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OR ANY COMPANY DOING WORK FOR THE AUTO BARGAIN CENTER DURING AUGUST OR SEPTEMBER HAS A PURCHASE ORDER OR SALES ORDER BEARING THE DESCRIPTION OF THE CLUTCH ASSEMBLY NUMBERS DESCRIBED HEREIN.

CHAMBLISS HAS A REGULAR RUN THAT HE MAKES FOR HIS EMPLOYER WHICH COVERS SOUTHEAST ALABAMA AND EXTENDS INTO THE JACKSONVILLE DIVISION, SOMETIMES TERMINATING AT PANAMA CITY, FLORIDA, HE ACTS AS A DELIVERYMAN. IN THE COURSE OF INVESTIGATION OF [REDACTED] IT APPEARS THAT EVERY EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO DETERMINE HIS WHEREABOUTS ON THE FOLLOWING SPECIFIC DATES AND TIMES-

ONE. ON SATURDAY, MAY ELEVEN, SIXTYTHREE, AT ELEVEN P.M., WHEN AN EXPLOSION CAUSED BY POSSIBLY SIX STICKS OF DYNAMITE, TOOK PLACE AT RESIDENCE OF THE REVEREND A. D. W. KING, SEVEN TWO ONE TWELFTH STREET, BIRMINGHAM.

TWO. ON SATURDAY, MAY ELEVEN, SIXTYTHREE, AT ELEVEN FIFTYEIGHT P.M., WHEN AN EXPLOSION OF POSSIBLY SIX STICKS OF DYNAMITE TOOK PLACE AT THE GASTON MOTEL, FIFTH AVENUE NORTH AND FIFTEENTH STREET, BIRMINGHAM. (EARLIER ON MAY ELEVEN, SIXTYTHREE, THERE WAS A PUBLIC KLAN RALLY IN THE NEARBY BESSEMER AREA ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF BIRMINGHAM, AND IT WOULD BE OF INTEREST TO KNOW WHETHER [REDACTED] ATTENDED THIS RALLY.)

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THREE. ON TUESDAY, AUGUST TWENTY, SIXTYTHREE, AT NINE TWENTYFIVE P.M., WHEN AN EXPLOSION CAUSED BY ESTIMATED TWO STICKS OF DYNAMITE TOOK PLACE AT RESIDENCE OF ARTHUR SHORES, A NEGRO ATTORNEY, TEN TWO ONE NORTH CENTER STREET, BIRMINGHAM.

FOUR. ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER FOUR, SIXTYTHREE, AT NINE THIRTYSIX P.M., WHEN EXPLOSION POSSIBLY CAUSED BY ESTIMATED TWO STICKS OF DYNAMITE TOOK PLACE AT AFOREMENTIONED RESIDENCE OF ARTHUR SHORES.

FIVE. REGARDING BAPBOMB ON SEPTEMBER FIFTEENTH, AS MENTIONED HEREIN.

SIX. REGARDING THE SHRAPNEL BOMBING ON SEPTEMBER TWENTYFIFTH, AS MENTIONED HEREIN.

AS ONE ADDITIONAL ITEM FOR POSSIBLE CONSIDERATION IN DETERMINING TRAVELS OR WHEREABOUTS OF [REDACTED] DURING AFOREMENTIONED PERIOD, IT IS SUGGESTED THAT JACKSONVILLE AND MOBILE, IN WHICHEVER INSTANCE IS APPLICABLE, REVIEW ALL OF THE PAYROLL CHECKS RECEIVED BY [REDACTED] FROM VARIOUS EMPLOYERS AND EXAMINE THE CANCELED PAYROLL CHECKS TO DETERMINE WHEN AND WHERE EACH CHECK WAS CASHED OR DEPOSITED BY [REDACTED] IF EXAMINATION

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OF THESE CHECKS INDICATES [REDACTED] HAS A BANK ACCOUNT AT ANY PLACE, THE BANK ACCOUNT MAY PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

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IT IS ALSO SUGGESTED THAT EVERY EFFORT BE MADE TO OBTAIN A COMPLETE LIST OF VEHICLES EITHER OWNED BY OR AVAILABLE TO [REDACTED] INCLUDING THOSE MADE AVAILABLE BY ASSOCIATES OR EMPLOYERS, SO THAT BIRMINGHAM MAY BE PROVIDED A LIST THEREOF FOR POSSIBLE INVESTIGATIVE USE IN BIRMINGHAM.

ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS, INCLUDING COLORED PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE PRIME SUSPECTS IN BAPBOMB ARE BEING SENT TO JACKSONVILLE FOR USE IN INTERVIEW OF [REDACTED] AS HE MIGHT BE ABLE TO IDENTIFY THE PHOTOGRAPH WHEREAS HE MAY NOT RECALL SPECIFIC NAMES. IT WOULD BE OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO KNOW WHETHER [REDACTED] AT ANY TIME

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HAD ANY CONTACT WITH ROBERT E. CHAMBLISS.

JACKSONVILLE AND MOBILE ARE ALREADY IN POSSESSION OF CONSIDERABLE BACKGROUND INFORMATION REGARDING THE BAPBOMB CASE. ADDITIONAL REPORTS, TOGETHER WITH PHOTOGRAPHS, ARE BEING SENT TO JACKSONVILLE TODAY. THE JACKSONVILLE OFFICE BEING OFFICE OF ORIGIN IN CASE ENTITLED <sup>" Unknown Subjects"</sup> ~~UNSUBS~~, DYNAMITING OF RESIDENCE OF IONA GODFREY, (TEC.), IS IN THE MOST ADVANTAGEOUS POSITION TO EVALUATE INFORMATION ON HAND WITH THE MATERIAL HEREIN AND SET FORTH SPECIFIC LEADS TO INSURE THAT EVERY FACET OF THIS MATTER IS FULLY EXPLORED WITH RESPECT TO POSSIBLE IMPLICATION OF ROSECRANS IN BAPBOMB.

BIRMINGHAM STILL SENDING DAILY TELETYPE BAPBOMB SUMMARY TO BUREAU AND FOR THAT REASON JACKSONVILLE AND MOBILE REQUESTED TO SUTEL BUREAU AND BIRMINGHAM ANY PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS ON DAILY BASIS SO THAT SUCH DEVELOPMENTS MAY BE CONSIDERED A PART OF DAILY BAPBOMB SUMMARY FOR DIRECTOR.

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CC-MR. ROSEN

*Mr. McHowan*

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Date: 3/6/64

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)  
FROM : SAC, MOBILE (157-416)(P)  
SUBJECT: BAPBOMB

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BOMBING MATTERS

Re Birmingham airtel to Mobile, 1/16/64; Mobile airtel to the Bureau, 2/3/64; and Bureau airtel to Mobile, 2/12/64.

Transmitted herewith for the Bureau is one copy of FD-302 reflecting interview with [REDACTED] at Marion, Alabama. Transmitted for Birmingham are 8 copies of this FD-302, for incorporation in their next report in captioned matter, and also the pink sheet reflecting interview with [REDACTED] and descriptive information concerning him. As noted, [REDACTED] would not allow a photograph to be obtained at the time of interview, or a photograph of his vehicle to be obtained. As shown on the pink sheet transmitted to Birmingham, it is noted that his vehicle was a 1961 Chevrolet, solid white in color, bearing 1964 Alabama license [REDACTED]. He stated that he was photographed when arrested on the charges at Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and a photograph of him could be secured from local authorities at Tuscaloosa, if Birmingham so desires.

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**GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION**  
**MARCH 7, 1964**  
**MAR 9 1964**

We are continuing to press  
the investigation of the bombing  
of the Sixteenth Street Baptist  
Church, Birmingham, 9/15/63, to  
develop a prosecutable Federal  
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Select Committee on Government Research  
House of Representatives of the United States  
Eighty-Eighth Congress  
Washington, D.C.

March 2, 1964

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Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Casper	✓
Mr. Callahan	✓
Mr. Conrad	✓
Mr. Felt	✓
Mr. Gale	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
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Mr. Tavel	✓
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Miss Holmes	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

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

Dear Mr. Director:

I would appreciate having a status report on the progress of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's inquiry into the church bombing at Birmingham last year.

With warm personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Carl Elliott*  
Carl Elliott

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3/4/64 HET:caz  
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

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TO : Mr. Belmont *W*

DATE: March 4, 1964

FROM : A. Rosen *RW*

SUBJECT: CONGRESSMAN CARL ELLIOTT  
(DEMOCRAT - ALABAMA)  
REQUEST FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING  
BIRMINGHAM CHURCH BOMBING

Congressman Carl Elliott, Democrat, Alabama, with whom we have enjoyed cordial relations, has advised by letter of 3/2/64 he would appreciate having a "status report on the progress of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's inquiry into the church bombing at Birmingham last year."

Relations with Congressman Elliott:

On 3/12/63 the Director met Congressman Elliott at which time Congressman Elliott stated his purpose in calling was to pay his respects to Mr. Hoover whom he considers one of the country's greatest men. Following his visit, Congressman Elliott furnished a copy of his newsletter to his constituents in which he praised Mr. Hoover and the FBI, and in which the photograph of Elliott shaking hands with the Director appeared, along with the statement, "I only wish that every Alabamian could have the opportunity, as I did, to be personally briefed by Mr. Hoover on the Communist conspiracy." From time to time through personal contact by Mr. DeLoach's Office, we have furnished Congressman Elliott literature on communism for use in his speeches, and he was presented an autographed copy of the Director's book "A Study of Communism" in January, 1963.

Data Regarding Request:

Congressman Elliott, of course, refers to the bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama, which took place Sunday morning, 9/15/63, in which our extensive investigation has indicated Klansmen Robert E. Chambliss and Thomas E. Blanton were involved. The Director has personally informed the Attorney General of the publicity-seeking action of the Alabama Highway Patrol which hampered our investigation through their arrest of our suspects 9/29-10/1/63 without any

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

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont  
RE: CONGRESSMAN CARL ELLIOTT

real evidence. Extensive investigation has shown a lack of the necessary evidence of interstate transportation of an explosive to permit Federal prosecution, however, we are continuing to press this investigation for a possible prosecutable violation.

The Department authorized the SAC, Birmingham, to appear before the Federal Grand Jury in session at Birmingham in February, 1964, in response to a request by Federal Judge Clarence Allgood for information as to developments in this case. The SAC, Birmingham, was instructed to confine his remarks to this statement: "That this Bureau initiated extensive investigation at the very outset of the case, that we are continuing to exert all-out effort to bring this matter to a logical conclusion, that we have cooperated with local authorities throughout investigation and are continuing to cooperate, that we have conducted thousands of interviews, that we have conducted extensive technical examinations of various types of material which may have a bearing upon the ultimate solution of the case through the facilities of the FBI Laboratory and Identification Divisions." SAC, Birmingham, was instructed that no specific details or suspects names should be furnished to the Grand Jury and he did appear confining his remarks as outlined above on 2/12/64.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Although our relationship with Congressman Elliott has been warm and cordial, it appears the operations of his office and staff must be viewed in the over-all light of inquiries he may receive from those having associations with the Alabama Highway Patrol. Accordingly, it appears any data given the Congressman should not go beyond the scope of the general statement given the Federal Grand Jury. It is recommended that Congressman Elliott be orally informed by Mr. DeLoach's Office of the status of our investigation within the framework of the statement provided the Federal Grand Jury in Birmingham.

*Mr. DeLoach*  
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UPI-91

(BOMBINGS)

ST. AUGUSTINE, FLA.--INVESTIGATORS SAID TODAY THAT A 30-YEAR-OLD INDIANA MAN HAD ADMITTED BOMBING THE HOME OF A JACKSONVILLE, FLA. NEGRO LAST MONTH.

THE FLORIDA SHERIFF'S BUREAU, WHICH MADE THE ANNOUNCEMENT, SAID WILLIAM STERLING ROSENCRANS ALSO WAS BEING QUESTIONED ABOUT A BOMBING IN BIRMINGHAM, ALA., SEPT. 15, 1963 WHICH KILLED FOUR NEGRO GIRLS AND FIVE BOMBINGS THAT HAVE PLAGUED THE STRIKEBOUND FLORIDA EAST COAST RAILWAY THIS YEAR.

ROSENCRANS WAS ARRESTED LAST NIGHT WHEN DUVAL COUNTY AUTHORITIES FOUND THREE STICKS OF DYNAMITE IN HIS AUTOMOBILE. DUVAL COUNTY AUTHORITIES CHARGED HIM WITH ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF DYNAMITE.

OLIVER WEATHERHOLT OF THE FLORIDA SHERIFF'S BUREAU SAID ROSENCRANS ALSO WILL BE CHARGED "WITH WHATEVER YOU CHARGE A MAN FOR BOMBING A HOME."

ONE PERSON WAS INJURED WHEN THE BOMB WENT OFF IN THE EARLY MORNING HOURS OF SUNDAY, FEB. 16, KNOCKING THE JACKSONVILLE HOME OF MR. AND MRS. GEORGE R. GILLIAM FROM ITS FOUNDATION.

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TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: March 7, 1964

FROM : A. Rosen

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

PURPOSE OF MEMORANDUM:

To summarize the facts in the bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama, on 9/15/63.

THE BOMBING:

At approximately 10:19 a.m. on 9/15/63, while church services were being held, an explosion ripped the church tearing out a concrete stairway and blasting a hole in the side wall. The room directly affected was a ladies lounge. Four young Negro girls were killed and 16 other persons were injured.

It was estimated that the bomb consisted of the equivalent of 10 sticks of dynamite and damage to the church was estimated at approximately \$30,000.

THE BUREAU'S INVESTIGATION:

Immediately upon learning of the disaster, a full investigation was immediately instituted and all possible assistance was immediately offered to local authorities. A special squad of Agents plus Laboratory personnel were dispatched to Birmingham to help in the investigation. A top Bureau official was ordered in to head up the special squad.

Instructions were issued to our Birmingham Office and to the eight neighboring Bureau offices to immediately initiate interviews of all known Klansmen and hate group members and to establish the whereabouts of all bombing suspects during the pertinent period.

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

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

Extensive interviews of all logical persons who might have had knowledge of the bombing were completed by the Birmingham Office. These interviews running into the thousands included all persons in the church; all residents of the area for blocks around the church; all tradesmen and business people in the area; police, fire and civil defense personnel; all persons who came through the area on subsequent days and the suppliers of explosives.

As a result of the intensive investigation and our informants, information was developed on a small group of men within the Eastview Klavern of the United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, as probably being responsible for the bombing. We intensified our investigation of this group. Included in this group were Robert Chambliss, Charles Arnie Cagle and John Wesley Hall.

PREMATURE ACTION BY THE ALABAMA HIGHWAY PATROL:

On 9/29/63 and 10/1/63, the Alabama Highway Patrol arrested the above three suspects and held them for 48 hours before placing a charge against them of illegal possession of dynamite. The three men were convicted and each received a maximum sentence of a \$100 fine and 180 days in jail. The three men have appealed and are presently free on bond.

We have been reliably informed that the Alabama Highway Patrol had no evidence against these men and the arrests were made on the direct orders of Colonel Al Lingo, Director of Public Safety of Alabama, since he was informed that we were considering these men as prime suspects and wanted to "jump the gun." An official of the Patrol has confidentially advised us that responsible police officers were infuriated by the action of Lingo.

EFFECT ON KLAN AND HATE GROUPS:

Due to the intensive investigation of Klan and hate groups during this period throughout the South, we know that these groups have been seriously hindered in their operations and have lost members and support. These groups know that the Bureau is aware of their activities and is also

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

aware of the identities of their individual members.

ACTION:

We know we are on the right track in our inquiries and intensive investigation is continuing on the Chambliss group to pinpoint responsibility for the bombing. All leads are given immediate attention and all activities are being handled with the highest priority.

*R* *Chambliss*  
*Q* *AK*  
*J*  
*V. King*

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Date 3-11-64

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Consigned to: SAC, Birmingham

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TO : Mr. Conrad

DATE: February 7, 1964

FROM : R. L. Miller

JUNE

SUBJECT: **BAPBOMB**

By airtel dated 1/31/64 the Birmingham Office has requested a commercial radio transmitter, unidentifiable other than the type that can be purchased on the open market for installation in captioned case.

[REDACTED]

Birmingham desires to install the above unit in the home of Robert Chambliss a prime suspect in captioned case, and has indicated the installation can be made with full security.

[REDACTED]

It is noted that Birmingham has specifically requested that the unit operate on 37 Mc/s. Since a specific frequency has been specified, it is assumed that locally there is no interference problem. Additionally, from a security standpoint, any frequency chosen can of course be monitored providing appropriate receiving or monitoring equipment is placed within the transmitting range of the transmitter.

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Callahan

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Memorandum to Mr. Conrad  
Re: BAPBOMB

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the above observations be forwarded to the General Investigative Division for review and if that division concurs, that, (1)

[REDACTED]

Additional ordering information will be supplied by the Laboratory. (2) That Birmingham be advised that equipment is being purchased and will be furnished to them. Cost of purchase should be charged to Birmingham.

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ADDENDUM:

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The General Investigative Division agrees with the above recommendation.

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ReBuairtel, 1/22/64.



Reairtel requested Birmingham to advise if the installation can be installed with full security. It is felt that installation can be made with full security, however, there is always a remote possibility that discovery may be made should repairs to the residence be effected unbeknown to this office.

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- 2 Birmingham (1 66-1260; 1 157-352-SF-2)

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

On the late afternoon of March 5, 1964, GEORGE McMILLAN, a free-lance writer from Aiken, South Carolina, made an appearance at the Birmingham Office and advised in substance as follows:

He presently resides at Aiken, South Carolina, Post Office Box 299, and has telephone number MI 9-4747. His agent presently has him working on an article for the Saturday Evening Post entitled, "The Search for the Birmingham Bombers." He had been in Birmingham for two days and in the course of two days of inquiry had talked to several individuals.

McMILLAN said he spoke to Sheriff MEL BAILEY, of Jefferson County, for about half a day, and that BAILEY "said a lot," including comments concerning his opinion of the Alabama Highway Patrol, and then at the end of the conversation BAILEY asked him not to print it. He also spent one-half day with Lieutenant MAURICE HOUSE and Detective MARCUS JONES, of the Birmingham Police Department, who took him on a half-day tour of various areas of interest and gave him general information, including some form of a colorful "kiss of death" deal, but did not provide him with any specifics. He also spoke to the Negro minister of the 16th Street Baptist Church, who indicated he had given the FBI a list of members of his congregation and that a large number of Negroes had been interviewed. He stated that he is the person who wrote the article for "Life" Magazine recently concerning Nacipera, which dealt with bombings in

- 3-Bureau - AM
- 1-Savannah - AM (info.)
- 2-Birmingham

C. C. WICK

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

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5 MAR 10 1964

*Post Office Box 299*

*Ala.*

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*George McMILLAN Box 299 Aiken South Carolina*

*157-1025*

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*same info in ...*

Atlanta, Georgia. He said his objective in writing the article is not to be critical of any law enforcement agencies, and that throughout the background of his article there would be a spotlight focused on one man in the case who is considered a logical suspect but who cannot be named, and that is

[REDACTED]

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McMILLAN stated he had also contacted U. S. Attorney MACON L. WEAVER, Birmingham, who provided him with some general background information and indicated that there were thousands of persons interviewed by the FBI. He mentioned that Assistant U. S. Attorney R. MACEY TAYLOR suggested that he drop by this office even though TAYLOR pointed out that we were not in a position to comment on the matter. He stated he had endeavored to have TAYLOR comment or render an opinion as to whether the arrest of three individuals on about September 1, 1963, in connection with local transportation of dynamite charges had jeopardized the success of any FBI investigation.

McMILLAN stated that before he walked into the FBI Office he was aware of the fact that we probably could not answer any questions he might have, but he still wanted to drop by to get acquainted. He said that actually he did not need many facts to write his article. He said his article could be prepared with surprisingly few facts and would be filled with human interest items. He asked one specific question, that is, whether the arrest by the Alabama Highway Patrol on about September 1, 1963, had jeopardized the success of any other investigation in the Bapbomb case. He was told that we certainly could not comment on that, and that our position in this case is no different than it would be in any other case because traditionally we have never placed ourselves in a position where we evaluate the efficiency or inefficiency of any other law enforcement agency and it is not our prerogative to make such comments. He stated that he anticipates returning to his home within the next several days and in the near future may drop by to see AAG BURKE MARSHALL or ED GUTHMAN of the Department for some additional background if necessary although he is inclined to doubt whether it would be necessary.



SAC, Birmingham (157-352-SF-2)

March 11, 1964

Director, FBI (157-1025)

~~1 - Mr. Belmont~~  
~~1 - Mr. Mohr~~  
~~1 - Mr. Rosen~~  
1 - Mr. Callahan (Att:  
Mr. Newman) *Out direct*

**BAPBOMB**

*hwp*

Reurairtel 1/31/64, Butel 2/12/64 and urad 2/13/64 concerning your request for a commercial appearing transmitter to operate on 37 Mc/s for use in captioned case.

One Fargo Transmitter, Model F-601T, with instruction book and accessories including a Fargo AC Power Supply, Model F-606, are being shipped to your office under separate cover.

Appropriate inventory changes should be made. It should be noted that the above equipment does not bear serial numbers.

This equipment should be returned to the Bureau when no longer needed in your office.

Shipment of the above equipment does not constitute authority for its use on this or future cases. Such authority must be obtained separately.

NOTE: Purchase of above equipment for Birmingham Office authorized by memo Mr. Millen to Mr. Conrad dated 2/7/64.

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3/11/64

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To: SAC, Birmingham (157-352)

From: Director, FBI

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ReBurad 3/10/64 captioned Bapbomb.

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If not already done, submit original and seven copies of letterhead memorandum containing pertinent details. This matter should be followed closely and the Bureau promptly advised of any pertinent developments. If letterhead memorandum submitted, advise date and caption of communication.

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(4) *mac*

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3/10/64  
GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

This information is being furnished Civil Rights Division of the Department and will be furnished in writing to Assistant Attorney General Burke Marshall.

Birmingham being instructed to advise appropriate local authorities regarding bombs mentioned in attached teletype.

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AIRGRAM     CABLEGRAM     XXX RADIO     TELETYPE

URGENT                    2-13-64  
 TO DIRECTOR  
 FROM BIRMINGHAM            131750

*Mr. Stahler*  
*7118*  
*[Signature]*  
*Baker*

**BAPBOMB.** REBUTEL FEBRUARY 12 LAST.

FREQUENCY 39.06 MEGACYCLES COULD NOT BE USED DISCREETLY AS THIS IS THE SAME FREQUENCY BIRMINGHAM POLICE DEPARTMENT USES FOR PORTABLE ON THE PERSON TRANSMITTING DEVICE. THEREFORE, COMMERCIAL TRANSMITTER ON 37 MEGACYCLES APPEARS MORE ACCEPTABLE.

RECEIVED:                    1:19 PM            FN

*[Signature]*

*Mr. Michael raised*  
*2-13-64*

FBI - BIRMINGHAM  
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EX 104

cc: Mr. ROSEN  
 Mr. MCGOWAN

MAR 12 1964

*[Large handwritten signature]*  
*[Signature]*  
*[Signature]*

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

0 RAPBOMB.

DISCONTINUE SUBMISSION OF DAILY SUMMARY TELETYPES.  
INSTEAD, SUBMIT SUMMARY AIRTEL EACH FRIDAY. ANY IMPORTANT  
DEVELOPMENTS, OF COURSE, SHOULD BE FURNISHED TO THE BUREAU  
BY TELEPHONE OR TELETYPE WHICHEVER IS APPROPRIATE. CONTINUE  
TO AFFORD THIS INVESTIGATION EXPEDITIOUS ATTENTION.

RBL:nkr  
(3) *nkr*

NOTE: If next radio contact missed, send plain text  
deferred teletype.

This case involves the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist  
Church on 9/15/63 in Birmingham. The Birmingham Office has  
been submitting a daily summary teletype on developments;  
however, we believe we are on the right track in investigating  
a particular group. The investigation has reached the point  
where the submission of a weekly airtel will suffice.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION  
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MAIL ROOM  TELETYPE UNIT

FBI

Date: 2/26/64

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plain text or code)

Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)  
Attention: Mechanical Section, Photo Unit

FROM: SAC, MOBILE (157-416)(RUC)

RE: BAPBOMB

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[REDACTED]  
ET AL 157-1346  
BOMBING MATTERS

*off Smith*  
*ack mech sect*  
*Film devel office*  
*made 3-12-64*  
*RST*

Re Birmingham airtel 1/16/64.

Forwarded herewith is a box containing four sets of 4 X 5 Ekta Color Type S film, exposed, undeveloped, containing color photos of [REDACTED] and a 1963 Ford, back two door, belonging to [REDACTED]

The following information is provided for these photographs:

- 2/22/64, 2 exposures of 1963 Ford -
- A. Bright sun
- B. Distance 15' and 25'
- C. Shutter speed 1/100th
- D. Lens Opening F22

RECEIVED  
DEVELOPED 3/12/64  
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COPIED  
*16 color prints 3/12/64*  
*2750*

- 2/24/64, 2 exposures of [REDACTED]
- A. GEL1D bulbs (blue)
- B. Distance 6'
- C. Shutter speed 1/100th
- D. Lens opening F22

*1 XEROX*  
*MAR 18 1964*  
*W.C. Wick*

*attached, original*  
*to Birmingham*  
*3-12-64*  
**ENCLOSURE**

- 3 - Bureau (Encl 1)(RM)
- 2 - Birmingham (157-352)
- 1 - Mobile

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

Sent \_\_\_\_\_ Per \_\_\_\_\_

*W.C. Wick*  
*3-12-64*



MO 157-416

The Photo Unit is requested to expedite processing this film and produce two copies of each print and forward to the Birmingham Division along with the negatives.

The Photo Unit is requested to return the film box to Mobile.

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SAC, MOBILE (157-416) (RUC)

March 12, 1964

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Director, FBI (157-1025) 917

BAPBOMB

[REDACTED]

ET AL  
BOMBING MATTERS

Reference is made to your communication dated 2/26/64 transmitting  
 negative(s)  film  photograph(s)  document(s)   
pertaining to the above-captioned matter.

In accordance with your request  film has been developed  
 enlargement(s) made  
 positive copy made  
 print(s) made  
 slide(s) made  
 negative(s) made  
 Photostats made

The above is  attached  
 being sent under separate cover, via  registered mail  
 REA Express

In accordance with your request the prints together with negatives are being forwarded to the Birmingham Office. The film box is attached.

1- Birmingham (157-352) (Enclosures 20)

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Before departing he said, "I guess I might be considered a radical or liberal because I have been throughout the South in many places making a study of racial matters." He said, "I shouldn't tell you this, but my agent recently secured a request from the 'Atlantic Monthly' asking me to prepare an article concerning the role of the FBI in the South." He said he is concerned about the role of the FBI because he was at Oxford, Mississippi, and observed agents standing by at Oxford taking notes and photographs while people were being hurt. He said, "On the other hand, I do not want to write an article which would necessarily be critical of any law enforcement agency, and I am interested in writing a balanced article." He stated for that reason he might check with the Bureau although he has not had any contact with the Bureau in the past.

I told him that we, as a matter of policy, never try to influence any member of the news media field in any manner or tell him what to print or not to print, but that in the event he has any information of a derogatory nature concerning the FBI we would, of course, certainly appreciate an opportunity to "set the record straight." He was told that if he desired to contact the Bureau he should contact Assistant Director DeLOACH or someone in Mr. DeLOACH's office, and he indicated he would give consideration towards such a contact if he did decide to contact the Bureau.

Mr. McMILLAN was afforded courteous treatment, but he was not provided any information whatsoever concerning the Bapbomb case except the fact that the matter is still receiving continuing investigative attention with a view towards its ultimate solution. Beyond that, I told him that we simply had no comment to make as the matter was still in a pending status.

This communication is being furnished to the Bureau as a matter of information. The Birmingham Office has no background on McMILLAN and no way to evaluate his reliability, although on the surface it appears that he is a typical free-lance writer who would jump at the opportunity to pick up any loose facts available and with the aid of some literary license endeavor to prepare some form of a colorful or startling article.

FBI

Date: 3/17/64

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)  
FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (157-584)  
SUBJECT: BAPBOMB  
OO: BIRMINGHAM

REC-105

POLYGRAPH REPORT

Re Bureau authority obtained by telephone on 3/4/64 from Assistant Director ALEX ROSEN by Inspector JOSEPH SULLIVAN for polygraph interviews of [redacted] in captioned matter and Florida East Coast Railroad (FECRR) bombings.

W.C.D.

Re Jacksonville teletype to Director and Birmingham dated 3/7/64.

[redacted]

[redacted] was interviewed with the aid of the polygraph in connection with the bombings of the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama, on 9/15/63, as well as other racial bombings which have occurred in Birmingham during 1963.

[redacted]

- ③ - Bureau  
(1 - ~~89-5-68~~, FBI Lab)
- 3 - Birmingham  
(2 - 157-352)  
(1 - 94-Polygraph matters)
- 2 - Jacksonville  
(1 - 94-30)

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(8) [redacted]

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MAR 18 1964  
Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

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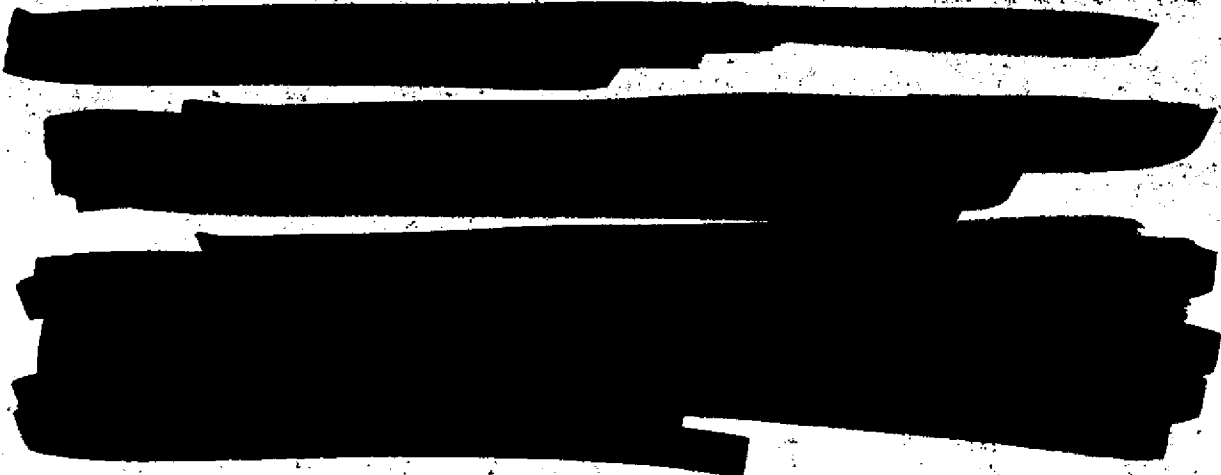
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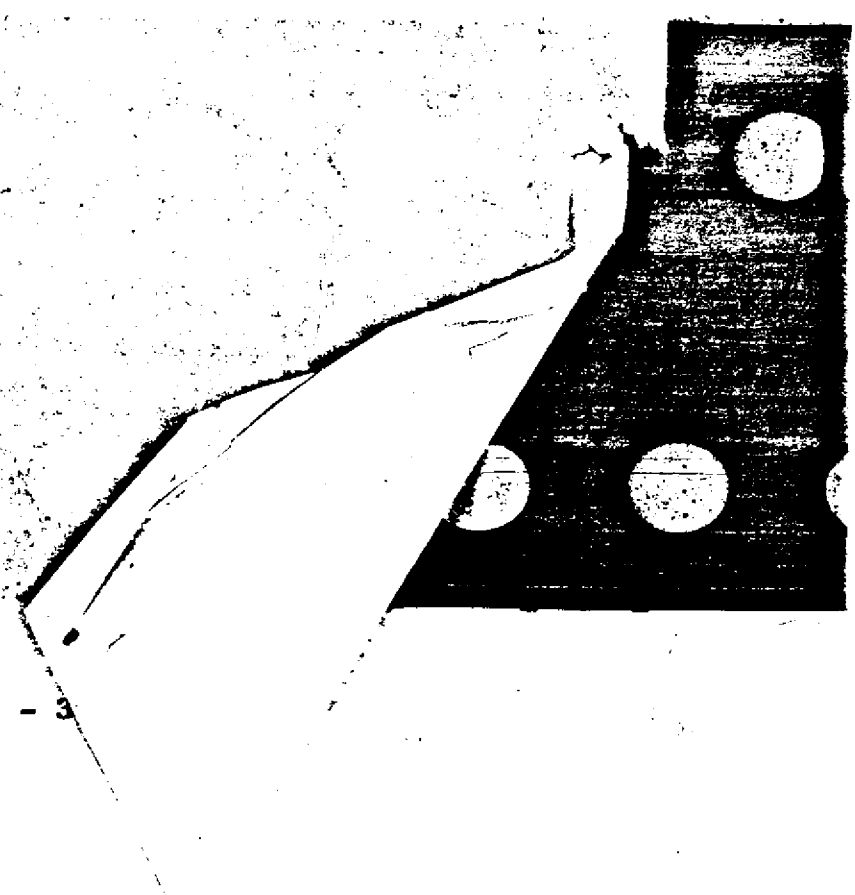
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The polygraph charts and questions are being retained in the files of the Jacksonville Office.





# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE <b>NEW ORLEANS</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>BIRMINGHAM</b>	DATE <b>3/17/64</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>2/18 - 3/16/64</b>
TITLE OF CASE <b>UNSUBS; Bombing of 16th Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama, 9/15/63</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>SA [REDACTED]</b>	TYPED BY <b>jm</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>BOMBING MATTERS</b>	

REFERENCE

Report of SA [REDACTED] 12/13/63 at New Orleans. Jacksonville letter to New Orleans, 12/30/63.

- RUC -

ADMINISTRATIVE

No information regarding possible suspects has been received from informants, sources or law enforcement agencies. Their identities are not being set forth but are being retained in the New Orleans file in this matter.

EXP. PROC.

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APPROVED <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW	
COPIES MADE: 5 - Bureau (157-1025) 2 - Birmingham (157-325) 1 - Jacksonville (157-584) (Info) 1 - New Orleans (157-1294) <i>rec'd by [Signature]</i>		157-1025 92 6 MAR 19 1964 <i>[Handwritten marks]</i>	REC 10 STAT. SECT.
DISSEMINATION RECORD OF ATTACHED REPORT		NOTATIONS	
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum


TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1055) *10217 to 24*  
ATTENTION: MECHANICAL SECTION *1043-24*

DATE: 3/14/64

*R27/ky*

FROM : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-352)

SUBJECT: BAPBOMB

Under separate cover there is being forwarded two (2) reels of exposed film from photorecord camera. Subject matter of this film is 

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It is requested that 8 x 10 enlargements be made of subject matter and two (2) copies of each be forwarded to this office.

- ③ - Bureau (Encl. 2)-RM
- 1 - Package
- 4 - Birmingham
- 2 - 157-352
- 1 - 105-477
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REMYTEL MARCH NINTH INSTANT.

RETEL REFLECTS JUDGE GEORGE LEWIS BAILES CONTINUED CASE AGAINST ROBERT E. CHAMBLISS TO MARCH TWENTYFIFTH INSTANT. THIS WAS DATE TRIAL SET FOR JOHN WESLEY HALL AND CHARLES A. CAGLE, WHO WERE TRIED AND CONVICTED IN CITY COURT FOR ILLEGAL POSSESSION DYNAMITE AFTER ARREST BY STATE OFFICIALS UNDER PERSONAL DIRECTION OF COL. AL LINGO. CASE WAS APPEALED TO CIRCUIT COURT.

RECORDS, STATE CIRCUIT COURT, BIRMINGHAM, REFLECT JUDGE GEORGE LEWIS BAILES CONTINUED THE CASE AGAINST CHAMBLISS, CAGLE AND HALL UNTIL JUNE THREE, SIXTYFOUR.

BIRMINGHAM WILL FOLLOW PROSECUTION. LETTERHEAD MEMO FOLLOWS.

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MR. BELMONT FOR THE DIRECTOR

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

Remytel, 3/25/64.

Attached hereto are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum setting forth information that cases against CHARLES A. CAGLE, ROBERT E. CHAMBLISS and JOHN WESLEY HALL, charged with illegal possession of dynamite, were continued until June 3, 1964.

Agency G-2, ONI, OSI, CRD  
MAR 30 1964

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- ③ - Bureau (Enc. 8) AM - RM
- 5 - Birmingham
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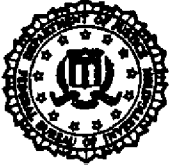
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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

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CC - Wick

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

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1400 - 2121 Building  
Birmingham, Alabama  
March 26, 1964

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

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A review of the records in Circuit Court, Jefferson County, Birmingham, Alabama, revealed that cases against CHARLES A. CAGLE, ROBERT E. CHAMBLISS and JOHN WESLEY HALL were continued until June 3, 1964. These cases were scheduled to be heard by Circuit Judge GEORGE LEWIS BAILES.

The defendants had been tried and convicted in City Court, Birmingham, Alabama, for illegal possession of dynamite after arrest by state officials under the personal direction of Col. AL LINGO, Director, Department of Public Safety, State of Alabama, and defendants appealed to Circuit Court.

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

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. DeLoach	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Bishop	
Mr. Casper	
Mr. Callahan	
Mr. Conrad	
Mr. Felt	
Mr. Gale	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Sullivan	
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Miss Holmes	
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TO :  
FROM :  
SUBJECT :

Mr. DeLoach *per*

DATE: 3-25-64

M. A. Jones *1/1/*

*Bombing*

"REDBOOK" MAGAZINE  
REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON BIRMINGHAM  
16th STREET BAPTIST CHURCH BOMBING ON  
9-15-63

By telegram 3-24-64, Jean Evans of captioned publication states that they are closing an article about the Birmingham church bombing which took place on 9-15-63, and would appreciate information or a personal statement by Mr. Hoover about the status of the investigation.

Bufiles reflect that we have had cordial relations with "Redbook" and have furnished them data.

Since the investigation of the Birmingham bombing is still pending, it is felt that we should telephonically contact "Redbook" through the direct New York line and advise Miss Evans that no further comment can be made other than that we are investigating the case.

RECOMMENDATION:

That someone in your (Mr. DeLoach's) office call Miss Evans at "Redbook" through the direct New York line and advise her of the pending investigation of the Birmingham bombing.

1 - Mr. DeLoach

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See File 66-2554-7530 for authority.

Subject JUNE MAIL Bayplomb

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To: SAC, Birmingham (157-352)

JUNE

From: Director, FBI (157-1025) - 929

BAPBOMB

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Reurairtel 3/30/64.

Advise by return airtel if misur survey itself will involve trespass. Do not proceed with survey without Bureau authority.

JCT:nkr  
(4)

NOTE:

Birmingham Office requested authority to conduct a survey to determine the feasibility of installing a misur in the home of ██████████ Birmingham, Alabama, a suspect in this case. Additional information needed in order for the Bureau to determine the advisability of conducting such a survey.

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- Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Belmont \_\_\_\_\_
- Mohr \_\_\_\_\_
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FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-352) (P)  
SUBJECT: BAPBOMB

WEEKLY SUMMARY

[REDACTED]

An attempt was made to interview [REDACTED] at his home [REDACTED] Birmingham, on 3/26/64. [REDACTED] was seen peering through a window but refused to answer the door when Agents knocked. As Agents were preparing to leave the area, a Birmingham Police car arrived and officers stated they were called to investigate a trespass complaint made by [REDACTED]. At this point, [REDACTED] came from the house and demanded the arrest of Agents. Police officers refused to arrest the Agents and told [REDACTED] he would need a warrant. [REDACTED] refused to answer all questions directed at him while in the presence of Agents. It is noted that [REDACTED] appears extremely nervous, upset, and has lost a great deal of weight.

The appeal trials of CHARLES A. CAGLE, ROBERT E. CHAMBLISS and JOHN WESLEY HALL from Recorders Court, City of Birmingham, to Circuit Court, Jefferson County, Alabama, set for 3/25/64 in the court of Judge GEORGE LEWIS BAILES, were continued on that date to June 3, 1964.

- 3 - Bureau (AM- RM)
- 2 - Birmingham

[REDACTED]

EE - Wick

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Approved: [Signature]  
Special Agent in Charge

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SUBJECT: BAPBOMB  
(OO: BH)

Reurairtel 4/1/64.

It is anticipated, after outside survey is conducted, that type of installation possible be determined, based on availability of monitoring site. Trespass will then be made to determine if the type of installation is possible.

No action will be taken in this matter until Bureau authority is received.

- (3) - Bureau (AM - RM)
- 3 - Birmingham
  - (2 - 157-352-SF2)
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From: Director, FBI

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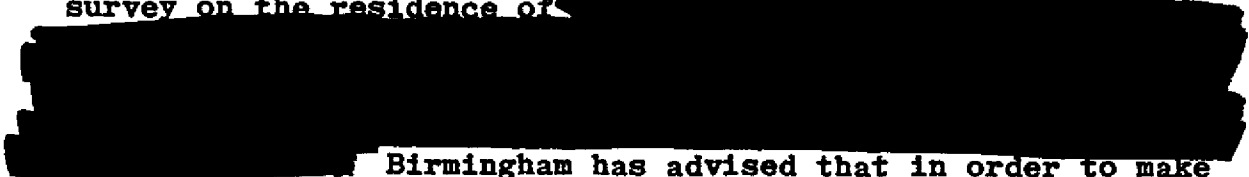
Reurairtel 4/2/64.

Due to the element of trespass in conducting a survey looking toward the possible installation of a microphone surveillance, Bureau authority is not being given at this time.

RBL:nkr  
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NOTE:

Birmingham requested authority to conduct a misur survey on the residence of

*67c*  


Birmingham has advised that in order to make a survey, it will be necessary to commit trespass. In view of the element of trespass, authority is being denied at this time.

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FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-352) (P)

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C. E. WICK 3 - Bureau (AM)  
2 - Birmingham

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69 APR 17 1964

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

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BH 157-352

In view of the erratic behavior of [REDACTED] investigation concerning him is being intensified.

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[REDACTED]

All efforts being made to exploit dissension among members of Eastview Klavern No. 13, and investigation concerning major suspects being intensified.

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EX-103

TO SAC BIRMINGHAM (157-352-SF-2)

FROM DIRECTOR FBI

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BAPBOMB. [REDACTED] RACIAL MATTERS. JUNE.

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1 - Mr. Donahue *DKR*

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[REDACTED] Additional information is needed in order for the Bureau to determine the advisability of conducting such a survey.

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TO SAC BIRMINGHAM  
FROM DIRECTOR FBI

BAPDCMB. [REDACTED] RACIAL MATTERS. JUNE.

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AUTHORITY IS GRANTED TO CONDUCT A SURVEY LOOKING TOWARD  
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rap1 - Mr. Donohue

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

MR. TOLSON ✓  
MR. BELMONT ✓  
MR. MOHR ✓  
MR. CASPER ✓  
MR. CALLAHAN ✓  
MR. CONRAD ✓  
MR. DELOACH ✓  
MR. EVANS ✓  
MR. GALE ✓  
MR. ROSEN ✓  
MR. SULLIVAN ✓  
MR. TAVEL ✓  
MR. TROTTER ✓  
TELE. ROOM ✓  
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MISS METCALF ✓  
MISS GANDY ✓

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APR 9 1964



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

April 8, 1964

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*Baylorn*

Dear Edgar:

Recently I have received several inquiries about the status of the investigation into the tragic bombing in Birmingham last September.

It seems to me no stone can be left unturned in our attempts to find the murderer or murderers of the four youngsters. If you need more investigators or facilities to accomplish this goal, do not hesitate to allocate the necessary funds even if this must be at the expense of projects of lesser importance. Be sure that I realize the many obstacles which have been placed in the path of your competent investigators.

I would appreciate hearing from you on the present status of the investigation. It is also my understanding that a number of bombings in Birmingham connected with racial intolerance have remained unsolved in the past few years. I would appreciate a status report on these investigations.

Sincerely,  
*[Signature]*

*[Handwritten mark]*

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

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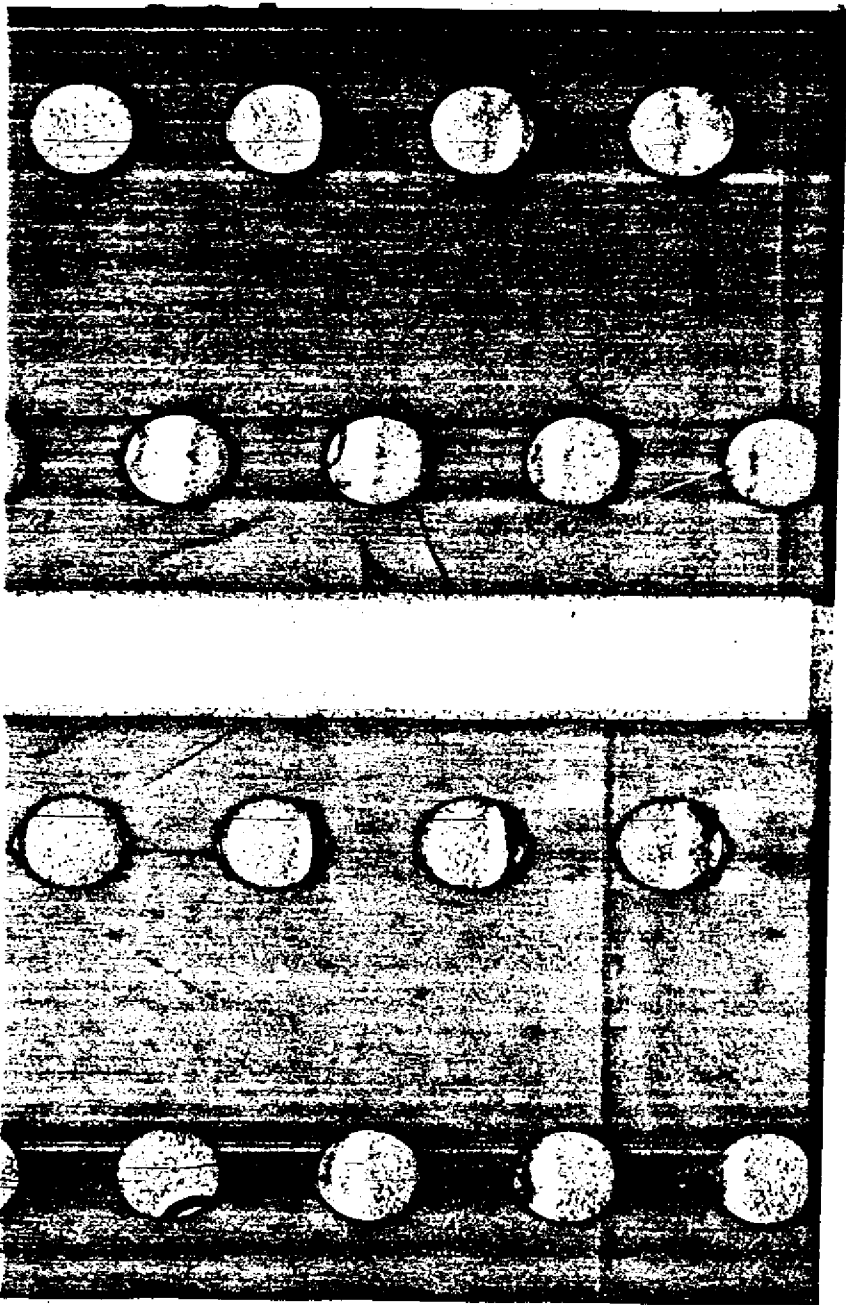
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Honorable J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
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- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. McGowan
- 1 - Mr. Lavin
- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Evans

The President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. President:

With reference to your letter of April 8, 1964, immediately following the tragic bombing at Birmingham last September, I ordered a special squad of Agents to Birmingham under the personal direction of a top official of this Bureau.

An all-out around-the-clock investigation was instituted concerning this tragic bombing and the full resources of the Bureau were made available to the local authorities so that no stone would be left unturned in our efforts to find the murderer or murderers of the children. In connection with this case and the racial incidents in the Birmingham area, we have utilized a peak of 231 Agents.

In spite of the lack of cooperation by the Alabama Highway Patrol, we have gone forward, setting aside this and other obstacles, with a most extensive and thorough investigation. Thousands of interviews have been conducted and extensive technical examinations have been completed by our Laboratory and Identification experts.

It appears a small group of men in the Eastview Klavern, United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, is probably responsible for the church

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SEE MEMO ROSEN TO BELMONT, 4/10/64, "BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, BOMBING MATTERS," RBL:cac.

APR 23 1964

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**The President**

bombing and other bombings. However, it has been impossible to date to secure confessions or the evidence necessary for prosecution.

In this connection, we were greatly hampered when premature arrests of suspects were made by the Alabama Highway Patrol.

With reference to the bombings in the Birmingham area, we have instituted a total of six investigations. They involve, in addition to the church bombing, the bombing of the Gaston Motel on May 11, 1963; the residence of Reverend A. D. W. King on May 11, 1963; the residence of Mr. Arthur D. Shores on September 4, 1963; and two street explosions which occurred on September 25, 1963.

The investigative activity of this Bureau in connection with bombings in Alabama has been strictly governed by the policy of the Department of Justice. As a consequence, although other bombings and attempted bombings have occurred in the State of Alabama since the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1960, our investigative activity has, pursuant to Departmental policy, been confined to the six bombings previously listed.

Our cases are continuing to receive the highest priority and I have sent an Assistant Director of this Bureau to Birmingham to insure that all possible steps to solve these cases are being taken.

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**The President**

Since the time our investigation of the church bombing was undertaken, there has been no major bombing in the Birmingham area.

I wish to personally assure you that we are directing the full facilities of the FBI toward bringing about a solution to these heinous acts.

Respectfully submitted,

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*- Declassified*

NOTE: This letter is being marked "CONFIDENTIAL" since the letter from the President was so classified.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: April 10, 1964

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: BOMBING OF THE SIXTEENTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA BOMBING MATTERS

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There is attached a self-explanatory letter to the President concerning our investigation of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church bombing and other incidents in the Birmingham area.

In our investigation of the church bombing and related incidents in the Birmingham area, we have practically torn Birmingham apart and have interviewed thousands of persons. We have seriously disrupted Klan activities by our pressure and interviews so that these organizations have lost members and support. We have harassed the principal suspects in this case by every possible means in an attempt to bring about a solution. We have made extensive use of the polygraph, surveillances, microphone surveillances and technical surveillances.

Our Agent personnel have used imagination and ingenuity to seriously hamper the activities of the suspects in this case to such a point that the suspects have at times attempted to have our Agents arrested. We have exerted pressure on neighbors and employers in order to obtain legally admissible evidence tying them into the tragic bombing.

This is the type of case that until a confession or witnesses from within come forth the evidence is not obtainable upon which to base a prosecution. The very nature of the crime destroyed all physical evidence and the brutishness of the way it was perpetrated leaves the criminal the opportunity to be far removed from the scene when the actual explosion took place.

Enclosure *sent 4-10-64*

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

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

It should be noted that the Birmingham Office is under inspection at the present time. We have exerted extreme pressure from the Seat of Government on this case but it is believed advisable for Assistant Director Gale to go down to Birmingham with a fresh viewpoint to go over the situation to see right on the scene whether there are any additional pressure points that can be brought to bear.

By doing this, we can then say in the letter to the President that the Director has sent an Assistant Director of this Bureau to Birmingham to insure that all possible steps to solve these cases are being taken.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the attached letter to the President be sent assuring him that the full facilities of the FBI are being directed toward bringing about a solution to these cases.

*gale should check into all b  
Bureau bombing cases in Birmingham*  
*Suggest I personally deliver to President*  
*Yes. J.H. 5/10*

2. That Assistant Director Gale be ordered to Birmingham in line with the above.

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To: SAC, Birmingham

From: Director, FBI (157-1025)

JUNE

**BAPBOMB**

Advise symbol numbers and status of technical coverage presently in use by your office in connection with this case. Reply should be furnished on Form FD-143, justification for continuation of technical or microphone surveillances.

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1 - Mr. [redacted] Room 815 RB

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NOTE:

The Birmingham Office has utilized various technical surveillances in connection with the bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church. Semiannual evaluation is being made and the technical installation and information is needed as to whether coverage should be continued.

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TO SAC BIRMINGHAM  
FROM DIRECTOR FBI

BAPBOMB. JUNE.

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MISURS OR TESURS PRESENTLY IN OPERATION RE THIS MATTER.

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Dear [Redacted]

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Mr. Hoover received your letter of April 17th and asked me to advise you that the FBI is continuing its intensive investigation of the September 15th bombing of the church in Birmingham in which four children were killed. The complete resources of this Bureau are being utilized to solve this case.

He asked me to point out that the FBI endeavors to resolve each of its investigations as promptly as possible but that every situation differs and the results in one case cannot be compared with the results in another.

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Sincerely yours,

Helen W. Gandy  
Secretary

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PERSONAL ATTENTION

JUNE

SAC, Birmingham

April 24, 1964

Director, FBI

RACIAL BOMBING MATTERS  
BIRMINGHAM DIVISION

Based on the recent on-the-spot analysis of racial bombing matters in your office, you are authorized to conduct surveys for the purpose of determining the feasibility of microphone coverage on the following places:

[REDACTED]

This should be handled in a prompt, discreet manner and appropriate recommendations made to the Bureau.

Eventual consideration should be given to the secondary targets discussed with you, depending on the productivity of the installation on the primary targets. In connection with these surveys consideration should be given to discreetly determining the vacation plans of the afore-mentioned individuals inasmuch as the vacation season is approaching.

Upon the development of additional data you should continue to bear in mind the eventual possibility of bringing some of the "action" group before an investigating grand jury, particularly the fringe group who may have information concerning these bombings. This may be the medium needed to have them cooperate with the Government. You should also consider the possibilities and potentialities of catching some of the Klan "action" squad in the act of committing violence. Before taking any action on either of these two courses you should, of course, communicate with the Bureau and obtain its evaluation and authority.

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You are instructed to immediately activate the other ~~two~~ bombing cases you had under investigation. The two bombings which occurred on Center Street within minutes of each other may be worked out of ~~one~~ case as they apparently were perpetrated by the same individuals at the same time.

While the Bureau has the greatest possible interest in solving the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church in view of the four deaths involved, nevertheless it is expected that the other bombings will also receive vigorous investigative attention. Some of the suspects in these bombings, while possibly not participating in the bombing of the Baptist Church, might nevertheless possess possible valuable information as to the church bombing as they are part of the same

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JHG:wmj (10) 1 - Mr. Rosen, Mr. Mohr, Mr. DeLoach, Mr. Callhan, Mr. Conrad (all sent separately) NOTE: Based on memo Gale to Mr. Tolson 4/23/64 "Bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala., 9/15/63 JHG:wmj

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Letter to Birmingham  
Re: Racial Bombing Matters  
Birmingham Division

Klan "action" group. The solution of one of these other bombings might be just the lever we need to solve the church bombing. You are also instructed to re-institute the practice of submitting a daily teletype on the Baptist Church bombing and a weekly airtel summary on each of the other bombings.

You are being authorized to utilize a Relief Supervisor fifty percent of his time on your desk in order that you may devote at least fifty percent of your supervisory time to these major cases. This should give sufficient time to enable you to provide the necessary imaginative, vigorous and ingenious approach which is imperative if we are to solve these cases. The Bureau desires that you assign eight Agents of your office to the bombing cases and they are not to be used on other assignments except on emergencies and then only with Bureau approval. If you need additional manpower upon the successful installation of the afore-mentioned microphones, you should further communicate with the Bureau.

In order to facilitate and intensify your coverage at odd hours and on weekends, you are authorized to have Agents work odd-hour shifts and adjusted work weeks as needed. You should be sure Agents work at least five days between Sunday and Saturday of each week.

In order to facilitate surveillances on Klansmen, which must be discreet, you are authorized to rent automobiles from appropriate rental agencies. You are being furnished four portable two-way radios for communications purposes in these rented cars.

b2c, d The Bureau realizes that you have recently developed some very good information from [redacted] and you should continue to fully exploit this source. However, it is not felt that you have sufficient live informant coverage on the "action" group at the Eastview and Bessemer Klaverns. Maximum efforts must be made to increase this coverage, and you should immediately take the necessary steps to work other individuals into a position where they can furnish information on the activities of this group. You should continue to intensively investigate [redacted]

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Letter to Birmingham  
Re: Racial Bombing Matters  
Birmingham Division

I cannot emphasize too strongly the importance of these bombing cases in your office. The reputation of the FBI depends upon your ability to solve same. I expect you to utilize every possible technique and spare no effort in order to bring these cases to a proper conclusion.

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URGENT 4-22-64  
 TO DIRECTOR  
 FROM BIRMINGHAM 221700

*Mr. DeLoach*  
*2712*  
*[Signature]*

JUNE. BAPBOMB.

REBUTEL, MARCH 21 INSTANT.

THERE ARE NO MICROPHONE SURVEILLANCES OR TECHNICAL  
 SURVEILLANCES IN OPERATION RE CAPTIONED MATTER AT PRESENT  
 TIME.

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*Mr DeLoach*  
*9/7 R.B.*  
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TO : Mr. Rosen *RL*

DATE: April 21, 1964

FROM : C. L. McGowan *CLM*

JUNE

SUBJECT: BAPBOMB

*Adkins*  
*5/5/64*

By teletype 4-21-64, Birmingham was requested to advise whether or not they had any tesurs or misurs presently in operation concerning captioned case.

At 11:20 p. m., SAC Faisst telephoned the Bureau and advised that no such installations are presently in effect. SAC Faisst advised he would confirm this telephone call by radiogram 4-22-64.

*L. H. Faisst*

*JDH:hw*  
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FBI BIRMGHAM

839 PM CST URGENT 4-28-64 GDM

TO DIRECTOR (157-1025)

FROM BIRMINGHAM (157-352) 2P

BAPBOMB DAILY SUMMARY.

NEIGHBORHOOD SURVEYS MADE IN VICINITY OF BESSEMER KLAVERN

MEETING HALL, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BESSEMER KLAVERN. ALSO, NEIGHBORHOOD SURVEY MADE OF  
EASTVIEW KLAVERN HALL.

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FBI BIRMGHAM

7-01 PM CST URGENT 4-29-64 HEP

TO DIRECTOR (157-1025)

FROM BIRMINGHAM (157-352) 2P

BAPBOMB DAILY SUMMARY.

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SPOT CHECKS AT ROBERT E. CHAMBLISS AND [REDACTED]  
RESIDENCES DEVELOPED NO PERTINENT INFORMATION.

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SURVEY IN VICINITY EASTVIEW KLAVERN HALL CONDUCTED.

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Date: 5/1/64

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)  
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-352-SF-2) (P) JUNE  
SUBJECT: BAPBOMB

ReBuairtel 4/30/64.

Misur became inoperative 12/23/63.

In answer to Bureau's questions relative to the occupancy of this dwelling, it is noted that numerous spot checks have been made, both in daylight and night hours. No instance has been noted wherein the dwelling was not occupied during the night hours. These spot checks have also developed that there are individuals in the neighborhood who are apparently lookouts for occupants. It has not been deemed advisable to attempt entry during daylight hours for this reason.

Relative to the misur becoming inoperative, Agents have on several occasions attempted to gain entrance to the dwelling on pretext of interview but have not been admitted by occupants.

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6 MAY 7 1964 Special Agent in Charge

BH 157-352-SF-2



Spot coverage of this misur is being made to become aware if it is reactivated by the occupant; also, attention has been and is continuing to be given to the problem of entering the residence to either reactivate or remove the misur.



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Subject JUNE MAIL *RapBomb*

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REC 17 *100-15-1*

To: SAC, Birmingham

JUNE

From: Director, FBI

BAPBOMB

Reurlet 4/24/64, (FD-143).

Advise when misur became inoperative.

Also furnish additional explanations of remarks under item 17 which appear to be contradictory. In the first sentence you mention that this misur is inoperative due to almost constant occupancy of dwelling and yet in the last sentence you mention that entry will be made to either remove or reactivate the misur if it does not become operative again. One additional statement is made under item 17 which is not clear to the Bureau; the fact that

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Furnish the Bureau your comments concerning the above items.

1 - Mr. Donahue (815 RB)

RBL:nkr  
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NOTE:

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- Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_
- Holmes \_\_\_\_\_
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This statement is confusing and we are attempting to clarify it and whether or not entry can be made to activate the misur.

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Reporting Office <b>BIRMINGHAM</b>	Office of Origin <b>BIRMINGHAM</b>	Date <b>4/27/64</b>	Investigative Period <b>2/6/64 - 4/20/64</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, SEPTEMBER 15, 1963</b>		Report made by <b>SA [REDACTED]</b>	Typed by <b>HSS</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>BOMBING MATTERS</b> <i>for [unclear] by [unclear] Task Force Date 12-1-78 [unclear]</i>	

**EX-100 PROCEED**

REFERENCE: Report of SA [REDACTED] Birmingham, dated 3/6/64.

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**LEADS:**  
Will continue to handle leads in an expeditious manner, setting out those leads for other offices by the indicated communication and handling leads in the Birmingham Office as they are developed.

MOBILE (INFORMATION)

An information copy is designated for the Mobile Office due to the reciprocal interest in racial and Klan matters with the Birmingham Division.

Special Agent in Charge <i>[Signature]</i>	Do not write in spaces below		
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**56 MAY 26 1964**  
*Crim Div 4/26/64  
6-445  
let- dgd*

BH 157-352

ADMINISTRATIVE:

The material included in this report does not reflect all investigation conducted, as negative results are not reported. The extensive period of investigation reflected in this report is due to the method of reporting, as some of these interviews were conducted primarily with regard to other matters.

Close liaison has been maintained with Jefferson County Sheriff's Office and Birmingham Police Department, both of which are cooperative and vitally interested in the solution of this case.

Frequent contacts have been maintained with informants in this case and the information furnished by them that is considered pertinent is being set forth on the administrative pages of this report.

Numerous spot surveillances have been conducted on the suspects in this case. No pertinent information has been developed during these surveillances.

Investigation conducted relative to any of the bombings which have occurred in Birmingham is being reported in this case.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of:  
Date:

SA [REDACTED] <sup>KSC</sup>  
April 27, 1964

Office: BIRMINGHAM

Field Office File #: BH 157-352

Bureau File #: 157-1025

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

Character: BOMBING MATTERS

Synopsis:

[REDACTED]

Trials of ROBERT E. CHAMBLISS,  
CHARLES ARNIE CAGLE and JOHN WESLEY HALL, for illegal  
handling of dynamite, continued at request of State from  
3/25/64 to 6/3/64.

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Additional Klansmen  
interviewed without developing pertinent information.

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BH 157-352

On March 25, 1964, it was determined through a check of records of Circuit Court, Jefferson County, at Birmingham, that the trials of ROBERT E. CHAMBLISS, CHARLES A. CAGLE and JOHN W. HALL had been continued from that date, 3/25/64, until June 3, 1964. This was done at the request of the State.

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TO DIRECTOR (157-1025)

FROM BIRMINGHAM (157-352) 1P

BAPBOMB DAILY SUMMARY.

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SPOT CHECKS AND NEIGHBORHOOD SURVEYS OF PRINCIPAL SUSPECTS

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Airtel

To: SAC, Birmingham (157-352)

From: Director, FBI (157-1025) 959

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Reurtel 4/30/64, which set forth that

The above information should be clarified as to what is meant by "an arrest record." It is not clear whether this refers to a sheriff's office arrest record or local police department record.

The Bureau does maintain an identification record on [redacted] and this record was furnished to the sheriff's office in Birmingham.

Advise if there is any indication that the arrest record involved is the Bureau identification record. Thereafter, bearing in mind the security of the informant [redacted]

[redacted] submit your recommendations as to any action needed.

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(4) *job*

NOTE: The Birmingham Office has previously furnished information that [redacted]

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SURVEYS OF NEIGHBORHOODS OF PRIME SUSPECTS CONTINUING.

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Airtel

EX 104

To: SAC, Birmingham (157-352)

From: Director, FBI (157-1025) -960

BAPEOMB

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Reurtel 5/4/64.

You should insure that information developed by your office in the investigation of this matter bearing on local crimes committed by various suspects is reported to appropriate local authorities.

Under normal circumstances, however, the notification to these agencies need not be premature to the point of endangering our investigation. You should advise the Bureau of all such incidents and include therein appropriate recommendations concerning dissemination to local authorities.

MAY 8 - 1964  
COMM-FBI

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**NOTE:** In the investigation of the bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church the Birmingham Office is turning up information concerning old violations on the part of suspects. We are attempting to use this information in an effort to solve the bombing case, however, we must not lose sight of the fact that local authorities will have to be told concerning these violations. One such violation which has come to light is set forth inretel to the effect that

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We should use this information for all it is worth prior to advising local authorities.

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# Memorandum

JUNE

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: April 23, 1964

FROM : J. H. GALE *JHG*

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

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## BACKGROUND:

By letter dated April 8, 1964, President Lyndon B. Johnson inquired concerning the status of the Birmingham bombings. He was appropriately advised on April 10, 1964, and Mr. Rosen recommended, and it was approved, that I proceed to the scene to determine whether there are any additional pressure points that can be brought to bear and to assure that all possible steps to solve these cases are being taken. Mr. Tolson instructed that all 6 bombings we are investigating in Birmingham be looked into.

## RESULTS OF INQUIRY:

A thorough review was made into all aspects of the 6 unsolved bombings and it was the Inspector's conclusion that all of these cases have been given a most vigorous and intensive investigation. Thousands of persons have been interviewed, a great many ingenious techniques were used to solve these cases without success to date. All of the investigation conducted to date indicates strongly that all 6 bombings were probably perpetrated by members of the Eastview Klavern of the Ku Klux Klan (KKK) with possible assistance of several individuals from the Bessemer, Alabama, Klavern. Approximately 16 men from these two groups form a select hard core "action" group who are undoubtedly responsible for personal violence and bombings against Negroes in this area for a long period of time.

Inspector feels that there is a good possibility that we would have already solved some of these bombings had it not been for the interference of the Alabama Highway Patrol, the Birmingham City Police, and the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office. They not only arrested several of the key suspects at a most inopportune time, but they were extremely crude in placing technical coverage on the various suspects. In fact, they were so crude that they were caught climbing telephone poles to put on wire taps; one installation that they put under the seat in a suspect's car promptly rolled out by the suspect's feet

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As a result of the pressure created by police ineptness and telephone company employees sympathetic to the Klan, [REDACTED] requested that we remove our installations in November, 1963. We had some technical coverage and very limited microphone coverage at that time.

Enclosure *sent 4-24-64* JHG:wmj (8)

1 - Mr. Rosen 1 - Mr. Mohr 1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Callahan 1 - Mr. Conrad

*[Handwritten signatures and initials]*

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Re: Bombing of 16th Street Baptist Church

This, of course, has seriously hampered our investigation.

We have interviewed and reinterviewed the suspects and their associates to the point where we are getting practically nothing from them. In fact, most of them will not even talk to us. Spot surveillances of the Klansmen have been unproductive and Inspector feels at this time that they are familiar with most of our cars in this area. While we have received some very worthwhile information from informants, we do not have enough coverage of the "action" group. There have been no bombings or other violence since September 25, 1963, undoubtedly partly as a result of investigative pressure. However, there are indications that the "action" group of the Klan is getting bolder.

[REDACTED]

20 The local authorities, both city and state, have reduced their investigative activity concerning the bombings to a minimum. Inspector feels that there must be a fresh approach at this time and we should attempt to place microphone coverage on as many of the key suspects who are members of the Klan "action" squad as possible as well as on the Eastview and Bessemer Klavern meeting halls.

[REDACTED]

20 [REDACTED] Microphone coverage would have to be without the knowledge of the telephone company as we cannot trust their employees because of their sympathy to the Klan.

120 Inspector has made on-the-scene tour of the area around suspects' residences and Klavern meeting places and microphone coverage appears feasible in most instances. Birmingham Office has also been advised that it is imperative to increase efforts to obtain additional live coverage on "action" group. During instant inquiry Inspector noted [REDACTED]

The envisioned increased microphone coverage should enable us to obtain a great deal more information concerning the day-to-day activities of the "action" group. Inspector feels that with the additional data we undoubtedly will obtain together with the information we have, that we should continue to give consideration to eventually having some of the Klan "action" group subpoenaed before an investigating

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Grand Jury as well as "fringe members" close to the "action" group who appear to be on the edges of the conspiracy but not directly involved in the bombings, yet apparently in possession of valuable information.

Inspector feels that with additional coverage it may even be possible to catch some of the Klan "action" squad in the act of committing violence such as we did in solving the Florida train bombings recently. If this is not feasible we must at least place ourselves in the position where we are aware of new bombings and take appropriate preventative action.

At the present time all 6 bombings are being worked out of one case, i. e., bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church. This was done with Bureau approval on the theory that the suspects in the Baptist Church bombing were the same as those in the other bombings. At one time this may have been desirable, but at the present time Inspector feels this is highly undesirable. Subsequent investigation has disclosed that while there are some instances where the same individual may possibly have participated in several bombings, there are other instances where different individuals of the Klan "action" squad apparently participated in the different bombings.

The office has naturally concentrated on the key suspects of the Baptist Church bombing wherein the 4 little girls were killed. However, by doing this the investigation on some of the logical suspects in the other 5 bombings have more or less drifted and lost intensity. Inspector feels these cases should be worked separately and investigation of these 5 bombings intensified.

The Birmingham Office had been submitting a daily teletype summary to the Bureau up until 3/12/64. They are now submitting a weekly summary. In order to intensify the pressure on this case and provide for closer supervision, Inspector feels that Birmingham should be required to submit a daily summary on the Baptist Church bombing and a weekly airtel summary on the other bombings.

When special squad in Birmingham, we had SAC Roy Moore of Little Rock, devoting full time to this case. SAC Faisst in Birmingham has over 400 cases on his desk, including the bombing cases, together with the bulk of the public relations, personnel responsibilities, etc. Inspector does not feel Faisst can provide necessary leadership, guidance and impetus to the 6 bombing cases with such a heavy work load. Inspector feels Faisst should be authorized to use Relief Supervisor on his desk 50% of each day and that Faisst be required to spend 50% of his time supervising and providing the necessary imaginative, vigorous and ingenious approach on these 6 bombings so that they will be solved.

An equivalency of 4 Agents have been working on instant bombings for the past 2 months. With the return of 2 men from special assignment, the office contemplated assigning 6 men to these bombings. Manpower analysis conducted



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during recently completed inspection reflects that two additional men can be made available from general criminal assignment to work on the bombing cases. This makes a total of 8 men available from the Birmingham Office to work on these bombings. If proposed technical coverage approved, it will be necessary to monitor these from individual rather than from a consolidated plant, which requires considerable manpower. Eventually the Birmingham Office may need 4 additional men if the microphones are installed. Inspector does not feel any additional manpower should be transferred into Birmingham until we are certain the microphone installations will be made. Inspector feels that SAC should not be permitted to use any of the 8 Agents assigned to bombing matters on any other assignments except those of an emergency nature and then only with Bureau approval.

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The Birmingham Office has developed some evidence against the three principal suspects in the bombing of the Baptist Church, namely [REDACTED] Robert Chambliss, and [REDACTED] and some progress is being made. For example, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

There is evidence that Chambliss and [REDACTED] are at odds with one another and that Chambliss and [REDACTED] are likewise fighting with one another. Birmingham has been instructed to intensely exploit these differences. One of the suspects, [REDACTED] gives indication that he is on the verge of a mental breakdown. Birmingham was instructed to continue keeping the pressure on him. [REDACTED]

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Memo for Mr. Tolson

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[REDACTED] Approximately \$30,000 worth of reward money for solution of Baptist Church bombing is outstanding, and Birmingham instructed to make full use of this fact in handling the investigation.

Inspector feels that these bombing cases will undoubtedly only be solved if we can get one or more of the conspirators to confess or obtain sufficient admissions re bombings which suspects have made to close associates and relatives. Inspector advised SAC and Agents working on this case that the reputation of the FBI depends on their ability to solve this case and no matter what the obstacles and problems are, and in spite of all the negative investigation conducted, they must not become discouraged or adopt a defeatist attitude. The Brinks case was cited as an outstanding example where FBI persistence and ingenuity under similarly trying circumstances paid off. I informed them that the Director and the President expect them to bring these cases to a solution.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That Birmingham be authorized to survey the Eastview and Bessemer Klaverns for the purpose of installing microphones; also to survey the residences of [REDACTED] for the purpose of installing appropriate microphone coverage. If approved, Birmingham will be advised in attached letter.

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2. That Birmingham Office be instructed to continue to bear in mind the possibility of eventually considering bringing some of the "action" group before an investigating Grand Jury, particularly the fringe group, with a view to bringing additional pressure to bear on them; that office also explore possibility and potential of catching some of the Klan "action" squad committing an act of violence. If approved, Birmingham will be advised in the attached letter.

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3. That the 5 bombing cases presently being worked under the church bombing be reactivated individually and worked separately in an intensive manner. The two Center Street bombings occurring on September 25, 1963, should be investigated as one case as both explosions took place within a few minutes of one another in the same area and were undoubtedly perpetrated by the same individuals. If

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approved, Birmingham will be advised in attached letter.

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4. That Birmingham be instructed to submit a daily rather than a weekly summary on the 16th Street bombing in order to intensify the pressure and provide closer supervision at the Bureau. A weekly summary airtel should be submitted on the remaining cases. If approved, Birmingham will be advised in attached letter.

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5. That in order to provide necessary impetus, leadership and guidance to the instant bombing cases, that SAC Ray L. Faisst be authorized to utilize Relief Supervisor on his desk 50% of the time. If approved, Birmingham will be advised in attached letter.

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6. That SAC, Birmingham, be instructed to keep 8 men on the bombing squad and not to utilize them on any other assignment unless Bureau approves. If approved, to be handled in the attached letter to Birmingham.

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7. Upon installation of envisioned technical coverage that consideration be given to transferring no more than 4 additional men to assist in manning these installations. If approved, to be handled by the Administrative Division.

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Re: Bombing of 16th Street Baptist Church

8. That Birmingham be authorized to utilize rental cars for surveillance on "action" group of KKK. If approved, to be handled in the attached letter.

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[REDACTED] if approved, to be handled by the Laboratory.

*R JH*  
*Director*  
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10. That the SAC be authorized to work the Agents on the bombing squad at odd-hour shifts and adjusted work weeks in order to facilitate coverage when needed. If approved, to be handled in attached letter.

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Mr. Bishop	
Mr. Casper	
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825 PM CST URGENT 5-12-64 GDM

TO DIRECTOR (157-1025)

FROM BIRMINGHAM (157-352) 1P

BAPBOMB. DAILY SUMMARY.

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CONDUCTED ON ROBERT E. CHAMBLISS ON BUSINESS TRIP TO

FLORIDA. NO PERTINENT INFORMATION DEVELOPED.

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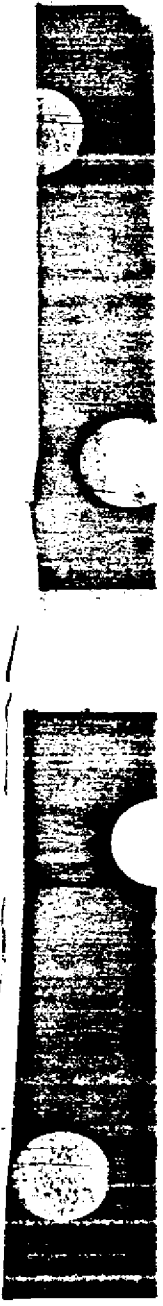
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 TO DIRECTOR  
 FROM BIRMINGHAM 082122

*F. J. [unclear]*

JUNE. BAPBOMB. REBUTEL DECEMBER 2, 1963, CONCERNING INSTALLATION OF MICROPHONE SURVEILLANCE RE ROBERT CHAMBLISS.

IT IS ANTICIPATED CHAMBLISS WILL MAKE A TRIP OUT OF TOWN MONDAY, MAY 11 NEXT, AND INSTALLATION OF MICROPHONE SURVEILLANCE, APPROVED IN REFERENCED TEL, WILL BE MADE AT THIS TIME, UACB.

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*cc Sullivan + Donohue*

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FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-352-SF-2) (P)

SUBJECT: BAPBOMB

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Re Birmingham radiogram, 5/8/64.

Misur installed residence of ROBERT E. CHAMBLISS, 2505 - 32nd Avenue, North, as of 3:30 P.M. this date. Assigned symbol number [redacted] 62

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Physical trespass necessary in making installation.

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RE: [REDACTED]  
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Re Miami airtel and LHM dated 5/13/64.

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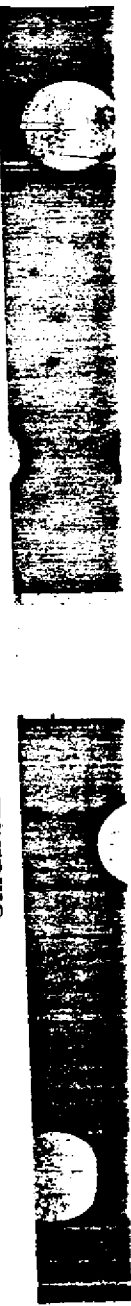
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ATLANTA

Maintain close contact with sources familiar with the activities of MARTIN LUTHER KING and in particular any plans KING has for going to Alabama. It is noted KING recently made a public statement on TV that Alabama would be the target for demonstrations during next month.

67-10 UACB, Miami plans to reinterview [REDACTED] and attempt to pin him down regarding his activities as well as the activities and whereabouts of [REDACTED] on 9/15 and 16/63.

No specific leads are being set forth for other offices receiving this communication.

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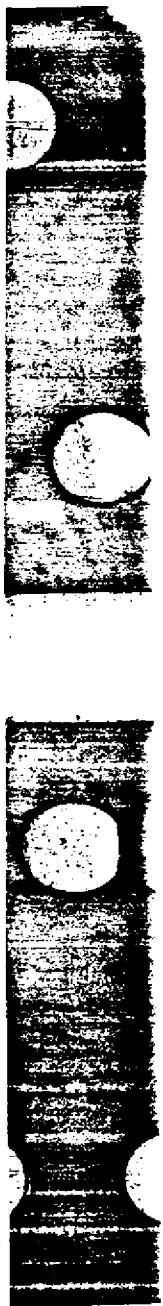
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CONCERNING BIRMINGHAM TELETYPE MAY FOURTEEN, SIXTYFOUR, THIS OFFICE HAS NOT RECEIVED ANY INFORMATION INDICATING THERE IS ANY TRUTH TO "POP" BLANTON'S STATEMENT CONCERNING A LAW SUIT AGAINST THE FBI FOR ALLEGED INJURIES SUSTAINED WHEN ARRESTED LAST FALL BY AGENTS OF THE SPECIAL SQUAD. NO INFORMATION RECEIVED CONCERNING ANY PEACE BOND REGARDING FBI AGENTS. SAC ATTENDED LUNCHEON WITH CONGRESSMAN GEORGE HUDDLESTON ABOUT TWO WEEKS AGO AND HUDDLESTON, WHO IS QUITE FRIENDLY, MADE NO MENTION OF ANY LAW SUIT.

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*cc - Mr. Rosen*

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Mr. Casper	_____
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Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Evans	_____
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Mr. Sullivan	<i>JS</i>
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TO DIRECTOR (157-1025)

FROM BIRMINGHAM (157-352) 2P

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*Be* BAPBOMB DAILY SUMMARY. *b7D*

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FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-352-SF-2)  
BAPBOMB

ReBulet 4-24-64.

Misur survey Eastview Klavern Hall feasible. Security assured. Request authority install.

3-Bureau (RM)  
2-Birmingham  
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TO SAC BIRMINGHAM (157-352-SF-2)

FROM DIRECTOR <sup>REC 28</sup> FBI (157-1025)

BAPBOMB. JUNE

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PROVIDED MAXIMUM SECURITY MAINTAINED PROCEED WITH  
INSTALLATION OF MISUR ON EASTVIEW KLAVERN HALL. ADVISE  
TIME AND DATE OF INSTALLATION AND SYMBOL NUMBER. FURNISH  
DETAILS CONCERNING ELEMENT OF TRESPASS.

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*Q1* - Mr. Donahue

NOTE: Based on the recent on-the-spot analysis of racial bombing matters in the Birmingham Office by Assistant Director Gale, Birmingham was authorized by letter 4/24/64 to conduct a survey for the purpose of determining the feasibility of microphone coverage in various places. One of these is the Eastview Klavern Hall. Birmingham has now indicated the installation is feasible and security is assured. They are being granted permission to proceed with the installation.

If next radio contact missed, send plain text urgent teletype.

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TO DIRECTOR (157-1025)

FROM BIRMINGHAM (157-352) 2P

BAPBOMB. DAILY SUMMARY.

INVESTIGATION BIRMINGHAM REVEALS THAT A BOMBING OF A NEGRO DWELLING OCCURRED APRIL TWENTYTWO, NINETEEN FIFTY, AT ONE ONE ZERO ZERO CENTER STREET. NEWSPAPER ACCOUNTS OF THIS BOMBING INDICATE IT WAS DONE AS THE RESULT OF ZONING DISPUTES IN THE CENTER STREET AREA AT THAT TIME. IT IS BELIEVED THIS BOMBING IDENTICAL TO BOMBING PERPETRATED BY [REDACTED] FURTHER INVESTIGATION WILL BE CONDUCTED IN EFFORT TO IMPLICATE [REDACTED] AS MAN WHO HIRED [REDACTED] TO DO THIS BOMBING.

[REDACTED]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

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TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: May 22, 1964

FROM : A. Rosen

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

The attached letter from Congressman George Huddleston, Jr., (D - Ala.), indicates that a principal suspect in the bombing of the church, [REDACTED] has complained to Huddleston about the harassment of himself and his family by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Birmingham Office." [REDACTED]

A review of Bureau files indicates that we have had no close relationship with Huddleston. From time to time he corresponds with the Director on behalf of his constituents, who, for the most part, inquire about communist activities and desire information from Bureau files. He has been told numerous times that information in Bureau files is confidential. [REDACTED]

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ENCLOSURE  
1 - Mr. Mohr  
1 - Mr. DeLoach

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont  
RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECT; BOMBING  
OF 16th STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The  
Birmingham Office is vigorously pressing this investigation.

[REDACTED]

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It should also be noted that "Pop" Blanton, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] has told neighbors that he has  
"settled the FBI" and claims he has retained an attorney, name  
unknown, and with Representative George Huddleston is presently  
suing the FBI for injuries sustained by his son when he was  
arrested for assault on a Federal officer in 1963. "Pop"  
Blanton also is claiming he has the FBI under a "peace bond."

Our Birmingham Office has advised that no information  
has been received concerning any law suit and no Agents are  
under any peace bond. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The attached Congressman's letter indicates that  
Blanton has been under "continual scrutiny, interrogation, and  
other forms of harassment by Agents of the FBI." No specifics  
are mentioned. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont  
RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECT; BOMBING OF  
16th STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

RECOMMENDATION:

62c It is recommended that Mr. DeLoach's Office contact Huddleston, not for the purpose of explaining the character of [redacted] but to ascertain the nature of the information he possesses. At that time it should be pointed out to Huddleston, that according to "Pop" Blanton, he, Huddleston, is supposedly suing the FBI on Blanton's behalf.

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TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: May 30, 1964

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

*APBOMB*

SUBJECT: ~~"THE BIRMINGHAM CHURCH BOMBER"~~  
 SATURDAY EVENING POST, 6-6-64  
 WASHINGTON POST, 5-30-64 (Page A3)

*we*  
*McMillan*  
*Harper*

In connection with the attached Washington Post article captioned "FBI Knows Church Bombers In Birmingham, Writer Says," which appears on page A3 of the May 30, 1964, issue, we have received many calls from news services. All callers have been answered with a strict "no comment." It appears that a free-lance writer, "George McMillan," who has written for the Saturday Evening Post in the past, is the author of several books, has talked considerably with United States Attorney Weaver at Birmingham, whom he quotes in the magazine article. The article points out that the FBI is aware that one man is responsible for the September, 1963, bombing of the Birmingham church in which 4 Negro girls were killed. It states the FBI is aware of the identity of other persons involved but it has not been possible for the FBI to arrest those responsible because of lack of evidence.

The article in both the Saturday Evening Post and the Associated Press wire story printed by the Washington Post this morning is not unfavorable to the FBI.

Early this year, McMillan, the author of the story, contacted several of our field offices as well as Bureau Headquarters and we told him we could not be of assistance to him. We are, of course, continuing to "no comment" all aspects of this matter.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

Enclosure

ENCLOSURE

- 1 - Mr. M. A. Jones
- 1 - Mr. Tolson

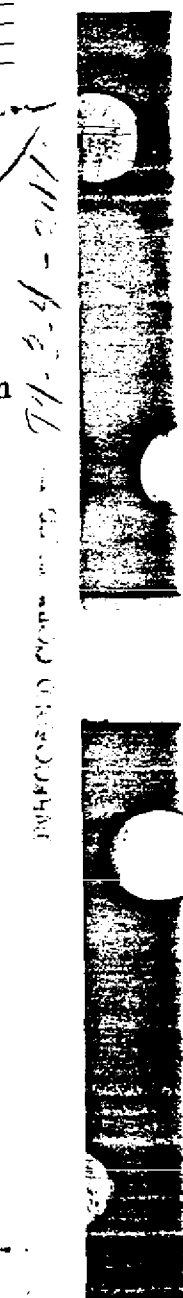
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UPI-96

(BIRMINGHAM BOMBER)

NEW YORK.--POLICE AND FEDERAL AGENTS KNOW THE IDENTITY OF THE BIRMINGHAM BOMBER AND THE MEN WHO HELPED HIM DYNAMITE A NEGRO CHURCH KILLING FOUR YOUNG GIRLS, IT WAS REPORTED TODAY.

THE RINGLEADER OF THE GANG OF KILLERS, KNOWN AS "MISTER X," HAS NOT BEEN TAKEN INTO CUSTODY BECAUSE OFFICIALS DO NOT FEEL THEY HAVE ENOUGH EVIDENCE TO PUT HIM AND HIS HENCHMEN IN THE ELECTRIC CHAIR OR BEHIND BARS, THE CURRENT ISSUE OF THE SATURDAY EVENING POST REPORTED.

"THE FBI KNOWS WHO BOUGHT THE DYNAMITE, WHO MADE THE BOMB, WHO PLACED IT THERE, AND WHO ENGINEERED THE CRIME," MACON WEAVER, U.S. ATTORNEY IN BIRMINGHAM, WAS QUOTED AS SAYING.

"WE KNOW EVERY DETAIL ABOUT IT, BUT WE JUST DON'T HAVE THE EVIDENCE," SAID LT. MAURICE HOUSE, CHIEF OF BIRMINGHAM DETECTIVES, ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE.

HOUSE DECLINED TO DISCUSS THE ARTICLE TODAY AND NEITHER THE FBI OR THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE WOULD COMMENT ON IT.

IT WAS ON A SUNNY SUNDAY MORNING LAST SEPT. 15, JUST AS SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES WERE GETTING OUT, THAT THE DYNAMITE BOMB PLANTED UNDER THE STAIRS AT THE 16TH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH EXPLODED, HURLING RUBBLE FOR BLOCKS IN THE NEGRO SECTION OF THE VIOLENCE-ROCKED ALABAMA CITY.

THE BLAST KILLED FOUR YOUNG NEGRO GIRLS AND INJURED 19 PERSONS. IT WAS ONE OF MANY EXPLOSIONS THAT HAVE KEPT RACIAL TENSIONS AT A FEVER PITCH FOR MONTHS.

BUT IT WAS THE ONE THAT SHOCKED THE NATION AS NOTHING ELSE HAD AND CAUSED PRESIDENT KENNEDY TO SAY HE FELT A "DEEP SENSE OF OUTRAGE AND GRIEF."

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WASHINGTON CAPITAL NEWS SERVICE

ENCLOSURE

THE MAGAZINE SAID THAT 10 DAYS AFTER THE CHURCH BOMBING, THE KILLERS STRUCK AGAIN--THIS TIME WITH A PAIR OF BOMBS DESIGNED TO KILL POLICEMEN AND DETECTIVES WHO WERE MAKING THINGS UNCOMFORTABLE FOR THEM BY PROBING INTO THEIR ACTIVITIES.

THE FIRST BOMB, PROBABLY ONE STICK OF DYNAMITE, WAS SET OFF IN A VACANT LOT. POLICE RUSHED TO THE SCENE, BUT COULD NOT LOCATE IT IMMEDIATELY. THE SECOND BOMB, DYNAMITE IN A CAN FILLED WITH RUSTY SHRAPNEL, WENT OFF 13 MINUTES AFTER THE FIRST.

"IT WAS MEANT FOR US," A POLICEMAN WAS QUOTED AS SAYING. "IT WAS SET TO ALLOW JUST ENOUGH TIME FOR US TO GET THERE. IF WE HAD FOUND THE BOMB, MAYBE 50 OFFICERS WOULD HAVE LOST THEIR LIVES OR BEEN MANAGLED."

THE ARTICLE SAID FBI AGENTS FEEL THAT STATE POLICE CHIEF COL. AL LINGO "SERIOUSLY HURT THE CHANCES OF BUILDING A CASE" AGAINST THE BOMBER AND HIS GANG BY ARRESTING TWO MEN WHO HAD BEEN INVOLVED IN KU KLUX KLAN ACTIVITIES.

THE MEN, R. E. CHAMBLISS, 59, AND CHARLES CAGLE, 22, BOTH OF BIRMINGHAM, WERE CHARGED WITH ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF DYNAMITE AND SUBSEQUENTLY WERE CONVICTED, FINED \$100 EACH AND SENTENCED TO 180 DAYS IN JAIL.

THE MAGAZINE SAID THE FBI CONSIDERED IT A PREMATURE ARREST WHICH TIPPED OFF THE BOMBERS THAT AUTHORITIES KNEW A GREAT DEAL ABOUT THEIR ACTIVITIES BUT ALSO SHOWED THEY DID NOT HAVE ENOUGH EVIDENCE TO CONVICT THEM OF THE CHURCH BOMBING.

TO PREVENT ANY OF THE GANG FROM TALKING, THE MAGAZINE SAID, A "KISS OF DEATH MEETING" WAS HELD WITH ALL OF THE GROUP INVOLVED IN THE BOMBING ATTENDING.

"IF ANY ONE OF YOU EVER TALKS, IT WILL BE THE KISS OF DEATH FOR YOU," THE RINGLEADER, MISTER X, WAS REPORTED AS VOWING. "WE JOIN HANDS HERE AND NOW IN SWEARING THAT EACH OF US TAKES A VOW TO KILL THE MAN WHO GIVES ANYTHING AWAY TO THE POLICE."

THE MAGAZINE SAID THAT DETECTIVES AND FEDERAL AGENTS FOLLOW "MISTER X" CONSTANTLY. HE KNOWS THEY ARE FOLLOWING HIM AND SOMETIMES SPITS AT THEM AND YELLS "YOU HOGS" AT THEM.

THE BOMBER IS BEING SO CAREFUL NOW, THE MAGAZINE SAID, THAT OFFICIALS HAVE LITTLE HOPE THEY CAN CONVICT HIM OF MURDER. THEY HAVE MORE HOPE OF PINNING A CONSPIRACY CHARGE ON HIM.

"YOU'VE PRETTY NEARLY GOT TO HAVE SOMEBODY WHO WAS AT THE MEETING WHEN IT WAS PLANNED," WEAVER WAS QUOTED AS SAYING. "AND JUST REMEMBER THAT THE PEOPLE WHO DID THIS ARE GOING TO THE CHAIR."

BUT AN FBI OFFICIAL SAID "WE WILL GET HIM. HE'LL MAKE HIS MISTAKE. WE'RE GOING TO SOLVE THIS CASE IF IT TAKES TEN YEARS."

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ADD BIRMINGHAM, NEW YORK (UPI-96)  
 INSPECTOR CAPT. W.J. HALEY SAID HE WOULD HAVE NO COMMENT "UNTIL I  
 HAVE HAD A CHANCE TO READ IT AND STUDY IT." POLICE CHIEF JAMIE MOORE  
 WAS OUT OF TOWN AND COULD NOT BE REACHED FOR COMMENT.  
 LT. HOUSE SAID AT FIRST HE WOULD HAVE NO COMMENT UNTIL READING THE  
 ARTICLE. THEN, AFTER A BRIEF PAUSE, HE SAID HE WOULD HAVE NO COMMENT  
 EVEN AFTER HE READ IT.

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ADD BIRMINGHAM BOMBER NEW YORK  
 WEAVER ALSO DECLINED COMMENT ON THE ARTICLE "UNTIL I HAVE READ IT."  
 HE SAID HE HAD BEEN INTERVIEWED SSOME TIME AGO BY A MAN WHOSE NAME  
 HE COULD NOT REMEMBER, AND "I MIGHT HAVE SAID SOMETHING TO HIM, BUT  
 HE MAY HAVE MISQUOTED ME."  
 "IT SEEMS TO ME IF THE FBI KNEW WHO HE (THE BOMBER) WAS, THEY'D  
 ARREST HIM. BUT I DON'T RUN THE FBI."

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# FBI Reportedly Knows Birmingham Bomber

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In Birmingham, FBI Agent Ray Faisst said his office would have no comment on the article. Birmingham Police Chief Jamie Moore could not be reached for comment.

Officials stated recently, however, that they were continuing to check out all leads in what has been one of the most intensive investigations in Birmingham history.

### No Charges Made

No one has been charged with any of Birmingham's racial bombings—more than 40 since World War II. Three white men were arrested in September and convicted on charges of illegal possession of dynamite, but prosecution attempts to link them with bombings were futile. The men have appealed their convictions.

The Post report said police and FBI officials, who have been conducting an intensive investigation since the September 15, 1963, tragedy at the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, have enough evidence to believe that the 'Mister X':

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"His car was parked two blocks away from the church on the Sunday morning the bomb went off."

"Mister X" is under constant surveillance, the Post report, by George McMillan, quoted a police official as saying.

### Hates Police

"Of course," the official was quoted, "we can't literally stay with him 24 hours a day . . . but we put him to bed every night and check him first thing every morning . . . he hates us, but he hates the FBI even worse. . . ."

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Bragged Openly

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The "Mister X" was described as a man who "hates the FBI" so much he sometimes doubles back and yells "you hogs" at tailing agents.

"We will get him . . ." an FBI official is quoted as saying, "He'll make his mistake. We're going to solve this case if it takes ten years."

Mr. McMillan's story appears in the Saturday Evening Post's June 6 issue. He has lived in South Carolina for 20 years, and is "an authority on policing integration disturbances," the Post said.

He also is author of "Racial Violence and Law Enforcement," described by the Post as "required reading for thousands of policemen throughout the country."

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GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

Jerry Dutton, Youth Director of National States Rights Party (NSRP), falsely reported to police there were two communists at NSRP Headquarters when two Bureau Agents appeared there on 10/30/63 to conduct investigation in connection with the 9/15/63 bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama. Birmingham Police arrested Dutton 10/30/63 for making an unfounded complaint with respect to the Agents. Agent testimony was necessary in connection with Dutton's original conviction in local court, Birmingham, to establish individuals present were FBI Agents on official business. NSRP has made bitter personal attacks against the Director and the Bureau, and it appears that in the interest of justice, Agent testimony should be provided in connection with appeal proceedings to refute Dutton's lies, if and when this case is called.

Birmingham instructed to keep Bureau advised of developments.

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BUREAU SHOULD BE KEPT IMMEDIATELY ADVISED OF DEVELOPMENTS RELATING TO APPEAL OF CASE INVOLVING CITY OF BIRMINGHAM AGAINST JERRY DUTTON AND THE CASE INVOLVING THE POSSESSION OF DYNAMITE BY CHAMBLISS, ET AL. IN EVENT AGENT TESTIMONY IS NECESSARY, BUREAU SHOULD BE ADVISED IN ADVANCE. BIRMINGHAM SURAD WHETHER USA AGREEABLE TO TESTIMONY OF AGENTS ON APPEAL IN JEFFERSON COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT AND SUBMIT RECOMMENDATIONS.

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Birmingham airtel 6/1/64, indicated testimony of SA [redacted] of Houston, and [redacted] of Little Rock, will probably be necessary in connection with trial of Dutton's case. It appears that our best interest may be served in making Agents testimony available and that ends of justice require presence of Agents who testified in the original proceeding. However, this matter should be cleared with USA Birmingham and it appears that SAC Birmingham should submit recommendations.

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FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-352)

**BAPBOMB** - UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; BOMBING OF 16TH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, 9/15/63 BOMBING MATTERS

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On October 30, 1963, JERRY DUTTON of NATIONAL STATES RIGHTS PARTY Headquarters, 1865 Bessemer Road, Birmingham, contacted the Birmingham Police Department and reported that there were two Communists at NSRP Headquarters and that he would like to have the Birmingham Police Department come out and get them. The Birmingham Police Department responded to the call and determined that there were not two Communists, but two Special Agents of the FBI, namely, SA \_\_\_\_\_, of the Houston Office, and \_\_\_\_\_, of the Little Rock Office, at the scene. As a result, JERRY DUTTON was arrested by the Birmingham Police for furnishing false information to the Police Department. At a subsequent trial in Recorder's Court, DUTTON was found guilty and fined. His attorney, MATT MURPHY, appealed the case to the Jefferson County Circuit Court.

On June 1, 1964, Birmingham Office received two subpoenas issued by Jefferson County Circuit Court requesting appearance of SA \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in that court at 9 a.m., 6-3-64, for testimony in the case involving the City of Birmingham vs JERRY DUTTON.

SA \_\_\_\_\_ contacted Assistant City Attorney WILLIAM WALKER concerning the subpoenas and the necessity for the appearance of the Agents. Mr. WALKER advised that MATT MURPHY is handling instant case and also the case involving possession of dynamite by ROBERT E. CHAMBLISS, JOHN WESLEY HALL, and CHARLES ARNIE CAGLE. Mr. WALKER said that he has been informed that the

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possession of dynamite case will be held on June 3, 1964, and that he does not believe it possible that the JERRY O. DUTTON case will be held that day. Mr. WALKER said that he would ask the Judge to postpone the case against JERRY O. DUTTON on June 3, 1964, inasmuch as he has been planning for several weeks to try the case against CHAMBLISS and others mentioned above on this same day. Mr. WALKER stated that it would not be necessary for Agents ██████████ and ██████████ to appear in Birmingham on June 3, 1964, due to the reason set forth above. b2

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BOTH THE CASE OF THE CITY AGAINST JERRY DUTTON AND NSRP OFFICIALS  
AND CASE PENDING IN FEDERAL COURT BROUGHT AGAINST AGENTS BY OFFICERS  
OF NSRP BEFORE RENDERING DECISION AS TO WHETHER OR NOT AGENTS SHOULD  
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WILL BE DISMISSED BEFORE THEY ARE CALLED IN THE FALL OF NINETEEN  
SIXTYFOUR. IF SUBPOENAED, BIRMINGHAM OFFICE WILL RECOMMEND  
THAT AGENTS APPEAR IN ANSWER TO SUBPOENA.

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BOMBING OF BAPTIST CHURCH (NEGRO), BIRMINGHAM, ALA., 9/15/63

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CHARLES CAGLE, JOHN WESLEY HALL AND ROBERT E. CHAMBLISS APPEARED AS SCHEDULED IN CIRCUIT COURT, BIRMINGHAM, THIS DATE, ON CHARGE OF ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF DYNAMITE WITHIN CITY LIMITS, THEIR CONVICTION HAVING BEEN APPEALED FROM CITY COURT, AND CASE PASSED UNTIL 1000

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