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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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PAGE THREE.

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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PAGE FOUR.

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.

MISCELLANEOUS.

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[REDACTED] THESE AND OTHER MEMBERS IDENTIFIED BEING INTERVIEWED AS
RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE.

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DURING EARLY PART OF INVESTIGATION AMBULANCE DRIVER, WHO
TRANSPORTED VICTIM [REDACTED] TO HOSPITAL, SAID SHE MADE STATEMENT
THAT SHE HAD SEEN TWO WHITE MEN THOUGHT TO BE NEWSPAPER REPORTERS
RUN FROM THE CHURCH SHORTLY BEFORE EXPLOSION. ALL PERSONS INTERVIEWED
TO DATE FEEL STATEMENT BY [REDACTED] GIRL ATTRIBUTABLE TO HER SHOCKED
CONDITION AS SHE COULD NOT HAVE MADE SUCH OBSERVATION FROM LOUNGE AREA
WHERE SHE WAS FOUND, AND SHE NEVER MADE RATIONAL STATEMENT SUBSEQUENT
TO EXPLOSION. HOWEVER, THIS MATTER WILL BE KEPT IN MIND DURING
INTERVIEW OF REMAINDER OF PERSONS IN CHURCH.

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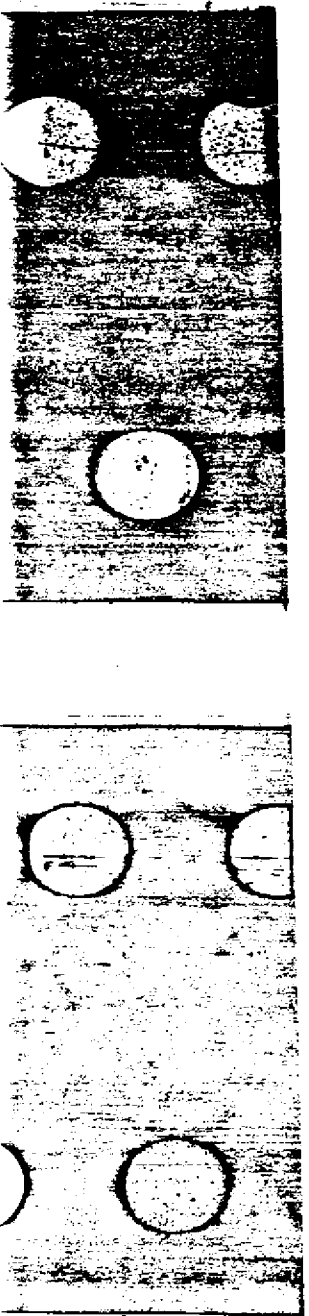
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RE NEW ORLEANS TEL SEPTEMBER TWENTY LAST. 157-1025-222

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

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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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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
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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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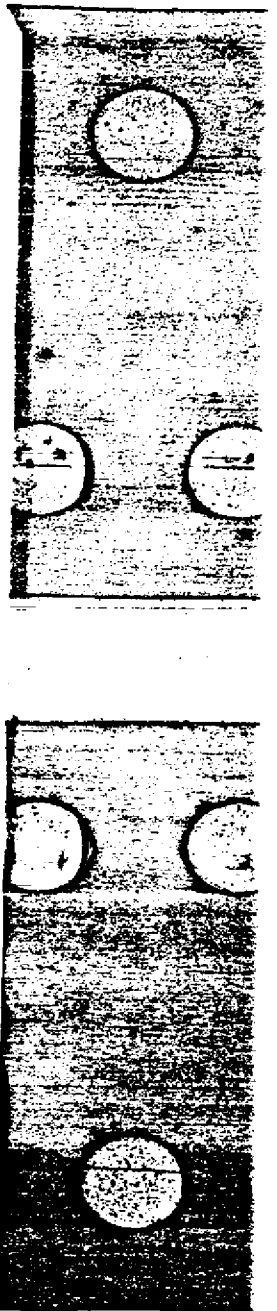
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The Birmingham and auxiliary offices are continuing with this extensive investigation on a continuous and preferred basis and all leads are being covered promptly.

ACTION:

This matter is receiving close attention at the Seat of Government and pertinent developments will be immediately brought to your attention.

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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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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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to Mr. Bowman

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cc: MR. DICKERSON

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Reading

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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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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7-20 PM OK FBI WA RL

CLRO

Called A.C. Frank

*cc: Mr. Callahan
Mr. Rosen*

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TO SAC, BIRMINGHAM

pr FROM DIRECTOR, FBI

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LEW:MR
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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*

DATE: 9-21-63

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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.

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- 1 - Mr. Mohr
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[Signature]

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.

[REDACTED] 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]

[REDACTED]

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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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

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M. J. [unclear]

EIGHT PRESENT AND FORMER EMEMBERS 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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Wesley 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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PAGE SEVEN.

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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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)
FROM: SAC, KNOXVILLE (157-189) (P)
BAPBOMB.

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

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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.

[REDACTED]

Former Member! Ku Klux Klan

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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

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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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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
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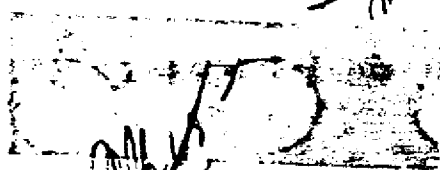
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FROM DIRECTOR FBI (157-1025)

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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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TO: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-352)
 FROM: SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY (157-167) -RUC-
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 ROBERT C. CAFFORD (SUSPECT) *A/2*
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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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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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TO DIRECTOR, FBI /157-1025/
FROM SAC, BIRMINGHAM /157-352/ 1 P

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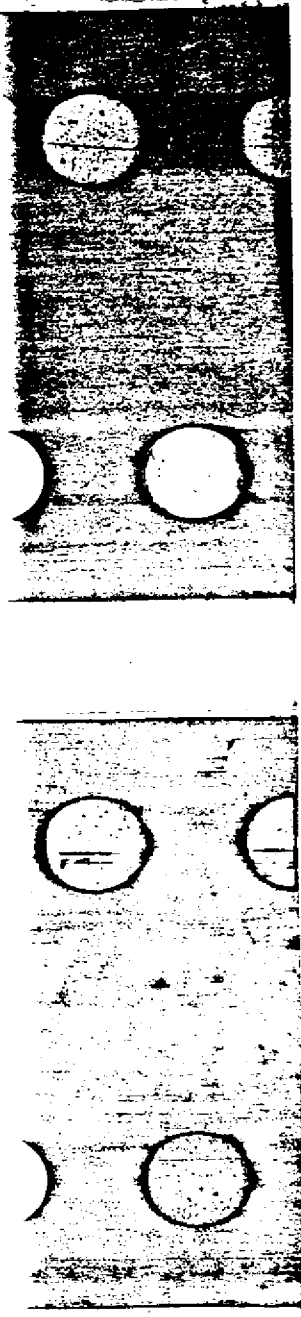
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)
FROM: SAC, MOBILE (157-416)
SUBJECT: BAPBOMB
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Re Birmingham airtel captioned as this airtel,
9/19/63.

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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TO :

Mr. Belmont *AB*

DATE: 9-26-63

FROM :

A. Rosen *AR*

2 Copies made by LTC
for review by Rowe Task Force
Date 12/21/78
Entire Serial

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 has 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
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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]

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

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[redacted] the state convict who furnished information that he had observed a transaction involving one Bill, a sergeant at Fort McClellan, Alabama, who allegedly passed explosives to Kenneth L. Adams, has been examined by polygraph and the results indicate that [redacted] information is false. The whereabouts of the principal suspects in the Adams' gang on 9-25-63 at the time of the bombing at 16th Avenue and Center Street have been established.

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[redacted]
This information is being checked out particularly with regard to the shrapnel bombing which occurred on 9-25-63.

All leads in the investigation of these bombings are being given immediate attention.

ACTION

Pertinent developments will be brought to your attention immediately.

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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 TWENTYFIVE LAST.

TWO INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED TODAY. NO PERTINENT INFORMATION

OBTAINED. TWENTYONE REMAIN TO BE CONDUCTED.

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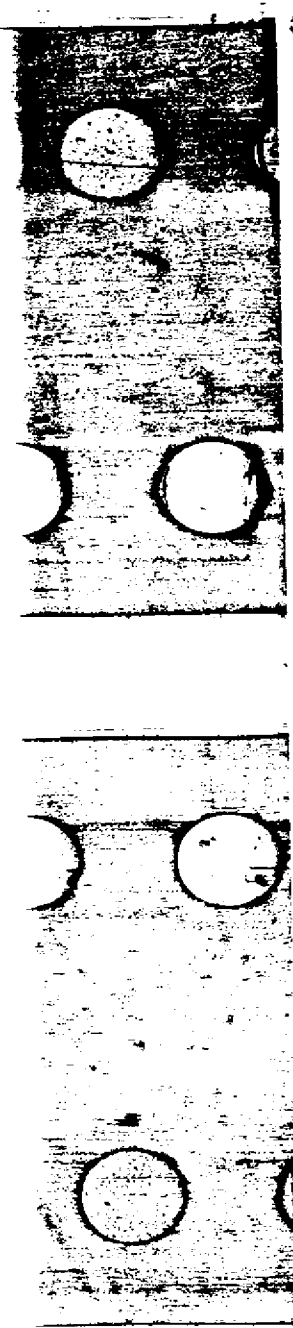
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✓ TO DIRECTOR

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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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]
END PAGE THREE.

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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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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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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*

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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

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*Re Birmingham
Bombings*

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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.

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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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Date 9/27/63

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CIVIL RIGHTS MATTERS

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- 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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TO DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM SAC, TAMPA

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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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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
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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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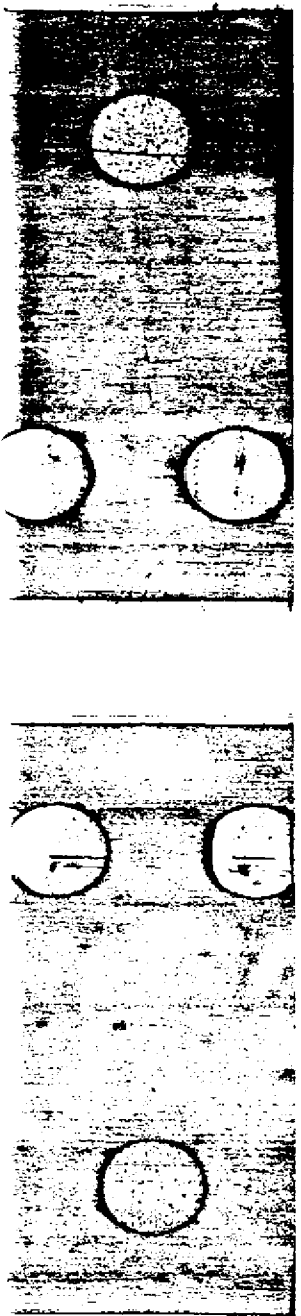
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FROM SAC, SAVANNAH /157-503/ 1P
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RESVTEL SEPT. TWENTYSIX, LAST.

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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POLYGRAPH MATTERS *2 Copies made by*
 Bufile 80-5-4) *for review by Rowe Task Force*
 Date *12/21/78*
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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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FROM SAC NEW ORLEANS /157-1294/ 1-PAGE

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RE NEW ORLEANS TELETYPE SEPTEMBER TWENTYSIX LAST.

TWO INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED TODAY. NO PERTINENT INFORMATION OBTAINED.
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TO DIRECTOR FBI /157-1025/
FROM SAC TAMPA /157-856/ 1P

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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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FROM SAC TAMPA /157-856/ 1P

BAPBOMB.

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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TO DIRECTOR

FROM SAC - BIRMINGHAM /157-352/ 9P

BAPBOMB, ETAL. DAILY SUMMARY.

ANNISTON GROUP.

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EXPLOSIVE PROJECT.

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RE MIAMI TEL SEPT. TWENTYFIVE CONCERNING [REDACTED]
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] b7c-d

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] b7c-d

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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.

[REDACTED]

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

[REDACTED]

END PAGE SEVEN.

ACCIDENT

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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.

END

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OBTAINED. SEVENTEEN REMAIN TO BE CONDUCTED.

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FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-352)

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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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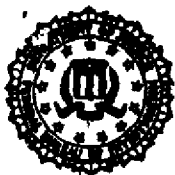
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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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BOMBINGS

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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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.

RE: SUMMARY OF FACTS CONCERNING
SIX MOST RECENT BIRMINGHAM
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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URGENT 9-28-63 11-58 PM CST HEP

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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Trans from to Belmont w/Chandler's group 9/15-1/63 SBT/flab;ccg

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PAGE THREE.

[REDACTED]

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.

PAGE FOUR.

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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they show*

[REDACTED]

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PAGE SEVEN.

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

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

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NSRP.

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

ONE ELEVEN INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED TODAY. THREE ELEVEN PENDING. ONE PCI DASH RAC FILE OPENED.

~~CORR. PAGE 7, LAST WD LINE TEN "DID", THIRD WD LINE ELEVEN "OPENLY"~~

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TO : Mr. Rosen *RW*

DATE: 9-29-63


FROM : C. L. McGowan *CLM*

SUBJECT: BAPBOMB

LAV

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.

ATA

ACTION:

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

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1 - Laboratory (Mr. Herndon)

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[Signature]

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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.

JWB:cjr *cjr*
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