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J. L. HARPER:

Source advised that he knows one J. L. HARPER of Jackson, Mississippi, who is a close associate of JOE DANIEL HAWKINS and BENNIE WALDRUP. Source knows nothing about HARPER's klan affiliation and he has never heard that HARPER is in any way related to JOE LEE HARDY of Natchez.

BUTLER BARKSDALE:

Source stated that the FNU BARKSDALE who has a ranch in the Natchez area is probably identical to BUTLER BARKSDALE. Source characterized BARKSDALE as a "radical nut" who is very independent, but who never joined any klan group.

BILL WINDHAM:

Source stated that WINDHAM is originally from Kenner, Louisiana, and he, in the recent past, resided in Monroe, Louisiana. Source stated he last saw WINDHAM in the Spring of 1966 at a UKA rally in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

EARSEL BOYD-E. L. MC DANIEL:

Source stated that BOYD, who is a klansman in the Ridgecrest-Ferriday, Louisiana, area, has been making derogatory remarks about E. L. MC DANIEL, of Natchez, Mississippi. BOYD has made the statement that when MC DANIEL was the Grand Dragon of UKA in Mississippi he stole money from that organization. BOYD has also made the statement in the recent past that MC DANIEL was running around with women in the Natchez-Ferriday area.

Source stated he had heard that sometime in the past BOYD had been caught dating a young girl who lived next door to him.

Source stated that E. L. MC DANIEL is still unemployed.

C. W. ROUSE:

Source advised that the check that E. L. MC DANIEL gave to C. W. ROUSE on September 28, 1965, in the amount of $450 was for the purchase of a 1956 truck which the UKA used as a sound truck. Source stated that ROUSE owns and operates the Monmouth Drive In Restaurant in Natchez. Source stated that ROUSE was never a member of the klan to his knowledge.

CECIL SEALE:

Source stated that on September 1, 1966, when he furnished information that CECIL SEALE of Meridian, Mississippi, was a member of UKA he did not know that individual personally. Source stated that CECIL SEALE could be identical with CECIL EDMOND SEALE, a carpenter in Meridian, Mississippi.

TOMMIE L. JONES:

Source stated that he had talked with JONES about two weeks ago and JONES told him he had been interviewed by Agents of the FBI and the Agents asked him about a Silver Dollar Group. Source stated JONES said he told the Agents that he had a silver dollar and it was on a key chain in his automobile. Source stated JONES told him that after the Agents left his residence he discovered that the silver dollar on his key chain was missing.

WHARBOM:

Source advised that to his knowledge no klansman is employed at the Feltus Brothers Hardware Store located in Natchez, Mississippi. Source stated that DICK BAILEY and QUINCY HINSON, employees of this firm, may be sympathetic to the klan.

Source stated that he had never heard that the firm is a source of weapons and explosives for any klan group.

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Source advised that QUINCY HINSON is a candidate for the position of supervisor of District #3 in Adams County, Mississippi.

Source stated he does not know of any klansmen in the Natchez area who operated a black Mustang in the Summer of 1965.

Source stated he had never heard of any klansman in the Natchez area who was kicked out of any klan group because he had been furnishing information to some law enforcement agency.

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SILVER DOLLAR GROUP:

Source advised since the last contact he had made four-five trips to Vidalia, Louisiana, in an effort to contact RALEIGH JACKSON GLOVER. Source stated GLOVER is very much on the move these days, and, in fact, he has moved his wife to Kentwood, Louisiana.

Source stated he contacted GLOVER on April 10, 1967, and that they talked mostly about determining the leak in the Silver Dollar Group. Source stated GLOVER told him that he first suspected possibly five members in his group might be furnishing information, but he later decided that probably only two of this group were furnishing information. Source stated that GLOVER told him that the two members of his group which he now suspects of furnishing information to a law enforcement agency are from Louisiana. GLOVER did not identify these two individuals. Source stated GLOVER commented that it was obvious that the FBI did not know about the group's meetings in Louisiana with the exception of the fish fry and that they did not know about the four-five meetings in Mississippi. Source stated GLOVER indicated there had been at least three meetings on the Homochitto River in Mississippi. Source stated he believes GLOVER had the meetings on Homochitto River because this would be a centrally located point between Vidalia-Ferriday, Louisiana, and Jackson and Brookhaven, Mississippi.

Source stated he told GLOVER he needed four or five caps and four or five sticks of dynamite and he asked GLOVER if he could get these items for him. Source stated that he made this inquiry in the contact with GLOVER on April 10, 1967. When he recontacted him on about April 15, 1967, he inquired about these items and GLOVER said "we've done movedit." Source stated GLOVER commented that one individual moved these items. Source did not know if the explosives GLOVER supposedly had were merely moved or if they were moved and destroyed. Source stated he would contact GLOVER at a later date regarding these items.

Source stated he was merely attempting to determine if GLOVER possessed any explosives.

Source advised that JOE DANIEL HAWKINS and BENNIE WALDRUP, plus a third individual, make up the Silver Dollar Group in Jackson, Mississippi. Source described the diamond ring, which is worn by the third member of this Jackson group, as being made up of five-nine small diamonds mounted together to form about a 3/8" diamond stone.

Source said that about a year or so ago he and E. L. MC DANIEL, the former Grand Dragon of the UKA in Mississippi, met at the Airways Inn in Jackson with JOE DANIEL HAWKINS, BENNIE WALDRUP, JOE DENVER HAWKINS and the individual mentioned above who wears the diamond ring. JOE DANIEL HAWKINS and these individuals wanted to meet with MC DANIEL and talk about keeping the charter of BILL SULLIVAN's UKA Unit because SULLIVAN and some members of his unit were leaving the UKA and returning to the WKKKKOM. Source stated this was the only occasion he recalls seeing the individual with the diamond ring and he believes his name is BILLY STEVENS.

Source advised he traveled to Jackson on April 9, 1967, to see JOE DANIEL HAWKINS and BENNIE WALDRUP, but learned from Mrs. JOE DENVER HAWKINS, JOE DANIEL's mother, that JOE DANIEL and BENNIE WALDRUP had gone fishing.

Source stated Mrs. HAWKINS commented that every time something happens in Jackson "they" get after "son" (JOE DANIEL). She stated the law enforcement officials are after him again in connection with the explosion which occurred at a Jackson real estate office. Mrs. HAWKINS did not indicate that her son, her husband or BENNIE WALDRUP had any connection with this act of violence.

With reference to the theft of a number of .45 caliber pistols from the National Guard Armory in Brandon, Mississippi, in 1965, source stated that he had seen JOE DANIEL HAWKINS wearing a .45 caliber pistol on a few occasions at UKA rallies in Mississippi in the past. Source stated he never knew JOE DANIEL to have a number of these type weapons.

Source was shown photograph of HORACE "SONNY" TAYLOR and he did not identify TAYLOR as anyone he knows.

Source identified a photograph of E. D. MORACE as being the individual who, in the past, had worked as a mechanic at the Bluff City Motors in Natchez.

Source identified the photographs of E. D. MORACE and JAMES SCAROBORUGH as mentioned below:

Source stated he had talked with ERNEST B. PARKER of Natchez about the arrest of TOMMIE L. JONES in Ferriday in the Summer of 1965. Source stated that he and PARKER agree that the first time they learned of JONES' arrest they were visiting James Amoco Service Station located on the 61 bypass in Natchez. Source stated it was late in the afternoon when source and PARKER heard about the arrest. Source and PARKER, in PARKER's red Ford, drove to the Ferriday City Jail to see JONES. Source stated they knew J. B. TEMPLE, who was an organizer for the klan in Louisiana, so they telephoned him because they were attempting to locate someone in that area who might have influence with the mayor, or the district attorney, and might assist them in getting JONES out of jail. Source stated that TEMPLE referred them to E. D. MORACE and JAMES SCAROBORUGH. They telephoned the homes of these two individuals and received no answer and they drove back to the Ferriday City Jail.

Source stated when they arrived back at the Ferriday jail MORACE and SCAROBOROUGH arrived there about the same time. Source stated that at this time T. L. TORGERSEN and TOMMIE L. JONES' wife were also present at the jail. Source did not know if TORGERSEN brought Mrs. JONES to the jail.

Source stated when he and PARKER telephoned the homes of HORACE and SCARBOROUGH it was not yet dark.

Source stated that someone called the mayor or the district attorney and were advised that the bond for JONES was $250. Source stated he believed PARKER put up $150 cash toward the bond and the Ferriday policeman who took the money gave PARKER a receipt. Source stated that SCARBOROUGH and HORACE left the jail stating they would be right back with the other $100 in order to make the $250 cash bond.

Source stated that about two weeks ago he drove by the JAMES FREDERICK LEE residence in Wildsville, Louisiana, which is located next door to the Foreman Grocery Store and he is positive that he has never visited that residence.

SALE OF THOMPSON SUBMACHINE GUNS:

Source advised that about three years ago a white male individual from Jackson, Mississippi, brought 12-13 Thompson submachine guns to Natchez for sale, according to his information. Source stated that about one week ago this same individual, driving a black Thunderbird, was in Natchez trying to sell submachine guns which supposedly had been deactivated for $150 each. Source stated he had been told that when the military was disposing of these weapons someone was supposed to have used a torch on them and made them inoperative and beyond repair, but this was not done. Source stated that supposedly these guns had been repaired.

Source stated that he only saw this individual sitting in the automobile and described him as a white male; about 35 years of age; 6'2", and he weighed about 220 pounds. Source stated he understands this individual follows the car races.

Source stated he did not see these weapons on either occasion. Source stated he could identify this individual who was driving the Thunderbird should he see him again.

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On April 11, 1967, a confidential source furnished the following information to SA WILLIAM E. DENT, JR., and SA JOSEPH G. PEGGS:

On April 10, 1967, a meeting was held of the Clayton Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (OKKKK) Unit at the regular meeting place between 7:30 PM and 9:30 PM. Attending this meeting were:

SCOTTIE WRIGHT, Exalted Cyclops

E.D. MORACE

HANK HOWINGTON

DERWOOD WILHITE

DERWOOD's brother, name unknown

DERWOOD gave a report, indicating that a Klan group in Winnfield, Louisiana, had 85 to 90 members and growing steadily. He also indicated that a Kleagle was working in and around New Orleans attempting to re-organize the OKKKK group in that area. DERWOOD had propaganda pamphlets with him, which were entitled "How To Get People To Think". He also had some bumper stickers "Help Law Enforcement" and "Register to Vote".

The meeting was, for the most part, a bull session concerning politics and some discussion was

had of who all they were going to support in the next election for governor of Louisiana. DERWOOD indicated that the present Louisiana Governor, JOHN MC KEITHEN, was not doing right by the people.

During the course of the meeting, there was no discussion whatever concerning the bombing of the victim, WHARLEST JACKSON.

The murder trial which was currently going on in Natchez, Mississippi, was briefly discussed and all indicated they did not expect any conviction, since there were two Klan members on the jury. The identity of the Klan members was unknown.

RALEIGH JACKSON "RED" GLOVER was observed to visit E.D. MORACE at his place of employment on April 10, 1967. GLOVER was overheard telling MORACE that the "fat boy" on the Vidalia, Louisiana, police force had been tailing him, GLOVER.

GLOVER indicated that he did not trust SCARBOROUGH, JONES or TORGERSEN. GLOVER was heard to remark something to the effect that the above three had seen GLOVER pull the trigger on a "nigger, but I havn't seen them." He was also heard to say something about the sheriff in

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Woodville, Mississippi, having lost all of his guns. GLOVER also stated that "I had blown up a 'nigger' Masonic lodge around Brookhaven."

Relative to the Silver Dollar Group:

SCOTTIE WRIGHT

Exalted Cyclops of OKKKK, Clayton, Louisiana, Unit; is not a member of the Silver Dollar Group; is known by GLOVER, but they are not closely associated.

ELDON GLEN HESTER

Photograph of HESTER identified as being identical with the man previously referred to by him as "Scrapman" or "Junkman". HESTER definitely Silver Dollar member who had explosives and painting of JEFFERSON DAVIS at his house near Meadville, Mississippi.

DONALD HOLLAND

Source picked photograph of HOLLARD from group picture and identified him as being very similar in appearance to the man who owns the feed mill in Meadville. Source does not know where HOLLAND lives, as he met him only once at time of meeting at coffee shop. Source stated that at the time he

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met HOLLAND he had just removed a cast from his arm or hand.

JAMES FREDERICK LEE

Identified photograph of LEE as definite member of Silver Dollar Group who was the host of a fish fry held at his home on June 26, 1965. Source also identified the photograph of LEE's residence where fish fry was held.

BENNIE WALDRUP

Could not identify photograph of WALDRUP, but stated it looked vaguely familiar. He has not heard name associated with Silver Dollar Group.

JOE DANIEL HAWKINS

Could not identify photograph of HAWKINS; could not associate name with Silver Dollar Group.

WALTER GENE HALL

Could not identify photograph of HALL, but after being furnished name stated HALL is definitely member of the Silver Dollar Group. Furnished the following information regarding HALL:

HALL worked in a shop that repaired boat motors, lawnmowers, etc. GLOVER had indicated a Silver

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Dollar man had run off with a thousand rounds of ammunition belonging to GLOVER. Later, GLOVER asked if he knew anyone in Memphis, Tennessee. By tying the two conversations together, source indicated that he concluded that HALL is the Silver Dollar man who ran off to Tennessee.

W.G. WILSON

Stated WILSON is not a Klan member to the best of his knowledge and definitely is not a member of the Silver Dollar Group.

JAMES "BILL" BLANEY

Definitely member of the Silver Dollar Group. Formerly closely associated with RED GLOVER, but has lost interest in the group activity during the past six or eight months.

"BLUE" HOLLOWAY

Definitely Silver Dollar Group member; closely associated with SCOTTIE WRIGHT, Exalted Cyclops, OKKKK Clayton, Louisiana, Unit.

JOEL FREEMAN

Formerly Investigator for the Vidalia Unit of OKKKK. FREEMAN wanted to get sworn out of the

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Klan sometime in 1966, but did not do so. He is no longer active. After leaving OKKKK, FREEMAN and about ten others attempted to start a splinter group called the "Shock Troopers". This group never got organized.

KENNETH NORMAN HEAD

Definitely member of the Silver Dollar Group, no longer attending Klan meetings.

JAMES L. "BIG MAC" MC KINNEY

This individual previously reported to have been with BRYAN DE LA BECKWITH in Vidalia, Louisiana. He is also an associate of GLOVER, but not known to be a Silver Dollar member.

PAUL TALBERT

Not known to be Silver Dollar Group member. Also formerly member of Clayton, Louisiana, Unit of OKKKK. Has not attended meetings since about Spring of 1966.

E.D. MORACE

Close associate of RED GLOVER, active member of Clayton Unit of OKKKK and definitely Silver Dollar Group member.

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JAMES HORACE TAYLOR

Close associate of JAMES FREDERICK LEE and definitely Silver Dollar Group member. Resides near Harrisonburg, Louisiana. Also associates with RED GLOVER and BILL BLANKY.

THORE L. TORGERSEN

Member of Silver Dollar Group. During recent past there has been some indication that TORGERSEN is not trusted by GLOVER.

ERNEST PARKER

Definitely member of Silver Dollar Group.

TOMMIE LEE JONES

Member of the Silver Dollar Group. During recent past there has been indication that JONES is not trusted by GLOVER.

JAMES LEE SCARBOROUGH

Silver Dollar Group member. It has been reported in the recent past SCARBOROUGH not trusted by RED GLOVER.

Relative to the experiment with explosives in which a stump was blown up, this experiment took place in the hills near the residence of JAMES SONNY TAYLOR.

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This experiment was conducted by JAMES LEE and SONNY TAYLOR. Did not know full details of this experiment, but the results had been very effective as the stump had been blown to pieces.

Regarding FRANK DE LAUGHTER:

Deputy Sheriff IKE COWAN and BILL OGDEN, Concordia Parish, found a stolen "Bush Hog" in possession of FRANK DE LAUGHTER on his place near Clayton, Louisiana. The District Attorney and Sheriff NOAH CROSS have been advised of the above. No action has been taken and most likely no action will be taken.

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KENNETH MC KNIGHT was interviewed at his place of business, Toluma Company, Ferriday, Louisiana, and furnished the following:

MC KNIGHT stated that in recalling the arrest of TOMMY JONES on June 26, 1965, he also recalls that later, about the first two months of 1966, he arrested JACK SEALE of Natchez, Mississippi, on a charge of driving while under the influence (DWI). MC KNIGHT related that the details of this arrest are on file at the Ferriday City Hall and Police Department; however, he recalls that at the time he was working the midnight to 6:00 a.m. shift and sometime after 4:00 a.m., on this particular day, he was sitting in a patrol car on the main street of Ferriday. He observed an automobile coming from the area of Jonesville, Louisiana, at a very high rate of speed and weaving back and forth on the highway.

He stopped this vehicle, arrested the driver and charged him with DWI. After arresting this person, he determined that he was JACK SEALE and he immediately recalled that SEALE was an important klan personality from Natchez, Mississippi. After the arrest for DWI he also saw that the automobile of SEALE contained what he thought was a typewriter and he decided to obtain a search warrant in order to check this out as he recalled that some typewriters had been stolen recently in the area of Ferriday.

MC KNIGHT related that after obtaining the search warrant he searched the automobile of SEALE and found a large cache of ammunition and weapons among them being an AR-15 automatic rifle. He stated that SEALE was bonded out the next day and inasmuch as it was determined that the weapons were not fully automatic no further charges were pressed against SEALE; however, he was not sure of these details.

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Mrs. VERWELL COOPER, Town Clerk, Ferriday, was interviewed at the Ferriday City Hall and was further advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents. Mrs. COOPER thereafter furnished the copy of the police register under arrest # 1651, and under this record the following information was noted:

On June 26, 1965, TOMMY JONES of Natchez, Mississippi, was arrested by Officers MC KNIGHT and SEWELL, charged with carrying a concealed weapon and tried on June 28, 1965. The sentence was shown as $150 or 60 days, and further indicated that the sentence was actually imposed on July 3, 1965, with a suspension of $100 of the fine which was pending, $50 of the original fine being paid.

Mrs. COOPER also furnished a receipt for a fine which is filed separately from the police register and under arrest number 1641 concerning one TOMMY JONES, a white male, born June 14, 1936, which showed that the charge of carrying a concealed weapon and the charges of assault with a gun and disturbing the peace were scratched out with pen and signed by L. W. DAVIS. This receipt further reflected that the arrest of JONES was on June 26, 1965, at 6:40 p.m. and that JONES had a bond of $500, having been bonded out on June 27, 1965, at 12:28 a.m., the releasing officer being T. L. LOFTIN. Mrs. COOPER also displayed the back of this receipt which showed the witnesses for this matter as being the police officers and at the top the name SONNY STEPHENS, P. O. Box 744, Winnsboro, Louisiana, appeared in ink.

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CHARLES DE LAUGHTER who resides permanently at 112 Tennessee Street, Ferriday, Louisiana, and which residence is the police and fire station of Ferriday, was interviewed at the office of the police station. DE LAUGHTER is familiar with the identities of the interviewing Agents and thus furnished the following information:

He stated that he recalls the arrest of TOMMY JONES of Natchez, Mississippi, on June 26, 1965, as this was shortly after he started to work for the City of Ferriday and, further, he knew JONES when he formerly lived in Natchez, Mississippi. He stated that he merely knew of JONES and was acquainted with the fact that JONES worked at the International Paper Company in Natchez and at one time lived in the same neighborhood as himself.

DE LAUGHTER stated that he does not know anything about the arrest of JONES; however, he believes it occurred in the late afternoon and at the time he was taking care of the city jail.

He further recalls that a large group of people came by the jail checking to see about the release of JONES; however, he did not know any of these persons.

As best he can remember, it was the wife of JONES who brought the money to the jail in order that JONES could be bonded out. He further stated that it was his impression that some of the people who came to check on JONES were from Mississippi and who worked with JONES at the International Paper Company.

When DE LAUGHTER was questioned about the identity of the person by the name of JOHN who works weekends at the cit jail, he stat this is JOHN BIUNCHI who is the son of a local doctor.

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TOMMIE LEE JONES, located at his residence 75 Cloverdale Road, Natchez, Mississippi, was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents by SA TIMMONS. JONES was advised that he did not have to furnish any information, that any information he did furnish could be used in a court of law and that he could contact an attorney or anyone else at any time.

JONES advised that he was arrested at some time during the summer of 1965 in Ferriday, Louisiana, after an argument with a Negro who was trying to force him off the road. He advised that when the Negro stopped at a red light in Ferriday, he got out of his car, asked the Negro why he was tormenting him on the road, the Negro made some smart remark and reached in the window and slapped him, causing him to jerk his head away and hit the rear view mirror with his head. He advised that he had a small .25 caliber automatic pistol in his pocket, but did not hit the Negro with it.

JONES advised that he telephoned his wife, told her he was in jail, asked her to call someone to get him out. He advised that his friend JAMES SCAROBOROUGH of Ferriday, Louisiana, actually raised the bail money and came to the jail to post same. He advised that he could not recall being with his wife and SCAROBOROUGH.

JONES denied any knowledge of the Silver Dollar Group. He advised that he has known R. J. (RED) GLOVER for many years, cannot recall how he came to know him, but is certain that his friend GLOVER could not in any manner be involved in the death of WHARLEST JACKSON and the bombing of GEORGE METCALFE. JONES advised that he does not know DONALD HOLLAND or ELDEN HESTER, both of Franklin County, Mississippi.

JONES advised that he had no information regarding Klan or related activity in Adams County, Concordia Parish, Louisiana, or any place else in Louisiana or Mississippi.

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KENNETH MC KNIGHT was interviewed at his place of business, the Toluma Company, Ferriday. MC KNIGHT was advised of the identity of interviewing Agents and thereafter furnished the following:

He was formerly a member of the Ferriday, Louisiana, Police Department. He stated he recalls the arrest of TOMMY JONES, June 26, 1965. He stated that it was his recollection that this arrest arose out of an incident between JONES and a Negro man and that this incident supposedly occurred on the Vidalia Highway between Vidalia and Ferriday, Louisiana. As he can best recall the incident, he and GEORGE SEWELL were on duty that day for the shift between 2:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m., and that sometime between 4:00 and 6:00 p.m., they received a call that a white man wanted a Negro arrested due to a traffic incident. He and SEWELL proceeded to the area of Alabama and 4th Street, 4th Street being the main highway in Ferriday, and there they found the white man, whom he later determined to be TOMMY JONES, and the Negro. He stated he cannot recall the name of the Negro, but he immediately recognized him as a person who had resided in the Ferriday area all his life and a Negro who was well respected by all citizens. He can only recall his first name was ROOSEVELT.

He stated when they arrived on the scene he and SEWELL began a preliminary inquiry and JONES claimed that he wanted the Negro arrested due to the fact that the Negro had almost forced him off the highway. JONES stated he chased the Negro to Ferriday, Louisiana, before he could stop him and attempt to do something about the incident.

GEORGE SEWELL talked to the Negro at first and then they both determined that the Negro was bleeding from a cut on the head and he told them that the cut was received when JONES struck him on the head with a pistol. The Negro said he was stopped by JONES and then struck with the pistol and the Negro indicated that this gun was presently in the pocket of JONES.

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MC KNIGHT related he could clearly see the imprint of the pistol butt on the head of the Negro.

MC KNIGHT stated he then searched JONES, found the pistol, which he believes was a .25 caliber automatic, and then arrested JONES.

He could not recall what type of vehicle JONES was traveling in however he was alone except that he had a big German Sheppard dog in his car.

After arresting JONES he and SEWELL took him to the police station and placed him in jail.

MC KNIGHT advised that he checked with the Mayor of Ferriday, L. W. DAVIS, and the mayor told him to set bond at $500. At the time the mayor was at a softball game and indicated that he did not want to be bothered and to just leave the prisoner there until he could make bond.

MC KNIGHT said that it was his understanding that JONES eventually got out of jail that night. He recalls that between 12 and 14 men came to the police station that night inquiring about the release of JONES.

MC KNIGHT, after the arrest of JONES, became aware that JONES was a klansman from Mississippi and at the time felt that there might be some trouble over the arrest as the racial situation was very tense in Ferriday at that time. He stated that he then changed the original charge against JONES, which was assault with a gun, to the charge of carrying a concealed weapon. He stated that he changed this charge due to the fact that he feared for the life of the Negro and felt that if he had to confront JONES in open court that either JONES or a klan associate might retaliate against this Negro man.

MC KNIGHT stated he did not know the identities of the men who came to the jail checking on JONES; however, CHARLES DE LAUGHTER might recall who some of these persons were as he was the jailer on the night of JONES' arrest.

MC KNIGHT stated that as best he can recall the arrest was either on Thursday or Friday night and he did not know who JONES was prior to the arrest and also felt that he had initially charged JONES with disturbing the peace which he later changed or removed.

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T. L. LOFTIN, more commonly known as TIMMIE LOFTIN, was interviewed at the City Cafe in Ferriday, Louisiana. He was advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents and furnished the following information:

He stated that he was formerly employed as a police officer for the Ferriday Police Department and he recalls the arrest of TOMMY JONES from Natchez on June 26, 1965. More specifically, he recalls he was the officer who bonded out JONES sometime after midnight. He stated the bond was $500 and was paid in $20 bills by JAMES SCAROBOROUGH of Ferriday.

LOFTIN related he was in the jail most of the time and does recall seeing about three car loads of men outside the jail and that some of these men came into the jail from time to time inquiring about the release of JONES. He got the impression that these men were klansmen as they had left a klan calling card on the coke machine outside of the station. He stated that the only individual he knew among this group besides JAMES SCAROBOROUGH was RED GLOVER, whom he described as having a ruddy complexion with balding hair. He stated he knew GLOVER as being a resident of Vidalia, Louisiana. He also recalls that L. C. MURRAY of Natchez, Mississippi, was a member of this group who came to the jail. He stated he has known MURRAY for some time and knew him when they played basketball together.

LOFTIN stated that he does not recall seeing, at the jail that night, such persons as JACK SEALE, KENNETH HEAD, BUCK HORTON or E. D. MORACE.

He also advised that he did not see any families in this group and the wife of JONES did not come to the jail to bail him out or to check on his release.

LOFTIN further advised that JOHN BIUNCHI, who works at the jail on weekends, is a student in Memphis State College in Memphis, Tennessee and a person who frequent

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comes to Ferriday on the weekends. BLUNCHI is the son of a local doctor and appears to be very much interested in law enforcement and also has a great interest in the fire department thus he jumps at every opportunity to be around the police and fire station.

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GEORGE SEWELL, member of the Ferriday Police Department, was interviewed at the police station and advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents. SEWELL furnished the following information:

He recalls the arrest of TOMMY JONES from Natchez, Mississippi, on June 26, 1965, and further remembered that he and KENNETH MC KNIGHT were the arresting officers. He stated that he immediately remembers that JONES was arrested in the possession of either a .25 caliber or .32 caliber automatic pistol.

As he recalls, sometime between 4:30 and 5:30 p.m., on the date of this arrest a call was received from the Lion Service Station in Ferriday which indicated that a white man and a Negro had been involved in a traffic incident and were at the station, and the white man was desiring to press charges against the Negro. At the time he was working the 2:00 p.m., to 10:00 p.m., shift and after receiving this call he and Officer MC KNIGHT went to the scene. He stated that the service station is near the intersection of Mississippi and 4th Street, 4th Street being the main highway through Ferriday.

He related that if he was not mistaken it was his understanding that JONES had struck the Negro on the head after stopping him and JONES, upon questioning, "got smart" with the officers and after a search, the pistol was found in his pocket.

He remembered that they took JONES to the police station and charged him with carrying a concealed weapon and also does recall there was some mention of the charge of assault as JONES did strike the Negro. He stated that KENNETH MC KNIGHT handled most of the details as at the time MC KNIGHT had more experience than he and took the lead in the arrest.

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SEWELL stated he recalls that after the arrest of JONES and after finding out that JONES was a klansman from

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Mississippi it became evident that the klan was interested in this arrest and a few men came by the police station. He did not know the identity of any of the men who came by the station for sure; however, he has the impression that at about 10:00 p.m., and around the same time as he was getting off duty, JACK SEALE of Natchez, Mississippi, came to the station with another unknown white man. He was not sure about this and felt he could be confused as JACK SEALE was later arrested by the Ferriday Police Department and he recalls SEALE was a member of the Ku Klux Klan.

SEWELL stated he did not know the name of the Negro involved in this incident and could not recall any further details about the arrest.

SEWELL was directly questioned about any knowledge he might have concerning the present investigation of the bombing in Natchez on February 27, 1967, and, in particular, about any knowledge he had of the Silver Dollar Group. He stated th he did not know anything about the Silver Dollar Group and never heard of such an organization. He did mention that he knew JAMES SCAROBOROUGH of Ferriday, Louisiana, was a member of the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan in the area and he had always felt that SCAROBOROUGH was responsible for a horse barn that was burned. He stated that this barn was adjacent to the property of SCAROBOROUGH and he owned the barn. He could not offer any clear explanation or reason why SCAROBOROUGH would do such a thing. He related that he is friendly with the next-door neighbor of SCAROBOROUGH, WALTER WAYNE REED, and also knows that REED was formerly a member of the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan at Ferriday.

SEWELL further stated he was aware of the fact that the klan in the area feels that he is visiting REED in order to obtain information about klan activities and then furnish this information to the FBI; however, he is not afraid of any of these klansmen.

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Mayor L. W. DAVIS, Ferriday, Louisiana, furnished the following information:

He stated that in recalling the arrest of TOMMY JONES of Natchez, Mississippi, it brings to mind the fact that MRYON W. SEALE was also arrested in Ferriday on February 14, 1966. He recalls the SEALE arrest as SEALE was another important klan personality from Mississippi.

As he could recall, SEALE was arrested on a Driving While Under the Influence charge early in the morning of February 14, 1966, and was subsequently released on bond by 8:00 a.m., that same day. The bond for SEALE was $250. He recalls JAMES SCAROBOROUGH of Ferriday came to his house early in the morning of February 14, 1966, attempted to make bond for SEALE, but when he found out the amount was $250 SCAROBOROUGH stated he did not have that much money.

Mayor DAVIS related that later E. L. MC DANIEL of Mississippi came to his house along with FRANK DE LAUGHTER, a deputy sheriff from Concordia Parish, Louisiana. DE LAUGHTER attempted to have DAVIS release SEALE without bond and DAVIS told DE LAUGHTER and MC DANIEL that he would not do so and the bond was $250.

About 30 minutes later MC DANIEL returned with the $250 and SEALE was released at that time.

Afer the arrest of SEALE a search of his car was made due to the fact that the arresting officer felt his car contained stolen typewriters. A search of the vehicle revealed that it contained no typewriters; however, an assortment of other equipment was found in the car.

DAVIS provided a copy of Ferriday Police Department report which showed the following items as being in the car of SEALE:

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Two bayonets

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100 rounds Army issue .38 caliber ammunition
25 rounds Army issue .38 large ammunition
20 rounds Army issue .223 Remington ammunition
90 rounds 30-06 ammunition
3 clips of .30 caliber ammunition
400 rounds of Hollow Point ammunition
1 clip of 223 Remington ammunition
2 traffic blinker lights
2 walkie talkie radios
1 Remington Rand adding machine, SN 7 3N 857 230
1 .38 snub nose pistol, SN 35 9956
1 Colt, Ar-15, caliber 223 modified automatic rifle, SN SP 1-SP-00146
1 .30 caliber carbine rifle.

Report reflected above items found in 1965 Chevelle Super Sport, license 1B-2405 of Adams County, Mississippi, for 1966.

Mayor DAVIS stated that his files contain photographs of this equipment and after checking it was determined that this equipment should be returned to SEALE as it appeared that possession of these items was not against the law due to the fact he did not have any fully automatic weapons.

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R. J. "RED" GLOVER first approached "SONNY" TAYLOR about joining a new exclusive group of klansmen which GLOVER referred to as the Silver Dollar Group, about six months prior to the fish fry which was held on 6/26/65, at the residence of JAMES FREDERICK "RED" LEE. GLOVER approached TAYLOR at a regular meeting of the OKKKK in Ferriday, La., and stated that TAYLOR had been recommended by klan leaders as a klansman. GLOVER stated that he was checking out TAYLOR along with other prospective members of the group and would contact him later in this regard.

About two months later, GLOVER contacted TAYLOR, giving him a silver dollar and told him that he had been accepted as a member of the group. GLOVER stated that he had hand picked men for members of this group from La. and Miss.

"SONNY" TAYLOR stated that he considers E. D. MORACE of Ferriday, La., as a number two man under GLOVER in this organization and further believes that MORACE actually recruited the BLANEYs, BILL and GERALD.

For a period of time in 1965, E. D. MORACE and GLOVER had some differences and at one time MORACE turned in his klan equipment, sold his guns and said he was quitting the klan and the Silver Dollar Group. However, a short time later MORACE was

back active in the Klan and the Silver Dollar Group and HORACE and GLOVER have been very close ever since that time.

GLOVER and ELDON "SCRAPMAN" HESTER have a reputation for breaking into Negro homes and stealing guns from these homes.

On one occasion in early 1966, GLOVER talked "SONNY" TAYLOR into accompanying him to the Woodville, Miss. area at which time GLOVER said they were going to steal some guns from a Negro's home in that area. When they arrived at the Negro's house it was observed that the Negro was at home and they did not attempt to steal guns at that time. GLOVER told TAYLOR that they would return when the Negro was not home; however, TAYLOR never went back to this location with GLOVER.

In connection with the fish fry held by the Silver Dollar Group on 6/26/65, at the home of JAMES FREDERICK LEE, there were approximately 17 to 20 men present and three of these brought their wives. SONNY TAYLOR brought his wife and another man, name unknown, who lives in the Wildsville, La. area. He, at that time, drove a Mercury automobile and lived across the road from the big store at the main boat landing on Horse Shoe Lake in a big house. This man brought his wife. The only other wife there was LEE's wife.

Several others present at this fish fry arrived early on the morning of 6/26/65, to prepare the food and began cooking

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the fish for the others who were to arrive in the early afternoon. The three wives were busy in the kitchen of the house and several of the men were assisting them and were in and out of the house during the day. There were several in attendance who came early in the afternoon and several left early; however, the majority stayed until just before dark.

During the afternoon, GLOVER and ED MORACE were experimenting with some explosive ingredients stating they were trying to invent an explosive and were stiring a mixture on the table in the back yard. On at least one occasion, and possibly on two or three other occasions, they took the mixture out in the woods behind LEE's home and stated they had lit a fuse, but were unable to get an explosion or any reaction from this mixture. It was unknown who brought the explosive ingredients or fuse to the fish fry.

On viewing photographs on suspected members of the Silver Dollar Group, the following is information concerning photographs displayed:

L. C. MURRAY - positively identified and was at fish fry, and was believed to be driving black Mustang at the time and was later suspected by GLOVER as an FBI informer.

REGGIE P. CARTER - could not identify.

JOE DANIEL HAWKINS - could not identify.

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