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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)  
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-416) (P)

**BOMBING MATTERS**  
**BAPBOMB**

Re BUairtel to SAC, Mobile dated 2/12/64.

The following persons have been interviewed:

\_\_\_\_\_ Police could not establish the fact that an explosion had occurred as described, although there was information to indicate an explosion had occurred as described.

This information will be set out in detail in the next report submitted in this case. None of the persons interviewed were able to furnish pertinent information relative to bombings that have occurred that can be associated with racial matters.

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*Mr. Tolson*  
*Mr. DeLoach*  
*Mr. Mohr*  
*Mr. Bishop*  
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*Mr. Callahan*  
*Mr. Conrad*  
*Mr. Felt*  
*Mr. Gale*  
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*Miss Gandy*  
*Mr. [Signature]*  
*Lawler*

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FBI BIRMGHAM

8-51 PM CST URGENT 2-22-64 HEP

TO DIRECTOR (157-1025)

FROM BIRMINGHAM (157-352) 3P

BAPBOMB. DAILY SUMMARY.

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ADDITIONAL CONTACTS HAVE BEEN MADE AND INVESTIGATION CONTINUING  
RE THIS PHASE OF THE INVESTIGATION.  
HOLD.

FBI WASH DC

cc: Rosen

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (157-1025)

DATE: 2/24/64

FROM : SAC, New Orleans (157-1294)

SUBJECT: UNSUBS; Bombing of 16th Street  
Baptist Church, Birmingham,  
Alabama, 9/15/63  
BOMBING MATTERS

Set forth below is a list of names and addresses of individuals interviewed regarding captioned matter who have either been identified as Klan members or members of the National States Rights Party. Also included on this list are the identities of the bombing suspects interviewed.

All of these persons advised that they had not been to Birmingham, Alabama, they could furnish no information regarding captioned matter nor could they furnish any suspects.

The purpose of submitting these names to the Bureau and Birmingham is for indexing purposes in line with instructions received from the Birmingham Office at the inception of this investigation.

Members of the Original Knights  
of the Ku Klux Klan

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- 2 - Birmingham (157-325) (RM)
- 2 - New Orleans

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TO DIRECTOR (157-1025)

FROM BIRMINGHAM (157-352) 1P

OBAPBOMB. DAILY SUMMARY.

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*[Signature]*

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SPOT CHECK OVER WEEKEND REFLECTS NO UNUSUAL ACTIVITY ON PART

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NO FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS.

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TO DIRECTOR (157-1025)

FROM BIRMINGHAM (157-352) 1P

BIRMINGHAM BOMBING CASE

BAPBOMB. DAILY SUMMARY. 3-3-64.

[REDACTED]

THOMAS E. BLANTON, SR., SURVEILLED DURING THE DAY, NOTHING UNUSUAL NOTED.

[REDACTED]

CHAMBLISS IS ON BUSINESS TRIP  
1 MAR 5 1964

TO SOUTH ALABAMA - NORTH FLORIDA.

END CORR LINE FOUR WD ONE SHD "THOMAS" LINE 6 WD 2 SHD BE [REDACTED]

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X 68 MAR 9 1964

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Subject JUNE MAIL Baptomb

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 FROM ATLANTA            022140

JUNE.    0 BAPBOMB

RE BUREAU RADIOGRAM DATED FEBRUARY 20 LAST CAPTIONED  
 [REDACTED] AND ATLANTA RADIOGRAM DATED OCTOBER 14,  
 1963.

[REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] DISCONTINUED AS OF FEBRUARY 28  
 LAST.

[REDACTED] WAS ASSIGNED TO COVER [REDACTED]  
 AND [REDACTED] WAS ASSIGNED TO COVER [REDACTED]

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TITLE OF CASE <b>UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, SEPTEMBER 15, 1963</b> <i>Bapbomb</i>		Report made by <b>SA [REDACTED]</b>	Typed By <b>esw</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>BOMBING MATTERS</b>	

1 copies made  
2-8-78 [REDACTED]  
for review at FBIHQ by  
[REDACTED]  
HSCA re [REDACTED] request.  
(See Bufile #33-117290)

Synopsis:  
**REFERENCE:** Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 1/29/64,  
Birmingham, Alabama.

**LEADS:**

Will continue to handle leads in expeditious manner, setting out those leads for other offices by the indicated communication and handling the 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.

**ADMINISTRATIVE:**

The negative information received as a result of investigation of leads in this matter is not being set forth in this report. The material included in this report does

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not reflect all investigation conducted prior to February 5, 1964. There is some overlapping of investigative periods reported herein which has occurred prior to submission of referenced report.

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 that information they have furnished 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 information that is considered pertinent has been developed during these surveillances.

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



The New Orleans Office advised by communication dated February 24, 1964, the identities of Klan members, National States Rights Party members, and bombing suspects who had been contacted in that Division. The list is being maintained in the file.



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By communication, dated January 31, 1964, the Savannah Division furnished a list of Klansmen interviewed in connection with this investigation. No pertinent information was developed during these interviews. The identities of the individuals interviewed are being maintained in the files. The originals of the FD-302's are maintained in the Savannah file of this case.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Copy to:

Report of: SA [REDACTED]  
Date: March 6, 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: Suspects [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] were reinterviewed but furnished no information of value. Additional relatives and associates of the suspects were interviewed without developing pertinent information. Additional Klansmen were interviewed and most of them were uncooperative. None furnished pertinent information.

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] State prosecution pending at Tuscaloosa. A cache of dynamite was discovered in rural "dump" area but could not be associated with bombings.

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SUSPECTS AND SOURCES OF INFORMATION  
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RE: TUSCALOOSA BOMBINGS

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[REDACTED]

The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED] and SA [REDACTED] on January 27, 1964, at Birmingham, Alabama:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

It was determined by physical observation that the above restaurants were the only restaurants on the Atlanta Highway in the vicinity of the Chevrolet plant.

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RE: DYNAMITE CACHE

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4-33 PM URGENT 3-5-64 JA

TO DIRECTOR AND JACKSONVILLE AND MOBILE

FROM BIRMINGHAM 157-3527 P

BAPBOMB. (BIRMINGHAM CHURCH BOMBING)

MOBILE TELETYPE MARCH FIFTH, SIXTYFOUR, TO JACKSONVILLE AND  
 BIRMINGHAM ENTITLED "UNSUB, Unknown Subject DYNAMITING OF RESIDENCE OF IONA  
 GODFREY, THREE TWO FIVE NINE GILMORE ST., JACKSONVILLE, FLA.,  
 FEBRUARY SIXTEEN, SIXTYFOUR. BOMBING MATTERS," STATED, IN PART,

[REDACTED SECTION]

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NUMBER ONE. BAPBOMB, THE BOMBING OF THE SIXTEENTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH IN BIRMINGHAM, TOOK PLACE AT TENTWENTY A.M., SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER FIFTEEN, SIXTYTHREE, AND SECONDLY A PRIME SUSPECT IN BAPBOMB, ROBERT E. CHAMBLISS, IS EMPLOYED AS A TRUCK DRIVER BY REBUILT AUTO PARTS COMPANY, NINE NINETEEN THIRD AVENUE SOUTH, BIRMINGHAM, TELEPHONE NUMBER THREE TWO TWO DASH THREE FIVE SEVEN NINE. RESIDES AT TWO FIVE ZERO FIVE THIRTYSECOND AVENUE

NORTH, BIRMINGHAM, TELEPHONE NUMBER THREE TWO THREE DASH FIVE ONE FOUR ZERO.

ON SEPTEMBER TWENTYFIFTH, SIXTYTHREE, AT ONE THIRTY A.M., AN EXPLOSION POSSIBLY CAUSED BY TWO TO THREE STICKS OF DYNAMITE, TOOK PLACE AT SIXTEEN ZERO ONE CENTER STREET SOUTH, BIRMINGHAM. IN THIS INSTANCE THERE WERE ACTUALLY TWO EXPLOSIONS, THE FIRST POSSIBLY BEING A SMALL EXPLOSION DESIGNED TO ATTRACT PERSONS TO THE AREA, AND THE SECOND TEN TO FIFTEEN MINUTES LATER BEING THE MAJOR EXPLOSION AND SCATTERING SHRAPNEL THROUGHOUT THE NEIGHBORHOOD. THE LARGEST METAL FRAGMENTS RECOVERED IN THE AREA OF THE SHRAPNEL BOMB WERE TWO FRAGMENTS THAT APPEARED TO BE PORTIONS OF A CLUTCH PLATE.

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A DIAGRAM OF THE CLUTCH PLATE IS SET FORTH ON PAGE SIX OF A BAPBOMB REPORT OF SPECIAL AGENT [REDACTED] DATED NOVEMBER FIFTEEN, SIXTYTHREE, AT BIRMINGHAM, WHICH IS BEING FORWARDED TO JACKSONVILLE. LOGAN, INCIDENTALLY, IS A JACKSONVILLE AGENT WHO WORKED IN BIRMINGHAM ON THE BAPBOMB SPECIAL, IS REGULARLY ASSIGNED JACKSONVILLE, AND PREPARED NUMEROUS REPORTS AND IS VERY CONVERSANT WITH THE BAPBOMB CASE.

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IT WOULD BE OF INTEREST TO KNOW WHETHER THE AUTO BARGAIN CENTER DURING THE PERIOD OF EMPLOYMENT OF [REDACTED] HAD OCCASION TO PURCHASE, SELL, REPAIR OR OTHERWISE DEAL IN ANY MANNER WITH A NINETEEN FORTY TO NINETEEN FORTYTWO HUDSON AND FOR THAT REASON MIGHT HAVE A CLUTCH PLATE OF THE TYPE DESCRIBED ON HAND. IT MIGHT ALSO BE OF INTEREST TO KNOW WHETHER THE AUTO BARGAIN CENTER

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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 THIRTSIX 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*

FBI

Date: 3/6/64

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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. DeLoach	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Casper	✓
Mr. Callahan	✓
Mr. Conrad	✓
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Mr. Rosen	✓
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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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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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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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*Bap bomb*

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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SPEC. MAIL

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] LJE  
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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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
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
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2-Birmingham

C. C. WICK

Approved: Special Agent in Charge

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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

**Airtel**

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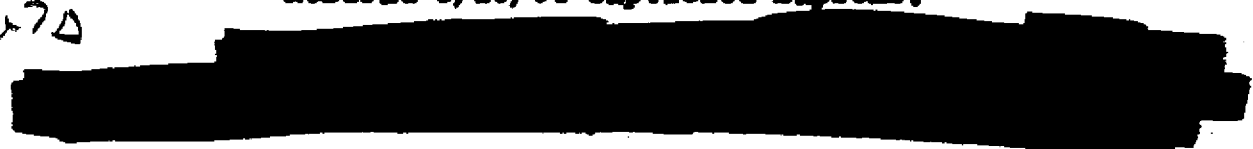
**To: SAC, Birmingham (157-352)**

**From: Director, FBI**

**BAPBOMB**

**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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3/10/64  
GENERAL INVESTIGATION 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. Starnes*  
*7118*  
*Sullivan*  
*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.

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

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EX 104

cc: Mr. ROSEN  
 Mr. MCGOWAN

MAR 12 1964

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*McMichael*  
*Swanson*  
*SIX*

MAR 19 1964

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)

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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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

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*Film devel office*  
*made 3-12-64*  
*PST*

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

*MAK 18 1964*  
*Wick*

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

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

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MAR 29 1964

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

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

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.

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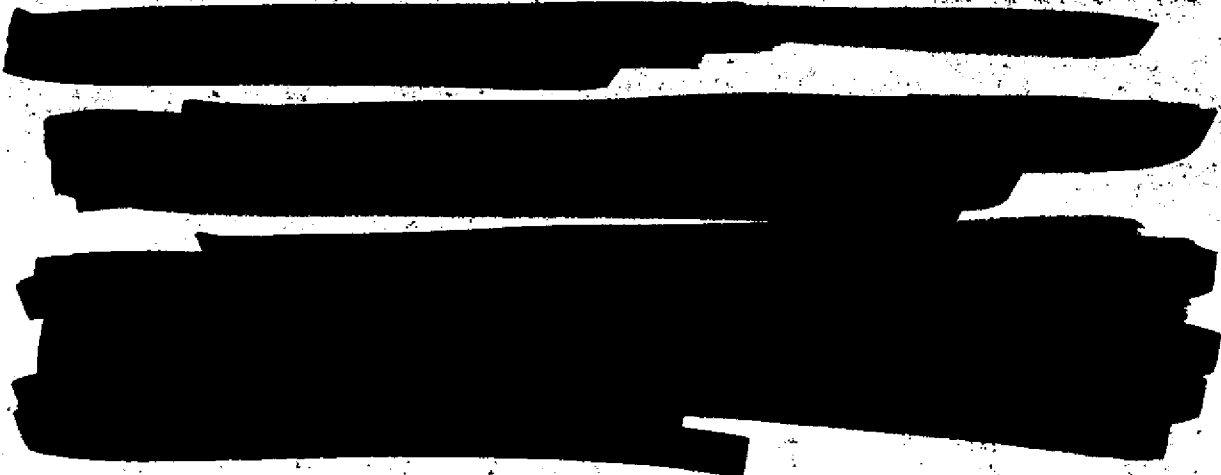
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The polygraph charts and questions are being retained in the files of the Jacksonville Office.

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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	
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum


TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1055) *10217 to 24*  
ATTENTION: MECHANICAL SECTION *10217 to 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
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March 18, 1964

Director, FBI (157-1055) - 922

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EX-103

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FROM BIRMINGHAM (157-352) 1P

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REMYTEL MARCH NINTH INSTANT.

REFTEL 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

Date Forw: \_\_\_\_\_

How Forw: *rel*

By: *rbt - yd*  
I cc Org. Unit

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EX-108

18 MAR 27 1964

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- ③ - Bureau (Enc. 8) AM - RM
- 5 - Birmingham
  - (2 - 157-352)
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Approved: *134 RLF*  
Special Agent in Charge

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

CC - Wick

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*In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.*

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1400 - 2121 Building  
Birmingham, Alabama  
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	
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Miss Gandy	

TO : Mr. DeLoach *per*

FROM : M. A. Jones *1/1/*

SUBJECT: "REDBOOK" MAGAZINE

DATE: 3-25-64

*Bombing*

*Method*  
*Rosen*

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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To: SAC, Birmingham (157-352)

JUNE

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

BAPBOMB

REC-23 EX-112

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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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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EX-103

157-1025-931

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Approved: W. R. L. Jones  
Special Agent in Charge

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MAR 24 1964

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J EDGAR HOOVER

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATIONS WASHDC

WE ARE CLOSING AN ARTICLE ABOUT THE BOMBING OF THE SIXTEENTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH OF BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA ON SEPT. 15, 1963 AND WOULD APPRECIATE INFORMATION OR A PERSONAL STATEMENT BY MR. HOOVER ABOUT THE STATUS OF THE INVESTIGATION

JEAN EVANS REDBOOK MAGAZINE MCCALL CORP

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*Handwritten:* cc. Mr. DeLoach

~~25 MAR 30 1964~~

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MR. MOHR FOR THE DIRECTOR

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SUBJECT: BAPBOMB  
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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
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To: SAC, Birmingham

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From: Director, FBI

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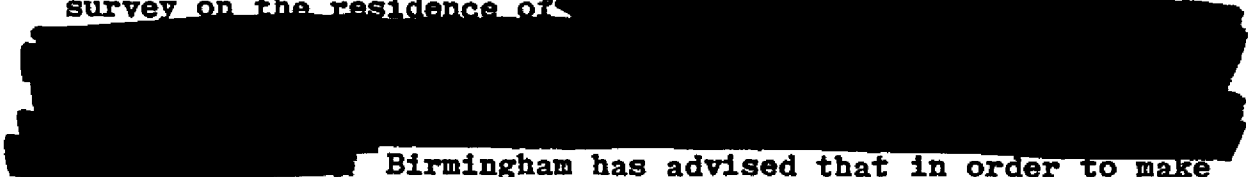
Reurairtel 4/2/64.

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



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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Special Agent in Charge

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

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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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FROM DIRECTOR FBI

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BAPBOMB. [REDACTED] RACIAL MATTERS. JUNE.

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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  
INSTALLATION OF A TESUR. IF FEASIBLE, FURNISH DETAILED  
INFORMATION CONCERNING SECURITY BUT DO NOT PROCEED WITH  
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rap1 - Mr. Donohue

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NOTE: The Birmingham Office has requested authority to conduct a survey to determine the feasibility of installing a technical surveillance in the home of [REDACTED]

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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 ✓

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MISS HOLMES

MRS. METCALF

MISS GANDY

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

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April 8, 1964

Dear Edgar:

*Boyd*

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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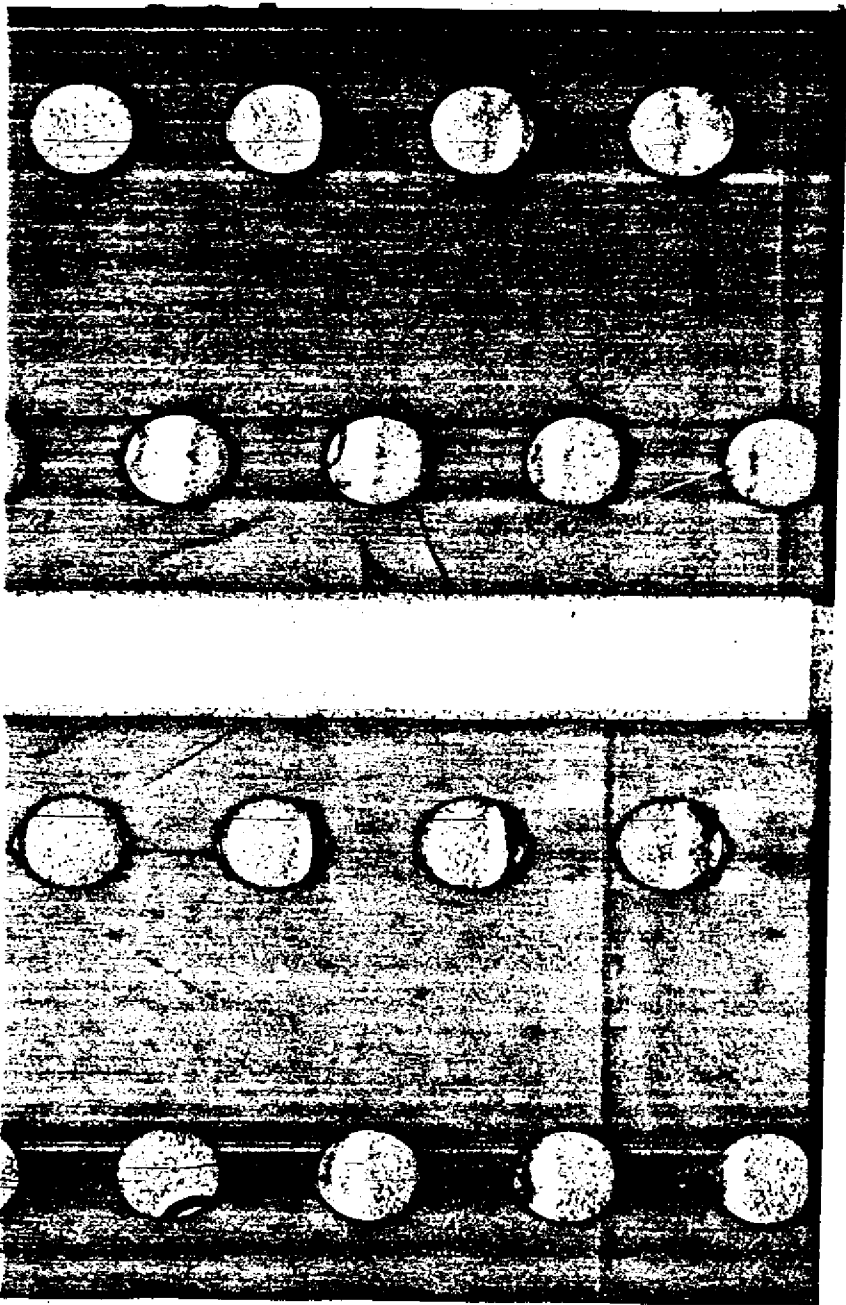
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THE WHITE HOUSE

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover  
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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.

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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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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. 7/10*

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

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