

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : MR. BELMONT

DATE: 9/19/63

FROM : A. ROSEN *AR*

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; BOMBING OF
SIXTEENTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH,
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, 9/15/63
RACIAL MATTERS

Tolson	_____
Belmont	_____
Mohr	_____
Casper	_____
Callahan	_____
Conrad	_____
DeLoach	_____
Evans	_____
Gale	_____
Rosen	_____
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Holmes	_____
Gandy	_____

Reference is made to my previous memorandum of today concerning the developments in connection with the Anniston phase of this case and my conversation with SAC Roy Moore concerning the need to vigorously press this phase of the case.

I, therefore, recommend that we immediately send ten additional men into Birmingham so that we can keep the pressure on our activity at a high pitch. So far we have generated considerable interest locally in the fact that the FBI is investigating this case and I feel if we are going to come up with results time will be of the essence. Consequently, it is most desirable that in view of the developments at Anniston that we put as much pressure at this focal point as possible. I discussed this matter with SAC Moore and he agrees that ten men could be used most advantageously.

In view of the above, it is recommended that ten men be immediately dispatched to Birmingham to report to SAC Moore and that five cars be made available to the Birmingham office.

- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. Conrad
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Evans

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URGENT

TO SAC SAVANNAH (157-503)
FROM DIRECTOR FBI (157-1025)

BAPBOMB

RE SAVANNAH TEL SEPTEMBER TWENTY LAST INDICATING APPROXIMATELY ONE ZERO ZERO INTERVIEWS REMAINING IN THE INVESTIGATION AIMED AT INTERVIEWING MEMBERS KLAN AND HATE GROUPS. INSURE SUFFICIENT PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO COMPLETE ON TOP PRIORITY BASIS. INSURE INFORMANTS AND/OR SOURCES REMAIN ALERT FOR ANY PERTINENT REACTION INDICATING POSSIBLE COMPLICITY OF GROUPS OR INDIVIDUALS.

BIRMINGHAM ADVISED BY MAIL.

Birmingham
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- Holmes _____
- Gandy _____

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
SEP 21 1963

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9/20/63

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URGENT If next radio contact missed send by plain text, urgent teletype

RADIOGRAM

TO SACS BIRMINGHAM MOBILE

FROM DIRECTOR FBI

BAPBOMB.

REBURAD AUGUST TWENTY-NINE, SIXTYTHREE, CAPTIONED QUOTE NATIONAL STATES RIGHTS PARTY, RACIAL MATTERS UNQUOTE. RERAD INSTRUCTED YOUR OFFICE TO SURVEIL AND PHOTOGRAPH PERSONS ENTERING AND LEAVING NATIONAL STATES RIGHTS PARTY HEADQUARTERS BIRMINGHAM. **B**

THESE PHOTOGRAPHS SHOULD BE REVIEWED FOR RAMBLER STATION WAGON MENTIONED BY [REDACTED], OF BIRMINGHAM. CONSIDER MAINTAINING PHYSICAL SURVEILLANCE OF NATIONAL STATES RIGHTS PARTY HEADQUARTERS AND PHOTOGRAPHING PERSONS AND CARS APPEARING THERE. ALL SUCH PERSONS ARE LOGICAL SUSPECTS IN THIS BOMBING. CONSIDER INTERVIEWS OF THESE PERSONS.

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CONSIDER REVIEW OF ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES LICENSE REGISTER BEARING FIRST THREE DIGITS ONE A SEVEN OR ONE B SEVEN FOR A STATION WAGON ^{OR ONE} WHICH COULD RESEMBLE A RAMBLER SUCH AS DODGE DART. ASCERTAIN MAKE AND MODEL OF AUTOMOBILE OWNED BY [REDACTED]

Tolson _____ OF NATIONAL STATES RIGHTS PARTY SINCE IT IS BELIEVED HE OWNS A **62**
Belmont _____
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Callahan _____
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Sullivan _____
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Trotter _____
Tele. Room _____
Holmes _____
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RAMBLER. ADVISE BUREAU EXTENT OF PHOTOGRAPHING WHICH HAS TAKEN
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MAIL ROOM TELETYPE UNIT

RADIOGRAM TO SACS BIRMINGHAM
MOBILE

RE: RAPBOMB

PLACE AT NATIONAL STATES RIGHTS PARTY HEADQUARTERS:

ADVISE IF LICENSE PLATES AND MAKES OF AUTOMOBILES WERE
OBTAINED OF NATIONAL STATES RIGHTS PARTY MOTORCADE TO MONTGOMERY,
ALABAMA, AUGUST THIRTY-ONE, SIXTYTHREE. PERSONS IN THIS MOTOR-
CADE IF KNOWN SHOULD BE INTERVIEWED CONCERNING INSTANT BOMBING.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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| Mr. Tolson | |
| Mr. DeLoach | |
| Mr. Mohr | |
| Mr. Bishop | |
| Mr. Casper | |
| Mr. Callahan | |
| Mr. Conrad | |
| Mr. Felt | |
| Mr. Gale | |
| Mr. Rosen | |
| Mr. Sullivan | |
| Mr. Tavel | |
| Mr. Trotter | |
| Tele. Room | |
| Miss Holmes | |
| Miss Gandy | |

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URGENT 9-23-63 4-35 PM EST MB

TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC ATLANTA 157-582 2 P

BAPBOMB. RE BUTEL TO ATLANTA SEPTEMBER TWENTYTHREE,
INSTANT.

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PAGE TWO

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ABOVE INFO FURNISHED BY TELETYPE TO BIRMINGHAM ON
SEPTEMBER EIGHTEEN LAST. AND REQUESTED BIRMINGHAM TO GIVE
THE ABOVE INFO THE GREATEST DISCRETNESS IN THE EVENT
INVESTIGATION WAS CONDUCTED.

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cc - Mr. McGowan
SEP 18 3 03 PM '61
E.P.

FBI

Date: 9/19/63

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plain text or code)

Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-376) (P)
SUBJECT: ~~MARCH ON MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA~~
RACIAL MATTERS

"Baptist"
Clap bomb

Re Birmingham teletype, 9/18/63.

Transmitted herewith are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum pertaining to the above-captioned matter. *62 620*

Birmingham Confidential Informant *[redacted]*

Copies of this letterhead memorandum have been disseminated to local Military Intelligence Agencies.

Copy of letterhead memo is also furnished to the Mobile Office for information.

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Agency *C-2, ONI, OSI, CPO*

Date Forw. *9/24/63*

How Forw. *rd*

By *Net-Cov*

1 cc - Org. Unit
2 cc's - Destroyed

- 3 - Bureau (Enc. 8) RM - AM
- 1 - Mobile (Enc. 1) (Info) RM - AM
- 2 - Birmingham (157-376)

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SEP 21 1963

T. G. WOOD

Approved: *[Signature]*
Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M Per _____

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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
1400 - 2121 Building
Birmingham, Alabama, 35203
September 19, 1963

RE: MARCH ON MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

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L.A.L.

[REDACTED]

A newscast of Radio Station WSGN at approximately 12:55 P.M. on September 17, 1963, indicated that Negro leaders who approved the above-mentioned motion had advised that additional planning was required and as of the time of the newscast, no date for the March had been set.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.



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

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Birmingham, Alabama, 35203
September 19, 1963

Title: MARCH ON MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

Character: RACIAL MATTERS

**Reference: Letterhead Memorandum dated
9/19/63 in captioned matter.**

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

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9-18-63



Mr. J. Edcar Hoover *0 Sixteenth Street Baptist Church*

Dear Sir

In regard to the the Bombing of the Negro Church in
Birmingham Ala. Sunday. *9-15-63*

The Pastor of that Church should be questioned, as to where he was, and what he was doing, during Sunday school. lots of preachers have comited some awful crimes. Some pastors, relax in their Study, are roam the church during Sunday School. He could have planned and carried out this, for he said they was expecting it. had ben since Luther King drew a crowd of 2,000 at a speaking. Maby he was jelous of King's influence over the Negrows. wants to be the center of attraction his self.

This is just a thought. I think nothing should be over looked, Please excuse me if I'm wrong in being so Consurned about this mad killer.

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Respectivaly

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P. S. I am not a detective, wish I was.

EX-112 REC 37. *157-1095-126*

SEP 25 1963

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
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P.S. I am not a detective, wish I was.

CORRECTION

September 23, 1963

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EX-112 [Redacted]

REC'D-READING ROOM
FBI

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of September 18th has been received and I appreciate your furnishing your observations.

I want to assure you that every effort is being made in the FBI investigation to develop factual information. We will explore every feasible, logical lead and we do not base our investigation on any preconceived conclusions.

Enclosed is an article I hope will be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

L. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Enclosure

The FBI's Role in the Field of Civil Rights

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.

- Tolson _____
- Belmont _____
- Mohr _____
- Casper _____
- Callahan _____
- Conrad _____
- DeLoach _____
- Evans _____
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- Holmes _____
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SEP 25 1963

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Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Evans	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

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URGENT 9-23-63 6-05PMCST TM
 TO DIRECTOR, FBI /157-1025/ AND SAC, BIRMINGHAM
 FROM SAC, NEW ORLEANS /157-1294/ 1 P
 BAPBOMB. OO, BIRMINGHAM.

RE NEW ORLEANS TEL SEPTEMBER TWENTYONE LAST.

NO INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED TODAY. TWENTYFOUR REMAIN TO BE
 CONDUCTED. ALL AGENTS IN AREA OF INTERVIEWS UTILIZED IN
 DEMONSTRATIONS IN SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA, AREA.

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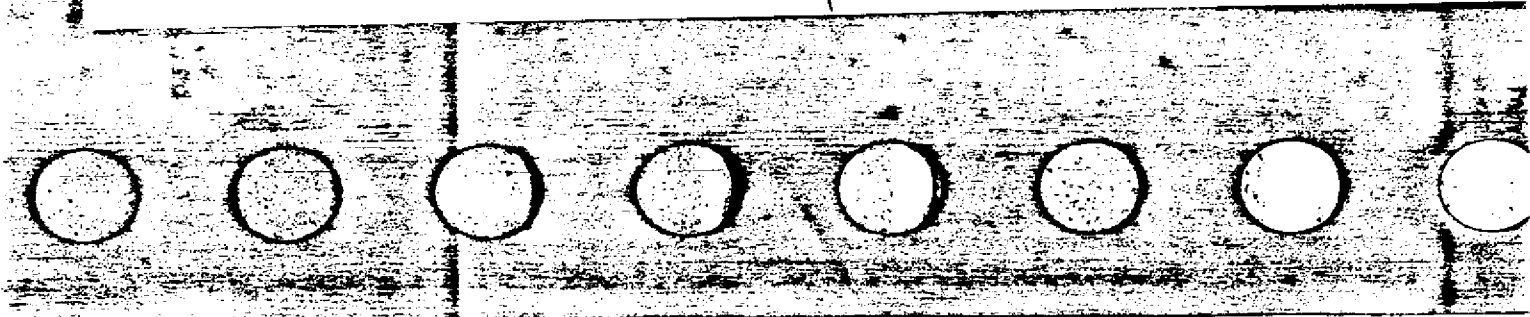
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to





1 - Mr. Lavin, Rm. 2268

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

To: **FBI, Birmingham (157-352)**

Date: **September 20, 1963**

Re: **BAPBOMB**

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No.
Lab. No. **157-1026
PC-77236 CF CW**

Examination requested by: **Birmingham**
Reference: **Letter 9/17/63**
Examination requested: **Explosives - Spectrographic - Microscopic -
Miscellaneous**
Remarks:

This report confirms and supplements the teletype sent to your office on September 20, 1963.

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

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REPORT
of the



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

To: **FBI, Birmingham**

Date: **September 20, 1963**

Re: **RAPBOMB**

FBI File No. **157-1025-128**

Lab. No. **PC-77236 CF CW**

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Specimens received **9/18/63**, personally delivered by SA

- Q1** Pieces of heavy gauge wire from the wire screen covering the windows in the ladies lounge
- Q2** Pieces of window frame from windows in the ladies lounge
- Q3** Fragments of drapery material from drapes covering the windows in the ladies lounge
- Q4** Fragment of metal frame from screens covering windows in ladies lounge
- Q5** Scrapings from windowsill of windows in ladies lounge
- Q6** Piece of red plastic-insulated wire found on floor among debris in ladies lounge
- Q7** Pieces of concrete from an Oldsmobile and Chevrolet outside of church

- K1** Piece of red plastic-insulated wire taken from a bell signal system used in the church

Results of examination:

Examinations of specimens Q1 through Q7 failed to reveal any foreign residues or fragments which were indicative of a specific type of explosive or fusing device.

Specimen Q6 is a 10" length of red plastic-insulated copper-coated steel wire similar in all respects to a wire used in jacketed telephone "JKT" Station Wire. Nothing was found from an examination of specimen Q6 to identify it as a part of a bombing device. Specimen Q6 is different from the copper wire, K1.

The evidence listed above is being returned to your office under separate cover by Railway Express.

- Tolson _____
- Belmont _____
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: BAPBOMB

File # 157-1025-128
Lab. # PC-77236 CF CW

Examination requested by: SAC, Birmingham (157-352) (let 9/17)

Examination requested: Explosives - Spectrographic Date received: 9/18/63 per
Microscopic (met)

Result of Examination: Miscellaneous

Examination by: [REDACTED]

Per. Del. by SA [REDACTED] on 9/18/63

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Specimens submitted for examination

- Q1 Pieces of heavy gauge wire from the wire screen covering the windows in the ladies lounge
- Q2 Pieces of window frame from windows in the ladies lounge
- Q3 Fragments of drapery material from drapes covering the windows in the ladies lounge
- Q4 Fragment of metal frame from screens covering windows in ladies lounge
- Q5 Scrapings from window sill of windows in ladies lounge
- Q6 Piece of red plastic-insulated wire found on floor among debris in ladies lounge
- Q7. Pieces of concrete from an Oldsmobile + Chevrolet outside of church
- K1 Piece of red plastic-insulated wire taken from a bell signal system used in the church

Let [REDACTED] 9/10/63

(See attached notes)

W. J. SEVER

PC-77236

- Q1. Microchemical testing - neg. tests for nitrates, nitrites
H₂O washing - residue or collected - neg. tests
- Q2. Pieces of wood. One piece bears dark red-brown deposits which give a diphenylamine test - X-ray
SiO₂ - Spectro Fe⁺⁺⁺ - probably iron oxide.
H₂O washings - residue negative for nitrates
or nitrate
- Q3. Many pieces of badly tattered cloth
Ethel extract - neg. I.D. for nitrates
Acetone " " " " "
H₂O extract → CaSO₄ (gypsum) + γ CaSO₄.
- Q4. Neg. explosive residue tests. Not subjected
to high velocity bombardment.
- Q5. Neg. explosive residue tests - H₂O extract -
when run by X-ray diffraction → CaSO₄ (gypsum)
- Q6. Insulation is alkyl phthaloyl PVC.
I-d came in to known telephone wire.

Recorded
9/19/63
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
 UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: **BAPBOMB**

File # **157-1025-128**
 Lab. # **PC-77236 CF CW**

Examination requested by: **SAC, Birmingham (157-352)** (let 9/17)
 Examination requested: **Explosives - Spectrographic** Date received: **9/18/63 per**
 Result of Examination: **Microscopic (met)**
Miscellaneous Examination by **[REDACTED]**
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 Per. Del. by SA **[REDACTED]** on 9/18/63

Specimen Q6 appears to be a 10" piece of a red insulated wire from a jacketed telephone JKT Station Wire. Copper coated steel wire.

Specimens submitted for examination

- Q1 Pieces of heavy gauge wire from the wire screen covering the windows in the ladies lounge
- Q2 Pieces of window frame from windows in the ladies lounge
- Q3 Fragments of drapery material from drapes covering the windows in the ladies lounge
- Q4 Fragment of metal frame from screens covering windows in ladies loun
- Q5 Scrapings from window sill of windows in ladies lounge
- Q6 Piece of red plastic insulated wire found on floor among debris in ladies lounge

- K1 Piece of red plastic insulated wire taken from a bell signal system used in the church

Re Q6

Ends heavily corroded (indicating separated some time ago). One end slightly fused. Corrosion precludes possibility determining whether cut or pulled apart. (Ends not necked down). Surface of insulation & wire broken in 3 places. Corrosion in breaks in wire, indicating ^{surface} coating broken, possibly by bending or similar action, permitting iron core to corrode. Wire appears old. No specific indication subjected to any blast.

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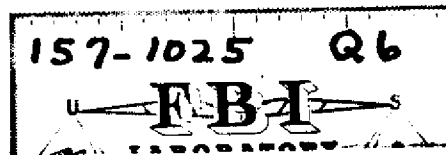
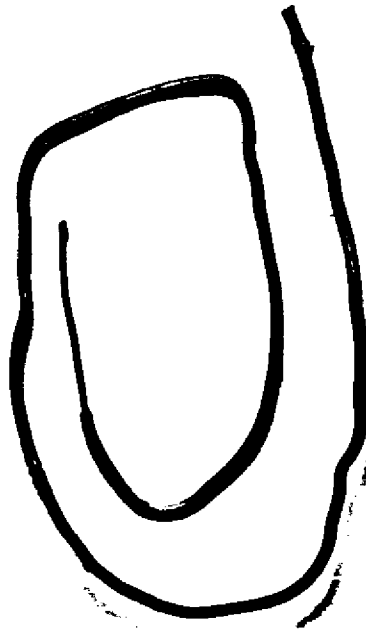
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~~Nothing was found from an examination of Q6 to identify it as a part of a bombing device.~~

Nothing was found from an examination of Q6 to identify it as a part of a bombing device.

157-1025

9-20-63



Red solid plastic insulated single conductor wire,
length = 10"

OD = 1/16"

WIRE DIA = .0317" }
.0314 } #20 gauge
.0318 }
.0315 }

Wire is magnetic - steel with copper coating, wire is quite soft.

Wire is similar to the red conductor of jacketed telephone JKT Station wire. JKT Station wire available in 2, 3 & 4 conductor & colors of individual wires are red, green, yellow & black with red being used in all & green in all too.

9/18

Director, FBI (157-1025)
Atten: FBI Laboratory

9/17/63

SAC, Birmingham (157-352) (P)

PC 77336

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BAPEBOMB

per del on file
SA [redacted]

In connection with a search through the debris in the immediate bomb area of instant church, the following items were found, and are being personally delivered to the FBI Laboratory by SA [redacted]

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- ⊙ (1) Pieces of heavy gauge wire from the wire screen covering over the windows in the ladies lounge.
- ⊙ (2) Pieces of window frame from windows in the ladies lounge.
- ⊙ (3) Fragments of drapery material from drapes covering the windows in the ladies lounge.
- ⊙ (4) Fragment of metal frame from screens covering windows in ladies lounge.
- ⊙ (5) Scrapings from window sill of windows in ladies lounge.
- ⊙ (6) Piece of red plastic insulated wire found on floor among debris in ladies lounge.
- K₁ (7) Piece of red plastic insulated wire taken from a bell signal system used in the church.

The Laboratory is requested to examine items one through five for possible explosive residues; and, to examine the wire, item 6, in an attempt to identify it as to type. The wire, item 7, from an installation in the church is recognized as larger than the wire in item 6.

Following the examination, the above items should be returned to this office.

- 2- Bureau
- 1- Package Copy
- 3- Birmingham

[redacted] (6) bx
L. W. [unclear]
9/18/63

Wine

EXPEDITE

Mr. Conrad

9/19/63

R. H. Stevens

87 CF
9 }
307 CH
11 }
EXTRA

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
BOMBING OF 16TH STREET BAPTIST
CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA
9/18/63
BOMBING MATTERS

This is the case in which four young Negro girls were killed in the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama, on 9/18/63.

At the request of SAC Roy Moore, SA [redacted] who was in the Birmingham area on a testimony commitment, delivered to the Laboratory on the evening of 9/18/63, various items of evidence collected during the crime scene search of the instant bombing. The items of evidence consist of (1) pieces of heavy gauge wire from the wire screen covering over the windows in the ladies lounge (2) pieces of window frame from windows in the ladies lounge (3) fragments of drapery material from drapes covering the windows in the ladies lounge (4) fragment of metal frame from screens covering windows in ladies lounge (5) scrapings from window sill of windows in ladies lounge (6) piece of red plastic insulated wire found on floor among debris in ladies lounge (7) piece of red plastic insulated wire taken from a bell signal system used in the church. 8

The Laboratory was requested to examine items one through five for possible explosive residues and to examine the wire in item six to identify its type and compare it with the known piece of wire used in the church, item seven.

The Laboratory initiated examination procedures immediately upon receipt of the evidence. These examinations are being expeditiously handled and you will be advised of the results immediately upon completion of the examinations.

ACTION:

For information.

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Imlosch
- 1 - Mr. Evans
- 1 - Mr. Lavin, Rm. 2268

ERJ:FO (10)

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
SEP 23 1963

TELETYPE

Mr. Tolson
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Mr. Sullivan
Mr. Tavel
Mr. Trotter
Tele. Room
Miss Holmes
Miss Gandy

m. [signature]

URGENT 9-23-63 8-04 PM EST WRR

TO DIRECTOR FBI /157-1025/

FROM SAC TAMPA /157-856/ 1P

BAPBOMB

2 Copies made by [signature]
for review by Rowe Task Force
Date 1-4-79

RE TAMPA TEL SEPTEMBER TWENTYONE LAST.

SEVENTEEN KLANSMEN AND/OR HATE GROUP MEMBERS INTERVIEWED THIS DATE, NO PERTINENT INFORMATION DEVELOPED.

[REDACTED] b7c, d

INFORMATION DEVELOPED RE LOCATION OF TWO KLANSMEN AND/OR HATE GROUP MEMBERS OUTSIDE OF STATE OF FLORIDA, LEADS BEING SET FORTH TO EFFECT THEIR INTERVIEW. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

REC-50 157-1025-129

EIGHTYSIX INTERVIEWS REMAIN TO BE CONDUCTED, INCLUDING RACIAL INFORMANTS.

END ACK PLS

9-06 PM OK FBI WA OS

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Rosen
9/24/63
JTB/coc

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[signature]

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Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

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URGENT 9/23/63 6-40PM EST LG
TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, BIRMINGHAM
FROM SAC, ATLANTA /157-582/ 1P

BAPBOMB

EIGHTY FIVE INTERVIEWS OF KLAN AND HATE GROUP MEMBERS
CONDUCTED TO DATE LEAVING APPROXIMATELY FIFTEEN INTERVIEWS
TO BE CONDUCTED.

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NO INFORMATION PERTINENT TO THIS CASE OBTAINED FROM
INTERVIEWS.

67-10 [REDACTED] WILL GO TO BIRMINGHAM TOMORROW
IN CONNECTION WITH PREVIOUS COMMUNICATIONS THIS CASE.

END ACK

WA 7-42 PM OK FBI WA WS

BH 5-41 PM OK FBI BH SAA

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Baltimore 9/24/63
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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
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Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Evans	_____
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Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

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URGENT 9-23-63 11-08 PM EST PNR

TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, BIRMINGHAM

FROM SAC, SAVANNAH /157-503/

BAPBOMB BM.

RE SAVANNAH TEL SEPTEMBER TWENTY LAST.

SIXTEEN KLAN MEMBERS INTERVIEWED BY THE SAVANNAH DIVISION
THIS DATE, AND ALL DENIED ANY KNOWLEDGE OF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE
FOR CAPTIONED BOMBING OR OF ANY PERSONS FROM THIS AREA BEING IN
BIRMINGHAM ON SEPTEMBER FIFTEEN LAST. *B*

APPROXIMATELY EIGHTYFOUR KLANSMEN REMAIN TO BE INTERVIEWED
BY THE SAVANNAH DIVISION.

END

WA 12-10 AM OK FBI WA JDS

BH 10-12 PM OK FBI BH HEP

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Tracy Rosen
to Belmont 9/27/63
JDS/acc*

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

Tolson	_____
Belmont	_____
Mohr	_____
Casper	_____
Callahan	_____
Conrad	_____
DeLoach	_____
Evans	_____
Gale	_____
Rosen	_____
Sullivan	_____
Tavel	_____
Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Holmes	_____
Gandy	_____

TO : Mr. Rosen *RR*

DATE: 9/17/63

FROM : C. L. McGowan *CLM*

SUBJECT: BAPBOMB

LSC

Lawrence 2268

On this morning Mr. [REDACTED] of the Administrative Division was advised of the special bombing case being handled in the Birmingham Office and it was suggested to him that the Administrative Division might desire to furnish appropriate instructions to the Birmingham Office on the matter of costs.

ACTION:

For your information.

157-1025

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At Bureau instructions, SAC, Birmingham, is presently reporting time spent on sit-ins, bombings, desegregation and related matters under the caption "Sit-Ins, Birmingham, Alabama, Beginning April 3, 1963 - Racial Matters." Airtel 9/10/63 from SAC to Director, with copy to each field office, requested all offices having activity in these matters to report to Birmingham as of the close of business each Saturday the time spent on these matters. Time spent on BAPBOMB will be reported under above caption.

Ray J. [Signature]

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Mr. DeLoach	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Bishop	
Mr. Casper	
Mr. Callahan	
Mr. Conrad	
Mr. Felt	
Mr. Gale	
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Mr. Trotter	
Tele. Room	
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URGENT 9-23-63 7-10 PM EST CLH
TO DIRECTOR, FBI 157-1025 AND SAC, BIRMINGHAM 157-352
FROM SAC, KNOXVILLE 157-189 2P

BAPBOMB.

RE KNOXVILLE AIRTEL TO BUREAU SEPT. TWENTYONE, SIXTYTHREE.

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[REDACTED]

INVESTIGATION IN EFFORT TO VERIFY HIS STATEMENT CONTINUING. NO INFORMATION DEVELOPED [REDACTED] CURRENTLY ASSOCIATING WITH DK, KKKK, INC., MEMBERS.

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TVA RECORDS DO NOT REFLECT CURRENT ADDRESS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED TO LOCATE HIS RELATIVES FOR PURPOSE SECURING CURRENT ADDRESS IN ALABAMA. ONE REMAINING DK, KKKK, INC., MEMBER NOT INTERVIEWED, PRESENTLY * JASPER, GA. APPROPRIATE LEAD SET FORTH THIS DATE TO ATLANTA.

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REVIEW KNOXVILLE CASE ENTITLED UNSUBS, BOMBING MATTER, CHATTANOOGA, TENN., JULY DASH AUG. SIXTY, HAS BEEN COMPLETED. NO PERTINENT INFO DEVELOPED AND NO LEADS OTHER THAN THOSE SET FORTH RE KNOXVILLE AIRTE DEVELOPED.

END PAGE ONE

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REFBUTEL SEPT. FIFTEEN, LAST, INSTRUCTED INTERVIEWS WITH
KLAN MEMBERS AND MEMBERS OF HATE GROUPS, IN CONNECTION WITH
THIS PHASE OF INVESTIGATION KNOXVILLE INTERVIEWED ONE INDIVIDUAL
THIS DATE AND NO FURTHER INTERVIEWS REMAINING KNOXVILLE DIVISION.
END ACK PLS

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BH 6-15 PM OK FBI BH SAA

8-15 PM OK FBI WA WS

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
SEP. 21 1963

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Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Evans	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
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Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

URGENT 9-21-63 2-30 AM CST GDM

TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC, BIRMINGHAM 6157-352/ 7 XX 6 PP

BAPBOMB. DAILY SUMMARY. SEPTEMBER TWENTY, SIXTYTHREE.

ANNISTON GROUP. *6300*

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*Rosen to Belmont
memo 9-21-63
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[REDACTED] NOT QUESTIONED IN ANY MANNER REGARDING THESE COMMENTS AS IT IS NOT BELIEVED BY SRA THAT HE OR OTHER MEMBERS WOULD REVEAL ANYTHING OTHER THAN WHAT THEY VOLUNTEER. FURTHER, IT IS THE OPINION OF THE SRA THAT FROM THE ATTITUDE AND COMMENTS OF [REDACTED] IT COULD BE VERY LIKELY THAT [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] INTERVIEWED TODAY, DENIED ANY KNOWLEDGE RE CAPTIONED CASE. FURNISHED ALIBI AS TO WHEREABOUTS WHICH HAVE BEEN COMPLETELY SUBSTANTIATED BY SEVERAL EYEWITNESSES FOR PERTINENT PERIOD.

FIFTY ADDITIONAL INTERVIEWS ANTICIPATED AT ANNISTON, INCLUDING THOSE RECOMMENDED BY BUTEL THIS DATE, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] ALL WILL BE EXPEDITED.

[REDACTED] WILL BE CONTACTED FIRST THING SEPT. TWENTYONE, SIXTYTHREE, AS HAD PERSONAL COMMITMENTS NIGHT OF SEPT. TWENTY, SIXTYTHREE.

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NEIGHBORHOOD.

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TWENTYNINE INDIVIDUALS RESIDING IN NEIGHBORHOOD VICINITY OF VICTIM
CHURCH INTERVIEWED AND ONLY PERTINENT INFORMATION DEVELOPED WAS THAT
FURNISHED BY [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

END PAGE THREE

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NO FURTHER

EFFORT WILL BE MADE RE THIS STORY.

THREATS TO CHURCH.

[REDACTED]

WARROIR, ALA. KKK.

PER BUREAU INSTRUCTIONS, MEMBERS AVAILABLE OF WARROIR, ALA. KKKK
WILL BE INTERVIEWED SEPT. TWENTYONE, SIXTYTHREE.

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MISCELLANEOUS.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] NOT YET LOCATED,
BUT SHE AND HIS MOTHER WILL BE INTERVIEWED WHEN AVAILABLE.

PHOTOGRAPHS OF CARS AT NSRP HEADQUARTERS AND PERSONS ENTERING
NSRP HQS. REVIEWED FOR POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION OF RAMBLER AS WELL AS
FOUR THOUSAND CAR REGISTRATION RECORDS REVIEWED AT BIRMINGHAM AND
BESSEMER, ALA. TO DETERMINE OWNERS OF RAMBLER STATION WAGON WITH LIC.
BEGINNING ONE A SEVEN AND ONE B SEVEN. SEVENTEEN LOCATED. OWNERS WILL
BE CHECKED AND INTERVIEWED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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RE STORY OF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ENDEAVORING TO LOCATE GIRL FRIEND, AND WILL INTERV
AS SOON AS LOCATED.

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BOTH SCHEDULED FOR INTERVIEW.

EIGHTYFIVE INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED TODAY. THREE ADDITIONAL PCI
PAREN RAC PAREN FILES OPENED. APPROXIMATELY FOUR HUNDRED INTERVIEWS
PENDING.

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TO SAC BIRMINGHAM

FROM SAC, EL PASO /157-73/ /P/

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RE AT TEL TO BH AND EP THIS DATE

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URGENT 9-24-63 7-05 PM RWP
TO. DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, BIRMINGHAM
FROM. SAC, SAVANNAH /157-503/
BAPBOMB. BM.

RE SAVANNAH TEL SEPTEMBER TWENTYTHREE LAST.

SIX KLANSMEN WERE INTERVIEWED THIS DATE IN THE SAVANNAH DIVISION, AND NONE OF THEM COULD FURNISH ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING CAPTIONED BOMBING OR ANY POSSIBLE SUSPECTS. *R*

ALL AVAILABLE AGENTS WERE UTILIZED THIS DATE IN CONNECTION WITH A BANK BURGLARY AND A BANK ROBBERY REPORTED THIS DATE IN THE SAVANNAH DIVISION.

APPROXIMATELY SEVENTYEIGHT KLANSMEN REMAIN TO BE INTERVIEWED IN CONNECTION WITH THIS PROGRAM.

END AND ACKS PLS.

WA 8-06 PM OK FBI WA LLD

BH 6-07 PM OK FBI BH SAA

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URGENT 9-24-63 8-15 PM EST CLH
TO DIRECTOR, FBI 157-1025 AND SAC, BIRMINGHAM 157-352
FROM SAC, KNOXVILLE 157-189 2P

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BAPBOMB.

RE KNOXVILLE AIRTEL TO BUREAU SEPT. TWENTYONE LAST,
KNOXVILLE TELETYPE TO BUREAU SEPT. TWENTYTHREE LAST.

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PARTIAL CHECK OF TOLL CALLS INDIVIDUALS CHATTANOOGA
COMPLETED. DUE TO VARIOUS BILLING DATES AND DIFFERENT LOCATIONS

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OF RECORDS THIS CHECK NOT COMPLETED.

NO PERTINENT INFORMATION DEVELOPED TODAY ON INVESTIGATIONS
INCLUDING REVIEW OF SOME OF THE [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] ATLANTA ADVISED AIRMAIL.

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END ACK PLS

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Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

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BAPBOMB.

URGENT 9-24-63 6-58 PM JDR
TO DIRECTOR, FBI /157-1025/ AND SAC, BIRMINGHAM /157-327/
FROM SAC, ATLANTA /157-582/

BAPBOMB.

EIGHTYSEVEN INTERVIEWS OF HATE GROUP AND KLAN MEMBERS
CONDUCTED TO DATE LEAVING APPROXIMATELY THIRTEEN TO BE
CONDUCTED. ATLANTA EXPERIENCING EXTREME DIFFICULTY IN LOCATING
THESE ADDITIONAL PEOPLE DUE TO THEIR NOMADIC TYPE
OF EXISTANCE. ATLANTA WILL MAKE FURTHER EFFORTS BUT WILL NOT
CONDUCT FUGITIVE TYPE INVESTIGATIONS TO LOCATE THESE PEOPLE
INASMUCH AS THE MOST IMPORTANT MEMBERS OF KLAN AND HATE
GROUPS HAVE ALREADY BEEN INTERVIEWED AND NOTHING OF A PERTINENT
NATURE TO THIS INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN OBTAINED. ATLANTA
MAINTAINING CLOSE CONTACT WITH INFORMANTS RELATIVE TO THEIR
ASSIGNMENTS.

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WA 8-01 PM OK FBI WA WS

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TELETYPE *MB*

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

Mr. DeLoach

URGENT 9-24-63 5-50 PM EST WRR
TO DIRECTOR FBI /157-1025/
FROM SAC TAMPA /157-856/ 1P

pr

BAPBOMB.

RE TAMPA TEL SEPTEMBER TWENTYTHREE LAST.

THIRTEEN KLANSMEN AND/OR HATE GROUP MEMBERS INTERVIEWED THIS DATE, NO PERTINENT INFORMATION OBTAINED.

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[REDACTED]

INTERVIEWED.

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THREE OTHER KLANSMEN DETERMINED TO BE OUTSIDE THE TAMPA DIVISION, ONE AT BIRMINGHAM, LEADS BEING SET FORTH TO EFFECT THEIR INTERVIEW.

SIXTYNINE INTERVIEWS REMAIN TO BE CONDUCTED.

END ACK PLS
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Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
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Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Evans	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

Mr. [Signature]

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URGENT 9-24-63 5-57 PM CST DMB

TO DIRECTOR, FBI

NEW ORLEANS AND BIRMINGHAM

FROM SAC, SAN ANTONIO /157-251/

UNSUBS., BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, SEPTEMBER FIFTEEN, LAST, BOMBING MATTERS.

OO BIRMINGHAM

RE SAN ANTONIO TEL, SEPTEMBER TWENTY LAST.

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END AND ACK PLS.

WA 8-00 PM OK FBI WA WS

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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- Mr. Conrad _____
- Mr. DeLoach _____
- Mr. Evans _____
- Mr. Gale _____
- Mr. Rosen _____
- Mr. Tavel _____
- Mr. Trotter _____
- Tele. Room _____
- Miss Holmes _____
- Miss Gandy _____

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URGENT 9-2431 DL 2-20 PM JEB

TO DIRECTOR, FBI /157-1025/ AND SAC, BIRMINGHAM /157-352/
FROM SAC, MOBILE /157-416/ 1P
BAA
MEMO BOMB.

Bap bomb

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REMOTEL SEPT. TWENTY 523 56, SIXTYTHREE

CONCERNING INTERVIEWS WITH BOMBING SUSPECTS, MEMBERS OF
KLAN OR HATE GROUPS, ONE INTERVIEW CONDUCTED AND NO PERTINENT
INFO DEVELOPED. ALL SUCH INTERVIEWS COMPLETED.

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END AND ACK

WA 4-21 PM OK FBI WA WS

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CC: Mr [Handwritten initials]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

- Tolson _____
- Belmont _____
- Mohr _____
- Casper _____
- Callahan _____
- Conrad _____
- DeLoach _____
- Evans _____
- Gale _____
- Rosen _____
- Sullivan _____
- Tavel _____
- Trotter _____
- Tele. Room _____
- Holmes _____
- Gandy _____

TO : Mr. Rosen *[Signature]*

FROM : C. L. McGowan *[Signature]*

SUBJECT: BAPBOMB

DATE: September 24, 1963

[Handwritten signature]

Reference is made to my memorandum 9/23/63 concerning the arrival of Presidential representatives, Kenneth Royall and Earl Blaik, in Birmingham, Alabama, this morning, 9/24/63. Assistant Attorney General Oberdorfer advised that Royall and Blaik and an attorney from Royall's office, Robert Larson, will arrive in Birmingham at 11:30 a. m., Central Standard Time, this morning aboard an AVCO Corporation plane with the tail number, N 420-L.

The party will be met at the airport by Birmingham Mayor Albert Boutwell and Chairman of the City Council, a Mr. Wiggins. Mr. Oberdorfer requested that Royall and Blaik be taken by Bureau Agents to the 2121 Building.

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Mr. Oberdorfer requests that the U. S. Marshal's office on the 15th floor of that building be advised of the arrival of Messrs. Royall and Blaik.

Mr. Oberdorfer also furnished the telephone numbers of the penthouse apartment in the 2121 Building where the gentlemen will be staying. The numbers are 323-3961 and 323-3159.

ACTION:

The Birmingham Office has been advised.

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RBL:ers
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UNITED STATES

Memorandum

- Tolson
- Belmont
- Mohr
- Casper
- Callahan
- Conrad
- DeLoach
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TO : Mr. Belmont *SB*

DATE: September 23, 1963

FROM : A. Rosen *R*

SUBJECT: BAPBOMB

B. APPROX 1946

While talking with SAC Moore at Birmingham, he advised me that they plan to reinterview [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

We are trying to locate such a car to determine whether it has significant value to our investigation.

There is some question as to whether the car was in the area and before further inquiries are to be conducted it is desirable to have a polygraph examination as there is some doubt as to the veracity of [REDACTED] information. He has been cooperative and before any consideration will be given to the use of the polygraph a waiver would be obtained from [REDACTED] the boy's mother.

ACTION TAKEN:

SAC Moore was advised that he could go forward with the use of the polygraph in the event the waiver of approval of the mother was obtained, unless advised to the contrary.

1 - Mr. Conrad

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

Tolson	_____
Belmont	✓
Mohr	_____
Casper	_____
Callahan	_____
Conrad	_____
DeLoach	_____
Evans	_____
Gale	_____
Rosen	✓
Sullivan	_____
Tavel	_____
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TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: September 20, 1963

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH
STREET BAPTIST CHURCH
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA
SEPTEMBER 15, 1963
BOMBING MATTERS

Rem...

met...
LAV

By reference from the Director's Office, I talked with Senator Dick Russell (D-Georgia) at 11:45 AM this morning. Upon learning of the Director's absence, the Senator asked to speak with me. I told him that unfortunately the Director was in travel status and that I would be talking with him this afternoon and would be glad to relay any message.

Richard Russell D.C.

The Senator was very friendly and talked for approximately 15-20 minutes. He stated he was sorely troubled about the Birmingham case. He stated that he hoped the FBI would solve this matter and bring the guilty individuals to task. The Senator specifically asked if we were looking into all angles. I asked him what he meant. He stated there is a possibility, of course, that Negroes might have perpetrated this incident in order to keep emotions at a fever pitch. He added, of course, there is always a possibility that the communists had perpetrated the bombing. I told the Senator the Director had instructed nothing be overlooked in our investigation of this matter.

Senator Russell told me he sincerely hoped that the Attorney General or the President would not attempt to suppress evidence in this case. He said he knew that Mr. Hoover would never stand for such an act, however, the possibility always existed that if the perpetrators of the Birmingham incident proved to be individuals whose guilt might embarrass the Administration, there could possibly be an attempt to suppress evidence or play down the guilt of these individuals. I told Senator Russell that the Director would never be a party to such an incident, that as a matter of fact, if any Administration attempted to use the FBI in this manner, they would certainly regret it. I mentioned that the Director on a number of occasions had indicated that no Attorney General had ever attempted to use the FBI in a "political" manner, however, if that day ever came, then the Director would undoubtedly leave office. The Senator stated he knew this, however, was gratified to hear this from us. He asked that I stop by his office on the next time up to the Hill.

ACTION: For record purposes.

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Evans
- CDD:ejr (7)
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Miss Holmes
- 1 - Mr. M. A. Jones

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Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

TELETYPE

URGENT 9-23-63 11-38 PM CST HEP

TO DIRECTOR

FROM SAC BIRMINGHAM /157-352/

BAPBOMB, DAILY SUMMARY.

ANNISTON GROUP.

TOTAL INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED TODAY FORTYONE AND THOSE REMAINING SEVENTYEIGHT.

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 [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] OTHER INQUIRIES AND SOURCES

AT FORT MC CLELLAN RE SGT. BILL TO DATE UNPRODUCTIVE. EVERY EFFORT BEING EXTENDED TO IDENTIFY SGT. BILL.

AT ANNISTON, ALA., SEVERAL ADDITIONAL POSSIBLE SUSPECTS AND THEIR ALIBI WITNESSES INTERVIEWED AND SUSPECTS ELIMINATED.

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 [REDACTED] WHEN CONTACTED TODAY REFUSED TO ANSWER ANY
 QUESTIONS OR ACCOUNT FOR WHEREABOUTS DURING PERINENT PERIOD.
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*Memo from to
 Belmont 9/25/63
 JH/cac*

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ALSO [REDACTED] FORMER KLANSMAN, ANNISTON, REFUSED TO BE INTERVIEWED. BOTH [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] EXPRESSED STRONG DISLIKE FOR PRESENT GOVERNMENT.

CARTER
ASA EARL ~~CAHEALY~~ ~~1938~~ THREE THREE ZERO, ROUTE SIX, OXFORD, ALA. INTERVIEWED TODAY AT RESIDENCE BY BUREAU AGENTS. CARTER REAFFIRMED HIS BELIEFS IN THE DOCTRINATION OF SEGREGATION AND HIS ADMIRATION OF GOVERNOR WALLACE AS THE HOPE OF THE SOUTH AND IN FACT THE NATION. CARTER EXHIBITED SINCERE CONCERN AT THE DAMAGE DONE TO WALLACE AND SEGREGATIONIST MOVEMENT BY THE BOMBING OF THE SIXTEENTH ST. BAPTIST CHURCH AND STATED WALLACE WAS PERSONALLY CONTRIBUTING FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS TO THE REWARD FUND. CARTER STATED THAT ALTHOUGH HE HAD PREVIOUSLY REFUSED TO COOPERATE WITH BUREAU AGENTS, THAT IN THE INSTANT BOMBING INVESTIGATION HE WOULD COOPERATE FULLY. CARTER DESCRIBED KENNETH L. ADAMS AS A BULLY AND COWARD AND DOES NOT CONSIDER ADAMS OR ANY OTHER SEGREGATIONIST FROM THE ANNISTON AREA TO BE LOGICAL SUSPECTS IN BIRMINGHAM CHURCH BOMBING. CARTER OPINED THAT BOMBING COULD HAVE BEEN PERPETRATED BY A WHITE PERSON, BUT THAT SUCH PERSON WOULD HAVE TO BE CRAZY. FURTHER, THAT ANY SUCH PERSON WOULD LOGICALLY BE ASSOCIATED WITH THE NATIONAL STATES RIGHTS GROUP AND LOGICALLY ONE FROM OUTSIDE THE STATE OF ALABAMA. CARTER
END PAGE TWO.

PAGE THREE.

FURTHER STATED THAT IT IS HIS OPINION THAT BOMBING COULD HAVE BEEN COMMITTED FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADDING SYMPATHY TO THE ANTI-SEGREGATION MOVEMENT AND OBTAINING ADDITIONAL SYMPATHY AND MONEY FOR THE NEGRO CAUSE.

TELEGRAM.

CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE, [REDACTED] BIRMINGHAM, TODAY ADVISED

67D

[REDACTED]

DETROIT ADVISED [REDACTED]

EMPLOYED AS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] DETROIT HAD NO RECORD OF [REDACTED] LIMITED MATERIAL AVAILABLE THERE ON [REDACTED] ST. LOUIS NOW ATTEMPTING TO IDENTIFY [REDACTED] AND OBTAIN ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND ON [REDACTED]

RAMBLER AUTOMOBILE.

(B)

END PAGE THREE.

PAGE FOUR.

SEVENTEEN RAMBLERS WITH LICENSE BEGINNING WITH ONE A SEVEN AND ONE B SEVEN ELIMINATED TO DATE.

WARRIOR, ALABAMA, KLAN GROUP.

PERTINENT INDIVIDUALS GLEANED FROM REVIEW OF BIRMINGHAM FILES. THIS GROUP INTERVIEWED, ALIBIS FURNISHED AND CHECKED TO NO AVAIL. NONE REFUSED TO FURNISH ALIBI.

NATION OF ISLAM.

MEMBERSHIP OF BIRMINGHAM MOSQUE OF NATION OF ISLAM, SIX TWO FIVE SIXTH AVENUE NORTH, ACROSS THE STREET FROM VICTIM CHURCH, BEING DETERMINED AND EACH MEMBER WILL BE INTERVIEWED, ALIBIS SOLICITED AND CHECKED.

SEVERAL ADDITIONAL CHURCH MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE SEPT. FIFTEEN WHEN BLAST OCCURRED LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED THIS DATE. NO ADDITIONAL PERTINENT INFORMATION DEVELOPED FROM THESE INTERVIEWS, WITH EXCEPTION THAT AT LEAST THREE STATE ODOR FOLLOWING EXPLOSION UNLIKE ANYTHING THEY EVER SMELLED BEFORE. DESCRIBED IT AS A DRY GUNPOWDER OR FIRECRACKER TYPE SMELL BUT YET SPECIFICALLY NOT GUNPOWDER OR FIRECRACKER ODOR. ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE MADE THROUGH MILITARY AUTHORITIES, FORT MC CLELLAN, TO CAUSE TEST EXPLOSION OF C THREE COMPOSITION IN ENDEAVOR TO IDENTIFY ODOR.

POLYGRAPH EXAMINATIONS.

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h2c 10 BUREAU AUTHORITY TODAY GRANTED TO AFFORD POLYGRAPH
EXAMINATION TO [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
SEP 24 1963

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Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
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Mr. Evans	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
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URGENT 9-24-63 PM 5-44PM CST NB
TO, DIRECTOR, FBI 157-1025 AND SAC, BIRMINGHAM
FROM, SAC, NEW ORLEANS 157-1294 1 P
BAPBOMB. OO, BIRMINGHAM.

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R. L...
[Signature]

RE NEW ORLEANS TELETYPE SEPTEMBER TWENTY THREE LAST.

NO INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED TODAY. TWENTY FOUR REMAIN TO BE
CONDUCTED. ALL AGENTS IN AREA OF INTERVIEWS UTILIZED IN
DEMONSTRATIONS IN SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA, AREA.

END AND ACK PLS.

7-45 PM OK FBI WA WS

BH 5-45 PM OK FBI BH DLR

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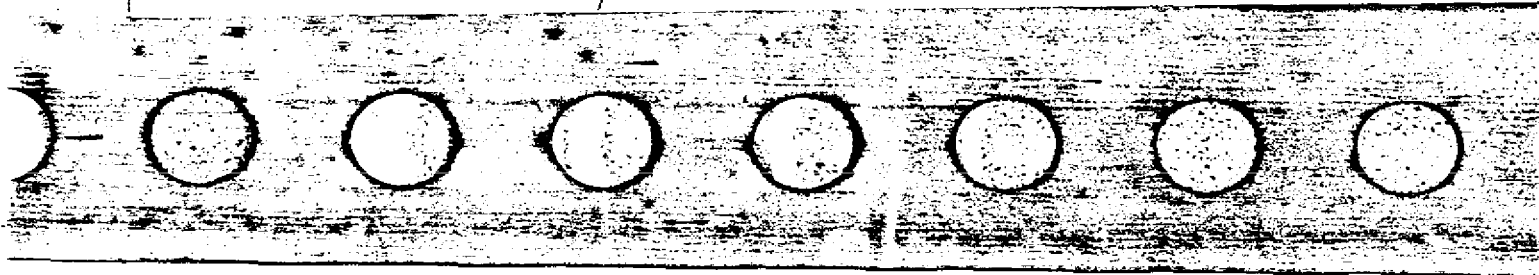
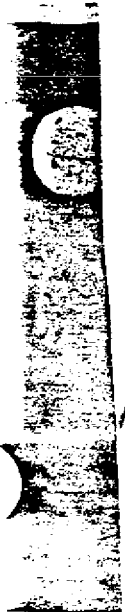
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URGENT 9-25-63 12-38 AM CST WCR

TO DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM SAC, BIRMINGHAM 2P

GENERAL KENNETH ROYALL, COLONEL EARL BLAIK, PRESIDENTIAL
EMISSARIES TO BIRMINGHAM. *also*

ON ARRIVAL TODAY COLONEL BLAIK WAS ACCOMPANIED BY AN
AIDE, DON FLODIN, AND EMPLOYEE OF AVCO COMPANY FROM NEW
YORK. GENERAL ROYALL WAS ACCOMPANIED BY ROBERT LARSON,
AN ATTORNEY FROM WASHINGTON, D. C. OFFICE OF HIS LAW
FIRM.

IN RESPONSE TO SPECIFIC INQUIRY MADE BY COLONEL
BLAIK CONCERNING BAPBOMB CASE AND PARTICULARLY WHETHER
WE HAD ANY LEADS LEADING TO THE SOLUTION OF CASE, COLONEL
BLAIK WAS ADVISED IN GENERAL TERMS BY SAC THAT WE ARE
CONDUCTING A MOST INTENSE, ACTIVE INVESTIGATION BUT THAT
NO COMMENT CAN BE MADE AT THIS TIME WITH RESPECT TO

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STATUS OF CASE. HE ASKED WHETHER WE WERE CHECKING INTO POSSIBILITY THAT DIFFERENT ELEMENTS IN THE COMMUNITY MIGHT POSSIBLY BE RESPONSIBLE, AND HE WAS INFORMED THAT IT IS OUR IRONCLAD POLICY TO THOROUGHLY CHECK OUT ALL POSSIBLE MATTERS OF INTEREST IN A COMPLETELY IMPARTIAL FASHION IRRESPECTIVE OF WHAT ELEMENT OF THE COMMUNITY IS INVOLVED. HE WAS VERY FRIENDLY AND MADE NO FURTHER COMMENT.

END AND ACK PLS.

2-42 AM OK FBI WA LET

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

To: **FBI, Birmingham (157-352)**

Date: **September 24, 1963**

Re: **RAPBOMB**

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No.
Lab. No. **157-1025
PC-77268 CF**

Examination requested by: **Birmingham**
Reference: **Airtel 9/19/63**
Examination requested: **Spectrographic - Explosives**
Remarks:

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This report confirms and supplements the teletype report sent to your office on September 20, 1963.

*James
7/20/63*

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Enclosures (3) (Q8, 2 Lab report)

- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Lavin - 7768

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- Belmont _____
- Mohr _____
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MAIL ROOM TELETYPE UNIT

REPORT
of the



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

To: **FBI, Birmingham**
Re: **BAPBOMB**

Date: **September 24, 19**
FBI File No. **157-1025**
Lab. No. **PC-77268 CF**

Specimens received **9/20/63**

Q8 Piece of seat cover

Results of examination:

The small black plastic seat cover section, specimen Q8, possessed small foreign grease and dirt deposits. Included in these deposits were several very small single-layered red-orange enamel chips. No orange wax or explosive materials were found on specimen Q8.

Specimen Q8 is being returned herewith.

- Tolson _____
- Belmont _____
- Mohr _____
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: **BAPBOMB**

File # **157-1025-149**
Lab. # **PC-77268 CF**

Examination requested by: **SAC, Birmingham (157-352)**

(airtel 9/19/63)

Examination requested: **Spectrographic
Explosives**

Date received: **9/20/63 hw**

Result of Examination:

Examination by: 

b7c

Teletype sent 9/20/63

*C.C. ROSEN
C.C. LAVIN*

Specimens submitted for examination

Q8 Piece of seat cover

Small piece of black plastic. Outer surface possesses small amt of grease, red-brown soil & several very small single-layered red-orange enamel chips. No orange wax. No explosive material. Note herewith.

*Lab report
9-24-63
WRH/AM*

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McDermott
Law

URGENT 9/25/63 5-54PM EST LG
TO DIRECTOR, FBI /157-1025/ AND SAC, BIRMINGHAM /157-372/
FROM SAC, ATLANTA /157-582/ 1P

BAPBOMB

EIGHTY EIGHT INTERVIEWS OF KLAN AND HATE GROUP
SUBJECTS CONDUCTED TO DATE. APPROXIMATELY TWELVE SUBJECTS REMAIN
TO BE INTERVIEWED, BUT ATLANTA EXPERIENCING INCREASING DIFFICULTY
IN LOCATING SUBJECTS. NO INFORMATION OF VALUE DEVELOPED.

INFORMANTS ARE WORKING ON ASSIGNMENTS, BUT HAVE
REPORTED NO PERTINENT INFORMATION.

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END ACK

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BH 5-56 PM OK FBI BH SAA

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McDonnell
[Signature]

URGENT 9-25-63 PM CST WFM
 TO DIRECTOR, FBI /157-1025/ AND SAC, BIRMINGHAM
 FROM SAC, NEW ORLEANS /157-1294/
 BAPBOMB OO, BIRMINGHAM.

[Signature]
B

RE NEW ORLEANS TELETYPE SEPTEMBER TWENTYFOUR LAST.
 ONE INTERVIEW CONDUCTED TODAY. NO PERTINENT INFORMATION
 OBTAINED. TWENTYTHREE REMAIN TO BE CONDUCTED.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
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m. J. Brown

URGENT 9/25/63 5-13 PM EST WEH
TO DIRECTOR AND SAC BIRMINGHAM
FROM SAC, JACKSONVILLE /157-591/

BOMB BOMB

Lantz

UNSUBS, EXPLOSION AT SIXTEEN ZERO ONE CENTER STREET
SOUTH, BIRMINGHAM, ALA., SEPTEMBER TWENTY FIVE, SIXTY THREE,
BOMBING MATTERS.

RE BIRMINGHAM TELETYPE TODAY.

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JACKSONVILLE HAS NO BOMBING SUSPECTS. ALL RACIAL
INFORMANTS BEING ALERTED. BUREAU AND BIRMINGHAM WILL BE IMMEDIATELY
ADVISED OF ANY DEVELOPMENTS.

END AND ACK PLS

AA WA 6-16 PM OK FBI WA RM

BH 4-16 PM OK FBI BH SAA

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Lantz

9/25/63

Airtel

1 - Mr. Mohr

To: SAC, Mobile (157-416)
From: Director, FBI (157-1025)

BAPBOMB

Re Mobile let 9/11/63 captioned, "Racial Informants Monthly Progress Report, Mobile Division," which sets forth information concerning [REDACTED]

If it has not already been done by the Birmingham Office [REDACTED] should be thoroughly interviewed. His whereabouts at the time of the bombing should be determined. Insure that the identity of the informant is protected.

2 - Birmingham (157-352)

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(7) *AM*

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

Viper

Tolson	_____
Belmont	_____
Mohr	_____
Casper	_____
Callahan	_____
Conrad	_____
DeLoach	_____
Evans	_____
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TO : Mr. Belmont *alt*

DATE: 9-23-63

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FROM : A. Rosen *R*

1 copies made
d/e/2/11/115/143
Re W. Ligon B. Moore

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SUBJECT: UNSUBS; BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, 9-15-63 BOMBING MATTERS

HSCA re 1/7/72 report.
(See Bufile #62-117200)

2 Copies made by LTC
for review by Rowe Task Force
Date 12/2/78

The following information concerns our investigation into the bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama, on 9-15-63.

also
With regard to that phase of the investigation concerning the possible involvement of the Adams gang, we are checking into information received from one 

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- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. Conrad
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach

- 1 - Mr. Evans
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont
RE: UNSUBS; BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH
STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

Intensive investigation is presently under way at Fort McClellan, Alabama, to identify Bill, the alleged supplier of military explosives to the Adams gang, and inquiry is being made as to the type of explosives available at Fort McClellan.

Blk
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

individuals and [REDACTED] as to their whereabouts during the pertinent period are being checked out. Persons whose names they furnished as witnesses thus far interviewed support the claims of the suspects that they were in Anniston during the pertinent time. *ala*

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED], ten Ramblers bearing such numerals have been located and eliminated. Efforts to locate the Rambler described by [REDACTED] are continuing with all possible speed. Automobiles of Klan members and active segregationists are being identified and checked out as soon as possible.

Efforts to locate additional persons who were in the area of the church at the time of the bombing are also continuing, and cars passing through the area on Sunday, 9-22-63, were observed and those noted to be worthy of checking will be identified and all the owners interviewed.

Memorandum to Mr. Belmont
RE: UNSUBS; BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH
STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

47c 10 Ala.
[REDACTED]

With respect to NOI, the all-Negro, anti-white cult which seeks the separation of the races, we are not overlooking the possibility of members of this group being involved.

[REDACTED]

47c
Ala.
With regard to the anonymous telephone call received by the Birmingham Office on 9-16-63 that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] Negroes, had been seen giving a white man a box containing seven sticks of dynamite on 9-15-63, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] the anonymous report found to be without foundation.

47c 10 Ala.
Interviews of known Klan and hate group members and bombing suspects are continuing on an uninterrupted basis. On 9-21-63 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

an effort to develop information as to the identity of the persons responsible for the bombing which he deplored.

The Birmingham Office and auxiliary offices are continuing to cover interviews and leads on a preferred basis.

ACTION

This matter is being pressed vigorously.

Ala.
[Handwritten initials and signatures]

FBI

Date: 9/23/63

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plain text or code)

Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)

FROM: SAC, KNOXVILLE (157-189)

BAPBOMB

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

No information has been developed that [REDACTED] was ever involved in any acts of violence.

LEAD

BIRMINGHAM DIVISION

At Fort Payne, Alabama

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] is described as follows:

- 3 - Bureau
- 2 - Birmingham (157-352)
- 2 - Knoxville

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Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

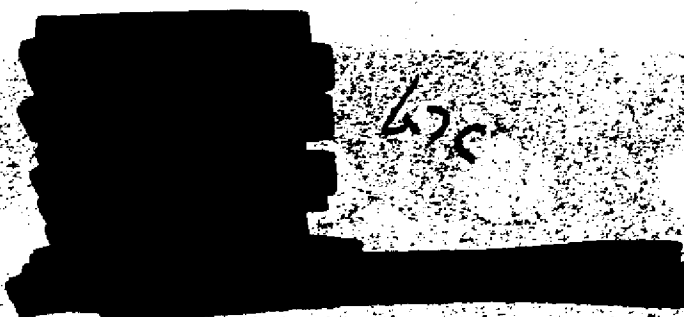
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Sex
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Height
Weight
Eyes
Complexion
Build
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TO : Mr. Conrad *JWC*

DATE: 9/20/63

FROM : R. H. Jevons *RHJ*

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
BOMBING OF 16TH STREET BAPTIST
CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA
9/15/63
 BOMBING MATTERS

This is the case in which four young Negro girls were killed in the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama, on 9/15/63.

On the evening of 9/18/63, SA [redacted] delivered various items of evidence collected at the crime scene search of the instant bombing. This material consisted of (1) pieces of heavy gauge wire from the wire screen covering over the windows in the ladies lounge (2) pieces of window frame from windows in the ladies lounge (3) fragments of drapery material from drapes covering the windows in the ladies lounge (4) fragment of metal frame from screens covering windows in ladies lounge (5) scrapings from window sill of windows in ladies lounge (6) piece of red plastic insulated wire found on floor among debris in ladies lounge (7) piece of red plastic insulated wire taken from a bell signal system used in the church and (8) pieces of concrete from Oldsmobile and Chevrolet outside of the church.

The examinations of these materials are now complete. No residues were found on any of the submitted items which were indicative of a specific explosive. The red plastic insulated wire found on the floor among the debris in the ladies lounge was a copper coated steel wire similar in all respects to a wire used in jacketed telephone "JKP" station wire.

The Birmingham Office is being advised of the above results by teletype and a report is being prepared.

ACTION: For information.

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Evans
- 1 - Lavin, Rm. 2268

WRH:KO (10)

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SEVEN

9/21/63

TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: SACS, EL PASO AND BIRMINGHAM

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (157-582)

BAPBOMB,

AT ABOUT TEN FIFTEEN AM CST NINE FIFTEEN LAST BAPTIST CHURCH, SIXTEENTH STREET AND SIXTH AVE., N., BIRMINGHAM, BOMBED. CHURCH IS LARGE NEGRO CHURCH IN WHICH MANY PRO-INTEGRATION DEMONSTRATIONS HELD BIRMINGHAM THIS YEAR.

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[REDACTED]

EL PASO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW UNKNOWN MALE, DAVIS MOUNTAIN TRUCK STOP, CONCERNING BOMBING OF CHURCH, BH, ALA. SUTEL RESULTS TO BH. AM COPY TO BUREAU.

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NOT RECORDED
23 SEP 23 1963
SIX

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1-Bureau
BJY:evg (2)

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

Viper
 Tolson _____
 Belmont _____
 Mohr _____
 Casper _____
 Callahan _____
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TO : Mr. Belmont *js*

DATE: September 20, 1963

FROM : A. Rosen *ARM*

Bopland

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
 BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH
 STREET BAPTIST CHURCH
 BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA
 SEPTEMBER 15, 1963
 BOMBING MATTERS

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 Date 12/21/78
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In connection with our investigation of the bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama, on 9/15/63, the following information is submitted. *c*

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- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. Conrad
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Evans

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Memorandum for Mr. Belmont
RE: UNSUBS; BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH
STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

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[REDACTED]

Birmingham advises that [REDACTED] appears to be of average intelligence or above and appeared to be furnishing the facts to the best of his memory. [REDACTED] believes that he would recognize the driver of the car if he saw him again under similar circumstances but doubts that he could pick him from a crowd.

Immediate steps are being taken to identify and locate the car described by [REDACTED] and all angles of the information furnished by him are being run out with all possible speed.

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Our investigation concerning the possible involvement in the bombing of [REDACTED] is being vigorously pressed. All of these individuals, along with [REDACTED] are members of the [REDACTED]. We are checking on the whereabouts of these individuals during the pertinent period.

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[REDACTED] and based on past activities of these individuals, it appears that they are capable of violent action. In addition to these members of the Anniston Klavern, we are also checking all other active members of the Klavern which began holding meetings in August of this year for the first time in several months. [REDACTED]

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Efforts are also being made to identify the anonymous caller who informed [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] were responsible for the bombing.

Memorandum for Mr. Belmont
RE: UNSUBS; BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH
STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

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[REDACTED]

Details
of this have been submitted in a separate memorandum today.

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Interviews of known Klan and hate group members and bombing suspects are continuing on an uninterrupted basis by the Birmingham and auxiliary offices. Approximately 100 such interviews were conducted on 9/19/63. In checking on the activities of [REDACTED] a Klansman in Birmingham, it was determined that [REDACTED] had been at [REDACTED] on the day of the bombing changing the seat covers in his car. The seat covers were recovered by Birmingham Agents and a portion forwarded to the Laboratory for examination on 9/19/63 since the covers appear to contain a substance which might have been left by a blasting fuse.

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An item of interest is information received from [REDACTED] who was in the basement of the church at the time of the explosion. She advised that she had just asked the four death victims to leave the ladies' lounge and return to their Sunday School class with the admonition, "Those who don't obey the Lord live only half as long." She stated that she turned to walk upstairs when the explosion occurred and all four Negroes to whom she had made the remark were killed.

All phases of this investigation are being vigorously pressed. The investigation will be even more intensified with the additional personnel of ten Agents and two stenographers arriving in Birmingham today on special assignment from other offices.

ACTION:

Close attention is being given this matter at the Seat of Government and pertinent developments will be immediately brought to your attention.

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TO : MR. BELMONT *White*

DATE: 9/23/63

FROM : S. B. Donahoe *to*

cc Mr. Belmont
Mr. Rosen
Mr. McGowan
Mr. Lavin

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
Bombing of Sixteenth Street
Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama,
9/15/63 - BOMBING MATTERS

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LAV

SAC Roy K. Moore, who is at Birmingham directing our investigation in this case, called at 12:15 p.m. today.

[REDACTED] *B*

[REDACTED]

SAC Moore is arranging for the Jacksonville Office to cover the activities of Chambliss on this trip. Other action will depend upon what Chambliss does and/or what he loads on his truck. If the load appears suspicious and unrelated to his employment, SAC Moore plans to arrange, through the Jacksonville Office, to either have Chambliss stopped by the police or by Special Agents so he can be interviewed and the contents of the truck checked out. SAC Moore was advising the Bureau so that the Bureau would be on notice in the event SAC D.K. Brown, of Jacksonville, contacted the Bureau on this later.

ACTION:
For information.

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URGENT 9-25-63 7-31 PM EST VED
TO DIRECTOR, FBI /157-1025/
FROM SAC, TAMPA /157-856/ 1-P

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BAPBOMB.

Lambert
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RE TAMPA TEL SEPT. TWENTY-FOUR LAST.
SEVENTEEN INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED THIS DATE, NO PERTINENT
INFORMATION DEVELOPED.

TWO OTHER KLANSMEN DETERMINED TO BE OUTSIDE OF TAMPA
DIVISION, LEADS SET OUT TO EFFECT THEIR INTERVIEW. 157-1025-159

FIFTY INTERVIEWS REMAIN TO BE CONDUCTED

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MR. J. EDGAR HOOVER:
CHIEF INVESTIGATOR
BUREAU INVESTIGATION.

RE: BOMBING, B'HAM 9-15-63

DEAR MR. HOOVER:

DUE TO CIRCUMSTANCES, SO VISABLE, I HAVE EVERY REASON TO BELIEVE THIS CRIME WAS COMMITTED BY A MEMBER OF THE BLACK MOSIEMS, LOADED ON NASHISM IN ORDER TO OFFSET ANY EFFECT THAT GOV. WALLACE'S APPEARANCE ON T.V. WOULD HAVE ON PUBLIC OPINION—WHEN HE ASKED "WHY IN FOURTY OR MORE BOMBINGS, NO ONE HAD EVER BEEN SCRATCHED" LOTS OF PEOPLE WERE THINKING THE SAME WAY.

WHO WOULD HAVE THE MOST TO GAIN? WHO COULD HANDLE SUCH A LARGE CHARGE SO EFFECTIVELY? WHO COULD HAVE GAINED ENTRANCE TO THAT PARTICULAR BUILDING AT THAT TIME UNNOTICED.? SOME NOT HEADED WHITE MAN OR CRACK POT WHITE KID BOTH WOULD HAVE ACCESS TO THE SCHOOL WHERE THERE WERE ONLY NEGRO STUDENTS, WHERE A NEGRO WOULD HAVE BEEN NOTICED, IF THEY WANTED TO BLOW SOMETHING UP.

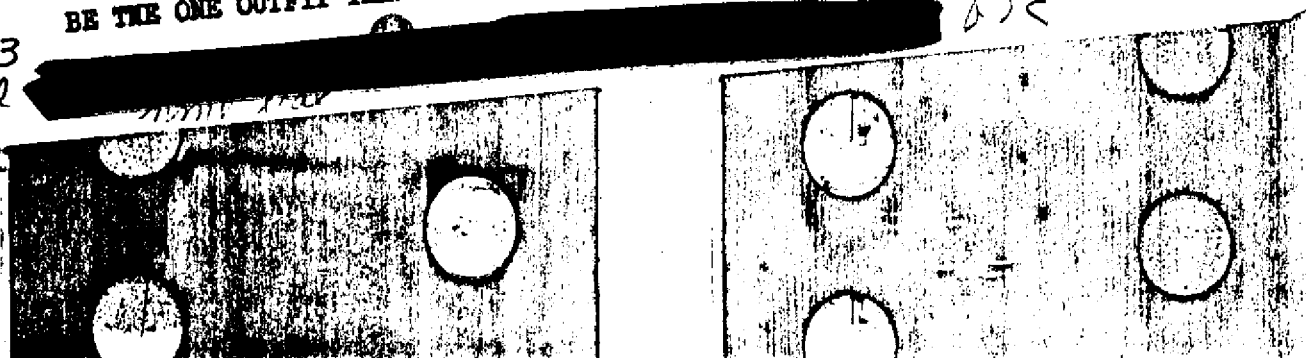
THE BLACK MOSIEMS ARE FANATICS, EX CONS, WEED HEADS & JUNKIES THAT HATE THE BIBLE BACKED SQUARES OF THEIR OWN RACE NEXT TO THE WHITE MAN AND WOULD HAVE NO QUALMS TO DOING THIS IF IT WOULD MAKE A LIAR OF WALLACE, PUT THE SOUTH IN A WORSE LIGHT, FOMENT MORE HATE AMONG THEIR RACE AND KEEP THEM ACTIVATED BY FUNDS, DONATIONS THAT THEY ARE BOUND TO BE RECEIVING, TAX FREE. THEY ARE THE ONES THAT WANT TO KEEP THIS SITUATION AT FEVER PITCH, FOR MORE THAN ONE REASON.

IF AND WHEN YOUR DEPARTMENT DOES FIND THIS BOMBER, I THINK THAT HE WILL FIT THAT DESCRIPTION: A DECIPLE OF MALCOM X, AN EX-CON, A JUNKIE WHO WAS IN BIRMINGHAM AND IN THAT CHURCH, ON THAT DAY. ONE THAT HAS A GOOD KNOWLEDGE OF EXPLOSIVES.

HIS APPREHENSION & SWEATING A CONFESSION OUT OF WILL DO MORE FOR THIS COUNTRY, AT THIS TIME THAN ALL THE REST OF THE ADMINISTRATION CAN, PUT TOGETHER.

BY KILLING THESE CHILDREN, SOMEONE WOULD HAVE TO HAD A STRONGER MOTIVE THAN JUST REV YOU HAVE, NO DOUBT, THE SAME THOUGHTS. BUT IF NOT, I THINK ITS PRETTY NOT AS THIS WILL BE THE ONE OUTFIT THAT WOULDN'T TURN FOR THE REWARD INVOLVED.

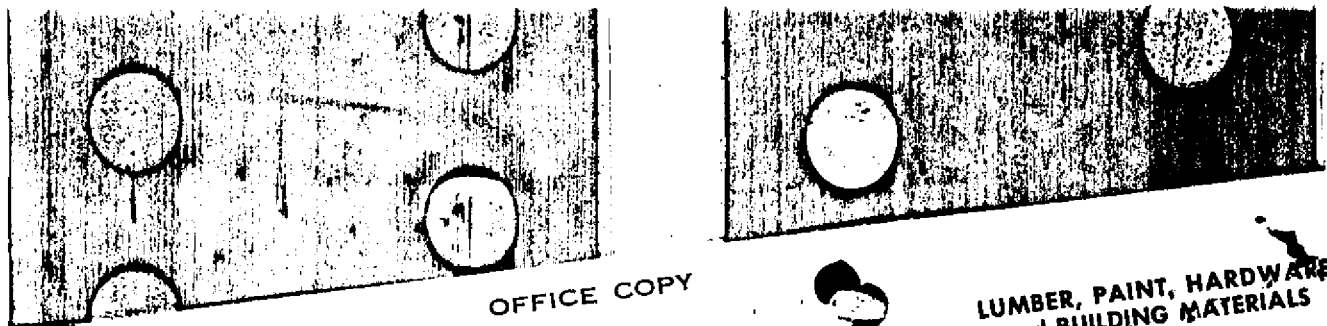
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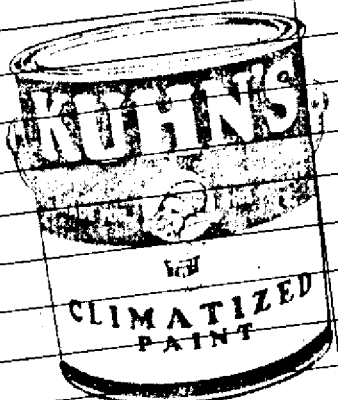
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ALL CLAIMS AND RETURNED GOODS MUST
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A charge of 10% will be made
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REC'D-READING ROOM
FBI
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Dear [redacted]

Your communication of September 15th has been received and I appreciate your furnishing these observations.

I want to assure you that our investigation is being conducted thoroughly and impartially in an effort to develop all the facts. We did not enter this case with any preconceived conclusions and the full facilities of this Bureau are being utilized to resolve this matter.

Enclosed is some literature I hope will be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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SEP 25 1963
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Enclosures (3)

Newspaper Clipping entitled "FBI Piecing Together Church-Bombing Clue from Evening Star, Washington, D. C., 9/21/63

The FBI's Role in the Field of Civil Rights
Know Your... FBI

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles

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Washington DC 200
Sept 17-1963

Hon. Edgar Hoover.
Washington D.C.

Subject: Bombing + fire

Phosphorus

Dear Mr Hoover.

Being a very disabled person and having nothing else to do - a person thinks a great deal. I was wondering if the sudden stop of big ~~fires~~ fire's up and down the eastern sea board - has any relation to the Birmingham bombing. These fires were happening every day until last Sunday.

Another thing if this was a time bomb my idea is that it came from New York or Chicago.

I can't find it in my heart to believe any southerner would do such a thing. I would suggest every airport and all passenger passengers be checked.

I hope the animals who commit this crime will be caught.

It has been suggested that Civil rights leaders could have had something to do with this - in order to keep an uproar and discredit those who disagree with them. I know one thing you are not interested in any ~~other~~ but justice. and the good Lord only knows what will happen to the FBI when you decide. SEP 22

Very Respectfully

[Redacted signature]

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CORRESPONDENCE

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Very respectfully

[Redacted Signature]

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FBI

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of September 17th has been received, and I want to express my appreciation for your kind sentiment. It is my hope that my future endeavors continue to merit your support and approval. Thank you, also, for furnishing me your comments and observations.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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TO : Mr. McGowan *N*

DATE: September 25, 1963

FROM : A. Rosen *R*

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Date 2/21/78
Entire Serial*

SUBJECT: BAPBOMB

LAVIN

While talking with [redacted] he mentioned that [redacted] may be in a position to furnish some information. [redacted] feels that [redacted] may know more information about the Georgia-Tennessee-Virginia individuals who allegedly know something about the bombing and were in a car with Tennessee license plates.

It is noted that this information is totally without foundation insofar as factual information is concerned and it merely is a rumor. Nevertheless, SAC Moore is checking it out. It was pointed out to Mr. Moore that no reference could be made to the fact that we knew [redacted] might have some information about a specific car. It was thought that this could disclose [redacted] source. Under the circumstances, there would be sufficient justification to talk to [redacted] because of his background as [redacted] and as a responsible citizen. This approach was to be used.

It should be pointed out that SAC Moore feels that the Chambliss group are most likely suspects. He bases this on the fact that [redacted] This is merely to express an opinion of Moore's and we should follow this phase of the case closely to see the developments.

It is noted that the Marshal's Office is furnishing transportation to Blaik and Royal.

I have talked to SAC Moore on a number of occasions stressing the need to get some coverage beyond what we have now. We have sent in one sound man from Miami and we are sending in additional men as explained to you and they are going to start getting results just as soon as some of these are in. It would appear to be desirable to stress the fact that we do have coverage once it is installed. This can be handled by referring to a confidential source or suitable language which would indicate that we are developing information—we are not getting it from somebody else.

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TO SAC, BIRMINGHAM

FROM DIRECTOR, FBI

BAPBOMB.

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MATERIAL FROM FBI LABORATORY FOR SA [REDACTED]

WILL ARRIVE IN BIRMINGHAM ON DELTA FLIGHT SEVEN TWO THREE FROM ATLANTA AT FIVE FIFTYFIVE P.M., BIRMINGHAM TIME, THIS DATE.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: September 24, 1963

FROM : A. Rosen *Ru*

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET
BAPTIST CHURCH,
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA
SEPTEMBER 15, 1963
BOMBING MATTERS

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SAC Faisst called to advise that the Agent who drove Earl (Red) Blaik and Kenneth Royall from the airport was asked about the Bureau's investigation by Red Blaik.

En route to the quarters occupied by Blaik and Royall, Blaik inquired of the Agent as to just what progress was being made and if we had any good leads. The Agent indicated that he was not familiar with any of the specifics at which time Blaik indicated that if he couldn't get it from Birmingham he would have to call Washington and get it from Director John Edgar Hoover. The Agent then properly said that he would be very glad to check with his superior. This seemed to satisfy Mr. Blaik for the moment.

The Agent then told SAC Faisst about it whereupon Faisst advised the Bureau.

ACTION TAKEN:

Based upon the above information, SAC Faisst was instructed to get in touch with Mr. Blaik and advise Mr. Blaik that he understood an inquiry had been made concerning this matter and he wanted to assure Blaik that we are conducting a most intensive and exhaustive investigation and that there was nothing which could

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- 1 - Mr. Evans

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont
RE: BAPBOMB

be reported at this time; however, we were leaving no stone unturned. It was also indicated that in the event Mr. Blaik asked about any specific leads or if there were any good leads, SAC Faisst should indicate that we were running out all possible leads and there were many. Faisst should also make it clear to Blaik that we were fully cooperating with all our resources, with local authorities and rendering all possible assistance. We were not, however, to give Mr. Blaik or Mr. Royall any information about our investigation.

The above is in accordance with instructions previously given to SAC Faisst that no information whatsoever concerning the bombing investigation should be discussed with either Royal or Blaik; we are overwhelmed with our own work and we will not "wet nurse" Royal or Blaik. Faisst understands that we are not to chauffeur them around town.

ADDENDUM: CLM:hw 9-24-63

SAC Faisst later advised that he had contacted Mr. Blaik and told him the Bureau was conducting a most intensive and exhaustive investigation and literally had hundreds of leads and he was not in a position to evaluate or make any statement on the case at this time. Mr. Blaik desired to know if the Bureau was looking into all possible elements in the local community in its investigation. Faisst advised Blaik that the Bureau's investigation was most objective and we would overlook nothing and would inquire into all possible leads in an objective and impartial manner. Mr. Blaik said he could appreciate the Bureau's position and he did not make any further inquiries. Faisst stated that Blaik was most cordial in the conversation.

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TO : MR. TOLSON ✓

DATE: 9/16/63

FROM : J. P. MOHR

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SUBJECT: POSTED REWARDS IN BUREAU CASES

Sal Andretta of the Department called me this morning and asked me the following question: "When was the last time the FBI posted a reward?" I told him right offhand I did not know the answer to this question but it has certainly been a good many years and that I would check and let him know. He asked that I return the call to him in the Attorney General's office. I also asked him if his inquiry was in connection with the recent Birmingham bombing case and he said yes.

After checking with the Director, I called Andretta back in the Attorney General's office and told him that we haven't offered a reward in over 25 years and that we had found it was not a successful way to try to solve cases. I also told him that it has been our experience that where substantial rewards have been offered that more difficulties were generated than cases were solved. I told him that our way of operating was to offer substantial sums to informants who produce on the barrel head and that this had brought success in the past. He said he had the same feeling and had so indicated to the Attorney General. He wanted to know if the information I had furnished him was substantially the same thing which the Director had told the Attorney General and I told him it was.

The foregoing is submitted for record purposes.

1 - Mr. Belmont
 1 - Mr. Rosen
 1 - Mr. DeLoach
 1 - Mr. Evans
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TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: September 23, 1963

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: BAPBOMB

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47C [REDACTED] remain as very logical suspects in the bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church.

ACTION: [unclear]

For information

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9/25/63

12-20 AM CST

TO DIRECTOR FBI /157-1025/ AND SAC, BIRMINGHAM /157-352/ L

FROM SAC, MOBILE /157-416/ 1 P

BAPBOMB.

RE MIAMI TEL SEPTEMBER TWENTYFOUR INSTANT.

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[REDACTED] COULD OFFER NO ADDITIONAL INFO. INTERVIEWS OF [REDACTED] WILL BE CONDUCTED EARLY MORNING OF SEPTEMBER TWENTYFIVE AND BUREAU PROMPTLY ADVISED.

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TO : Mr. Belmont *AB*

DATE: 9-25-63

FROM : A. Rosen *Ru*

SUBJECT: UNSUBS; BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, 9-15-63 BOMBING MATTERS

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We are also checking into information furnished by

as to their whereabouts during the pertinent period of the bombing. All of these individuals claimed no knowledge of the bombing and three of them stated they were at the headquarters of the National States Rights Party, their organization, at the time of the bombing.

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- 1 - Mr. Mohr
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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont
RE: UNSUBS; BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH
STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

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Interviews in this case are being conducted as rapidly as possible and all leads developed are being handled on a preferred basis.

ACTION

You will be kept advised of pertinent developments.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Mr. Belmont *EW*

DATE: September 24, 1963

FROM : C. A. Evans *✓*

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, 9/15/63
RACIAL MATTERS

McGowan
Bar

As I was leaving the building for lunch today, I ran into the Attorney General. He stopped and asked how the investigation was going in Birmingham with reference to the bombings there.

I told him that as he knew we were conducting the most intense and exhaustive investigation possible but that there was nothing which could be reported. He asked if we had any good leads. I informed him that we were running out every possible lead, of which there were hundreds. The Attorney General then said, more in the nature of a statement than a question, "But you don't have anything good."

Deputy Secretary of Defense Gilpatric then came up and the Attorney General just said "Good-by" and left.

- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
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Memorandum

TO : Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: September 20, 1963

FROM : *[Handwritten initials]* J. Walter Yeagley, Assistant Attorney General
Internal Security Division

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SUBJECT: Anonymous letter from Atlanta, Georgia

For your information there is enclosed an anonymous letter from Atlanta, Georgia dated September 16, 1963.

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CORRECTION

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ATLANTA, GA.

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ANNONY M. WILSON
Hon. ROBERT KENNEDY
U.S. ATTORNEY GEN.

THERE HAS BEEN CARS COMING
TO 625 PEARCE ST SW ATLANTA
THESE CARS HAVE FLA. TAGS. 303 10
THEY COME LATE NIGHTS, LOAD
BOXED CARGO. WHICH THEY
HANDLE WITH CARE. SOME LOAD
656 MAYLAND AVE SW, ATLANTA 30310
THESE PEOPLE ARE KNOWN AS
KLANSMAN. HATE MONGERS,
RABBLE ROUSERS. THE WORST
KIND. THEY HAVE REALITIVES
IN AND AROUND BIRMINGHAM.
SOME MYSTERIOUS WORKS GOES
ON. IN A HOLE IN THE WALL.
HEATING BUSINESS. PLEASE
KEEP THIS CONFIDENTIAL,
AS WE COLORED PEOPLE FEAR
OUR LIVES. TEATH IS UP WE
ARE NOT TRYING TO BE
JUST A GOOD AMERICAN.

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To: SACs, Atlanta (Enclosures 2)
Birmingham (Enclosures 2)

From: Director, FBI

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BAPBOMB

Attached for Atlanta and Birmingham are copies of a self-explanatory memorandum from Assistant Attorney General J. Walter Yeagley dated September 20, 1963, captioned "Anonymous Letter from Atlanta, Georgia." Also attached for each office is a Xerox copy of the anonymous letter referred to in the Departmental letter.

Atlanta should conduct appropriate investigation at [redacted], to establish the occupants of these buildings.

Atlanta should furnish the results of its inquiries to the Bureau and Birmingham since it is possible the anonymous letter may have some bearing on the bombing case.

It is not clear whether the number 30S10GA is an Alabama license plate number. Birmingham consider this information with regard to the Bapbomb case.

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MAIL ROOM TELETYPE UNIT

TRUE COPY

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
F. B. I. Dept.
Washington D. C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover;

I am writing you in referrence to the bombing in Birmingham.

I might be in error but I can't think this is anything but the work of Communist.

You are no doubt familiar with the fact that Communism was outlawed in B'ham. about 15 years ago. A Mr. Hall was at the head of the party. I don't know if this was Gus Hall or not. But I'm of the impression it was. It was reported this Hall in B'ham went to N. Y. C. (the Headquarters)

It is reported now that there is a new leader of Communistism in B'ham. This man's name is Claude C. Williams. He is known as the director of the party. He did operate with Sedrick Belchert of whom was deported to Russia by orders of Robt. Kennedy. They were known for the subversive activities done.

This Claude C. Williams has posed in various cities as a Pres. minister, one being Denver, Colo. & then Paris, Ark. And now its the same in B'ham for him. There's no Christianity in any Communist as you know.

During the F. B. I. 's investigations here on the bombings, don't you think it appropriate for this man to have an investigation too. He could easily be the man, who knows. Thanks for the good job your doing.

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F. B. I. Dept.
Washington D. C.

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September 25, 1963

REC'D-READING ROOM
FBI

[Redacted]

Dear [Redacted]

I have received your letter postmarked September 20th and want to thank you for your generous comment concerning my efforts as Director of the FBI. It was good of you to furnish me your observations concerning the recent bombing in Birmingham and your thoughtfulness in writing is appreciated.

Enclosed is some literature I trust you will find to be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (5)

- 1 Birmingham - Enclosure
- The FBI's Role in the Field of Civil Rights
- You Versus Crime
- Let's Fight Communism Sanely!
- Communism and The Knowledge To Combat It!
- Bulwarks of Liberty

NOTE: Bufiles contain no information identifiable with [Redacted]

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Therefore, it was not felt further investigation concerning him was warranted.

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TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: September 23, 1963

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: BAPBOMB

SAC Moore called to advise me that

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Tomorrow [REDACTED] is going to be available for interview and further questioning by Agents, in an effort to pinpoint the identity of [REDACTED]. It may be necessary to use the polygraph at which time a waiver will be obtained.

ACTION TAKEN:

I authorized SAC Moore to utilize the polygraph unless he heard to the contrary.

1 - Mr. Conrad

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TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: 9-21-63

FROM : A. Rosen *AR*

BAPBOMB

SUBJECT: BOMBING, BIRMINGHAM

WSTH
Evans
Conrad

SAC Moore at Birmingham requested that the following individuals be made available to him in connection with his investigation.

He needs a man thoroughly competent to handle technical matters. He has checked with SAC Grapp at Miami and SA [redacted] is available.

It is recommended he be directed to immediately proceed to Birmingham. *WJC*

SAC Moore desires a man competent to handle the polygraph. He recommends that SA [redacted] of Little Rock be directed to proceed to Birmingham. It is recommended this be approved.

ACTION TAKEN:

Above named Agents ordered to Birmingham.

- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. Conrad
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Date: 9/25/63

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (157-950)
SUBJECT: BAPBOMB
NATION OF ISLAM
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ReBHairtel, 9/19/63.

NY NOI informants were contacted on 9/23 and 24/63, but were able to furnish no information concerning any NOI member having been in Birmingham, Alabama, recently. These informants were alerted to immediately report any such information which might come to their attention.

- 3 - BUREAU (RM)
- 2 - BIRMINGHAM (157-352) (AM RM)
- 1 - NY 105-7809 (NOI) (412) -
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Special Agent in Charge

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)

FROM: SAC, MOBILE (157-416)

SUBJECT: BAPBOMB

Reference is made to Birmingham teletype to Mobile 9/23/63 reflecting an article by Father WILLIAM JAMES appearing in the CATHOLIC STANDARD, Washington, D.C., 9/20/63, "EYEWITNESS ACCOUNT 'THEY'RE TRYING TO KILL US, FATHER'".

Father WILLIAM JAMES, Diocesan Confraternity Director, Assistant School Superintendent Mobile-Birmingham Diocese, was interviewed on 9/24/63 at Mobile by ASAC THOMAS J. JORDAN and SA [REDACTED] b7c

Father JAMES advised that he had been visiting in Birmingham, Alabama, his home, on 9/15/63 and was leaving Birmingham by automobile when he heard the explosion at the 16th Street Baptist Church. He proceeded to the church and spent approximately 30 minutes there. He arrived at the church approximately seven or eight minutes after the bombing occurred. He has no information concerning the persons who are responsible for this bombing and cannot suggest any person who might have such first hand information.

Father JAMES wrote an article for the CATHOLIC WEEKS which is the official publication of the Diocese of Mobile-Birmingham, and which is published weekly. The article appeared in the issue of Friday, 9/20/63 and is captioned "PRIEST EYE-WITNESS TO AFTERMATH OF BOMBING". Father JAMES advised that this article reflects an accurate report of

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- 3-Bureau (Enc. 2) (RM)
- 2-Birmingham (157-352) (RM)
- 2-Mobile [REDACTED]

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Approved: [Signature]

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his information. The article was not edited and is exactly as he wrote it, even including an error in which he referred to the bombed church as the 6th Avenue Baptist Church instead of the 16th Street Baptist Church.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau is the article from the CATHOLIC WEEK 9/20/63 referred to above and one autostat of the article. It is noted that the CATHOLIC WEEK is published in Birmingham, Alabama, and the Birmingham Office may obtain desired number of copies there.

It is noted that this same issue of the CATHOLIC WEEK carries also on page one an article captioned "PRIEST REFLECTS ON MEETING A MOTHER SEEKING HER CHILDREN" written by Reverend EDWARD L. FOSTER, Director of the North Alabama Missions of the Catholic Church. The article reflects that Reverend FOSTER visited the bombed church and entered the basement of the church and thus may have some pertinent information to this investigation.

Father JAMES advised that he did not actually enter the church but stayed around in front of the church during the time he was in the vicinity. He advised that Reverend FOSTER apparently arrived at the church after he, Father JAMES, left. Father FOSTER resides at 3160 Highland Drive, South, Birmingham, Alabama.

Birmingham should, if not already done, obtain a copy of Father FOSTER's article and interview him concerning any knowledge he may have concerning instant matter.

The interview with Reverend JAMES will be reported in full on a 302 in investigative report by Mobile.

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Priest Eye-Witness To Aftermath Of Bombing

(Father William James, Diocesan Confraternity Director, here writes of what he witnessed and felt immediately after the bombing of a Negro Baptist Church in Birmingham last Sunday morning. Father James happened to be travelling just three blocks away when the bomb went off. He is a native of Birmingham.)

It sounded like a score of supersonic jet planes had simultaneously broken the sound barrier. People poured from their homes to scan the sky. The almost deserted Sunday morning streets quickly became crowded with people still uncertain what had caused the deafening blast.

I drove on for about a block until I saw a man pointing to what seemed to be a cloud of smoke, slowly rising from a spot about 4 blocks away. Turning quickly I drove toward the area and parked my car. I began walking the short distance to an area now swarming with hun-

dreds of people frantically rushing to a street already mobbed with a swaying pushing crowd and a few policemen, some of whom were auxiliaries with steel helmets covering their heads.

People, old and young, were crying. Some seemed dazed and completely bewildered. Others were cursing and shouting at an enemy who seemed to be face to face with them. Respectfully, most moved aside as I got closer to a rather large church, the Sixth Avenue Baptist Church, from which people were streaming and into which ambulance drivers and others were already going.

About ten cars parked next to the side entrance of the church looked like they had been dragged there from a junk yard. One of them, seemingly blown out into the middle of the street, was a pitiful sight. Rocks and large stones and pieces of concrete were everywhere. From a building across the street shred-

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

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The Catholic Week
Birmingham, Ala.

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of curtains waved through broken and shattered windows. Then I saw it.

ON THE EAST SIDE of the church were previously had been a doorway and stairs leading to it was now an opening large enough to drive a big truck through. What had been the basement of the church now looked like remnants of war-torn buildings I had seen in pictures. The church had been bombed. The thick cement and brick wall, symmetrically and powerfully built to last for years, now was reduced to a mass of rubble. No floor was visible through piles of rock and debris. A toilet bowl was lying on top of some of the rocks as if it had been casually offhandedly thrown there. Blood was all over the side walk approaches to the church and people were being helped into the many ambulances which had now arrived. "Father," one of the bystanders said to me, "they are trying to kill all of us." I could only agree.

A well-dressed Negro man was now pleading with the crowd to refrain from violence. It was his church that had been bombed. "The police will find those responsible for this," he said. A group of young men in the crowd were loudly disagreeing with him. About then helmeted police quietly and cautiously tried to move into the crowd now massed all over the street. A patrol car slowly eased through one section of the surging mass and someone bounced a large stone off the top of it. Another followed. Other stones began to fly toward the line of police who did their best to dodge them. The minister was still pleading for order.

MANY OF THE PEOPLE I passed were anxious to speak. All of them who did so spoke respectfully and quietly. "Reverend", one man said, "isn't this terrible?" A well-dressed man who looked like he might have been an usher in the bombed church said, "Father, we've got to be patient. 'Vengeance is mine saith the Lord.' We must not become violent." A young boy with a Bible in his hand walked by cursing loudly.

Accidentally I bumped into a girl who was already in motion to throw a large rock toward the police in the middle of the street. When she saw me she paused and then dropped the rock when a Negro man standing nearby and tightly holding on to his wife told her not to

throw it. I shook hands with a minister dressed exactly as I was who told me that this was the fortieth bombing in recent years and then he asked rhetorically, "How long can we keep our people from serious retaliation?" This statement struck me immediately as being very similar to the "How long, O Lord, how long!" of the oppressed people of God in the Old Testament.

More police were now arriving. Fire trucks with lights burning brightly even in the daylight were slowly moving toward the area. Crowds of people were running here and there, some getting away from the rocks that were flying about, others were calling for children or for loved ones who seemed to have been in the church.

AS I WAS WALKING away from the church, an elderly looking gentleman approached me and asked, "Reverend, why can't they catch the ones who did such a thing? Why don't they get those who are trying to kill us?" A short time later the second question would have been stated differently for they found the bodies of four little girls who were killed by the explosion.

A LAST LOOK at the scene which was becoming more and more frightening by the minute brought once again to my attention the "How long?" of the minister. On this Sunday morning which had begun so quietly and continued so violently this same prayerful question must surely have been in the hearts and on the lips of many of the good people of Birmingham.

Birmingham — a city that is truly beautiful; a city which glories in a history that was so remarkable it merited for itself the title "the Magic City." Birmingham—now a name which epitomizes for many throughout the world hatred and violence and brutality. Birmingham—a city whose people now, if not in times past, truly know real fear. My sincere prayer as I walked away and the prayer of many others who, like myself, were born in this city and who love this city, my prayer was that the time would not be so long before this city once again would be known for her beauty, for her good people, for her tranquil and peaceful way of life, for charity towards all men, rather than for such as happened on this overcast and tragic Sunday morning.

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