giant; ED FRAZIER, Senator at Large; JAMES PETE HARRIS, Klan Bureau of Investigation, Lauderdale Co.; EARL AKIN, County Coordinator. Klan source advised J. M. HATCHER, DONALD R. MADDOX, WALLACE MILLER, LEE ROBERTS, DICK WATKINS, who are members of the Meridian, Miss., PD, and BILLY JOYNER, a member of the Miss. Safety Highway Patrol, and DAVID DIAL, an Ala. Highway Patrolman, are all members of Lauderdale County Klan. Klan source also named CURTIS MILLER, Meridian City Councilman, along with FRANK HARRIS, Chief of the Auxiliary Police, as members of the Lauderdale County Klan. JAMES RUTLEDGE, admitted Klansman, named T. R. PICKETT, a National Guard Commander, as head of the Kemper County Unit of the WKKKKOM and advised PICKETT was active in attendance at Lauderdale County Klan meetings.

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The White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi, hereinafter referred to as the WKKKKOM, and the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, hereinafter referred to as the OKKKK, are characterized in the appendix section of this report.

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LAUDERDALE COUNTY KLAN, MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI

I. ORIGIN AND PURPOSE

JN T-2 advised on September 29, 1964, that the Lauderdale County Chapter of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi, is presently active under the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi, and has been active since the formation of this group in early 1964.

JN T-2 advised on September 28, 1964, that the aims and purposes of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi, Lauderdale County Chapter, 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 in America.

II. ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

JN T-2 advised on September 28, 1964, that the Lauderdale County Branch of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi subscribes to the present constitution of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi and follows it in its entirety.

On September 13, 1964, JN T-2 estimated that the Lauderdale County Klavern of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi consists of 150 to 160 members; however, according to source's knowledge, there is no roster maintained on members of the Klan in Lauderdale County, Mississippi.

On September 10, 1964, JN T-1, advised that the Klan in Meridian, Mississippi, is well organized and is broken down into a number of separate units.

On September 15, 1964, JN T-1 advised the Meridian Klavern of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi is comprised of six units, five units consisting of twenty-five members each, and one unit consisting of thirty members.

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A. Officers

On September 19, 1964, JN T-2 advised C. W. MILLER was assigned as the Province Kleagle of Lauderdale, Neshoba, Newton, Kemper, Leake, and Clark Counties.

On September 18, 1964, JN T-2 advised that B. C. LIDE, is the Province Giant.

On September 30, 1964, JN T-2 advised that the following are probably Exalted Cyclopes of the listed units:

Unit 1	FRANK HERNDON
Unit 2	Either DEXTER TORRANCE or CLYDE MATHENEY
Unit 3	W. S. TORRANCE
Unit 4	TOMMY HORNE
Unit 5	(First Name Unknown) SIMS
Unit 6	ALGENE PRICE

JN T-2 advised on September 27, 1964, the following Province Officers were elected by acclamation at a Klan meeting held at the Harris Box Plant, 2020 15th Avenue, Meridian, Mississippi:

B. L. AKIN	PROVINCE, Klan Bureau of Investigation
B. C. LIDE	Province Giant
ED FRAZIER	Senator at Large
JAMES PETE HARRIS	Klan Bureau of Investigation of Lauderdale County
EARL AKIN	County Coordinator

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B. Membership

On September 13, 1964, JN T-2 advised the following persons are members of the Lauderdale County Klan of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi:

CURTIS MILLER	City Councilman
(First Name Unknown) THOMAS	Plumbing Inspector for Meridian City
FRANK HARRIS	Honorary Deputy and Chief of Auxiliary Police
RAY GRIFFIN	Supervisor of Beat No. 5
B. C. LIDE	Employed United Tire, 6001 Fifth Street
JERRY SIPPLES	
FRANK HERNDON	Exalted Cyclops
ALGENE PRICE	Employed at Salvage House at Key Field and Vice-President local Klan
DELMAR DENNIS	Minister for local Klan
MIKE HATCHER	Meridian Police Department
B. L. AKIN	Akin's Trailers, also a recruiter for Klan
PETE HARRIS	Employed at Hardin's Bakery
JERRY BARFIELD	Klan Secretary
DEWITT SMITH	Klan Treasurer
JIM JORDAN	
CURTIS ROBINSON	Tucker Studio
JACK JONES	Southern Bell Telephone

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CHARLIE HARRISON

(First Name Unknown) SIMS Justice of the Peace of
Beat No. 5, also employed at
Southern Bell Telephone

BERNARD CLAY

LEE ROBERTS

Meridian Police Department

DON MADDOX

Meridian Police Department

DICK WATKINS

Meridian Police Department

ARTHUR HORNE

TOMMY HORNE

GARY SMITH

Radio Station WOKK

J. D. GARTMAN

Gartman Seafood

HERBERT ODOM

Has garage at Fifth Avenue
and 31st Street

(First Name Unknown) KILROY Owns a garage

ED FRAZIER

Employed Redd's Pest Control

MARTIN PACE

Commercial Credit

JOHN HEDGEPATH

Son-in-law of MARTIN PACE

(First Name Unknown)
HICKS

Hicks Barber Shop

DR. E. B. ROBINSON

Dentist

(First Name Unknown)
DEARMAN

Works at Flintkote Plant as
laborer, drives a 1956 Ford

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JIM RUTLEDGE	A cook at the Brown Derby on Highway 45 North which is owned by LAMAR MAJORS and previously worked at the Lamp Post also operated by LAMAR MAJORS
DICK WARNER	Warner's Drive-In Grocery, 1010 Grand Avenue
DEXTER TORRANCE	Works at Flintkote
EARL AKIN	Son of B. L. AKIN
J. T. BARNETT	
TRAVIS BARNETT	
JIMMY SNOWDEN	Works at Troy Laundry
ROLAND HARDY	Works at Troy Laundry
GEORGE DANNER	Pabst beer distributor
KENNY ALSUP	Works at Magnolia Beverage and it is rumored that he tried to kill the assistant chief of police (name unknown)
DOYLE BARNETT	Works at Allen Supply and Auto Parts of 6th Street
(First Name Unknown) BARNETT	Works at Motor Supply
O. V. PRATT	Works at Pure Oil on 8th and 36th
MACK MC CORMICK	Works at Sanders, 8th and 35th
JESSIE HEGERMIRE	
JIMMY ALDRIDGE	
CHARLES BARFIELD	

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(First Name Unknown) BUCKLEY	Buckley's Grocery on 4th and 16th
JACK JORDAN	A candy and crackers salesman
GEORGE DOWNER	Fabst distributor
CARLTON LAVENDER	Singer Sewing Machine salesman and previous manager
BISHOP LAVENDER	
ELMER LEWIS	Works for Southern Railroad
BILL KILLEN	(inactive member)
W. S. TORRANCE	Works for South End Construction Company
(First Name Unknown) MC CARY	Works at South End Construction Company and is brother-in-law of W. S. TORRANCE
RED WOODRICKS	Employed at A & H Tire Company
W. L. HOWINGTON	Is said to have embezzled some money when worked for local bank
HAROLD JAMES	Key Field Grocery
W. AGENTS	
CHARLIE ALEXANDER	
GERALD ALEXANDER	
ROBERT ALEXANDER	
(First Name Unknown) ALEXANDER	
(First Name Unknown) ALEXANDER	

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RAYMOND ROBERTS

WAYNE ROBERTS

COCKY ROBERTS

BO SESSIONS

Employed at Miami Windows

THOMAS GADDIS

CECIL KILLEN

Air Comfort Engineering

JUNIOR HARRISON

LESTER PRICE

Works at Southern Railroad

RALPH LEWIS

Employed at A & H Tire Company

ALBREY "SNOW" SMITH

A. D. NEAL and twin brother Both employed at Southern
J. D. NEAL Pipe

CLYDE MATHENEY

TOM DECELL

(First Name Unknown)
BROWN

Lives just off Grand Avenue in a
trailer near Tom Bailey Highway

BENNY HAGUEWOOD

MARVIN HAGUEWOOD

Works at Southern Pipe

REGINALD MILES

Works at television station
at 8th and 24th

CHARLIE VINCENT

Works for RISHER Radio

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On September 18, 1964, JN T-2 advised the following persons are members of the Lauderdale County Klavern of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan:

J. V. COOK	Employed at service station
(First Name Unknown) UPCHURCH (phonetic)	Foreman at Harris Box Factory
ROY SHARP	Constable of Beat No. 3, Lauderdale County
WAYNE HASTINGS	Employed at Standard Drug Company
DAVID DIAL	Alabama Highway Patrol
ALLEN DIAL	Employed Newell Paper Company
TOMMIE BEDDINGFIELD	Employed at Flintkote
RILEY GARRETT, JR.	Employed at Garrett Furniture Company
DICK WATKINS	
DICK WATKINS' brother has transferred to Jackson Lodge, name believed to be BUD	
BENTON GORDON	Union, Mississippi, owner of Gordon's Barber Shop
Reverend CONRAD KING	
CHARLES MC GEE	Pepsi-Cola Plant
C. WALLACE MILLER	Meridian Police Department
CHARLES MOSLEY	Head of Painters Union
OSCAR BURT	
A. D. THOMAS	

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MORGAN COCHRAN, JR.

HORACE GOODMAN,

Schoolteacher at Meridian Junior
College

RANDOLPH PICKETT

Resides in DeKalb, Mississippi,
Captain in National Guard

HILL AUST

(First Name Unknown)
HENDERSON

D. L. CALDWELL

H. KILLEN

(First Name Unknown)
ROGERS

Manager of Bill's Dollar Store

CAROL SMITH's father

Belongs at Mendenhall, Mississippi

DARRELL HITT

Resides at Little Rock,
employed by Hardin's Bakery

J. C. RIGDON

Lives at Little Rock, employed
at Ford Motor Company

BOBBY GIBSON

Resides at Whyot, Mississippi,
employed Dixie Highway Express

A. L. JONES

PAUL CRICE

Employed at Tucker Steel

JOE CURRY

C. C. FERRILL

Former Circuit Clerk, now
employed at WOKK Radio

DAN HOLLINGSWORTH

Employed at WDAE Radio

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BILLY JOE HARRIS	Construction worker, resides Chunky, Mississippi
HERBERT BREWER	Cab Driver and Shriner, joined Monday night, September 15, 1964
HAROLD CRENSHAW	Resides at Collinsville, Mississippi
BILLY ROGERS	Employed at Texaco Company
Two brothers who work for Meridian Tobacco Company, last name either SCOTT or they are from Scott County	
CLAUDE SIMMONS (phonetic)	
VIC SIMMONS (phonetic)	
SHORTY PARTRIDGE	Resides at "C" Street and 23rd Avenue
(First Name Unknown) RICHARDSON	Supervisor. Beat 2, resides at Little Rock
JUDGE BARNETT	Carthage (residence)

On September 22, 1964, JN T-2 advised that the following persons were members of the Lauderdale County Klavern of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan:

(First Name Unknown)
HAMNER

C. J. EVERIDGE May have transferred out

BILLY ROGERS, not BILL, as he is a member of the
National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

RAYMOND HARRIS

BILLY JOE HARRIS Is related to PETE (JAMES) HARRIS

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JAMES TURNER

FRED SPEED Of Speed's Welders

WILL NELSON

C. W. KIDD Employed at Southern Railraod

DEE SCITZ

KEITH HENRY A lawyer at Union, believed
to belong at Union

On October 24, 1964, JN T-2 advised that the following persons were members of the Lauderdale County Klan:

Captain HAROLD KELLER Meridian Fire Department

BILLY JOYNER Mississippi Safety Highway
Patrolman

III. LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS WHO ARE LAUDERDALE COUNTY KLANSMEN

A. Meridian, Mississippi, Police Department

On September 15, 1964, JN T-1 advised that Sergeant WALLACE MILLER, member of the Meridian Police Department, is Kleagle of the Meridian Klavern and also is Kleagle for an eight-county district.

Other policemen who are members of the Lauderdale County Klavern, according to JN T-1, are: DICK WATKINS, J. M. HATCHER, LEE ROBERTS, D. R. MADDOX, all presently on the Meridion Police Department.

B. Auxiliary Police

On September 15, 1964, JN T-1 advised that B. C. LIDE, a Meridian Auxiliary Policeman, is a member of the Klavern and on September 19, 1964, JN T-1 advised that FRED HARRIS, a Meridian Auxiliary Policeman is also a Klansman.

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C. Mississippi Safety Highway Patrolmen

On October 24, 1964, JN T-2 advised that BILLY JOYNER, a Mississippi Safety Highway Patrolman, is a member of the White Knights of the Ku Kluc Klan of Mississippi, Lauderdale County Klavern. JN T-2 also advised that DAVID DIAL, Alabama Highway Patrolman, is a member of the Lauderdale County Klavern.

IV. KNOWN MEETING PLACES OF LAUDERDALE COUNTY KLAVERN

JN T-2 advised on September 15, 1964, he attended a Lauderdale County Klan meeting at FRANK HERNDON's trailer located at the rear of the Longhorn Drive-In in Meridian, Mississippi.

JN T-2 advised on September 27, 1964, the Province meeting of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi was held at the Harris Box Plant, 2020 15th Avenue, Meridian, Mississippi.

V. INTERVIEWS AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION
OF PERSONS NAMED AS LAUDERDALE COUNTY
KLANSMEN

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date October 22, 1964

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WILLIAM ACY AGENT, 6221 J, Apartment F, was provided with the identities of interviewing Agents. He was advised by SA SHEARER that he did not have to make any statement, that any statement he did make could be used against him in a court of law and that he had the right to consult an attorney before making any statement.

Mr. AGENT said he is not a member of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi or similar organization and never has been a member of such organization. He stated he has never been approached to join a klan-type organization and does not know any members to his knowledge.

He advised that the only thing he is a member of is the Baptist Church.

He advised that he has no knowledge of any kind of meetings being held in the Key Field barracks area, it being noted that he resides in such a barracks-type dwelling adjacent to Key Field.

He stated he is opposed to any organization which promotes violent-type action. He said he is the only WILLIAM AGENT residing in Meridian to his knowledge. He said someone may be using his name, and he is willing to be photographed for the purpose of identity or to be viewed by anyone who claims WILLIAM AGENT is a member of the klan.

Mr. AGENT advised that he was reared on a farm northwest of Philadelphia in Neshoba County and moved to Meridian about eight years ago. He said he started working as a grocery clerk at the Key Field Grocery which is owned and operated by TOM JAMES and HAROLD JAMES, brothers.

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JN 44-1
 by SA L. M. SHEARER, JR. &
ROBERT E. HOREL: mjh Date dictated 10/20/64

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The following description was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	WILLIAM ACY AGENT Also known as Bill
Race	White
Sex	Male
Birth	November 5, 1915, Neshoba County, Mississippi
Residence	6221 J, Apartment F Meridian, Mississippi
Length of residence	7 years
Height	5'8"
Weight	215 pounds
Build	Heavy
Hair	Dark brown
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Fair, medium
Occupation	Farmer, siding installer, grocery clerk
Employer	TOM JAMES, Key Field Grocery
Marital status	Married
Military service	None
Education	8th grade
Social Security No.	428-01-0792
Scars and marks	None
Arrest record	None
Previous residences	Victor Village, Meridian, one year; Philadelphia, Mississippi
Immediate relatives and addresses	Wife - ALMA Two daughters - married, Two sons - JAMES LAYTON AGENT JOHNNY AGENT, both residing with parents

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Date October 19, 1964

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BERNARD L. AKIN, interviewed at Akin Mobile Homes, 619 50th Avenue, Meridian, Mississippi, after being advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents, was advised by SA ARTHUR L. MURTAGH that he had a right to an attorney, that no threats, promises, or offers of reward were being made to induce him to make a statement, and that any statement he made could be used against him in a court of law. AKIN advised that he had absolutely nothing to say to any FBI Agent.

Mr. AKIN was asked if he would care to listen to an FBI Agent explain why they wanted to talk with him. AKIN at first said he did not care to listen and that he did not have any time to spend with FBI Agents. AKIN then said, "What do you want to know about?" AKIN was told that the FBI has been investigating the disappearance and death of the three civil rights workers in Philadelphia, Mississippi, and that the investigation had led to information involving Klan type activity in the Meridian area. AKIN was told that this investigation developed information that made it appear that AKIN was definitely involved in Klan activity. At this point AKIN emphatically denied any knowledge of Klan activity. AKIN then displayed membership cards in the John Birch Society, the Citizens Council, and numerous lodges, children's homes, and other charitable and fraternal organizations.

AKIN at this time produced a large Bible and advised the interviewing Agents that the Bible was his guide.

He was asked if he had any desire to assist duly constituted authorities in preventing violence. He answered the question by saying that he was willing to assist any authority in preventing violence, as long as the authority was established under the Constitution of the United States as it originally was written. AKIN at this point spoke rapidly, reviewing his concepts of right and wrong, stating that he believed firmly in states rights, segregation, the supremacy of the Bible over the Constitution of the United States, his belief that the Constitution as interpreted today by the courts is in conflict with the Bible, and ended with a long

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SA LAWRENCE D. KENNEDY/esp Date dictated 10/15/64

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profession of his interest in helping mankind and his record as a charitable man.

AKIN asked why the FBI had been sent to Mississippi and he was advised that the FBI had come to Mississippi for the purpose of investigating violations of laws within the jurisdiction of the FBI. He said he felt the FBI had been sent in to obtain the attitudes and sentiments of the people in Mississippi so that the federal government could pass more laws to control them. AKIN was assured that the FBI had no such purpose and that the information reported by Agents concerned only facts relating to possible violations of existing statutes over which the FBI has jurisdiction.

AKIN was asked if he had ever been asked to join any Klan type activity; if he had ever participated in any Klan type activity with any other group of men who were engaged in denying Negroes any of their basic rights. He was asked if he had participated with others in the beating of Negroes at the Mount Zion Methodist Church at Philadelphia, Mississippi, on June 16, 1964, and was asked if he knew or had any association with several known Klansmen in the Meridian, Mississippi, area.

To all of the above questions, AKIN answered in the negative with the exception of the fact that he admitted knowing some people who are known Klansmen but denied knowing that they were Klansmen.

At the conclusion of the interview with AKIN, he advised that he had no objection to talking with Agents and that he felt that he might be brought around to a point where he would be willing to assist Agents in preventing violence.

The following description of AKIN was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	BERNARD L. AKIN
Home Address	4954 33rd Street Meridian, Mississippi
Age	54
Height	6 feet
Weight	200 pounds
Complexion	Ruddy

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Eyes	Brown; wears glasses
Employment	Operates Akin Trailer Sales, 50th Avenue, Meridian, Mississippi
Former Employment	Salesman for Hamrick Motors, Greenwood, Mississippi, and Greenwood Grocery Company, Greenwood, Mississippi
Marital Status	Married
Wife	PEARL

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date November 2, 19641

BERNARD L. AKIN, interviewed at Akin Mobile Homes, 619 50th Avenue, Meridian, Mississippi, after being advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents, was advised by SA LAWRENCE D. KENNEDY that he had the right to consult an attorney before making any statement, and that any statement he did make could be used against him in a court of law.

When asked about his unavailability over the past few weeks, AKIN advised he had been in Slidel, Louisiana, taking care of his house trailer business there that had been damaged by the recent hurricane.

During this re-interview of AKIN he was questioned regarding his Klan membership and he continued to deny any such participation in any Klan activities. He brought up the subject of integration, saying he has always treated his Negroes well but will resist integration until he dies since the "Supreme Judgment" is that integration is against the law of God. He continued to maintain that he is opposed to any violence in order to prevent integration and that he would cooperate with the FBI in this respect; however, further conversation to illicit information from him concerning the Klan met with consistent denials on his part of any knowledge of or participation in Klan activities.

AKIN advised that he recognized that the FBI is here to do a job and that they are welcome at his place of business at any time.

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Jackson 157-1110
Jackson 44-1
 by SAs LAWRENCE D. KENNEDY and
ROY MARTIN MITCHELL:mtl Date dictated 11/2/64

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date October 19, 1964

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EARL B. AKIN, interviewed at the Akin Trailer Court on Tom Bailey Drive, Meridian, Mississippi, after being advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents, was advised by SA ARTHUR L. MURTAGH that he had a right to an attorney, that no threats, promises, or offers of reward were being made to induce him to make a statement, and that any statement he did make could be used against him in a court of law. AKIN advised that he would talk with the Agents but only to find out what the Agents wanted.

AKIN was advised that the Agents were interested in knowing whether or not he had been involved in any Klan type activity in the Meridian area. AKIN emphatically denied any knowledge of Klan activity. The interview with AKIN was continued and he stated that he is unalterably opposed to any form of integration, but that he is also opposed to the use of violence to prevent integration. AKIN said that he had no objection to talking with Agents and that it might be possible for him to be brought to a point where he would cooperate insofar as he could with the FBI in preventing violence. AKIN asked how he might cooperate and he was advised that he could start by giving the Agents any information he had about Klan activity. AKIN again insisted that he had no connection with the Klan and only knew of it through public sources, such as reading about it in the newspaper. AKIN admitted that he knew FRANK HERNDON.

The following description of AKIN was obtained by observation and interview:

Name	EARL B. AKIN
Home Address	5715 Arthur Street Meridian, Mississippi
Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	32
Height	5'11"
Weight	170 pounds
Complexion	Ruddy
Hair	Brown, with brush cut

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 by SA ARTHUR L. MURTAGH &
SA LAWRENCE D. KENNEDY/esp Date dictated 10/15/64

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Employment

In business with father,
BERNARD L. AKIN,
Akin Mobile Homes,
619 50th Avenue,
Meridian, Mississippi
Former JEAN PARKERSON

Wife

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/28/64

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EARL B. AKIN, Akin Trailer Courts, Tom Bailey Drive, Meridian, Mississippi, was advised of the identities of the interviewing agents and was advised by SA LAWRENCE D. KENNEDY that he had the right to an attorney. He was further advised that no threats, promises or offers of reward were being made to him to induce him to make a statement and that any statement he did make could be used against him in a court of law.

Upon this reinterview, AKIN was again advised of the investigative responsibilities and jurisdiction of the FBI and particularly of the FBI's interest in stopping violence within its jurisdiction. He was advised that continuing investigation revealed that he and his father, BERNARD L. AKIN, are members of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi and that his father held the position of Klan Bureau Investigator in the state organization of the Klan. He emphatically denied membership in any klan-type organization on either his part or his father's and professed ignorance as to what the KBI (Klan Bureau Investigator) meant. Further insistence by the interviewing agents as to his Klan membership resulted only in his insistent denial of any such membership. He said he belonged to the local White Citizens Council in Meridian, that he will resist integration until he dies but that he does not condone violence to combat integration and knows of no one who would resort to violence. He said he has no objection to being interviewed in the future by any representatives of the FBI and that agents are welcome any time they wish to stop by.

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On 10/23/64 at Meridian, Mississippi File # _____

by SA LAWRENCE D. KENNEDY & SA L. M. SHEARER, JR. :bjm Date dictated 10/26/64

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Date 10/23/641

GERALD M. ALEXANDER, Route 5, Box 62B, Meridian, Mississippi, who is employed with the Service Electric Company, Meridian, Mississippi and who resides on Highway 19 north of Okatibbee Creek approximately one and one half miles, was interviewed on October 14, 1964 by SAs SIDNEY J. PRESCOTT and JOHN P. SLAYDEN. He was advised by SA PRESCOTT that he did not have to furnish any information to the FBI and that any information he did furnish could be used against him in a court of law. He was also advised of his right to counsel.

ALEXANDER advised that he did not care to make any statement whatsoever concerning the Ku Klux Klan or any possible membership that he might have in the Klan.

The following description of GERALD M. ALEXANDER was obtained by personal observation and interrogation:

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Date of birth	[REDACTED]	Mississippi
Place of birth	[REDACTED]	
Height	5'10"	
Weight	135 pounds	
Complexion	Ruddy	
Eyes	Blue	
Hair	Brown, receding	
Build	Slender	
Marital status	Wife - RITA	
Children	Two	
Military record	Honorable discharge from U. S. Army August 6, 1954, Army Serial Number RA 24912661	
Telephone number	483-7245	

On 10/14/64 at Meridian, Mississippi File # JN 157-1382
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 by SAs SIDNEY J. PRESCOTT & JOHN P. SLAYDEN :bjm Date dictated 10/19/64

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date November 2, 1964

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ROBERT FRANKLIN ALEXANDER was contacted at his place of employment, Mosby's Sausage Farm, Mosby Road, which is located in the vicinity of Key Field. He was advised that the interviewing Agents were Special Agents of the FBI, that he was not required to make a statement and that any statement he did make could be used against him in a court of law. He was also advised of his right to counsel before making any statement by SA ~~WHELAN~~. He advised as follows:

He is not a member of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan or any other klan type organization. He claims that he has never been approached to join such an organization although he is aware that the Klan had been holding meetings in town. He does not know where the meetings are being held and he does not recall where he heard of such meetings. He does not know FRANK HERNDON or B. C. LIDE but he knows PETE HARRIS since he is his first cousin. He has never heard of HARRIS being associated with the Klan. He has three brothers, GERALD, JIMMY and RALPH, the latter being only 13 years of age. He does not think GERALD or JIMMY are Klan members.

He does recall that he was approached at one time concerning membership in a Klan but he does not recall who made the approach or where meetings were to be held. He denies that he ever attended a Klan meeting or ever taken a Klan oath.

ROBERT FRANKLIN ALEXANDER is described as follows:

Address:	Route 2, Box 338 Squilonia, Mississippi Located six miles north on Route 19
Date of Birth:	
Place of Birth:	
Height:	6'
Weight:	138 pounds

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ALEXANDER)

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On 10/29/64 at Meridian, Mississippi

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by SA WILLIAM A. WHELAN and
SA STEPHEN L. HALPIN/amhDate dictated 10/30/64

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Hair:	Blond, crew cut
Eyes:	Blue
Military Service:	None
Arrest record:	Held for investigation at Houston, Texas, a year or so ago, not fingerprinted.
Wife:	NETTIE JOYCE BAGGETT

FRANKLIN was advised that the FBI had indication that he was a Klan member and that it would be to his benefit to be truthful about any such membership and that in the event he desired time to think things over, he would be contacted at a later date.

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Date October 23, 1964

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CHARLES RAY BARFIELD, 5341 - 8th Street, Meridian, Mississippi, was advised of the identities of interviewing Agents. He was advised by SA SARAZIN that he did not have to make any statement, that any statement he did make could be used against him in a court of law and that he had the right to consult an attorney before making any statement.

BARFIELD declined to discuss his activities in relation to his association with the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan and advised that any information that the FBI had regarding his membership in this klan organization was erroneous.

The following description was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	CHARLES RAY BARFIELD
Race	White
Sex	Male
Birth	November 24, 1926
	Lauderdale County, Mississippi
Height	5'7"
Weight	160 pounds
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Dark brown
Complexion	Ruddy
Wife	MARCIE BARFIELD
Children	Three triplet stepsons - age 17; one son; one daughter
Residence	5341 - 8th Street Meridian, Mississippi
Occupation	Manager, Spot Drive-In 5501 Old U. S. Highway 80 West
Military Service	U.S. Army, March 3, 1945 - December 7, 1946, Army Serial Number 44065199

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by SA HARRY J. SARAZIN &
SA JOHN B. HARRINGTON: mjh Date dictated 10/20/64

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Date October 20, 1964

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GERALD FRANK BARFIELD was interviewed after being advised of the identity of interviewing Agents. He was advised by SA SHEARER of his right to consult an attorney before making any statement, that he did not have to make any statement and that any statement he did make could be used against him in a court of law.

BARFIELD denied that he is or has been a member of the White-Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi or similar organization. He advised that he has not been solicited by anyone to join such an organization. He said he does not know anyone who belongs to the Klan.

BARFIELD advised that he is opposed to acts of violence in dealing with the integration situation. He further advised that he believes the new civil rights legislation has gone too far in some respects.

He advised that he has made studies of religions and believes that the Constitution of the United States is very similar to the old Jewish Law under Moses. He advised that he is a member of the Methodist Church.

He advised that he possesses no knowledge concerning the identities of individuals committing acts of violence in Mississippi.

The following description of BARFIELD was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	GERALD FRANK BARFIELD
	Also known as Jerry
Race	White
Sex	Male

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by SA L.M. SHEARER, JR.
& SA ROBERT E. HOREL: mjh Date dictated 10/16/64

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(Description of BARFIELD continued)

Age	38
Birth	June 4, 1926
Residence	Kemper County, Mississippi Route 4, Box 88 Meridian, Mississippi
Length of residence	8 years
Height	5'11"
Weight	146 pounds
Build	Slender
Hair	Dark brown hair
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Medium
Occupation	Parts manager
Employer	Risher Radio Supply Company
Marital status	Married
Wife	NEWELL BARFIELD
Children	Two daughters
Military service	U. S. Army, October of 1944 to March of 1947 Army Serial Number 44047709
Education	12th grade (GI)
Scars, marks and tattoos	Moustache, small flesh mole over right eye, small flesh moles left under eye and at point of jaw bone.
Arrest record	Drunk, Meridian
Previous residences	Meridian since 1947
Immediate relatives and addresses	Parents deceased.

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TRAVIS MARYN BARNETTE was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents and was advised by SA JOHN C. GORDON that he had the right to consult an attorney prior to making any statement to the FBI and that any statement he did make could be used against him in a court of law. No threats, promises or offers of reward were made to him to give a statement to the FBI.

TRAVIS MARYN BARNETTE, also known as Travis M. Barnette, white male, (born August 31, 1928, Neshoba County, Mississippi, or in Louisiana), advised that he resides in the Nellie Bird Community on Route 19 in Lauderdale County, Mississippi. His mailing address is Post Office Box 92, Route 5, Meridian, Mississippi.

BARNETTE denied any connection with the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan or any other klan-type organization. He advised that he was a member of the Baptist Church, the Masons and the Scottish Rites. He stated that he could furnish no information regarding recent bombings nor could he furnish any information regarding the murder of the three civil rights workers in Neshoba County during June of 1964.

BARNETTE was asked the direct question whether he was acquainted with "PREACHER" KILLEN from Philadelphia and FRANK HERNDON. BARNETTE replied that he knew both of these individuals.

BARNETTE advised that he served in the U. S. Air Force during the Korean War under U. S. Air Force Serial Number 14186855, that he had previously been married on two occasions and that he has lived with his present wife EVANGELINE for the past 13 years and now resides with her in a green trailer located off Route 19 in Lauderdale County, Mississippi.

BARNETTE advised that he from about 1956 until about 1960 was employed by the Swartzfager Ford Company in Meridian

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SA NELSON L. PHILLIPS: mjh Date dictated 10/20/64

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Mississippi, as a mechanic. He later purchased a tractor and did subcontracting for North American Van Lines.

During the course of the interview the following description was obtained of BARNETTE:

Name	TRAVIS MARYN BARNETTE, also known as Travis M. Barnette
Race	White
Sex	Male
Birth	August 31, 1928 (Neshoba County, Mississippi, or Louisiana)
Height	5'10½"
Weight	145 pounds
Hair	Medium brown, crew cut
Eyes	Blue
Scars and marks	Tattoos on both forearms of bird; tattoos on both shoulders "TRAVIS;" left thumb amputated at base.
Wife	EVANGELINE
Children	One daughter, age 5
Residence	Box 92, Route 5, Meridian, Mississippi
Military service	Korean War, U. S. Air Force 14186855
Arrest record	None admitted.
Remarks	Applied for taxi badge with Meridian Police Department March 18, 1947; was single at the time and was living with mother, MARY JEAN BARNETTE, 602 - 12th Avenue, Meridian, Mississippi. Applied for position on Meridian Police Department July 8, 1957, and was residing at 327 - 54th Avenue, Meridian, Mississippi; occupation - listed as mechanic.

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(Description of BARNETTE continued.)

Present occupation Owns and operates B & S Garage,
718 - 46th Avenue, Meridian,
Mississippi, telephone 483-6371.

TRAVIS MARYN BARNETTE again reiterated that he was not a member of any klan-type organization and stated he wished to cooperate fully with the FBI in this investigation and would make himself available at any time for interview with the FBI in the future.

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Date November 7, 1964

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TRAVIS BARNETTE was interviewed at the B & S Garage, 718 46th Avenue, Meridian, Mississippi. At the outset, he was told by SA HILBERT ARPS that he need not furnish any information, that any information he furnished could be used against him in court and that he was entitled to consult an attorney before furnishing any information.

BARNETTE furnished the following information:

He is not a member of any klan type organization, has never attended or been invited to attend meetings of such organization and has not been asked to join any such organization. He knows of no Klan activities other than what he has read in the newspapers and knows of no one who is or might be a Klan member. Asked if he would admit to being a Klan member if he were one, he answered that he did not know. He is a Mason, along with being a member of several other similar organizations, which take up most of his spare time and he would not become involved in any violence.

The B & S Garage which he presently operates at 718 46th Avenue, Meridian, was originally started by himself and WILLIAM EDWARD SNOWDEN. This SNOWDEN is not to be confused with another WILLIAM E. SNOWDEN, also known as "Meathead", who was a poor credit risk and caused considerable trouble for WILLIAM EDWARD SNOWDEN through confusion in bills. His former partner, SNOWDEN, left about 1½ to 2 years ago and his partner now is LAVELLE BANE, also known as "92".

He has a half brother, DOYLE BARNETTE, age about 25, who is now in Arkansas. DOYLE BARNETTE had worked in Meridian for the Allen Supply Company, 6th Street near 27th Avenue for about three or four months and left Meridian about two, three, or four months ago to return to Arkansas. The exact address in Arkansas is not known but is near his father, HORACE BARNETTE, who lives in Plaindealing, Louisiana, and the father should know the address of DOYLE BARNETTE.

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SA HENRY RASK/amb Date dictated 11/7/64

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While in the Meridian area, DOYLE BARNETTE lived near where he himself does on Highway 19 west of Meridian, in the first house trailer on the right when approaching from Meridian. This area is the first group of houses and trailers on Highway 19, several miles west of Meridian.

He has two other half-brothers, DALE BARNETTE, age about 22, and BILLY BARNETTE, age about 18, both of whom reside in Louisiana. His mother, MARY, is deceased. He knows very little of his relatives in Louisiana as he does not go back there to visit.

He has for the past four years lived and still lives in the all green two bedroom house trailer on Highway 19 west of Meridian with his wife and daughter, age 7. His wife is expecting another child in December.

At the present time, he owns a 410 gauge double barrel shotgun which he keeps in his trailer home. About three years ago he sold a 20 gauge double barrel shotgun to his brother-in-law, W. C. (CHESTER) SCARBOROUGH (phonetic) who lives at Key Field on Highway 11 South, Meridian, Mississippi. Other than that, he has owned no rifle, pistol or any other guns within the past two years.

He first enlisted in the military service in 1946 but was released after several months because he was under age. He later served in the Air Force from about 1952 to 1956.

He stated he had no information that might be helpful to the FBI but had no objection to being recontacted.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA JOHN C. GORDON on October 16, 1964:

The files of the Identification Bureau of the Meridian, Mississippi, Police Department reflected that TRAVIS MARYN BARNETTE, white male, born August 31, 1928, Neshoba County, Mississippi, applied for taxi permit March 18, 1947, and applied for a position on Meridian Police Department July 8, 1957. He had no other identifiable criminal record with the Meridian Police Department.

FRANCES TOWNSEND, Payroll Clerk, Swartzfager Ford Company, Meridian, Mississippi, advised that she knew TRAVIS MARYN BARNETTE as a co-worker from approximately January 5, 1956, until sometime in 1960 when he worked at Swartzfager Ford as a mechanic. She stated that in 1960 he left Swartzfager Ford Company, bought a tractor and began subcontracting with North American Van Lines.

She stated that he presently owns and operates the B & S Garage, located at 718 - 46th Avenue, Meridian, Mississippi, and that he resides with his wife and small daughter on the east side of Route 19 north of Meridian, Mississippi, and south of Collinsville, Mississippi.

FRANCES TOWNSEND advised she could furnish no information indicating that TRAVIS MARYN BARNETTE had ever been in trouble nor could she furnish any information that he was a member of any klan-type organization or engaged in any type of violence. She stated, however, that on or about October 2, 1964, it was reported to the news media that TRAVIS M. BARNETTE was missing. She believed this might have been the result of a domestic situation but could give no information substantiating

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her viewpoint. She stated that on October 5, 1964, TRAVIS BARNETTE stopped at the Swartzfager Ford Company for parts, at which time he was asked by the employees why he had been reported missing. TRAVIS informed them he had been in Mobile, Alabama, and that it was a long story.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA WILLIAM A. WHELAN:

On October 7, 1964, confidential informant JN T-3 advised that TRAVIS M. BARNETTE resides at Marion, Mississippi, Box 92, and presently resided at 602 12th Avenue, Meridian, Mississippi. He said BARNETTE was formerly employed hauling for North American Van Lines in his personally-owned truck in 1960; with Swartzfager Ford Company as a mechanic from January of 1956 until 1960; prior to that was a member of the U. S. Air Force; and prior to being a member of the Air Force was employed by White Top Cab Company and Tuscaloosa Veneer Company. This source stated that BARNETTE's present employment is with 1808 Taxi Company. The source stated that in 1961 BARNETTE was unemployed and his wife, EVANGELINE, was employed at Burnely Shirt Factory, Meridian, Mississippi. He also indicated that BARNETTE was divorced and his previous wife was listed as MAXIE.

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TOMMY STREIVICK BEDDINGFIELD was interviewed at the Travel Inn Motel where he voluntarily accompanied the interviewing Agents. He was advised prior to the interview of the identities of the interviewing Agents, and was advised by SA HOREL that he did not have to make a statement, any statement he did make could be used against him in a court of law and that he had the right to consult an attorney before making a statement.

BEDDINGFIELD denied that he is a member of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. He said he has never attended any meetings of the klan and neither is he acquainted with anyone who, to his knowledge, is a member of the klan. He stated that he has read a little about the klan from newspapers and on one occasion while his car was parked at the pool hall, a piece of paper was placed on it which he found to be a notice put out by the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. He stated that he has never attended any meetings at Key Field and "would lay his hand on the Bible and swear he has never been to any klan meetings."

BEDDINGFIELD said that he is not a member of any hunting club or other group, that his associates are few and that he seldom goes out. He said that when he does go out he usually stops at the Skyview Club which is run by his wife's uncle, ROBERT NORTHCUTT. He stated that he occasionally visits a place in the vicinity of the Naval Base but only rarely.

In response to questions concerning his feelings on the cause of the racial arrest he commented that the opinion among his associates is that the Negroes are doing it themselves.

The following is descriptive and background data obtained through interview and observation:

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 by SA ROBERT E. HOREL &
SA LAWRENCE M. SHEARER, JR.: mjh Date dictated 10/20/64

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Name	TOMMY STREIVICK BEDDINGFIELD Also known as Tom
Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	24
Birth	November 15, 1939 Meridian, Mississippi
Residence	501 - 48th, Meridian
Length of residence	Since September 1, 1964
Height	5'8½"
Weight	145 pounds
Build	Slender
Hair	Black (crew cut)
Eyes	Brown
Occupation	"Base rate" general hand
Employer	Flintkote Manufacturing Company, Meridian, Mississippi
Former employment	Bush Dairy Binswanger Glass Company
Military service	None
Education	Quit high school in 10th grade, went to night school and got diploma.
Social Security No.	425-72-0376
Scars, marks and tattoos	Flower tattoo on right bicep "TOMMY;" Tattoo on left bicep; scar left side ribs; appendix scar.
Arrest record	Arrested 1956, Meridian, Mississippi, for stealing gas. Arrested 1957, Meridian, Mississippi, for drinking and driving.
Previous residences	Resided with mother at 2718 State Boulevard and 2916 State Boulevard, Meridian, Mississippi

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(Description of BEDDINGFIELD continued)

Marital status

Married March 3, 1961, to SANDRA KOLHEPP. Her father is an Air Force Colonel stationed in Arizona. She is from Tucson, Arizona. They have two daughters. Divorced November of 1960 from CAROLYN MANLEY, now Hagen. They had one daughter.

Immediate relatives -

Father - BRYAN DAVID BEDDINGFIELD, SR.
Mother - NOLA BEDDINGFIELD
Brother - BRYAN DAVID BEDDINGFIELD, JR.
drives milk truck for Bush Dairy;
Brother - JESSE EDWARD BEDDINGFIELD,
Captain, Meridian Fire Department;
Brother - WILLIE MACK BEDDINGFIELD,
works at U. S. Post Office,
Meridian, Mississippi;
Brother - CHARLES RICHARD BEDDINGFIELD,
Fireman, Meridian Fire Department;
Brother - MICHAEL WAYNE BEDDINGFIELD,
student.
Sister - THELMA BEDDINGFIELD,
employed by Telephone Company.

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Background information developed by SA LAWRENCE M. SHEARER and ROBERT E. HOREL reveals that the subject is presently residing at 501 48th Avenue, Meridian. This is a duplex apartment and he and his wife reside in the right-hand apartment. BEDDINGFIELD is presently employed at the Flinthote Company, Highway 11 South, Meridian, where he works at a base rate as a general hand. He was found to be driving a two-tone blue 1955 Oldsmobile, license No. L-9934, which was determined to be registered to B. D. BEDDINGFIELD, JR., 2727 State Boulevard, Meridian, Mississippi.

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Date 10/20/64

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LOUIS J. BUCKLEY, 1726 33rd Avenue, Meridian, Mississippi, was interviewed at his store, Buckley's Grocery, 1600 4th Street. BUCKLEY was advised by SA HARRY J. SARAZIN that he did not have to make any statement, that any statement made by him could be used against him in a court of law and that he had the right to consult an attorney of his choice at any time.

BUCKLEY advised he is not a member of any Klan-type organization and has never been approached to become a member. However, he stated that at some unrecalled time in the past someone left some Ku Klux Klan literature at his store which he believes he still has somewhere. BUCKLEY made an attempt to find this literature at his store but was unable to locate it. He said he has read the Klan pamphlet he was attempting to locate and that it sounded good to him. He said he would like very much to join the Klan because "something has to be done to keep down these Niggers." BUCKLEY said he does not know what must be done to join the Klan. He said he probably did not have much time for outside activities anyway inasmuch as he works in his store from 6:00 AM to 8:00 PM each day and works occasionally on a 140 acre farm which he owns not far from Meridian.

BUCKLEY said he does not know much about the Klan and that if it was engaged in church burnings, bombings or murders, he felt this would be wrong. If not, however, he indicated he was of the opinion the principles of the Klan were good.

BUCKLEY indicated he would be willing to talk to agents again at any time.

The following description of BUCKLEY was obtained through observation and interview:

Race	White
Sex	Male

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by SA JOHN B. HARRINGTON and
SA HARRY J. SARAZIN :bjm Date dictated 10/15/64

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Height	5'11"
Weight	165 pounds
Date of birth	May 4, 1912
Place of birth	Chunky, Mississippi
Hair	Gray
Eyes	Blue
Build	Slender
Marital status	Married
Relatives:	
Wife	OPAL J. BUCKLEY
Daughters	LINDA, age 14; RITA, age 12
Residence	1726 33rd Avenue, Meridian, Mississippi
Telephone	485-4078
Occupation	Owner-operator Buckley's Grocery, 1600 4th Street, Meridian, Mississippi; owner-operator of 140 acre farm in Suqualena, Mississippi
Military service	U. S. Army Air Force, 1940-45; military occupation truck driver; military service number 14001835

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Date October 23, 1964

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OSCAR LAVONE BURT was advised that he was being interviewed by Special Agents of the FBI. He was advised by SA HARRINGTON that he had the right to have an attorney prior to furnishing any information to the FBI. He was advised he did not have to furnish any information and that any information furnished could be used against him in a court of law. No threats or promises were made to BURT to induce him to furnish any information.

OSCAR LAVONE BURT advised that in the spring of 1964 he was contacted by his brother-in-law, ALGENE PRICE, to attend a meeting. He stated that he did not know the exact nature of the meeting that he was to attend but agreed to go with his brother-in-law. They proceeded to a converted barracks at Key Field in Meridian, Mississippi, which is the site of a salvage business operated by ALGENE PRICE. BURT stated he cannot recall the exact date of this situation but he does remember that it was a hot night. It was prior to the murder of the civil rights workers at Philadelphia, Mississippi. Present at the salvage company premises were approximately 17 men who shortly proceeded to conduct a business meeting. BURT stated that about five of the men wore white robes with red crosses on the robes and had hooded faces, and he then realized he was attending a meeting of the Ku Klux Klan. He stated he cannot recall the topics discussed at the meeting but that no business was transacted except the swearing in of some new members like himself. He advised that he repeated a ritual of some type that was directed by one of the hooded klansmen but that he cannot recall much of the details of this.

He stated he did not know any of the men present except that he does know one DELMAR DENNIS was there as well as TOMMY HORNE.

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He stated that he is not presently active in the klan and that this is the only meeting that he attended. After the meeting ended he told his brother-in-law, ALGENE PRICE, that he did not want to have anything more to do with the organization. He states that when he returned home he told his wife that he had been to a klan meeting and she burst into tears. He advised he has not attended any meetings other than this one and that he will not have any further contact with such an organization. He stated that he never received any membership cards, robes or evidence of association with the klan and that he never paid any dues.

The following description was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	OSCAR LAVONE BURT
Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	29
Birth	April 14, 1935
Residence	Meridian, Mississippi 6313 Oakland Park Street Meridian, Mississippi
Previous residence	3819 - 5th Street
Height	5'8½"
Weight	193 pounds
Build	Stocky
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Medium
Occupation	Warehouse manager
Employment	Newell Paper Company 2506 Front Street
Marital status	Married
Wife	MURIEL
Children	Two, both boys, ages 4 and 8
Military service	U. S. Marine Corps - 3 months discharged because right eye is sightless and was sightless prior to enlistment in U. S. Marine Corps. Subterfuges to pass physical were subsequently detected.

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(Description of BURT continued)

Father

Deceased

Mother

VERNIE BURT
1700 - 6th Avenue
Meridian, Mississippi

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On October 7, 1964, JN T-3 advised that OSCAR L. BURT, age 29, wife MURIEL, and two children reside at 3819 5th Street, Meridian, Mississippi. He has been employed, according to this source, as a warehouse manager for the Newell Paper Company, Meridian, since August 25, 1964.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date November 2, 1964

BERNARD MALONE CLAY was contacted on his farm located on 22nd Avenue Heights about 5½ miles southeast of Highway 45. He was advised that the interviewing Agents were Special Agents of the FBI, that he was not required to make a statement and that any statement he did make could be used against him in a court of law. He was also advised of his right to counsel before making any statement by SA WHELAN. He advised as follows:

He is not a member of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan or any other klan type organization. He received a telephone call about six months ago inquiring as to his interest in joining such an organization but he refused. The individual told him he would contact him in person at a later date but contact was never made. He claims that he did not recognize this individual's voice on the telephone, that it was muffled and sounded as if the speaker was covered with a handkerchief. He does not know any Klan members and has never heard any of his associates mention the Klan.

He advised that he has operated the Torch Truck Stop since about 1951 and that his wife, ELSIE, manages the restaurant while he handles the service station. FRANK HERNDON is his former brother-in-law; HERNDON divorced his wife's sister, DOT, a few years ago. He has known HERNDON for quite some time. He has known B. C. LIDE for approximately 6 years and he knows PREACHER EDGAR RAY KILLEN through his association with him in the Shriners. None of these individuals has ever mentioned the Klan to him or suggested that he join the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan or any other klan type organization. He has never attended any type of a Klan meeting.

Mr. CLAY stated that he would be happy to talk to FBI Agents again at any time although he has no knowledge concerning the Klan.

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 by SA WILLIAM A. WHELAN and
SA STEPHEN L. HALPIN/amb Date dictated 10/30/64

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November 6, 1964
Date _____

BERNARD M. CLAY was interviewed at his residence at 2051 - 32nd Street, Meridian. He was again advised that the interviewing Agents were Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and SA HALPIN advised him that he was not required to make a statement, that any statement he did make could be used against him in a court of law, and that he was entitled to the services of an attorney before making any statement. No threats or promises were made to him.

CLAY was questioned concerning whether he desired to change his denial made on October 28, 1964, to SAs WILLIAM A. WHELAN and STEPHEN L. HALPIN that he had ever been a member of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan or any other klan-type organization. CLAY insisted that he was not and had never been a member of such an organization and again stated that he once was approached concerning joining the Klan and this approach was made by an anonymous telephone caller. He said that on this occasion he had refused to join the Klan and said that he could not identify the person who had telephoned him concerning membership in the Klan.

CLAY furnished the following description:

Name	BERNARD MALONE CLAY
Alias	Bernard
Sex	Male
Race	White
Age	40
Date of Birth	June 27, 1924
Place of Birth	Kemper County, Mississippi
Residence	2051 - 32nd Street, Meridian, Mississippi
Length of Residence	Six or seven years
Height	5' 10½"
Weight	140
Build	Medium
Hair	Black and gray
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Fair

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by SAs STEPHEN L. HALPIN and DONALD E. GODFREY:mtl Date dictated 11/6/64

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Occupation	Service Station and restaurant operator
Employed	Self
Marital Status	Married
Wife's Maiden Name	ELSIE ALEXANDER (married 12 years)
Children	Four STEVE, PAT (boy); JERRY (girl); SHERRY (girl)
Military Service	U. S. Navy 2 years 7 months
Navy Serial No.	8436815
Education	High school education, Meridian High School
Social Security No.	427-28-3963
Scars and Marks	1" scar at cheekbone
Arrest Record	One speeding ticket
Previous Residences	Kemper County and Old Marion Road, Meridian
Ex-wife	LOIS PUCKETT (divorced)
Sisters	CHRISTINE MOORE 23rd and 39th, Meridian; BONNIE WATSON 46th Street off Poplar, Meridian
Brothers	BELMONT CLAY, Kemper County; SPURGEON CLAY, Kemper County; TOM LYLE CLAY, Kemper County
Automobiles	1959 tan Ford, Mississippi license L-5503; 1962 Cadillac, white, Mississippi License unknown

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date October 23, 1964

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Mr. JAMES VERNON COOK, 2326 35th Avenue, was contacted at his home. He was advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He was advised that he did not have to furnish any information, that any information he did furnish could be used against him in a court of law. No threats or promises were made to COOK to get him to furnish any information, and he was advised that he had a right to talk with a lawyer of his own choosing or anyone else before furnishing any information.

COOK advised he is not a member of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan or any other Klan type organization. He has never attended any meetings of this type of organization and he knows no one who belongs to the Klan or any Klan type organization. He would like to join the Klan, but he does not know how to go about it. When asked, he advised that he is 34 years of age and has lived in Meridian all his life. He was advised that it was rather peculiar that in 34 years, he was unable to make a Klan contact, when the Klan seemed to accept anyone who expressed an interest. He did not think it strange since Klan membership was not openly discussed. He was asked if he knew FRANK HERNDON. He said that he knew him well. When asked why he had not inquired of HERNDON concerning Klan membership, he stated that he did not know him that well. He denied knowing PETE HARRIS and said that he would not ask WALLACE MILLER anything concerning the Klan because he did not think it sensible to discuss such a matter with a police officer.

COOK was asked who in Meridian could vouch for his character and loyalty to the United States of America. He said that the FBI could ask anyone they liked. He was asked who specifically were his friends and close associates. He could not name any. He was told that he was obviously being evasive since it was unlikely that he would not have cultivated any close friendships or associations during his entire lifetime in Meridian, Mississippi. He then advised that the FBI could contact Mayor HENRY BURNS and work on down. He refused to give the names of any friends or associates other than ELWOOD SEOVES of Meridian.

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 by SA WILLIAM A. WHELAN &
SA JAMES M. KELLOGG /esp Date dictated 10/21/64

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He said that he always wanted to join the Klan because he had heard about it all of his life and the idea of joining seemed "romantic." He stated that he was a segregationist. His reason for being a segregationist was because "Those niggers rape every white woman around." He was asked whether he could be a little more specific concerning his statement and he replied, "Well, they would if they had a chance." He was then asked whether a good representation of the white trash in the area would not do likewise if given the opportunity. He declined to answer. He repeated that he is not a Klan member, knows no one who is, and has never attended a Klan meeting. He also repeated that he would like to join the Klan, but does not know how.

JAMES VERNON COOK is described as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Born	April 26, 1930 Meridian, Mississippi
Height	5'10"
Weight	210 pounds
Hair	Black, graying, crewcut
Eyes	Gray, wears glasses
Scars and Marks	Scar in center of forehead about three-quarters of an inch; scar on right cheekbone about one-half inch
Education	One year, Meridian Junior College, Meridian, Mississippi
Military Service	Three years, 1946-1949; United States Navy, Serial Number 14236557
Wife	LOIS
Children	Four step-children; three girls, ages 15, 13, and 12; one boy, age 9
Employment	Marathon Paper Mills, located approximately 19 miles outside of Butler, Alabama, on Route 114.

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Employment (cont.)

Job - wrapper operator;
Supervisor - DON HESSELMAN,
Plant Superintendent

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Date October 20, 1964

TOMMIE CLIFFORD DIXON was interviewed at his residence after being advised of the identities of interviewing Agents. SA L. M. SHEARER, JR., advised DIXON that he did not have to make any statement, any statement he did make could be used against him in a court of law and that he had the right to consult an attorney before making any statement.

DIXON stated that he is not a member of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan or similar organization. He said he has never been a member, does not know any members, and has never attended a meeting of a klan-type organization. He stated he has never been asked to join such an organization.

DIXON stated that he is in favor of segregation but would not commit acts of violence to combat integration. He said he is against the type of people who are coming into Mississippi to support integration. He said he saw a white COFO worker the other day who had long whiskers and shaggy hair and was dirty. He said he would like to have had a mirror to put in front of this individual so the COFO worker could see how awful he looked.

A portion of the klan oath was read to DIXON and he said he had never taken an oath of this type.

DIXON claimed he must be mistaken for another T. C. DIXON, who lives on State Boulevard, as he had seen a mailbox on that street bearing the name T. C. DIXON.

The following description was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	TOMMIE CLIFFORD DIXON Also known as Thomas Clifford Dixon on Social Security Card.
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by <u>SA L. M. SHEARER, JR. & SA ROBERT E. HOREL: mjh</u>	Date dictated <u>10/16/64</u>

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Race	White
Sex	Male
Birth	April 22, 1921 Linden, Alabama
Residence	3834 - 42nd Street
Length of residence	2 years in Meridian, Mississippi since 1947
Height	5'10"
Weight	198 pounds
Build	Heavy
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Fair
Occupation	Field representative
Employer	Woodmen of the World Life Insurance Society, Omaha, Nebraska
Marital status	Married, wife ERLENE
Children	Three
Military service	None
Education	6th grade
Social Security No.	420-18-0649
Scars, marks and tattoos	Several upper teeth missing
Arrest record	None except speeding in Meridian.
Previous residences	Grove Hill, Alabama

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TOMMY CLIFFORD DIXON was contacted at his residence 3834 42nd Street, Meridian, Mississippi, on October 16, 1964, by SAs LAWRENCE M. SHEARER, JR., and ROBERT E. HOREL for the purpose of further interview of DIXON. DIXON advised that he has a heart condition which was bothering him at the time and he said he preferred not to be interviewed on that date.

DIXON was telephonically contacted on October 23, 1964, by SA SHEARER and he said he had a heavy cold and did not wish to be interviewed. He said he did not feel he wanted to be interviewed again and that if he had done anything wrong the FBI would just have to come out and arrest him.

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TOMMY CLIFFORD DIXON resides in a white frame five-room house at 3834 42nd Street, Meridian, Mississippi.

The DIXONS possess a white long-haired dog. They also possess a 1961 Chevrolet, white, bearing 1964 Mississippi license I-11184.

The above observations were made by SAs L. M. SHEARER, JR., and ROBERT E. MOREL during periodic spot checks of the Dixon residence.

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Date October 30, 1964

JOSEPH HARMON EUBANKS, after being provided with the identity of the interviewing Agents, was advised by SA SHEARER of his right to make no statement, that any statement he did make could be used against him in a court of law, and that he had the right to consult with an attorney before making any statement.

EUBANKS stated that he is not a member of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan or any other klan-type organization and never has been a member. He said the only oath he has ever taken has been for the Auxiliary Police, which was taken when he joined. He said he attends meetings of the Auxiliary Police. He said he attends no other meetings and has not attended any meeting of the Klan or similar organization.

He said if any of his friends or acquaintances are members of a klan-type organization, he is not aware of it. He said he does not know any member of the Klan and has no direct knowledge that it exists in Lauderdale County.

He said he is not opposed to Negroes, but would not want to live with Negroes. He said he is opposed to any kind of violence in dealing with segregation matters. He said he has committed no acts of violence.

The following is descriptive and background data obtained through interview and observation:

Name:	JOSEPH HARMON EUBANKS
Sex:	Male
Race:	White
Date of birth:	November 19, 1911
Place of birth:	Forrest, Mississippi
Residence:	1414 - 14th Avenue
Length of Residence:	3 years
Height:	5' 7"
Weight:	148
Build:	Medium

On 10/29/64 at Meridian, Mississippi File # JN 157-1322
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JN 44-1
 by SA L. M. SHEARER, JR., and
SA ARTHUR F. PITTENGER :amb Date dictated 10/29/64

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Hair: Black, graying at sides
Eyes: Brown
Complexion: Medium
Occupation: Foreman, box manufacturing
Employer: Harris Box Co.
Marital status: Married
Military service: None
Education: 6th grade
Social Security No.: 426-10-4304
Scars, Marks, and tattoos: Rose and dagger right upper arm, outer side; eagle, right outer forearm; rose with clasped hands above left inner forearm; heart and dagger, upper outer left arm; left knee stiff and bent - limbs
Previous residences: 601 56th Ave., Meridian, Mississippi, 4 years
Arrest Record: None
Immediate relatives and addresses: Wife, RUBY
Daughter, LYNN, age 17
Son, LARRY, age 8
Son, Jerry, age 28
Daughter, Mrs. BETTY BOYKIN, age 26

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Background information concerning JOSEPH H. EUBANKS developed by SA ROBERT E. HOREL and SA LAWRENCE M. SHEARER revealed that he presently resides at 114 14th Avenue in a one-family frame house. This house is situated on a small lot approximately fifty feet across the front with the driveway along the left-hand side. A 1961 Buick bearing license LB 3313 (1964 Mississippi) was observed parked in the driveway. This car was subsequently determined to be registered to RUBY EUBANKS, 1414 14th Avenue, Meridian. It was purchased October 10, 1961.

EUBANKS is presently employed as foreman at the Harris Box Company.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date October 19, 1964

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CICERO C. FERRILL, JR., was interviewed in his office at Radio Station WTOK, Mississippi Life Building, Meridian, Mississippi. FERRILL was advised of the identity of interviewing Agent and was advised by SA PROCTOR that he did not have to make any statement, that any statement he did make could be used against him in a court of law and that he had the right to consult an attorney before making any statement.

FERRILL denied that he is now or ever has been a member of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi or any similar organization. He stated he believes in the supremacy of the white race; however, he would like to see all persons in the United States have equal rights and privileges. FERRILL advised that he feels that the integration movement in Mississippi during the past summer is probably backed by Communists and that he would do anything lawful to stop the Communists. He stated he is opposed to the bombings and to violence committed against anyone's property or person. He stated that he as a person does not appreciate any outsiders coming to Mississippi to stir up trouble among the Negroes; however, he does not feel that any harm should come to these outsiders. FERRILL stated he has committed no actions of violence and does not know the identity of anyone who has. FERRILL stated that he was approached to join a klan-type organization sometime during 1964 by a person he would not identify. He stated that he refused to have anything to do with this organization, stating that any organization that hides its activities behind a cloak of secrecy is not one he desires to have anything to do with.

FERRILL advised that he served in the U. S. Army during World War II and is a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion and is a 32nd Degree Mason. He advised he is very active in civic affairs and belongs to no organization which

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by SA JOHN H. PROCTOR, JR.: mjh Date dictated 10/17/64

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has anything to do with racial matters. FERRILL added that he is a radio announcer and that he has radio programs that occupy the majority of his time during the day. He added he has never used his program for the benefit of any klan-type organization. FERRILL advised that he desired to cooperate with the FBI in any way that he could and that if his services were needed in the future he would be more than happy to assist the FBI and his country.

The following is a physical description as obtained through observation and interview:

Name	CICERO C. FERRILL, JR.
Race	White
Sex	Male
Birth	February 23, 1909, Meridian
Height	5'10½"
Weight	173 pounds
Eyes	Hazel
Hair	Gray, crew cut
Address	3429 - 29th Avenue Meridian, Mississippi
Education	High school
Military service	June, 1942, through February, 1946 U. S. Army, Serial Number 34278443.
Marital status	Married
Wife	MILDRED DENNIS FERRILL
Relatives	Mother - Mrs. BESSIE BAILEY FERRILL 2212 - 24th Avenue Meridian, Mississippi

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date October 20, 1964

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JOHN D. GARTMAN, 1245 Roebuck Drive, RD #3, Meridian, Mississippi, was interviewed at his place of employment, Gartman Sea Foods, Sowashee Road, Meridian, Mississippi.

Prior to commencement of the interview, GARTMAN was advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents. He was advised by SA SHEARER of his right to make no statements, that any statement he did make might be used against him in accourt of law, and that he had the right to consult with an attorney prior to making any statement.

GARTMAN denied that he was a member of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. He said he has heard of and read some about the Klan in magazines, but did not know of its existense in Meridian, Mississippi, and he has never attended any meetings. He said he does not know any members of the Klan, and has never been approached by anyone to join the Klan.

It was pointed out to GARTMAN that the Klan is known to be responsible for unlawful acts of violence, and that the Klan is considered a subversive organization. A portion of the Klan oath was read to GARTMAN and when asked if he recognized it, he replied that it sounded like the "KK's" but said he had never taken such an oath.

GARTMAN stated that he is a member of the Masons and these are the only meetings he regularly attends. He noted that he leaves town every Tuesday to go to the coast for a load of fish and that he occasionally leaves on Fridays. He said that his business interests occupy most of his time and that he has little spare time. He commented that he thinks the country is in bad shape and that some sort of action is necessary. He denied that he has ever attended any meetings of any kind at Key Field. GARTMAN stated that he is opposed to any form of violence in connection with the integration movements.

The following is descriptive and background data obtained through interview and observation:

On 10/14/64 at Meridian, Mississippi File # JN 157-1343
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JN 44-1
by SA ROBERT E. HOREL & SA L. M. SHEARER, JR./esp Date dictated 10/16/64

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Name	JOHN DAVID GARTMAN
Alias	"TACK"
Sex	Male
Race	White
Age	42
Date of birth	October 15, 1922
Place of birth	Citronella, Alabama
Residence	1245 Roebuck Drive, RD #3 Meridian, Mississippi
Length of Residence	14 years at this address; has lived in Meridian since age of one year
Height	5'8"
Weight	170
Build	Medium
Hair	Bald - blond around sides
Eyes	Blue, wears glasses
Complexion	Medium
Occupation	Business manager
Employer	Self
Marital Status	EDITH FAYE - Wife
Children	Four; two boys and two girls
Military Service	Navy - 1941-1945; Serial Number 6458088
Education	High school diploma
Social Security No.	427-01-3030
Scars and Marks	None
Arrest Record	None
Parents	J. J. GARTMAN (Father) MARIE GARTMAN (Mother) 1711 14th Avenue Meridian, Mississippi

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Background information developed by SA LAWRENCE M. SHEARER and ROBERT E. HOREL reveals that the subject is presently residing at 1245 Roebuck Drive, Rural Delivery No. 3, Meridian, Mississippi, in a yellow brick ranch type home. He is self-employed operating the Gartman Seafood Company on Sowashee Road, Meridian, Mississippi. Sowashee Road runs parallel to and one block south of Highway No. 80 in front of the fairgrounds.

GARTMAN was found to be driving a 1963 Oldsmobile 98, light blue in color and bearing license LD-2034.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date October 23, 1964

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Mr. HORACE L. GOODMAN was advised that he was being interviewed by Special Agents of the FBI. He was advised by SA HARRINGTON that he had the right to have an attorney prior to furnishing any information to the FBI. He was advised he did not have to furnish any information and that any information furnished could be used against him in a court of law. No threats or promises were made to GOODMAN to induce him to furnish any information.

GOODMAN advised that he is not presently associated with any klan-type organizations and that he has never been a member of the Ku Klux Klan. He stated he has never been approached to join the Ku Klux Klan and that he has no information concerning either himself or any associates of his as pertains to klan-type activities.

The following descriptive data was obtained from observation and interview:

Name	HORACE LONZO GOODMAN
Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	56
Birth	July 1, 1908
Residence	Clarke County, Mississippi General Delivery, Bonita, Mississippi
Height	5'11"
Weight	195 pounds
Build	Medium
Hair	Gray
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Ruddy

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On 10/17/64 at Bonita, Mississippi File# _____

by SA JOHN B. HARRINGTON &
SA HARRY J. SARAZIN: mjh Date dictated 10/22/64

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Occupation	School teacher - teaches vocational refrigeration.
Employer	Meridian School System, Vocational School
Marital status	Married
Wife	JUANITA
Military Service	U. S. Army 1942, Army Serial Number 34478464
Social Security No.	428-10-2285

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On October 7, 1964, JN T-3 advised that H. L. GOODMAN, Highway 19 South of Bonita, Mississippi, was employed with the Meridian City Schools as a teacher at Ross Collins Vocational School and had been so employed for 16 years. This source also advised that GOODMAN was a farmer. GOODMAN is described as a white male, age 56, wife JUANITA, and having children.

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Date 10/23/64

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ROY PHILLIP GRIFFIN was interviewed at his residence, Zero Community, at which time he was advised he did not have to furnish any information to the FBI and that any information furnished by him could be used against him in a court of law. He was also advised by SA SIDNEY J. PRESCOTT of his right to counsel.

Mr. GRIFFIN stated he is presently employed as Supervisor of Beat #5, Lauderdale County, Mississippi and has been so employed for approximately ten years.

He stated that in his capacity as beat supervisor, he comes in contact with numerous individuals in his beat and has a fairly good knowledge of what is occurring with relation to any Klan activities in his beat.

Mr. GRIFFIN continued that he himself is not a member of any Klan organization in Mississippi or elsewhere and has never attended any meetings of any Klan-type organizations. He stated, however, that he is in complete sympathy with the activities of the Klan in Mississippi, however, if he ever decided to take any Klan-type action, he would do so by himself and would not participate with any other individual. He said that he believes that the present Klan in Mississippi has poor leadership and is composed primarily of what he termed "cowards".

Mr. GRIFFIN said that he has been approached on a number of occasions to join the Klan, however, he refused to do so. He said he would not under any circumstances divulge the names of the individuals who approached him or the names of any individuals in Mississippi he knows to be or suspects of being Klan members.

He stated that when he was first approached to become a Klan member, he contacted the attorney for the various beat commissioners, whose name he would not furnish, and this attorney advised him against joining the Klan.

On 10/17/64 at Meridian, Mississippi File # JN 157-1349
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 by SAs SIDNEY J. PRESCOTT &
JOHN R. SLAYDEN :bjm Date dictated 10/19/64

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Mr. GRIFFIN stated he has a high respect for the FBI; however, he absolutely will not furnish any information relative to any possible knowledge on his part of any Klan activities in Mississippi. He said that he would assist the FBI in any way he could on any other matters.

Set forth below is a description of Mr. GRIFFIN as obtained from observation and interview:

Name	ROY PHILLIP GRIFFIN
Sex	Male
Race	White
Age	Approximately 56
Place of birth	Clarke County, Mississippi
Height	6'3"
Weight	240 pounds
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Gray
Complexion	Ruddy
Occupation	Beat Supervisor #5, Lauderdale County, Mississippi
Cars owned	1964 Oldsmobile 98, off white in color, four-door sedan, bearing 1964 Mississippi License LD 2374; late model light green GMC pickup truck bearing 1964 Mississippi License F/S C1156

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date October 27, 1964

ROLAND W. HARDY was interviewed at his home at 1209 37th Avenue, Meridian, Mississippi. Prior to the interview he was advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents. He was advised by SA HOREL that he did not have to make any statement, that any statement he did make could be used against him in a court of law and that he had the right to consult an attorney, before making any statement.

HARDY stated that he is not now and never has been a member of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. He said that he does not know anyone who is a member of the Klan. He advised that he has never been to any meeting where he was not sure what was going on and that he belongs to only three organizations, the Masons, Lions, and American Legion. HARDY stated that he has never received any Klan literature. He was permitted to read a portion of the Klan oath and stated that he has never seen or taken such an oath.

HARDY refused to discuss the matter at length and declined to furnish complete background information.

The following is descriptive and background data obtained through interview and observation:

Name	ROLAND WARREN HARDY
Aliases	None
Sex	Male
Race	White
Age	38
Date of Birth	September 8, 1926
Residence	1209 37th Avenue, Meridian, Mississippi
Height	About 6' 1"
Weight	About 210
Build	Heavy
Hair	Black (Wavy)
Eyes	Green

On 10/26/64 at Meridian, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-343
Jackson 44-1
Jackson 157-1354

by SAs LAWRENCE M. SHEARER and
ROBERT E. HOREL:mtl Date dictated 10/27/64

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Complexion

Occupation

Employer

Marital Status

Wife

Medium

Route man

Troy Laundry,

Meridian, Mississippi

Married

JOYCE

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Background information developed by SA LAWRENCE M. SHEARER and ROBERT E. HOREL revealed that ROLAND WARREN HARDY is presently residing at 1209 Thirty-Seventh Avenue, Meridian, Mississippi. This is a one-family frame house; however, a portion of it is used by his wife, JOYCE, as a beauty shop. He is employed as a route man by the Troy Laundry.

The following vehicles were found to be registered in the name of JOYCE I. HARDY, 1209 Thirty-Seventh Avenue, Meridian:

1964 Oldsmobile
License: L 4788

1959 Buick
License: LD 2044

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

October 27, 1964

Date _____

JAMES THOMAS HARRIS, also known as Pete Harris, was contacted outside his place of employment, Hardin's Bakery. He was advised of the identity of SA WILLIAM A. WHELAN and SA JAMES M. KELLOGG as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and was advised by SA WHELAN that he did not have to make any statement, that any statement he made could be used against him in a court of law and that he was entitled to the services of an attorney before making any statement. HARRIS furnished the following information:

He is not a member of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan or any other klan-type organization. When he was advised by the interviewing Agents that the FBI had information that he was a Klansman, he denied being a Klansman. He knows FRANK HERNDON, CLARENCE DEARMAN, WALLACE MILLER, DEXTER TORRANCE, JIM JORDAN, and BILLY BIRDSONG, but he denies knowing that they are Klansmen. When asked for his opinion of the Klan, Harris said that he was for Mississippi first and that he was tired of having Mississippi's image torn down. He was asked if he thought that organizations such as the Klan, and acts of violence such as church burnings and lynchings were the answer. He stated that he did not know.

HARRIS denied being a member of the Klan Bureau of Investigation (KBI) and even denied knowledge of the KBI.

He denies having any knowledge concerning the murder of the civil rights workers in Neshoba County, Mississippi, or church burnings which have occurred in Mississippi, or the storage in Meridian and Lauderdale County of weapons or dynamite.

JAMES THOMAS HARRIS is described as follows:

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Date of Birth _____
Place of Birth _____
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On _____ at _____
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JAMES M. KELLOGG:mtl

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Height	5' 9"
Weight	135 pounds
Hair	Black
Eyes	Hazel
Education	Twelfth grade
Military Experience	U. S. Army 1938-1958, honorably discharged
Wife	BURMA KATE
Employment	Hardin's Bakery; drives delivery truck; starts work at about 4 or 5 a.m. and finishes at about 9 P.M. Works on Commission.

HARRIS displayed a .32 caliber automatic which he carries in the glove compartment of his 1959, white, four-door Ford. The weapon is a Star Becheverria Eibar-Espana, 765 m/m, Serial No. 380757.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date October 28, 1964

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BURMA KATE HARRIS was contacted at her place of employment, Central Presbyterian Church, 28th Avenue and Ninth Street. She advised as follows:

She is the wife of JAMES T. HARRIS who is normally referred to as PETE. She does not know if he is a klansman and she does not feel it is her concern. She does not recall whether or not he was home on Tuesday night, October 20, 1964. She was told that a church was burned in DeKalb and that we had indication that her husband was not at home on Tuesday, and since we know he is a klansman, he is a suspect in the church burning. She stated that he was at home that night. She did not recall what time he came home. She then stated that he went to visit his mother on one night during the week and changed the oil in his car on another night. He was definitely home on Wednesday and Thursday nights. She was asked for his mother's name and address so it could be verified whether he was there on Monday and Tuesday. She refused to give the name. She further objected to being questioned about her husband's activities and to the Federal Government conducting investigations in Mississippi. She feels that Mississippi has been getting along fine all of these years and she is proud of it. She was asked if she was also proud of McComb, Mississippi's record for church burnings and bombings this summer and she replied that she was not certain. She feels that something must be done to preserve Mississippi's way of life since it is impossible to get suitable legislation these days. The Federal Government is of no assistance whatsoever. She does not think there is anything wrong with men joining the Klan to strive for what they believe. She did not think that the FBI should pry into their business and some of the members of the Klan hate the Agents to such an extent that they would kill them if they thought they could get away with it. When effective legislation cannot be gotten, people must take some type of action. She was asked whether this meant that she condoned church burnings and bombings and she replied that something had to be done. Besides, she is not sure whether this is the work of the Klan. She refused once again to give the name of PETE HARRIS' mother so his actions on Tuesday night could be accounted for.

On 10/23/64 at Meridian, Mississippi File# Jackson 157-343
Jackson 44-1
Jackson 157-1113
 by SAs WILLIAM A. WHELAN and
JAMES M. KELLOGG:mtl Date dictated 10/28/64

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Date 10/28/64

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CHARLES T. HARRISON, 1010 18th Avenue, was interviewed at his residence at which time he was advised prior to the interview by SA PRESCOTT that he did not have to furnish any information to the FBI and that any information furnished by him could be used against him in a court of law. He was advised of his right to counsel.

Mr. HARRISON advised that he is presently employed by the Mississippi Power Company in the stock room and has been so employed for approximately ten years. He stated that he has never been employed by the Southern Bell Telephone Company.

Mr. HARRISON stated that he does not belong to any klan-type organization and has never attended any meetings of any such organization in or around Lauderdale County, Mississippi.

Mr. HARRISON said that if he was a member of such an organization or knew anyone to be a member, he would not furnish that information to the FBI.

Mr. HARRISON also stated that he owns Little Charlie's Drive-In, a restaurant, located on Fifth Street in Meridian.

Set forth below is a description of Mr. HARRISON as obtained from observation and interview:

Name	CHARLES T. HARRISON
Race	White
Sex	Male

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On 10/22/64 at Meridian, Mississippi File # JN 44-1
by SA JOHN P. SLAYDEN & SA SIDNEY J. PRESCOTT :bjm Date dictated 10/26/64

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Date of birth	June 23, 1925
Place of birth	Lauderdale County, Mississippi
Height	5'9½"
Weight	145 pounds
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Light brown
Complexion	Fair
Build	Medium
Employment	Mississippi Power Company, Meridian, Mississippi
Marital status	Divorced, former wife MIRIAM SPEARS
Military service	U. S. Navy, 1944-46, Naval Serial Number 34924782, honorable discharge
Arrests	None admitted

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date November 6, 19641

CHARLES T. HARRISON was re-interviewed at his place of employment, Mississippi Power Company. He was advised prior to the interview by SA STEPHEN M. MILLER that he did not have to furnish any information and that information furnished by him could be used against him in a court of law. He was advised of his right to counsel prior to making a statement.

Mr. HARRISON stated that he had no information to furnish as he was not a member of the Ku Klux Klan or any similar organization. He stated he had never been a member of same and knew of no one who might possibly be involved in such activity. Mr. HARRISON advised that he was willing to cooperate with the FBI and welcomed their interviews with him, but that further interviews would continue to be negative as he had no information whatsoever regarding any activities of any klan type organization.

HARRISON added that he is the owner of a 1958 Renault bearing 1965 Mississippi License LA-1554. He stated his 1964 license tag bore the number LA-1263.

On 11/3/64 at Meridian, Mississippi File # JN 157-1347
JN 157-343
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 by SA STEPHEN M. MILLER and
SA STANLEY A. SPRING /amh Date dictated 11/4/64

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA STEPHEN M. MILLER November 6, 1964, at Meridian,
Mississippi:

ROBERT LITTLE, Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol,
advised that a 1958 Renault, Motor Number 3176897, bearing
1964 Mississippi License LA-1263, is registered to CHARLIE T.
HARRISON, 1010 18th Avenue, Meridian, Mississippi.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date November 6, 1964

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BENJAMIN WAYNE HASTINGS, commonly known as Wayne Hastings, was interviewed at his place of employment. At the outset of the interview he was told by SA HILBERT ARPS that he need not furnish any information, that any information he furnished could be used against him in court, and that he was entitled to consult an attorney before furnishing any information.

HASTINGS denied being a member of any klan type organizations or having ever attended or been asked to attend any meetings of such organizations. He claimed to have never expressed any intentions of or engaging in any acts of violence. He knew of no other HASTINGS employed at the Standard Drug Company, where he himself works nor of any other persons with a name similar to his with whom his name could have become confused.

The following is a description of HASTINGS as obtained from him at the time of interview:

FOIA(b)(6)	Name:	BENJAMIN WAYNE HASTINGS, Commonly known as Wayne Hastings
	Date of Birth:	[REDACTED]
	Place of Birth:	[REDACTED] Mississippi
	Race:	White
	Sex:	Male
	Height:	6' 4"
	Weight:	185 pounds
	Eyes:	Blue-grey
	Hair:	Brown
	Scars and Marks:	Appendix scar
	Residence Address:	U. S. Highway 19 East, six miles outside Meridian, Mississippi, wooden house across road from Carmel Baptist Church
	Mailing Address:	Route 7, Box 63 Meridian, Mississippi
	Marital Status:	Single, resides with grandmother JEWELL JOHNSON, age 70

On 11/3/64 at Meridian, Mississippi File # JN 157-1278
JN 157-343
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by SA HILBERT ARPS and
SA HENRY RASK/amh Date dictated 11/4/64

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Occupation: Clerk
Employment Address: Standard Drug Company
601 25th Avenue
Meridian, Mississippi
Education: High school graduate
Military Service: No active duty; member of U. S.
Army Reserve, Serial Number 24901968
Automobile: 1954 Dodge, light grey bottom,
dark top
Weapons: Smith & Wesson 6 shot revolver,
.38 caliber; 12 gauge double
barrel shotgun, old, make unknown;
.22 caliber automatic rifle

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/15/64

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JOSEPH MICHAEL HATCHER, 4009 36th Avenue, Meridian, Mississippi, was interviewed at the U. S. Post Office and Courthouse in Meridian, Mississippi. Prior to commencement of the interview, HATCHER was advised of the identities of the agents conducting the interview and the fact he did not have to make any statement and, further, that any statement he did make might be used against him in a court of law. He was advised by SA SHEARER that he had a right to an attorney. No threats or promises were used to induce him to make a statement.

HATCHER advised that he is employed as a patrolman on the Meridian, Mississippi Police Department and that on November 15, 1964 he will have completed three years of service. He advised that although he presently resides at 4009 36th Avenue, Meridian, Mississippi, he has lived there only a short while and formerly resided at 3811 42nd Street, Meridian, Mississippi, since 1962.

HATCHER advised he is interested in cooperating with the FBI and has always made an effort to do so in the past. He stated that he is not now and has not in the past been a member of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan or any other secret organization. When asked if he had ever been a guard at any meetings, he replied that he has worked as a guard at the Longhorn Drive-In, Meridian, Mississippi, but that he was in uniform at the time and was doing it merely to earn extra money. He said he was hired by one "JABBO" (phonetic), the person who owns the Longhorn and thought the job was for the purpose of keeping out Negroes who might try to integrate the establishment. He said that the time he worked out there was when the Civil Rights Law was just passed and he thought the owner was fearful of some sort of trouble. He stated that he was unaware of any meetings taking place inside and, furthermore, if the fact that he worked at the Longhorn makes him a Klansman, then WALTER RAY LINDERMAN, a fellow patrolman, is also in the Klan as he worked there, too.

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SA ROBERT E. HOREL /bjm Date dictated 10/10/64

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HATCHER advised that he has never attended any meetings at Key Field except for Karate classes at the National Guard barracks. He said that these classes are held every Tuesday and Thursday and are conducted by Colonel AL KEY. He indicated that there are approximately 15 men in the class he is attending, mostly police officers and one fireman. He said that there is another class starting and thinks there are about eight in this class. He stated that the classes run from 7:00 to 9:30 PM and that he has been attending for about two months. He said that he has not yet acquired the degree of proficiency needed to qualify him for one of the "belts". HATCHER stated that the classes were started by Sergeant RIVERS.

HATCHER stated that he does not have much time for other activities as his regular shift at the Police Department is from 11:00 PM to 7:00 AM. He said that he is off on Friday from his patrol duties but works at another job during this time. He stated when he completes his Thursday night duty at 7:00 AM on Friday, he goes to his other job at the City Alignment Service, 511 31st Avenue, Meridian, Mississippi, where he works as an auto mechanic specializing in front end work. He said he has worked there since February, 1963. HATCHER advised that he also works at this job on Saturdays until 1:00 PM.

HATCHER again emphasized the fact that he is not a member of the Klan but stated that he would know where to go if he wanted to join. He said that he does not believe in the beating of people and offered as proof the fact that he has had ample opportunity to do so as a member of the police force but has not done so. He indicated that he intends making police work his career.

The following descriptive and background data was obtained through interview and observation:

Name	JOSEPH MICHAEL HATCHER
Alias	MIKE
Sex	Male
Race	White
Age	27

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Date of birth	[REDACTED]
Place of birth	Mississippi
Residence	4009 36th Avenue, Meridian, Mississippi (several months)
Former residence	3811 42nd Street, Meridian, Mississippi (since 1962)
Height	5'11"
Weight	165 pounds
Build	Medium (muscular)
Hair	Black, wavy
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Medium
Occupation (Full Time)	Patrolman, Meridian Police Department, Meridian, Mississippi, three years - since November 15, 1961
(Part Time)	Auto Mechanic (front end specialist), City Alignment Service, 511 31st Avenue, Meridian, Mississippi, since February, 1963
Marital status	Married
Wife	GEORGIA L. HATCHER, nee WARD
Children	Three girls, the oldest entering school
Military service	U. S. Navy from October, 1955 - March, 1957 and six months at National Guard Training Camp; Navy Serial Number 4435653
Education	High school diploma and two years at Meridian Junior College
Scars and marks	None
Arrests	Admits to several traffic arrests, one being for improper mufflers

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ARTHUR M. HORNE, Oak Grove Drive, Bonita, Mississippi, was contacted at his residence and was advised that the interviewing agents were Special Agents of the FBI. SA GODFREY advised HORNE that he was not required to make any statement, that any statement he did make could be used against him in a court of law and of his right to an attorney prior to making any statements.

HORNE initially stated that he did not desire to furnish any information or otherwise communicate with the interviewing Agents until he had contacted his lawyer in this regard. He stated that he had no information whatsoever concerning any actions or events undertaken by the Klan or other individuals in the State of Mississippi. When questioned as to his membership in the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi, HORNE remained mute and did not affirm or deny membership.

HORNE first indicated that his decision not to furnish any information prior to consulting with his attorney also included the furnishing of any descriptive data concerning himself. HORNE later did exhibit a Mississippi Driver's License number 265377 issued to himself as ARTHUR M. HORNE reflecting his date of birth to be February 24, 1906, and that he was a white male, 5' 10", 184 pounds, having brown hair and brown eyes. He did not furnish any further data concerning himself.

The interview of HORNE was commenced at 10:20 A.M. and was terminated at 11:30 A.M.

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SA DONALD E. GODFREY/amb Date dictated 11/5/64

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TOMMY A. HORNE, 115 Lake Drive, Bonita, Mississippi, was advised of the identities of interviewing Agents. He was advised by SA SARAZIN that he was not required to make any statement, any statement made by him could be used against him in a court of law and that he had the right to consult an attorney of his choice before making any statement.

HORNE denied affiliation with any klan-type group. He stated that if Agents had any additional questions to ask him they should write the questions down and submit them to his attorney. When asked who his attorney was HORNE replied he did not have one yet. HORNE refused to give a physical description of himself.

The following is a description of HORNE:

Name	TOMMY A. HORNE
Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	5'9-10"
Weight	165-170 pounds
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Build	Medium
Complexion	Ruddy
Occupation	Owner-operator of Horne Plumbing Company, Bonita, Mississippi
Wife	EVELYN KAYE
Residence	115 Lake Drive, Meridian, Mississippi
Age	Approximately 27.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA HENRY RASH and SA HILBERT ARPS:

On November 5, 1964, TOMMY A. HORNE was recontacted at a new school construction, east side of Highway 45, north of Quitman, Mississippi. He refused to talk and continued his work. In reply to an inquiry as to whether or not he had decided as to how he could be contacted without going to his home, he answered "No" and walked away.

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RICHARD HAROLD JAMES, better known as Harold James, was advised of the identities of interviewing Agents. He was advised by SA SHEARER that he did not have to make a statement, that any statement he did make could be used against him in a court of law, and that he had the right to consult an attorney before making any statement.

JAMES advised that he has never been a member of any klan-type organization and has never been approached to join such an organization. He said he has no associates who are members of the klan to his knowledge. He said he has never attended any meeting which could possibly have been a klan-type meeting.

He stated that he and his brother, TOM JAMES, are partners in the Key Field Grocery and since they have Negro employees and 40 per cent of their customers are Negroes, they have never allowed any discussion of racial matters in the store.

JAMES stated that he is not in sympathy with klan-type or extremist activity and does not believe in accomplishing anything by means of violence.

The following is a description of JAMES obtained through interview and observation:

Name	RICHARD HAROLD JAMES
Race	White
Sex	Male
Birth	December 15, 1924
	Meridian, Mississippi
Residence	Route 3, Long Creek Community
Length of residence	4 years
Height	5'7½"
Weight	143 pounds

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(Description of JAMES continued)

Build	Slender
Hair	Black, thinning on top
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Fair, medium
Occupation	Grocery operator, Key Field Grocery
Employer	Self-employed
Marital status	Married
Military service	U. S. Army, Army Serial Number 34632148
Education	High School
Scars and marks	Several long scars, shrapnel cuts several inches long running diagonally on inner right forearm. Several upper left front teeth missing.
Arrest record	None
Previous residences	Lauderdale County all of life.
Relatives	Wife - JOYCE Three daughters, one son

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Date 10/27/64

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ANDREW JACKSON JONES III, after being advised of the identity of the interviewing agents and being advised by SA ARTHUR L. MURTAGH before making any statement that he had the right to an attorney; that no threats or promises or offers of reward were being made to induce him to make a statement and that any statement he made could be used against him in a court of law, advised that he had no objections to furnishing any information he could to the FBI.

JONES stated that he has lived in Meridian all his life and that he currently resides at 6907 Tenth Street, which is located off the Old Eighth Street Road.

JONES stated he is currently employed by the Southern Bell Telephone Company as a line splicer and that he has been in this job for approximately 15 years.

JONES emphatically denied having any knowledge or connection with any Klan or Klan-type organization either at the present time or in the past.

JONES stated that he is a very determined segregationist and that he feels he will never change his view on segregation. He stated that he does not believe in any form of violence even to further the cause of segregation.

JONES stated that he could give no explanation as to why anyone should say that he had been connected in any way with Klan-type activities but that he does not mind being questioned about this matter and that if the FBI

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wishes to talk with him again or if any new information is developed about him, he would be glad to talk again with FBI Agents.

The following description of JONES was obtained by observation and interview:

Name	ANDREW JACKSON JONES III
Alias	JACK JONES III
Race	White
Sex	Male
Birth data	November 9, 1927, Meridian, Mississippi
Hair	Brown, brush cut
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Ruddy
Scars and marks	Circular scar on upper right arm half way around the bicep on the inner side
Marital status	Married, wife - CAROLYN, nee ASKEW
Children	ANDREW JACKSON JONES IV, age 12; WALTER JONES, age 10; CAROLYN RUTH JONES, age 8
Arrest record	JONES claims he has never been arrested
Military service	U. S. Navy 7920345, U. S. Marine Corps 1068302

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Date November 3, 1964

CARLTON L. LAVENDER, 5037 22nd Street, Meridian, Mississippi, was interviewed after being advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents and was advised by SA ALEXANDER JAMIESON that he had a right to an attorney before making any statement and that any statement he did make could be used against him in a court of law.

LAVENDER was advised that investigation in Mississippi over the last several months regarding acts of violence against Negroes has indicated that members of klan-type groups have been involved. He was further advised that investigation has revealed that he is a member of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan in Mississippi. He denied any membership or knowledge that Klan activities were active in the State of Mississippi. He indicated that he is opposed to any form of integration but that he also opposed the use of violence to prevent integration.

LAVENDER was advised that he was being interviewed in an effort to solicit his help and cooperation by giving Agents any information he had about Klan activities.

LAVENDER advised he has nothing to hide regarding his activities or associates and that FBI Agents are welcome to speak to him at any time.

The following description of LAVENDER was obtained by observation and interview:

Name	CARLTON L. LAVENDER
Home Address	5037 22nd Street, Meridian, Mississippi, telephone No. 482-0428
Employment	Salesman, Singer Sewing Machines, Meridian, Mississippi, telephone No. 485-5513
Race	White
Date of Birth	July 3, 1921
Place of Birth	Gould, Arkansas; at four months of age moved to House, Mississippi, until 1941 when he then resided in Meridian, Mississippi.

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Height 6' 0"
Weight 205
Complexion Ruddy
Hair Brown - sparse
Scars and None noticeable
Marks
Military Service Navy, Pharmacist Mate 2nd Class,
1942-1945, service No. 7219856
Education High school, House, Mississippi,
semester at Meridian Junior College
Marital Status Married - wife SARAH
Children CARLTON L. LAVENDER, JR., age 12
Brother G. L. LAVENDER
5012 21st Street,
Meridian, Mississippi
Mother MARY L. LAVENDER
5037 22nd Street,
Meridian, Mississippi
Arrests Only traffic
Weapons owned Various shotguns - .28, .410 gauges,
various hand guns - .38 Smith and
Wesson police, .22 luger target pistol
Automobiles 1957 Cadillac - black four-door;
1956 Oldsmobile - black, white top
Property Residence
Close Associates HOWARD BARRETT,
CATV,
Mississippi Life Building, Meridian;

CHARLIE MARBLE,
Fabric Fair, Meridian, Mississippi

J. L. CROCKER,
Marion, Mississippi

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date November 7, 1964

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WILLIAM RALPH LEWIS, commonly known as Ralph Lewis, was interviewed at his place of employment. At the outset, he was told by SA HILBERT ARPS that he need not furnish any information, that any information he furnished could be used against him in court, and that he was entitled to consult an attorney before furnishing any information.

LEWIS denied being a member of any klan type organization or having ever attended or been asked to attend any meetings of such organizations. He claimed to know nothing of the existence of any such organizations and if he did know anything that might help the FBI he would gladly furnish it. He pointed out he is a member of the Masons and felt this should be some indication that he is opposed to violence on Klan activities.

The following description was obtained from LEWIS at the time of interview, however, because of the call of business, it was not possible to obtain a full description. He, however, was agreeable to being recontacted:

Name:	WILLIAM RALPH LEWIS, commonly known as Ralph Lewis
Date of Birth:	March 29, 1922
Place of Birth:	Stonewall, Mississippi
Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Height:	5' 6"
Weight:	145 pounds
Eyes:	Blue
Hair:	Dark Blond
Scars and Marks:	Tattoo "WRL" and "SMG" on lower right arm
Residence:	2326 45th Avenue, Meridian, Mississippi
Occupation:	Salesman
Employment:	Burns Motor Company 22nd Avenue South Meridian, Mississippi

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Military Service: U. S. Army
Marital Status: Married

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BERNARD CLIFTON LIDE, 6001 5th Street, Meridian, Mississippi, was made aware of the identity of the interviewing Agent as a Special Agent of the FBI. He was advised 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. No threats or promises were made to LIDE to get him to furnish any information and he was advised that he had a right to obtain an attorney of his own choosing prior to making any statement.

LIDE advised that he presently resides at 6001 5th Street and is employed as an electrical appliance repairman for the United Tire and Appliance Corporation, 1313 B Street, Meridian, Mississippi. LIDE denied that he has any first hand knowledge regarding the murder of the three Civil Rights workers in Philadelphia, Mississippi, during June, 1964. He also denied that he was present or has any first hand knowledge regarding the burning of the Mt. Zion Methodist Church near Philadelphia, Mississippi, on June 16, 1964.

When questioned regarding his Klan associates and membership therein, LIDE refused to comment or answer any questions whatsoever. He would simply remain silent and would not comment when asked questions in this regard.

During the course of the interview with LIDE, he admitted knowing one Mr. BOWERS, a music box operator, Laurel, Mississippi, but stated that he only knew him by sight and had never had any business dealings with him. LIDE denied knowing Mr. BOWERS as the Grand Wizard of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi and commented that he only knew BOWERS by sight and nothing more.

LIDE advised that in addition to his work at the United Tire Company, he is in a partnership in a music box company and that he is often seen in the company of individuals upon whom suspicion may be placed, however, this is necessary

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to his business relationships with these persons. LIDE admitted knowing FRANK HERNDON, operator of the Shamrock Drive-In and stated he had known him for a number of years. LIDE denied knowing HERNDON as a member of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi and reiterated that he knew nothing concerning members of this organization.

At the conclusion of the interview, LIDE stated again that he could furnish no information regarding the burning of the Mt. Zion Church or the murder of the three civil rights workers and that he had no objections to talking with Special Agents of the FBI and he did not have any objection to the FBI checking into his activities.

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Date 11/5/64

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Mr. DELMAR C. MC CORMICK was advised that he did not have to make a statement and any statement he did make could be used against him in a court of law. He was advised he could consult an attorney if he desired, by SA SPRING.

Mr. DELMAR MC CORMICK advised that he is not and has never been a member of any klan including the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi (WKKKKOM). He stated that he had no knowledge of any Klan activities nor did he know of anyone who would be a member of the Klan. He stated he has never participated in any violence concerning Negroes or other persons and knew of no information that would be of value concerning any violence that has taken place in the state of Mississippi concerning racial matters.

The following description was obtained by observation and interrogation:

Name	DELMAR C. MC CORMICK
Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of birth	February 14, 1907
Place of birth	Pike County, Mississippi
Height	5'6"
Weight	145 pounds
Hair	Gray, balding
Eyes	Brown, wears glasses
Characteristics	Wears mustache
Address	1101 35th Avenue, Meridian, Mississippi

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SA STANLEY A. SPRING :bjm Date dictated 11/4/64

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Employment	Self employed as barber at 8th Street and 35th Avenue; also owns Economy Sundries Store, same address
Marital status	Married, wife - GLADYS, nee CULPEPPER
Children	Daughter - JUNE, also known as Mrs. ELLIS POOLE, Meridian; Daughter - MAXINE, also known as Mrs. WESTLEY MARBURY, Fernwood, Mississippi
Vehicles	1957 Mercury, white, with 1965 Mississippi Registration L3420
Firearms	Has a double barreled .20 gauge Ithaca shotgun
Arrests	None admitted

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Date 10/21/64

DONALD RUSSELL MADDOX was interviewed at the Lamar Hotel where he was advised of the identities of SA JOHN T. KELLY and SA ROY L. BURNS as Special Agents of the FBI. He was advised by SA KELLY that he did not have to make any statement, that before he made any statement he had the right to the services of an attorney, that any statement he made might be used against him in a court of law.

MADDOX stated that he was presently employed as a patrolman on the Meridian, Mississippi Police Department which position he has held since October, 1960. He stated he is married and resides in Meridian, Mississippi and is the father of one child.

MADDOX denied being a member of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi (WKKKKOM) or knowledge of any Klan activities. He stated that he knew no members of the Ku Klux Klan (KKK) and that he never attended a meeting of the Klan.

MADDOX stated that he was approached to attend a "meeting" in early part of 1964 but he refused to identify the name of the person who asked him to attend the meeting. He stated that he has never been threatened by any member of the Klan or any other person but he stated that he was somewhat apprehensive concerning the safety of his family although he refused to elucidate to the cause of his fear.

MADDOX refused to be of any assistance to the FBI in attempting to combat the work of the Klan in Meridian, Mississippi.

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MADDOX stated he knows Sergeant WALLACE MILLER, Patrolman MIKE HATCHER, Patrolman DICK WATKINS and Patrolman LEE ROBERTS who are also employed on the Meridian Police Department. He stated that he has never been approached by any of the above-mentioned persons to join the Klan nor has he ever attended any meetings with these persons.

The following description was obtained by observation and interview:

Name	DONALD RUSSELL MADDOX
Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of birth	[REDACTED]
Place of birth	[REDACTED]
Height	6'4½"
Weight	215 pounds
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Brown
Tattoos	Left wrist the word "Japan" tattooed in Japanese writing
Social Security Number	[REDACTED]
Present employment	Patrolman, Meridian Police Department, since October, 1960
Former employment	Clerical work at Newberry's Department Store for three months; Walgreens Drug Store three months; U. S. Navy 1955-59; May, 1959 to January, 1960, electrician, Long Beach, California Naval Shipyard
Military service	From August, 1955 to July 19, 1959, honorable discharge claimed; U. S. Naval Serial Number 4749033; served as electrician aboard U. S. Los Angeles

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Education	Attended Kay Griffin Junior High School, Meridian, Mississippi, until 10th grade, completed high school education through U.S. Navy
Past residences	Resided in Meridian, Mississippi since ten years old
Organizations	None claimed
Finances	Checking account First National Bank, Meridian, Mississippi
Debts	Sears and Roebuck Store, Meridian, Mississippi, \$100; Superior Furniture Company, Meridian, Mississippi, \$400; Meridian City Credit Union \$300 to \$400; King Loan Company, Meridian, Mississippi, \$300; Reed-McGee and Company, Jackson, Mississippi, \$9,500 on home, pays \$87.80 per month
Salary	\$330 per month
Relatives:	
Parents	Deceased
Wife	GLORIA MARIE MADDOX, age 24, resides 2440 37th Avenue, Meridian, Mississippi
Daughter	TAMMY MADDOX, same address, age 2
Sisters	MARGARET A. SMITH, Montgomery, Alabama;
In-laws	DOROTHY BELL, address unknown Father-in-law - LEON SYKES, Old Marion Road, Meridian, Mississippi; Mother-in-law - LESLIE SYKES

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Automobiles

1956 Oldsmobile 88,
two door, white over black,
1965 Mississippi License
L-2141 (automobile contains
Citizens Band Radio which
transmits on 11, 15 and 9

Weapons

None claimed except City
Police occupational weapon

Residence

2440 37th Avenue,
Meridian, Mississippi

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Date October 23, 1964

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DONALD RUSSELL MADDOX was advised that he was being interviewed by Special Agents of the FBI. He was advised by SA HARRINGTON that he had the right to have an attorney prior to furnishing any information to the FBI. He was advised he did not have to furnish any information and that any information furnished could be used against him in a court of law. No threats or promises were made to MADDOX in order to induce him to furnish any information.

MADDOX was interviewed concerning his association or membership with any klan-type organizations. MADDOX stated that he did at one time attend a meeting of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan at a trailer in Meridian, Mississippi. He stated that he only attended one meeting. He advised that he would not disclose the identity of the person who took him to the meeting or the identity of any of the other people present. He also stated he would not discuss the matter any further at the present time.

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Date November 2, 1964

RAYMOND CLYDE MATHENY, Route 2, Lauderdale, Mississippi, advised he has resided in Lauderdale County his entire life. He denied any past or present membership in the Ku Klux Klan. MATHENY alleged he has never been approached to join the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan in Mississippi. He stated he knows of no Klan Unit in or near the town of Lauderdale, but figured there was such a group. MATHENY said he works Negroes on his property and does not believe in violence or taking the law into his own hands to fight Negroes.

CLYDE MATHENY furnished the following description:

Date of Birth	December 7, 1914
Place of Birth	Lauderdale, Mississippi
Height	5' 11½"
Weight	198
Complexion	Ruddy
Hair	Black-greying
Eyes	Blue
Scars and Marks	None
Military Service	U. S. Army, Serial No. 6798391, honorable discharge, 1943-1946
Education	Sixth grade
Marital Status	Wife - EDNA GRACE MATHENY (nee PACE), born Kemper County
Children	RAYMOND CLYDE MATHENY, JR. - age 10; WILLIAM FRANK MATHENY - Age 5
Sisters	SUDIE BELL CHERK 5th Street, Meridian, Mississippi; ELIZABETH SARAH (Last Name Unknown) Hattiesburg, Miss.
Brothers	JOHN HENRY MATHENY (Age 58) Kemper County; WILLIAM JOEL MATHENY (Age 54), New York, New York

On 10/28/64 at Lauderdale, Mississippi File# Jackson 44-1
Jackson 157-343
Jackson 157-1130
by SAs JAMES M. KELLOGG, and
ALEXANDER JAMIESON:mtl Date dictated 10/29/64

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Arrests	1941, 1942, Columbus, Mississippi (drunk); 1946, Meridian, Mississippi (drunk); 1951, Selling illegal whiskey (Federal); 1958, Conspiracy regarding illegal whiskey (Federal) (Several other arrests for violation of whiskey laws)
Weapons Owned	.38 caliber Smith and Wesson, five-shot, Serial No. 29638, 3" barrel; .38 Caliber Smith and Wesson, 2" snub nose Chief Special, five-shot, Serial No. 309461
Automobiles Owned	1964 Cadillac four-door hardtop, white over green, license No. LD3210; 1964 Oldsmobile 88 Jetstar, four-door sedan, white, license No. L16847; 1960 Ford pickup, red
Property	Clyde's Place (bootleg liquor, next to residence), Lauderdale, Mississippi; Cozy Corner (bar) near Navy Base, Route 39, Lauderdale County; Minnow Bucket, Lockhart, Mississippi, Route 45; Matheny Grocery Store, four miles north of Lauderdale (old Route 45); 124 acres, Kemper County - near Portersville, Mississippi; 475 acres, Lauderdale County (pasture and timber)
Close Associates	HENRY WEDGEWATH Sinclair Station, Lauderdale, Mississippi;

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GRADY CLARK
Lauderdale, Mississippi;
R. N. MC ELRAY
Lauderdale, Mississippi;
HANK HATCHER,
Lauderdale, Mississippi;
Constable GRAVES,
Lauderdale, Mississippi

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date November 6, 1964

CLIFTON MOORE was interviewed at Moore's Texaco Station, 2405 State Boulevard, Meridian, Mississippi. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents, he was advised by SA ALEXANDER JAMIESON that he had a right to an attorney before making any statement, and that any statement he did make could be used against him in a court of law.

MOORE was advised that investigation in Mississippi over the last several months regarding acts of violence against Negroes has indicated that members of klan-type groups have been involved. He was further advised that investigation has revealed that he is a member of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi. He denied any membership and that he has ever been approached to be a member of any Klan group. He indicated he is opposed to the use of violence to prevent integration.

When MOORE was questioned in reference to his Klan membership he said, "Just suppose I did belong to an organization like that and I found out later it was accused of burning churches and things like that; I'd never go back to it and have nothing further to do with it." He admitted a passing acquaintance or knowledge of FRANK HERNDON, BILLY BIRDSONG, B. C. LIDE, FRED SPEED, DICK WARNER, WAYNE ROBERTS, and PREACHER KILLEN from Neshoba County. He said he has not seen these persons in several months and does not intend to have anything to do with them.

MOORE was advised that he was being interviewed in an effort to solicit his help and cooperation by giving the Agents any information he had about Klan activities.

MOORE advised he has nothing to hide regarding any of his activities of associates and that FBI Agents are welcome to speak to him at his place of business at any time.

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 On _____ at Meridian, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-
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 by SAs LAWRENCE D. KENNEDY and
 ALEXANDER JAMIESON:mtl Date dictated 11/6/64

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The following description of CLIFTON MOORE was obtained by observation and interview:

Address	4920 Westgate Hill, Meridian, Mississippi
Employment	Owner, Moore's Texaco, 2405 State Boulevard
Date of Birth	January 28, 1927
Place of Birth	Lauderdale County
Height	6' 9"
Weight	150 pounds
Build	Slim
Complexion	Ruddy
Hair	Brown, receding hairline
Eyes	Brown
Scars and Marks	3/4" vertical scar right eyebrow
Military Service	U. S. Navy, 1944 until July 3, 1946
Education	11th grade, Meridian High School
Marital Status	Married
Wife	MAVIS
Children	CLIFTON, Jr., 17 years; DAVID HAROLD, 13 years; SUE ANN, 8 years
Arrests	Admitted none
Weapons Owned	.38 pistol - English Commando type .22 pistol Mossberg 12 gauge and 410
Automobiles	1954 Buick, white over rust top, Mississippi License L6702; 1958 Oldsmobile Super 88, white top over green bottom, Mississippi License LD-2059
Property owned	Home at 5219 Ash Avenue, Meridian; residence 4920 Westgate Hill, Meridian; Texaco Station
Organizations	Moose, Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, Masonic Lodge, Shriner
Associates	RAYMOND BANNER, Meridain

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date November 7, 1964

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NORMAN CHARLIE MOSLEY, 1714 11th Street, was interviewed at his residence at which time he was advised prior to the interview by SA STEPHEN M. MILLER that he did not have to furnish any information to the FBI and that any information furnished by him could be used against him in a court of law. He was advised of his right to counsel and of the fact that no threats, promises, or duress would be used to induce him to make a statement.

MOSLEY advised that he knew nothing whatsoever about the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, that he had never been approached to join same and that he knew no members in the Klan or any similar type organizations. MOSLEY stated that he was definitely interested in the Klan and had attempted to join on numerous occasions but could not seem to find the right "connection". He stated he was still very much interested in joining and requested that the interviewing Agents furnish him with the name of a Klansman whom he could contact regarding the possibility of becoming a member in the Klan. MOSLEY repeatedly stated that he knew absolutely nothing about the Klan but when the name of ROBERT SHELTON was injected into the interview, he stated "Oh, he has a different type of group."

MOSLEY stated that even if he was a member of the Klan that he would not admit same to the FBI and would furnish them no information regarding any of the Klan activities. He added that he had no objection to being re-interviewed by any of the Agents of the FBI concerning possible Klan activity on his part.

The following background and descriptive data was obtained through observation and interview:

Name:	NORMAN CHARLIE MOSLEY
Address:	1714 11th Street Meridian, Mississippi

On 11/5/64 at Meridian, Mississippi File # JN 157-1290
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by SA STEPHEN M. MILLER and
SA ARTHUR F. PITTENGER/amh Date dictated 11/5/64

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Previous Address: 1106 18th Avenue
Meridian, Mississippi
Telephone: 483-2668
Date of Birth: September 7, 1917
Place of Birth: Clark County, Mississippi
Height: 5' 10"
Weight: 165 pounds
Eyes: Brown
Hair: Grey
Employment: 1. Paint contractor for Tison-Williams Company, Meridian, Mississippi
2. President and business representative for painters local number 433, 4th Street and 23rd, Meridian, Mississippi
Service: None
Marital Status: Married with five children
Wife's Name: LILLIAN MOSLEY
Characteristics: Left eye crossed
Firearms: Owns a .38 caliber Ivory Johnson revolver
Vehicles: 1. Owns 1963 Chevrolet, Mississippi License (1965), L3619
2. 1950 Jeep station wagon, 1965 Mississippi license 1B3249.

In addition, MOSLEY stated that he is a member of the Auxiliary Police Department, Meridian, Mississippi.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date November 7, 1964

J. D. NEAL, was interviewed at 1010 Bragg Street, Meridian, Mississippi. After being advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents he was advised by SA ALEXANDER JAMIESON that he had the right to an attorney before making any statement, and that any statement he did make could be used against him in a court of law.

NEAL was advised that investigations in Mississippi over the last several months regarding acts of violence against Negroes has indicated that members of klan-type groups have been involved. He was further advised that investigation has revealed that he is a member of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi. Neal stated, "I don't know what you are talking about. I don't belong to the Klan." He indicated he is opposed to any form of integration but he is also opposed to the use of violence to prevent integration.

NEAL was advised that he was being interviewed in an effort to solicit his help and cooperation by giving the Agents any information he had about Klan activities.

NEAL advised he had nothing to hide regarding any of his activities or associates and that FBI Agents are welcome to speak to him at any time.

The following description of NEAL was obtained by observation and interview:

Name	J. D. NEAL
Home Address	1010 Bragg Street
Employment	Yard foreman, Southern Pipe Company
Date of Birth	[REDACTED]
Place of Birth	[REDACTED] Mississippi
Height	5' 7"
Weight	136
Build	Slim

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On 11/6/64 at Meridian, Mississippi File# Jackson 157-1398
Jackson 157-343
Jackson 44-1
 by SA LAWRENCE D. KENNEDY and SA ALEXANDER JAMIESON:mtl Date dictated 11/7/64

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Hair	Black, wavy - receding hair line
Complexion	Medium
Remarks	Scar over right eyebrow; tip of middle finger cut off
Marital Status	Wife, BETTY JEAN
Children	NICOLA JAN, 2½ years; MICHAEL 1 year
Parents	WALLACE NEAL, Whynot, Mississippi; EFFIE MAE NEAL, Whynot, Mississippi
Brother	AD NEAL, Route 7, Causeyville, Mississippi
Education	12th grade, Meridian Junior High School
Military	None
Arrests	Admits none
Weapons Owned	12 gauge shotgun (single shot); .25 caliber - Titan Italian Serial No. 53189, chrome with white pearl handle
Automobile	1964 Dodge two-door 330 model blue bottom with white top
Associates	Any person in Whynot, Mississippi

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/28/64

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Mr. HUBERT CLARKE ODOM was interviewed at his place of business, the City Alignment Service, 516 31st Avenue, at which time he was advised by SA SIDNEY J. PRESCOTT that he did not have to furnish any information to the FBI and that any information furnished by him could be used against him in a court of law. He was also advised by SA PRESCOTT prior to the commencement of the interview of his right to counsel.

Mr. ODOM advised he has operated the above business establishment for approximately ten to twelve years and enjoys a good business reputation in Lauderdale County, Mississippi.

He continued that he does not belong to any klan-type organization and has never belonged to such an organization. He said that he had recently been approached to join the Klan in Meridian, Mississippi, however, he had refused to do so because he did not agree with the activities of the Klan. Mr. ODOM said he would not furnish the name of the individual who approached him to join the Klan and that he would not furnish the names of any individuals, if he knew them, who did belong to the Klan.

He said that even though he was not in agreement with the activities of the Klan, he was in business in Meridian and did not feel as though his conscience would let him furnish such information to the FBI. He stated that he would gladly talk with agents from the FBI on any occasion they desired to see him.

Set forth below is a description of Mr. ODOM as obtained from observation and interview:

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On 10/23/64 at Meridian, Mississippi File # JN 44-1

by SA JOHN P. SLAYDEN & SA SIDNEY J. PRESCOTT :bjm Date dictated 10/26/64

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Name	HUBERT CLARKE ODOM
Sex	Male
Race	White
Date of birth	December 9, 1918
Place of birth	Lauderdale County, Mississippi
Height	6'
Weight	204 pounds
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Brown, graying
Build	Heavy
Marital status	Married, wife - EFFIE
Home address	4429 State Boulevard, Meridian, Mississippi
Employment	Self employed in City Alignment Service
Military service	1943-46, U. S. Navy, Naval Serial Number 940-37-93, honorable discharge

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 11/7/64

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WILLIAM MARTIN PACE was advised that he did not have to make a statement and any statement he did make could be used against him in a court of law. He was advised he could consult an attorney if he desired, by SA SPRING.

WILLIAM MARTIN PACE advised that he is not and has never been a member of any klan including the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi. He stated, however, that he is acquainted with, through business, a JAMES RUTLEDGE whom he has recently read about in the newspapers as being arrested in connection with dynamite and Klan activities. He stated that he became acquainted with Rutledge on a strictly business basis inasmuch as Rutledge has obtained a loan in the past from the Commercial Credit Corporation, 1003 21st Avenue, Meridian, Mississippi. He stated that he was not acquainted with Rutledge's associates or other activities and could furnish no information concerning Rutledge that might be of value concerning any violence that has occurred in the state of Mississippi concerning racial matters. PACE stated he knows of no other persons who are or might be members of any Klan in the state of Mississippi and could furnish no information concerning any Klan activities.

The following description was obtained by observation and interview:

Name	WILLIAM MARTIN PACE
Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of birth	August 30, 1938

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On 11/3/64 at Meridian, Mississippi File # JN 157-1334

by SA STEPHEN M. MILLER & SA STANLEY A. SPRING :bjm Date dictated 11/4/64

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Place of birth	Bailey, Mississippi
Height	6'
Weight	185 pounds
Hair	Black, wavy
Build	Medium
Characteristics	Wears glasses
Employment	Employed as Assistant Loan Manager, Commercial Credit Corporation, Meridian, Mississippi
Marital status	Married - RITA, nee HEDGEPATH
Children	None
Address	Route 1, Bailey, Mississippi
Relatives:	
Brother	WALLACE G. PACE, Newton, Mississippi, Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol
Vehicle	1957 blue and white Buick, 1965 Mississippi Registration LD 2418 or 2814
Firearms	Has an old .12 gauge double- barreled shotgun; has a .12 gauge Stevens shotgun; .38 caliber Smith & Wesson revolver
Arrests	None admitted
Military service	U. S. Air Force, 1955-1962, honorable discharge, M/1st Class, AF 24900524

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date November 6, 1964

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Mr. OWEN V. PRATT, owner, Pratt's Pure Oil Service Station, 36th and 8th Avenues, Meridian, Mississippi, home address 711 37th Avenue, Meridian, was advised of the identity of the FBI Special Agents to whom he was talking. 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 and that he had a right to the counsel of his choice before making any statement by SA VAN RIPER.

PRATT advised he is definitely not a member of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi or any other klan or klan type organization. PRATT stated that he had been approached by an unknown white male "sometime ago" who attempted to interest him in the Klan but PRATT stated he told the man he "didn't want to get into trouble with anyone" and therefore did not join the Klan. PRATT stated he had never seen the man who approached him regarding the Klan before or since. When asked if it was not unusual that a total stranger would approach him and ask him to join a klan type organization, PRATT stated he had nothing further to say and advised he wished the FBI would "stay away from me and leave me alone".

The following description of OWEN VASTINE PRATT was obtained through observation and interview:

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Date of Birth:	January 18, 1919
Place of Birth:	Lauderdale County, Mississippi
Height:	5' 9"
Weight:	160 pounds
Hair:	Grey
Eyes:	Blue, wears glasses occasionally
Wife:	HESTER PRATT 711 37th Avenue
Children:	None
Social Security Number:	427-18-6829

On 11/3/64 at Meridian, Mississippi File # JN 157-1366
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 by SA THOMAS VAN RIPER and
SA JOHN L. MARTIN/amb Date dictated 11/5/64

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Employment:	In business as a Pure Oil Service Station operator, three years.
Automobile:	1956 blue and white Chevrolet station wagon
Arrests:	Admits one, 1938 or 1939, making whiskey

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/27/641

OWEN V. PRATT, 711 37th Avenue, was advised of the identities of JOHN P. SLAYDEN and SIDNEY J. PRESCOTT as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He was advised by SA JOHN P. SLAYDEN that he did not have to furnish any information, that any information he furnished could be used against him in a court of law and that prior to making any statements he had the right to the services of an attorney.

PRATT advised he had never been to a Klan meeting in his life and has never been approached to join the Klan. He was questioned particularly concerning information previously received to the effect that he had attended a Klan meeting near Chunky, Mississippi on June 3, 1964. PRATT denied that he had attended such a meeting. PRATT expressed a willingness to cooperate but stated that he could furnish no information whatsoever concerning the Ku Klux Klan.

The following description was obtained by personal observation and interrogation:

Name	OWEN V. PRATT
Date of birth	January 18, 1819 / 1919
Place of birth	Lauderdale County, Mississippi
Height	5' 11"
Weight	165 pounds
Build	Medium
Complexion	Fair
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Gray
Marital status	Wife - HESTER
Children	None
Military service	None
Vehicle	PRATT drives a 1956 Chevrolet station wagon, turquoise over white, Mississippi License P/5 17312

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date November 4, 1964

JOSEPH ALGENE PRICE was interviewed at the Cash Salvage Store, 1205 65th Avenue, Meridian. He was advised that the interviewing Agents were Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and SA HALPIN advised PRICE that he was not required to make a statement, that any statement he did make could be used against him in a court of law, and that he was entitled to the services of an attorney before making any statement. No threats or promises were made to him.

PRICE was advised that it was desired to question him about certain matters and he should carefully consider the answers he desired to make as his answers would become a permanent record concerning him and could have a profound affect on him and his family for years to come.

PRICE stated that he has never been a member of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan or of any other klan-type organization, and he has never been approached for membership. He volunteered that he had joined a White Citizens group about six or seven years ago by contributing about a \$3.50 fee, but had not gone to any sort of induction meeting at that time and subsequently had never attended any meetings of this group. He said it was his understanding the White Citizens Group was supposed to take the money obtained and create a lobby for legislation favorable to the group.

PRICE said he had never gone to any meeting of any type that could have been construed as a Klan meeting and said he has never been interested in such matters. He said he has been generally aware of the existance of a klan-type organization from occasional items in the newspaper, but knew nothing personally concerning such an organization, nor was he aware of any of his friends or acquaintances who might be a member.

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PRICE advised he was formerly in partnership with BERNARD CLAY in the operation of the Torch Restaurant and the Key Field Grill but they split up about two years ago and he took the Key Field Grill and CLAY took the Torch Restaurant. He operated the Key Field Grill until 1964, and is now renting it and devoted his time to the operation of the Cash Salvage Store. He said he sells secondhand merchandise at the Cash Salvage Store, but does not handle any food or clothing items.

PRICE furnished the following descriptive data:

Name	JOSEPH ALGENE PRICE
Aliases	ALGENE PRICE
Sex	Male
Race	White
Age	29
Date of Birth	[REDACTED]
Place of Birth	[REDACTED] Mississippi
Residence	604 - 17th Street, Meridian
Length of Residence	Six years
Height	6' 1"
Weight	219
Hair	Blond
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Light
Occupation	Self-employed, Cash Salvage Store, 1205 - 65th Avenue, Meridian
Marital Status	Married MYRTLE BURT
Children	Three boys, JOSEPH ALGENE, JR. - 8; MARTIN LUTHER - 6; THOMAS THERON - 4
Military Service	None
Education	Graduated Meridian High School
Social Security No.	Not known
Scars, Marks, and Tattoos	Wears glasses
Arrest Record	None

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The interview of PRICE was commenced at 10:10 AM
and terminated at 11:45 AM.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/23/64

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WILLIAM L. RAINER, JR., also known as Buddy, was interviewed by SAs SIDNEY J. PRESCOTT and JOHN P. SLAYDEN. He was advised by SA PRESCOTT that he did not have to furnish any information to the FBI and that any information he did furnish could be used against him in a court of law. He was also advised of his right to counsel.

RAINER advised he has been employed by the Mississippi Power Company as an apprentice lineman for the past seven years. He stated he lives at Box 406, 6.14 miles off Highway 19 on Old Eighth Street Road. RAINER stated he does not live on this road but at the second house to the left on this road. RAINER advised he has never belonged to the Ku Klux Klan nor has he ever attended a meeting of the Ku Klux Klan. He further stated he did not know how to go about joining the Klan even if he wanted to.

The following description was obtained by personal observation and interrogation:

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	Place of birth	Mississippi
	Hair	Blond
	Eyes	Blue
	Height	5'10"
	Weight	180 pounds
	Build	Stocky
	Complexion	Ruddy
	Military record	Honorable discharge January, 1957 from U. S. Marine Corps, U. S. Marine Corps Serial Number 1435112
	Wife	MARTHA
	Children	Three daughters
	Automobiles	1959 black Ford pickup truck, Mississippi License F/S 54203; 1957 Chevrolet, white over black, Mississippi License L6464

On 10/15/64 at Meridian, Mississippi File # JN 157-1325
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by SAs SIDNEY J. PRESCOTT & JOHN P. SLAYDEN :bjm Date dictated 10/19/64

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date October 23, 1964

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ALTON WAYNE ROBERTS was advised that he was being interviewed by Special Agents of the FBI. He was advised by SA HARRINGTON that he had the right to have an attorney prior to furnishing any information to the FBI. He was advised he did not have to furnish any information and that any information furnished could be used against him in a court of law. No threats or promises were made to ROBERTS in order to induce him to furnish any information.

ROBERTS denied any active membership or association in any klan-type organizations and stated that he has never been approached to join such an organization. He did state that he at one time attempted to join the Ku Klux Klan in Alabama, but was turned down due to his poor character references. He would not elaborate further on this. He advised he would not continue any discussion with FBI Agents concerning klan-type activities on either his part or the part of any of his relatives.

The following description was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	ALTON WAYNE ROBERTS
Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	26
Birth	April 6, 1938
Residence	Meridian, Mississippi Box 244, Route 5 Lakewood Subdivision
Previous residence	Meridian, Mississippi Apartment 5, Mountain View Village, Meridian, Mississippi
Height	6'1½"
Weight	273 pounds

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On 10/16/64 at Meridian, Mississippi File #

by SA JOHN B. HARRINGTON & SA HARRY J. SARAZIN: mjh Date dictated 10/21/64

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(Description of ALTON WAYNE ROBERTS continued)

Build	Heavy
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Ruddy
Occupation	Salesman Miami Window Company
Marital status	Married
Wife	LINDS
Children	Three, ages 5-10
Military service	U. S. Marine Corps, 1957-58 U. S. Marine Corps Serial Number 1656509; bad conduct discharge for fighting, drunk and AWOL.
Social Security No.	426-58-8681
Scars and marks	U-shaped 4" cut scar middle of forehead; 1" cut scar right eyebrow, 18" scar on stomach
Automobile	Drives 1962 Corvair Alabama License 60-2241.

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On October 7, 1964, JN T-3 advised that WAYNE ROBERTS, age 27, wife LINDA, and three children resided Mountain View Village, Apartment 5, Meridian, Mississippi. Former addresses for ROBERTS, according to this source, are listed as 2675 St. John Street; 2220 15th Street; Route 1, Box 250, Hickory, Mississippi (October, 1961); 2419 18th Street (December, 1962); and 1009 28th Street (April, 1963).

ROBERTS is presently employed as a salesman for the Miami Window Company, Meridian, Mississippi. He was formerly employed for a four-month period (August 30, 1962, to December 20, 1962) by the Peoples Protective Insurance Company. ROBERTS was also employed at the Skyview Night Club, Highway 45 South, Meridian, Mississippi, for one and one half years. He was discharged from the Skyview Night Club when he and the manager got into an argument.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date October 12, 1964

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LEE CUTHELL ROBERTS was advised that he was being interviewed by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He was advised by SA JOHN H. PROCTOR, JR., that he had the right to have an attorney prior to making any statement. He was also advised that he did not have to make a statement and that any statement he made could be used against him in a court of law. No threats or promises were made to ROBERTS to induce him to furnish any information.

LEE CUTHELL ROBERTS was interviewed for the purpose of determining details of any membership or association with a Klan type organization. He was interviewed at length concerning membership in Klan type organizations and categorically denied any knowledge or participation whatsoever in a Klan organization.

The following description was obtained through observation and interview:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Nationality	American
Age	30
Born	February 1, 1934
Residence	Meridian, Mississippi 1120 36th Avenue Meridian, Mississippi
Length of Residence	3 years
Height	6'3"
Weight	306 pounds
Build	Heavy
Hair	Black
Eyes	Hazel
Complexion	Ruddy
Occupation	Patrolman, Meridian, Mississippi, Police Department
Marital Status	Married
Wife	PATTY

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by SA JOHN B. HARRINGTON &
SA JOHN H. PROCTOR, JR./esp Date dictated 10/10/64

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Sons	LEE, JR., and NOBLE CLYDE
Military Service	None
Education	High school
Father	CLYDE CUTHELL ROBERTS 2675 St. John Meridian, Mississippi
Brother	WAYNE ROBERTS Box 244, Route 5 Lakewood Sub-Division Meridian, Mississippi

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Date October 27, 1964

Dr. EDWARD BEAUREGARD ROBINSON was interviewed at 1114 23rd Avenue, Meridian, Mississippi, where he voluntarily appeared. Prior to the interview he was advised by SA ROBERT E. HOREL of the identity of the interviewing Agents, the fact that he did not have to make any statement and, further, that any statement he did make might be used against him in a court of law. He was advised of his right to consult with an attorney before making any statement.

Dr. ROBINSON advised that although he believes in segregation, he is not knowingly a member of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. He said the very reason he is living in Mississippi is because he does not want his children attending school with Negroes. He pointed out that he was reared in Phoenix, Arizona, and went to school with Negroes and Mexicans and the first five years of schooling are virtually wasted while teaching them to speak English.

Dr. ROBINSON stated that he has attended meetings of the White Citizens Council and is still attempting to have a private school established for white children. He described himself as a "blabbermouth" and said his views are well known among his many patients and friends. He said, however, that he does not believe in violence and seeks to secure his goals through legal means.

Dr. ROBINSON said that he belongs to a number of organizations and has a good many friends in addition to the people he knows as a result of his dentistry practice. He advised that he is a member of three Masonic lodges, the Moose, Elks, Lions, Auxiliary Police, a hunting club and the Summit Lake, Crescent Lake, and Coker Lake fishing clubs. He stated that he has attended auxiliary police meetings at Key Field which were held in a barracks-type building surrounded by a wire link-type fence. He said he is not too familiar with the Key Field area and was shown the way by WALTER "SHORTY" MOORE. Dr. ROBINSON noted that these auxiliary police meetings are conducted by Colonel AL KEY. He said that

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ROBERT E. HOREL:mtl Date dictated 10/26/64

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after one of the meetings he went with a couple of the members to a restaurant for a cup of coffee but to no other location on Key Field. He stated that segregation was always a topic of discussion among his friends and they frequently greet him saying, "I see they haven't arrested you yet".

In response to a question concerning those of his friends who are most outspoken concerning segregation, Dr. ROBINSON stated that he fixes BILLY BIRDSONG's teeth and that BIRDSONG is about as strong as one could get.

Dr. ROBINSON stated that he is not really familiar with the case of the three murdered civil rights workers as he went on vacation in the latter part of July and did not return to Meridian until the third week in August. He said he was in Yellowstone National Park when the bodies were discovered but that he had trouble getting any information over his transistor radio.

Dr. ROBINSON said that in addition to fishing, he enjoys shooting. He stated that he reloads ammunition for his shotgun and rifle but has never reloaded any .38 caliber ammunition as he has not owned a .38 until recently and, in fact, has not yet had the opportunity to shoot this gun. He said that his wife, son, and brother, LEROY, who is a Chief Warrant Officer assigned to the Meridian Naval Base, frequently accompany him while shooting. He said that he shoots at the police range.

Dr. ROBINSON stated that he has seen only one piece of literature concerning the Klan and this was found by his nurse among some magazines in the waiting room adjoining his office. He was permitted to read the oath of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Meridian and stated that he has never taken such an oath. He said that he gave five dollars to someone the other day for something but indicated that he would give five dollars to almost anybody. He said he feels sure he has never attended any meeting of the Klan or any meeting he did not know the nature of. He said he did not know it any of his friends were members of the Klan.

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The following is descriptive and background data obtained through interview and observation:

Name	EDWARD BEAUREGARD ROBINSON
Aliases	"ED", "DOC"
Sex	Male
Race	White
Age	48
Date of birth	January 6, 1916
Place of birth	Phoenix, Arizona
Residence	2327 35th Avenue, Meridian
Length of Residence	About eleven years
Height	5' 9"
Weight	180 pounds
Build	Medium
Hair	Brown and gray (crew cut)
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Fair
Occupation	Dentist
Employer	Self
Marital Status	Married
Military Service	Civil Conservation Corps; U. S. Navy (Served as enlisted man and rose to rank of Lieutenant Commander. Enlisted service number 6040223.); U. S. Army - Second Lieutenant
Education	Emory University, Alabama - Doctor of Dentistry Degree
Social Security Number	Unknown
Scars, Marks, and Tattoos	None
Previous Residences	Phoenix, Arizona. Stayed for a period of time with mother in Alamuchie, Mississippi
Immediate relatives and addresses	Wife - MARY FRANCES Son - EDWARD BEAUREGARD ROBINSON, JR., Age 9 Daughters - three Brother- LEROY ROBINSON; Chief Warrant Officer - about to retire - assigned Navy Base, Meridian

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Background information regarding Doctor EDWARD BEAUREGARD ROBINSON by SA LAWRENCE M. SHEARER and SA ROBERT E. HOREL reveals that he lives at 2327 35th Avenue, Meridian. This dwelling was found to be a two-story, frame structure with a two-car garage attached to the left side. The house is situated on the left side of 35th Avenue at the intersection with 24th Street. Two cars were observed parked in the garage and were subsequently determined to be registered in the name of Dr. ROBINSON. One car is a 1964 grey Rambler bearing 1964 Mississippi license LB 3714. The second vehicle is a 1964 white Pontiac bearing 1964 Mississippi license L 14181.

Doctor ROBINSON is a dentist and has his office at 601 22nd Avenue, Meridian, Mississippi, the Greater Mississippi Life Building. His office is located in Room 501.

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JAMES CHARLES RUTLEDGE, 508 - 19th Street, was interviewed at the Meridian, Mississippi, Resident Agency, at which time he was advised of the identities of Special Agents JOHN C. GORDON and JOHN T. KELLY and was advised by SA GORDON that he did not have to make any statement, that any statement he might make could be used in a court of law against him, that he had the right to the advice of an attorney prior to making any statement and that if he was unable to afford the services of an attorney that the court would appoint an attorney for him.

RUTLEDGE furnished the following information:

He advised that he believes the following persons are members of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi, inasmuch as they have previously attended meetings in which he has been in attendance:

(FNU) ADKINS

(FNU) BARFIELD
Employed at Risher's

(FNU) BARNETT

W. A. BUCKLEY
Grocery store
1600 block 4th Street
Meridian

(FNU) CLAY
Operates the Torch Cafe
Meridian

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SA JOHN C. GORDON: mjh Date dictated 10/12/64

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Reverend DELMAR DENNIS
Methodist Preacher
Klan chaplain

J. D. GARTMAN
Operates Gartman Seafoods
Meridian

FRANK HERNDON
Manager, The Potato House
(Formerly known as Shamrock Drive-In)

PETE HARRIS
Hardin Bakery

MIKE HATCHER
Meridian Police Department

BILLY JOYNER
Patrolman
Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol

(FNU) KELLER
(SAM KELLER's younger brother. KELLER
operates Keyfield Grill.)

B. C. LIDE
Employed at Meridian

FRANK MILLER

WALLACE MILLER
Sergeant
Meridian Police Department

(FNU) ODOM
Operates Odom's Garage, Meridian.

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Captain TRIGNON RANDOLPH PICKETT
Also known as T. R. Pickett,
Company Commander, Company A,
1st Medium Tank Battalion,
198th Armored, ~~Regt.~~
Mississippi National Guard
DeKalb, Mississippi

AL GENE PRICE
Meridian

L. W. PRICE
Price Grocery Store
South side, 1001 Church Avenue

JIMMY SNOWDEN
Troy Laundry

DICK WATKINS
Patrolman
Meridian Police Department
(Also local gunsmith, Meridian.)

PAUL WILSON
Employee
Campbell 66 Truck Lines

RUTLEDGE believed that the following men were klansmen
inasmuch as they were associates of FRANK HERNDON:

(FNU) TORRANCE
Employed Flintkote Company
Highway 11 South
Meridian

JIMMY JORDAN
Meridian, Mississippi

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(FNU) WARNER
Operator of Warner's Drive-In
1010 Grand Street
Father of GEORGE WARNER
Lauderdale County District Attorney

RUTLEDGE advised that FRANK HERNDON asked him sometime in May of 1964 to go to DeKalb, Mississippi, with T. R. PICKETT, who is a National Guard Commander, and help PICKETT, who was head of the Kemper County unit of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi, organize a klan unit as he (RUTLEDGE) knew many people in Kemper County. RUTLEDGE stated he formerly resided in DeKalb, Kemper County, Mississippi, and is familiar with many persons who presently live in that area. He stated that he does not know any other persons who belong to the klan in Kemper County, but considers HILL AUST, who is a close friend of PICKETT, along with ROY and ELMER WILSON, who operate a grocery store in DeKalb, to be logical suspects for klan membership.

FRANK HERNDON requested RUTLEDGE to go to Lauderdale, Mississippi, in May of 1964 to help CLYDE METHENY, who is a klansman in Lauderdale County, to organize a klan in Lauderdale, Mississippi. He stated that he did not go to either Lauderdale or DeKalb, Mississippi, to help organize the klan.

He knows DICK WATKINS, who is a patrolman on the Meridian Police Department and received some .38 caliber Smith and Wesson bullets which were hand loaded by WATKINS from him on previous occasions.

RUTLEDGE advised that his wife, Mrs. JAMES CHARLES RUTLEDGE, also known as Ann Evelyn, visited him in Meridian, Mississippi, August 19-26, 1964, at his home at 508 - 19th Street, Meridian, Mississippi. While visiting RUTLEDGE told his wife he had a .38 caliber Smith and Wesson top break approximately 3-inch barreled, chromium-finish, pearl-handled Iver Johnson Revolver which he had

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obtained from LUKE SCARBROUGH, Detective, Meridian Police Department. RUTLEDGE placed this revolver on the top shelf over a cabinet directly above the sink in the kitchen at his residence at 508 - 19th Street. RUTLEDGE told his ex-wife that she could take this gun back to Georgia to use for protection for her and the children.

RUTLEDGE on or about August 27, 1964, checked the above-described kitchen cabinet and the gun was no longer located there. He assumed that his ex-wife had taken the gun.

RUTLEDGE is an acquaintance of B. C. LIDE and on one occasion LIDE told him the FBI had "gadgets" which could pick up a conversation for several hundred yards.

RUTLEDGE stated that he knows "PREACHER" KILLEN, who is from Neshoba County, and stated that "PREACHER" frequents the Lamp Post Restaurant where he (RUTLEDGE) was formerly employed. He stated that WALLACE MILLER, a Meridian Police Sergeant, also talked to "PREACHER" KILLEN several times at the Lamp Post Restaurant. RUTLEDGE is under the impression that KILLEN and MILLER are good friends.

RUTLEDGE stated that KILLEN also frequents the Longhorn Drive-In and that he knows FRANK HERNDON is familiar with "PREACHER" inasmuch as on one Sunday afternoon he (RUTLEDGE) and his (RUTLEDGE's) girl friend, JOHNNIE LONG, were driving by the Longhorn Drive-In and observed "PREACHER" KILLEN talking to FRANK HERNDON.

RUTLEDGE believes that "PREACHER" KILLEN was one of the klansmen in attendance at the meeting in which he (RUTLEDGE) was installed as a klansman and that "PREACHER" KILLEN was wearing a hood.

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"Meridian, Mississippi
October 8, 1964

"I, James Charles Rutledge, make the following voluntary statement to John C. Gordon and John T. Kelly, who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I have been advised by Special Agent Gordon that I do have a right to the advise of an attorney prior to making any statement, that I do not have to make any statement and that any statement I make might be used against me in a court of law. I understand that if I cannot afford the services of an attorney that the court will appoint an attorney for me. No threats or promises have been made to me.

"I was born December 5, 1933, at Meridian, Mississippi, and I own the home at 508 - 19th Street in Meridian, Mississippi. I have received education which is equal to three years in college and I attended East Mississippi Jr. College for two years.

"I have known Frank Herndon, who operates the Shamrock Drive-Inn in Meridian, Mississippi, for approximately six years, and I consider him to be a close friend. I have known Sgt. Wallace Miller, who is employed on the Meridian, Mississippi Police Dept., since 1958 and I consider him to be a close friend.

"Around April, 1964, Frank Herndon asked me if I wanted to join the Ku Klux Klan and offered to take me to a meeting to see if I was interested in joining. I went with Frank Herndon to a meeting of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi in April, 1964,

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which meeting was held in a barracks at Key Field, Meridian, Mississippi. This meeting began about 8 p.m. and I left before it was over as I was not sure I wanted to join, and I also did not have the \$10 initiation fee. Those persons attending the meeting who I knew were Frank Herndon, Wallace Miller, and Jimmy Snowden.

"The next meeting of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan that I attended was approximately one week later at Key Field, Mississippi, at night, at which time I paid my \$10 initiation fee and was sworn in. I was given number 36, and I would estimate that there were 15 or 20 persons present including Frank Herndon, Wallace Miller, Dick Watkins and Mike Hatcher, who are patrolmen on the Meridian Police Department, Billy Joiner, who is a patrolman on the Mississippi Highway Patrol, B. C. Lide, and the Rev. Delmar Dennis.

"The next meeting I attended of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan was the following week at Key Field, Meridian, Miss., which was held in the same barracks, and Herndon, Miller, Hatcher, Watkins, B. C. Lide, and Rev. Delmar Dennis, along with some new persons I did not know, which made a total of about 30 persons in attendance. At the meetings were discussions of integration matters, the New York riots and an attempt to recruit members in the Klan. It was also mentioned that many civil rights workers were coming into Mississippi for the summer. Frank Herndon did most of the talking and I believe that he was the Chairman of the meeting. I was number 36 and they needed 40 some members to form a chapter or klavern of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. Wallace Miller did a lot of talking and I believe that I paid my \$10 initiation fee to Miller. Miller appeared to have some authority in the group. I did not buy any robes. I did not receive any membership card.

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"I attended another meeting approximately the last week in May which was held in a Shrine Hall on Highway 45 South, and at that meeting I was a gate-guard. Attending the meeting was Frank Herndon, Wallace Miller, Jimmy Snowden, Dick Watkins, Billy Joiner, Mike Hatchet, B. C. Lide, J. D. Gartman, Al Gene Price, Sam Keller's younger brother, whose name I do not know along with Mr. Odom, who operates Odom's Garage.

"On either Monday or Tuesday, which was September 21 or 22, 1964, at about 8 p.m., I drove my 1959 green over white top Ford convertible to the Shamrock Drive-Inn in Meridian, Mississippi, which is operated by Frank Herndon. I was at the Drive-Inn parked outside sitting in my car drinking a beer for approximately 15 minutes when Sgt. Wallace Miller, who is a patrolman on the Meridian, Mississippi Police Department, drove up in a patrol car and parked behind the Shamrock Drive-Inn. Frank Herndon was inside the Drive-Inn and I could see him through the window as he went out the back door of the drive-inn. I then got out of my car and went back to the restroom which is outside and in back of the drive-inn. When I came out of the restroom I saw Frank Herndon and Wallace Miller standing beside Miller's patrol car talking. I then walked over to the car and although I do not recall what conversation was going on, it was talk concerning dynamite. Wallace then told Frank that I had an empty house and he then ask me if I would store the dynamite in my house until the next day as he had to get the dynamite out of the patrol car. Miller and myself then loaded the dynamite which consisted of a box approximately 16 inches by 12 inches and a roll of wire and one small battery type box into my car. Miller told me to handle the dynamite carefully and that the dynamite would be picked up the next day. Miller asked me where I would put it and I told him that the house would be unlocked and it would be under the kitchen sink. Miller then left alone

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in the patrol car and I took the dynamite to my home and put it in my house at 508 - 19th Street. The only persons who knew that I had the dynamite at that time were Herndon, Miller and myself.

"On September 30, 1964, I went to the Shamrock Drive-Inn to tell Frank Herndon that I wanted the dynamite removed from my home and Frank then said that he would get someone to move the dynamite and he then made several calls from the Drive-Inn in my presence. Frank then told me that he could not get anyone to remove the dynamite. I then called Wallace Miller, who was attending a meeting at the National Guard Headquarters and told him that he had to get the dynamite out of my house, and he told me that he would drop by the Shamrock Drive-Inn after his National Guard meeting and talk to me. Miller came by the Shamrock and told me that he did not know anyone who could remove the dynamite from my home that evening but that he would send someone by the next day to remove it. Jim Jordan came into the Shamrock at the time I was talking to Miller about the dynamite, and I believe that he heard our conversation concerning the dynamite.

"The next time I talked to Frank Herndon about the dynamite was on October 7, 1964, at approximately 4:30 p.m. near the South Side School at which time I ask him if he would get someone to move the dynamite from my house. Herndon said that he would have someone get the dynamite out of my house that evening.

"I believe that the only other person who knows about the dynamite is a person named Torrance who is employed by the Flintkote Company and who drives a 1951 or 1952 light blue or green Falcon, as he is a close friend of Frank Herndon and he might have overheard our conversation.

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"I do not know of any person whom I associate with who has a need for dynamite in business or in their employment.

"I deny having any knowledge of what the dynamite was going to be used for and deny having any knowledge of who was to receive the dynamite.

/s/"I have read this statment consisting of three pages and it is true an_ correct to the best of my knowledge.

/s/"James Charles Rutledge

"Witness:

John T. Kelly, Special Agent, FBI, Jackson, Miss., 10/8/64.

John C. Gordon, Special Agent, FBI, Atlanta Div.,
10/8/64.

H. C. Slay, Investigator, Miss. Highway Patrol, Meridian, Miss."

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The following description was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	JAMES CHARLES RUTLEDGE also known as James C. Rutledge, Jim Rutledge
Race	White
Sex	Male
Birth	December 5, 1933 Meridian, Mississippi
Height	6'
Weight	165 pounds
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Brown, crew-cut
Build	Medium-heavy
Characteristics	Gold on front teeth
Scars and marks	Scar left side of mouth; circular scar right forearm, which is size of dime.
Social Security Number	426-54-5352
Employment	Presently unemployed
Former employment	Lamp Post Restaurant, Tom Bailey Drive, Meridian, Mississippi Employer - LAMAR MAJORS Wholesale grocery salesman for Winn Dixie Company Montgomery, Alabama, in 1963 Wholesale grocery salesman for Sturgis Company 1958-63 Orkin Exterminators Meridian, Mississippi, 1958 Route salesman for Pet Milk Company 1958

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(Description of JAMES CHARLES RUTLEDGE continued)

Military Service

U. S. Army, 1952 - May 10, 1955,
Honorable discharge claimed.
Serial Number RA 14459884.
RUTLEDGE claims service in
infantry branch, armored branch
and transportation branch. He
advised that he has had no
demolition training. Has
served with National Guard
since 1955, is presently assigned
to Company A, 1st Medium Tank
Battalion, 98th Armored,
Mississippi National Guard,
De Kalb, Mississippi, as Sergeant
First Class under Serial Number
14459884. Company Commander is
T.R. PICKETT. RUTLEDGE is
assigned .45 caliber pistols
number 193072 and number 729430.

(RUTLEDGE claims to own no other
weapons or sporting arms and claims
has no other explosives or armaments
in his possession, nor does he
claim to have any knowledge
of where explosives or armaments
are being stored by other members
of the White Knights of the Ku
Klux Klan.)

Education

East Mississippi Junior College,
Scuba, Mississippi
Two years attendance

Marital status
Former wife

Divorced, July of 1964
ANN EVELEEN
Age 25
502 Miller Street
La Grange, Georgia

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(Description of JAMES CHARLES RUTLEDGE continued.)

Parents Both deceased
Brothers JAY RAY RUTLEDGE, age 29
Prattville, Alabama
Drives truck for Winn Dixie Company

CHARLES E. RUTLEDGE, age 26
Lives in Los Angeles, California
Exact address unknown

Children SANDRA ANN, age 5
JAMES, JR., age 5
LINDA LEE, age 3
All same address

Common-law wife JOHNNIE LONG
2419 A Street
Meridian, Mississippi

Automobiles 1951 Mercury, blue, four-door,
1964 Mississippi License L-16759
(Vehicle Identification Number
51ME82434N) obtained from
United Salvage Company,
for \$45.00.)

1959 Ford convertible, white
over green, 1964 Mississippi
License L-14708.

Financial status Has checking account at
First National Bank,
Meridian, Mississippi

Debts:

Commercial Credit Company
Meridian, Mississippi
\$1100

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JERRY W. SCIPLE was contacted at his place of employment. At the outset of the interview, he was told by SA HILBERT ARPS he need not furnish any information, that any information he furnished could be used against him in court and that he was entitled to consult an attorney before furnishing any information.

SCIPLE denied being a member of any klan type organizations, having ever attended any klan type meetings, or having ever been invited or asked to join the Klan. He denied having made any statements or engaging in any acts of violence and said he would report such things to the FBI if he heard of them. He denied knowing of any Klan activities and claimed he did not know any Klan organization in the Meridian, Mississippi, area. He claimed the only other SCIPLE he knew of somewhere in this area was a distant cousin whose name he believed was DUDLEY SCIPLE.

The following is a description of SCIPLE as obtained from him at the time of interview:

Name:	JERRY W. SCIPLE
Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Date of Birth:	[REDACTED]
Place of Birth:	Mississippi
Height:	6' 2½"
Weight:	175 pounds
Eyes:	Blue, wears glasses
Hair:	Brown, greying considerably
Scars and Marks:	None
Residence:	1415 14th Avenue Meridian, Mississippi
Occupation:	Salesman
Employment:	United Tire Company 1313 B Street Meridian, Mississippi
Education:	1 year junior college

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SA HENRY BASK /amh

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Military Service: U. S. Navy, July, 1951 to
July, 1955, Serial Number
426-42-38.

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Social Security
Number:

Marital Status: Married to MARTHA ANN SCIPLE
Children: RONALD, Age 10

Children:

RALPH, Age 7

Relatives:

Parents, JESSIE and JOSEPHINE
SCIPLE

Gholson, Mississippi

Available Weapons:

.22 caliber revolver,
Japanese or German make,
purchased at Maxey's Pawn
Shop, Meridian, Mississippi;
16 gauge shotgun, kept at
father's house to keep out of
children's reach.

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Date November 6, 1964

ROY FRANK SHARP was interviewed at the construction site of the Meridian Junior College, Route 19, North Meridian, Mississippi. SHARP was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents. He was advised by SA ARTHUR F. PITTENGER of the fact that he need not make any statement and also that any statement he might make could be used against him in a court of law. He was told he had the right to consult with an attorney before making any statement whatsoever.

SHARP advised that he is self-employed as a carpenter at the above-mentioned construction job and also was elected in January, 1964, to a term as constable, Beat No. 3, Lauderdale County, Mississippi.

SHARP advised that he is not a member of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan or any similar Klan organization. He stated that he has not, to his knowledge, ever been approached to join any such organization and he states that he knows of no individuals who are members of the Klan. He said that he does not condone violence of any sort but he said he is a believer in segregation. SHARP advised further that if he had any information concerning Klan activities he would be happy to furnish this to the FBI; however, he stated he does not know anything concerning the activities of the Klan and, thus, said that he could be of no help in this matter.

The following description of SHARP was obtained through observation and interview:

Race	White
Sex	Male
DATE OF BIRTH	October 18, 1916, Lawrence County, Mississippi
Height	5' 11"
Weight	160 pounds
Hair	Gray
Eyes	Green
Residence	Route 1, Collinsville, Mississippi

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Jackson 157-1323
by SAs ARTHUR F. PITTENGER, and
STANLEY A. SPRING:mtl Date dictated 11/6/64

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Education	Eighth grade
Social Security No.	426-01-2440
Marital Status	Married
Wife	MARY YATES SHARP
Children	FRANKLIN, age 22, son; ROYGENE, age 25 - daughter; ALAWYN, age 15 - daughter; DONNA, age 8
Employment	Self-employed carpenter; Constable, beat 3, Lauderdale County, Mississippi
Firearms	12 gauge double barrel, Harrison and Richardson shotgun; .38 colt snubnose, 2' barrel; .38 Smith and Wesson, 4" barrel
Automobiles	1964 Ford, bronze or tan, 1965 Mississippi license L2292; has radio aerial on roof and red light on dash; SHARP owns a 1963 Ford pickup truck, light blue, bearing 1965 Mississippi license F56698

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CLAUDE BRYANT SIMMONS was interviewed in the vicinity of Simmons Brothers Garage, 704 36th Avenue, Meridian, Mississippi. At the outset he was told by SA HILBERT ARPS he need not furnish any information, that any information he furnished could be used against him in court, and that he was entitled to consult an attorney before furnishing any information.

SIMMONS denied being a member of any klan type organization, having ever attended any meetings of such organizations or having ever been asked to join or attend such organizations or meetings. He claimed to know nothing of any klan type organizations or activities except what he might have read in the papers or that he had heard of many many years ago. He claimed to know of no one who is or might be a member of such organizations. He said SIMMONS is a common name in this area. There is even a C. B. SIMMONS, the same initials as his, who works at the Pet Milk Company, directly across the street from Simmons Garage and he has heard of another C. B. SIMMONS who formerly lived in the Meridian area.

The following description was obtained from SIMMONS at the time of interview:

Name:	CLAUDE BRYANT SIMMONS
Date of Birth:	June 22, 1926
Place of Birth:	Lauderdale County, Mississippi
Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Height:	6'
Weight:	175 pounds
Eyes:	Brown
Hair:	Dark - greying considerably
Scars and Marks:	None
Residence Address:	4641 Royal Road Meridian, Mississippi
Occupation:	Mechanic
Employment Address:	704 36th Avenue Meridian, Mississippi

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 by SA HILBERT ARPS and
SA HENRY RASK/amh Date dictated 11/5/64

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Education: 11th grade
Miliatry Service: U. S. Army, June, 1944, to
July, 1946, Serial Number
44046470

Social Security
Number: Not known
Marital Status: Married to ELIZABETH SIMMONS
Children: CLAUDE B. SIMMONS, JR., Age 15;
JERRY SIMMONS, Age 12

Relatives:
Brothers: RAY SIMMONS
ROGER SIMMONS
VICTOR SIMMONS
All employed at Simmons Brothers
Garage, 704 36th Avenue, Meridian,
Mississippi.
G. B. SIMMONS, employed at Simmons
Alignment Service, 3505 8th Street,
Meridian, Mississippi

Automobile: 1957 dark red Plymouth hardtop,
white top, four door

Available Weapons: 12 gauge double barrel shotgun;
Son owns a 410 gauge single
barrel shotgun.

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Date October 25, 1964

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VIATOR WILLIAMS SIMMONS was contacted at the Higgins Brothers Garage, which he partially owns, and operator, at 7330 1/2 Avenue. He was advised of his right to an attorney prior to making any statement, and that he did not have to furnish any information. He was advised that any information he did furnish could be used against him in a court of law. No threats or promises were made to SIMMONS to get him to furnish any information.

SIMMONS advised he is not a member of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan or any other Klan type organization. He has never been approached to join the Klan and he knows no one who is a member. He was advised that the FBI had good information that he was a Klan member and that the FBI wanted to know where he stood with regard to the Klan church burnings and other types of racial violence. He repeated that he is not a Klan member and while he is a segregationist, he has no use for racial violence. While on the latter topic, he wanted to know why "your President" would let the FBI to Mississippi but not to New York where the Negroes rioted last summer. He was asked why he referred to the President of the United States as "your President;" and he not consider him his President also. He said that he guessed he did. He repeated that he is not a member of the Klan and said that he has no other statements to make. He said that, "If you have a warrant, arrest me." He was told that the purpose of the interview was not to make an arrest, but to discuss with him his Klan membership. He repeated that he had made his statement on the matter.

VIATOR WILLIAMS SIMMONS is described as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Born	October 16, 1901
	Landryville, Missouri
Height	5'6-0"
Weight	150 pounds
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Gray, wavy

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Scars and Marks	Appendectomy scar and two-inch scar on right instep
Military Service	World War II, U. S. Navy, 1942 - 1946
Wife	DORIS H. SIMMONS
Children	Two; SUSAN J., age 8 JOYCE ANN, age 4
Education	Completed Meridian Junior College, Meridian, Mississippi

Oct 10, 1964

WILLIAM JOSEPHINE SMITH appeared at the FBI
New Orleans, Louisiana, office where he was provided
with the identity of the interview agent. SA SHEARER advised
SMITH he will have to make a statement, that any statement
of SMITH could be used against him in court of law, and that
SMITH has the right to consult in person before making any statement.

SMITH denied that he had ever been a member
of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi or any
other organization. He stated he believed if he were a member
of the Ku Klux Klan he would be advised that the Ku
Klux Klan is a violent organization.

SMITH advised that he had seen the organization in person
during the past several years by Communists and
others who were trying to stop the Communists. He
stated he opposed to bombings and to violence committed against
the Negroes. He said he had no contact to any outside
organization except stirring up trouble among the colored
people. He stated that some of the troublemakers they
are in New Orleans.

SMITH stated he had seen some acts of violence and
he does not know the identity of anyone who

He stated he has never been asked to join any
organization.

He advised that the white people in Mississippi are
responsible for the lack of education and poor living standards
of the Negroes in Mississippi. He stated that Mississippi is
doing something to better the living conditions. He advised
that most of the Negroes in Mississippi are registered voters
and these are the ones who are the troublemakers.

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10/15/64 New Orleans, Louisiana

W. M. SHEARER, JR.

SA W. M. SHEARER, JR.

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He said the United States is at this time in bad shape in that Communists found in the country are not put in jail but are allowed to leave the country without punishment.

He said he served with the U. S. Navy during World War II and with the U. S. Marine Corps during the Korean War and the Communists are not going to take anything away from him without a fight.

SIMS advised that he has been employed for the past 18 years with the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company and is presently an installer-repairman. It was pointed out to SIMS that he may be in a position to install equipment to obtain confidential information transmitted by telephone and that any such activity would be in violation of the Federal law. He advised that he is in no position to commit such an act other than to connect up with wires on the pole which action would be obvious. He said any such efforts or attempts by a telephone company employee would result in immediate discharge.

The following description was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	WILLIE COPELAND SIMS Also known as Bill
Race	White
Sex	Male
Birth	August 17, 1921 Jones County, Mississippi
Residence	Route 3
Length of residence	All of life
Height	6'
Weight	190 pounds
Build	Muscular
Hair	Dark brown
Eyes	Blue

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(Description of SIMS continued)

Complexion	Medium dark
Occupation	Installer-repairman
Employer	Southern Bell Telephone & Telegraph Company
Marital status	Married
Wife	HAZEL
Children	Three
Military service	World War II, U. S. Navy Navy Serial Number 6442094; Korean War, U. S. Marine Corps, does not recall Serial Number.

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WILLIE COPELAND SIMS resides on Route 3, Meridain, Mississippi, Long Creek Road, 6.9 miles from the cloverleaf on Tom Bailey Drive, Highway 45 and 22nd Avenue. At the cloverleaf, take 22nd Avenue Heights, a continuation of which is Causeyville Road beyond Hillcrest Street. After traveling 6.1 miles from the cloverleaf, the road forks, Causeyville Road going to the left and Long Creek Road to the right. Take right .8 miles. SIMS' residence is the first house on the left after crossing the bridge over the railroad tracks.

SIMS' residence is a white frame house, about five rooms with a carport on the left side. The house is at the top of a grade about 75 yards from the road. Timber surrounds three sides of the residence. There are two small out buildings, one behind and the other behind and to the left of the residence.

No livestock or chickens were noted. One black dog was noted.

SIMS possesses a 1962 Chevrolet, white with 1964 Mississippi license L15904, and a General Motors Corporation pickup, one-fourth ton, about 1955 model, faded blue, license unknown.

The above observations were made by SAs L. M. SHEARER, JR., and ROBERT E. HOREL during periodic spot checks of the residence.

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Date October 30, 1964

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Mr. DEWITT W. SMITH was interviewed at his place of business, Smith's Garage, 106 7th Avenue. Prior to the commencement of the interview, he was advised that he did not have to furnish any information to the FBI and that any information furnished by him could be used against him in a court of law. He was also advised by SA PRESCOTT of his right to counsel prior to making any statement.

Mr. SMITH stated that he owns and operates an automobile body repair shop at 106 7th Avenue and has been employed in this business for a number of years.

Mr. SMITH continued that he is a native of Neshoba County, Mississippi, however, he has resided in Lauderdale County, Mississippi, practically all of his life. He said that he has never belonged to any klan-type organization and does not now belong to any such organization or has attended any meetings relative to same.

He continued that in approximately March, 1964, he did attend a meeting of the White Citizens Council in Meridian however, this is the only such meeting that he ever attended and he did not join this organization. He said that this meeting was presided over by a (First Name Unknown) COLLIER. He said he does not know COLLIER or possess any information relative to his whereabouts.

Mr. SMITH continued that he is not in agreement with any violence that might be conducted by any klan organization and that if he possessed any information relative to any members or proposed activities of any klan he would gladly furnish same to the FBI.

Mr. SMITH stated that he resides with his wife, LESSIE, in a brick veneer home located at 910 Bonita Drive in Bonita, Mississippi, a suburb of Meridian, Mississippi. He said that his wife owns a 1961 light tan Chevrolet bearing 1964 Mississippi license 7388 and that he himself

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SA ARTHUR F. PETTINGER :amh Date dictated 10/30/64

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drives a 1953 light green Chevrolet two-door sedan bearing 1964 Mississippi license 7773.

Set forth below is a description of Mr. SMITH as obtained from observation and interview:

Name:	DEWITT W. SMITH
Sex:	Male
Race:	White
Date of birth:	October 2, 1900
Place of birth:	Neshoba County, Mississippi
Eyes:	Blue (wears glasses)
Hair:	Sandy
Height:	5' 8½"
Weight:	170 pounds
Complexion:	Ruddy
Marital Status:	Married
Military Service:	None
Arrests:	None admitted
Occupation:	Owner and operator of Smith's Garage, 106 7th Avenue, Meridian, Mississippi
Home address:	910 Bonita Drive Meridian, Mississippi
Business Telephone:	485-5543

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Date 11/4/64

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GARY BROWN SMITH, Program Director, WOKK Radio Station, was interviewed and prior to being interviewed, was advised of the identities of JAMES M. KELLOGG and ALEXANDER JAMIESON as being Special Agents of the FBI. He was advised by SA KELLOGG that he did not have to make any statement and that any statement he did make could be used against him in court. He was advised of his right to an attorney before making a statement. No threats or promises were made to him.

SMITH furnished the following information:

He is not a member of any klan-type organization and has never been approached to join such an organization. He does not know anyone connected with any klan-type organization either in Meridian, Mississippi or elsewhere.

He is a member of the Meridian Skeet Club and he reloads his own shotgun ammunition. He does not reload ball ammunition of any kind and only owns one hand gun, a .25 caliber Browning automatic pistol. He does, however, own a number of shoulder weapons.

He speculated that if he was a member of the Klan, it would ruin his standing in the community, both socially and with regard to his employment, and hinder his chances for a commission in the Air National Guard which he contemplated receiving in the future. He reiterated that he is not in any way connected with the Klan and became agitated and adamant in his denial of membership in the Klan or knowledge of anyone connected with the Klan. He offered the names of five individuals as being close associates of his and who could

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vouch for his integrity, moral and political beliefs and nonmembership in the Klan. These individuals are as follows:

W. R. MASSEY
W. E. FORTENBERRY
D. P. SELF, JR.
F. E. HOLIDAY
DAN HOLLINGSWORTH

He added that he is a segregationist but feels he is liberal in his views toward segregation and that he does not believe in violence of any kind as a means of furthering his segregationist viewpoint.

The following description of GARY BROWN SMITH was obtained through observation and interviews:

Name	GARY BROWN SMITH
Race	White
Sex	Male
Nationality	American
Date of birth	[REDACTED]
Place of birth	[REDACTED]
Height	5'8½"
Weight	160 pounds
Hair	Brown, worn short in a crewcut
Eyes	Hazel
Scars and marks	Two ½" scars right half of upper lip, birthmark on stomach
Education	Two years junior college,
Military service	Eight years Mississippi Air National Guard, rank of Staff Sergeant, Serial Number AF 24900372

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Marital status	Married, wife - CAROLYN SMITH, nee BOARDMAN
Children	Two children - VICKIE CAROL SMITH, age 5; CHERYOL DENISE SMITH, age eight months
Previous arrests	None
Religion	Member of Bonita Methodist Church
Vehicles	He has a 1956 Ford two-door hardtop sedan, blue and white in color, and a 1957 Chevrolet four-door hardtop sedan, turquoise and white in color

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date November 7, 1964

JIMMIE (No Middle Name) SNOWDEN was interviewed at the Troy Laundry Company, Meridian, Mississippi, where he is employed as a driver. SNOWDEN was advised that he was being interviewed by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He was informed by SA ARTHUR F. PITTENGER that he need not make any statement, that any statement he might give could be used against him in a court of law, and also that he had the right to consult a lawyer before making any statement whatsoever.

SNOWDEN advised that he is not a member of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan or any similar Klan organization. He denied initially the knowledge of the existence of a klan organization in the State of Mississippi; however, later indicated that he was aware of a klan organization in Lauderdale County, Mississippi. He stated he knew nothing concerning the activities of the Klan, said that he did not know any members of the Klan or similar organizations, and that he was a member of the Masonic Lodge at Suqualena, Mississippi. SNOWDEN denied any knowledge of recent incidents of violence in the State of Mississippi, and stated he would not participate in these activities. SNOWDEN indicated that if he was in fact in possession of information concerning Klan matters he would furnish this information to the FBI.

The following description of JIMMIE SNOWDEN was obtained through observation and interview:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	September 21, 1933, at Bailey (Lauderdale County), Mississippi
Height	5' 10"
Weight	140 pounds
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Ruddy

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 STEPHEN M. MILLER:mtl Date dictated 11/7/64

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Residence 3507 - 32nd Street,
Meridian, Mississippi

Education High school diploma, Center
Hill, Mississippi;
1½ years attendance Meridian
Junior College, Meridian,
Mississippi (general course)

Military Service U. S. Army, February, 1954 to
February, 1956

U. S. Army Serial No. 53210633
Received honorable discharge and
had rank of Corporal (military
specialties were automative and
artillery mechanic)

Marital Status Married
Wife MARY JOYCE SNOWDEN, nee
GREEN

Daughters KATIE RUTH, age 8;
LINDA JOYCE, age 4;

Son JIM DAVY, 14 months

Mother ESSIE SNOWDEN residing
Key Field, Meridian

Father WILLIAM DAVY SNOWDEN,
deceased

Previous addresses Route 5,
Meridian, Mississippi
(three years);
14th Street and 49th Avenue
(corner house) three years

Employment Troy Laundry Company, as
driver, 2415 - 6th Street,
Meridian

Previous Employment Pet Dairy Products as driver,
Valley Road, Meridian,
Mississippi, five years

Organizations Masonic Lodge, Suqualena,
Mississippi

Bank SNOWDEN has small checking
account, Merchants and Farmers
Bank, Meridian.

Scars and Marks A tattoo of heart with
word "MARY WRIGHT" right
forearm

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Arrests
Associates

None admitted
BOBBY GRAHAM, JIM PARRISH,
(fellow workers at Troy
laundry Company)

Firearms

SNOWDEN owns 20 gauge Remington
automatic shotgun

Automobiles

1958 Chevrolet, white over blue,
1965 Mississippi license;
1958 Chevrolet, green and white,
license unknown

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date November 2, 1964

FRED G. SPEED, was interviewed at Speed's Welding Shop, 1112 B Street, Meridian, Mississippi. After being advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents he was advised by SA LAWRENCE D. KENNEDY that he had the right to an attorney before making any statement, that no threats, promises or offers of reward were being made to induce him to make a statement, and that any statement he did make could be used against him in a court of law.

SPEED was advised that investigation in Mississippi over the last several months regarding acts of violence against Negroes has indicated that members of Klan-type groups have been involved. He was further advised that investigation has revealed that he is a member of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi. He emphatically denied any membership or knowledge of any Klan activities. He indicated that he is opposed to any form of integration but that he is also opposed to the use of violence to prevent integration.

SPEED was advised that he was being interviewed in an effort to solicit his help and cooperation by giving the Agents any information he had about Klan activity.

He advised he was acquainted with FRANK HERNDON, B. L. AKIN, and BILLY BIRDSON, although he does not consider these persons to be close friends of his. He stated, however, that they are responsible people and they would not resort to violence.

SPEED advised he has nothing to hide regarding any of his activities or associates and that FBI Agents are welcome at his place of business at any time.

The following description of SPEED was obtained by observation and interview:

Name	FRED G. SPEED
Home Address	Route 7 Bonita, Mississippi

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by	SAs LAWRENCE D. KENNEDY and ALEXANDER JAMIESON:mtl			Date dictated	11/2/64

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Employment

Owns and operates Speed's
Welding Shop, 1112 B Street,
Meridian, Mississippi, and
also owns and operates two
dump trucks at this location.

Race

White

Sex

Male

Birth Data

Born October 3, 1917, at
Lauderdale County, Mississippi

Height

6'

Weight

177

Hair

Blond with gray

Eyes

Blue

Scars and Marks

None

Military Service

None

Previous Arrests

None admitted

Wife

MARIE B.

Children

Four under fifteen years of
age.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 11/7/64

A. D. THOMAS, 1720 14th Avenue, telephone number 483-2762, was interviewed after being advised of the identities of the interviewing agents. He was then advised by SA ALEXANDER JAMIESON that he had the right to an attorney before making any statements and that any statement he did make could be used against him in a court of law.

THOMAS was advised that investigation in Mississippi over the last several months regarding acts of violence against Negroes has indicated that members of klan-type groups have been involved. He was further advised that investigation has revealed that he is a member of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi. He emphatically denied being a member or ever being approached to be a member of a klan-type organization. He indicated that he is opposed to any form of integration but that he is also opposed to any use of violence to prevent integration.

THOMAS also advised that he was being interviewed in an effort to solicit his help and cooperation by giving the agents any information he had about Klan activities.

THOMAS advised he has nothing to hide regarding any of his activities or associates and that FBI Agents are welcome to call him at any time for interview.

The following description of THOMAS was obtained by observation and interview:

Date of birth	May 25, 1922
Place of birth	Lauderdale County, Mississippi
Height	6'2"

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SA STANLEY A. SPRING &
SA ALEXANDER JAMIESON :bjm Date dictated 11/4/64

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Weight	220 pounds
Complexion	Ruddy
Hair	Black, wavy (graying)
Eyes	Gray
Build	Stocky
Remarks	Scar on lower right leg, walks with a limp
Military service	U. S. Navy, 3rd Class Mailman, released 1946, stationed New Caledonia
Education	Vimville High School, Lauderdale County (presently known as Southeast High School)
Marital status	Wife - BERTHA LOUISE
Children	GARY (stepson), 20 years, married, employed Bush Dairy; AUBREY, age 16; LARRY, age 13
Employment	Salesman, Big Lot, Reliable Chevrolet Company
Arrests	Admits none
Weapons owned	.16 and .410 gauge shot guns
Autumobile owned	Reliable Chevrolet Company owned car
Property	Residence only
Close associates	EDWARD DANIELS, Meridian, Mississippi
Organizations	Square Dance Club, Longcreek Recreation Center, Assembly of God Church, Veterans of Foreign Wars

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date November 7, 1964

MARSHALL FRED THOMAS, JR. was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents when he was interviewed at the Meridian City Hall where he is employed as a plumbing inspector. THOMAS was informed by SA ARTHUR F. PITTENGER that he need not make any statement, any statement he might give could be used against him in a court of law, and that he had the right to consult a lawyer before making any statement.

THOMAS advised that he is not a member of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan or any similar klan-type organization. He advised that he has never been approached to join any such body and would not join any such organization. THOMAS said that he has suspicions concerning some individuals, thinking that they are probably Klan members; however, he declined to elaborate on this statement or furnish names of individuals he was referring to in this statement. THOMAS said that he does not condone violence, has a family to support, and does not have time to attend meetings or otherwise engage in any outside activities. THOMAS said that if he had any information concerning activities of the Klan he would furnish same to the FBI.

The following description was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	MARSHALL FRED THOMAS, JR.
Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	December 9, 1924, at Clarke County, Mississippi
Height	5' 10"
Weight	204
Hair	Brown - wavy
Eyes	Gray
Residence	Route 3, Meridian, Mississippi (9 miles southeast of Meridian)
Education	Eleventh grade

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Military Service

U. S. Marine Corps,
February 19, 1942 to
December 19, 1945, Serial No.
381730, honorable discharge

Marital Status

Married
BESSIE M. THOMAS

Wife

GLEN, age 14

Son

427-26-9949

Social Security No.

Automobiles

1962 Ford pickup truck,
green body, white top
(license unknown);

1961 Studebaker Lark, blue in
color (license unknown)

Arrests

None except traffic violations

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Date October 17, 1964

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OLIVER RICHARD WARNER, JR., 1010 Grand Avenue, Meridian, Mississippi, after being advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents, was advised by SA ARTHUR L. MURTAGH that he had a right to an attorney, that no threats, promises, or offers of reward were being made to induce him to make a statement, and that any statement he did make could be used against him in a court of law. WARNER advised that he had no objection to being interviewed and that he would cooperate in any way possible.

WARNER advised that he has resided in Meridian, Mississippi, for at least 35 years and that he has a wide circle of friends and acquaintances in this area.

WARNER stated that he knows FRANK HERNDON, who has operated several cafes and restaurants in the Meridian area in the past several years. He said he is not a close friend of HERNDON, but that HERNDON has in the past few months come to his store which he operates on Grand Avenue. He said on one occasion, HERNDON was in his store when some Negroes came in and that HERNDON made some remarks to the clerk in the store, telling the clerk to charge the Negroes double, that that was what he did at his place. WARNER said that HERNDON had been drinking on this occasion and that he asked him to leave his store. WARNER explained that he caters to a good many Negro customers and that he wants their business. He said that he tries to get along with the Negroes in his area, but that he does fear violence from the Negroes unless he is careful because he does have large amounts of money on his person when his store closes at night.

WARNER said that he is opposed to going outside the law to deal with the "integration problems" and that he does not approve of violence.

WARNER was asked if he would object to sitting down with Agents under circumstances where there would be no interruptions and answering any questions the Agents would ask him about his associations and persons that he might know who might be active in Klan-type activities in the Meridian area.

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He said that he would have no objection and that he would cooperate fully.

The following description of OLIVER RICHARD WARNER, JR., was obtained by observation and interview:

Name	OLIVER RICHARD WARNER, JR.
Aka	Dick
Race	White
Sex	Male
Born	July 9, 1910 Montgomery, Alabama
Height	6'2"
Weight	190 pounds
Hair	Brown, receding
Complexion	Rough, with cuts or possible cancer irritations at the corners of his mouth
Eyes	Brown; right eye bad with no vision; left eye with partial vision and contact lens; both eyes have cataracts
Employments	Currently employed as operator of grocery store at 1010 Grand Avenue, Meridian, Mississippi
Former Employments	Twelve years, Natural Gas Company, Meridian, Mississippi; two years during World War II for Government at Key West, Florida; ten years operation of a Butane Gas Company in Meridian, Mississippi
Marital Status	Married
Wife	WILLIE MAUDE COLEMAN
Step-daughter	PEGGY JACKSON; husband - ALCEY JACKSON, both residing Carthage, Mississippi
Automobile	One only, a green 1958 Ford pickup truck with white bumpers repainted in a pale green
Military Service	None
Social Security	426-10-5879
Home Phone	482-693

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Date October 22, 19641

OLIVER RICHARD WARNER, Grand Avenue, Meridian, Mississippi, after being advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents, was advised by SA ARTHUR L. MURTAGH that he had a right to an attorney before making a statement, that any statement he did make could be used against him in a court of law, and that no threats, promises, or offers of reward were being made to induce him to make a statement. WARNER advised that he had given some thought to whether or not he wished to furnish information to FBI Agents since he was last interviewed by FBI Agents. He said that he has not been associated with any Klan or Klan type group. He said that he knows of no reason why people would accuse him of having been associated with such groups.

WARNER stated that he undoubtedly knows many Klansmen in the Meridian area if there are a lot of people in the Klan in Meridian because he knows most of the people in Meridian.

WARNER said that he had no objection to being recontacted and reinterviewed by Bureau Agents.

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Date November 2, 19641

OLIVER RICHARD WARNER, JR., 1010 Grand Avenue, Meridian, Mississippi, after being advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents, was advised by SA LAWRENCE D. KENNEDY that he had the right to consult an attorney before making any statement, that no threats, promises or offers of reward were being made to induce him to make a statement and that any statement he made could be used against him in a court of law.

During this re-interview of WARNER, he was questioned regarding his activities and membership in the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi, and he immediately denied any participation in this organization.

WARNER advised that he is still opposed to integration but does not believe that violence of any sort would be effective in preventing it. He stated a large part of his business is dependent upon Negro customers and he would do nothing to alienate their business. During the remainder of the interview repeated references were made to WARNER's Klan activities and associates, as well as to his sale of several pairs of brown gloves on the afternoon of June 21, 1964. He insisted he knew none of the members of the Klan and he could not recall whether he sold gloves on June 21, 1964, or not.

While talking to WARNER, FRED SPEED and WAYNE ROBERTS came into his store fifteen minutes apart and both greeted WARNER who talked with them for a few minutes.

He advised that he had a lot of respect for the FBI and Agents were welcome in his store.

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MAUDE WARNER, Grand Avenue, Meridian, Mississippi, advised that she is the wife of OLIVER RICHARD WARNER. She said that she had talked with her husband about his being contacted by the FBI and that she is concerned about the matter.

Mrs. WARNER said that she does not know whether or not her husband is a member of any Klan or Klan type group in the Meridian area. She stated that she thinks that if he were not a Klan member, that he would have refused to discuss the matter with the FBI. She said that she knew that he had talked with FBI Agents on two occasions and that he seemed to be somewhat worried about the Agents having talked with him.

Mrs. WARNER said that she recalls finding a piece of paper with some typed information on it on the floor in the grocery store operated by herself and her husband on Grand Avenue. She said this was several months ago and at the time she asked her husband what the paper was and he took it, indicating that it was not important and threw it away. She said that FRANK HERNDON, who operates a restaurant or cafe in Meridian, Mississippi, was hanging around her store two or three months ago and that her husband asked him to stay away from the store because HERNDON was interfering with the work of one of the clerks in the store that he was trying to date. She said that the clerk's name was Mrs. FRANCES RITCHIE, whose husband, LEROY RITCHIE, recently died. She said that Mrs. RITCHIE lived near the store on Grand Avenue but that she knows nothing in addition to the above about Mrs. RITCHIE. She said that she believes that Mrs. RITCHIE has moved away from Meridian, but she does not know where she moved to.

Mrs. WARNER said that she is going to talk to her husband and if she finds out that he is involved in Klan or Klan type activity, that she may leave him. She said that she has always been opposed to violence and mistreatment of Negroes. She said she has no doubt after having lived her whole life in Mississippi that there has been very widespread mistreatment of the Negroes in this area. She said she has been opposed to

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this mistreatment because it is wrong morally and because differences between the races can best be settled by the use of established court procedures.

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RICHARD WILSON WATKINS, 1312 43rd Avenue, was advised by SA NELSON L. PHILLIPS that he did not have to furnish any information, and that he had the right to consult an attorney before making any form of a statement. He was further advised that any statement or information he made could be used in a court of law.

WATKINS advised that he is a member of the Police Department, Meridian, Mississippi, and has so been a member of this department for nine years. He stated that he desired to furnish any information possible concerning his activities with reloading ammunition or doing gunsmith work.

He advised that he has on hand a quantity of lead which he uses to mold 38 caliber bullets. He stated that he has never made any ammunition for sale but has made a considerable amount of ammunition which he has given to other law enforcement officers or friends who are interested in firing 38's.

He stated that he cannot recall the exact names of those to whom he has given ammunition but stated that the last lot of ammunition which he reloaded was approximately one year ago. He stated that this ammunition was made with a mold which he had borrowed from Mack's Pawn Shop in Meridian, Mississippi, and made a 115 grain bullet. He stated that he was not exactly positive concerning the grains in this bullet, but that he was furnishing one of this group which had been made for possible comparison with any other group bullets available to the FBI in the investigation of the death of the three Council of Federated Organizations (COFO) workers at Philadelphia, Mississippi, in June 1964.

He further furnished the molds which he presently has that are his molds and that he uses frequently in making ammunition in his reloading process.

Mold #1 furnished by WATKINS for comparison purposes is an Ideal mold described by WATKINS as a wadcutter mold for a 115 grain bullet. The following manufacturer's numbers are

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stamped on the face and back of the mold: 358 425.
795

The back contains only the number 795.

He also furnished Ideal mold which he described as a 165 grain mold which has the following numbers stamped on the face of it: 358 429
224.

The following number is stamped on the back: 224.

He stated that these are the only two molds that he owns and that these are the ones that he uses in processing and reloading ammunition.

He also furnished a sample of the 115 grain wadcutter; a sample of the 165 grain lead bullet which he stated had been molded approximately one and one-half years ago, and contains lubricant which is used during the process of reloading. He also furnished the handles for handling the lead molds, stating that these are used to hold the molds while filling them with lead.

WATKINS also furnished lead bars which he stated had been molded by him for the process of setting up his molds for molding ammunition. He stated that one bar marked with the initials "NP" "#1" is a pure lead bar containing only lead. He stated that the bar marked "NP" "#2" is a mixture of 14 parts lead to one part tin which he himself melted and mixed for the purpose of molding bullets. He stated that this is a mixture which he made up several years ago and is still using. He stated that these items were being furnished to the FBI for comparison purposes.

WATKINS further advised that he did not know where the mold was presently located which he had borrowed from Mack's Pawn Shop about a year ago, but believes that this mold is probably still in the possession of Mack's Pawn Shop.

He stated that there is a policeman in the Meridian Police Department who does a considerable amount of reloading and

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has a considerable amount of S & W 38 reloads in his possession, but that he himself has never reloaded any S & W 38 ammunition. He stated that he sticks strictly with special type and could furnish no information about the S & W reloads.

WATKINS stated that he recalls having reloaded some ammunition approximately 15 months ago for several police officers on a cost deal in which they bought the powder, caps, etc., but he did not charge for the reloading of the ammunition.

WATKINS advised that he does a considerable amount of gun repairs, gluing, and other firearms work and is always active in this type of business when off-duty. He stated that he works approximately three to five hours each day in his gun shop and that any item in his gun shop which the FBI needs for comparison purposes would be made available.

The following descriptive data concerning WATKINS was obtained during interview and observation:

Name	RICHARD WILSON WATKINS, Aka Dick Watkins
Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	32
Born	 Mississippi
Height	6'1½"
Weight	190 pounds
Hair	Brown, thin on top, and receding
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Medium
Marital Status	Married
Wife	MARGARET ANN POGUE WATKINS
Length of Marriage	11 years
Children	(1) PAMELA JO, age 7; (2) KAREN DALE, age 5; (3) LISA, age 14 months
Residence	1312 43rd Avenue Meridian, Mississippi

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Telephone 485-9859
Automobile 1962 Oldsmobile 88, white convertible,
License #LD 3457; also owns a Harley
Davis Motorcycle
Occupation Policeman, Meridian Police Department,
9 years service
Position Motorcycle patrolman and office clerk
Military Service U. S. Army - National Guard, 1952-1954;
rank - Staff Sergeant; discharge -
honorable; Serial Number NG-24900193;
reserve status - none; National Guard -
none.
Previous Employment Barrett Nunnery Wholesale House
Parents Father - WILLIAM H. WATKINS
Michigan
(has not seen in 15 years)
Mother - Mrs. LULA WATKINS
Mountain View Village
Meridian, Mississippi
Brother WILLIAM HENRY WATKINS
Employed Clarion Ledger,
Jackson, Mississippi
Former employment - National
Advertising Agency, Jackson, Mississippi
Sister Mrs. LEVI DIAL, nee Grace Watkins
Arrests None
Military
Court Action None

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Date November 4, 1964

CICERO WARREN WOODRICKS, also known as "RED WOODRICKS, was interviewed at the place of his employment, the A and H Tire Company, 2701 - 6th Street, Meridian, Mississippi. WOODRICKS was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents and the fact that he need not make any statement, and that any statement he might make could be used against him in court. He was also advised by SA PITTEGER that he could consult an attorney before making any statement whatsoever.

WOODRICKS advised that he is a lifelong resident of Meridian, Mississippi, and is employed as a salesman and part owner with the A and H Tire Company located at 2701 - 6th Street, Meridian.

WOODRICKS stated that he is not a member of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan and is not a member of any similar klan-type organization. He stated in addition that he has never been approached to join the Klan or any similar organization and he stated that he personally has no knowledge that any of his friends or associates are members of the Klan. WOODRICKS said that he has absolutely no knowledge of the acts of violence occurring in Mississippi, stating that all he knows is what he reads on the news media.

WOODRICKS stated that he would be agreeable to cooperating with the FBI in any way possible if he did, in fact, have any information to offer along these lines.

The following description of WOODRICKS was obtained through observation and interview:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	October 11, 1923, at Meridian, Mississippi
Residence	4526 - 17th Street, Meridian
Height	6'

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Hair	Red-crew cut
Eyes	Brown
Education	Eleventh grade
Military Service	None
Social Security No.	34-26-9850
Marital Status	Married
Wife	MERLE
Daughters	PATRICIA ANNE, age 21; NELA JOYCE, age 18; JANET LYNN, age 9
Arrests	None admitted except traffic violations.
Automobile	1962 Buick, four-door, tan, 1964 Mississippi license LD 2772
Firearms	WOODRICKS owns a .38 Colt snubnose; a .38 Smith and Wesson snubnose .22 caliber Winchester rifle.

VI. APPENDIX

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

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

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

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

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

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

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WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE
KU KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI

A source advised that on February 15, 1964, approximately 200 members of the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (OKKKK) from the State of Mississippi met at Brookhaven, Mississippi. Those present decided to defect from the OKKKK and to form their own klan group in Mississippi to be known as the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi.

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

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Title	WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI, LAUDERDALE COUNTY KLAVERN, MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI
Character	RACIAL MATTERS
Reference	Report of Special Agent Richard A. Harrison dated and captioned as above at Jackson.

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

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-63)

DATE: 11/17/64

FROM : SA SAMUEL N. JENNINGS

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

LHM from the Houston Office dated 10/20/64 sets forth the names of purchasers of guns and ammunition made from Vic's For Guns, Galveston, Texas, from 1/1/64 to 10/9/64. This list of purchasers of guns and ammunition was made available to the FBI by MEYER REISWERG, son of the owner of the above establishment.

Among the purchasers of guns and ammunition in Mississippi are the following:

Rev. HOWARD MC LEMORE
c/o Crystal, Mississippi (probably Crystal Springs)
On 9/15/64 MC LEMORE purchased
3- .303 Br. Rifles
400 RDS. .303 Br. S.P.
100 " .735 Italian

On 8/26/64 MC LEMORE purchased
2- .303 Br. Rifles (no serial #'s)
200 RDS. .303 Br.

- 1 - 157-63
- 1 - 105-14 (Original Knights of the KKK)
- 1 - 157-571 (Rev. HOWARD MC LEMORE)
- 1 - 157-1596 (WAYNE PARKER)
- 1 - 157-1420 (S.T. SHOOK)
- 1 - 157-840 (Sid's Trading Post)
- 2 - 157- (PAUL D. WILSON)
- 1 - 44-522

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WAYNE PARKER
Route #1
Smithdale, Mississippi (McComb, Miss.)

6/11/64

100 RDS. .303 S.P.
" " .30 Car.
500 " .455 Webely
50 " 8 mm Jap
500 " .303 British

6/3/64

500 RDS. .30 Car. N.C.
500 " .303 British

SHOOKS (S. T. SHOOK)
Highway #51 North, Box 374
Winoso, Miss. (Winona)

100 RDS. .30 M-1
" " 6.5 Italian
" " 7.65 Argentine 36

Sid's Trading Post
3.3 Church Street
Laurel, Miss.

9/8/64

200 RDS. .303 Br.
" " .455 Webly
500 " .38 Spl.
100 " 6.5 Italian

PAUL D. WILSON
811 New York Avenue
McComb, Miss.

8/26/64

3- .303 Mag.
1- Cartridge Belt
1- Bore Light

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WILSON also leased a gun on 8/15/64 which is a Savage .32 auto. SN 129023 for \$19.50.

If and when the above-mentioned persons are interviewed regarding possible Klan activities, they should also be questioned regarding the purchases of the above guns and/or ammunition.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : FILE (157-63)

DATE: 11/17/64

FROM : SAC, ROY K. MOORE

SUBJECT: WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
OF MISSISSIPPI

On the morning of 11/17/64 Supervisor CHUCK HARDING, Atlanta Office, called to advise in reply to our inquiry concerning the itinerary of MARTIN LUTHER KING, who allegedly was "marked" by the WKKKKM for "action" should he come to Missississi (this reported by informants who attended the Sunday¹¹⁻¹⁵⁻⁶⁴ state meeting of the Klan); that MARTIN LUTHER KING is now in Bimini, Bahamas, relaxing. He thereafter is going to Norway to accept the Nobel Peace Prize and thereafter to take a tour of Europe. It is unlikely that he would have a chance to come to the State of Mississippi before March, 1965.

Supervisor HARDING pointed out that the CLC contemplates testing 60 southern counties after the first of the year 1965. The testing will be in voter registration, restaurants and motels and hotels. They expect to ask the Justice Department to protect them while making these tests. It is contemplated that the tests will be in the states of Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi.

For the record.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-63)

DATE: 11-17-64

FROM : SA THOMPSON BERRY WEBB

SUBJECT: STATE MEETING, KKK
RM

On November 15, 1964 fisur was conducted on Highway 469 in the Monterey community to identify automobiles that might be proceeding from Brandon, via 468 to 469 enrout^e Florence to Smith County for the state meeting of the KKK.

At 10 am an informant from Meridan, Miss. passed through Monterey, in a late model Buick automobile bearing a white license which I did not attempt to obtain. This car was closely followed by a four door green (seafoam or close color to) Cadillac occupied by two well dressed men. I believe the Cadillac bore Miss. LD 1365 license. The investigative technique utilized on the Buick was working well.

Prior to the above at about 7:55 am a white 62 Oldsmobile occupied by four well dressed white men passed Monterey. This car was followed by two men in a light blue over dark blue Ford. At 8:27 am four well dressed men in a brown Pontiac, bearing Miss. license T-4693 (T-4693) passed. At 8:33 am a Plymouth bearing 16-583, Alabama registration passed. This car was determined to have stopped at the New Hope (Negro) Church at Monterey where the white woman stayed in the car and the white man joined by an elderly negro man proceeded to the entrance of the church where the body of CORA DENT awaited her funeral later in the day. (CORA DENT was an up-standing negro woman, former maid of writer's parents and not felt to have been involved in any CR activities).

At 9:05 am ^{two} men in auto bearing Miss. T-4350, followed by two men in T-5943 passed through on this highway.

It is pointed out that due to the distance from the meeting point, probably 20 miles, the occupants of vehicles above would not necessarily have been going to the KKK meeting.

TBW (it is recommended that the license however be checked against those obtained in the immediate vicinity of the meet.)

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November 19, 1964

SA JAMES ROYCE PECK

**KLAN ACTIVITIES, WARREN COUNTY,
MISSISSIPPI - RACIAL MATTERS**

On November 18, 1964, **VERNON O. LUCKETT**, Sheriff, Warren County, Mississippi, New Courthouse, Vicksburg, Mississippi, advised this writer that from a conversation held on November 17, 1964, with Attorney **FRANK E. SHANAHAN**, 1020 Jackson Street, Vicksburg, Mississippi, he had been aware of a possible explosive situation, at least was listed as racial and Klan matters. He stated **SHANAHAN** was not only a personal friend of **CLETON C. FLANNAGAN**, owner of Burger Chef Restaurant, 2900 Clay Street, but also represented the restaurant at Vicksburg, Mississippi. Sheriff **LUCKETT** advised, according to **SHANAHAN**, numerous individuals representing members of Klan-type organizations as well as juveniles who frequented the Holiday Lane, Inc. Bowling Alley at 2900 Clay Street, Vicksburg, congregated nightly from 8:00 P.M. until approximately 11:00 P.M. at the Burger Chef Restaurant. Sheriff **LUCKETT** added on occasions crowds of persons had been boisterous and rowdy, and added that during the past evening or two both whites and Negroes who were workers or staff members of the Council of Federated Organizations (CFO) had stopped during the evening hours at the restaurant to purchase sandwiches. Also according to Sheriff **LUCKETT**, Negroes were being served in the waiting lines at this restaurant.

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Sheriff LOCKETT stated he regarded this gathering of different groups of people at Vicksburg as explosive; and he added that while he had no reason to believe violence would erupt from such a gathering, he nevertheless felt it necessary to take certain precautions within his own department regarding this situation. He also stated he had held a conversation with MURRAY L. SYLLS, Chief of Police, Vicksburg, Mississippi, regarding necessary co-ordinating action in the event a possible violent situation should develop.

The above information is set forth for possible future reference.

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TOM GUNTER approached an FBI vehicle occupied by SA THOMAS E. O'CONNOR and HORACE P. BECKWITH while this vehicle was parked perpendicular to Highway 469 in rural Simpson County, Mississippi, approximately eight miles from Florence, Mississippi. GUNTER stated that he was looking for a Goldwater sign and asked the agents if they ~~know~~ the whereabouts of this sign. He stated that he was informed this sign was to be near "Clancy's Grocery Store", but he had been unable to find it. He was advised that there was a grocery store down the road and he departed.

Approximately one hour after GUNTER had approached the FBI vehicle, he was parked along side the highway. In his vehicle there were two other white males and in the rear seat were a number of boxes which appeared to be boxes used for electrical equipment. GUNTER was approached by SA's BECKWITH and O'CONNOR and was informed of the identities of the Agents. When questioned as to the reason for his presence in the area and the reason for his inquiry concerning the Goldwater sign, GUNTER stated that he was in the area to do some hunting. He indicated that he and the other occupants of his car had been looking for a particular spot to hunt. He denied that he was a member of the Ku Klux Klan and stated that he had not been in the area to attend a Klan meeting.

GUNTER was requested to show the Agents the contents of the boxes in the rear of his car, but he declined to do so and further declined to furnish any information concerning the contents of the boxes.

GUNTER stated that he resided at 944 Woodville, Jackson, Mississippi, and that it was his Ford automobile in which he and his companions were traveling.

On 11/15/64 at Florence, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-63, 157-4
 by SA's HORACE P. BECKWITH
THOMAS E. O'CONNOR Date dictated 11/18/64

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 11/19/64

HUGH BAILEY was approached by the interviewing Agents as he stood near the Ford automobile owned by TOM GUNTER, while this automobile was parked along the roadway of Highway 469, Simpson County, Mississippi. BAILEY was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents and was asked for the reason he was in the area. BAILEY stated that he was in the area to hunt. He stated that he was ~~not~~ a member of the Ku Klux Klan and had no knowledge that a meeting of the Klan was intended for that area.

BAILEY stated that he was an attorney practicing in Jackson, Mississippi, and resided at Sterling Towers, Jackson, Mississippi.

On 11/15/64 at Florence, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-63, 157-4⁻⁵⁹²
 by SA's HORACE P. BECKWITH^{HAB}
THOMAS E. O'CONNOR^{tsj} Date dictated 11/18/64

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JOE ALLEN was approached by the interviewing Agents while he was standing in the vicinity of a Ford being driven by TOM GUNTER. ALLEN had been an occupant of this Ford. He was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents and questioned concerning his presence in the area.

ALLEN stated that he was in the area with TOM GUNTER and HUGH BAILEY to hunt. He stated that he was not a member of the Ku Klux Klan and had no knowledge of a Klan meeting in the area. He declined to furnish any further information about his presence in the area.

ALLEN stated that he resides at 944 Brierfield Road, Jackson, Mississippi.

On 11/15/64 at Florence, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-63, 157-4⁵⁹³
 by SA's HORACE P. BECKWITH
THOMAS E. O'CONNOR *Asj* Date dictated 11/18/64

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date November 18, 1964

The following automobiles bearing the indicated license tag numbers were observed on Highway Number 469, between Harrisville and Florence, Mississippi. These cars were observed in the vicinity of a gravel road leading off Highway Number 469, the entrance to this gravel road being approximately 40 feet from the county line dividing Simpson and Rankin counties in Mississippi. These cars were observed while a state-wide meeting of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi, State of Mississippi was in progress in the area.

<u>License Number</u>	<u>Car Description</u>
1965 Mississippi T-6448	1963 White Chrysler Sedan
1965 Mississippi F-4042	1956-57 DeSoto
1965 Mississippi 64A-188	1963 Blue Volkswagon
1965 Mississippi 15-508	1964 White Chevrolet Sedan
1965 Mississippi F-4402	1955-56 Chevrolet
1965 Mississippi F-5574	1964 Chrysler
1965 Mississippi 78-762	1964 White Pontiac
1965 Mississippi 64-1466	1963 Blue Ford
1965 Mississippi T-3643	1956 White over Green Chevrolet
1965 Mississippi 50-1638	1957 Black Buick
1965 Mississippi 64-109	1952 Chrysler, White over red
1964 Mississippi H-29598	1959 White over Black Ford
1965 Mississippi F S-99664	1953 Green Chevrolet Pickup truck
1965 Mississippi 64D-256	1964 White Oldsmobile Sedan
1965 Mississippi HB-1047	1965 Buick Special, White over Green
1965 Mississippi 43-3738	1956 Blue Chrysler Sedan
1965 Mississippi 64-2830	1958 Black Chevrolet Sedan

On 11/15/64 at Simpson County, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-63 ⁵⁹⁴ ₋₅₈₉

by SA's THOMAS E. O'CONNOR and HORACE P. BECKWITH:wjd Date dictated 11/17/64

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 11/18/64

The following incident occurred on Highway #469 between Harrisville and Florence, Mississippi at the intersection of Highway #469 and a gravel road leading to the Twin Lakes Ranch. This gravel road was located approximately 40 feet north of the Rankin, Simpson County Line.

A 1964 white Buick bearing 1965 Mississippi license number 64-D 256 was observed proceeding slowly north on Highway #469. The driver, who was the only person in the car, stopped and inquired from the below agents about the location of "Checkpoint Charlie".

The agents identified themselves at which time the driver of the above car identified himself as W. R. MANGUM.

MANGUM advised that he was in the area to meet a friend who was going to take him squirrel hunting in this area on November 16, 1964. He advised that this friend was going to show him the general area on November 15, 1964. He declined to identify his friend.

He advised that he knew nothing about a state wide meeting of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, State of Mississippi which was to be held in that area on the afternoon of November 15, 1964. He denied being a member of this organization.

On 11/15/64 at Simpson County, Mississippi File # JN 157-63-252
 by SA THOMAS E. O'CONNOR ^{TC2}
SA HORACE P. BECKWITH ^{HPB} as Date dictated 11/17/64

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He advised that he is employed by the Scott Music Company, Jackson, Mississippi. He advised he sells taped music for this company throughout the state of Mississippi.

He advised that he is President of the Simpson County Chapter of the Americans for the Preservation of the White Race and that this organization has meetings every other Thursday evening at the Community Hall, Magee, Mississippi.

He identified the other officers of this group as follows:

Vice President:	GEORGE EARL TINDALL, Magee, Mississippi
Treasurer:	DAN LAYTON, Magee, Mississippi
Secretary	NEVILLE MANGUM Magee, Mississippi

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 11/18/64

LURNEE GORDON was contacted at her place of employment, the Fire Tower located on the Twin Lakes Ranch gravel road. This gravel road begins at Highway 469 approximately 40 feet north of the Rankin Simpson County line.

She advised that she is employed by the Mississippi Forestry Commission. She stated that she resides on Highway 469, Rural Route 2, Harrisville, Mississippi.

She advised that she was working at the Fire Tower on the day of November 15, 1964. She stated that there were many cars in the area that day. She stated that this was not unusual as there are many cars in the area on weekends.

She advised that she did not notice an unusual amount of cars in the area and she stated she was unaware of the reason why the cars that she did witness on November 15, 1964 were in the area.

On 11/17/64 at Simpson County, Mississippi File # 157-63-57
 by SA THOMAS E. OCONNOR *TOE*
SA FRANCIS X. SHORTT *FXS* as Date dictated 11/17/64

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10/25/64

Brief description of activity or material

RI contacted BILLY GOODWIN and GORDON LACKEY

10/25/64.

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[redacted]

Remarks:

RI was met on 11/6/64 at which time he was paid for services 10/25/64.

Effort was made to contact RI on 10/28/64, however, in contact with RI on 10/29/64 it was ascertained he had spent several days visiting

[redacted]

- 1 - [redacted]
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- 1 - 157-216 (GORDON LACKEY)
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- 1 - 157-63 (WIKKON)

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10/29/64
Clarksdale, Miss.

RI advised he has received no indication or specific information relative the formation of any new group referred to as WASP. He advised he is certain no such organization has been developed in the vicinity of Clarksdale as, while he has received no information concerning the group, he is certain he would have heard of this group had any contacts been made in the Clarksdale area.

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RI advised he made a trip to Greenwood, Miss., on Sunday 10/25/64, in effort to make contact with

[redacted] He advised his contacts were for the purpose of determining the current and proposed plans of these individuals relative to Klan activities. RI advised [redacted] informed him that he, [redacted], had been "checked" by the FBI and was afraid that he was being followed and his activities checked by the FBI. [redacted] would not discuss any Klan activities, past or planned, stating that he wasn't moving until he could be certain that the FBI was no longer checking his activities.

RI advised [redacted] did not disclose the identity of any Klan members and advised meetings (Klan) were not being held until things "blew over" and the "heat" on the Klan is reduced by the FBI. He stated he could not call RI from his home or, in fact, make any calls from his home in that he is scared the FBI has his telephone "tapped."

RI advised neither [redacted] made any inference of any plans of the Klan to continue holding organized meetings in the Greenwood, Miss., area and neither discussed their intentions of developing a Klan in Coahoma County (Clarksdale).

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date November 23, 1964

The following Mississippi license numbers were observed on vehicles (described where known) in the vicinity of Florence, Mississippi, and were observed on the unpaved road leading to Twin Lakes Lodge, off Route Number 469, between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 10:00 A.M. on November 15, 1964:

78-1990
 50-1638 - Black Buick
 64D-256 - White Oldsmobile
 P-6448
 F-4402
 M-2316
 HB-1047 - Ford
 43-3738 - Blue Chrysler

On 11/15/64 at Florence, Mississippi File # Jackson 157-63 - 598
 by SA's JOHN L. PUDDISTER and FRANCIS X. SHORTT *FXS* mln Date dictated 11/19/64

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11-25-64

SA GEORGE DARLEY KEITH

**SOCIETY FOR INTEGRITY IN
GOVERNMENT;
AMERICANS FOR THE PRESERVATION
OF THE WHITE RACE**

On 11-24-64, REGGIE SMITH, Reporter, UPI, telephonically advised the writer that he had spent the evening with JACK SHEARER, JR., Staff Writer for the Commercial Appeal. SHEARER advised SMITH that his father, JACK SHEARER, SR., who held some position in the AFWR, told him that the Klan and AFWR were going to disband for 90 days and try to "shake off" the FBI. During that 90 days, the WKKK and the AFWR were going to work in conjunction in a new organization to be formed called the Society for Integrity in Government.

SHEARER, JR., advised the AFWR was going to meet either on 11-23-64 or 11-24-64 in Brandon, Mississippi, and Congressman Elect PRENTISS WALKER was going to address the meeting.

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SA JAMES NOTCH PECK

KLAN ACTIVITIES, WARREN COUNTY,
MISSISSIPPI

RM

Re SA PECK memo, 11/19/64.

On 11/19/64, FRANK E. SHANAHAN, JR., 1820 Jackson Street, Vicksburg, Miss., stated he represented the Burger Chef Restaurant at Vicksburg, in legal matters, further identifying himself as a personal friend of CLETON C. FLANAGAN, Owner of this restaurant, a member of the Mississippi Legislature since 1956 and an unsuccessful candidate for Mayor at Vicksburg during a recent election. He stated he had long held views different from those held by JOHN HOLLAND, Mayor of Vicksburg, and was of the opinion this individual in association with MERRY L. SELLS, Chief of Police, Vicksburg, often acted against the best interests of the residents of Vicksburg.

SHANAHAN stated, for example, according to information reported to him by FLANAGAN, on 11/15/64, numerous persons congregated around the Burger Chef Restaurant, among those present being both persons sympathetic with Klan-type activities and white and Negro members of the Council of Federated Organizations. He stated this certainly was a climate from which possible violence could flare but added he was not presently concerned about this matter since no explosive incident had erupted thus far. He stated he was concerned with an apparent policy being enacted by MERRY L. SELLS of a tendency to ignore the behavior of members of the organization known as CFWO. He added it was his opinion that if a Negro stood in a line waiting to be served at this restaurant, it was very possible this Negro was merely trying to "break established custom", as normally a

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Negro would be served by placing his order at a side window of this restaurant. He stated this restaurant made a policy of serving Negroes regardless of where a given order for food was placed but added he felt it was quite possible a Negro purposely could enter into a line for the express purpose of "creating a disturbance".

SHANNAN stated his objection to Mayor HOLLAND's apparent policy was based upon his refusal to consider any person as possessing "privileged status" and added that while the issue was a hypothetical one, he took exception with the Mayor by believing a person "creating a disturbance" should be placed under immediate arrest rather than be protected with "privileged status" for the sake of avoiding any unfavorable publicity for the City of Vicksburg.

The above information is furnished for possible future reference.

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, JACKSON (100-51)
REQUEST OF SECRET SERVICE
FOR BUREAU CHARACTERIZATIONS
OF ORGANIZATIONS
BUDED: 11/30/64

ReBureau airtel to Albany 11/19/64.

Enclosed herewith are two copies of the current characterization of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi which organization is currently under investigation by the Jackson Office.

A characterization of the Americans for the Preservation of the White Race will be prepared in the near future and submitted to the Bureau for approval.

The above are the only subversive, racist, klan or hate groups wherein Jackson is the office of origin.

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TO: SAC, NEW ORLEANS

FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-63)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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REGINOLD P. CARTER, white male, employed Sel-Rite Grocery, North Pine Street, Natchez, Mississippi, JN 157-293.

CHARLES MARCUS EDWARDS, white male, date of birth 7/17/33, Meadville, Mississippi, JN 157-1043.

LAMAR FELTERS, white male, approximately 30, residence Roxie, Mississippi, JN 157-1040.

ERNEST ROBERT FINLEY, white male, date of birth 3/9/25, Clayton, Louisiana, JN 157-787.

PAUL L. FOSTER, white male, late 30's, residence 3701 Ridgewood, Natchez, Mississippi, occupation, bookkeeper International Paper Company, Natchez, Mississippi, JN 157-24.

CLAUDE W. FULLER, white male, date of birth 9/6/22, Raymond, Mississippi, JN 157-796.

JAMES K. GREER, white male, date of birth 12/30/32, Natchez, Mississippi, JN 157-404.

CHARLES E. JAMES, white male, approximate age 42, wife DOROTHY, residence 3812 Edgewood Road, Natchez, Mississippi, JN 157-879.

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EDWIN "TINY" LEWIS, white male, date of birth 12/15/15, Learned, Mississippi, JN 157-606.

EDWARD LENOX McDANIEL, white male, date of birth [redacted] Mississippi, JN 157-486.

MARVIN BILLY McKINNEY, white male, date of birth 9/11/31, Hamburg, Mississippi, JN 157-986.

DALE McLEMORE, white male, residence Meadville, Mississippi, JN 157-962.

GEORGE J. NOSSER, white male, residence 504 South Union, Natchez, Mississippi, JN 157-1522.

JOSEPH J. NOSSER, white male, residence 13 Brentwood Lane, Natchez, Mississippi, JN 157-1497.

ERNEST B. PARKER, white male, approximately 45, residence [redacted] Mississippi, JN 157-512.

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

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

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

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

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

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

WILLIARD EUGENE SEALE, white male, date of birth
 Mississippi, JN 157-949.

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

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

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

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

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

CLAUDE WENIORTH, white male, residence, Meadville, Mississippi, occupation, painter, JN 157-955.

BOBBY W. WOOD, white male, age 27 or 28, Kingston Road, Brookhaven, Mississippi, employed Armstrong Corporation, Natchez, Mississippi, JN 157-887.

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

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CLARENCE BENTON HERMAN, aka "Buddie",
"Buddy"
KLAN ORGANIZER, VALLEY PARK, MISSISSIPPI
RACIAL MATTER
(OO: JACKSON)

A racial informant who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised during September, 1964, that "BUDDY" HERMAN of Valley Park, Mississippi, is presently setting up a new unit (of the Klan) that will be a connecting chain to the Delta area.

Investigation at Vicksburg, Mississippi, reflect "BUDDY" HERMAN is an elected representative from Issaquena County, Mississippi, to the House of Representatives, State of Mississippi.

The same racial informant later advised "BUDDY" HERMAN is identical with the elected representative from Issaquena County.

On 11/24/64, SA JOHN WILLIARD THOMAS checked the Mississippi Blue Book and located the following information: CLARENCE BENTON HERMAN, aka "Buddie", was born on 5/8/21 (Also listed as 5/9/21) at Valley Park, Mississippi. Elected to State Senate of Mississippi and served from 1948 to 1952; elected to House of Representatives 1952 and still serving in that capacity. HERMAN listed as a member of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, branch of service not shown.

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- 4 - Jackson (157-1050)
- 1 - 157-1057 (HEK Issaquena County)
- 1 - 157-63 (WKKK of Mississippi)

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AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI:

At the Military Personnel Records Center, will attempt to locate the service record of captioned individual and review for background information.

JACKSON DIVISION:

AT VALLEY PARK, MISSISSIPPI:

Will locate and interview NEWMAN for any information he may have concerning activity of the Klan, his participation in the Klan, etc.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

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TO : SAC, JACKSON [REDACTED]

FROM : SA LAWRENCE C. BROOKS

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

By reports dated November 16 and November 18, 1964,
[REDACTED] reported the following information:

Those members of the KKK from Hattiesburg, Miss., who attended the state meeting of November 15, 1964, (exact location not known) were TRAVIS AINSWORTH, LAWLAR SHARP and GEORGE KELLUM. It was not known whether DAYTON GILLESPIE attended this meeting.

JIMMY WATSON, a member of the Forrest County KKK, employed at Radio Station WDAM as an engineer, is a source of information to the Klan on current events requiring immediate action. It is reported that WATSON arranged to have crosses burned on the property of WDAM and then made the claim to the management of WDAM that he would start carrying a gun and that any crosses burnt at a later date would be stopped by him. It is reported that WATSON then told the Klansmen not to be concerned when they were ready to burn another cross as one could always shoot up in the air and miss.

1 - [REDACTED]
① - 157-9363
1 - 157-1430 (EUBANKS)
1 - 157-676 (AINSWORTH)
1 - 157-66
1 - 157-582 (ACE WEATHERS)
2 - 157-New (JIMMY WATSON)

1 - 157-677 (SHARP)
1 - 157-1989 (KELLUM)
1 - 157-1203 (LADNER)
1 - 157-709 (PETE WALL)

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HORACE EDWARD LADNER, KKK member, Forrest County, advised he had been reinterviewed by the FBI and was afraid he was going to be arrested and held for at least 24 hours on suspicion. LADNER and other members of the Forrest County Klavern who congregate in and around Weathers Motors on Second Street, suspicion that some sort of technical device has been attached to the radio tower on the corner of Second Street and Evans Street which enables the FBI to know when people come and go and photograph them. LADNER, in great anxiety, claimed the FBI had his photograph along with the photograph of WEATHERS and D. W. SCRIMPISHIRE and JOHN MANBURG and that he was afraid of what might happen. The finger of suspicion was pointed toward COTTON DELK and RAY LEE, who are known close associates of PAUL JOHNSON as informants to PAUL JOHNSON, who in turn supplies the FBI with the information.

On November 18 a number of individuals, including Mr. EUBANKS, Head of the Lamar County Klavern, and one AVERY, unknown to members of the Forrest County Klan, met with PETE WALL, ROSS WEATHERS, and ACE WEATHERS in Hattiesburg, Miss., for general discussions and the consensus of opinion was to keep one's mouth shut as there was an undercurrent of being afraid to talk to anyone. During this discussion it was learned SAM BOWERS would possibly make a visit to Hattiesburg on November 19, 1964.

Previous cross burnings at the University of Southern Mississippi was reportedly handled by PETE WALL, ACE WEATHERS and H. E. LADNER, with these individuals being concerning as to their being identified since a car stopped and observed them during the lighting of the cross and they are afraid of being identified if this is investigated.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-63)

DATE: 12/3/64

FROM : IC KENNETH D. KENDRICK

SUBJECT: STATE MEETING, KKK
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Re memo of SA THOMPSON BERRY WEBB 11/17/64.

On 12/3/64 Mrs. NELL HINTON, Clerk, Tag Division, MVC, Jackson, Miss. advised IC KENNETH D. KENDRICK the information regarding the following 1965 Miss. license was obtained from the Miss. Passenger Car Tax Collectors report.

1965 Miss. license LD 1365 was issued 9/29/64 by the Lauderdale County SO to B.L. AKIN, Mobile Home Sales, Meridian, Miss. for a 1965 Cadillac, VIN CD62861.

1965 Miss. License T 4693 was issued 10/64 by the Rankins county SO to GRADY COOK, address Puckett, Miss. for a 1963 Pontiac, VIN 363D7431.

1965 Miss. License T 4350 was issued 10/64 by the Rankin County SO to R.R. May, 2064 May Dr., Jackson 8, Miss. for a 1960 Chevrolet, 4 dr., VIN 01519S108936.

1965 Miss. License T 5943 was issued by the Rankin County SO 10/64 to E. G. McDONALD, 2708 Old Brandon Rd, Jackson, Miss. for a 1958 Chevrolet, VIN 58J218922.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: SAC, JACKSON (157-63)

DATE: November 27, 1964

FROM: SA HORACE P. BECKWITH

SUBJECT: WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
OF MISSISSIPPI

Attached herewith is a list of Mississippi license tags and the individuals to whom these tags are registered. The tag numbers were obtained by Special Agents of the FBI and investigators of the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol on November 15, 1964. The vehicles were observed near the Rankin - Simpson County line on Mississippi Highway 469 and unpaved roads in the vicinity of a known state meeting of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (WKKKK) of Mississippi. Although it has not been positively determined that the individuals in these vehicles attended the state meeting, the tag numbers were observed under conditions which tended to establish their presence at the meeting. Some of the vehicles were occupied by four and five white males. It is noted that some of the tag numbers are for vehicles which do not appear to be identical with the vehicles observed on November 15, 1964, but complete descriptions of the observed vehicles were not possible under the existing conditions.

LEAD:

THE JACKSON DIVISION

Agents receiving a copy of this memorandum should identify and interview the individuals listed in their respective territory concerning the individuals' Klan connections, attempt to verify their presence at the state meeting, or in the area of the state meeting, and attempt to identify the occupants of their vehicle.

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1 - 157- (H. A. RICE)
1 - 157- (CLYDE D. LEWIS)
1 - 157- (JAMES F. MARTIN)
1 - 157- (A. J. GARNER)
1 - 157-485
1 - 157- (A. V. RICE)
1 - 157- (WALTER J. NEELY)
1 - 157- (Hott Manufacturing Company)
1 - 157- (EARNEST MYRICK)
1 - 157- (W. H. ROBINSON)
1 - 157-1110
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1 - 157 (HENRY STARLING)
1 - 157-946
1 - 157- (JOHN H. PEARSON)
1 - 157- (CHARLES RAY COURTNEY)
1 - 157- (WILLIAM RAY MCKINNELLY)
1 - 157- (A. M. STRINGER)
1 - 157- (CHARLES ANDREWS)
1 - 157- (G. D. BENNETT)
1 - 157- (BURRIS HARRIS, JR.)
1 - 157- (J. W. WALKER, JR.)
1 - 157-1274
1 - 157- (HUGH BAILEY)
1 - 157- (JOE ALLEN)
1 - 157- (R. E. POSEY)
1 - 157-478
1 - 157- (MORRIS F. GORDON)

MEMBERS ASSOCIATED AT MEETINGS

64 - 109 '52 Chrysler 2-door, H. A. Rice, Route 2, Florence, Miss.
64B262 '61 Ford Falc., Clyde B. Lewis, Rt., Brandon, Miss.
64A183 '63 Volkswagen, James F. Martin, Harrisville.
841466 '63 Ford - 4door, A. J. Garner, Rt. 2, Magee.
64 - 256 '64 Olds., U. R. Mangum, Mr-Policeman, Route 2, Magee.
64 -3000 '57 DeSoto, 4 door, A. V. Rice, Route 3, Florence.
64-2030 '58 Chev., 2-door, Walter J. H., Harrisville.
F-5574 '64 Chrysler, Ross H. H., Route 70, Hazlehurst.
F-4402 '55 Chev., Ernest Myrick, Route 7, Hazlehurst.
F-4042 '56 DeSoto, W. H. Robinson, 205 N. 20th Street, Hazlehurst.
L.D. 1365 '65 Cad., 4-door, B. L. Adams, Harrisville, Miss.
NG -3607 '59 Buick, Wallace Miller, 4500 Manning Courts, Meridian.
15-245 '62 Ford, Henry Starling, Hazlehurst.
15-308 '64 Chev., J. H. Harper, Route 1, Hazlehurst.
T-6448 '48 DeSoto, John E. Pearson, Route 2, Florence.
T-3643 '59 Chev. ~~Impala~~ Impala, Charles Ray Courtney, 3209 Patterson Dr., Jackson
T-3621 '59 Chev. Impala, William Roy McKinstry, 235 Barrow, Jackson 8, Miss.
78-762 '54 Pont., A.M. Stringer, Natchitoches, Miss. Operates Gro. & Garage.
78-1990 '62 Pont., Charles Andrew, E. N., Miss. (Dad Master at High School).
M-2316 '59 Merc., G. D. Bennett, Opelika.
H.D. 6768 '50 Buick, Darrin Harris, Jr., Route 1, Box 50, E. Abbeville.
H.B. 1047 '65 Buick, J. W. Walker, Jr., Route 2, Box 57, E. Abbeville.
H - 29598 '57 Ford, Alma Roy Guntor, 120 Savannah St., Jackson. (The car was Mr. Tom
Guntor, Attorney Hugh Bailey and Joe Allen).
50-1638 '56 Ford, R. E. Foscy, Route 5, Philadelphia, Miss.
43-3738 '56 Gary., Garland White, Insurance Man, Brookhaven.
F/5A 137 ' Dodge, Morris F. Gordon, Route, Florence.

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MEMORANDUM

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TO: SAC, JACKSON [redacted]

Date: 12/4/64

FROM: SA WILLIAM F. DUKES

SUBJECT: [redacted]
RI (Prob)

[redacted] Gulfport, Miss., telephoned me at the Gulfport RA on the morning of 11/30/64. Mr. [redacted] referred to a previous conversation with me in August, 1964, concerning the Americans for the Preservation of the White Race Organization and he requested that I meet with him at the Woolmarket Community that date.

Accordingly I contacted Mr. [redacted] at the Woolmarket Community on 11/30/64. He advised [redacted]

he has always been proud of the fact that the Citizens Council is composed of a group of conscientious businessmen whose activities are legal and above board. He advised, however, in recent months he has observed a deliberate effort on the part of 3 members of the Council to attempt to take over, his primary concern being the fact that these men are what he would term "hate mongers". He identified these men as follows:

VINCENT PURSER, retired businessman who resides on US Highway 49, near Liman, Miss;

- 2- [redacted]
- 1- 157-63
- 1- 157-471
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- 2- 157-1496
- 2- 157-1499
- 2- 157-1503
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MARVIN LACY, Operator of the Unique Laundry and Cleaners at Gulfport, Miss;

W. C. DOLLAHYTER, a salesman for the All State Insurance Agency located in the Sears Roebuck Building at Gulfport.

Mr. [redacted] explained in the last several meetings the above named men have urged the members of the Council not to cooperate with law enforcement Agencies, specifically the FBI, and to respond to any interrogation by FBI Agents by declining to answer any questions in the absence of a warrant. [redacted] stated he could see no basis for such talk and, while he has no specific information to that effect he feels it is possible that these 3 men may be affiliated with a KKK group or similar type group.

Mr. [redacted] advised that so far as he knows there still is no organization in Harrison County affiliated with the Americans for the Preservation of the White Race (APWR), adding that he further does not know of any KKK activity in Harrison County.

Mr. [redacted] advised he has the utmost respect for the FBI and its personnel and stated that he would follow this matter and furnish information on a confidential basis concerning further activities of these and other individuals which might indicate Klan activity in the coast area.

RECOMMENDATION: Open [redacted] case and assign SA WILLIAM F. DUKES for further contact with Mr. [redacted]. The previous contact with [redacted] referred to was by SA WILLIAM F. DUKES on 8/28/64, in connection with the matter captioned Americans for the Preservation of the White Race (APWR), RM, Jackson file [redacted]

White, Earl

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A search of the fingerprints on the above individual has failed to disclose prior arrest data.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

*CCO:
Search for
Case filed on
Earl White.*

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

DATE: 12/9/64

FROM : SA JOHN WILLIARD THOMAS

SUBJECT: WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KKK OF
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[Redacted]

[Redacted], who has no known racial associates and not involved in any racial matters, and who has openly opposed the Klan in Yazoo County, Mississippi, has advised the following persons are either Klan members or are suspected to be Klan members, in Yazoo County, Mississippi:

1. JAMES ISAAC ROBERTS
2. RALPH E. EDWARDS
3. HOWARD S. FULGHAM
4. DAVID WAYNE ROBERTS
5. GEORGE TAYLOR
6. CLAUDE "BOOTS" DAVIS
7. JAMES ADAMS
8. JAMES EDWARD PHILLIPS

- ① - 157-63
- 1 - 157-693 (JAMES ISAAC ROBERTS)
- 1 - 157-1440 (RALPH E. EDWARDS)
- 1 - (HOWARD S. FULGHAM)
- 1 - (DAVID WAYNE ROBERTS)
- 1 - (GEORGE TAYLOR)
- 1 - (CLAUDE "BOOTS" DAVIS)
- 1 - (JAMES ADAMS)
- 1 - (ELVIS JENNINGS)
- 1 - (JAMES EDWARD PHILLIPS)
- 1 - 157-13 (KKK Yazoo County)

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