

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION
AND
PRIVACY ACTS**

**SUBJECT: BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA SIXTEENTH
STREET BAPTIST CHURCH
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TO DIRECTOR

FROM SAC BIRMINGHAM /157-352/ 9P

BAPBOMB. DAILY SUMMARY.
CRIME SCENE.

SEARCH OF CHURCH AND SURROUNDING AREA COMPLETED. TWO CARS
PARKED ALONGSIDE OF CHURCH AND NEAREST TO POINT OF EXPLOSION
EXAMINED, AND FOUND TO BE SEVERELY DAMAGED BY FLYING DEBRIS AND
BLAST EFFECT. CARS THOROUGHLY EXAMINED FOR PHYSICAL EVIDENCE
SUGGESTIVE OF TYPE OF EXPLOSIVE USED AND MANNER IN WHICH IT MAY
HAVE BEEN DETONATED. FRAGMENTS OF CONCRETE FROM THE PREFORMED
CONCRETE STEPS UNDER WHICH BOMB BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN PLACED
RECOVERED FROM CARS FOR LABORATORY EXAMINATION. ALL EVIDENCE
RECOVERED TO DATE FOR LABORATORY EXAMINATION BEING FORWARDED TO
LABORATORY BY SA [REDACTED] FOR SPECTROGRAPHIC
EXAMINATION FOR PRESENCE OF POSSIBLE EXPLOSIVE RESIDUES. FROM
SEARCHES CONDUCTED, NO PHYSICAL EVIDENCE FOUND TO ASSIST IN
IDENTIFICATION OF EXPLOSIVE SUBSTANCE USED, MANNER IN WHICH
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DETONATED, OR CONTAINER IN WHICH IT POSSIBLY PLACED. EXAMINATION OF BURNED FIFTYEIGHT CHEVROLET IMPALA SPORT COUPE BEARING SECRET SERIAL NO. FIVE EIGHT N ONE FOUR FIVE THREE ZERO TWO CONDUCTED. ALL COMBUSTIBLE MATERIAL IN CAR, INCLUDING ALL TIRES ON CAR, AND TIRE IN TRUNK REDUCED TO ASHES. PLASTIC AND LOW MELTING POINT METALLIC FIXTURES MELTED INTO NONDESCRIPT MOLTEN MASSES. ORIGINAL COLOR OF CAR COULD NOT BE DETERMINED. APPEARANCE OF CAR SUGGESTS ACCELERANT POSSIBLY USED. TYPE OF ACCELERANT NOT KNOWN. NOTHING FOUND FROM EXAMINATION OF ASHES FOR ASSOCIATION WITH AN EXPLOSIVE SUBSTANCE OR BOMB ACCESSORY. NOT POSSIBLE TO DETERMINE QUANTITY OF EXPLOSIVES USED IN CHURCH BOMB BUT EXTENT OF DAMAGE CONSISTENT WITH THAT CAUSED BY A HIGH ORDER EXPLOSIVE CHARGE SUCH AS TEN OR MORE STICKS OF DYNAMITE OR ITS EQUIVALENT. SINCE NO EVIDENCE THAT COULD BE ASSOCIATED WITH A BOMB UTILIZING A TIME DELAY DEVICE SUCH AS ELECTRIC BLASTING CAP WIRE, BATTERY OR CLOCK FRAGMENTS SUGGESTS BOMB MAY HAVE BEEN TYPE DETONATED BY SAFETY FUSE AND BLASTING CAP, BOTH OF WHICH POSSIBLY CONSUMED BY DETONATION OF EXPLOSIVE CHARGE. BOMB BELIEVED PLACED ON OR NEXT TO LIMESTONE SILL OF A DOUBLE WINDOW NEAR NORTHEAST CORNER OF CHURCH. OUTSIDE CONCRETE STAIRWAY FROM GROUND BACK TO SECOND FLOOR OF CHURCH PARTIALLY

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COVERED WINDOW AND BOMB COULD HAVE BEEN EASILY CONCEALED ON OR NEXT TO WINDOW SILL UNDER STAIRWAY. FORCE OF EXPLOSION DEMOLISHED STAIRWAY PROPELLING CONCRETE FRAGMENTS OF STAIRS IN ALL DIRECTIONS. U-SHAPED CRATER IN FIRM EARTH NEXT TO WINDOW SILL MEASURED APPROXIMATELY SIX FEET IN WIDTH TAPERING TO A LENGTH OF FOUR FEET AND MEASURED APPROXIMATELY TWO FEET IN DEPTH. SILL OF DOUBLE WINDOW CONSISTED OF SOLID PIECE OF LIMESTONE APPROXIMATELY EIGHT FEET IN LENGTH SHATTERED BY BLAST. LARGE PIECES LIMESTONE PROPELLED INTO LADIES LOUNGE OF WHICH DOUBLE WINDOW WAS A PART. A HOLE APPROXIMATELY SEVEN FEET SQUARE IN PARTITION AT BACK OF LADIES LOUNGE OPPOSITE DOUBLE WINDOW ALSO CAUSED BY PROPELLED BRICK AND STONE FROM BLAST. FRAME OF DOUBLE WINDOW AND GLASS PANES SHATTERED. HEAVY WIRE MESH SCREEN OVER OUTSIDE OF DOUBLE WINDOW BADLY DISTORTED AND BROKEN FROM FRAME PROPELLED INTO LADIES LOUNGE. PRINCIPAL BOMB DAMAGE TO CHURCH CONFINED TO LADIES LOUNGE AND ADJOINING REST ROOM HOWEVER, EVERY WINDOW AND EVERY ROOM IN THE CHURCH, AS WELL AS THE SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSEMBLY ROOM AND MAIN CHURCH AUDITORIUM WAS AFFECTED BY THE BLAST.

NEIGHBORHOOD.

TEN ADDITIONAL PERSONS WHO WERE IN VICINITY OF BOMBING SCENE
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SHORTLY AFTER EXPLOSION LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED. THEY WERE UNABLE TO FURNISH ANY NEW PERTINENT INFORMATION CONCERNING BOMBING. HOWEVER, FURNISHED NAMES OF ADDITIONAL PERSONS IN VICINITY OF BOMBING WHILE THEY WERE THERE.

BURNED NINETEEN FIFTYEIGHT CHEVROLET, MN VIN F FIVE EIGHT N ONE FOUR FIVE THREE ZERO TWO.

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[REDACTED] HARGROVE MOTORS, MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA, ADVISED TODAY FIFTYEIGHT CHEVROLET, VIN F FIVE EIGHT N ONE FOUR FIVE THREE ZERO TWO, SIXTYTHREE ALABAMA LICENSE THREE ONE TWO SEVEN TWO SEVEN EIGHT, LAST DIGIT POSSIBLY FIVE, STOLEN BETWEEN SIX PM, SEPTEMBER SEVEN, SIXTYTHREE, AND MORNING OF SEPTEMBER NINE, SIXTYTHREE, WHILE LOT UNATTENDED. NO KEYS IN CAR, IGNITION NOT LOCKED. [REDACTED] AND EMPLOYEE HAVE NO IDEA AS TO IDENTITY OF THIEF, STATES ALL BUSINESSES THAT AREA CLOSED FROM SATURDAY AFTERNOON UNTIL MONDAY MORNING. CONTACTS WITH NUMEROUS INDIVIDUALS THIS AREA NEGATIVE AS TO SUSPECTS.

[REDACTED] RELATES CAR LIGHT TAN OR CREAM IN COLOR AND CAR CLEAN AND NO CONTENTS WHEN STOLEN.

THIS VEHICLE PREVIOUSLY LEFT AT LOT APPROXIMATELY THREE MONTHS AGO BY UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL WHO REQUESTED TO TRY OUT SIXTY CHEVROLET
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CONVERTIBLE, WHITE IN COLOR, VIN ZERO ONE EIGHT SIX SEVEN A ONE ZERO FOUR SIX NINE ONE, BEARING SIXTYTHREE ALABAMA TWO SIX THREE EIGHT NINE TWO, AND FAILED TO RETURN SIXTY CHEVROLET AND CAR NOT RECOVERED TO DATE.

THERE WERE NO KEYS IN FIFTYEIGHT CHEVROLET WHEN CAR LEFT AT LOT. WHEN FIFTYEIGHT CHEVROLET LEFT AT LOT TRANSMISSION NEEDED REPAIR AND SAME WAS DONE PRIOR TO THEFT.

PERSON LEAVING FIFTYEIGHT CHEVROLET DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, AGE FORTYFIVE DASH FIFTY, FIVE FEET SIX INCHES, ONE HUNDRED FORTY POUNDS, DARK HAIR, WEARING GLASSES.

ALABAMA MVD RECORDS REFLECT SIXTYTHREE LICENSE THREE ONE TWO SEVEN TWO SEVEN FIVE ISSUED JACK PARTRIDGE, ROUTE THREE, BOAZ, ALABAMA, FOR FIFTYFOUR BUICK, VIN A ONE ZERO TWO NINE TWO NINE SIX AND REPLACEMENT LICENSE ISSUED MAY THIRTY, SIXTYTHREE.

SIXTYTHREE LICENSE THREE ONE TWO SEVEN TWO SEVEN EIGHT ISSUED GORDON HARGROW, TWO THREE ZERO SEVEN, SANSON AVENUE, GADSDEN, ALA., FOR FIFTYFIVE CHEVROLET, VIN R FIVE FIVE A ZERO NINE ZERO SIX EIGHT EIGHT. NO RECORD OF FIFTYEIGHT CHEVROLET FOR NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE.

BIRMINGHAM WILL CONTACT ^{WTC} [REDACTED] BOAZ, ALA., RE REASON FOR PURCHASE OF REPLACEMENT TAG AND IF LICENSE STOLEN. ALSO WILL
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CONTACT ██████████ ADSDEN, ALA., TO DETERMINE IF LICENSE STILL ON VEHICLE.

FUNERAL OF DENISE MCNAIR, ADDIE COLLINS, AND CYNTHIA WESLEY.

THE FUNERAL SERVICES FOR THREE OF THE FOUR CHILDREN KILLED IN THE EXPLOSION OF THE SIXTEENTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH TOOK PLACE TODAY AT THE SIXTH AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH. THE FUNERAL WAS AT THREE THIRTY PM CST AND THE CHURCH WAS FILLED TO OVERFLOWING AND THE CROWD OUTSIDE THE CHURCH ESTIMATED AT ABOUT FIVE THOUSAND PERSONS. IN THE CROWD THERE WAS A GROUP OF APPROXIMATELY TWO HUNDRED FIFTY PEOPLE FROM A NEARBY CATHOLIC CHURCH. THE GROUP FORMED AT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH AND WENT IN PROCESSION TO THE SIXTH AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH. THE GROUP WAS ABOUT EQUALLY DIVIDED BETWEEN WHITE AND NEGRO PEOPLE. THERE WERE ABOUT FIFTEEN WHITE AND NEGRO PRIESTS IN THE PROCESSION.

THE CROWD WAS ORDERLY AND THERE WERE ABOUT FIFTY BIRMINGHAM POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS PRESENT TO HANDLE THE CROWD AND TRAFFIC.

SIX MUSLIMS ATTENDED THE FUNERAL, SOME TOOK PICTURES, AND OTHERS DISTRIBUTED MUSLIM PAPER.

* M~~I~~ L. KING, ROY WILKINS, RALPH ABERNATHY AND FRED SHUTTLESW WERE IN ATTENDANCE.

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TWO PCI DASH RAC FILES OPENED AS A RESULT OF INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED THIS DATE.

SEVENTYFIVE INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED TO DAY. APPROXIMATELY THREE HUNDRED INTERVIEWS PENDING.

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~~CORRECTION. ON PAGE SIX, LINE 13 SHOULD READ~~

~~KMYKXKXEMKX M. L. KING, ROY WILKINS, RALPH ABERNATHY AND FRED SHUTTLESWORTH~~

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cc: Mr. Conrad

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI /157-1025/ AND SAC, BIRMINGHAM /157-352/
FROM SAC, ATLANTA /157-582/

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BAPBOMB.

EIGHTY ONE INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED TO DATE OF KLAN AND HATE
GROUP SUBJECTS, LEAVING APPROXIMATELY NINETEEN TO BE LOCATED
AND INTERVIEWED. ATLANTA HAS CONCENTRATED ON INFORMANT POTENTIAL
IN THESE INTERVIEWS AND RESULTS WILL BE SUBMITTED UNDER RACIAL
INFORMANT PROGRAM.

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ALABAMA.

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*True from
Belmont 9/23/63
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ATLANTA RACIAL INFORMANTS HAVE BEEN GIVEN SPECIFIC ASSIGN-
MENTS CONCERNING INSTANT BOMBING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THEIR
CAPABILITIES AND INDIVIDUAL CIRCUMSTANCES.

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ATLANTA DOES NOT PLAN TO INTERVIEW KLAN AND HATE GROUP
MEMBERS ON SUNDAY, SEPT TWENTYTWO NEXT UACB.

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TO DIRECTOR FBI /157-1025/ AND SAC BIRMINGHAM
FROM SAC NEW ORLEANS /157-1294/ 1-PAGE
BAPBOMB, OO BIRMINGHAM.

RE NEW ORLEANS TEL SEPTEMBER TWENTY LAST. 157-1025-222

THREE INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED TODAY. NO PERTINENT INFORMATION
OBTAINED. TWENTYFOUR REMAIN TO BE CONDUCTED. *to [unclear]*

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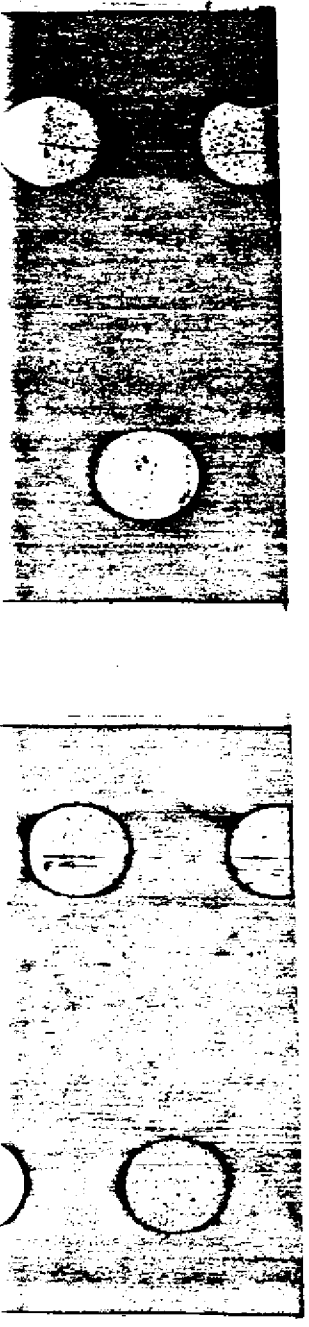
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TO DIRECTOR, FBI, AND SAC, BIRMINGHAM, NEW ORLEANS /157-1294/ 8

FROM SAC, SAN ANTONIO /157-151/ 1P

UNSUBS, BOMBING OF ^{OPN SIX}SIXTEENTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM,
ALABAMA, SEPTEMBER FIFTEEN, SIXTYTHREE,
BOMBING MATTERS. OO BH.

RE NEW ORLEANS TEL SEPT. SIXTEEN LAST REQUESTING INTERVIEW OF
[REDACTED] INSTANT CASE AS SUSPECT OF
NEW ORLEANS OFFICE.

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EFFORTS TO INTERVIEW [REDACTED] CONTINUING.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI 157-1025
FROM SAC, KNOXVILLE 157-189

BAPBOMB.

REBUTEL TO KNOXVILLE, BIRMINGHAM, AND ATLANTA SEPT. Tenty,
SIXTYTHREE.

NO PERTINENT INFORMATION DEVELOPED DURING INVESTIGATION
TODAY. ONE DIXIE KLAN, KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.,
MEMBER INTERVIEWED. ONE REMAINS TO BE INTERVIEWED. SUMMARY
AIRTEL BEING MAILED TODAY TO BUREAU, BIRMINGHAM, AND ATLANTA,
REFLECTING INVESTIGATION COMPLETED CHATTANOOGA, TENN., WHICH
COVERS MAJORITY OF INVESTIGATION REQUESTED IN REF BUTEL,
THIS AIRTEL SETS FORTH LEADS TO BE CONDUCTED, KNOXVILLE AND
CHATTANOOGA, COMPLYING WITH BUREAU INSTRUCTIONS.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Mr. Belmont *ABW*

DATE: September 18, 1963

FROM : A. Rosen *R*

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

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The following information is submitted concerning our investigation to identify the persons responsible for the bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama, on 9/15/63.

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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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In connection with our inquiry into the possibility of a stolen automobile having been used in the bombing, we are checking out the circumstances of the theft of a 1958 Chevrolet on 9/9/63 at Montgomery,

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

Alabama, which was found burned about ten miles from Birmingham on 9/16/63 by local officers. The car, a tan coupe bearing no license plate, may have been saturated with gasoline prior to burning, according to the local officers.

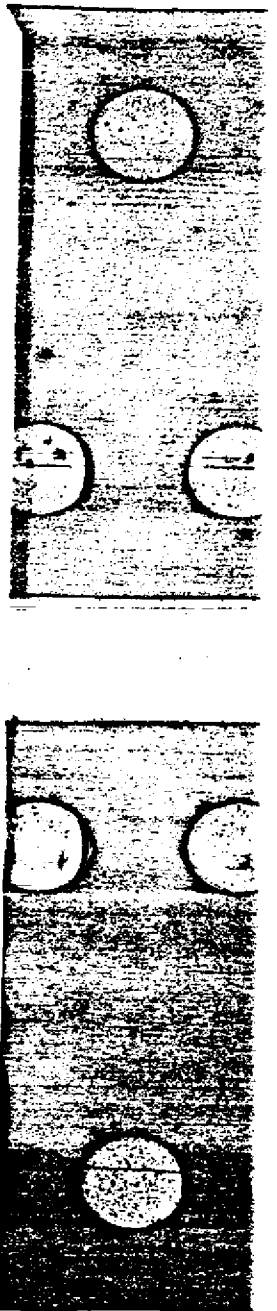
Auxiliary offices which are interviewing known Klan and hate-group members and accounting for bombing suspects in their respective Divisions located and interviewed an additional 125 such individuals on 9/17/63. Although these interviews resulted in no definite information of value.

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The Birmingham Office is already checking on the activities of Chambliss and several other members of the United Americans for Conservative Government, a segregation group, of which Chambliss is a high-ranking member,

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC, TAMPA /157-856/ 1-P

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RE TAMPA TEL SEPT. ONE EIGHT LAST.

SIXTEEN KLANSMEN AND/OR HATE GROUP MEMBERS INTERVIEWED

THIS DATE, NO PERTINENT INFORMATION OBTAINED.

ALSO INTERVIEWED.

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APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED FIFTY TWO INTERVIEWS REMAIN TO BE CONDUCTED, INCLUDING RACIAL INFORMANTS.

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Mr. [unclear]
Mr. [unclear]
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TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, BIRMINGHAM

FROM SAC, ATLANTA /157-582/

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SIXTYONE INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED TO DATE LEAVING

THIRTYNINE INTERVIEWS TO BE CONDUCTED OF KLAN AND HATE GROUP MEMBERS
IN THIS MATTER. NO PERTINENT INFORMATION OF VALUE RECEIVED TODAY

CONCERNING THIS CASE.

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IS IT POSSIBLE THAT NEGRO OR COMMUNISTS EITHER BLACK OR WHITE,
 COULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE TRAGIC MURDER OF THOSE INNOCENT
 NEGRO CHILDREN IN THE CHURCH BOMBING IN BIRMINGHAM TO FURTHER
 THE NAACP INTEGRATION EFFORT OR THE COMMUNIST PLOT AGAINST
 THE ENTIRE USA? OR HAS IT BEEN ESTABLISHED THAT ONLY WHITE
 SOUTHERN AMERICANS COULD BE GUILTY OF SUCH A HORRIBLE CRIME?

RESPECTFULLY

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cc: MR. DICKEL

to Mr. Bowman
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September 20, 1963

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Dear [Redacted]

Your telegram of September 19th has been received and I appreciate your furnishing your observations.

The full facilities of the FBI are being utilized in the investigation to resolve the bombings at Birmingham. I can assure you that our investigation is being conducted thoroughly and impartially in an effort to develop factual information and that we enter no case with preconceived conclusions.

Enclosed is an article I hope will be of interest

to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Enclosure
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The FBI's Role in the Field of Civil Rights

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URGENT 9-19-63 5-15 PM CST HEP

TO DIRECTOR

FROM SAC BIRMINGHAM /157-352/ 2P

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INCREASED VOLUME IN COMMUNICATIONS CAUSED BY INSTANT CASE AND OTHER RACIAL MATTERS, INCLUDING TRAFFIC OF THIRTY AGENTS IN ON SPECIAL, NECESSITATES ORDERING OF THREE ADDITIONAL TELEPHONE EXTENSIONS, ONE FOR PBX ROOM AND ONE IN EACH OF TWO DICTATION ROOMS. EXTENSION NEEDED IN PBX ROOM BECAUSE DURING PERIODS WHEN TRAFFIC VOLUME IS HEAVY, SEVEN FIVE SIX AUTOMATIC DIAL TELEPHONE UNIT IS MOVED OUTSIDE PBX ROOM SO THAT SECURITY MAY BE AFFORDED RADIO COMMUNICATIONS, AND AT THAT TIME TELEPHONE EXTENSION IS NECESSARY FOR RADIO OPERATOR.

VOLUME OF TELETYPE MESSAGES HAS INCREASED TO THE POINT WHERE ADDITIONAL MACHINE MUST BE RENTED ON TEMPORARY BASIS TO PERMIT PROMPT DISPATCH OF MESSAGES AS VOLUME OF COMMUNICATIONS ON ONE EXISTING UNIT TENDS TO CREATE BOTTLENECK.

EXTREMELY HEAVY COVERAGE OF CURRENT SITUATION BY NEWS MEDIA,
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INCLUDING USE OF MOBILE ON-THE-STREET UNITS TO COVER RACIAL INCIDENTS, RENDERS IT FEASIBLE TO HAVE ONE CAR IN THE OFFICE WITH STANDARD BROADCAST RECEIVER, AS WELL AS ALABAMA HIGHWAY PATROL AND OFFICE RADIOS. SMALL FORD TRANSISTOR RADIO RECEIVER CAN BE PURCHASED LOCALLY FOR FIFTY DOLLARS AND INSTALLED BY RADIO TECHNICIAN. THIS WOULD ALSO BE VERY VALUABLE IN CONNECTION WITH BANK ROBBERIES AND OTHER FAST-MOVING MATTERS.

VOLUME OF TELEPHONE TRAFFIC HAS REACHED POINT WHERE ALL SIX TRUNK LINES ARE SOMETIMES BUSY, NECESSITATING ADDITIONAL TRUNK LINE ON TEMPORARY BASIS TO TAKE CARE OF PEAK LOAD.

THESE ITEMS WILL BE ORDERED TOMORROW UACB.

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Called A.C. Frank

*cc: Mr. Callahan
Mr. Rosen*

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TO SAC, BIRMINGHAM

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NOTE: Retel advised that three additional telephone extensions in office, additional telephone trunk and TWX teletype machine, and broadcast radio receiver for one car needed for communications demands occasioned by captioned case. None of equipment constitutes large expenditure of funds and extra telephone and teletype equipment can be discontinued as soon as conditions in Birmingham return to normal. Co-ordinated with Electronics Section of Laboratory Division. LEW:mr

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI
SAC, NEW ORLEANS, AND BIRMINGHAM /157-352/
FROM SAC, SAN ANTONIO /157-251/

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Officer

UNSUBS, BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH ST. BAPTIST CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM,
ALA., SEPT. FIFTEEN, LAST, BOMBING MATTERS OO. BIRMINGHAM
RE SAN ANTONIO TEL DATED SEPT. EIGHTEEN LAST.

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NEW ORLEANS AT SHREVEPORT, IDENTIFY [REDACTED] AND
DETERMINE HIS WHEREABOUTS AT TIME OF INSTANT BOMBING.
CONSIDER INTERVIEW WITH ABOVE DESCRIBED INDIVIDUALS WHO
ARE UNDOUBTEDLY KNOWN TO NEW ORLEANS OFFICE.

THREE ZERO TWOS FOLLOW.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont *Q*

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FROM : A. Rosen

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

Boombomb

Our investigation of the bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama, on 9-15-63, is being pressed vigorously by the special squad of Agents who were rushed to Birmingham as well as by our other Divisions.

Interviews of known Klan and hate group members and bombing suspects are continuing on a preferred basis and approximately 110 such interviews of Klansmen and members of hate organizations, including officers of such groups, were conducted 9-20-63.

With respect to the activities of [redacted] a Birmingham Klansman, who on the day of the bombing changed the seat covers in his car, removing a set of covers with an orange substance thought possibly to be residue from a safety fuse (wax-like), the Laboratory has determined the stain consisted of enamel chips rather than wax. The wires from windows, wood from window frame, drapery fragments and metal frame from window, scrapings from window sill obtained at the scene of the bombing were examined by the Laboratory but the examination disclosed no foreign residues or fragments pertinent to the investigation.

Twenty-nine additional individuals residing in the neighborhood of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, were interviewed on the basis of which a [redacted] was located as a possible witness.

- 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

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Investigation to identify such a vehicle either as having been operated by a Klansman, member of hate organization, bombing suspect or other person is being pursued vigorously.

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In this connection 4,000 car registration records were reviewed at Birmingham and Bessemer, Alabama, in an effort to match a Rambler station wagon with the fragmentary registration data recalled by the witness. Seventeen such cars were identified and owners are being checked out and interviewed. Photographs of cars, National States Rights Party Headquarters (NSRP) and persons entering NSRP Headquarters are being checked closely for possible connection with the Rambler described by [REDACTED]

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Fifty additional interviews are being expedited at Anniston including those individuals arrested for the beating of two Negro ministers on the afternoon of the bombing present for the desegregation of the Anniston Public Library.

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Memorandum To Mr. Belmont
RE: UNSUB, BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH
STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

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This matter is being pressed vigorously.

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URGENT 9-21-63 9-25 PM CST HEP

TO DIRECTOR /157-1025/

FROM SAC BIRMINGHAM /157-352/ 8P

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DAILY SUMMARY.

WARRIOR KLAN, KKKK.

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for review by Rowe Task Force
Date 12/21/78.
Entire serial

John [unclear]

Laird [unclear]

EIGHT PRESENT AND FORMER MEMBERS OF KLAN, WARRIOR, ALABAMA,
INTERVIEWED WITH NO PERTINENT INFO DEVELOPED. ALL FURNISHED
ALIBIS WHICH WERE CHECKED OUT. REMAINING MEMBERS WILL BE LOCATED
AND INTERVIEWED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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*Message Rosen to
Belmont 9/23/63
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DIXIE KLAN, ANNISTON, ALA.

INTERVIEWED THIRTYFIVE TODAY. ANTICIPATED TOTAL IN FUTURE SEVENTY MORE. INTERVIEW OF FOUR SUBJECTS, WHO ARE KLANSMEN, OF ANNISTON LIBRARY INCIDENT, ON DATE OF SEPTEMBER FIFTEEN AND INTERVIEW WITH THEIR ALIBI WITNESSES ESTABLISHED THAT THESE SUSPECTS WERE IN ANNISTON AREA AT TIME DURING PERTINENT PERIOD OF
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BIRMINGHAM CAPTIONED CASE. ADDITIONAL PERSONS FORMERLY ASSOCIATED WITH OR STRONGLY SYMPATHETIC TOWARD KLAN ACTIVITIES AT ANNISTON WHO WERE INTERVIEWED TODAY ESTABLISHED THE WHEREABOUTS DURING PERTINENT PERIOD AND NO SUSPECTS SUGGESTED AS RESULT OF THESE INTERVIEWS. ATTEMPT TO LOCATE BILL LNU AT FT. MC CLELLAN TODAY COMPLICATED BY LACK OF ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL ON BASE AND LACK OF ACCESS TO RECORDS.

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SEVENTYFIVE INTERVIEWS TODAY.

APPROXIMATELY FIVE HUNDRED PENDING.

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Date: 9/21/63

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)
 FROM: SAC, KNOXVILLE (157-189) (P)
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ReButel to Knoxville, Birmingham, and Atlanta 9/20/63.

A review of Knoxville case entitled, "UNSUBS, BOMBING MATTERS, CHATTANOOGA, TENN., JULY and AUGUST, 1960, BOMBING MATTERS" is being conducted in accordance with Bureau instructions. Pertinent information will be furnished and leads set forth. For information receiving offices, copies of all pertinent reports in this matter were received by Birmingham and Atlanta Divisions during this investigation, Knoxville file 157-61, Bufile 157-266, Atlanta file 157-129. Since this investigation regarding Bombing Matters, Chattanooga, the Knoxville Division has continually closely followed the activities of all individuals mentioned as suspects in this case, both as individuals and through investigation of the Dixie Klan, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., (DK, KKKK, Inc.) In addition, certain individuals have repeatedly been interviewed, surveilled, neighborhood and employment sources contacted, and informants contacted regarding these individuals and their activities. On each occasion of a bombing matter in other Divisions, those individuals remaining on the bomb suspect list have been accounted for, occasionally interviewed, and appropriate investigation conducted.

It should be noted as a result of the above continual investigation, information has been developed regarding a change in attitude of these individuals. For the past 18 months or more, those individuals still connected with the DK, KKKK, Inc., have not mentioned or discussed acts of violence. In fact, leaders have instructed their members during racial demonstrations by

- ③ - Bureau (RM)
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- 2 - Atlanta (157-582) (RM)
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Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

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Negroes in Chattanooga and vicinity and also during integration of public schools, Chattanooga and Hamilton County, Tennessee, both in the Fall of 1962 and 1963, to stay away from such areas, not to participate in any demonstrations, and not to be seen near such areas, not to commit any acts of violence, or to become engaged in any arguments over these matters. Integration of public schools, 1962 and 1963, and integration of theatres, restaurants, ball parks, motels, hotels, and other facilities has been accomplished without incident or demonstrations on the part of white individuals at Chattanooga. In fact, the elementary school covering the district where a large number of DK, KKKK, Inc., members formerly lived and some continue to live, Avandale Elementary School, previously all white, was integrated the Fall of 1963 and resulted in a ratio of about two Negroes to one white, all this completed without incident.

Of the six individuals mentioned in referenced teletype regarding Chattanooga, who were considered at one time or other as suspects in the Bombing Matters at Chattanooga during 1960, the following information regarding each is set forth for the information of the Bureau, Birmingham, and Atlanta:

[REDACTED]

For this reason, this individual was removed from the Bomb Suspect List in Knoxville Division in December, 1961.

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Former Member! Ku Klux Klan

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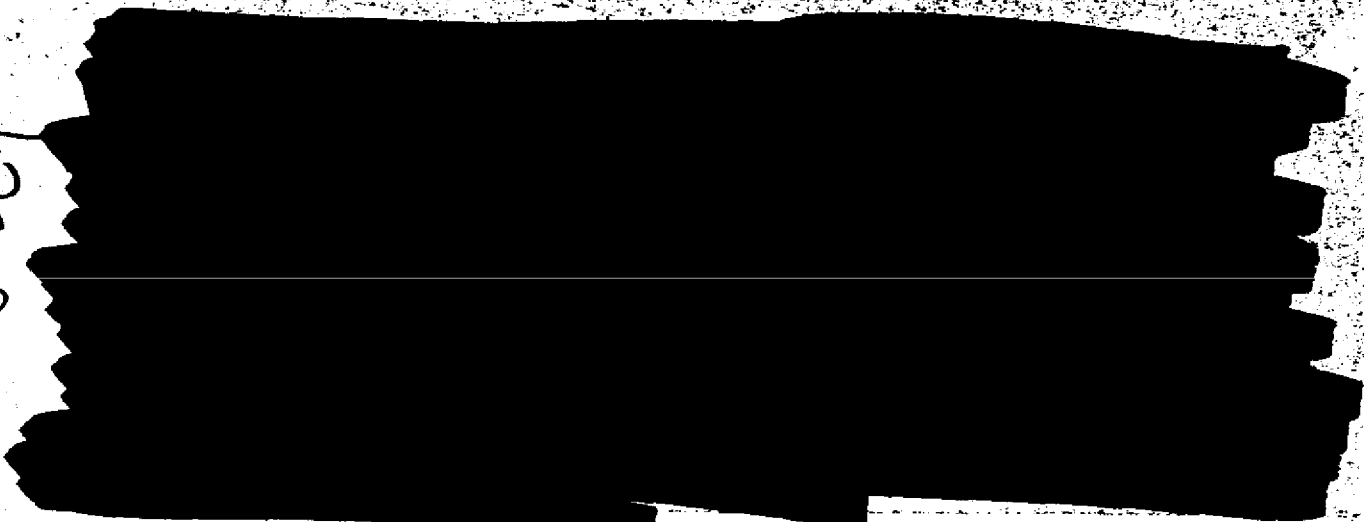
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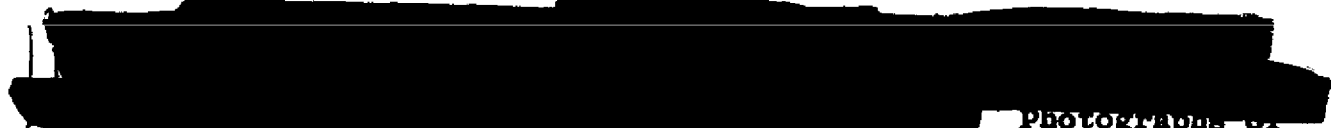
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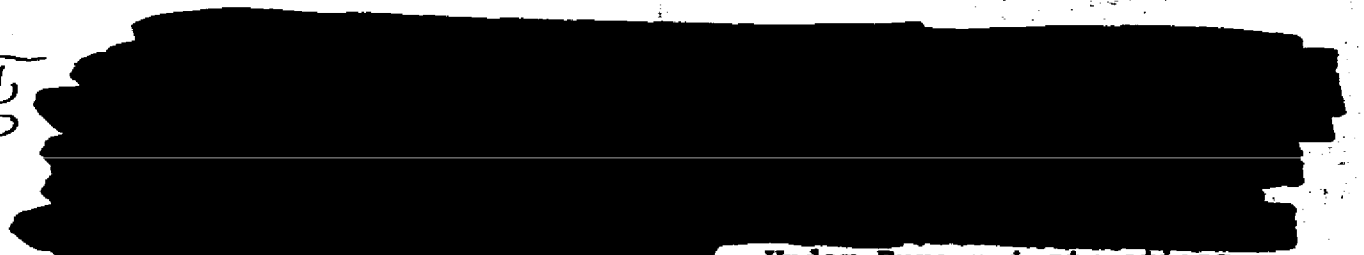
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Photographs of all of the above individuals are available in Knoxville Division, and photographs of some of these individuals' cars are available.

Investigation by local officers regarding theft of four cases of dynamite, E. I. Dupont Company storage magazine, Walker County, Ga., 9/18-19/63, is being conducted by Georgia officials. Liaison with these officials being handled by Atlanta Division. Liaison being maintained by Knoxville with local law enforcement agencies, Chattanooga, Tenn., regarding this matter and regarding any similar situations which might be reported.

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Under Bureau instructions regarding interviews with all Klansmen, 51 individuals have been interviewed this week, Chattanooga, Tenn., as possible members of

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the DK, KKKK, Inc. Of these, 36 have admitted current membership, six additional have admitted membership, but not active and not sure if their name continues to be on the current membership rolls of DK, KKKK, Inc. Four individuals refused to answer if they were or were not members.

Five individuals denied membership, and no information available to prove or disprove this, either through informants or other sources. Only two individuals known as possible members, DK, KKKK, Inc., on current basis remain un interviewed. One of these is confined with cancer, local hospital, recovering from a recent operation and not being interviewed. The other is reportedly working out of Chattanooga, and efforts being made to obtain his current address.

The overall results of these interviews is that members, leaders, and the organization as a whole opposes violence, describes their organization as a political and religious organization, but very definitely opposed to integration; however, any action in opposition to integration to be accomplished by legal means and principally by voting. Of those who were not belligerent, they advised generally that if they had information regarding persons responsible for the bombing matter, instant case, they would report same to the FBI or to some law enforcement agency. However, almost without exception, all reported the DK, KKKK, Inc., was a secret, fraternal organization, and they would not furnish information regarding other members and activities where no violation of the law existed.

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LEADS:

BIRMINGHAM OFFICE

Will advise Knoxville if photographs of the six individuals mentioned in referenced teletype and photographs of their cars are desired, in view of the results of investigation set forth in this airtel and results of the previous investigation which determined their activities in Chattanooga during pertinent period. If photographs of cars are desired, advise if they should be color photographs.

KNOXVILLE OFFICE

At Knoxville, Tennessee:

1. Will conduct appropriate file review regarding case entitled, "UNSUBS, BOMBING MATTERS, CHATTANOOGA, TENN., JULY AND AUGUST, 1960", Knoxville file 157-61. Will summarize pertinent information and set forth any appropriate leads.

2. Will contact [REDACTED] for information regarding most recent employment and most recent address of [REDACTED] and furnish same to Atlanta and Birmingham for information.

3. [REDACTED]

At Chattanooga, Tennessee:

1. [REDACTED]

2. Will interview the remaining member, [REDACTED] or set forth appropriate leads when located.

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3. Will continue to maintain liaison with law enforcement agencies, Chattanooga, regarding theft of dynamite, Walker County, Ga., from E. I. Dupont Company storage magazine, 9/18-19/63.

4. Maintain close contact with RAC informants and PCI (RAC) informants for any information this case.

5. Will review results of interviews of DK, KKKK, Inc., members conducted this week for possible additional PCI (RACs).

6. Conduct any other appropriate investigation, Chattanooga, deemed logical in this investigation.

Everett McKinley Dirksen
Illinois

United States Senate
Minority Leader

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. Belmont
- Mr. Mohr
- Mr. Casper
- Mr. Callahan
- Mr. Conrad
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LAVI

September 20, 1963

The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D. C.

Bap bomb

Dear Edgar:

I am sure you will want to prepare a reply to the enclosed letter from Mr. Oscar B. Goodman, the Maritime College of New York. Please return his letter with your reply.

Sincerely,

Everett M. Dirksen
Everett McKinley Dirksen

New York, N.Y.

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ENCLOSURE

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STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

MARITIME COLLEGE

FORT SCHUYLER, NEW YORK 65, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF HUMANITIES

September 17, 1963

United States Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator Dirksen:

The heartless murder of four Negro children in the bombing of a Birmingham church, is an act that threatens to leave one speechless, but one must protest, one must somehow maintain the human identity which we so precariously cling to.

In the Monday edition of the New York Times, September 16, I note that the cowardly and inhuman attack upon the 16th Street Baptist Church, is the twenty-first bombing of Negro churches and homes in the past eight years. I also note that none of the fifty bombings of Negro property since World War II in the same area, has been solved. These facts are a shocking indictment of the state of law and order in Birmingham and in Alabama. They are also, however, a pathetic commentary on the competence of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to cope with this serious threat to the rights and the very bodies of American citizens. Either the Federal Bureau of Investigation has been lax in its function, or else it is incapable of functioning in this area. It goes without saying that our laws need strengthening in the area of civil rights, and that the administration's proposed legislation should be passed by the Congress without delay. But it will also be necessary to assure the adequacy of law enforcement. The Federal Bureau of Investigation should be called upon to justify its lack of success and to give evidence of action being taken to rectify its incompetence in the area of civil rights.

Respectfully yours,

Oscar B. Goodman

Oscar B. Goodman,
Chairman

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Honorable Everett M. Dirksen
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

Dear Everett:

I received your letter of September 20th forwarding the communication you received from Mr. Oscar B. Goodman concerning FBI investigations of bombings in Birmingham. I certainly welcome the opportunity to point out to you that Mr. Goodman's charges against the FBI are completely baseless.

Both sides in the racial issue have used the FBI's name in recent months to gain support for their respective points of view. Obviously, neither side has spoken with any authority since their statements have dealt with cases on which no public announcement has been made regarding the results of our investigations.

Our jurisdiction to investigate these bombings which have occurred in Alabama comes from the Civil Rights Act of 1960 which became effective on May 6, 1960. It is broad in scope, but the Department of Justice has stated that Congress clearly indicated there was no intention in the statute to usurp investigative and prosecutive authority in bombing matters from state and local authorities. The Department has instructed that the FBI should not initiate investigations into such cases without special Departmental authorization.

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Honorable Everett M. Dirksen

The facts of each bombing incident have been presented immediately to the Department, and the FBI has been requested to investigate five bombing cases in Alabama, including the one on September 15th in which four children were killed. Due to the nature of the September 15th bombing, the FBI began an immediate investigation and advised the Department of the action being taken. Although the FBI does not actively investigate all bombing cases, it does cooperate in every way possible with state and local authorities. The full facilities of the FBI Laboratory and Identification Division are available to render any assistance.

In spite of these facts, we are accused of both exceeding and shirking our duties. Some of these charges stem from a lack of understanding, but many of them come from persons who have a personal interest and distort the truth to suit their own purposes.

The FBI has achieved a number of accomplishments in the civil rights field. Our investigations have enabled the Department of Justice to file more than forty suits in five states to end racial discrimination in voting. FBI Agents solved the case involving the burning of a Greyhound bus transporting "Freedom Riders" through Alabama in 1961. Six persons have been convicted for their part in this crime. An FBI investigation in September, 1962, led to the arrest and conviction in state court of four persons for burning a Negro church in Terrell County, Georgia. Byron De La Beckwith, the man charged with the murder of Medgar Evers, was also arrested by FBI Agents.

Honorable Everett L. Dirksen

I hope the foregoing will prove helpful to Mr. Goodman in understanding the FBI's role in civil rights cases. I am enclosing two recent newspaper articles you may wish to forward him. I am also returning his letter as you requested.

Sincerely,
J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (3)

Article from Washington, D. C. "The Evening Star" entitled "FBI Piecing Together Church-Bombing Clues" dated 9-21-63.

Article from 9-21-63 issue of "Joliet Herald-News" regarding Alabama bombings.
(Joliet, Illinois)

Letter from Oscar B. Goodman

NOTE: Senator Dirksen is on the Special Correspondents' List and is known to the Director on a first-name basis. Bufiles contain no information identifiable with [REDACTED] b7c

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TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: September 23, 1963

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

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

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8/30/63

Senator Jim Eastland, Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, called me at 10:30 a. m. today and wanted to know if I could come up to his office.

D.C. from James O. Eastland
Upon seeing the Senator he told me that some prominent men from the State of Alabama who were in town to see the President had confided in him that the FBI knew that the [redacted] was responsible for the bombing, however, the FBI refused to make an arrest because this would embarrass the Administration. The Senator stated he knew this to be false but just wanted to hear it from us.

I asked the Senator if he had ever known the FBI to enter into such a scurrilous deal of this nature. He replied in the negative. I told him that Mr. Hoover would never be a party to any such matter and that for his information we had made no arrest in this matter, neither had we identified anyone as yet who was responsible for the bombing. I told the Senator that whenever the FBI had sufficient confirmatory evidence to procure a warrant that we would go ahead and initiate such action and let the chips fall where they may. The Senator stated he knew all of this but just wanted to talk the matter over.

The Senator and I discussed a number of things regarding Commissioner George Edwards who is attempting to be a Federal Judge. Edwards will appear before the Senate Judiciary Committee within several days. Senator Eastland plans to give him a hard time. The Senator also told me that the Scripps-Howard newspapers are going to launch a campaign against Edwards.

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ACTION: In view of the possibility of the Alabama delegation, who will visit the White House today, advising the President of the rumor concerning the [redacted] it might be a good idea to have Liaison advise our contacts at the White House of the falseness of this rumor.

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
 - 1 - Mr. Rosen
 - 1 - Mr. Jones
 - 1 - Mr. Morrell
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I see no need to do this
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1 Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Lavin, Rm. 2268

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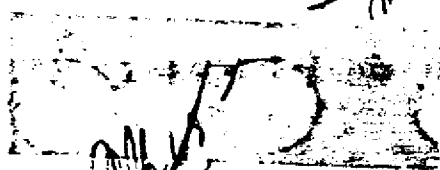
TO SAC BIRMINGHAM (157-352)
FROM DIRECTOR FBI (157-1025)

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-352) (P)
SUBJECT: BAPBOMB

Re BH airtel to Bureau and all continental offices 9-18-63.

In view of the large amount of paper work in the Birmingham Office in this case, it is requested that all offices submit reports in this case, where feasible. If more than a few interviews are conducted in any one office, it will be appreciated if each would submit reports rather than FD-302's and inserts to the Birmingham Office.

C. C. Webb

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)
FROM SAC, SPRINGFIELD (157-231) (P)
RE: BAPBOMB
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Re Birmingham airtel to Bureau, 9-19-63.

No NOI temples Springfield Division. Scattered members attend meetings at temples in Chicago and St. Louis. Coverage by informants in those offices.

GIBBONS

- ④ - Bureau
- 3 - Birmingham (2 - 157-352
1 - 25-8146)
- 2 - Springfield
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Special Agent in Charge

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HOWARD W. ROBISON
33rd DISTRICT, NEW YORK

HOME ADDRESS:
OWEGO, N.Y.

DISTRICT OFFICE:
302 FEDERAL BUILDING
BINGHAMTON, N.Y.

MEMBER:
COMMITTEE ON
PUBLIC WORKS

SELECT COMMITTEE
ON SMALL BUSINESS

JOHN T. CALKINS
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

September 25, 1963

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D.C.

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BAP BOME

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Evidenced by the mail I am receiving concerning the church bombing in Birmingham, there appears to be considerable confusion in the public mind about the role which the Federal government is playing in Alabama.

I believe existing law empowers Federal intervention to a degree by making it a Federal crime to cross a state line in order to escape prosecution resulting from a crime such as a church bombing. Does the FBI use this provision as a basis for Federal investigation of such a crime? Is the FBI currently active in investigating the Birmingham church bombing as a help to state and local law enforcement agencies? Your advice on these points and any other information you wish to give me will be extremely helpful in explaining the situation to my constituents many of whom now feel that the Federal government will not or cannot take steps to intervene in a situation such as now exists in Birmingham.

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Sincerely yours,

Howard W. Robison
Howard W. Robison
Member of Congress

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September 30, 1963

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Honorable Howard W. Robison
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

My dear Congressman:

I have received your letter of September 25th in which you inquire about the role of the FBI in civil rights matters in Alabama.

Our investigations of bombing cases are based on the jurisdiction given us under the provisions of the Civil Rights Act of 1960. The Honorable A. Willis Robertson placed a letter I wrote him on this topic in the "Congressional Record" on September 25, 1963. A copy is enclosed for your ready reference.

The FBI also aids local law enforcement by apprehending felons who have fled interstate to avoid prosecution, custody or confinement. We enter these cases under the Fugitive Felon Act at the request of local authorities who have legal process for the arrest of the fugitive. There must be an indication that the fugitive has fled the state where he is charged with the felony and the United States Attorney must authorize a Federal warrant.

I am sending a newspaper article and some literature I trust you will find pertinent to your inquiries.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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1 newspaper article, article from "Congressional Record," 9/25/63.

FBI Lab Intro, December, 1961

The FBI's Role In The Field Of Civil Rights

The FBI And Civil Rights

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Honorable Howard W. Robison

NOTE: Bufiles indicate that Congressman Robison (Republican - New York) was first elected to Congress in November, 1958. We have had limited cordial relations with him.

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AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-352)
 FROM: SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY (157-167) -RUC-
EXPLOSION
 ROBERT C. CAFFORD (SUSPECT) *A/2*
 OO: Birmingham

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Enclosed herewith for Birmingham are ten copies each of two FD-302's reflecting results of interviews with

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The Oklahoma City indices reflect no information concerning [REDACTED] or above firms.

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- 2 - Birmingham (Enc. 20) (RM)
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TO SACS BIRMINGHAM (157-352)
JACKSONVILLE (157-584)
SAN JUAN

FROM DIRECTOR FBI (157-1025)

BAPBOMB

FOR INFORMATION JACKSONVILLE AND BIRMINGHAM, SAN JUAN BY
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RADIOGRAM TO SACS BIRMINGHAM
JACKSONVILLE
SAN JUAN

RE: BAPBOMB

JACKSONVILLE BEAR IN MIND INSTANT THEFT IN CONNECTION WITH VISIT OF R. E. CHAMBISS, WHO LEFT BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, SEPTEMBER TWENTY-THREE, NINETEEN SIXTY-THREE, FOR PANAMA CITY, FLORIDA.

SAN JUAN BEAR IN MIND BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH SEPTEMBER FIFTEEN, NINETEEN SIXTY-THREE, IN CONNECTION WITH INVESTIGATION OF THEFT OF THESE EXPLOSIVES. POSSIBILITY EXISTS SUCH TYPE EXPLOSIVES COULD HAVE BEEN USED IN BOMBING OF NEGRO CHURCH IN BIRMINGHAM.

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If next radio contact missed send Jacksonville and Birmingham teletype code deferred.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI /157-1025/
FROM SAC, BIRMINGHAM /157-352/ 1 P

PR *BAPBOMB.*

FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL ARRIVED BIRMINGHAM AS INDICATED.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)
FROM: SAC, MOBILE (157-416)
SUBJECT: BAPBOMB
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Re Birmingham airtel captioned as this airtel,
9/19/63.

Racial matters informants and sources in the vicinity of Montgomery, Ala. have advised that there is no temple or branch of the NOI in or near Montgomery, and no known members or participants in the NOI in that vicinity. (Contacted 9/25/63, were _____ by SA _____ Alabama Dept. of Public Safety, Montgomery, by SA _____ and _____ by SA _____)

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Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont *ABW*

DATE: 9-26-63

FROM : A. Rosen *AR*

2 Copies made by LTC
for review by Rowe Task Force
Date 12/21/78
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SUBJECT: UNSUBS; BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH
STREET BAPTIST CHURCH,
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, 9-15-63
BOMBING MATTERS

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The following information concerns our investigations of the bombings in Birmingham, Alabama, which occurred at the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church on 9-15-63, the residence of Arthur Shores on 9-4-63 and at the intersection of 16th Avenue and Center Street South on 9-25-63.

With regard to the explosion on 9-25-63, extensive investigation in the area has developed no persons who could furnish any information concerning suspicious individuals or questionable automobiles being seen in the area during the pertinent period. Laboratory representatives have arrived in Birmingham and are assisting in the investigation. Numerous pieces of shrapnel, portions of the possible container, pieces of the lamp post which was damaged and other debris from the explosion have been gathered for examination.

In connection with our investigations of the Birmingham bombings, information has been developed that [redacted] an associate of Robert E. Chambliss, a suspect, gave a case of dynamite to [redacted] recently. [redacted] reportedly gave it to [redacted] who is alleged to have hidden the dynamite. [redacted] are also associates of Chambliss.

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

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

soon as he is located. Robert E. Chambliss was also interviewed on 9-25-63 but he furnished no information of value. After being interviewed by Agents, Chambliss was so upset that he ran his personal truck into a utility pole and he sustained a minor injury in addition to damaging his truck.

Other members of the Chambliss group interviewed on 9-25-63 included [REDACTED]

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Chambliss, [REDACTED] are all members of the United Americans for Conservative Government who have been named by a Birmingham informant as being possibly involved in the Birmingham bombings. None of these individuals made any admissions however [REDACTED] became quite upset at the interviews and displayed extreme emotion. [REDACTED] had trouble controlling his temper and appeared desirous of personally attacking the Agents although he did not attempt it. [REDACTED]

None of these individuals made any admissions. Follow-up interviews are planned and the investigation concerning the Chambliss group is being intensified.

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The information from [REDACTED] is being immediately checked out. The whereabouts of [REDACTED] have been determined and he will be interviewed today. [REDACTED]

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI 157-1025 AND SAC, BIRMINGHAM

FROM SAC, NEW ORLEANS 157-1294

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RE NEW ORLEANS TELETYPE SEPTEMBER TWENTYFIVE LAST.

TWO INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED TODAY. NO PERTINENT INFORMATION

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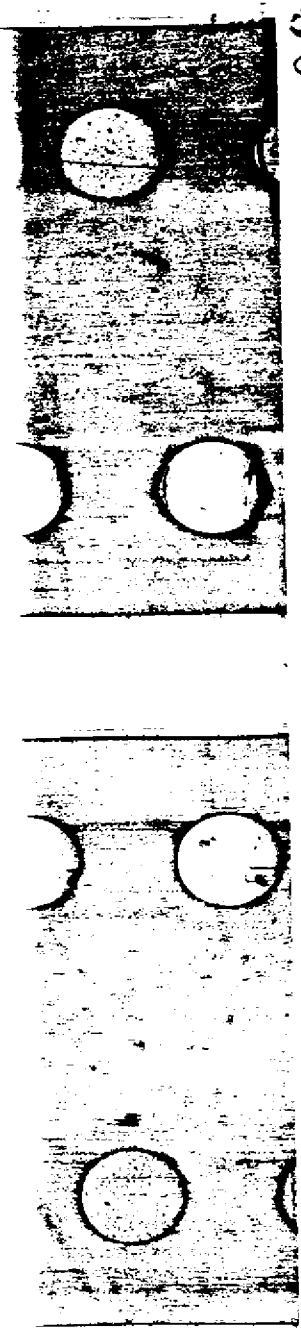
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✓ TO DIRECTOR

FROM SAC BIRMINGHAM /157-352/ 7P

pr BAPBOMB. DAILY SUMMARY.

PER BUREAU PERMISSION INVESTIGATION TODAY IN THE CASES ENTITLED UNSUBS, BOMBING OF RESIDENCE OF ARTHUR SHORES, ONE ZERO TWO ONE CENTER STREET NORTH, BIRMINGHAM, ALA. SEPTEMBER FOUR, SIXTYTHREE, RM, UNSUBS, EXPLOSION AT SIXTEEN ZERO ONE CENTER ST. SOUTH, BIRMINGHAM, ALA, SEPT TWENTYFIVE SIXTYTHREE, BM, AS WELL AS CAPTIONED MATTER, ARE INCLUDED IN TODAY/S DAILY SUMMARY.

AT APPROXIMATELY ONE THIRTY AM THE RESIDENTS IN THE VICINITY OF SIX AND SEVENTH AVENUES AND CENTER STREET SOUTH HEARD AN EXPLOSION. ONE OF THE COLORED RESIDENTS CALLED THE POLICE WHO RESPONDED IMMEDIATELY. WHILE THE POLICE WERE LOOKING FOR THE PLACE WHERE THE FIRST BOMB EXPLODED THEY WERE IN THE VICINITY OF SEVENTH AVENUE, SIXTEENTH AVENUE AND CENTER STREETS WHEN A SECOND EXPLOSION OCCURRED AND NARROWLY MISSED BEING INJURED. CRIME SCENE SEARCH AT POINT WHERE SECOND BOMB EXPLODED, CORNER OF SIXTEENTH

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Memo Rosen to Belmont 9/26/63
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cc Lavin

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AVENUE AND CENTER STREET SOUTH, REVEALED BOMB IS SHRAPNEL TYPE COMPOSED OF NAILS, NUTS, BOLTS, PIECES OF PIPE AND WHAT APPEARS TO BE A METAL CONTAINER. WOOD CREOSOTE LIGHT POLE SHATTERED APPROXIMATELY ONE FOOT ABOVE GROUND. CHUNKS OF CURBING AND SIDEWALK BLOWN AWAY. CRATER THREE FEET BY TWO FEET BY EIGHTEEN INCHES DEEP. AT LEAST SEVEN HOUSES ACROSS STREET FROM POINT OF IMPACT HAD PIECES OF SHRAPNEL EITHER IMBEDDED IN THEIR FRONTS OR WERE COMPLETELY PENETRATED. IN ONE INSTANCE A NUT WENT THROUGH THE FRONT OF THE HOUSE AND A PIECE OF FURNITURE. WINDOW GLASS IN PRACTICALLY ALL HOUSES WITHIN ONE BLOCK RANGE BROKEN. IT IS THE CONSENSUS OF INVESTIGATORS ON THE SCENE INCLUDING FBI THAT FIRST DETONATION POSSIBLY WAS SMALL EXPLOSIVE DEVICE TO BRING RESIDENTS INTO STREET WHERE PERSON PLACING SHRAPNEL BOMB ANTICIPATED A LARGE NUMBER WOULD BE INJURED OR KILLED WHEN THE SECOND DEVICE EXPLODED, INCLUDING POLICE OFFICERS WHO WOULD HAVE ARRIVED IN THE FOURTEEN TO FIFTEEN MINUTE INTERVAL. THE BEST TIME ESTIMATE OF SECOND EXPLOSION IS APPROXIMATELY ONE FORTYFIVE AM. FIRST AGENTS ON SCENE WITHIN FIFTEEN MINUTES. AGENTS ADVISED TO USE CAUTION IN RESPONDING TO FUTURE BOMBINGS. NUMEROUS PIECES OF SHRAPNEL, POSSIBLY PORTIONS OF CONTAINER, PIECES OF LAMP POST, SIDEWALK, CURB, END PAGE TWO.

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DEBRIS FROM CRATER AND OTHER ~~ITEMS~~ GATHERED AS EVIDENCE. NEIGHBORHOOD COMPLETED WITHIN MATTER OF MINUTES, WAS RE-WORKED TWICE DURING THE DAY. NONE OF PERSONS INTERVIEWED IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD WERE ABLE TO FURNISH A GOOD DESCRIPTION OF A QUESTIONABLE CAR OR INDIVIDUAL SEEN DURING THE PERTINENT PERIOD EXCEPT THOSE THAT WERE ELIMINATED AS POLICE CARS THAT RESPONDED TO THE FIRST DETONATION. NO PERSONAL INJURIES AND NO VIOLENCE ENSUED. COLORED RESIDENTS WERE APPRECIATIVE OF IMMEDIATE POLICE AND FBI RESPONSE, SUBSEQUENT INVESTIGATION AND CONCERN. CI/S DASH RAC, BIRMINGHAM DIVISION, UNABLE TO SUPPLY NAME OF SUSPECTS AT TIME OF DICTATION, BOMB SUSPECTS, BIRMINGHAM DIVISION, AND OTHER LIKELY INDIVIDUALS WHEREABOUTS ACCOUNTED FOR, INTERVIEWED, ALIBIS FURNISHED AND CHECKED TO NO AVAIL. ONE SUSPECT, ROBERT EDWARD CHAMBLISS, AFTER BEING INTERVIEWED BY AGENTS WAS SO UPSET THAT HE RAN HIS PERSONAL TRUCK INTO A UTILITY POLE, DAMAGING TRUCK, AND HE SUSTAINED A MINOR INJURY. ANNISTON GROUP.

TWENTYFOUR INTERVIEWS TODAY. TWELVE INTERVIEWS REMAINING THIS GROUP.

POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION AFFORDED [REDACTED] SEPT. TWENTY FOUR LAST AND RESULTS INDICATE [REDACTED] FURNISHED FALSE INFO TO [REDACTED]
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AGENTS RE QUOTE SGT. BILL UNQUOTE CONCERNING TRANSFER OF SUBSTANCE C DASH THREE EXPLOSIVES TO WILLIS VINSON BY SGT. BILL. ALL BUT TWO PERTINENT INTERVIEWS OF POSSIBLE SUSPECTS AT ANNISTON, ALA., COMPLETED WITH NO INFO OF VALUE OBTAINED RE CAPTIONED MATTER. WHEREABOUTS OF PRINCIPAL POSSIBLE SUSPECTS AT ANNISTON, ALABAMA, ESTABLISHED EARLY A.M. OF TWENTYFIFTH INSTANT BY PRETEXT FROM CALLS AND FISURS.

CHAMBLISS GROUP.

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D FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS THIS GROUP INTERVIEWED TODAY/ [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WAS TOO INEBRIATED TO UNDERGO SUCCESSFUL INTERVIEW AND POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION. WILL BE INTERVIEWED LATER. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WHO RESPONDED TO INTERVIEW BY BECOMING VERY UPSET AND SHOWING EXTREME ANGER THROUGH FLUSHED FACE, TROUBLE IN CONTROLLING TEMPER, AND APPEARED DESIROUS OF PERSONALLY ATTACKING AGENTS BUT DID NOT. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WHO BECAME VERY UPSET SHOWED EXTREME EMOTION AND A FOLLOWUP INTERVIEW IS PLANNED. TWO OTHERS WHO UNDERWENT POLYGRAPH EXAMINATIONS AND FURNISHED SIGNED STATEMENTS, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WHILE THEY

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[REDACTED]

INVESTIGATION CONCERNING THIS GROUP BEING INTENSIFIED.
SURVEY OF RESIDENCES AND BUSINESSES MEMBERS THIS GROUP RESULTED
IN POSSIBLE USE OF EMPTY HOUSE VICINITY OF CHAMBLISS RESIDENCE
WHICH WILL BE CONSIDERED BY LABORATORY TECHNICIANS WHO ARRIVED
LATE THIS AFTERNOON FOR POSSIBLE CLOSER COVERAGE THEIR ACTIVITIES.

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APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED THIS DATE,
AND THREE HUNDRED INTERVIEWS REMAINING.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR

DATE: 9/26/63

FROM : CLYDE TOLSON

SUBJECT:

*016TH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH
BIRMINGHAM, ALA*

Tolson	✓
Belmont	✓
Mohr	✓
Casper	
Callahan	
Conrad	✓
DeLoach	✓
Evans	
Gale	✓
Rosen	✓
Sullivan	
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Gandy	

I suggest that copies of the Miriam Ottenberg

article of September 21 in the Evening Star, and the

Copley News Service article of September 21 be sent to

each SAC for his information.

*Re Birmingham
Bombings*

Yes -

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 9-27-63

FROM : M. A. Jones ✓

SUBJECT: CIVIL RIGHTS MATTERS

16th STREET BAPTIST CHURCH
BIRMINGHAM, ALA.

W. L. Sullivan
M. A. Jones
Travis

By memorandum to the Director 9-26-63, Mr. Tolson suggested that copies of the Miriam Ottenberg article of September 21st in "The Washington Evening Star" and the Copley News Service article of the same date, relative to the Birmingham bombings, be sent to each SAC for his information. The Director approved this suggestion.

Copies of the attached routing slip and three copies each of the attached article were sent today to each SAC in line with these instructions.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

Enclosure

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Tolson ✓

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Date 9/27/63

RE:

CIVIL RIGHTS MATTERS

- For information For appropriate action Surep, by _____
- The enclosed is for your information. If used in a future report, conceal all sources, paraphrase contents.
- Enclosed are corrected pages from report of SA _____ dated _____.

Remarks:

Attached copies of newspaper articles being forwarded for your information and guidance.

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FBI Piecing Together Church-Bombing Clues

By MIRIAM OTTENBERG
Star Staff Writer

FBI laboratory experts are now working around the clock on a mass of fragments and other debris collected at the scene of last Sunday's church bombing in Birmingham, Ala.

But scientific work has not yet reached the stage where the FBI can say definitely whether the explosives were planted in the church or thrown from a passing car.

That was the FBI's comment on a statement in Birmingham yesterday by United States Attorney Macon L. Weaver that investigation showed a "high order explosive" planted under the steps of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church caused the fatal blast.

Search Debris

The FBI laboratory sleuths are seeking more than how the explosives penetrated the church.

They are testing the debris for any evidence that might place a suspect on the scene or aid in identifying him later. This could be a book of matches, a cigarette from which saliva could be recovered and typed or a beer can with finger prints on it.

More than a score of agents imported from all over the county to supplement the Birmingham FBI office have followed a methodical pattern in their crime scene search to preserve the chain of evidence.

The scene of the bombing has been drawn off and mapped. As the agents comb through the debris, they pick up with tweezers any fragment which might be material, scratch an identifying mark on their find; noting on their copies of the map the location of the find and the time of its discovery.

These notations are then copied onto the master map with the name of the agents who recovered the fragments; in case they are later called to testify.

Placement of the fragments on the map is also part of the slow process of trying to re-

construct the crime in terms of the force and direction of the blast.

Although there have been approximately 46 bombings in Alabama — 19 in Birmingham alone — since January 1959, the church bombing is only the fifth such case where FBI agents have been told to make a full investigation.

Since the latest bombing, Negro leaders have been asking why the FBI hasn't delved into the other Alabama cases. Here is the explanation given by Federal authorities:

The Justice Department has taken the position that the primary jurisdiction for investigating the bombings remains with local authorities and that Congress wanted it that way when it passed the bombing sections of the Civil Rights Act of 1960.

Federal Violation

Under this act, it's a Federal violation to carry explosives across State lines with intent to use them to destroy property, for the purpose of interfering with its use for educational, religious, charitable, residential, business or civic purposes. Although the act is broad, the Justice Department has specifically told the FBI that no FBI investigation should be launched without special departmental authorization.

That directive applies even where local authorities request an FBI investigation.

Where local officials request help, the FBI informs the Justice Department to get an immediate decision. If there is no local request, the FBI presents the facts of the bombing to the department but doesn't go ahead with the investigation without department approval.

In an aggravated case like the church bombing, the FBI immediately launched a full scale investigation and told the department what it was doing. Of course, official approval was promptly forthcoming.

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In Rights Cases

FBI Operates Only Under Justice Dept. Orders

Washington Bureau
Copley News Service

WASHINGTON — The Federal Bureau of Investigation has been "caught in the middle" in the angry protests that have arisen following the fatal Sept. 14 bombing of a Birmingham, Ala., church.

Four Negro girls were killed in the blast.

FBI agents began an investigation of the church explosion immediately and Friday it was announced that the agents and sheriff's men have determined that the bomb was planted beneath the church steps and was not thrown from a passing car, as originally reported. Their investigation is continuing.

"We have to solve this one," said one FBI agent.

In the indignation over the explosion, however, a number of Negro and civil rights leaders have accused the FBI of failing to act in civil rights incidents. Since Jan. 1, 1959, there have been 46 bombings in Alabama, 19 in Birmingham.

Under the Civil Rights Act of 1960 the FBI cannot investigate such incidents without direct orders from the Department of Justice, regardless of requests for help from local authorities.

FBI records show that in each of the 46 Alabama bombings,

agents reported the facts to the Department of Justice. In only five cases was the FBI ordered to investigate. The Birmingham church blast was the latest and there FBI men acted immediately because of the fatalities involved.

The other four incidents under FBI study — all in Birmingham — were the two May 11 bombings of the home of the Rev. A. D. W. King, brother of the Rev. Martin Luther King; the May 11 blast at the Gaston Motel and the Sept. 4 bombing of the home of A. D. Shores.

"The FBI jurisdiction (under the 1960 Civil Rights Act) is very limited and is not intended to supplant local and state authority," said one source. "At all times it operates directly under instructions from the Department of Justice."

No arrests have been reported in the bombings in Birmingham, but FBI agents have been successful in a series of investigations involving civil rights violence.

Arrests were made after investigation of two Negro church burnings in 1962 in Terrell County, Ga., and another at Leesburg, Ga. Nine men were arrested after FBI investigation of the burning of a Greyhound bus near Anniston, Ala., in 1961. The bus was carrying members of the Congress for Racial Equality on a so-called "Freedom Ride."

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Joliet, Illinois
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URGENT 9-26-63 11-02 PM EST VED

TO DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM SAC, TAMPA

BAPBOMB.

RE TAMPA TEL SEPT. TWO FIVE LAST.

SIXTEEN INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED THIS DATE, NO PERTINENT
INFORMATION DEVELOPED.

THREE OTHER KLANSMEN DETERMINED TO BE OUTSIDE OF TAMPA DIVISION,
LEADS BEING SET OUT TO EFFECT THEIR INTERVIEW.

SUBJECT OF ONE CASE DETERMINED TO BE IDENTICAL WITH THAT OF ANOTHE
CASES BEING CONSOLIDATED.

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THIRTY INTERVIEWS REMAIN TO BE CONDUCTED. SEP 27 1963

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URGENT 9-26-63 11-59 PM CST HEP

TO DIRECTOR

FROM SAC BIRMINGHAM /157-232/

BAPBOMB, ET AL. DAILY SUMMARY.

CRIME SCENE SEPT TWENTYFIVE, SIXTYTHREE BOMBING.

MATERIAL OBTAINED FROM CRIME SCENE SEPT TWENTYFIVE LAST BOMBING AT ONE SIX ZERO ONE CENTER STREET SOUTH, BIRMINGHAM, EXAMINED BY LAB REPRESENTATIVE AND NO INDICATION OF SPECIFIC TYPE OF EXPLOSIVE OR METHOD OF DETONATION FOUND. DAMAGE IS CHARACTERISTIC OF EXPLOSIVES SUCH AS DYNAMITE. MATERIAL SUBMITTED FBI LAB TODAY AIR EXPRESS FOR FURTHER EXAMINATION.

ANNISTON GROUP.

ALL PERTINENT INTERVIEWS ANNISTON GROUP HAVE BEEN COMPLETED WITH NO LOGICAL SUSPECTS DEVELOPED.

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FURNISH NAMES OF MEMBERS OR COOPERATE IN ANY MANNER IN INVESTIGATION THIS CASE EVEN THOUGH THE MOSQUE IS LOCATED WITHIN ONE HALF BLOCK OF VICTIM CHURCH. STATED BELIEVED IN BLACK SUPREMACY AND WANTED NOTHING TO DO WITH WHITE RACE. THIS GROUP BEING FOLLOWED THROUGH INFORMANTS AND NOTHING OF SIGNIFICANCE DEVELOPED CONCERNING THEM AS SUSPECTS BIRMINGHAM BOMBINGS TO DATE. ONE PERSON NOW BEING PROCESSED IS MEMBER CONSIDERED PCI DASH RAC AS RESULT OF CURRENT INVESTIGATION.

CAR REGISTRATIONS.

NUMEROUS ADDITIONAL ALABAMA REGISTRATIONS REVIEWED ENDEAVOR TO LOCATE RAMBLER STATION WAGON DESCRIBED BY [REDACTED] DYNAMITE PROJECT.

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[REDACTED] BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION
[REDACTED] MOST FAVORABLE. NO INDICATION OF ASSOCIATION
WITH QUESTIONABLE GROUPS.

CHAMBLISS GROUP.

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PAST SUMMARIES WILL REVEAL EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN
CONDUCTED CONCERNING ROBERT E. CHAMBLISS AND ASSOCIATES AS LOGICAL
SUSPECTS THIS CASE, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BACKGROUND OF SEVERAL OF ASSOCIATES HAVE
BEEN DETERMINED, THEY HAVE BEEN INTERVIEWED, FURNISHED ALIBIS FOR
THEIR WHEREABOUTS DURING SHORES, BAPBOMB AND SEPT TWENTYFIVE
BOMBING AND WHICH IN SOME INSTANCES HAVE BEEN VERIFIED AND IN OTHERS
IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO VERIFY EXCEPT THROUGH FAMILY. [REDACTED]

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CHAMBLISS GROUP WILL CONTINUE TO RECEIVE MOST INTENSIVE INVESTIGATIVE EFFORT.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION DEVELOPED ON [REDACTED] WHO WAS NOT AVAILABLE TWENTYSIXTH INSTANT BUT WILL BE INTERVIEWED TWENTYSEVENTH NEXT.

INTERVIEWS TODAY SIXTYONE, INTERVIEWS REMAINING THREE FIVE EIGHT.

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cc. Mr. Conrad

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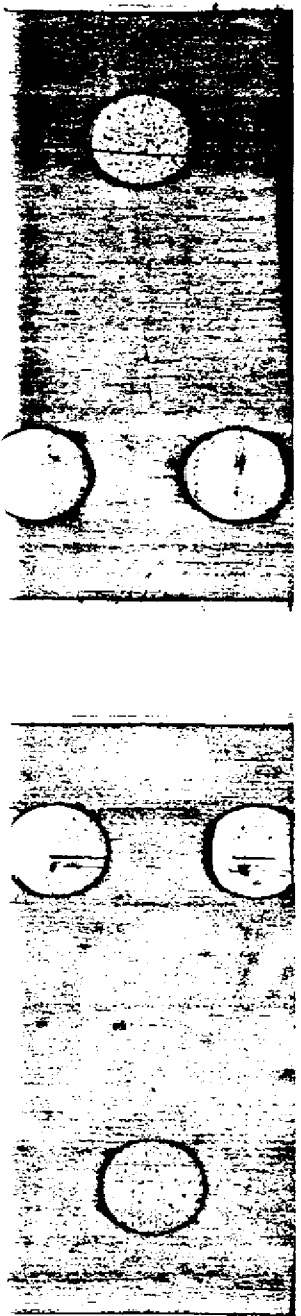
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ATLANTA HAS COMPLETED INTERVIEWS OF KLAN AND HATE GROUP SUBJECTS. ASIDE FROM INTERVIEW OF [REDACTED] INFORMATION OF VALUE TO THIS MATTER RECEIVED.

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ATLANTA WILL SUPREP RE INTERVIEWS. BIRMINGHAM RETURN
THREE ZERO TWOS ALREADY SUBMITTED.
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FROM SAC, SAVANNAH /157-503/ 1P
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RESVTEL SEPT. TWENTYSIX, LAST.

DUE TO CONTINUING INVESTIGATION BR, BB, AND NEW AUTOMOBILE THEFT RING CASE, ONLY ONE ADDITIONAL KLANSMAN INTERVIEWED THIS DATE. ATTEMPTS MADE TO CONTACT FOUR OTHERS. NO INFO DEVELOPED CONCERNING POSSIBLE SUSPECTS IN CAPTIONED CASE.

APPROXIMATELY SEVENTYFOUR KLANSMEN REMAIN TO BE INTERVIEWED SAVANNAH DIVISION. REC-97 157-1025-258

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The following polygraph interviews, which have been approved by the Bureau, were conducted by SA [redacted] after Consent Forms were signed by each individual examined. All were conducted in Birmingham except [redacted] who was interviewed at Anniston, Ala. on 9/24/63.

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[redacted] was interviewed concerning allegations that he had made regarding the sale of a case of explosives by a soldier he knew as Sergeant BILL to WILLIS VINSON, who obtained money from KENNETH ADAMS to pay for the explosives. The radio tube in the PSR unit burned out at the start of the interview, and the examination was completed using the Pneumograph and Cardiograph. The reactions in response to questions concerning Sergeant BILL, the delivery of a sack of explosives to VINSON, and later to KENNETH ADAMS, and the payment for the explosives by ADAMS,

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all showed emotional changes usually connected with deception. It appeared from examination of the charts that [redacted] was not telling the truth.

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The polygraph charts are being retained in the Birmingham file.

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An informational copy is designated for Little Rock inasmuch as polygraph examiner, BA [Redacted] is assigned to that office.

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RE TAMPA TEL SEPTEMBER TWENTYSEVEN LAST.

FOUR INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED THIS DATE, NO PERTINENT INFORMATION OBTAINED.

[REDACTED]

TWO KLANSMEN-S WHEREABOUTS ARE ALLEGEDLY UNKNOWN TO ALL AC-
QUAINTANCES CONTACTED TO DATE. FURTHER EFFORT WILL BE MADE THROUGH
APPROPRIATE SOURCES TO LOCATE THEM, HOWEVER THERE APPEARS TO BE NO
GOOD LEADS AT PRESENT.

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ONE KLANSMAN DETERMINED TO BE OUTSIDE OF FLORIDA FOR MANY MONTHS
IS NO LONGER KLAN MEMBER, NO FURTHER EFFORT BEING MADE ~~TO EFFECT~~
INTERVIEW.

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ASIDE FROM ABOVE MENTIONED TWO KLANSMEN WHOSE WHEREABOUTS ARE
UNKNOWN, FOUR OTHER INTERVIEWS REMAIN TO BE CONDUCTED.

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RE TAMPA TEL SEPTEMBER TWENTYSIX LAST.

FIFTEEN INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED THIS DATE, NO PERTINENT INFORMATION DEVELOPED.

TWO OTHER KLANSMEN DETERMINED TO BE OUTSIDE OF TAMPA DIVISION, LEADS BEING SET OUT TO EFFECT THEIR INTERVIEWS. ONE OTHER ALLEGED KLANSMAN DETERMINED TO BE NON-EXISTENT.

TWELVE INTERVIEWS REMAIN TO BE CONDUCTED.

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FIFTEEN YEAR OLD YOUTH.

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RAMBLER PROJECT.

FIVE THOUSAND ADDITIONAL REGISTRATIONS REVIEWED
TODAY TO NO AVAIL IN ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY RAMBLER SEEN BY [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] b2c.0
SEVERAL CHURCH MEMBERS, MEMBERS OF NSRP, AND OTHERS INTERVIEWED
TO NO AVAIL.

ADDITIONAL ATTEMPTS TO INTERVIEW N.O.I. MEMBERS WITHOUT SUCCESS.

POLYGRAPH.

POLYGRAPH INTERVIEW OF [REDACTED] b2c.0

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SUSPECT ROBERT EDWARD CHAMBLISS DEPARTED BIRMINGHAM APPROXIMATELY ELEVEN PM, SEPT TWENTYSIX LAST FOR ATLANTA, GEORGIA, AND RETURNED BIRMINGHAM APPROXIMATELY THREE PM SEPT TWENTYSEVEN INSTANT. FISUR MAINTAINED. CHAMBLISS OBSERVED TO STOP AND EAT EN ROUTE. UPON ARRIVAL ATLANTA MADE DELIVERY OF SOME SMALL METAL FRAMES THEN LOADED LIGHT BOXES OF AUTO ACCESSORIES AND RETURNED TO BIRMINGHAM. EXAMINATION OF CARGO MADE BY BIRMINGHAM PD ON PRETEXT AT TWO FIFTY PM, SEPTEMBER TWENTYSEVEN. NOTHING OF SIGNIFICANCE NOTED. NO PERSONAL CONTACTS MADE BY CHAMBLISS. CHAMBLISS EXTREMELY TAIL CONSCIOUS.

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[REDACTED] RESIDENCE SURVEYED. APPROPRIATE COVERAGE BEING ARRANGED AND SPOT SURVEILLANCES BEING CONDUCTED.

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TODAY/S RADIO NEWS BROADCAST ALLEGES THAT MARTIN LUTHER KING STATED IF RACIAL CONDITIONS DID NOT IMPROVE IN NEXT COUPLE OF DAYS DEMONSTRATIONS WOULD RESUME IN BIRMINGHAM.

ATLANTA OFFICE TODAY ADVISED [REDACTED] IN ATLANTA WHERE THEY ARE LIVING AT THE [REDACTED] RESIDENCE, APPARENTLY INACTIVE. b7c

[REDACTED] OUT OF POCKET, BELIEVED IN ST. AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA, HOWEVER JACKSONVILLE OFFICE UNABLE TO LOCATE. ATLANTA CONSIDERING APPROPRIATE COVERAGE OF ACTIVITIES THESE THREE
END PAGE EIGHT.

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THROUGH SPOT SURVEILLANCES AND OTHERWISE.

EIGHTYTHREE INTERVIEWS TODAY. THREE THREE EIGHT INTERVIEWS
PENDING.

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TWO INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED TODAY. NO PERTINENT INFORMATION
OBTAINED. SEVENTEEN REMAIN TO BE CONDUCTED.

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Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies and for all continental offices two copies each of a letterhead memorandum setting forth a summary of the salient facts regarding the six most recent Birmingham bombings, all of which possess racial overtones.

This information is being furnished to assist all offices in evaluation of any information received from all sources in their respective divisions and for the information of agents who may be called upon to cover leads in the future in one or more of these matters.

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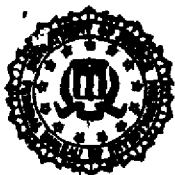
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Birmingham, Alabama

September 29, 1963

RE: SUMMARY OF FACTS CONCERNING
SIX MOST RECENT BIRMINGHAM
BOMBINGS

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; Bombing of the Gaston
Motel, Birmingham, Alabama, May 11, 1963
BOMBING MATTERS
Bufile 157-881
Birmingham file 157-241

An explosion occurred at the A. G. Gaston Motel, 1510 5th Avenue, North, Birmingham, Alabama, at 11:58 p.m., May 11, 1963. Crime scene revealed that a charge of high explosive, such as dynamite, was detonated near the west brick wall of the motel, leaving a large hole in the brick wall and damaging house trailers on an adjoining lot. One eye witness claims to have seen two white males in a 1960 hard top white over blue Buick and stated passenger behind driver hurled package from such car toward the motel. Another witness describes a 1961 white over blue Buick with three white males passing motel, going west, shortly before bombing. Extensive investigation to date has not developed positive information re perpetrators. This motel is located within a block and a half of the 16th Street Baptist Church, and is owned by a wealthy and prominent Negro businessman.

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; Bombing of the Residence
of Reverend A. D. W. KING, Birmingham,
Alabama, May 11, 1963
BOMBING MATTERS
Bufile 157-881
Birmingham file 157-244

Two explosions occurred at the residence of Reverend A. D. W. KING, 721 12th Street, Ensley Section, Birmingham, Alabama, at approximately 11 p.m., May 11, 1963. The first explosion was detonated at a spot approximately three feet from the sidewalk and about twenty-five feet from the front of the KING residence. The second explosion, which occurred one to three minutes afterward, was detonated near the front of the house. FBI Laboratory examination concluded dynamite was used as the explosive. Intensive neighborhood investigation

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failed to develop eye witnesses to dynamiting or any description of automobile. KING is brother of MARTIN LUTHER KING, well-known Negro integration leader.

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; Bombing of Residence
of ARTHUR SHORES, 1021 Center Street,
North, Birmingham, Alabama, Night of
August 20, 1963
BOMBING MATTERS
Bufile 157-979
Birmingham file 157-331

About 9:26 p.m., August 20, 1963, the residence of ARTHUR SHORES, a prominent Negro attorney who has handled civil rights matters in Birmingham area in the past, 1021 Center Street, North, Birmingham, Alabama, located in an area now popularly known as "Dynamite Hill," was damaged by an explosion believed to have been caused by dynamite. SHORES was home alone at the time and was not injured. No threats were received prior to explosion, which occurred at the southwest corner of the house, where the garage, which is part of the house, is located. A crowd of about 1,000 Negroes gathered and hurled stones at Birmingham Police Department officers attempting to control them and preserve the crime scene. Several police officers received injuries from stones and several Police Department tires were slashed. Order was restored about 1 a.m., August 21, 1963, after numerous shots had been fired over the heads of the crowd. Reward of over \$10,000 available. No suspects developed to date.

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; Bombing of Residence of
ARTHUR SHORES, 1021 Center Street, North,
Birmingham, Alabama, September 4, 1963
BOMBING MATTERS
Bufile 157-1011
Birmingham file 157-339

About 9:36 p.m., September 4, 1963, the SHORES residence was again damaged by an explosion believed to have originated from the sidewalk and about twenty-five feet from the front of the KING residence. The second explosion, which occurred one to three minutes afterward, was detonated near the front of the house. FBI Laboratory examination concluded dynamite was used as the explosive. Intensive neighborhood investigation

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BOMBINGS

sticks in intensity. Mrs. SHORES was slightly injured as she was asleep in the bedroom located nearest to the point of the explosion. A large crowd again gathered. Rocks were thrown at police and gun fire was heard emanating from this crowd. Police returned fire and the crowd was eventually dispersed. One Negro was killed by Police Department officers when he came running from his house shooting a gun at them. Crime scene search conducted by Police Department and carbonaceous smears noted on dirt from perimeter of explosion, although no conclusions as to the type of explosive used definitely made. No definite suspects developed.

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; Bombing of 16th Street
Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama,
September 15, 1963
BOMBING MATTERS
Bufile 157-1025
Birmingham file 157-352

At 10:19 a.m., on September 15, 1963, there was an explosion, generally believed to have been caused by ten or more sticks of dynamite, at the 16th Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama (Negro), taking the lives of four children, who were among approximately 100-125 people in attendance at Sunday School. Twenty or more persons were injured. The church is located at the corner of 6th Avenue and 16th Street, North, near the downtown section of the city. The point of impact was outside the church, a brick building, on the 16th Street side under some concrete steps and against the wall. Damage to the church building was estimated to be \$30,000-\$40,000 and undetermined amount of damage to surrounding buildings.

This church had been a meeting place in the past for racial demonstrators. This bombing, one of a series in the recent past in Birmingham, is possibly attributable to racial extremists.

The crime scene search has failed to develop evidence indicating that the explosion was detonated by any specific type of detonator. It is unknown at this point whether a fuse or a timing mechanism was used.

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BOMBINGS

Birmingham newspapers on September 18, 1963, state that a fund for rewards in this case has reached \$76,000.

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; Explosion at 1601
Center Street, South, Birmingham,
Alabama, September 25, 1963
BOMBING MATTERS
Birmingham file 157-407

About 1:30 a.m., September 25, 1963, persons in the vicinity of 1601 Center Street, South, a well maintained Negro neighborhood of medium priced homes, reported an explosion to the Police Department. At 1:45 a.m., a second explosion of greater intensity, possibly several sticks of dynamite, occurred at the corner adjacent to the captioned address. This second explosion shattered a telephone pole, blew a small crater in the curbing and showered the neighborhood with high oxidized nuts, bolts and other metal fragments, which caused extensive shrapnel damage to surrounding property but no injuries. Laboratory reports dynamite residues on fragments. First explosion believed to have occurred within ten feet of the second and was believed to be lure to cause neighbors and police to be injured by the second blast.

Intensive investigation of all of the above bombings by Police Department, Sheriff's Office and FBI has failed to develop positive information identifying the perpetrators.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM SAC BIRMINGHAM /157-352/ 7.0 XXX TP

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BAPBOMB, ETAL. DAILY SUMMARY.

EXPLOSIVE PROJECT.

AUTHORITIES HERCULES POWDER COMPANY, BIRMINGHAM, ADVISE NO CARTONS OF POWDER OR DYNAMITE MISSING. ADMIT POSSIBILITY AN EMPLOYEE MIGHT SECRET SMALL AMOUNTS IN LUNCH CONTAINER OR SOME OTHER RECEPTACLE AND SNEAK IT OUT OF PLANT PRIOR TO PACKING FOR SHIPMENT. HOWEVER HAVE NO SPECIFIC INFORMATION THIS OCCURS.

62c [REDACTED] ALABAMA, WHO ALLEGEDLY PURCHASED TWENTYFIVE BLASTING CAPS FROM HERCULES POWDER COMPANY AUGUST TWENTYTHREE, LAST, PRESENTLY RESIDING JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA, ALIBI BEING CHECKED.

CHURCH MEMBERS AND NEIGHBORHOOD. REC-97

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NUMEROUS ADDITIONAL CHURCH MEMBERS AND PERSONS RESIDING IN NEIGHBORHOOD LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED THIS DATE TO NO AVAIL, WITH EXCEPTION [REDACTED]

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NEIGHBORHOOD SEVENTH AVENUE IMMEDIATELY
REDONE AND SOME FIFTY INDIVIDUALS INTERVIEWED, NONE OF WHOM RECALL
SEEING THESE TWO WHITE MALES. NEIGHBORHOOD WILL BE COMPLETELY
REDONE TOMORROW MORNING, SUNDAY, BEGINNING AT TEN A.M. IN AN
ENDEAVOR TO FIND ADDITIONAL PEOPLE WHO MAY HAVE SEEN THESE WHITE
END PAGE THREE.

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MEN AT THE SAME TIME THE EXPLOSION OCCURRED ON THE SAME DAY OF THE
WEEK. EXTENSIVE BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION THESE TWO INDIVIDUALS
UNDER WAY AND SHOWUP ANTICIPATED.

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ROBERT CHAMBLISS WAS OBSERVED ON MT. OLIVE ROAD IN PROXIMITY OF [REDACTED] RESIDENCE AND ASKED TO COME TO OFFICE BY SAS.

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[REDACTED] FIX SURVEILLANCE BEING MAINTAINED
CHAMBLISS RESIDENCE. [REDACTED] OBSERVED ENTERING RESIDENCE
LAST EVENING AND THIS MORNING. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] DECLINED TO BE INTERVIEWED
IN VERY ABUSIVE LANGUAGE AND DECLINED TO MAKE OTHER MEMBERS
AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW.

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PENDING. ONE PCI DASH RAC FILE OPENED.

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TO : Mr. Rosen *RW*

DATE: 9-29-63

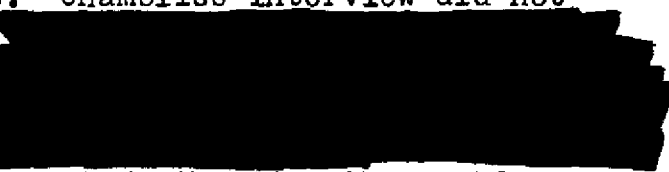
FROM : C. L. McGowan *CLM*

SUBJECT: BAPBOMB

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SAC Roy K. Moore telephonically advised at 3:43 P. M. that the recontact of neighbors in the immediate area of the 16th Street Baptist Church did not develop any new information. SAC Moore further advised that the investigation of the alleged two white men seen running from the area of the church approximately one minute following the blast is continuing and has not as yet been resolved.

SAC Moore stated that a meeting of the Klan is contemplated for the evening of 9-29-63 at Chajaba River, which will be covered by surveillance.

SAC Moore also stated that the Chambliss group were also interviewed this date. Chambliss interview did not develop anything specific, 

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SAC Moore stated that further details would be furnished in daily summary.

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ACTION:

None, for information.

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TO : MR. ROSEN *RU*

DATE: 9-29-63

FROM : C. L. McGowan *CLM*

SUBJECT: BAPBOMB

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SAC Roy K. Moore telephonically advised at 5:21 PM, that [REDACTED] were presently being questioned in the Birmingham office. SAC Moore desired authority to give polygraph examination to both individuals. SAC Moore requested approval within the hour. AAA

ACTION:

Appropriate authority was secured and SAC Moore telephonically advised at 5:25 PM of Bureau authorization for polygraph examination.

1 - Laboratory (Mr. Herndon)

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TO : Mr. Rosen *PR*

DATE: 9-29-63

FROM : G. H. Scatterday *GH*

SUBJECT: BAPBOMB

At 10:50 P. M. 9-28-63, SAC Roy Moore called from Birmingham, Alabama, to advise that [REDACTED], a Klan member, identified as an [REDACTED] had agreed to submit to a polygraph examination. He, Moore, said he would go ahead with the examination UACB within an hour.

Mr. Rosen was contacted at 11:00 P. M. 9-28-63 and gave the authority for the examination.

Moore added that they have found four Negroes who saw two white men run away from behind the church approximately one minute prior to the bomb explosion. One of the Negroes picked a picture of one white man as possibly being identical with one of the two white men who ran away from the church. Full details on this phase of the case will be furnished by teletype to the Bureau.

ACTION:

For information.

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TO : Mr. Rosen *RJ*

DATE: 9/29/63

FROM : C. L. McGowan *CLM*

SUBJECT: BAPBOMB

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At 10:50 p. m. following an inquiry from the press service, Assistant Director DeLoach inquired as to the possibility of a break in the captioned investigation. Mr. DeLoach indicated that Governor Wallace of Alabama had indicated that state investigators expected to break the Birmingham Church case within the next few hours.

Mr. DeLoach was informed that at this time we had received no information either from the Birmingham or Mobile Divisions as to any imminent break in the case, but that immediate inquiries would be made to determine if such information existed.

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At 10:58 p. m. Supervisor [redacted] Birmingham Division, was contacted concerning the Governor's statement and indicated that the office was also aware of the release and would have SAC Faisst contact the Bureau concerning this matter.

At 11:14 p. m. SAC Earl Dalness, Mobile Division, was also contacted to determine if any information available at Montgomery, Alabama, concerning the alleged press release of the Governor of Alabama. Dalness indicated that they had not received this information but would make immediate inquiries to determine if possible the basis for the release. Dalness was also instructed to advise the Bureau as to the results of his contacts with sources close to the Governor in the Alabama Department of Public Safety.

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ADDENDUM:

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At 11:08 p. m. SAC Ray Faisst advised that they had also heard of this alleged break attributed to the Governor of Alabama and that inquiries through sources of the Birmingham Office have not produced any information indicating subjects had been developed nor were arrests imminent at this time. Faisst was again instructed to press this matter vigorously to develop all information which might be the basis for the Governor's statement.

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At 11:56 p. m. SAC Earl Dalness advised that the sources close to the Governor in the Alabama Department of Public Safety both of whom are investigators in the Investigative and Identification Division of this department and both members of the National Academy were presently working this case in Birmingham and attempts to reach them by phone at their known places of lodging had been unsuccessful. Dalness indicated that a source of information in the radio and television industry had indicated that the Governor is actually weathered in at Jacksonville, Florida, and although he may arrive in Montgomery within the hour, it is not felt that he personally made the press release but same came from his office. Dalness was further impressed with vigorously following this matter to determine if possible the basis for the Governor's statement of imminent arrests.

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88TH CONGRESS
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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 17, 1963

Mr. HART (for himself Mr. KUCHEL, Mr. HUMPHREY, Mr. JAVITS, Mr. CASE, and Mr. WILLIAMS of New Jersey) submitted the following resolution; which was ordered to lie on the table and to be printed

916th STREET BAPTIST CHURCH
BIRMINGHAM, ALA

RESOLUTION

Whereas on Sunday, September 15, 1963, the conscience of this Nation was shocked by the killing and maiming of Negro children while attending religious service in a church; and

Whereas Sunday, September 22, 1963, is the one hundred and first anniversary of the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation by the President of the United States: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate of the United States extends
2 its deep condolence to the families of these innocent children;
3 and be it further

4 *Resolved*, That the President of the United States be
5 informed that it is the sense of the Senate that he proclaim
6 Sunday, September 22, 1963, a day of national observance

7 in memory of these children and a day of rededication
8 this Nation to the principles of law, equality, and tolerance.

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FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-352)
SUBJECT: BAPBOMB

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Approved: *[Signature]*
Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M Per *[Signature]*

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To date polygraph tests have been afforded in this case to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Each of the above have signed consent forms to be interviewed with the aid of the polygraph, Bureau permission was granted before the interviews, and the polygraph charts together with the lists of questions and the consent forms are all being retained in the Birmingham file.

Copies of the airtels reporting the results of interviews are designated for Little Rock for record purposes inasmuch as polygraph examiner [REDACTED] is assigned to that office.

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TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: 9/30/63

FROM : *RW* Rosen

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

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The following developments have taken place concerning our investigations of the bombings in Birmingham, Alabama, at the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, the residence of Arthur Shores, and the intersection of Sixteenth Avenue and Center Street South.

Shortly before 9:00 p.m., CST, 9/29/63 information was received that the office of Governor Wallace of Alabama had issued a press statement in which it was indicated that Alabama state investigators expected to break the Birmingham church bombing case within the next few hours and that arrests were imminent. Immediate inquiry was initiated to determine the basis for the statement allegedly issued by the Governor's office.

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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: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH,

(1:10 am our time)

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Indications were that Chambliss was taken to the city jail at Midfield, Alabama, on the outskirts of Birmingham, but subsequent information disclosed that he had been taken to the AHP station in Midfield.

At 12:50 a.m. CST, 9/30/63 information was received that a second man had been arrested by the AHP and he was also taken to the AHP station in Midfield. Radio reports in Birmingham, attributed to the Governor's office, indicated that two white men were arrested in connection with the church bombing but their identities were being withheld "in the interests of continuing investigation." Efforts to identify the second man arrested through the AHP at Midfield were made by the Birmingham Office but the AHP refused to give out any information. The Birmingham Office asked to speak to Colonel Lingo and was told he was not available. It was learned through other sources that the second man was Charles Arnie Cagle.

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Information was also received by Birmingham that other individuals are presently being questioned by the AHP at Midfield.

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

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Prior to radio announcements Sheriff Bailey and Chief of Police Jamie Moore were not advised of these arrests or plans for the arrests by the Alabama Highway Patrol and both are considerably upset concerning this matter.

Members of the Chambliss group have been considered prime suspects by us in the Birmingham bombings and we have been conducting intensive investigation to develop evidence which could definitely tie them in to the bombings. We have talked to Chambliss.

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we have not developed sufficient information to warrant picking them up,

Chambliss, upon reinterview on 9/29/63, talked freely concerning his Klan activities but refused to discuss the Birmingham bombings and would not take the polygraph test.

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

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The intensive investigation of the Chambliss group and other phases of the investigation of the Birmingham bombings are continuing to be pressed. We are closely following the action taken by the Alabama Highway Patrol.

ACTION:

You will be kept advised of pertinent developments.

* ATTACHED
A letter to the Attorney General is being prepared advising him of the arrests of Chambliss and Cagle by the Alabama Highway Patrol.

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URGENT 9-30-63 1-34 AM CST HEP

TO DIRECTOR

FROM SAC BIRMINGHAM /157-352/ 6P

BAPBOMB, ET AL. DAILY SUMMARY, SEPTEMBER TWENTYNINE, SIX THREE.
NEIGHBORHOOD AND CHURCH MEMBERS.

TODAY ON SECOND WEEKLY ANNIVERSARY OF CHURCH BOMBING ENTIRE
AGENT COMPLEMENT, SPECIAL SQUAD, WAS IN NEIGHBORHOOD TO INTERVIEW
THOSE PERSONS WHO MAY NOT HAVE RETURNED ON FIRST WEEKLY ANNIVERSARY
TO THAT PARTICULAR AREA. EMPLOYEES IN BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS
OPEN AT THAT HOUR OF THE DAY, TO WIT, TEN TO TWELVE AM, WERE
INTERVIEWED. ALL PERSONS OCCUPYING OR VISITING RESIDENCES ON
SEVENTH AVENUE BETWEEN SIXTEENTH AND FOURTEENTH STREETS, AS
WELL AS THOSE ON SIXTEENTH STREET BETWEEN SIXTH AND SEVENTH
AVENUES AND FIFTEENTH STREET BETWEEN SIXTH AND SEVENTH AVENUES,
AS WELL AS THE ALLEY CONNECTING SIXTEENTH AND FIFTEENTH STREETS
BETWEEN SIXTH AND SEVENTH AVENUE, WERE INTERVIEWED. THIS OF
COURSE IS A ONE HUNDRED PERCENT COLORED NEIGHBORHOOD COMPRISED OF
RESIDENCES, APARTMENT HOUSES AND BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS, INCLUDING

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TWO NEGRO FUNERAL HOMES. PHYSICAL EXAMINATION OF THE INTERI

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THE BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS AND SOME OF THE HOMES AS WELL AS APARTMENT HOUSES WAS MADE. SPECIFICALLY THOSE IN PROXIMITY TO THE CHURCH WERE THOROUGHLY RE-EXAMINED. OWNERS AND OCCUPANTS THESE ESTABLISHMENTS EXHIBITED MUCH FRIENDLIER ATTITUDE THAN HERETOFORE AND APPEARED TRYING TO BE OF HELP, HOWEVER NOTHING NEW WAS LEARNED.

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MY TEL YESTERDAY REPORTED THAT FOUR NEGROES HAD OBSERVED TWO WHITE MALES RUNNING BETWEEN THE RESIDENCES LOCATED OPPOSITE THE CHURCH FRONTING ON SEVENTH AVENUE ONE MINUTE AFTER THE BOMBING. IT WAS ALSO REPORTED THAT TWO OF THESE PEOPLE HAD PARTIALLY IDENTIFIED AND ONE FELT SURE THE PICTURE OF [REDACTED] APPEARED SIMILAR TO ONE OF THE WHITE MALES. [REDACTED]

ALIBI THOROUGHLY CHECKED THIS DATE AND AN OFFICIAL OF THE [REDACTED] [REDACTED] EACH SUBSTANTIATED [REDACTED] STATEMENT THEY WERE IN THOSE ESTABLISHMENTS THE MORNING OF THE BOMBING. TIMES RATHER DIFFICULT TO FIX. CONSEQUENTLY [REDACTED] REQUESTED TO TAKE POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION. BOTH IMMEDIATELY SIGNED WAIVERS. [REDACTED]

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ALL THOSE PERSONS INTERVIEWED IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENT PROJECT ABOVE WERE INTERROGATED AS TO WHETHER TWO WHITE MALES SEEN IN THE AREA POINTED OUT IN THIS PROJECT, HOWEVER NONE COULD SUBSTANTIATE HAVING SEEN THESE TWO PERSONS.

CHURCH PROJECT.

NUMEROUS ADDITIONAL CHURCH MEMBERS AND SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDEES INTERVIEWED THIS DATE HOWEVER NO NEW INFORMATION DEVELOPED. APPROXIMATELY THIRTY ODD CHURCH MEMBERS AND ABOUT THE SAME NUMBER OF SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDEES REMAIN TO BE IDENTIFIED AND INTERVIEWED IN THIS PROJECT.

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THIS PROJECT PROGRESSING SLOWLY DUE TO THE ABSOLUTE UNCOOPERATIVE ATTITUDE OF THE LEADER AND MEMBERS OF THE MOSQUE. ADDITIONAL IMPETUS BEING AFFORDED THIS PROJECT BEGINNING TOMORROW AM.

CHAMBLISS PROJECT.

ROBERT EDWARD CHAMBLISS INTERVIEWED IN BIRMINGHAM FBI OFFICE LAST NIGHT. HE WAS FRIENDLY AND TALKED FREELY CONCERNING HIS BACKGROUND,
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HIS EMPLOYMENT, HIS FAMILY, AND HIS KLAN ACTIVITIES UNTIL IT WAS NECESSARY FOR HIM TO IDENTIFY FELLOW MEMBERS AND TO CONVERSE ABOUT THE RECENT BOMBINGS. THESE TWO MATTERS HE AVOIDED AND REFUSED TO DISCUSS. HE WOULD NOT TAKE THE POLYGRAPH TEST.

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[REDACTED] FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU, CHAMBLISS STATES HAD CANCEROUS ULCER REMOVED FROM INTESTINAL TRACT SOME SEVENTEEN YEARS AGO AND OPERATING SURGEON PREDICTED HE HAD ONLY TEN YEARS TO LIVE. HE ADVISES HE HAS ABDOMINAL PAINS REGULARLY.

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[REDACTED] REINTERVIEWED BIRMINGHAM OFFICE THIS DATE. FURTHER ATTEMPTS MADE TO ENLARGE UPON THEIR POSSIBLE PARTICIPATION IN RECENT BOMBINGS TO NO AVAIL.

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ENDEAVOR MADE TO REINTERVIEW [REDACTED] FOR PURPOSE OF
AFFORDING POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION BUT HE DECLINED.

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ATTEMPTS MADE TO INTERVIEW [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] EACH REFUSED IN A PROFANE

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URGENT 9-30-63 6-21 PM CST RTL
TO DIRECTOR, FBI /157-1025/ AND SAC, BIRMINGHAM
FROM SAC, NEW ORLEANS /157-1294/

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BAPBOMB. OO, BIRMINGHAM.

RE NEW ORLEANS TELETYPE SEPTEMBER TWENTYEIGHT LAST.

TWO INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED TODAY. NO PERTINENT INFORMATION
OBTAINED. FIFTEEN REMAIN TO BE CONDUCTED.

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The Attorney General

September 30, 1963

Director, FBI

**UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET
BAPTIST CHURCH,
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA
SEPTEMBER 15, 1963
BOMBING MATTERS**

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. McGowan
- 1 - Mr. Lavin
- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. Conrad
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Evans
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan

On September 29, 1963, I was advised that the office of Governor George Wallace of Alabama had released a statement to the press at 8:30 p.m., Central Standard Time (CST), that date to the effect that Alabama state investigators expected to break the case of the bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church in Birmingham within the next few hours and that arrests were imminent.

At 11:10 p.m., CST, an investigator for the Alabama Highway Patrol was observed placing Robert E. Chambliss under arrest. At 12:50 a.m., CST, September 30, 1963, information was received that a second man, Charles Arnie Cagle, was arrested by the Alabama Highway Patrol. Both men were reportedly taken to the Alabama Highway Patrol station at Midfield, Alabama, on the outskirts of Birmingham. Radio reports attributed to the Governor's office indicated only that two white men had been arrested in connection with the church bombing, but their identities were being withheld in the interests of continuing investigation. The Alabama Highway Patrol declined to furnish any information concerning the arrests or the identities of the two men.

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SENT FROM D. P.
 TIME 9:25 AM
 DATE 9-30-63
 BY [Signature]

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The Attorney General

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For your information Chambliss, who is a member of the United Americans for Conservative Government, a segregation group in Birmingham, and an old-time Klan member, and several of his associates in that organization [REDACTED] are considered prime suspects and we have been conducting intensive investigation to develop evidence indicating their involvement. We have interviewed Chambliss, [REDACTED]

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We have had no information that would permit the arrests of these individuals in connection with the bombing.

This will confirm information which has been given to Mr. Burke Marshall concerning the arrests made by the Alabama Highway Patrol.

- 1 - The Deputy Attorney General
- 1 - Mr. Burke Marshall
Assistant Attorney General

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URGENT 9-30-63 3-01AM CST WHC
TO DIRECTOR, FBI /157-1025/
FROM SAC, BIRMINGHAM /157-352/ 3P

BAPBOMB

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RADIO REPORTS ATTRIBUTED TO GOVERNOR-S OFFICE AT MONTGOMERY,
ALABAMA INDICATED TWO WHITE MEN WERE ARRESTED IN CONNECTION WITH
BAPBOMB CASE BUT THEIR IDENTITIES WERE BEING WITH-HELD IN INTEREST
OF CONTINUING INVESTIGATION.

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*Transmitted to
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Let to G. G.
9/30/63
J. H. H.*

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CONTACTS MADE AS OF ONE THIRTY A.M. THIS DATE AT AHP OFFICE, MIDFIELD, WITH [REDACTED] ONLY BROUGHT FORTH STATEMENT THAT SOME INDIVIDUALS ARE BEING QUESTIONED AND THAT ANY COMMENT CONCERNING ARRESTS WOULD HAVE TO COME FROM [REDACTED] A SPECIFIC REQUEST WAS MADE TO CONTACT [REDACTED] AND IT WAS STATED THAT [REDACTED] WAS UNAVAILABLE.

CONTINUING EFFORTS BEING MADE TO DETERMINE IDENTITY OF INDIVIDUALS REPORTEDLY HELD AT AHP OFFICE FOR PURPOSE OF KETERMINING IDENTITY, CHARGES AND INFO RE ARRAIGNMENT.

SHERIFF MEL BAILEY AND CHIEF OF POLICE JAMIE MOORE, BIRMINGHAM, WERE NOT ADVISED OF THIS MATTER BY AHP, AND BOTH ARE UPSET CONCERNING THIS MATTER.

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MOBILE WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO OBTAIN INFO RE THIS MATTER AT MONTGOMERY AND ADVISE BUREAU AND BIRMINGHAM IMMEDIATELY BY PHONE OF ALL DEVELOPMENTS.

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URGENT 9-29-63 10-45 PM CST VFP

TO DIRECTOR FBI AND SAC, BIRMINGHAM
FROM SAC, ^{mobile} BIRMINGHAM /157-416/ 1 P

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RE TELCON SAC MO TO SUP [REDACTED] INVESTIGATIVE
DIVISION.

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EFFORTS TO CONTACT MAJOR WILLIAM R. JONES, CHIEF, AND LT.
WILLIE B. PAINTER, INVESTIGATOR, ADPS, MONTGOMERY REFLECTS
BOTH IN BIRMINGHAM.

BH ATTEMPT TO CONTACT JONES OR PAINTER TO OBTAIN DETAILS.

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URGENT 9-30-63 6-39 PM EST WRR
TO DIRECTOR FBI /157-1025/
FROM SAC TAMPA /157-856/ 1P
BAPBOMB.

[Signature]

RE TAMPA TEL SEPTEMBER TWENTYEIGHT LAST.

THREE INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED THIS DATE, NO PERTINENT INFORMATION OBTAINED.

ONE INTERVIEW REMAINS TO BE CONDUCTED, CONTACT WITH THIS INDIVIDUAL MADE DIFFICULT DUE TO HIS EMPLOYMENT. IT IS EXPECTED HE WILL BE INTERVIEWED EARLY MORNING OF OCTOBER ONE NEXT.

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TO : MR. BELMONT

DATE: 9/30/63

FROM : A. Rosen *AR*

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

SUBJECT:

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
 BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET
 BAPTIST CHURCH,
 Birmingham, Alabama, 9/15/63
 BOMBING MATTERS

BAP BOMB

I talked with SAC Roy Moore, at Birmingham, this morning, to ascertain whether there were any new developments.

He told me that he feels that this situation will probably backfire on the state authorities for having picked up Chambliss and Cagle. This appears to be true for as yet no charges have been filed against either and they are being held on an open charge of investigation.

He pointed out that yesterday Robert Shelton of the Klan had been riding around in a state police car most of the day. Shelton is outspoken in his support of Governor Wallace and is the most vocal of the Klan leaders in the area.

SAC Moore is of the opinion that the state authorities obviously knew that we had been putting tremendous pressure on the Chambliss group. Obviously the word got back to Shelton's crowd and they apparently felt they had to jump in and beat the Federal authorities to it by taking some action.

It is possible that this will backfire and that these people may be subjected to a law suit. Moore indicated that Chambliss used to work for the city and he was with them for about 8 years in the transportation department and knows enough about the law to know that he has a right to demand to know the charges which are outstanding against him, if any.

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SAC Moore, in spite of the above, is not changing his position. We are going forward with our interviews, keeping the pressure on and trying to create as much conflict as we can among the group that we have under investigation.

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cc MR. TOLSON

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TO : Mr. McGowan ✓ DATE: 9/30/63

FROM : A. Rosen *R*

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

Bapbomb

LAVI

I talked with SAC Roy Moore who advised me that yesterday, Shelton rode around with the State Police most of the day. It is Moore's opinion that Luna, the investigator for the Klan, obviously talked with Hall and Cash and others who were told of the pressure being put on by the FBI. Luna obviously got in touch with Shelton concerning this and, in turn, this information was given to Posey, the investigator for the State of Alabama (Alabama Highway Patrol). It appears this may be the basis for the procedure followed by the Alabama Highway Patrol in trying to jump the gun and pick up these persons with the hope that they might have gotten a confession. So far it does not appear they have been successful because both Chambliss and Cagle are being held on open charges by the Birmingham Police Department for the Alabama Highway Patrol.

While talking with Moore I pointed to the teletypes sent to Birmingham concerning the examination of the evidence which was submitted as having come from the crime scene search at the explosion at 16th and Center Street on September 25, 1963. I called attention to the piece of coathanger cut with a pinching tool such as a diagonal cutting pliers or electricians pliers; also, the other items which might be susceptible of identification. Moore indicates that he is aware of this and they are pressing every possibility to come up with this, particularly one part which they felt came from a Hudson automobile and might have some bearing on the possibility of further identification.

With reference to the trip which Chambliss took to Florida, this was a regular run. He delivered parts which had been previously sold by salesmen. Nothing of significance was developed although we had him under surveillance.

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Memo to McGowan from Rosen

The report concerning the Hercules Powder Company having sold some dynamite on August 23, to a "redneck" concerning whom a license number was obtained has been washed out. The individual was identified and eliminated, according to Moore.

There was no meeting of the United Americans for Conservative Government (Chambliss' outfit) yesterday. Not a car appeared in the open area along the river where they met. Moore indicated, however, that the technical equipment which they tested out worked excellently. They were able to communicate with Agents who were in the woods with good fidelity at distances up to one mile. The Agents had on one of the portable transmitting and receiving sets which are carried on the body.

Yesterday Birmingham had [REDACTED] in the office for two or three hours. They came in voluntarily. Saturday night they had Chambliss in. Obviously this would become known after they left the office. We will continue to put the pressure on these people and talk with them repeatedly as we have in the past.

Concerning the surveys which are being made, Roy Moore advises there is a real problem because it appears that the telephone company is getting numerous reports from all of the neighbors and friends of this group (Chambliss, et al), which has resulted in the telephone company having to check out suspicious persons in the area. One individual was caught climbing a pole and it developed he had nothing to do with any attempt to put in any device. Moore pointed this out to show the attitude of the local people and indicated that with Chambliss and the rest being as conscious as they are they were going to move a little slowly in recommending any coverage; however, they would continue to survey the situation.

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TO : Mr. Rosen

DATE: September 30, 1963

FROM : C. L. McGowan

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SUBJECT: BAPBOMB

1-14-04 PRATT CITY, ALA.

Robert E. Chambliss, aka, "Dynamite"

2505 32ND AVE. N.
BIRMINGHAM, ALA.

In 1949 Robert E. Chambliss, an employee at that time of the City of Birmingham's Garage, was suspended from his position when he threatened Willie German, a Negro. German had moved his furniture into a house in a white neighborhood.

W. E. CHAMBLISS
POLICE EQUIPMENT

In July, 1949, Robert E. Chambliss was one of those indicted, charged with flogging one Bill Hamilton, a coal miner who was taken from his home and whipped. Chambliss was acquitted on this charge. In December, 1949, Robert Chambliss, a discharged city employee of Birmingham, was reportedly in Crestview, Florida, organizing a Klan. A Newspaper article indicated he had been released from his employment as a result of his breaking a reporter's camera at a Klan meeting.

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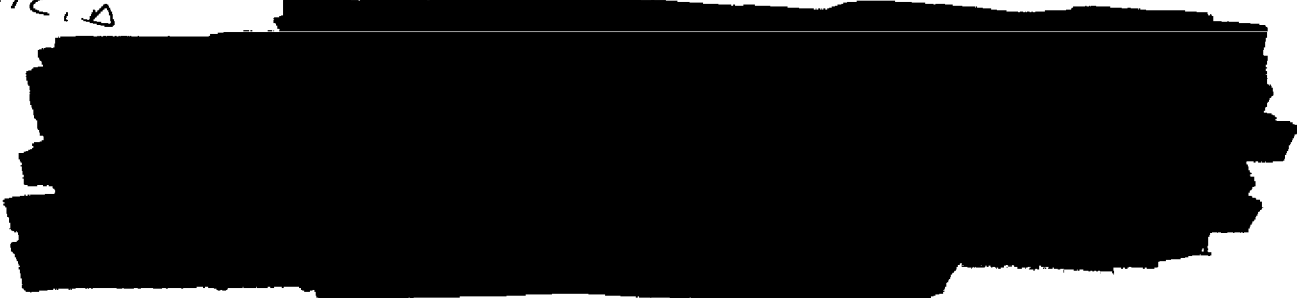
Memorandum to Mr. Rosen
RE: BAPBOMB


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In July, 1955, Chambliss was reportedly present at a cross burning and public speaking at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia.



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In 1956 the "Birmingham News" had an article which stated that Robert E. Chambliss had distributed reprints from "The Daily Worker" and other leaflets tending to inflame racial prejudice at the University of Alabama.



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In October, 1957, information was received that Robert E. Chambliss was elected Exalted Cyclops of the Alabama Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

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Memorandum to Mr. Rosen
RE: BAPBOMB

In July, 1958, Public Safety Commissioner Eugene "Bull" Connor advised that "Dynamite" Chambliss was arrested in connection with the bombing in North Birmingham on 7/17/58 but was released.

In October, 1958, Chambliss was interviewed concerning the bombing of the Clinton, Tennessee, High School on 10/5/58 and the bombing of the Jewish Temple, Atlanta, Georgia, on 10/12/58. Chambliss denied participation and stated he no longer belonged to the Ku Klux Klan or any similar group. He admitted that if Negroes tried to integrate his community, he himself would take care of the situation.

Chambliss on 10/13/58, upon interview, indicated that he had severed his Klan connections due to ill health and his dissatisfaction arising from the arrests of three men in connection with the July dynamiting in the Fountain Heights residential area of Birmingham.

The files of the Birmingham Office indicate that Chambliss has been frequently a suspect in connection with dynamiting of Negro residences in Birmingham in the past and has voiced threats of violence against Negroes and Jews. Birmingham Police Department has questioned him on practically all bombings of Negro residences in Birmingham but has never obtained definite proof connecting him with such acts.

In 1961 Chambliss was deleted from the potential bombing suspect list of the Birmingham Office since investigation of several bombings failed to indicate that Chambliss was involved in any of them. Established sources accounted for his whereabouts on all occasions.

During an interview on 5/21/63 Chambliss of 2505 32nd Avenue, North, Birmingham, Alabama, advised that it was none of the FBI's business as to his whereabouts on Saturday, 5/11/63 (the date of the bombing of the Gaston Motel and the residence of A. D. W. King). He stated he knew where he was on that evening and it was "up to the FBI to find out." He denied participation in the bombings and indicated that if he did possess any information he would not furnish such information to the FBI.

Attached is the FBI Identification Record on Robert E. Chambliss under number 1004302.

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TO : Mr. McGowan *dw*

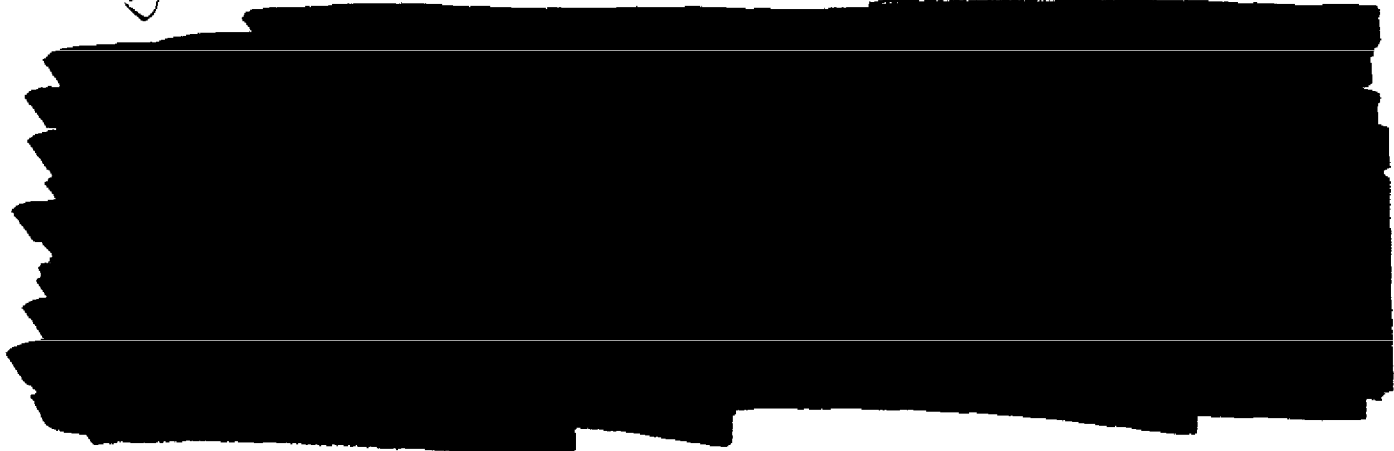
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FROM : A. Rosen *fr*

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

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I note that in the "Washington Daily News" Monday, 9/30/63, the first announcement of the arrest was made at 2:40 a. m. in Montgomery by Governor George Wallace's press secretary, Bill Jones. Jones allegedly stated that two persons had been arrested and their identities are being withheld in connection with the interest in the continuing investigation.

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URGENT 9-30-63 5-17 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 TELETYPE TO BUREAU AND BIRMINGHAM, SEPTEMBER TWENTYSEVEN, LAST, AND BIRMINGHAM AIRTEL TO ATLANTA, SEPTEMBER TWENTYFOUR, LAST.

CHECK OF ALL TOLL CALLS OF INDIVIDUALS MENTIONED BUTEL TO KNOXVILLE SEPT. TWENTY, COMPLETED, EXCEPT FOR ONE INDIVIDUAL WHICH WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE UNTIL AFTER OCTOBER NINE, NEXT. ONLY LONG DISTANCE CALLS REFLECTED IN ABOVE CHECK SET FORTH KNOXVILLE TELETYPE TO BUREAU AND BIRMINGHAM, SEPTEMBER TWENTY SIX, LAST. NO SIXTY OR SIXTYONE RAMBLER STATION WAGON SIMILAR TO ONE MENTIONED BIRMINGHAM AIRTEL TO ATLANTA KNOWN TO BE AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS OF KLAN OR HATE TYPE ORGANIZATIONS KNOXVILLE DIVISION.

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ONLY REMAINING INVESTIGATION KNOXVILLE DIVISION CONSISTS OF MAINTAINING CONTACT WITH RACIAL INFORMANTS, SOURCES, AND CHECK OF TOLL CALLS MENTIONED ABOVE. IN VIEW OF ABOVE, UACB

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NO DAILY TELETYPE WILL BE SUBMITTED AFTER THIS DATE, HOWEVER,
IF ANY PERTINENT INFORMATION DEVELOPED, IT WILL BE FURNISHED
ON DATE DEVELOPED BY TELETYPE TO BIRMINGHAM AND BUREAU.

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TO : Mr. Belmont *B*

DATE: October 1, 1963

FROM : A. Rosen *r*

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

Mohr
LAV

In line with the Director's comment that the Birmingham Office should be instructed to have nothing to do with the Alabama Highway Patrol, I spoke with SAC Raymond Faisst concerning this and also SAC Earl Dalness of the Mobile Office. It was clearly indicated in view of the recent developments this action was absolutely necessary and it should be adhered to until further instructions.

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

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI /157-1025/ AND SAC, BIRMINGHAM
FROM SAC, NEW ORLEANS /157-1294/

BAPBOMB. OO, BIRMINGHAM.

RE NEW ORLEANS TELETYPE SEPTEMBER THIRTY LAST.

NO INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED TODAY. FIFTEEN REMAIN TO BE
CONDUCTED. ALL AGENTS IN AREA OF INTERVIEWS UTILIZED ON
EXPEDITE CIVIL RIGHTS CASES AND BANK ROBBERY INVESTIGATION.
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U R G E N T 9-30-63 11-31PM CST JP
TO DIRECTOR, FBI /157-1025/

FROM SAC, BIRMINGHAM /157-352/

BAPBOMB, ETAL. DAILY SUMMARY.

CHAMBLISS GROUP.

AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED BY TELEPHONE AND TELETYPE,
 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ALABAMA HIGHWAY PATROL PICKED UP FOR
 QUESTIONING THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF CAPTIONED GROUP.
 ROBERT E. CHAMBLISS, CHARLES ARNIE CAGLE, [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] AND POSSIBLY OTHERS
 WHOSE IDENTITIES WILL BE ASCERTAINED. ALL ARE BEING
 INTERVIEWED OR REINTERVIEWED FOR SPECIFICS CONCERNING THIS
 FIASCO. GENERALLY IT HAS BEEN ASCERTAINED THAT REPRESENTATIVES
 OF THE HIGHWAY PATROL WERE OF OPINION THEY MIGHT SCOOP OTHER
 LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS BY WHOLESALE PICKUP AND INTERROGATION
 OF THOSE SUSPECTS WHOSE IDENTITIES THEY HAVE LEARNED FROM
 VARIOUS SOURCES UNDER INVESTIGATION BY FBI AND OTHERS. OCT 2 1963
 ALL SUSPECTS WHO WERE PICKED UP DURING EVENING HOURS

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*Inmate Posen
to Belmont 10/1/63
J. Feak*

cc Lamm

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SEPTEMBER TWENTYNINE WERE RELEASED EARLY MORNING HOURS
SEPTEMBER THIRTY WITH EXCEPTION OF CHAMBLISS AND CAGLE WHO
ARE STILL IN CUSTODY. HOWEVER, NO CHARGES HAVE AS YET BEEN
FILED AND THEY ARE BEING HELD ON QUOTE OPEN CHARGE END
QUOTE OR FOR INVESTIGATION. CONCENSUS OF NEWS MEDIA AND LAW
ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS IS SHOULD CHAMBLISS AND CAGLE DESIRE,
THEY PROBABLY WOULD HAVE EXCELLENT BASIS FOR FALSE ARREST
SUIT

[REDACTED]

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END PAGE TWO

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[REDACTED] RELATIVES OF CHAMBLISS AND CAGLE ARE QUITE CONCERNED AND HAVE CONSULTED WITH ATTORNEYS RE WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS BUT ATTORNEY WAS PREVAILED UPON TO WITHHOLD SUCH ACTION UNTIL AM OF OCTOBER ONE. RELIABLE NEWS MEDIA SOURCES HAVE REPORTED THAT THEY ARE POISED EDITORIALY TO TAKE THE AHP AND THE GOVERNOR APART. IT IS RUMORED THAT ~~QUOTE~~"HEADS WILL ROLL"~~END QUOTE~~. THE ONLY CHARGE CONCEIVABLE AT THIS TIME, ACCORDING TO SOURCES, IS STATE CHARGE OF ILLEGAL TRANSPORTATION OF DYNAMITE WHICH IS A MISDEMEANOR, AND ALLEGEDLY PUNISHABLE BY A THREE HUNDRED DOLLAR FINE. IT IS DOUBTFUL THIS COULD BE SUSTAINED IN COURT TRIAL. IT IS IS RELIABLY REPORTED THAT THE ~~QUOTE~~"MAN ON THE STREET"~~END QUOTE~~ IS ALREADY ASKING EMBARRASSING QUESTIONS AND FEELS THAT HE HAS BEEN DUPED BY THE GOVERNOR AND AHP. REACTION OF MRS. CHAMBLISS AND HER SISTER TO ARREST OF MR. CHAMBLISS
END PAGE THREE

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PREVIOUSLY REPORTED BY TELEPHONE TODAY. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] *ALL*

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] *when?*

[REDACTED] *?*

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NEIGHBORHOODS AND CHURCH MEMBERS.

NUMEROUS MEMBERS OF VICTIM CHURCH AND ADDITIONAL PERSONS
IN NEIGHBORHOOD LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED TODAY [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED] OCCUPANTS THIS CAR WILL BE IDENTIFIED AND THOROUGHLY
CHECKED TOMORROW.

NOI PROJECT.

DUE TO INTENSIVE INQUIRIES BEING CONDUCTED IN AND AROUND
NOI HEADQUARTERS, THEY CLOSED TODAY. NO MEMBERS THIS GROUP
COULD BE LOCATED FOR INTERVIEW.

NSRP PROJECT.

DUE TO EXTENSIVE INQUIRIES BEING CONDUCTED CONCERNING
MEMBERS THIS ORGANIZATION IN BIRMINGHAM, INFORMATION WAS
RECEIVED FROM RELIABLE SOURCES TODAY THAT THEY HAVE BEEN
SERIOUSLY ^{hindered} IN THEIR OPERATIONS WHICH ARE REPORTED TO
BE AT A STANDSTILL. INTENSIVE INVESTIGATION WILL CONTINUE
THIS ORGANIZATION DUE TO THEIR UNCOOPERATIVE ATTITUDE WITH
END PAGE SEVEN

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AGENTS. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND EVERY EFFORT MADE TO
INSURE THEY ARE IDENTIFIED OR ELIMINATED AS SUSPECTS THIS
CASE. IT WAS LEARNED TODAY THAT [REDACTED] WHO HAS
REFUSED INTERVIEW WITH AGENTS, WAS RELEASED FROM HIS JOB.

[REDACTED]

JACKSONVILLE REPORTED [REDACTED] RETURNED ATLANTA THIS
DATE. ALSO THAT HE HAS RECEIVED CALLS FROM BIRMINGHAM
CONCERNING SHP-S PICKUPS LAST EVENING. POSSIBILITY EXISTS
[REDACTED] MAY TRY TO CAPITALIZE ON A FALSE ARREST SUIT SHOULD HE
END PAGE EIGHT

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BE ABLE TO NEGOTIATE IT.

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[REDACTED]

THEIR ALIBIS VERIFIED
THIS DATE AND THEY ARE ELIMINATED • SUSPECTS.

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RE BUAIRTEL TO BIRMINGHAM AND MEMPHIS SEPTEMBER TWENTYSIX
LAST.

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HUNDRED TWENTYFIVE INTERVIEWS PENDING AND THREE PCIS DASH
RAC FILES OPENED.

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URGENT 9-30-63 11-45 PM EST PNR

TO DIRECTOR AND SAC, BIRMINGHAM /157-352/

FROM SAC, SAVANNAH /157-503/

BAPBOMB, BM.

RE SAVANNAH TEL SEPTEMBER TWENTYSEVEN, LAST.

DUE TO CONTINUING INVESTIGATION BR, BB, AND NEW AUTOMOBILE THEFT RING CASE, ONLY TWO ADDITIONAL KLANSMEN INTERVIEWED THIS DATE. ATTEMPTS MADE TO CONTACT THREE OTHERS. NO INFO DEVELOPED CONCERNING POSSIBLE SUSPECTS IN CAPTIONED CASE.

APPROXIMATELY SEVENTYTWO KLANSMEN REMAIN TO BE INTERVIEWED SAVA DDIVISION.

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

URGENT 10-1-63 9-14 PM EST WRR
TO DIRECTOR FBI /157-1025/
FROM SAC TAMPA /157-856/ 1P

BAPBOMB.

RE TAMPA TEL SEPTEMBER THIRTY LAST.

ONE INTERVIEW CONDUCTED THIS DATE, NO PERTINENT INFORMATION
OBTAINED.

SINCE THIS IS LAST INTERVIEW TO BE CONDUCTED IN CONNECTION
THIS PARTICULAR PROGRAM, DAILY TEL BEING DISCONTINUED.

END ACK AND HOLD PLS

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
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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	_____

U R G E N T 10-1-63 11-43 PM CST PJP

TO DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM SAC, BIRMINGHAM /157-352/ 10 P

BAPBOMB, ETAL. DAILY SUMMARY.

CHAMBLISS GROUP.

ALABAMA HIGHWAY PATROL SERVED WITH WRITS OF HABIAS
CORPUS TODAY BY ATTORNEYS REPRESENTING ROBERT EDWARD
CHAMBLISS AND CHARLES CAGLE, NECESSITATING A CHARGE BE
FILED AGAINST THEM AND JOHN WFLEY HALL, ALSO TAKEN INTO
CUSTODY THIS AFTERNOON. HALL EXHIBITED COPY OF COMPLAINT
AND WARRANT OF ARREST TO AGENTS WHICH CHARGED HIM WITH QUOTE
HAVE IN HIS POSSESSION EXPLOSIVE, TO WIT, DYNAMITE,
WITHOUT PERMIT THEREFOR^{AS} AS REQUIRED BY SECTION FOUR FIVE
ONE OF THE GENERAL CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF BIRMINGHAM OF
NINETEEN FORTYFOUR, ALL IN VIOLATION OF SECTION FOUR SIX
FOUR OF SAID GENERAL CITY CODE END QUOTE. COMPLAINT
SIGNED BY ALBERT J. LINGO BEFORE JUDGE OF THE RECORDERS
COURT OF BIRMINGHAM J. EARL LANGNER. BOND SET FOR ALL THREE
END PAGE ONE

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*In memo Rosen
to Belmont 10/2/63
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SUBJECTS AT THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS AND CHAMBLISS SCHEDULED
TO APPEAR FOR TRIAL ONE THIRTY PM NEXT TUESDAY, OCTOBER
EIGHT SIXTYTHREE. TRIAL DATES FOR HALL AND CAGLE NOT KNOWN
AT THIS TIME. REPUTABLE NEWS REPRESENTATIVES AND MEMBERS OF
LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT HAVE REPEATEDLY REPORTED TODAY THAT
COL. LINGO, AHP, SEEMED TO HAVE BEEN IN AN UNTENABLE POSITION
IN THAT IT IS DOUBTFUL HE CAN SUBSTANTIATE ANY CHARGE
AGAINST THESE THREE INDIVIDUALS. HE WAS FORCED TO SIGN
THE POSSESSION CHARGE HIMSELF BECAUSE HE COULD GET NO
OTHER OFFICER TO SIGN IT. IT HAS BEEN REPORTED BY THESE
REPRESENTATIVES THAT THE INDIVIDUALS PICKED UP BY THE AHP
ON SUNDAY NIGHT RECOGNIZED DON LUNA, BOB SHELTON AND
HUBERT E. REEVES, KLAN REPRESENTATIVES, RIDING WITH THE
AHP OFFICERS AND WERE PRESENT WHEN SOME OF THEM WERE
PICKED UP. FOLLOWING ASSOCIATES CHAMBLISS GROUP
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INTENSIVE INVESTIGATION CONTINUING CONCERNING ALL
AFOREMENTIONED INDIVIDUALS.

NEIGHBORHOOD AND CHURCH GROUP.

ADDITIONAL MEMBERS OF VICTIM CHURCH AND PERSONS RESIDING
IN NEIGHBORHOOD LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED TODAY. NO NEW
INFORMATION DEVELOPED.

[REDACTED] 67-50

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~~AND LINE THIRTEEN WORD 6 SHD BE "FORD"~~

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NOI PROJECT.

PURSUANT TO BIRMINGHAM TELETYPE TO CHICAGO YESTERDAY,
INFORMATION RECEIVED TODAY FROM CHICAGO OFFICE THAT NOI
HEADQUARTERS, CHICAGO, HAS ORDERED HEAD OF NOI, BIRMINGHAM,
END PAGE EIGHT

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TO MAKE AVAILABLE MEMBERSHIP LIST THAT GROUP FOR INTERVIEW.
THIS WILL BE DONE.

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MISCELLANEOUS.

[REDACTED]

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ONE HUNDRED SIX INTERVIEWS TODAY. THREE HUNDRED
THIRTYEIGHT REMAINING. ONE PCI RAC FILE OPENED.

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RADIOGRAM

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**TO SACS BIRMINGHAM
JACKSONVILLE
SAVANNAH
ATLANTA
MIAMI**

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send by plain text, deferred
teletype.

FROM DIRECTOR FBI

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AT 10:33

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RADIOGRAM TO BIRMINGHAM, JACKSONVILLE, SAVANNAH, ATLANTA, MIAMI.
RE: BAPBOMB

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APPROPRIATE OFFICES SHOULD CONDUCT SPOT-CHECK SURVEILLANCES
OF [REDACTED] SAVANNAH SHOULD INSURE THAT
PHYSICAL SURVEILLANCE MAINTAINED ON [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

SUTEL RESULTS OF PHYSICAL SURVEILLANCE. APPROPRIATE OFFICES
SUTEL RESULTS OF SURVEILLANCES ON OTHER SUBJECTS.

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URGENT 10-2-63 12-19 AM EST PNR
TO DIRECTOR AND SAC, BIRMINGHAM /157-352/
FROM SAC, SAVANNAH /157-503/
BAPBOMB. BM.

RE SV TEL SEPTEMBER THIRTY LAST.

DUE TO CONTINUING INVESTIGATION BR, BB, AND NEW AUTOMOBILE
THEFT RING CASE, ONLY FOUR ADDITIONAL KLANSMEN INTERVIEWED THIS DA
-ATTEMPTS MADE TO CONTACT THREE OTHERS. NO INFO DEVELOPED
CONCERNING POSSIBLE SUSPECTS IN CAPTIONED CASE.

APPROXIMATELY SIXTYEIGHT KLANSMEN REMAIN TO BE INTERVIEWED
SAVANNAH DIVISION.

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BH ADVISED SEP

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

Date 9/20/63

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Consigned to: FBI, Birmingham (157-352)

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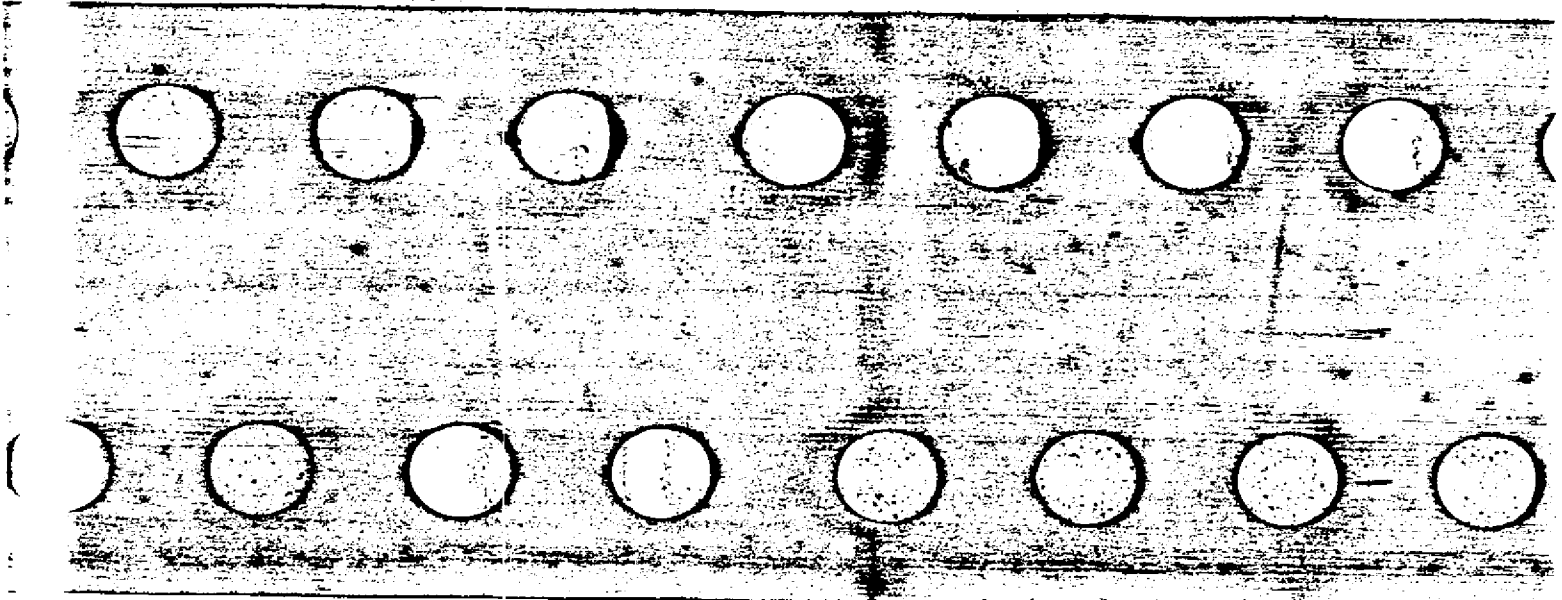
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO :

DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)

DATE: 10/2/63

FROM: *[Handwritten initials]*

SAC, CHARLOTTE (157-402) P

SUBJECT:

BAPBOMB

Re Birmingham airtels to the Director 9/18/63 and 9/19/63.

Referenced airtels requested offices to contact appropriate racial informants and/or sources and through appropriate informants and sources attempt to determine if any members of NOI have been in Birmingham in the recent past, particularly immediately prior to incident 9/15/63..

Contacts with informants and sources to date have developed no information of pertinence in connection with above two requests.

By teletype dated 9/21/63 Atlanta Office requested Charlotte to locate and interview a [redacted] Madeira Beach, Florida, who had arrived at Atlanta on United Airlines Flight 198 from Tampa 9/21/63 en route to Asheville, N. C. This individual's name was furnished as a suspect by [redacted]

A check with United Airlines, Asheville, N. C., failed to locate any list of passengers on above-referred-to flight and a further check of established sources, including city directories, telephone directory, credit and identification, failed to locate or identify [redacted]. By airtel to Birmingham 9/24/63 Tampa advised that [redacted] is a retired Army man, a substantial citizen of Madeira Beach, Florida, and through investigation eliminated him as a suspect in captioned matter.

Charlotte will maintain close contact with informants and sources, particularly in the racial field, and any information developed will be immediately furnished the Bureau and Birmingham.

- 3 - Bureau Rm
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 - 2 - Charlotte
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TO SAC BIRMINGHAM
FROM DIRECTOR FBI

BAPBOMB.

UPI RELEASE SEPTEMBER THIRTY, SIXTYTHREE, INDICATES THE FATHER OF CHARLES ARNIE CAGLE IS THE REVEREND A. M. CAGLE, PASTOR OF THE GOOD HOPE FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH. THE ARTICLE INDICATES REVEREND MR. CAGLE COMMENTED CONCERNING RECENT RACIAL BOMBING QUOTE WE'VE GOT TO LOOK TO THE LORD. MY SON IS BEING FRAMED BY SOMEONE, UNQUOTE. GIVE CONSIDERATION TO CONTACTING REVEREND MR. CAGLE AS AN INTERMEDIARY TO OBTAIN INFORMATION FROM HIS SON CHARLES ARNIE CAGLE LOGICAL SUSPECT.

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(FATHER)

BIRMINGHAM--THE FATHER OF ONE OF TWO MEN HELD FOR QUESTIONING ABOUT RECENT RACIAL BOMBINGS SAID TODAY "WE'VE GOT TO LOOK TO THE LORD--MY BOY IS BEING FRAMED BY SOMEONE."

THE REV. A.M. CAGLE PASTOR OF THE GOOD HOPE FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH, SAID HIS 22-YEAR-OLD SON CHARLES, IDENTIFIED AS HAVING LONG-TIME KLAN TIES, "BROKE AWAY FROM THE KLAN ABOUT TWO MONTHS AGO."

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE:

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Pages 16485 - 16486. Senator Humphrey, (D) Minnesota, in speaking of Birmingham situation, included miscellaneous material from recent newspapers. 1

included the article entitled "A Flower for the Graves" which was also set forth in remarks by Senators Ribicoff and Gruening.

In the original of a memorandum captioned and dated as above, the Congressional Record for _____ was reviewed and pertinent items were marked for the Director's attention. This form has been prepared in order that portions of a copy of the original memorandum may be clipped, mounted, and placed in appropriate Bureau case or subject matter files.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: *SEPT. 19, 1963*

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

*16th ST BAPTIST CHURCH
BIRMINGHAM, ALA*

Pages 16470-16471. Senator Gruening, (D) Alaska, spoke concerning recent happenings in Birmingham. He included several articles and editorials with

remarks. This material included an article from the Washington Star of September 1963, entitled "A Southerner Speaks--A Flower for the Graves." This article states "It is too late to blame the sick criminals who handled the dynamite. The FBI and the police can deal with that kind. The charge against them is simple. They killed four children. Only we can trace the truth, Southerner--you and I."

Pages 16477 - 16479. Senator Ribicoff, (D) Connecticut, spoke on the situation in Birmingham. He submitted several articles and editorials with his remarks. Included was an editorial from the Washington Post of September 18, 1963, entitled "Hunting The Killers." This editorial stated "Because of the high repute of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, that agency's massive effort to solve the Birmingham bombing will bring reassurance to an outraged nation. - - - It is not so certain, however, that the announcement will bring full reassurance to Negroes in Birmingham or throughout the country. Negro leaders have complained for several years that the FBI has not been zealous in hunting down civil rights violators in the South. - - - Critics of the Bureau ought to take a few factors into account. The first of these is that FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover is indubitably right in saying that investigation of crimes of this kind is primarily the duty of duly constituted local police authority; the FBI has jurisdiction only when the offense involved some crossing of State lines, and it needs to be careful to avoid exceeding its jurisdiction. - - - The FBI's task in Birmingham is not an easy one." Mr. Ribicoff also included the article entitled "A Flower for the Graves" which was set forth in comments by Senator Gruening earlier in this memorandum.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: 9/20/63

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Page 16566. Senator Miller, (R) Iowa, in speaking on the church bombing in Birmingham, submitted an article written by Eugene Patterson, editor of the Atlanta Constitution, entitled "A Flower for the Graves." This article states "It is too late to blame the sick criminals who handled the dynamite. The FBI and the police can deal with that kind. The charge against them is simple. They killed four children. Only we can trace the truth, southerner--you and I."

Pages 16680 - 16681. Congressman Andrews, (D) Alabama, spoke in connection with the recent bombing in Birmingham and pointed out that "I can assure you that Governor Wallace is using every means at his command to see that the guilty are apprehended." Mr. Andrews included an editorial from the Montgomery (Alabama) Advertiser for September 17, 1963, entitled "The Tragedy's Aftermath." The editorial stated "A squad of FBI bomb experts is at work. They have been welcomed to the State and are as one working with State, county, and city police in the crucial manhunt."

Pages A5933 - A5934. Congressman Hawkins, (D) California, extended his remarks concerning the recent happenings in Birmingham. He included an article from the Washington Evening Star for September 17, 1963, entitled "A Flower for the Graves." This is a reprint of an article from the Atlanta (Georgia) Constitution newspaper which was included in the remarks of Senator Miller earlier in this memorandum.

Pages 10001 - 10006. Senator Humphrey, (D) Minnesota, spoke concerning his recent meeting with churchmen in connection with the situation in Birmingham and the need for civil rights legislation. He pointed out that these churchmen represented every religious faith in the country. Mr. Humphrey advised that this group met with many representatives of the Congress, with officers of the executive branch and with the Attorney General. Mr. Humphrey requested to have printed in the Record a statement issued by the religious leaders, a list of the leaders, and a digest of their statement to the Attorney General. This digest included the following recommendation: "The maximum use of the FBI on a basis of the currently existing antibombing statute and other existing legislation in the anticipation of, protection against, and detection of those who would by such or similar practices not only commit mayhem but incite to violence in a given community."

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In the original of a memorandum captioned and dated as above, the Congressional Record for 9/19/63 was reviewed and pertinent items were marked for the Director's attention. This form has been prepared in order that portions of a copy of the original memorandum may be clipped, mounted, and placed in appropriate Bureau case or subject matter files.

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DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

September 30, 1963

The attached anonymous communication was sent to the Director from New York, New York.

The note reads:

"Sir:

Is it just by "coincidence" that your stupid investigators are sent to Birmingham? Are those rebel bombers smarter than your men? Are the FBI men "really" looking for evidence?"

- MR. TOLSON _____
- MR. DELOACH _____
- MR. CASPER _____
- MR. CALLAHAN _____
- MR. CONRAD _____
- MR. EVANS _____
- MR. GALE _____
- MR. ROSEN _____
- MR. SULLIVAN _____
- MR. TAVEL _____
- MR. TROTTER _____
- MR. JONES _____
- TELE. ROOM _____
- MISS HOLMES _____
- MRS. METCALF _____
- MISS GANDY _____

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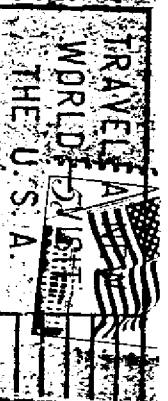
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M. J. [unclear]

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Chief of FBI
Washington 25, D.C.



SIR:

IS IT JUST BY "COINCIDENCE" THAT YOUR STUPID INVESTIGATORS ARE SENT TO BOMBINGHAM? ARE THOSE REBEL BOMBERS SMARTER THAN YOUR MEN? ARE THE FBI

UNITED STATES GOV

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Rosen *[Handwritten initials]*

FROM : C. L. McGowan

SUBJECT: BAPBOMB

DATE: 10/1/63

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[Handwritten signatures and initials: J.W., W., J., A.B.]

At 10:12 P. M., 9/30/63, SAC Roy Moore at Birmingham advised Night Supervisor [redacted] that UACB within an hour an interview would be conducted with [redacted] with the use of the polygraph.

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SAC Moore stated that [redacted]

[redacted] For this reason and the fact that [redacted] has consented to the interview, SAC Moore feels this should be conducted promptly.

ACTION:

b7c, d

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Authority was granted to interview [redacted] as a suspect in the Bapbomb case with the use of the polygraph, providing necessary waivers obtained.

1 - Mr. Conrad

HSU:hw/cag *cag*

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

- Tolson
- Belmont
- Mohr
- Casper
- Callahan
- DeLoach
- Evans
- Gale
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- Trotter
- Tele. Rm.
- Holmes
- Gandy

R/TTO

Mr. Belmont

DATE: September 26, 1963

FROM : A. Rosen *in Baptomb*

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

McGowan
Lariff
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SAC Moore at Birmingham telephoned on the evening of 9-25-63, to advise that [redacted] was at that time being questioned concerning bombings in Birmingham and had signed a waiver for a polygraph examination. SAC Moore requested authority to afford [redacted] a polygraph examination.

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In connection with the investigation of bombings in Birmingham, information has been developed that [redacted]

[redacted] Investigation of this information is being vigorously pressed to determine if the group involved in possessing this dynamite might be responsible for the bombings in the Birmingham area.

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SAC Moore also requested authority at this time to afford [redacted] polygraph examination in the event [redacted] is located for questioning. SAC Moore stated, of course, that a waiver would be obtained prior to this polygraph examination.

ACTION TAKEN:

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In view of the urgency of this request in this important matter, SAC Moore was advised to go forward with the use of the polygraph examinations as requested.

1 - Mr. Conrad

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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- Mohr
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- Conrad
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- Evans
- Gale
- Rosen
- Sullivan
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- Trotter
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- Holmes
- Gandy

TO : Mr. Belmont *W*

FROM : A. Rosen *ph*

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

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William H. [unclear]
for review at FBIHQ by
HSCA re 11/2/78 request.
(See Bufile #62-117290)

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W. G. [unclear]

The following information concerns our investigations of the recent bombings in Birmingham, Alabama, at the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, the residence of Arthur Shores and the intersection of 16th Avenue and Center Street South.

Material obtained from the crime scene of the shrapnel bombing at 16th Avenue and Center Street South on 9-25-63 has been examined by our Laboratory representative and no indication of the specific type of explosive or the method of detonation was found on the material, however, the damage is characteristic of that which would be caused by explosives such as dynamite. The evidentiary material collected at the scene has been forwarded to the FBI Laboratory for further examination in an effort to determine the nature of the explosive used.

The intensified investigation concerning the Chambliss group is going forward as rapidly as possible.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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

- 1 - Mr. Evans
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan EX 100

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

[REDACTED]

The information furnished by [REDACTED] is being thoroughly checked into and the investigation concerning the Chambliss group is receiving most intensive investigative effort. Interviews of members of this group are continuing.

We are also continuing to check on members of the [REDACTED] and are following their activities [REDACTED]

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In connection with our inquiry as to the possible involvement of members of the Nation of Islam (NOI) in the bombings, [REDACTED] of the Birmingham Mosque of the NOI, refused to cooperate in any manner in the investigation although the Mosque is within a half block of the victim church. He stated that he believes in black supremacy and wants nothing to do with the white race. In addition to interviews of members, we are checking on this group through informants but nothing of significance has been developed indicating any suspects in the bombings thus far.

ACTION

You will be kept advised of pertinent developments.

O *[Signature]* *10/1/57*

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Rosen *LR*

DATE: October 1, 1963

FROM : C. L. McGowan *LR*

SUBJECT: BAPBOMB

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At 10:10 p. m., 10-1-63, SAC Roy Moore at Birmingham advised Night Supervisor [redacted] that UACB within an hour interviews would be conducted with [redacted] with the use of the polygraph. *LR*

ACTION: *67-10*

Authority was granted to interview [redacted] as suspects in the Bapbomb case with the use of the polygraph, providing necessary waivers obtained. *B*

1 - Mr. Conrad

HSU:hw
(6) *hw*

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Date: 10/1/63

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)
FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (157-167) (RUC)
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Re Birmingham airtel, 9/19/63.

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No other information has been developed from Cleveland sources pertinent to captioned matter.

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- 2 - Birmingham (157-352) (RM)
- 1 - Cleveland

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W.H. [Signature]

Approved: *Wick* *EGH* *93* Sent _____ M Per _____

Special Agent in Charge
53 OCT 3 1963 *[Signature]*

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont *W. Williams*

DATE: 9/23/63 *Z. Williams*

FROM : A. Rosen *A. Rosen*

SUBJECT: BOMBING OF 16th STREET BAPTIST CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA 9/15/63
BAT BOMB

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With reference to the newspaper story wherein it was stated all agencies investigating the bombing -- the FBI, the Sheriff of Jefferson County and city police-- are agreed that the bomb, a "high-order explosive", was placed undernea the exterior steps at the rear of the church, - the following is submitted:

Inquiry made concerning this matter reveals no statements were made by the Birmingham Office to the U. S. Attorney, as indicated.

SAC Moore at Birmingham advised that the U. S. District Judge, Clarence Allgood, had been in touch with U. S. Attorney Malcolm Weaver concerning rumors floating throughout the White and Negro sections of Birmingham relative to the bombing and that he, Judge Allgood, had stated these rumors should be squelched. This information is set forth in memorandum of 9/20/63 to Mohr from DeLoach, a copy of which is attached.

SAC Moore advised the Birmingham Office received a telephone call from U. S. Attorney Weaver concerning making a newspaper release and he was advised that the FBI was not joining in any release of information to the newspapers. At that time U. S. Attorney Weaver made a specific request to talk to SAC Moore.

Subsequently SAC Moore called Weaver and Weaver stated to Moore that he was making a joint release with the police and Sheriff's office scotching the rumors that had been floating in Birmingham concerning the bombing. Weaver told Moore that he had wanted to talk to Moore concerning the basic facts of the bombing; however, he had obtained his information from other agencies and newspapers and asked Moore for no facts whatsoever. There was no further conversation between Weaver and Moore and no other conversation with the Birmingham Field Office.

- Enc. (1) *ENCLOSURE*
- 1 - Mr. Mohr
 - 1 - Mr. DeLoach
 - 1 - Mr. Evans

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Birmingham Bombing

Some Rumors Exploded

By William G. Wing
Of The Herald Tribune Staff

BIRMINGHAM.

Because of rumors that Negroes caused the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church last Sunday the United States Attorney felt it necessary yesterday to issue a public statement.

The statement said all agencies investigating the bombing—the FBI, the Sheriff of Jefferson County and city police—are agreed that the bomb, “a high-order explosive” was placed underneath the exterior steps at the rear of the church. The four children who were killed were inside the ground-level basement of the building near the steps.

The announcement was not news. The concrete steps, which reached from the sidewalk to a first-floor back entrance, were cleanly removed from the side of the building by explosion and demolished. From the first, police have assumed the bomb was placed—not thrown from a car—beneath these outside steps. The announcement con-

tinued with another unnewsworthy item:

No evidence has been uncovered to date indicating the identity of the person or persons responsible for the bombing. But, the statement said, “the public can rest assured that when his identity is uncovered, regardless of who he may be, it will be made public.”

Macon L. Weaver, Attorney for the Northern District of Alabama, said his announcement was made “to dispel certain false and misleading rumors concerning the bombing.”

One rumor was repeated

in so many barber shop and street corner conversations it came to the ears of a leading white Methodist minister, the Rev. Denson N. Franklin. Mr. Franklin feared the rumor would hurt the fund for the bombed church, started by the state’s religious leaders—a fund of which he is a trustee. The rumor goes this way:

The basement of the 16th Street Church was filled with explosives. The church was principal headquarters for civil rights demonstrations, and the explosives were being stored for no good purpose. One of the girls who was

killed, according to the rumor, accidentally kicked over nitroglycerine, which exploded a case of dynamite.

The second part of the rumor is that the janitor of the church, who knew about the stored explosives, was spirited away by the FBI and held incommunicado to keep him from revealing the secret.

Mr. Weaver said the janitor was questioned extensively by Birmingham police, but was never picked up by the FBI.

The janitor’s story belongs to a second set of rumors charging that the Justice De-

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- New York Mirror _____
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- New York Post _____
- The New York Times _____
- The Worker _____
- The New Leader _____
- The Wall Street Journal _____
- The National Observer _____
- People’s World _____
- Date _____

Why do we furnish an obviously fabricated and untrue information? It has indicated that we want U.S. City Publishing for FBI.

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partment is trying to cover up any clues to the crime that may damage the Negro cause.

These rumors are similar to others under way even before Sunday's bombing. They gained strength from a remark Gov. George C. Wallace made last week to the effect that the Justice Department could not be trusted to make public anything about previous bombings that might embarrass civil-righters.

The spread of the rumors indicates no mistrust in the FBI. Instead, it indicates monumental mistrust of the chief of the Justice Department, Robert F. Kennedy, whose name is anathema in much of Alabama.

However, Mr. Kennedy's statements on Birmingham, which were carried here on television Thursday morning, were so tempered that they were joyfully received by the city administration. Mr. Kennedy said he didn't think Federal troops were necessary here. He added that he doubted anything could be accomplished by saying, "Everyone's going to get along or we'll prick you with a bayonet."

The tone of his remarks made it easier for Mayor Albert Boutwell later in the day to ask the Attorney General's brother, the President, to receive an official white delegation from Birmingham. In Birmingham, it is an act of political daring to seek direct communication with a Kennedy.

The Mayor's delegation will tell the President on Monday the city administration's side of the story in an effort to balance some of the views expressed to the President Thursday by seven Negro leaders headed by the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Meanwhile, leaders of both

racists appeared willing to cooperate with the two-man task force being sent here by President Kennedy—Kenneth C. Royal and Earl "Red" Blaik. They voiced the opinion that the two will have to concern themselves with Birmingham's economic problems, not just the outward signs of racial conflict.

The basis of the discontent of Negroes "is their lack of participation in the mainstream of the city's economy," said Arthur Shores, Negro attorney whose home has been bombed twice.

W. C. Hamilton, executive secretary to the Mayor, agreed that the basis is economic, but discounted the implication of discrimination. He put it this way: "There is a wide lack of opportunity for both Negroes and whites, particularly in unskilled jobs."

Also citing the economic aspect of the conflict was the Most. Rev. Thomas J. Toolen, Archbishop of the Mobile-Birmingham Diocese. In a pastoral letter that will be read tomorrow from all Catholic pulpits in Alabama and northwest Florida, he said:

"We see the fair city of Birmingham slowly being destroyed. For neither business nor industry will come into a city in which there is so much hatred and destruction."

As for the church-bombing, he said: "It is difficult to understand how a civilized human being could have in his heart such hatred."

Attendance at the three desegregated schools continued to rise yesterday, but Mrs. Ray McFall, a leader of the private school movement, said this "does not mean we're admitting defeat." She added: "This is a temporary thing until we get our private school set up."

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TWELVE ADDITIONAL KLANSMEN INTERVIEWED THIS DATE AND TWO
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TO DIRECTOR, FBI /157-1025/ AND SAC, BIRMINGHAM
FROM SAC, NEW ORLEANS /157-1294/

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RE NEW ORLEANS TELETYPE OCTOBER ONE LAST. ONE INTERVIEW CONDUCTED TODAY. NO PERTINENT INFORMATION

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RE NEW ORLEANS TELETYPE OCTOBER TWO LAST.

NO INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED TODAY. FOURTEEN REMAIN TO BE CONDUCTED.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : Mr. Belmont *Wright*

DATE: September 28, 1963

FROM : A. Rosen *R*

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

Mr. Jones
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The following developments have taken place concerning our investigations of the bombings in Birmingham, Alabama, at the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, the residence of Arthur Shores and the intersection of Sixteenth Avenue and Center Street, South.

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

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

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*AGK - Association of Georgia Klans
UFKKK - United Florida Ku Klux Klan

COPY SENT TO MR. TOLSON

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

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[REDACTED]

The investigation concerning the Chambliss group is continuing. The physical surveillance of Chambliss on September 27, 1963, disclosed nothing significant. A polygraph examination was given to [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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A polygraph examination was also afforded [REDACTED] with no indication that he has knowledge of the bombings.

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[REDACTED]

Neighborhood inquiry disclosed nothing pertinent concerning [REDACTED] regarding the bombings.

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A rumor which has been circulated in Birmingham indicated that the [REDACTED] may have had something to do with the bombing. [REDACTED] took a polygraph examination which indicated that he has no knowledge of the identity of the person who bombed the church.

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

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Interviews of church members, members of NSRP and other logical individuals continued with no significant developments. Attempts to interview Nation of Islam members met with negative results. Five thousand additional automobile registrations were reviewed in an attempt to identify the Rambler automobile seen by [redacted]

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ACTION:

Pertinent developments will be brought to your attention immediately.

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[Signature]
[Signature]

[Signature]
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: September 20, 1963

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

SUBJECT: BOMBING OF 16TH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA
9-15-63

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For record purposes, ASAC Robert Jensen of the Birmingham Office telephoned at 1:45 p. m. today and talked to Wick. He said that U. S. District Judge Clarence Allgood has been in touch with U. S. Attorney Malcolm Weaver. Judge Allgood said that he has learned from a Pastor of a church in Birmingham that many rumors are floating throughout both white and Negro sections of Birmingham concerning the police and FBI investigation of the bombing. Judge Allgood said particularly there are three rumors which should be "squashed" as follows:

- (1) The FBI knows who bombed the church but is making no arrest.
- (2) A child stumbled on a nitroglycerin bottle near the church and set off the 9-15-63 blast.
- (3) A Negro janitor at the church has been arrested by the FBI in connection with the bombing.

ASAC Jensen stated that SAC Faisst and SAC Moore are all agreed that the rumors are not healthy and that perhaps some official statement should be made by an authority to knock them down.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

Wick told ASAC Jensen that if Weaver or one of the Justice Department representatives on the scene desires to make a statement that is up to them. As far as the FBI is concerned, we will make no statement until we have something to talk about. Jensen said he believed that U. S. Attorney Weaver would be making such a statement, denying all three of these rumors.

ACTION: For record.

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| 1 - Mr. Belmont | 1 - Mr. Jones |
| 1 - Mr. Rosen | 1 - Mr. Morrell |
| 1 - Mr. Evans | |

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COPY SENT TO MR. TOLSON

Right. If we issue a statement over the wild rumors at this time we would have time for nothing else. I do not think I give for Weaver nor any of the Dept. Atty. They should mind their own business.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 10/2/63

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FROM : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-352)
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

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SUBJECT: BAPBOMB

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Enclosed herewith are the following articles:

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- (1) 5 pieces of wire cut with wire cutters in the possession of [REDACTED] *A/12*
- (2) 2 nails located in the basement of the house occupied by [REDACTED]
- (3) 2 wire nails located in the basement of [REDACTED] house.
- (4) 1 piece of wire containing wire marks made by pliers found in the basement of the house occupied by [REDACTED]
- (5) One wire nail cut in two by pliers found in the basement of [REDACTED] house. *B*
- (6) One metal hanger removed from the basement of [REDACTED] house, which contains tool marks made by pliers located in the basement of [REDACTED] house.

The above material was obtained on 10/2/63 from [REDACTED] a suspect in the captioned matter, as a result of his execution of a Consent to Search Premises.

The Laboratory is requested to compare the enclosed material with any other material found in the crime scene search of the bombing, in Birmingham, Ala. at Sixth Avenue *32*

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and Center St. on 9/25/63, in an effort to determine if there is any similarity in the articles found.

It is also requested that the Laboratory compare the tool marks on the enclosed material with the tool marks found in some of the material picked up near the area of the bombing on 9/25/63.

Results of the comparison should be made available to Birmingham, and it is not necessary to return the enclosed material to Birmingham in the event it proves to be worthless.

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RADIOGRAM

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TO SAC MEMPHIS (157-318)
FROM DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)

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[REDACTED] SHOULD BE CHECKED OUT DURING TIME OF PERTINENT BOMBINGS.

COMPLETE DETAILS CONCERNING [REDACTED] SHOULD BE FURNISHED TO

LOCAL AUTHORITIES. PRESENT FACTS TO APPROPRIATE U. S. ATTORNEY FOR

DETAILS AS TO WHETHER FACTS CONSTITUTE VIOLATIONS OF FEDERAL STATUTE

COMING WITHIN BUREAU'S JURISDICTION.

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URGENT

TO SAC BIRMINGHAM (157-352)
FROM DIRECTOR FBI (157-1025)

BAPBOMB.

REURTEL OCTOBER THREE LAST.

BY RETURN TELETYPE ADVISE ACTION YOU PLAN WITH REGARD TO
NEGRO MALE WHO ADMITTED TO POLICE CHURCH BOMBING AND LATER
STATED HE WAS LYING.

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ALSO ADVISE ADDITIONAL IDENTIFYING INFORMATION REGARDING

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WHETHER WHITE OR NEGRO, AND IF ANY

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Mr. Evans	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
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Mr. Sullivan	<i>[initials]</i>
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URGENT 10-2-63 6-43 PM EST PP
TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, BIRMINGHAM /157-352/
FROM SAC, SAVANNAH /157-503/ 1P

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RESVTEL OCT. ONE LAST.

TWENTYFIVE KLANSMEN INTERVIEWED THIS DATE. NO INFORMATION
DEVELOPED CONCERNING POSSIBLE SUSPECTS CAPTIONED CASE, REC-52 157-1825

THREE ALLEGED KLANSMEN UNKNOWN AT ADDRESSES GIVEN.

APPROXIMATELY FORTY KLANSMEN REMAIN TO BE INTERVIEWED SAVANNAH 3 OCT 4 1963
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Date: 9/30/63

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)
FROM: SAC, SAN JUAN (157-31)(RUC)
RE: BAPBOMB
BOMBING MATTERS

ReBurad 9/25/63.

A civilian employee of the Army at Fort Buchanan has been found who checked the locks on Bunker 774 on 9/18 or 19/63, and locks intact at that time. Thus theft occurred no earlier than 9/18/63.

Thus explosive in bombing of 16th St. Baptist Church, Birmingham, 9/15/63, does not appear to have come from the Composition C-4 plastic demolition charges reported missing from Fort Buchanan.

(3-Bureau (2) - 157-1025)(1 - 52-UNSUB; THEFT OF TWO CASES PLASTIC DEMOLITION CHARGES, FT. BUCHANON, PUERTO RICO, DISCOVERED 9/23/63.)
1-Birmingham (157-352)
1-Jacksonville (157-584)
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(1) [redacted] lrc

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Approved: 163 JPB
Special Agent in Charge
C. C. WICK

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Date: 10/4/63

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Via AIR TEL AIR MAIL
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TO : Director, FBI (157-1025)
(Attention: FBI Laboratory)

FROM : SAC, Indianapolis (157-93) (P)

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Review of Indianapolis files reflect the following three individuals possibly logical suspects as author of anonymous letter:

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C C. Wick

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Approved: C. G. [Signature]
Special Agent in Charge

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 Autostats of these pages are being forwarded to the Laboratory for comparison purposes.

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The Laboratory is requested to compare the typewriting on the enclosed material with the anonymous typewritten letter received by the Bureau postmarked South Bend, Indiana, 9/30/63, and advise Indianapolis Office of the results. It is requested the enclosed material be returned to the Indianapolis Office upon the completion of the examination.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

FROM : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-352)

SUBJECT: BAPBOMB

DATE: 10/3/63

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Reference Birmingham letter to Bureau 9/26/63, entitled UNSUBS.; Explosion at 1601 Center Street South, Birmingham, 9/25/63, and Bulet to Birmingham dated 10/1/63.

The following described tools are being submitted to the Laboratory for examination:

- (1) Needle nose pliers.
- (2) Cutting Dike
- (3) Pliers

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The above items are owned by [redacted] a suspect in instant matter, as well as other bombings in the Birmingham Division. The tools were located in [redacted] automobile, and were voluntarily turned over to Agents.

It is requested that the following examination be conducted:

Attempt to determine if one of the three tools is identifiable with the specific tool used to cut the coat-hanger, Q17, in reBulet. Return all submitted tools to Birmingham at conclusion of the examination.

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TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: 10/3/63

FROM : A. Rosen *RW*

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

The Chicago
Law

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permitted search of his residence and garage by Bureau Agents on 10/2/63. Nails and wire found during the search and wire specimens cut with wire cutter were obtained and have been submitted to the FBI Laboratory for comparison examination with material recovered at the scene of the shrapnel bombing which occurred at the Sixteenth Avenue and Center Street intersection 9/25/63.

Additional associates of Chambliss have been interviewed

[REDACTED] all of these individuals consented to polygraph examinations.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont

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It was reported to the Birmingham Office that Robert E. Chambliss told officers of the AHP he had purchased a case of dynamite on 9/15/63 at Navels (phonetic) Hardware Store near Brookside, Alabama. Investigation by the Birmingham Office in Brookside disclosed no such store and no stores selling dynamite. It was determined, however, that Negron's Appliance and General Merchandise Store at nearby Blossburg, Alabama, does sell dynamite. Brookside and Blossburg are on the outskirts of Birmingham.

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont

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ACTION:

Pertinent developments will be brought to your attention immediately.

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September 30, 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

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With reference to the two arrests by the Alabama Highway Patrol yesterday in alleged connection with the recent bombing of the Negro church in Alabama, I wanted to bring to your attention certain observations concerning this matter.

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The Alabama Highway Patrol arrested Robert E. Chambliss and Charles Arnie Cagle. They have not filed any charges against them and they are being held for investigation. I am reliably informed that the Alabama Highway Patrol has very little substantial evidence against these two individuals.

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These two individuals have been among the principal suspects in the bombings which have occurred in Birmingham. We have interviewed them and their associates a number of times and have also given lie detector tests to them. They have admitted in our interrogations that they had been in possession of dynamite but beyond that they would make no statement. By reason of our intensive investigation of Chambliss, Cagle and their associates it has become generally known that the FBI was pressing vigorously its investigation of this particular group which has had active connection with the United Americans for Conservative Government. Chambliss himself in the past has been a member of the Ku Klux Klan. The question naturally arises as to why this Bureau was not advised by the Alabama Highway Patrol of the contemplated action in arresting Chambliss and Cagle. By doing so they have certainly "flushed" the case and I doubt that they will be able to hold these two men beyond the seventy-two hours allowed for detention for investigation.

As has been indicated to me on a number of occasions, there is a strong feeling upon the part of the Negro elements in the South that they cannot work with or report to the FBI any information because of our cooperation with the local authorities. The Negro elements have felt, I am

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Memorandum for the Attorney General

told, that such close cooperation prejudices the FBI and results in no results being obtained. That, of course, is an absolute fallacy for we have obtained results in a number of church bombings and other civil rights violations.

However, in order to minimize as much as possible the unwarranted criticism which the FBI has received, we have over the last year refrained from close contacts or connection with the local authorities. This I have regretted because a gulf has gradually developed and we are not kept informed as we have been in the past of actions contemplated and developments in cases handled by the local authorities. In the late twenties and early thirties there was great reluctance upon the part of the local authorities to cooperate with the FBI and it took us several years before we could break down this reluctance, but we finally did so and from that time until within the last year we have had the closest cooperation from the local authorities in all matters including civil rights. That cooperation has now practically ended by reason of our refraining from dealing with the local authorities. I personally do not approve of this policy because I think law enforcement should work as a team, and the mere fact that we have had in the past cordial relationships with local authorities did not mean that we favored them if they violated any Federal statute. As a matter of fact, our record shows that we have vigorously investigated and successfully prosecuted local authorities when Federal laws have been violated.

Another aspect of this matter which I think should be drawn to your attention has been the constant complaint made by the Negro elements in the South that there was no use to report matters to the FBI because all of our Agents in the South were Southerners. This complaint was untrue. Martin Luther King several months ago made a speech in which he claimed that all of our Agents in Albany, Georgia, where there had been violent racial demonstrations, were born in the deep South and Negroes should not report matters to that office. We have five Agents at Albany, Georgia, and I checked into the matter and found that four of the five had been born in northern states and that only one had been born in what could be called the deep South. I made an effort to effect an appointment with Martin Luther King so as to correct his impression, assuming he had been misinformed, but he refused to make an appointment so I, therefore, have to conclude that he was deliberately lying when he made the statement he did. Nevertheless the effect of his statement in the South and the statements of other Negro leaders has resulted in the impression that practically all of our southern offices are manned by Agents who were born in the South.

Memorandum for the Attorney General

This is likewise untrue but, in order to minimize the criticism as much as possible, I initiated the program a year ago transferring southern-born Agents from southern offices and replacing them with northern-born Agents. I did not think that this was a wise action to take but I took it in order that the criticism which has arisen against the Bureau in its work in the civil rights field might to some degree be minimized.

Now the climax seems to have finally been reached because last week in conferences with Blaik and Royall the Negro leaders in Birmingham claimed that they could not put any reliability in the FBI because the northern Agents who have been assigned to southern offices have married or are marrying girls born in the South. I certainly do not intend to issue any orders forbidding any Agent in this service to marry a girl irrespective of where she may be born. I think the limit of palliation and appeasement has been reached. The Bureau has and intends to continue to vigorously investigate any violations of the civil rights statutes which are authorized by the Department. You, no doubt, have noted that in the newspapers in the last week quite a number of Negro leaders have referred to the fact that there have been forty-six bombings in Alabama and none has been solved by the FBI. This again is a falsehood. Under the procedure set up by the Department we must submit to the Civil Rights Division a report on any bombing which takes place and the Civil Rights Division then determines whether the FBI should initiate a full and thorough investigation. Out of the forty-six bombings which have taken place in Alabama the Bureau has been authorized to investigate only five by the Civil Rights Division.

Because of the contention of the Civil Rights Division, and I think a very sound one, that the law as passed by Congress which raises a presumption that the explosive used in a bombing has been transported interstate does not relieve the local or state authorities from active investigations of such bombings, in instances where there is even a substantial indication that the explosives have been transported interstate the Department has authorized full investigations and the Bureau has made them.

I wanted to set forth my views concerning this matter because there is becoming more and more misunderstanding about just what the FBI's authority is and what it does and the reason why it does it.

Memorandum for the Attorney General

I do not believe that even within the Department the situation is fully understood. A week ago a newspaper reporter was furnished by the Department with the report concerning the forty-six bombings and the fact that the FBI had solved none. It was not pointed out to that reporter that the FBI had been authorized to investigate only five of the forty-six bombings so, as the article was written, it very improperly gave the impression that the FBI was dragging its heels in actively investigating the bombings in Alabama.

Respectfully,

J. EDGAR HOOVER

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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DATE	9-30-63
BY	J. E. H.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (157-318) P
SUBJECT: BAPBOMB

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All logical sources in Memphis have been interviewed in an effort to locate a [redacted] without reflecting any information that an individual by this name ever resided in Memphis or in Whitehaven, Tenn. It will be noted that Whitehaven is an unincorporated suburb of Memphis, located in Shelby County, Tenn. and purportedly has about 50,000 population.

IC [redacted] checked at the following establishments and no record was obtained of either [redacted] or [redacted]

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Also, pertinent phone and city directories were checked with negative results. No further action being taken by Memphis. It will be noted that re Bureau airtel indicates the possibility that these individuals returned to Birmingham, Ala.

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Memorandum

Report to Belmont

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TO : Mr. Belmont *AB*

DATE: 10/1/63

FROM : A. Rosen *AR*

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

BAPBOMB

9/27, 392

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The following are the developments which have occurred in connection with our investigations of the bombings in Birmingham, Alabama, at the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, residence of Arthur Shores, and the intersection of Sixteenth Avenue and Center Street South.

The individuals picked up by the Alabama Highway Patrol (AHP) on the night of 9/29/63 and early morning 9/30/63 for interrogation following the arrests of Robert El Chambliss and Charles Arnie Cagle in connection with the Birmingham bombings were released during the early morning hours of 9/30/63. Chambliss and Cagle are still in custody at the city jail in Birmingham. Those released included John Wesley Hall and Levi Yarborough. Through interviews with suspects released the Birmingham Office has ascertained that representatives of the AHP were of the opinion that they might scoop other law enforcement officers by the wholesale pick up and interrogation of suspects whose identities they learned from various individuals under investigation as suspects by the Bureau and Birmingham police.

No charges have yet been filed against Chambliss and Cagle and they are being held for the AHP on "open charges" or for investigation. Birmingham advises that it is the consensus of law enforcement officers and representatives of press that Chambliss and Cagle, if they desired to sue for false arrest, would have an excellent basis since the interrogation of them by AHP developed only information that Cagle and John Wesley Hall had at one time picked up a partial case of dynamite at the residence of Chambliss.

- 1 - Mr. Mohr
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Re Birmingham airtel to the Bureau, 9/18/63; Miami teletypes to Bureau and Birmingham, 9/27/63 and 10/1/63.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies and for Birmingham, Atlanta, Jacksonville, Savannah and Tampa, two copies of a letterhead memorandum, suitable for dissemination.

The source utilized in this memorandum is [REDACTED]

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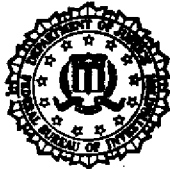
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In Reply, Please Refer to
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Miami, Florida
October 2, 1963

RE: BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET
BAPTIST CHURCH, SEPTEMBER 15,
1963, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

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The following information was furnished by a source
who has furnished reliable information in the past.

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Relatives of Chambliss and Cagle have indicated they are quite concerned about the arrests and have consulted with an attorney regarding having them released on writs of habeas corpus. Indications are the attorney was prevailed upon to withhold such action until the morning of 10/1/63. According to sources of the Birmingham Office the only charge conceivable that could be brought against Chambliss and Cagle at this time is a state charge of illegal transportation of dynamite, a misdemeanor punishable by a \$300 fine. The source stated that it is doubtful that this charge could be sustained in court.

Reliable news media sources have informed the Birmingham Office that they are poised editorially to take the AHP and the Governor apart and that the "man in the street" is presently asking embarrassing questions and feels that he has been duped by the Governor and AHP.

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont

In addition to the intensive investigation which is continuing concerning the Chambliss group other phases of this investigation are also receiving close attention. Additional members of the victim church and persons located in the neighborhood of the church were interviewed 9/30/63.

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This information is being promptly checked out.

Information has been received that due to the intensive inquiries being conducted by the Birmingham Office concerning members of the National States Rights Party (NSRP) that organization has been seriously hindered in its operations which are reportedly at a standstill. Investigation concerning the possible involvement of members of the NSRP is continuing.

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ACTION:

Pertinent developments will be brought to your attention immediately.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: September 30, 1963

FROM : C. A. Evans

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

The Attorney General called shortly after 8 o'clock this morning and asked about developments in this case in Birmingham, particularly the reports that the State Police had arrested two individuals. He was informed that we had been keeping Assistant Attorney General Burke Marshall of the Civil Rights Division informed during the night as to these developments. He was furnished the same information that had been given earlier to Mr. Marshall, which satisfied him, and he asked to be apprised as to any further information developed.

After his arrival at the office, the Attorney General was contacted personally. He was informed that as a result of the constant complaining by the integration groups about our Agents working with the local authorities in the South, we have had to withdraw in this regard so that we don't get information as to their plans as we have in the past; that there had been a time in the past when the local authorities did not trust or work with Federal Agencies, but that by concerted effort over the years we had overcome this insofar as the FBI is concerned, and had built up a close association, and we knew what action the local authorities were taking. Because of the criticism that FBI Agents have been too close to the police in the South, we have had to back off, and as a result have lost our contacts.

It was further brought to the Attorney General's attention that we had been replacing southern-born Agents assigned to that area with Agents born and reared in the North. Now the Negro leaders have cast aspersions on these northern Agents because some of them have married southern girls and this allegedly brings the Agents too close to the South.

- 1 - Mr. Mohr
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