UNITED STATES GOVER ENT

### *emorandum*

Mr. Coni

DATE: October 12, 1963

FROM

W. D. Griffith

SUBJECT:

RACIAL MATTER

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Mohr Casper Callahan Conrad

The Laboratory received a radiogram from Atlanta at 8:40 PM, October 11, 1963, requesting two tape recorders and two dial recorders.

At 10:01 PM, October 11, 1963, SA Night Supervisor in Laboratory, called the New York Office to determine whether New York had two Magnecord tape recorders complete and two 6-A dial recorders complete that could be released to send

At 10:20 PM, October 11, 1963, SA Night Supervisor in New York Office, called the Laboratory and advised that the equipment Atlanta requested is available. He was instructed to forward the recorders immediately by the most expeditious means to Atlanta Office.

RECOMMENDATION: None. For information only.

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

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### emorandum

Mr. Belmont

DATE:

10-9-63

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Tele, Room . Holmes \_\_

FROM

A. Rose

SUBJECT:

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS:

BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET

BAPTIST CHURCH

BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, 9-15-63

BOMBING MATTERS

On 10-8-63

called SAC Faisst and inquired as to whether they could get together somewhere outside of the FBI Office.

In accordance with Bureau instructions, SAC Faisst that the Bureau had been working with other agencies and it did not appear feasible to have any clandestine meetings with anyone. was told that if he desired to have a meeting he should drop by the FBI Office.

stated he felt that it would be detrimental to case if he were observed by anyone in the FBI Office. SAC Faisst he did not agree with this observation and reminded that the FBI had had the same trouble as the Birmingham Police Department and Jefferson County Sheriff's Office in endeavoring to get in touch with him the night the Alabama Highway Patrol (AHP) picked up a number of suspects and that each time an inquiry was made the reply was made that was unavailable.

stated that he was unavailable because he was busy and saru-"I have no apology to make concerning any of my actions." was informed that he had injected the word "apology" into the conversation and an apology had not been requested. agreed.

stated he did not advise the FBI of the identity of suspects he had picked up because he had not been informed of those suspects in which we had an interest.

1 - Mr. Mohr

1 - Mr. DeLoach

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

claimed he learned of our interest through the suspects themselves. He was informed that it has always been the iron clad policy of this Bureau to cooperate 100% with agencies that cooperate with the Bureau.

vas told in this particular case we could not afford to be identified with any joint operation that involved participation of Klan members and it was a known fact among news media representatives that there were Klansmen present or associated with the operation of the AHP the night the suspects were picked up.

stated it was true that Bob Shelton, Imperial Wizard of the United Klans was present at the AHP headquarters on that evening but he, was surprised at this and ordered Shelton off the premises.

Thereafter made no further overtures for a meeting and the conversation was terminated when that our position in this matter was firm.

As a matter of interest some of the persons picked up for interrogation by the AHP and newsmen have advised that not only Sheltor was in attendance that evening but Klansmen, Donald Everette Luna and Herbert Eugene Reeves were riding with Troopers apparently pointing out certain persons for the state investigators.

Charles Cagle, a suspect who was picked up by the Analong with Robert E. Chambliss and John Wesley Hall was tried in Recorder's Court, Birmingham on 10-8-63. He pled not guilty to possession of dynamite through his attorney Matt H. Murphy, Jr. He was found guilty by Judge J. Earl Langer sentenced to pay \$100 fine plus costs and six months at hard labor. Notice of appeal was given.

Memorandum to Mr. Belmont UNSUBS; BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH Various Klansmen and logical suspects and members of the Nation of Islam were interviewed on 10-8-63 but no pertinent information was obtained. ACTION: You will be kept advised of pertinent developments.

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9-20-63

TO DIRECTOR

FROM SAC ATLANTA

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UNSUBS, THEFT OF FOUR CASES OF DYNAMITE, E. I. DUPONT COMPANY, STORAGE MAGAZINE, WALKER COUNTY, GA., SEPTEMBER 18-19, 1963, INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF EXPLOSIVES. RE KNOXVILLE TEL TO DIRECTOR, SEPTEMBER 19 LAST.

CHIEF DEPUTY SHERIFF RALPH JONES, WALKER COUNTY SO, ADVISED OF CAPTIONED MATTER AFTERNOON OF SEPTEMBER 19 LAST, AND ADVISED HE WAS AWARE OF THE BURGLARY AND WAS INVESTIGATING THE MATTER ALONG WITH SOME OTHER ATTEMPTED BURGLARYS IN THE ROSSVILLE GEORGIA AREA. NO FURTHER ACTION BEING TAKEN ATLANTA UACB.

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If the intelligence contained in the above message is to be disseminated outside the Bureau, it is suggested that it be suitably paraphrased in order to protect the Bureau's cryptographic systems.

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### 'emorandum

Mr. Belmont

DATE: 10-10-63

FROM

A. Roser

SUBJECT:

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BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET

BAPTIST CHURCH

BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, 9-15-63

BOMBING MATTERS

John Wesley Hall and Robert E. Chambliss, suspects, were found guilty in Birmingham Recorder's Court on 10-9-63 of charges of possession, transporting and aiding and abetting in the possession of and transporting dynamite in the city limits vof Birmingham.

Both Hall and Chambliss were fined \$100 plus costs of court and sentenced to six months hard labor. Both men indicated they would appeal and are presently out on bond.

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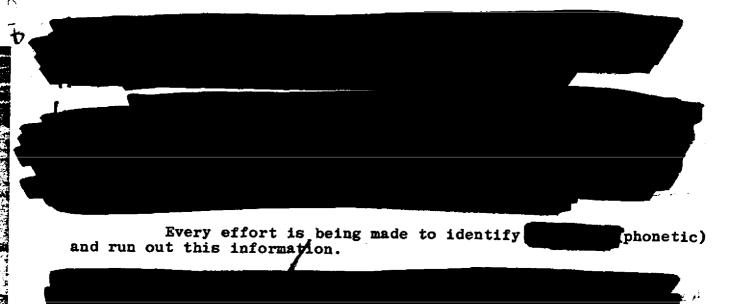
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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH



Additional Klansmen were interviewed on 10-9-63 and they denied knowledge of or participation in the bombings.

Five additional Nation of Islam members were interviewed on 10-9-63 and no pertinent information was developed.

Several other neighbors in the vicinity of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church as well as church members and car owners in the vicinity of the church were interviewed but no pertinent information was developed.

#### ACTION:

You will be kept advised of pertinent developments.

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### Memorandum

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Mr. Belmont

DATE: 10-15-63

FROM :

A. Rosex

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;

BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET

BAPTIST CHURCH

BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, 9-15-63

BOMBING MATTERS

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Additional interviews and reinterviews of Klansmen and suspects were conducted on 10-14-63

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

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was observed talking with

The Birmingham Office who is also considered a suspect in this case, while is in Birmingham to ascertain his contacts and the purpose of his visit.

Investigation is continuing in an effort to verify information fornished by

At the present time it appears that may be confusing the weekend of 9-14 - 15-63 with the weekend of 9-21 - 22-63.

ACTION:

You will be kept advised of pertinent developments.

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OFISONAL FORM NO. 10 UNITED STATE OVER emorandum Callaha MR. I. W. CONRA 10/9/63 DATE: MR. R. L. MILLEN Tele, Room SUBJECT: BAPBOMB / TECHNICAL SURVEYS BIRMINGHAM AREA In accordance with Bureau instructions, Laboratory Supervisors proceeded to Birmingham, Alabama, on 9/25/63, to supervise technical coverage on certain logical suspects in captioned case. Details of the position in this matter are well known to both SACs Faisst and Moore on the scene at Birmingham. During the assignment in Birmingham, the Laboratory men completed the technical work necessary on twenty separate surveys which included 1-Mr. Belmont 1-Mr. Rosen 1-Mr. Evans l-Mr. Sulliván RLM:CKC:bwd 10 OCT 17 1968

Memorandum to Mr. Conrad

RE: BAPBOMB, TECHNICAL SURVEYS

BIRMINGHAM AREA

installations were made to effect two microphone surveillances\*and one telephone surveillance. Additional installations will be feasible upon completion of the suitable cover arrangements presently being made by the field office.

#### **ACTION:**

The Laboratory will closely follow the technical phase of this case and will provide any additional necessary on-the-spot technical assistance.

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### Memorandum

TO

DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)

DATE:

10/15/63

SAC, RICHMOND (157-632) - RUC -

Re Birmingham airtel to Bureau dated 9/18/63, and Richmond airtel to Bureau dated 9/20/63.

Appropriate informants and sources of the Richmond Office have been alerted and no additional information other than that reported has been received concerning the captioned matter.

If additional information is developed, the Bureau and Birmingham will be promptly advised.

- Bureau - Birmingham (157-352) Richmond

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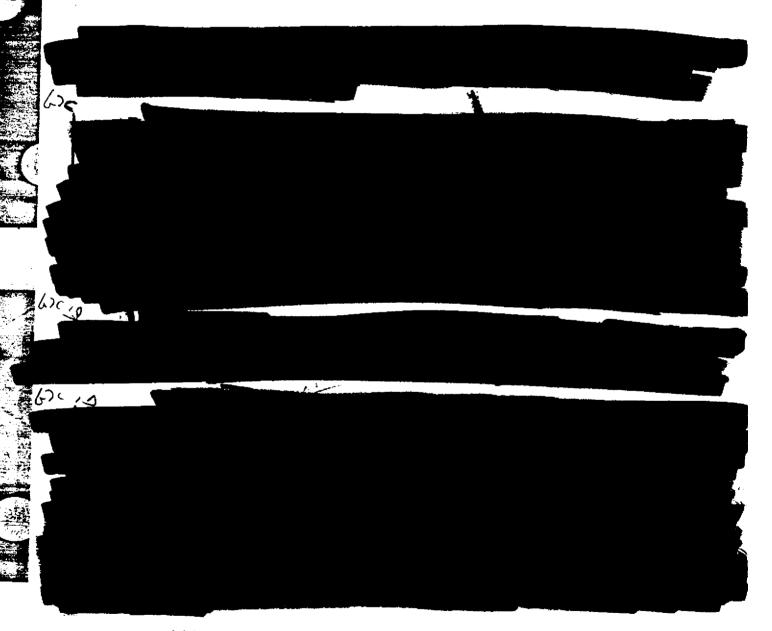


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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10 MAY 1962 EDITION G'A GENL REET NO. 27 UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT MemorandumTO Mr. Belmont 10-14-63 DATE: Trotter FROM Tele. Room ... A. Rosen Gandy . UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; SUBJECT: BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, 9-15-63 BOMBING MATTERS INF COLL からる CID Smith 6 M2 REC- 138 157-1025 1 - Mr. Mohr 1 - Mr. DeLoach 1 - Mr. Evans FPS:pab & 3 OCT 17 1963 (9)

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



Additional interviews and reinterviews of Klansmen and suspects have been conducted.

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont

e: UNSUBS; BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET

BAPTIST CHURCH

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Additional members of Nation of Islam have been interviewed but no information concerning this matter was developed.

#### ACTION:

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DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)

DATE:

10/8/63

SAC, KNOXVILLE (157-189) (P)

SUBJECT:

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RE:

Bureau teletype to Knoxville 9/20/63; Knoxville airtel to Bureau 9/21/63;

Knoxville teletype to Bureau and Birmingham 9/30/63; Knoxville teletype to Birmingham 9/26/63 (IO);

Birmingham teletype to Knoxville 9/26/63 (IO).

During the investigation of captioned case in the Knoxville Division, no pertinent information was developed relating to any of the bombing matters, Birmingham Division. No suspects or subjects were developed during the investigation by the Knoxville Division. All known members of klan-type and hate-type organizations in the Knoxville Division were interviews with negative results. Three currently listed bomb suspects and three formerly listed bomb suspects of the Knoxville Division wer interviewed, their whereabouts during pertinent periods determine and check of toll calls made; all met with negative results.

In accordance with suggestion made to Birmingham in Knoxville teletype to Birmingham 9/26/63 and approved by Birmingham teletype to Knoxville 9/26/63, no report being submitted this division as no pertinent information was developed. All interviews of members or suspected members of klan-type and hate-type organizations in the Knoxville Division, interviews of present and past bomb suspects, and interviews with individual: to verify whereabouts of bomb suspects were recorded on FD-302s. The original FD-302s relating to all of the above are being retained in Knoxville file 157-189. Set forth below is a summary of investigation and list of individuals interviewed for indexing purposes of Birmingham and Bureau.

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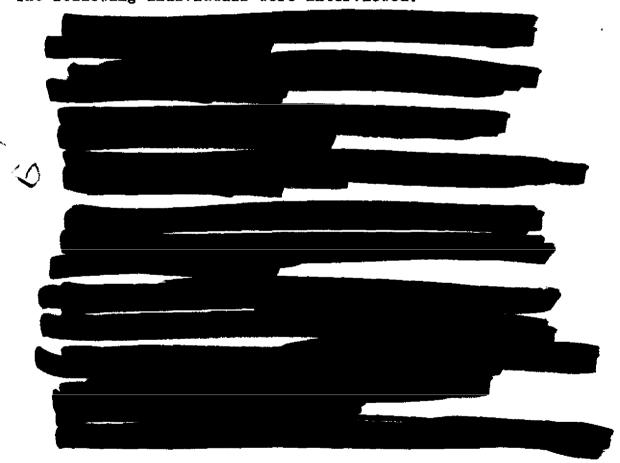
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The UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC., KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, has two Klaverns (Chapters) in the Knoxville Division. Klavern #1 is located in Maryville, Tennessee, and members of this klavern reside in the vicinity of Maryville, Tennessee, and Alcoa, Tennessee. Klavern #2 is located at Harriman, Tennessee, and members of this klavern are reported to reside in the vicinity of Clinton, Tennessee. All known members of the above-listed organizations were interviewed and no pertinent information was obtained relating to bombing matters at Birmingham, Alabama, or concerning suspects re instant matters. The following individuals were interviewed:





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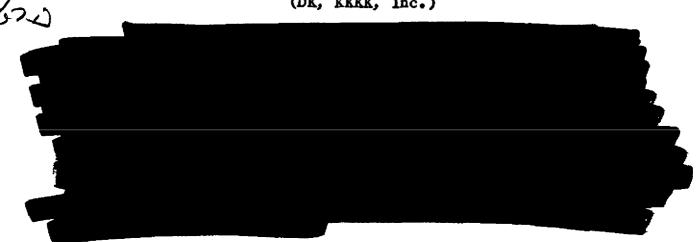


The NATIONAL STATES RIGHTS PARTY is reported not actively holding meetings or organizing in any group activities in the Knoxville Division. There are some members of this organization who appear to be the only "card holding" members residing in Knoxville and LaFollette, Tennessee, and vicinity. The known members of this organization were interviewed and furnished no pertinent information relating to bombing matters at Birmingham, Alabama, and listed no individuals who could be considered as suspects. The following were interviewed:

Among the above is listed

He refused to be

DIXIE KLANS, KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC. (DK, KKKK, Inc.)



During investigation of instant case, 52 individuals at Chattanooga and vicinity have been interviewed, whose names or similar names have previously been reported as members or past members of DK, KKKK, Inc., Chattanooga, Tennessee. Of this number, 37 have admitted membership. Six additional ones have admitted membership but not active and not sure if their names continue to be on current membership of DK, KKKK, Inc. In addition to these 43 individuals, four others have refused to be interviewed and

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A total of 46 present and past members were interviewed. One recently active member presently in the hospital with cancer not interviewed. Six others with similar names were interviewed; all denied membership, and it was not possible to establish if they were or were not present or past members. No pertinent information re bombing matters at Birmingham, Alabama, or suspects developed.

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., as a secret, fraternal organization, and they would not furnish information regarding other members and activities where no violation of the law existed.

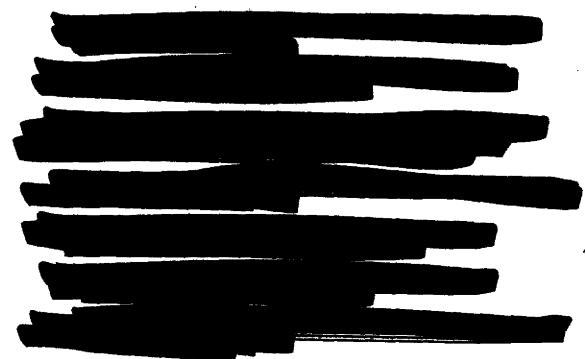
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In addition to members of DK, KKKK, Inc., listed above that were interviewed, three currently listed bomb suspects of the Knoxville Division and three formerly listed bomb suspects of the Knoxville Division, all due to their present or past association with DK, KKKK, Inc., were interviewed. Their activities during pertinent period of captioned case were accounted for in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

No pertinent information relating to bombing matters at Birmingham, Alabama, or suspects were developed during these interviews and verification of their whereabouts on pertinent dates. These six individuals interviewed are:

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During investigation, this case,
were repeatedly contacted and requested
to attempt to develop information re subjects, captioned case.
They were also contacted during verification of whereabouts
of bomb suspects listed above.

and questioned re 1960-61 Rambler reason wagon reported seen Birmingham, Alabama, during pertinent period (Birmingham airtel to Atlanta 9/25/63 (10)). No information of value relating to subjects or suspects, this matter, developed. These informants are continuing their efforts to develop information and if such is developed, the Bureau and Birmingham will immediately be notified.

Liasion with local law enforcement officials for information relating to theft of dynamite from Walker County, Georgia, from E. I. Dupont Company Storage Magazine, 9/18,19/63, has met with negative results.

A check of by the above six listed individuals, who are present or past bomb suspects, has been completed with two exceptions available until after 10/9/63.

in Knoxville teletype to Bureau, SACS, Birmingham and Atlanta, 9/26/63, with leads for Birmingham and Atlanta. Follow up on other possible will be made and Bureau and Birmingham advised.

LEADS

#### KNOXVILLE DIVISION

AT CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE:

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Will maintain contacts with RAC Informants for any additional information.

UNITED STATES GC RNMENT

### Memorandum

FROM

Mr. Belmont

DATE: 10-16-63

Bopbomb

SUBJECT:

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;

BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET

BAPTIST CHURCH

BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, 9-15-63

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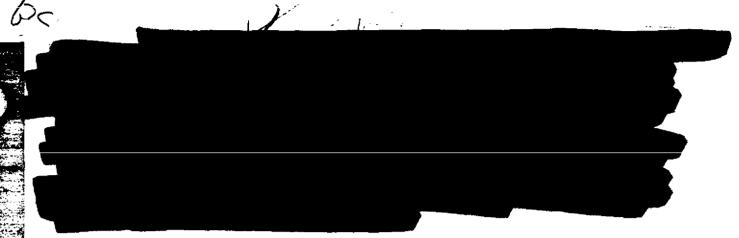
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STREET BAPTIST CHURCH



Fellow employees, neighbors, Klan associates, girl friends and other individuals who would have knowledge of the activities of the prime suspects in this matter during the pertinent period were interviewed 10-15-63 in connection with a continuous program to assimilate all pertinent data concerning these suspects.

#### ACTION:

You will be kept advised of pertinent developments.

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<del>ADIOGRAM</del>

If next radio contact missed, send by deferred, coded teletype.

TO SACS BIRMINGHAM **INDIANAPOLIS** MIANI

FROM DIRECTOR FBI

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MEETING OF RIGHT WING GROUPS, INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA, OCTOBER NINETEEN DASH TWENTY, SIXTYTHREE, RACIAL MATTERS.

RE BIRMINGHAM TEL OFTOBER FIFTEEN, SIXTYTHREE, CAPTIONED QUOTE BAPBOND UNQUOTE, MIAMI TEL OCTOBER FIFTEEN.

ACT 17 1963 INDIANAPOLIS SHOULD INMEDIATE

ASCERTAIN DETAILS CONCERNING MEETINGS OF RIGHT WING GROUP AND

ARRANGE FOR LIVE INFORMANT COVERAGE AND CONDUCT SURVEY FOR POSSIBLE Tolson Belmont .

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SEE ROSEN TO BELMONT MEMO, CAPTIONED "BAPBOMB".

10/16/63. RBL:nkr.

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RADIOGRAM TO SACS, BIRMINGHAM INDIANAPOLIS & MAN

RE: BAPBOMB

TECHNICAL COVERAGE OF MEETING IN VIEW OF REMARKS OF

INDIANAPOLIS SUTEL RESULTS OF SURVEY AS WELL AS LIVE INFORMANT COVERAGE WHICH CAN BE AFFORDED MEETING.

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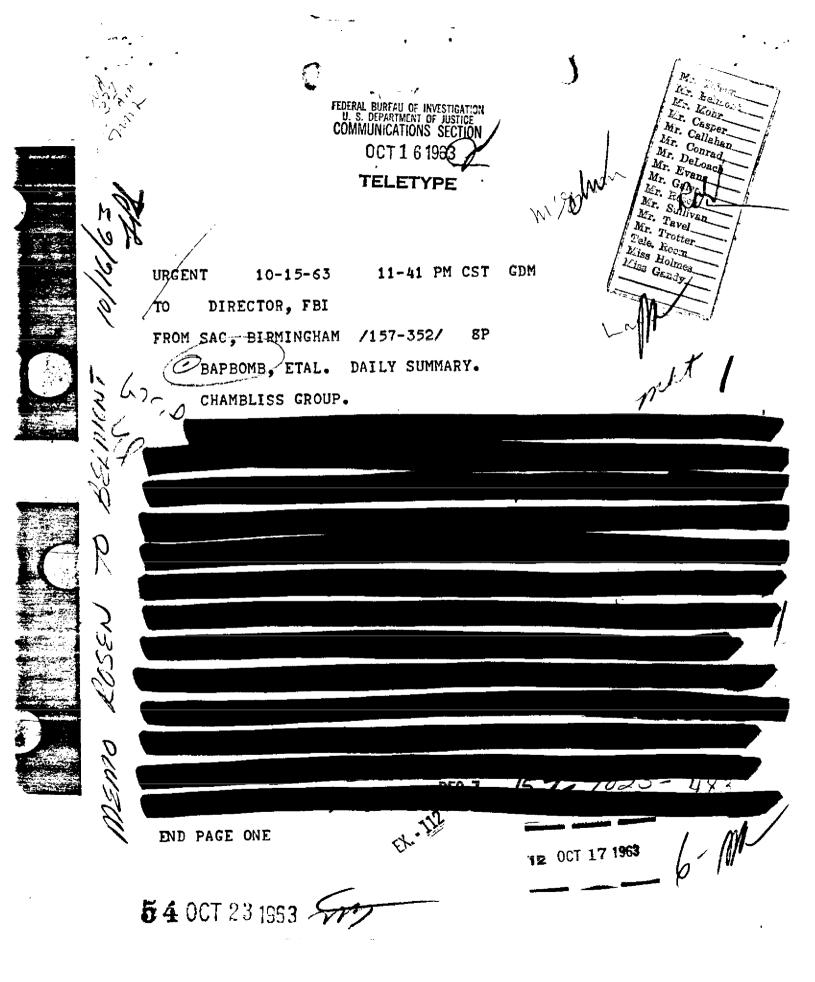
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UNITED STATES GO'  $\it 1emorandum$ Mr. Belmont Work 10/9/63 DATE: Sullivan ; 4Tavel Trotter FROM A. Rosen Tele. Roo: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; BOMBING OF 16th STREET SUBJECT: BAPTIST CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, 9/15/63 BOMBING MATTERS On the night of 9/29/63 the Alabama Highway Patrol arrested Robert E. Chambliss and Charles Arnie Cagle allegedly in connection with the recent bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham. On 9/30/63 the Director brought this matter to the attention of the Attorney General. He pointed out that information had been received that the Alabama Highway Patrol had very little substantial evidence regarding the two individuals. There is attached for your information a copy of a memorandum prepared for the Attorney General by Burke Marshall, Assistant Attorney General of the Civil Rights Division, under date of 10/4/63. It is noted the Bureau had received similar information to the effect had no basis for arresting Chambliss and Cagle except that he found out that the FBI was questioning numerous Klan members and wanted to jump the gun and therefore picked them up. As a matter of fact, it was more than 48 hours later that there was any indication as to what they were going to be charged with and they finally came up with the possession of dynamite charge. Enclosure ORB ATTACHED



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FELLOW EMPLOYEES, NEIGHBORS, KLAN ASSOCIATES, GIRL FRIENDS AND OTHERS WHO WOULD HAVE KNOWLEDGE OF PRIME SUSPECTS ACTIVITIES DURING PERTINENT PERIOD INTERVIEWED THIS DATE IN CINTINUOUS PROGRAM TO ASSIMILATE ALL PERTINENT BACKGROUND CONCERNING THESE INDIVIDUALS WITH WHICH THEY CAN BE FURTHER INTERROGATED.

NSRP.

SPOT SURVEILLANCE NSRP HEADQUARTERS, BIRMINGHAM, LOCATED

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#### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION WASHINGTON. D. C.

To:

PBI, Indianapolis (157-1)

Date:

**October 11. 1963** 

UNSUB: Cross Burning at Besidence of Reverend and Mrs. A. Dale Fiers, 5452 University Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana, Re: 7/12 or 13/63, followed by Aponymous Letter dated 7/12/63, signed Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Indiana RACIAL MATTERS

John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No.

Lab. No.

**157-9**55 D-432756 DJ

Examination requested by:

Indiapapolis Reference:

Examination requested:

Airtel 10-3-63

Remarks:

Document

No Indianapolis airtel dated 10-3-63, entitled Unknown Subject: Anonymous Letter Postmarked 9/30/63 at Indianapolis, Indiana, signed Enights of the Ku Klux Klan of Indiana, to Vice-Principal, Arsenal Technical High School, Indianapolis, Indiana DESTORTION - MACIAL MATTERS.

Eq The case entitled RAPBONB is carried under Bureau file 157-1025, Indianapolis file 157-93. The case entitled Unsubr VICTIM: Indianapolis Recorder Newspaper: EXTORTION - RACIAL MATTERS is carried under Bureau file 157-422, and Indianapolis files 9-1474 and 9-1473.

Enclosures (4) (Q3, Q4, 2 Lab report) 1 - Indianapolis (9-1474) Enclosure (lab report)
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### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION WASHINGTON. D. C.

To FBI, Indianapolis (157-1)

Date:

October 11, 1963

FBI File No.

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Residence of Lab. No. D-432756
Reverend and Mrs. A. Dale Fiers, 5452 University
Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana, 7/12 or 13/63, followed
by Anonymous Letter dated 7/12/63, signed Knights of
the Ku Klux Klan of Indiana
RACIAL MATTERS

Specimens received

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10-7-63

Q3 Envelope postmarked "INDIANAPOLIS, IND. 1A 8 00PM 30 SEP 1963" hearing typewritten address Indianapolis, Ind."

Q4 Accompanying one-page typewritten letter beginning
We see that you are..."
and ending "...GRAND DRAGON OF INDIANA"

Result of examination:

It was concluded that specimens Q3 and Q4 were typed on the same typewriter as used to prepare specimens Qc1 and Qc2, previously submitted.

Evidence in this case has previously been searched in the appropriate sections of the Anonymous Letter File without effecting an identification.

It was further concluded that the typewriter used to prepare specimens Qcl through Q4 in this case was not used in the preparation of Qll and Ql2 in the case entitled "BAPBOMB" or in the preparation of specimens ( in the case entitled "Unsub; Indianapolis Recorder Newspaper - VICTIM; EXTORTION - BACIAL MATTERS."

The five-cent stamp on specimen Q3 was torn from a sheet of stamps. No watermarks or other identifying characteristics were observed on specimens Q3 and Q4.

The typewriting on specimens Qcl through Q4 most closely resembles the Laboratory's standards for Underwood Distinctive pica type having a horizonal spacing of ten letters to the inch.

Q3 and Q4 are returned herewith. Representative photographs have been made.

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UNITED STATES G. ERNMENT

### $\it Iemorandum$

то : Director, FBI

DATE:

10/7/63

Attn: FBI Laboratory - Electronics Section

Room 7114

BAC, Birmingham (157-352)

(Technical Equipment)

There are being returned to the Laboratory this date by Railway Express six (6) cartons of technical equipment and one (1) carton is being returned via Registered Mail.

This equipment has been used on above captioned case.

Bureau (7 Packages) 1 Birmingham

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0 SIDOMA 10/14/63 MR. TOLSON: Mr. Rosen, who is in Branchgham, furnished the attached information this morning setting forth his analysis of the bombing investigation there. In view of his finding that there is substantial work remaining to be done; the heavy overtime by the agents assigned to the special investigation; and the importance of this case, I agree with his recommendation that the investigation continue as is, with a further re-examination in ten days. Mr. Rosen went to Birmingham under instructions to go into this investigation thoroughly, including personnel. He finds that the investigation is well organized and being handled with competence by SAC Moore. In view of this, if the Director desires, Mr. Rosen will return to Washington. Enclosure AHB: CSH 157-1025-48: EX-108. REC-10 3 OCT 18 1963

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

### Memorandum

· MR. BELMONT

DATE: 10/14/63

FROM : A. Rosen

cc Mr. Belmont Mr. Rosen

Mr. Malley

Mr. McGowan

Trotter

Tale, Room

SUBJECT:

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;

BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET

BAPTIST CHURCH

Birmingham, Alabama, 9/15/63

BOMBING MATTERS

On the basis of current information and developments in Birmingham area, the present operation appears justified for the following reasons:

- 1. All personnel on assignment at the Birmingham office, whether of special assignment or regularly assigned, including both Special Agents and clerical employees, are productively assigned.
- Extensive interviews have been conducted and are presently under'way This does not include special assignments, such as surveillances, et cetera, which are necessary because of developments during the day.
- Administrative procedures in force are efficient and effective.
- There is a positive control of manpower assigned to the investigation
- Developments during the day are coordinated intelligently. All personnel are kept aware of current progress.
- Agents are alerted to important developments as they occur and before such material is reduced to writing.
- A nightly meeting, under the direction and supervision of SAC R. K. Moore, is most effective. Each agent reports in open session the nature and extent of his daily activity. Information so developed is then subjected to questioning and evaluation by the other agents in attendance. A determination is then made as to whether further activity is warranted. Assignments are then made for all night coverage of suspects, points of interest, and possible disturbance areas. Assignments are also given to each agent for the following day.
- Conflicts and assignments are immediately resolved by the SAC.

Through a communications system directly tred into the SAC, embrgency assignment of personnel is adequately arranged. 1 42 PM 50

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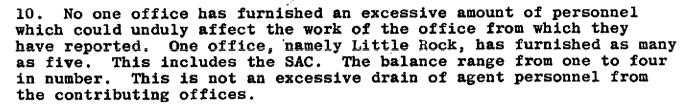
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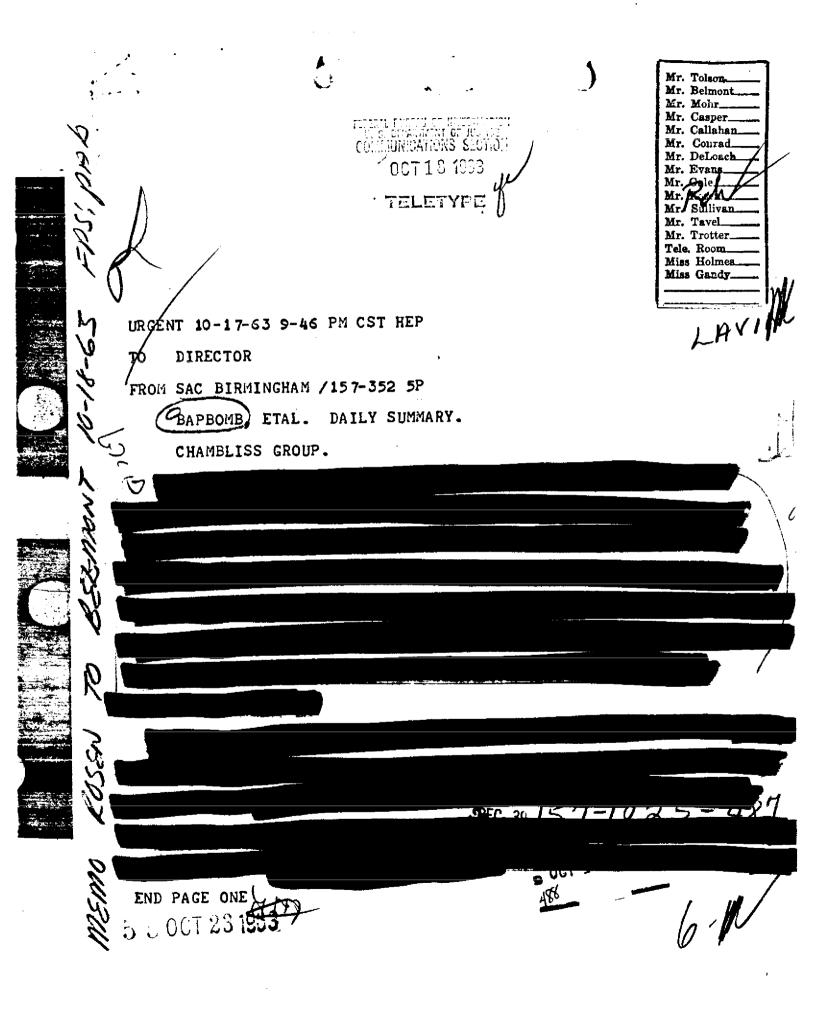


- 11. The entire investigation is being directed toward bringing as much pressure as possible on all prime suspects developed and being developed. This is accomplished through interviews and reinterviews; through constant harassment tactics; through the use of technical equipment wherever possible; through surveillances; through examination by the use of the polygraph; through information developed as a result of contacts with sources of information in a position to furnish information which may be pertinent to any facet of the investigation; and through saturation and redirection techniques.
- 12. Concurrent with the above action, extensive liaison is maintained with persons and organizations who are in a position to furnish information.
- 13. All paper work in the preparation of reports and memoranda is maintained in a current status.
- 14. Circumstantial evidence and possible witnesses are being lined up in the event it becomes desirable to present any phase of this investigation for possible grand jury action.
- 15. There is a total of 34 Special Agents and 8 clerical employees presently on special assignment. The overtime for the agents on special assignment at Birmingham ranges from an average low of 6 hours and 38 minutes per day, to a high of 9 hours per day.

#### RECOMMENDATION:

On the basis of the enthusiasm, pressure, and attitude of the personnel on this assignment, I recommend there be no reduction or addition in manpower at this time; that present pressure points and procedures which have been discussed with SACs Moore and Faisst be continued for the time being, to be re-evaluated in ten days, at which time a recommendation should be submitted to the Director concerning the manpower situation and direction of the investigation. This will depend upon developments during the interim.







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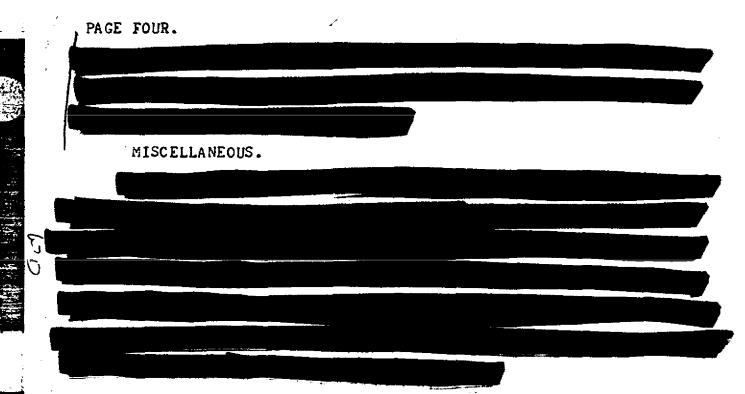
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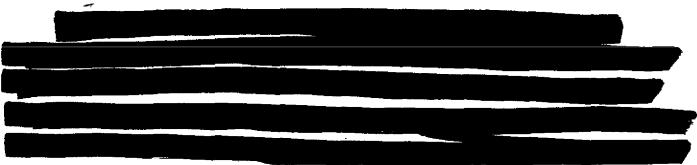
HANDBILLS DISSEMINATED TODAY THAT NSRP WILL HOLD RALLY SEVEN THIRTY PM, OCTOBER NINETEEN NEXT, MT. OLIVE BALL PARK, MT. OLIVE, ALA., SUBURB OF BIRMINGHAM, WHERE ATTORNEY J. B. STONER AND DR. EDWARD R. FIELDS WILL BE SPEAKERS.

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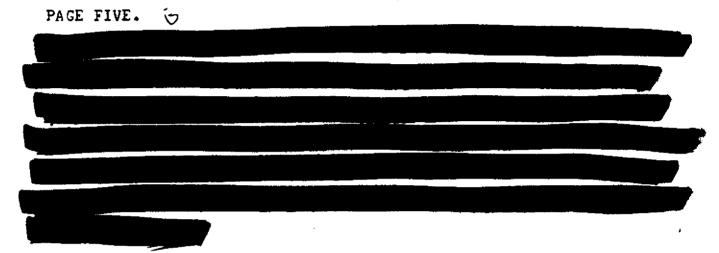


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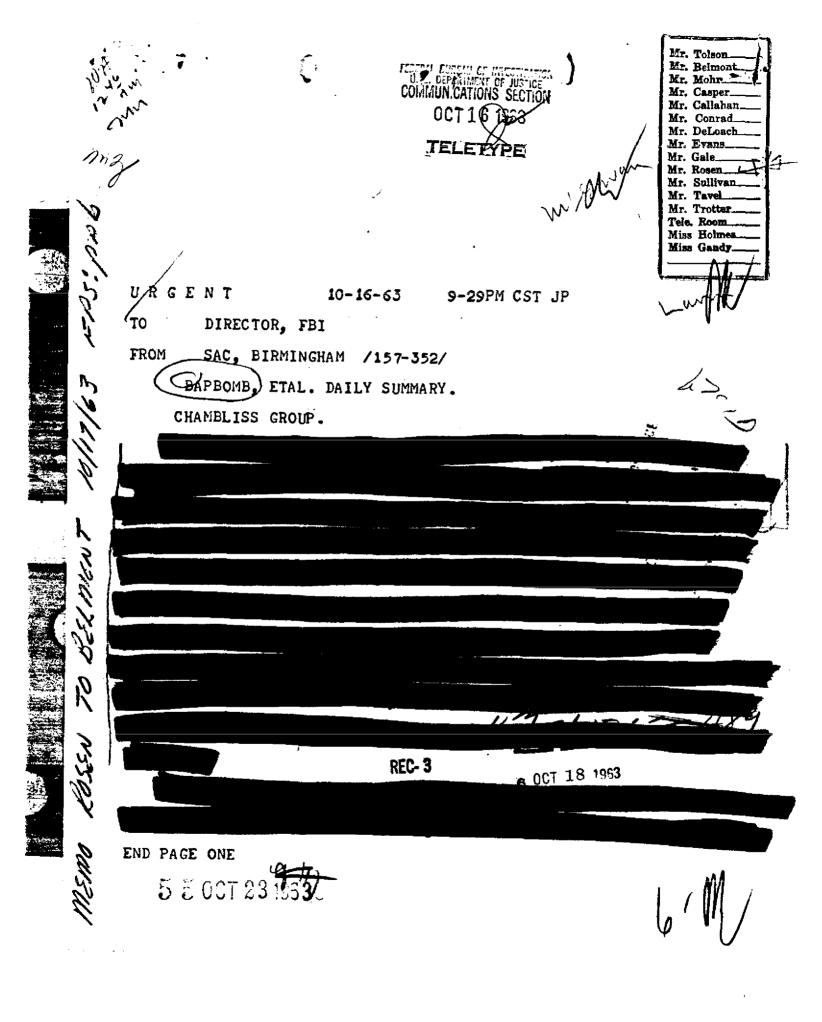
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UNITED STATES GOVER HENT MR. TOLSON October 11, 1963 DATE: A. H. BELMONT Tele, Boom Holmes BAPBOMB SUBJECT: Assistant Director Rosen called from Birmingham. He had been going over this case with SAC Moore and the Agents assigned to the case until midnight last night, pinpointing what each Agent is doing and the potential in the case. He is continuing today and will have another conference of all Agents on the case tonight. He said the Agents are covering 80 to 100 leads a day, in addition to an analytical conference each night. Agents are laveraging about 7 hours overtime a day on this special. Each Agent has an assignment to cover immediately in the event there is additional violence or bombings. He said it is clear that the work is well organized and that much is being done in the way of checking out and applying pressure points to get cooperation from suspects and their associates. In other words, this is a hard-hitting investigation with no holds barred. He said he was impressed with the enthusiasm of all of the Agents assigned to the case. Mr. Rosen is continuing his examination, looking toward further methods of applying pressure to get results. SAC Moore has been considering the possibility of a Federal Grand Jury in the future if it appears that this will be helpful. Mr. Rosen is checking into the personnel situation and whether itais is the best interests of the Bureau to release personnel now or in the near future. He will report further. AHB: hmm 1 - Belmont 1 - Rosen 11 OCT 18 1963 / AVIII (1 Keron co ho of 10/15/62) ე ქნე, ემ <mark>(ამ3</mark>





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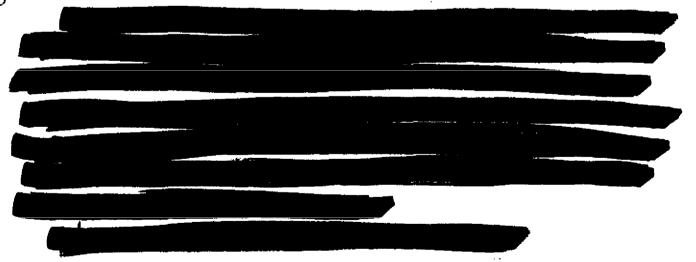
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SUSPECT ROBERT E. CHAMBLISS REPORTED TO BE SCHEDULED FOR STOMACH SURGERY. COVERAGE POTENTIAL BEING DETERMINED.

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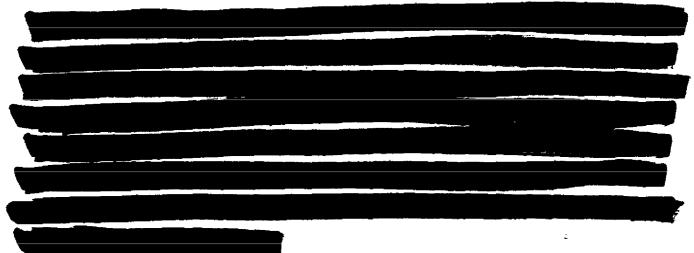
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been run off as of 10/17/63 and does not intend to reflect all investigation conducted prior to 10/17/63.

Any reference herein to Klan, KKK, Ku Klux Klan, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, or any similar designation shall be construed as referring to United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, unless otherwise qualified.

All suspects are being interviewed regarding all Birmingham bombings in conjunction with this case. Many FD-302's apply to other recent bombings.

No index is being supplied at this time but will be furnished at a later date.

Numerous negative informant contacts from auxiliary offices have been received and are included in the Birmingham file but are not being set out in the report.

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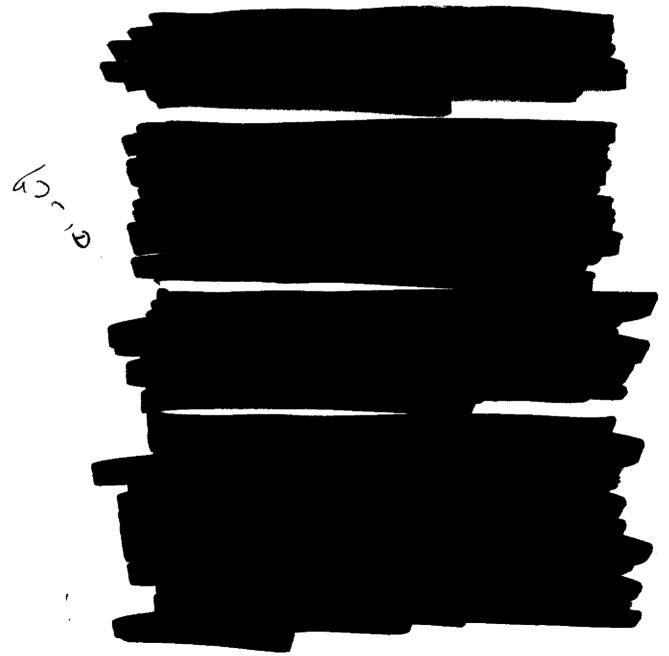
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#### POLYGRAPH INTERVIEWS

Bureau authority for use of polygraph interview was granted for each interview listed below by Assistant Director AL ROSEN in telephone conversations with SAC ROY K. MOORE. Polygraph examinations were all given by SAC Consent forms were signed in each instance before the interviews and for two interviews involving juveniles parental contents were also obtained. The consent forms, charts, and questions are being retained in the Birmingham file. The charts of the following persons indicated truthful answers and that they had no knowledge of the persons who committed the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church on September 15, 1963, or other recent bombings in the Birmingham area, except as noted:



Polygraph charts of the following persons reflected emotional reactions often connected with deception as noted:



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on September 25. 1963 while being interviewed stated that he had not violated any law and that he would be glad to take the polygraph examination. However, later said that he would not take the polygraph examination.

On October 1, 1963, stated that he would not take the polygraph examination and that if the interviewing agents could not believe him, that there was no use for him to take this examination.

stated that the only way he will take the polygraph examination is if he is arrested or charged with having committed any of the recent bombings in Birmingham; that if this action is taken the polygraph would show that he is innocent; and that in this event he would sue the Government for false arrest since the Government had to approve his arrest in the first place in connection with the bombings.

hen said that he would take the polygraph examination if the FBI would get Reverend F. L. SHUTTLESWORTH, Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING, and Attorney A. D. SHORES and have them take the polygraph examination with him at the same time as him and before television cameras on a nation-wide hookup.

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On October 2, 1963.

advised that he did not desire to take a polygraph examination since he did not believe in taking such an examination and further that he did not desire to be photographed since he did not want his photograph in the files of the FBI inasmuch as he had never been fingerprinted.





### UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Dates

September 157-352 Octobber 15,1763

Field Office File f:

Birmingham 157-352

Officer BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

Bureau File #: 157-1025

Title:

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS

BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET

BAPTIST CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

SEPTEMBER 15, 1963

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BOMBING MATTERS

Neighborhood investigation has developed additional individuals near explosion point and several individuals who saw suspicious white men in area prior to, or immediately after, explosion. Several church members who entered church just prior to explosion located but could not recall any suspicious persons or circumstances. ROBERT EDWARD CHAMBLISS advised he purchased dynamite in store in Birmingham, Ala., and gave same to 9/4/63; denied all bombings. CHAMBLISS, HALL, and CAGLE arrested and convicted by AHP and City of Birmingham for illegal transportation and possession of dynamite

All projects and organizations as well as suspects above referred to being given continuous attention.

INVESTIGATION REFLECTS MANY MEMBERS OF KLAN AND SEGREGATION TYPE GROUPS CARRY SOME TYPE OF WEAPON, ALL SUCH INDIVIDUALS ARE THEREFORE TO BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND EXTREMELY DANGEROUS.

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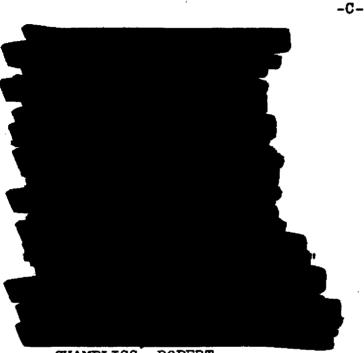
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CRIME SCENE AND INDIVIDUALS AT SCENE

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Photographs at 16th Street Baptist Church, September 15, 1963

Photographs were taken at the scene of the church bombing on September 15, 1963. Photographs and respective agents taking these photographs are listed below:

- 1. Four sets of photographs, eleven photographs in each set, taken September 15, 1963 by SA (interior and exterior)
- 2. Four sets of photographs,
  twenty-four in each set, taken by
  SA
  (interior ladies lounge and
  close-ups bomb crater)
- 3. Four sets of photographs, twenty-seven photographs in each set, taken by SA (immediate area of church)
- 4. Four sets of photographs, thirty-three photographs in each set, taken by SA (immediate area of church)
- 5. Four sets of photographs, twenty-one photographs in each set, taken by SA (immediate area of church)
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On October 15, 1963, the furnished the Birmingham Office a copy of a memorandum prepared by and the following:

On September 15, 1963, University Hospital, Birmingham, Alabama, telephonically advised the following is a list of individuals injured in captioned bombing, all from Birmingham unless otherwise indicated:

MILTON STOLLENVERCH, Negro male, 315 10th Court North

GEORGIA McCARTAR, Negro male, 200 4th Avenue South, aged 65

Reverend J. H. PULLEN, 6520 58th Avenue North, Negro male

CHARLES BRYANT, 821 15th Way, North, Negro male

ELLA DENARD, 807 18th Way, S.W., Negro female, aged 70

LYNN CROSS, no address, Negro female, aged 4

JOSEPH PARISH, 21 10th Avenue South, Negro male

SAM ZIEGLER, 2111 11th Avenue North, Negro male, aged 68

GEORGIA JOHNSON, 429 6th Avenue North, Negro female

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POLLY ALLEN, 9011 South Elizabeth Street, white female, Chicago, Illinois, aged 22

JONATHAN JONES, 304 10th Avenue South, Negro male, aged 12

LILLIAN POLLARD, 57 9th Avenue North, Negro female, aged 24

SARA COLLINS, 233 6th Court West, Negro female, aged 10

WILLIAM GRIER, 101 11th Court West, Negro male, aged 49

HELEN SALTER, 150 Brooklane Drive, white female

WILLIE SMITH, 407 7th Street, Docena, Alabama, Negro male, aged 40

The following individuals were reported dead on arrival at University Hospital:

CAROL ROBERTSON, 1021 9th Street, Negro female, aged 16

ADDIE COLLINS, 232 6th Court West, Negro female, aged 14

DENISE McNAIR, Route 4, Box 524, Negro female, aged 11

CYNTHIA WESLEY, 22 11th Avenue North, Negro female, aged 14

NEIGHBORHOOD

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SOURCES OF DYNAMITE

Date	9	/19	/63_	

A crime scene search was conducted at the Alabaster Lime Company, Verlie, Alabama, in connection with the breaking and entering of a power house located on a rock road on the Western edge of the lime company, and the attempted breaking and entering of a second power house located approximately one hundred yards to the South of the first mentioned power house on the same lot.

The first power house did not have a padlock as should have been the case. Soil samples from a pallet and from the floor of the interior of this power house were obtained for possible future comparison.

An examination of the second power house revealed tool marks on the hasp portion, and the nalinder block portion of the padlock to the door of this second power house. These took marks appear to be similar to those that would be made with some type of sawing instrument such as a hacksaw. This padlock is being retained for possible future spectographic comparison examination.

At a point approximately twenty feet, Southwest, of the second power house on the extension of the rock road running past, a ballpoint pen, black with silver trim, bearing the lettering Southern Screw Company, Statesville, North Carolina, was found.

Fingerprint examination of the doors to both power houses, the remaining padlock, and the pen did not develop any latents of value. Dirt samples from the area immediately adjacent to the door of the second power house were obtained for possible future comparison examination. Photographs of the two buildings were obtained. No other evidence of value was located.

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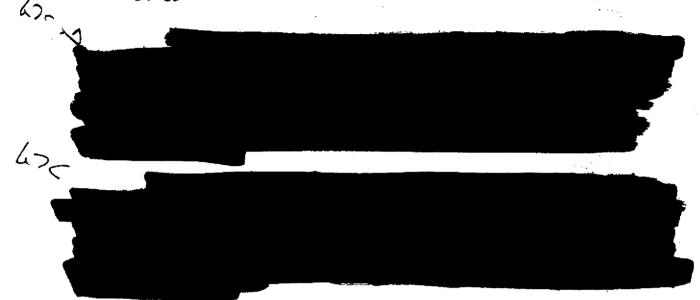
OTHER SUSPECTS

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CHAMBLISS GROUP

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Subsequently, CHAMBLISS, HALL and CAGLE were booked for illegal transportation and possession of dynamite; were tried in Birmingham Recorders Court, were found guilty and given the maximum sentence of six months and a \$300 fine. These cases are presently on appeal and all are out on bond. In connection with the investigation of this matter, according to State officials, CAGLE directed them to a field in Gardendale where he had placed the dynamite. State authorities advised they located a case of Monobel B Dynamite at one area in this field and  $2\frac{1}{2}$  sticks of dynamite in a paper sack in another area.