

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION
AND
PRIVACY ACTS**

**SUBJECT: BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA SIXTEENTH
STREET BAPTIST CHURCH
BOMBING/SEPTEMBER 15, 1963**

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From: Director, FBI (157-1025)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Assistant Director AL ROSEN *AR*

FROM : Inspector JOSEPH A. SULLIVAN

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

DATE: 6/5/64

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The following is a brief resume of the action phase of investigation in the captioned matter. This data is being summarized in order that you may be aware of the status of these programs.

On the basis of the extensive data developed, which points to the members of the action squad of the Eastview Klavern of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan as principals in this case, it appears that all our present efforts should be devoted to either establishing or eliminating these individuals as the subjects. In the absence of specific data indicating that some other course of action is more desirable, this program will be pursued.

INTERVIEW PROGRAM

The members of the Action Squad of the Eastview Klavern have all been contacted on numerous occasions. Most of them have been interviewed with benefit of polygraph and at the present time most of them are reluctant to submit to further personal contacts for the purpose of discussing the bombing cases. It appears there is very little to gain by pursuing a direct interview program in the absence of new evidence wherewith to confront these people. Interviews are presently used only with individuals such as [redacted] who has always been cordial when contacted even though the interviews have never been particularly productive. Our coverage of [redacted] is thin; therefore,

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There are a number of other individuals under consideration who have promise for more development as valuable sources. The Informant Program is being stressed to the ultimate with the view to encircling key Klan people with coverage which is likely to provide us advice as to future activities and may also reveal details concerning some of the cases presently under investigation.

SUBSTANTIVE CASES

The substantive situation having the greatest potential for development at this time concerns the bombing of the Gaston Motel in Birmingham on 5/11/63.

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Particular attention will be given to this matter, with the view to exploiting it fully.

The remainder of the substantive cases covered within the scope of present investigation are not being neglected. However, they do not have the immediate potential of the Gaston Motel Bombing on 5/11/63.

RESEARCH PROGRAM

Our investigation has pointed to the probability that a few oldtime Klansmen have been engaged in all of the racial violence which has occurred in Birmingham over a period of more than fifteen years. In connection with some of the earlier cases, sources indicate that the activity was fully tolerated, if not abetted, by the local enforcement authorities. There was really only minimal risk of detection involved in the use of force and violence in bombings. Discussion of this type of activity was more casual than it is at present. With this factual situation in mind, we have begun to look back into earlier bombings since the Alabama statute of limitation does not toll responsibility for the crime of this sort. An attempt to bomb a Negro home, wherein

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[REDACTED] were involved in 1958. is being explored in detail. A story provided by [REDACTED] is being studied.

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If we are able to take positive action on any substantive situation, even these old ones, it is believed that we will be provided with the leverage to plumb much more deeply into our current crimes. There is a very strong possibility, if we are able to develop substantial information about old cases, that pressure will be brought to bear on the Klan leaders to surrender the bombers of the Baptist Church.

Investigation Concerning [REDACTED]

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OTHER COVERAGE

[REDACTED] is working, has been effective, and promises to be a most valuable investigative assistant.

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We are presently completing surveys concerning the Eastview Klavern of UKA, KKKK, and [REDACTED]. On the basis of our progress to date, we anticipate that we will

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be able to ask for approval to activate our coverage within the next week or perhaps sooner. The difficult portion of the surveys has been completed, our problems are fully technical, and we have been assured that these will be resolved.

CONTACTS WITH NEGRO LEADERS

In line with our research program, there is good reason to believe that members of the Negro community may be in a position to furnish background and perhaps evidence concerning some of the earlier racial crimes committed by members of the KKK.

We are in the process of selecting a few prominent business men of the caliber of [REDACTED] with whom to discuss this matter. If these contacts are encouraging we may gain sources among the Negroes which have not yet been exploited.

CONCLUSIONS

Based on my review of this investigation to date, I feel that a massive project has been dispatched. The quality of the supervision and investigation reflected in the Birmingham files is excellent. The present staff is well versed in the history of these cases. They have excellent grasp of the facts and they know our objectives. The staff is enthusiastic. As is reflected in the foregoing data, I feel that we have a very positive potential, on the basis of our investigative approach to this matter, to make our subjects answer substantively for at least some of the crimes of violence for which they have been responsible, and any prosecutive opening in this matter could very well lead to the successful resolution of the bombing of the Baptist Church.

SEE ADDENDUM PAGE 6a

ADDENDUM

June 12, 1964

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The conclusions of Inspector Sullivan were brought to the Director's attention by Rosen to Belmont memorandum dated June 9, 1964, captioned "Racial Situation, State of Mississippi, Summer of 1964, Civil Rights; Racial Matters." Mr. Sullivan was informed that PCI should not be used for racial informants and the correct designation is racial informant.



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

Re Bureau radiogram 5-8-64.

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as of 8:30 P.M., 6/8/64, and assigned Symbol No. [REDACTED]

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Re Telephone Conversation between Inspector JOSEPH A. SULLIVAN and Assistant Director AL ROSEN this date.

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[REDACTED] and the other men mentioned in the attached are all suspects in the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham on 9/15/63. **[REDACTED]** is a vicious degenerate and we follow his activities closely.

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From: SAC, Birmingham (157-352) (P)
Subject: BAPBOMB

Date Forw. JUN 16 1964
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BOMBING MATTERS - THREATS RACIAL MATTERS

Re Bureau airtel dated 6/9/64.

Enclosed are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum, captioned
"UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC., KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN,
WOMEN'S AUXILIARY".

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FROM BIRMINGHAM (157-352) 2P

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THE CASES SCHEDULED FOR HEARING TODAY IN CIRCUIT COURT, BIRMINGHAM, AGAINST ROBERT E. CHAMBLISS, CHARLES ARNIE CAGLE AND JOHN WESLEY HALL, CHARGING EACH WITH ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF DYNAMITE. AT CONCLUSION OF CITY EVIDENCE IN CASE AGAINST CHARLES CAGLE, CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE GEORGE LEWIS BAILES DISMISSED CASE. JUDGE BAILES ADVISED HE WAS DISCHARGING DEFENDANT BECAUSE IT HAD NOT BEEN PROVEN CAGLE HAD DYNAMITE IN HIS POSSESSION.

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- Report of SA [REDACTED] 6/6/64, at Miami, captioned, [REDACTED]."

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Mobile airtel to Bureau, 3/25/64, captioned
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Miami airtel and LHM, 5/6/64, captioned,
"PLOT TO ASSASSINATE MARTIN LUTHER KING
AND JACK GREENBERG, ATTORNEY, NAACP,
MOBILE, ALABAMA, MAY 17, 1964."

Miami airtel and LHM, 5/19/64, with dual
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Miami letter to Birmingham, 6/4/64, captioned
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This report is being submitted in order to set
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Since the Miami Division is not aware of all the investigation conducted to date by the Birmingham Office in this matter, Miami is not in a position to know the reliability of the information in this report. No specific leads are being set forth. This matter is being left to the office of origin.

INFORMANTS

Identity

Location

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W.C.I.D.

The source used in this report is [REDACTED]

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A characterization of the NSRP is in the appendix section of this report, and sources therein have furnished reliable information in the past.

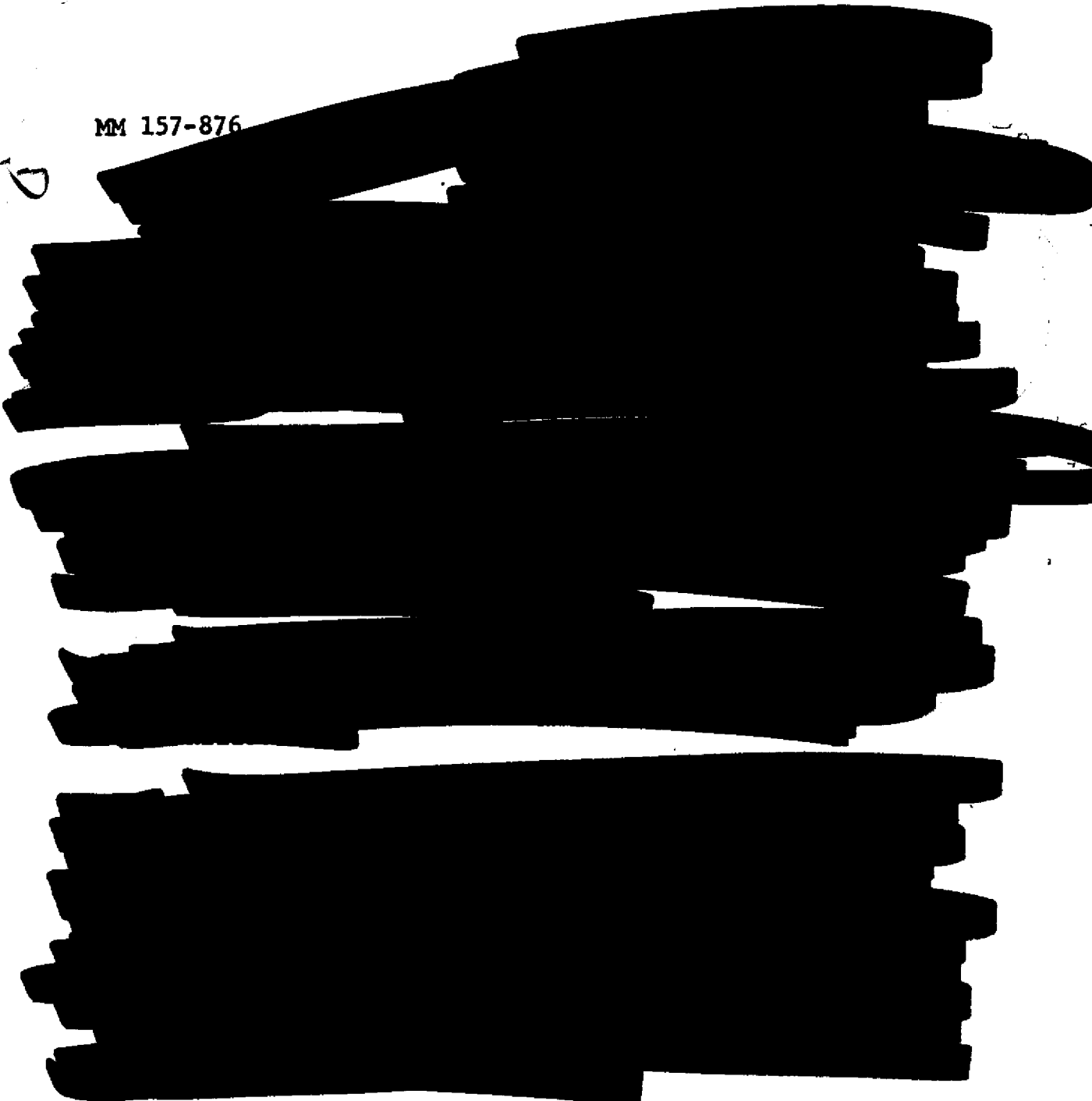
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A characterization of the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (United Klans) is in the appendix section of this report, and sources therein have furnished reliable information in the past.

APPENDIX

NATIONAL STATES RIGHTS PARTY

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On November 26, 1957, a source advised that the United White Party (UWP) was organized at a convention held in Knoxville, Tennessee, on November 10, 1957. An article in the November 26, 1957, issue of the "Greenville Piedmont," a newspaper of Greenville, South Carolina, reported that a "Ku Klux Klan spokesman of Greenville reported the recent formation of a new political party to be known as the United White Party." According to the article, the party was formed at a recently held meeting in Knoxville, Tennessee, at which many Klansmen were represented. The UWP was reported as being opposed to all "race mixing organizations and individuals."

The July, 1958, issue of "The Thunderbolt," self-described as the "official Racial Nationalist Organ of the National States Rights Party" (NSRP) reported that rank and file "States Righters" had merged with the UWP under "the banner of the National States Rights Party," with national offices at Post Office Box 261, Jeffersonville, Indiana.

In November, 1958, a source advised that the NSRP is composed of past members of the Ku Klux Klan and notorious anti-Semites.

Issue No. 19, dated June, 1960, "The Thunderbolt" announced the address of the headquarters of the NSRP had been changed from Jeffersonville, Indiana, to Post Office Box 783, Birmingham, Alabama.

On June 17, 1960, a source advised that EDWARD R. FIELDS, the Information Director of the NSRP, is the individual who "runs the NSRP."

"The Thunderbolt" continues to publish articles attacking Negroes and persons of the Jewish faith.

**UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.,
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (UNITED KLANS)**

Records of Superior Court of Fulton County, Georgia, show that this Klan organization was granted a corporate charter on February 21, 1961, at Atlanta, Georgia, under the name United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc.

A source advised on February 27, 1961, that United Klans was formed as a result of a split in U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. According to the source, the split resulted from a leadership dispute and United Klans has the same aims and objectives as the parent group. These are the promotion of Americanism, white supremacy and segregation of the races.

The first source and a second source advised in July, 1961, that United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc., merged with Alabama Knights, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. The merged organization established headquarters in Suite 401, The Alston Building, Tuscaloosa, Alabama. The organization is directed by Robert Shelton, Imperial Wizard, and is the dominant Klan group in the South with units in several southern states.

On August 14, 1961, the second source advised that the organization formerly known as United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc., would be known in the future as United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. The second source said the name was changed by a resolution adopted at the National Klonvocation held July 8, 1961, at Indian Springs, Georgia.

Second source advised that at a meeting at Prattville, Alabama, on October 22, 1961, a majority of the Klaverns, of the U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan merged with the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Miami, Florida

JUN 15 1964

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Title UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; Bombing
of 16th Street Baptist Church,
Birmingham, Alabama, September
15, 1963

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Reference Report of Special Agent
WC [REDACTED] dated and
captioned as above, at Miami.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

In addition, he has furnished information which could not be verified or corroborated.

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June 20, 1964
GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

Charles Cagle, John Wesley Hall,
and Robert Chambliss were arrested by
Alabama Highway Patrol prematurely
which interfered with our investigation.
They were arrested for illegal
possession of dynamite. Cagle and
Chambliss have now been acquitted of
these charges.

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[REDACTED] *W. J. Tolson*

COPY SENT TO MR. TOLSON

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

JUN 18 1964

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Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Evans	_____
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FBI BIRMGHAM

719PM CST URGENT 6-18-64 HEP

TO DIRECTOR (157-1025)

FROM BIRMINGHAM (157-352) 2P

BAPBOMB. DAILY SUMMARY.

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[REDACTED] LETTERHEAD MEMO WILL BE SUBMITTED.

ROBERT E. CHAMBLISS TRIED IN CIRCUIT COURT, BIRMINGHAM, FOR ILLEGAL POSSESSION DYNAMITE AND WAS ACQUITTED BY JURY IN TWENTYEIGHT MINUTES. CHARLES CAGLE APPEARED AS HOSTILE WITNESS AND INVOKED FIFTH ADMENDMENT ON PERTINENT QUESTIONS AND DID NOT TESTIFY TO ANY PERTINENT INFORMATION. HE WAS TRIED BEFORE CIRCUIT JUDGE ELIAS C. WATSON.

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JOHN WESLEY HALL WAS TRIED JUNE TWENTYTWO LAST AND A MOTION TO DISMISS EVIDENCE BY DEFENSE ATTORNEY MATT MURPHY WAS GRANTED BY CIRCUIT JUDGE E. C. "BUD" WATSON AND EVIDENCE PRESENTED BY STATE NOT ALLOWED TO GO TO JURY AND THE DEFENSE DID NOT HAVE TO PRESENT ANY EVIDENCE IN DEFENSE OF HALL.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office BIRMINGHAM	Office of Origin BIRMINGHAM	Date 6/11/64	Investigative Period 2/6/64 - 6/9/64
TITLE OF CASE UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, SEPTEMBER 15, 1963.		Report made by SA [REDACTED]	Typed By: HSS, and as indicated.
		CHARACTER OF CASE BOMBING MATTERS <i>Handwritten: 12-1-11, Home Task Force</i>	

REFERENCE: Report of SA [REDACTED] Birmingham, dated 4/27/64.

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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.

EXP. PROC.

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R. J. [Signature]

Approved <i>[Signature]</i>	Special Agent in Charge	Do not write in spaces below			
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ADMINISTRATIVE:

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.

Considerable Agent time has been spent during reporting period conducting neighborhood surveys relative to each of the suspects. These surveys have been extensive and thorough, looking toward the identification of potential informants who can furnish information relative to the activities of these individuals, as well as information that will be useful in surveillances of these persons.

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Charles R. Pugh Member of the Klan

Records of Circuit Court, Birmingham, Alabama, reflected that trials set for CHARLES A. CAGLE, JOHN WESLEY HALL and ROBERT E. CHAMBLISS on June 3, 1964, appealed from Birmingham City Recorders Court, each charged with illegal possession of dynamite in the city limits of Birmingham, were passed until June 16, 1964. Information available reflected the cases were passed as there were no jurymen available.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : MR. BELMONT

DATE: 6/23/64

FROM : A. ROSEN *RW*

1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Rosen

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

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While talking with Jack Miller he indicated he was desirous of having copies of our reports covering the investigation in the above matter. He said he wanted to have his men review it to determine whether any prosecutable offenses exist. He said he was interested in knowing whether we were investigating the matter. I told him we, of course, had been investigating the matter since its inception and had continued to give it special attention as we are today.

For your information the Birmingham office has been handling this as a special and has a special squad of 8 Agents assigned to the bombings and in addition the Special Agent in Charge is required to devote 1/2 of every day to personally supervise the case. We are getting daily teletypes from the Birmingham office covering the developments.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that we furnish the reports to Jack Miller, Criminal Division, in accordance with his request. There will be approximately from 4,500 to 5,000 pages of reports.

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*memo
Rosen to Belmont
6-25-64*

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haven't these reports
already been furnished
the Dept? RW*

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: June 25, 1964

FROM : A. Rosen *[Signature]*

1- Mr. Belmont
1--Mr. Rosen

1- Mr. Mohr
1- Mr. DeLoach

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

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With reference to the Director's inquiry as to whether all reports in this matter have been furnished the Department, it is noted that the Attorney General and the Civil Rights Division of the Department have been advised of pertinent developments in this case on a current basis.

At the outset, it was noted that we must not give a "blow-by-blow" account because such might find its way into the "Star" or Saturday Evening Post. Although there was no tangible evidence on which to base a Federal prosecution, nevertheless, it appeared possible that loose handling of reports and "leaking to the press" might well prejudice our investigation in the same manner that the premature publicity-seeking action of the Alabama Highway Patrol did on September 30, 1963.

These reasons no longer prevail, as such, since articles have now appeared in print indicating we know who is responsible for the bombing, although such articles, including the Saturday Evening Post, were off base in naming J. B. Stoner and the National States Rights Party group as our principal suspects. Our investigation, of course, has indicated that *[redacted]* and the Klan group with which he has been associated are the prime suspects.

In connection with the request of U. S. District Judge Clarence W. Allgood to have information concerning the developments in the case presented to the Federal Grand Jury in February, 1964, the matter of dissemination was discussed with the Department. It was pointed out to Attorney John L. Murphy, Chief of the Litigations Section, Civil Rights Division, *[redacted]*

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

that as he knew, we had immediately entered the investigation and had conducted thousands of interviews both in Alabama and neighboring states. We advised Murphy that we had voluminous memoranda and reports but in view of the fact that we had no prosecutable evidence to prove the crime, we were not disseminating the reports. Murphy indicated that he was satisfied the Bureau was conducting an extensive investigation and until such time as there was something concrete to go on or someone to prosecute, the Civil Rights Division of the Department (which had the responsibility of this case during the pertinent period) did not require reports.

ACTION:

Now that the Criminal Division of the Department does desire reports, they have been furnished.

bx [redacted] *OK* ✓

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Subject JUNE MAIL 16th St Baptist Church, Birmingham
Alabama. Sept. 15-63

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Subject JUNE MAIL Bombing of 16th St. Baptist Church
Birmingham Alabama

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : Mr. Belmont

"JUNE"

DATE: July 8, 1964

FROM : A. Rosen

- 1 - Mr. Donohoe
- Room 815, RB
- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Rosen

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
 BOMBING OF 16TH STREET
 BAPTIST CHURCH
 BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA
 SEPTEMBER 15, 1963
 BOMBING MATTERS

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Due to the extensive investigation in this case and the nature of the crime, the Birmingham Office was given authority to conduct surveys for the purpose of determining the feasibility of microphone coverage on various places. One of these places was the residence of [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] a suspect in this case, is a long time active member of the Eastview Klavern of the United Klans of America.

On July 7, 1964, ASAC Jensen of the Birmingham Office telephonically advised that the surveys indicated the microphone surveillance on [REDACTED] could be installed with full security assured.

In view of the emergency nature of this matter and the time element, ASAC Jensen was given permission by Section Chief C. L. McGowan to proceed with the installation. Date, time and symbol number of installation will be submitted.

ACTION:

For information.

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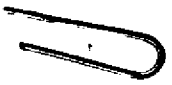
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Subject JUNE MAIL *Baptamb*

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)

DATE: 7/8/64

FROM : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-352-SF2) (P)

SUBJECT: BAPBOMB

JUNE

ReBulet to Birmingham dated 4/24/64 captioned "RACIAL BOMBING MATTERS, BIRMINGHAM DIVISION."

Since receipt of referenced Bureau letter at Birmingham, coverage has been established on EASTVIEW KLAVERN NO. 13, ROBERT E. CHAMBLISS [REDACTED]

62 listed in the first paragraph of reBulet as a primary target, has assumed a position of significantly lesser importance in the activities of EASTVIEW KLAVERN and his influence and authority have likewise diminished as he has been removed from the position of [REDACTED] of that Klavern.

6x It is the considered opinion of agents handling BAPBOMB and related Klan matters, based on information from informants and sources, that the potential value of information that may be obtained from this type coverage of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] is of substantial, if not vital, importance at this time. e 34

In this connection it is noted that [REDACTED] apparently exercises a substantial amount of direct control over the activities of EASTVIEW KLAVERN and in all likelihood the Bessemer and other Klaverns also. It should be considered also that information relating to the possibility of planned future violence may be obtained in addition to the possibility of obtaining information which would serve to form the basis or opening for an approach to [REDACTED] to obtain his cooperation in reaching a solution to the BAPBOMB case.

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UACB, [REDACTED] will no longer be considered by the Birmingham Office as a primary target under our current program for this type coverage, and [REDACTED] will now be placed under consideration as a primary target for this coverage.

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RADIOGRAM

URGENT

TO SAC BIRMINGHAM (157-252)
FROM DIRECTOR FBI (157-1025)

0 EAPBOMB.

REBHTEL DATED SEVEN TEN LAST. ALL AGENTS WHO ARE WORKING
IN OR TRAVELING THROUGH THE EASTVIEW KLAVERN AREA MUST BE
MADE AWARE OF THE INFERENCE MADE BY [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] AGENTS SHOULD TAKE THE NECESSARY PRECAUTIONS TO
AVOID INJURY.

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157-1025-1046

19 JUL 16 1964

NOTE:

Referenced teletype set forth information that [REDACTED]

If next radio contact is missed, send by urgent teletype plaintext.

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JUL 14 1964

TELETYPE

70 JUL 22 1964

- Alson _____
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- Gale _____
- Rosen _____
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- Trotter _____

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8:46 PM

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7-15-64

RADIOGRAM T.T

URGENT

1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Rosen

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

BAPBOMB.

BUREAU TELEPHONE CALL SEVEN FIFTEEN SIXTYFOUR.

THIS CONFIRMS TELEPHONIC INSTRUCTION THAT THE SAC SHOULD ADVISE SPECIAL AGENT [REDACTED] TO EXERCISE THE UTMOST CAUTION AT ALL TIMES IN ORDER TO AVOID ANY PERSONAL INJURY TO HIMSELF OR HIS FAMILY. THIS ALSO CONFIRMS TELEPHONIC INSTRUCTIONS TO CONTACT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] IMPRESS UPON HIM THE SERIOUSNESS OF THIS MATTER AND INSURE THAT INFORMANT WILL BE ABLE TO HANDLE THE SITUATION AND WILL NOT REVEAL HIS INFORMANT STATUS.

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19 JUL 16 1964

JUL 15 1964

NOTE:

See memorandum Rosen to Belmont captioned "Unknown Subject; Bombing of Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama, September 16, 1963, Bombing Matters," dated July 15, 1964, prepared by [REDACTED]

Above information furnished to SA [REDACTED] Birmingham Division 7-15-64, 4:00 P.M.

If next radio contact missed, send by urgent teletype, plaintext.

- Tolson _____
- Belmont _____
- Mohr _____
- Casper _____
- Callahan _____
- Conrad _____
- DeLoach _____
- Evans _____
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SPOT CHECK SURVEILLANCE OF KLAVERN HALL, BESSEMER, ALA., AND
RESIDENCES OF [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] MADE
WITHOUT DEVELOPING INFO.

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MAY 15 1951

Date of Mail 7-9-64

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12-1-78
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Task Force

Has been removed and placed in the Special File Room of Records Branch.



See File 66-2554-7530 for authority.

Subject JUNE MAIL Baptomb:

Removed By 65 JUL 22 1964

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Permanent Serial Charge Out

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Date: 7/9/64

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plain text or code)

Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

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

"JUNE"

Re Telephone Conversation between ASAC ROBERT G. JENSEN and Inspector JAMES MALLEY, 6/30/64.

Misur installation made July 8, 1964, as of 6:00 P.M. and assigned Symbol No. [REDACTED]

Trespass was involved inasmuch as it was necessary to enter the premises of [REDACTED] in order to install the misur.

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

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Approved: _____ Sent _____

6 JUL 22 1964 Special Agent in Charge

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JUL 16 1964

TELETYPE

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	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

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FBI BIRMGHAM

811 PM CST URGENT 7-16-64 HEP

TO DIRECTOR (157-1025)

FROM BIRMINGHAM (157-352) 2P

BAPBOMB. DAILY SUMMARY.

TELEPHONIC CONTACT MADE WITH [REDACTED] TO ARRANGE MEETING BETWEEN [REDACTED] AND SPECIAL AGENTS WHEREBY [REDACTED] COULD BE ADVISED OF THE PROVISIONS OF TITLE EIGHTEEN, U. S. CODE, SECTION ONE ONE ONE FOUR, ASSAULTING FEDERAL OFFICER. AT TIME OF PRE-ARRANGED MEETING, AGENTS WAITED FOR [REDACTED] AT HIS CAR AND [REDACTED] EMERGED FROM HIS PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT, ENTERED CAR, LOCKED DOORS, AND KEPT WINDOWS CLOSED, REFUSED TO LISTEN OR HAVE ANY DISCUSSION WITH AGENTS. [REDACTED] ADVISED FRIEND TO CONTACT LOCAL POLICE. CHIEF BRAGG, IRONDALE PD, RESPONDED TO CALL AND UPON HIS ARRIVAL, WAS ADVISED BY AGENTS OF THEIR IDENTITY AND PURPOSE OF WANTING TO SPEAK TO [REDACTED] DID THEN, IN THE PRESENCE OF CHIEF BRAGG, WHOM HE ASKED TO STAY, AGREE TO HEAR AGENTS. [REDACTED] WAS ADVISED OF ENTIRE PROVISIONS OF ABOVE NAMED STATUTE BY ASAC AND WAS SPECIFICALLY ASKED IF INFORMATION WAS CLEAR TO HIM AND IT WAS REPEATED A SECOND TIME.

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JUL 21 1964

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INVESTIGATION REFLECTED THOMAS E. BLANTON, SR., OBTAINED POST OFFICE BOX NO. THREE SIX SEVEN FOUR ON JULY THIRTEEN, LAST. IT IS FELT BLANTON WILL UTILIZE THIS BOX IN CONNECTION WITH RECEIVING RESPONSES CONCERNING HIS CAMPAIGN IN DETERMINING INDIVIDUALS WHO ATTEMPTED HARASSMENT BY FBI. IT IS NOTED BLANTON WAS SUCCESSFUL IN OBTAINING AID OF OTHER SUSPECTS THIS CASE, PRINCIPALLY ROBERT E. CHAMBLISS,

[REDACTED]

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MATTER WILL BE FOLLOWED CLOSELY.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: July 15, 1964

FROM : A. Rosen *AR*

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - [REDACTED]
- 1 - [REDACTED]

- Tolson
- Belmont
- Mohr
- Casper
- Callahan
- Conrad
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- Evans
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SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
 BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET
 BAPTIST CHURCH BIRMINGHAM
 ALABAMA SEPTEMBER 16, 1963,
 BOMBING MATTERS

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

On 7-12-64 [REDACTED] a prime suspect in this case, was observed photographing the residence and automobile of SA [REDACTED] who is assigned at headquarters city, Birmingham, Alabama. The identification of [REDACTED] and his car was made by a neighbor of SA [REDACTED]

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 Enclosure

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[REDACTED]

Rosen to Belmont Memorandum
RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET
BAPTIST CHURCH BIRMINGHAM
ALABAMA SEPTEMBER 16, 1963

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[REDACTED]

Birmingham has advised that for several weeks during April and May SA [REDACTED], assigned to this bombing special received approximately seventy anonymous telephone calls during which nothing was said by the caller. [REDACTED] has on numerous occasions called [REDACTED] telephone number from another telephone during these calls and found [REDACTED] telephone busy on all occasions. It was necessary for [REDACTED] to have an unlisted telephone number in order to stop the annoying calls.

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Consideration was given to interview with [REDACTED] to determine why he was photographing SA [REDACTED] car and residence; however, because of his apparent mental condition, it is felt best not to contact him since he may resent the contact and it may cause him to take some action that would harm [REDACTED] or his family.

ACTION:

1. Attached for approval is a radiogram to Birmingham confirming telephonic instructions for the SAC to advise SA [REDACTED], that he should take every precaution to avoid injury to himself or his family. Birmingham was also instructed to insure that [REDACTED] will be able to handle the situation and will not reveal his informant status.

- sent by

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2. Birmingham has been instructed to insure that all Agents traveling in the Eastview Klavern area are aware of inference by Chambliss that FBI cars should be shot up and the Agents should be instructed to take necessary precautions to avoid injury.

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I think we ought to dress him down.
[REDACTED]

We are not to have any interference. H

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

Tolson	_____
Belmont	_____
Mohr	_____
Casper	_____
Callahan	_____
Conrad	_____
DeLoach	_____
Evans	_____
Gale	_____
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Holmes	_____
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TO : Mr. Belmont *WBR*

DATE: July 17, 1964

FROM : A. Rosen *ARM*

1 - Mr. Belmont
 1 - Mr. Rosen
 1 - [REDACTED]
 1 - [REDACTED]
 1 - [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET
BAPTIST CHURCH BIRMINGHAM
ALABAMA SEPTEMBER 16, 1963,
BOMBING MATTERS

WBR
On July 16, 1964, telephonic contact was made with [REDACTED] to arrange a meeting between [REDACTED] and SAs of the Birmingham Office to straighten him out because of his intimidation of SA [REDACTED]

WBR
At the time of the pre-arranged meeting Agents waited for [REDACTED] at his car outside his place of employment. [REDACTED] emerged from his place of employment, entered his car, locked the door, kept the windows closed and refused to listen or have any discussion with Agents. [REDACTED] requested a friend to contact the local police.

Chief of Police Bragg, Irondale, Alabama, responded to the call and upon his arrival was advised by Agents of their identity and the reason they wanted to speak to [REDACTED] then in the presence of Chief of Police Bragg, whom he asked to stay, agreed to talk to Agents.

The provisions of the Assaulting or Killing of a Federal Officer Statute were made clear to Blanton by ASAC Robert G. Jensen. [REDACTED] was asked if the information was clear and it was repeated to him a second time.

[REDACTED]

WBR
"Pop" Blanton, [REDACTED] has told neighbors he has "settled the FBI" and has retained an attorney and with representative George Huddleston is suing the FBI for injuries sustained by his son when he was arrested for assault of a Federal officer in 1963. He is also claiming he has the FBI under a peace bond. Our Birmingham Office checked and found no record of a suit against the FBI or peace bond having been filed. *1056*

[REDACTED]

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TELETYPE

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	
Mr. Tele. Room	
Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

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FBI BIRMGHAM

1030PM CST URGENT 7-22-64 HEP

TO DIRECTOR (157-1025)

FROM BIRMINGHAM (157-352) 2P

BAPBOMB. DAILY SUMMARY.

LEAFLETS WERE DISTRIBUTED ON SATURDAY NIGHT, JULY EIGHTEEN LAST, AT A CONSERVATIVE MEETING, BIRMINGHAM, AND ON MONDAY, JULY TWENTY LAST, IN THE EASTERN SECTION OF CITY AT ROEBUCK SHOPPING CENTER. THE TEXT OF THE LEAFLETS IS AS FOLLOWS:

~~QUOTE.~~ "ARE YOU BEING TROUBLED AND HARASSED BY FEDERAL AGENTS OF BOBBY KENNEDY'S FBI? IF SO, YOU CAN DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT -- WRITE TO: COMMITTEE TO STOP FEDERAL HARASSMENT, P. O. BOX THREE SIX SEVEN FOUR, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA." ~~UNQUOTE.~~

AS PREVIOUSLY NOTED IN DAILY SUMMARY, POST OFFICE BOX THREE SIX SEVEN FOUR WAS RENTED BY THOMAS E. BLANTON, SR. ON JULY THIRTEEN LAST.

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[REDACTED]

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GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

BAPBOMB is the code word referring to the investigation of the bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama, 9/16/63.

The matter of the alleged threat to Special Agent [redacted] set forth in attached teletype will be closely followed.

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[redacted]

7-21-64

GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

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[REDACTED]

Birmingham
and the Bureau will continue to
follow this matter closely.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

BAPBOMB is the code name for the investigation of the bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, 9-15-63.

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[REDACTED] a Klansman and degenerate of the worst sort, is a principal suspect in the case, and has been the subject of intensive investigation to attempt to secure legal evidence tying him in with the heinous crime. Previous interview of [REDACTED] by ASAC was to dress [REDACTED] down for taking photos of an Agent's car. Robert Chambliss, Klansman, is also a suspect in this case.

[REDACTED]

7-24-64

GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

BAPBOMB is code name for the investigation of Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama, 9-15-63. [REDACTED] a

Klansman and degenerate, is a principal suspect and has been the subject of intensive investigation to attempt to secure evidence tying him in with this heinous crime. Previous information disclosed

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This matter continues to receive vigorous investigative attention.

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Field Division

BIRMINGHAM

Title and Character of Case

BAPBOMB

Date Property Acquired

9/15/63

Source From Which Property Acquired

SA [REDACTED]

Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit

Bulky Exhibit Cabinet

Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same

Evidence

Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same

1. One reel 16 mm movie film of bomb scene and activity at Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala.
2. One reel 16 mm movie film of bomb scene and activity at Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala.

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SUBMITTED BY: SA [REDACTED]

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Charles Cagle
Racial Matter

The case against Charles Cagle, accused of illegally possessing dynamite during the race crisis in Birmingham, was thrown out of court.

Alan

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The Washington Post and Times Herald _____
 The Washington Daily News _____
 The Evening Star _____
 New York Herald Tribune _____
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 New York Mirror _____
 New York Daily News _____
 New York Post _____
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 The Wall Street Journal _____
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1025PM CST URGENT 8-1-64 HEP

TO DIRECTOR (157-1025)

FROM BIRMINGHAM (157-352) 1P

BAPBOMB, DAILY SUMMARY.

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WITH REGARD TO EVENTUAL POSSIBILITY OF UTILIZING TESTIMONY OF JEAN CASEY, WIFE OF TOMMY BLANTON, AND "TEE" CHAMBLISS, WIFE OF ROBERT E. CHAMBLISS, IT IS NOTED THAT CODE OF ALABAMA (REV. NINETEEN FIFTYEIGHT) TITLE FIFTEEN, SECTION THREE ONE ONE, PROVIDES THAT IN STATE CRIMINAL TRIALS, THE HUSBAND OR WIFE MAY TESTIFY EITHER FOR OR AGAINST EACH OTHER, BUT MAY NOT BE COMPELLED TO DO SO. CASES HOLD THAT THIS IS A PURELY PERSONAL PRIVILEGE OF THE WITNESS SPOUSE, INVOKED UPON THE VOLUNTARY ELECTION OF THE WITNESS, AND IS NOT A BAR TO SPOUSE'S TESTIMONY AVAILABLE AT CHOICE OF DEFENDANT.

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TO : Mr. Conrad

DATE: July 29, 1964

FROM : Mr. Jevons *2/4/65*

1-Mr. [redacted]
1-Mr. [redacted]
1-Office, 7133

SUBJECT: *o* BAPBOMB
TECHNICAL INSTALLATION

At 8:30 P.M., SAC Ingram, Birmingham, called to advise that this morning in Birmingham there was a radio broadcaster, Leland Childs, who made reference to a photograph of a telephone "device" which was found on phone of woman in Birmingham. Childs claimed device cost \$750-\$1,000 to make and that he heard \$100,000 worth of these "devices" were made for use in same manner. Mentioned Bobby Kennedy has tried to get wire tapping legalized, but was unsuccessful so told audience to "draw your own conclusion."

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The General Investigative and Crime Records Divisions alerted to possible publicity.

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

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Conrad

DATE: July 30, 1964

FROM : [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: BAPBOMB
BIRMINGHAM DIVISION

- Tolson
- Belmont
- Mohr
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Previous memoranda have reported discovery by the telephone company employees of a Microphone Surveillance (MISUR) on 7/25/64 in the Birmingham Division.

Montgomery Ala.

SAC Ingram advised at 3:56 PM, 7/30/64, that an editorial appeared today, 7/30/64, in the "Montgomery Advertiser" entitled "On The Air." The majority of the editorial was taken up by comments concerning the entire field of modern electronics in wire tapping, setting out all sorts of methods believed to be used such as infrared, closed circuit TV, miniature transmitters, etc. The editorial also quoted a recent "Time" magazine article relating to "bugging." As a part of the over-all general editorial article, there was included, according to Mr. Ingram, a reference to the fact that the newspaper, "The Advertiser," had chanced to learn of two telephone bugs recently found in Alabama. It related that telephone experts had found one of them clamped to a telephone wire in the basement of a residence. It pointed out that the installation undoubtedly was made by entering the residence by means of a key and that the bug was capable of transmitting conversations to a receiver. The manufacturer of the device was unknown. A photograph captioned "Type of Wire Tap Device Discovered in Birmingham Basement" was included with the article. This photograph was said by the SAC to be our device. However, no accusation or inference was made in the article as to the identity of persons who made the installation.

Mr. Ingram further stated that it appeared that the woman in whose home this installation was found might very possibly be an informant of state authorities in that her name was carefully omitted in the article and that the state authorities seem to be somewhat agitated about the find.

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- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Conrad

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Memorandum to Mr. Conrad
RE: BAPBOMB

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ACTION:

For information.

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Title and Character of Case

BAPBOMB

Date Property Acquired **10/4/63** Source From Which Property Acquired
THOMAS E. BLANTON, SR.
1440 Princeton Ave., S.W. Birmingham

Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit **Bulky Exhibit Cabinet** Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same
Evidence to use for future pretext

Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same

- 1. 1 5" x 3" wood nail
- 2. 1 Electrician's pliers
- 3. 1 3/4" piece of 5" pipe
- 4. 1 pair 10" pliers
- 5. 1 coil insulates wire

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SUBMITTED BY: SA [REDACTED]

Field File # **157-352-1B11**

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Date 8/1/64

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Title and Character of Case BAPBOMB

Date Property Acquired 9/17/63	Source From Which Property Acquired Alabaster Lime Co., Verlie, Alabama
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Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit Bulky Exhibit Cabinet	Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same Future comparison and evidence
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Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same

- 1 - pill box with dirt samples from area immediately adjacent to front door of 2d powderhouse
- 1 - pill box with dirt samples from pallet and floor of interior of 1st powderhouse
- 1 - Scripto ball point pen with lettering "Southern Screw Co., Statesville, N. C."
- 1 - Corbin padlock with key, from door of 2d powderhouse

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SUBMITTED BY: SA [REDACTED]

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Title and Character of Case

BAPBOMB

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Date Property Acquired
10/1/63

Source From Which Property Acquired

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Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit

Bulky Exhibit Cabinet

Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same

Evidence

Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same

1. Needle noze plyers
2. Cutting dike
3. Plyers
4. Electrical socket
5. Short piece of electrical cable
6. Dirty rag

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SUBMITTED BY: SA [REDACTED]

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Date 8/1/64

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Title and Character of Case

BAPBOMB

Date Property Acquired

10/4/63

Source From Which Property Acquired

1955 Ford Sedan owned by THOMAS E. BLANTON, SR.

Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit

Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same

Evidence

Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same

Below listed items obtained on 10/4/63 by SA [REDACTED] during consent search of property and vehicles located at 1440 Princeton Avenue, S. W., Birmingham, Alabama, the property of THOMAS E. BLANTON, SR:

1. One (1) short coil of insulated wire.
2. Five (5) three inch long nails
3. One pair 7½ inch electrician type pliers with green plastic insulated handle covers
4. One pair 10 inch pliers, brand name Barcalo, U.S.A.
5. One piece 3/4 inch pipe and elbow.

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SUBMITTED BY SA [REDACTED]

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BIRMINGHAM

Title and Character of Case

BAPBOMB

Date Property Acquired

9/16/63

Source From Which Property Acquired

Vicinity of 16th Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, A

Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit

Bulky Exhibit Cabinet

Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same

Comparison, examination and evidence

Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same

One carton containing:

Pieces of heavy gauge wire from the wire screen covering the windows of the ladies lounge

Pieces of window frame from windows in the ladies lounge

Fragments of drapery material from drapes covering the windows in the ladies lounge

Fragment of metal frame from screens covering windows in ladies lounge

Scrapings from windowsill of windows in ladies lounge

Piece of red plastic-insulated wire found on floor among debris in ladies lounge

Pieces of concrete from an Oldsmobile and Chevrolet outside of church

Piece of red plastic-insulated wire taken from a bell signal system used in the church.

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Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Holmes	_____
Gandy	_____

TO : Mr. Rosen

DATE: August 2, 1964

FROM : [REDACTED]

1 - Administrative
Division
1 - Mr. Rosen

SUBJECT: BAPBOMB

[REDACTED]

At 12:50 p.m., 8/2/64, SAC Ingram, Birmingham Office, called to request authorization for the use of two of the eight Agents assigned to the Bapbomb squad of his office, on other assignments.

He said that he wished to use one of the men, who is the only police instructor available, as a participant in law enforcement conferences to be held on the subject of civil rights, which are being held during the week of 8/2/64. He anticipated that this Agent would be utilized for four days.

He wished to utilize the additional Agent in connection with investigation at Tuscaloosa, Alabama, with regard to suits filed against approximately twenty business establishments in that city by the Department of Justice under the new Civil Rights Law. He estimated that this Agent would be needed in Tuscaloosa for two or three days.

SAC Ingram stated that the use of these men was absolutely necessary in that no other qualified personnel were available for these assignments, in view of the number of men committed to other priority assignments and the three men recently assigned to Mississippi.

SAC Ingram was given tentative approval to utilize these two men and was told that if pertinent Bureau officials felt that utilization of these men was inadvisable, he would be so advised.

The above was discussed with Assistant Director Rosen on 8/2/64 and he stated that utilization of the two Agents appeared to be warranted under the circumstances.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (157-1025)

DATE: 7/29/64

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

SUBJECT: BAPBOMB

Rerep of SA [redacted] Birmingham, dated 7/29/64.

Inquiries at Birmingham have developed the fact that a private investigator was hired by Negroes who were affected by the early bombings in Birmingham when these Negroes were gradually moving into previously all white neighborhoods. These bombings occurred principally in the Center Street, North, section. The bombings began in or around 1947 and have continued. However, there was a skip between the years 1950 and 1956. Beginning in 1956, the bombings appeared to be related to the integration problem resulting from the Supreme Court Decision of 1954.

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M.V. Burke Marshall
let Herbert J. Hiller, Aug 1 03 1964
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Inasmuch as Alabama statutes provide the death penalty for the bombing of an occupied dwelling, the Statute of Limitations on most of these bombings has not run. Any information that could be developed concerning the identity of the bombers even at that time would be of definite interest to this investigation.

It is desired that the Bureau request the Department to attempt to locate the aforementioned report and provide the Birmingham Office with a copy of same if located.

Referenced report contains a listing of those bombings which appear to have been covered in the investigation referred to, beginning on Cover Page C through Cover Page E.

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Mr. Burke Marshall
Assistant Attorney General

August 6, 1964

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Director, FBI

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EX 110

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

REC'D-READING ROOM
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Information has been received by our Birmingham Office that a group of Negroes who were moving into previously all-white neighborhoods a number of years ago in Birmingham, Alabama, and who were concerned with bombings which had occurred in Birmingham between 1947 and 1950 had hired a private investigator to look into the bombings.

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You are requested to advise whether the Department has a record of such a report being received. If the report can be located, it is requested that a copy be furnished to this Bureau for any possible assistance in connection with our current investigation of captioned matter.

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MAIL ROOM TELETYPE UNIT

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NOTE:

Our Birmingham Office in connection with the investigation of this matter developed the fact that a private investigator wrote a report concerning the bombings in the Birmingham area and that this report was turned over to the Department of Justice. It is believed important to obtain a copy of this report since information developed by the private investigator may be of assistance to Agents in the investigation of the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church and other bombings in the Birmingham area.

FBI

Date: 8/6/64

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)

To: Director, FBI (157-1025)

Att.: Civil Rights Section
General Investigative Division

From: SAC, Birmingham (157-352) (P)

Agency G-2, ONI, OSI, CRD
Date Forw. AUG 7 1964

Subject: BAPBOMB

How Forw. RIS
By C. R. [unclear]

RE; [redacted] - SUSPECT

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BOMBING MATTERS - THREATS RACIAL MATTERS

ReBuairtel 7-30-64.

Enclosed are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum, reflecting information concerning preparation and distribution of handbills by [redacted]

It is noted that referenced airtel indicated LHM should be prepared under appropriate Klan caption. Inasmuch as [redacted] is no longer associated with the Klan and Klan members approached by him refused to support this committee, it was believed that Klan caption would not be proper.

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Approved: [Signature]
Special Agent in Charge
70 AUG 15 1964

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RE: COMMITTEE TO STOP FEDERAL HARASSMENT

Inquiry disclosed that P.O. Box 3674 was rented
by THOMAS E. BLANTON, SR., 1440 Princeton Avenue, S.W.,
Birmingham, Alabama.

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This document contains neither recommendations
nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Birmingham, Alabama
August 6, 1964

*In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.*

Title	COMMITTEE TO STOP FEDERAL HARASSMENT
Character	RACIAL MATTERS
Reference	Memorandum dated 8/6/64 at Birmingham, Alabama

All sources (except any listed below) used in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office BIRMINGHAM	Office of Origin BIRMINGHAM	Date 7/29/64	Investigative Period 5/5/64 - 7/25/64
TITLE OF CASE UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, SEPTEMBER 15, 1963.		Report made by SA [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
		CHARACTER OF CASE BOMBING MATTERS	

REFERENCE: Report of SA [REDACTED] Birmingham, dated 6/11/64.

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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.

2/6/78 STAFF 17.7
for review at FBIHQ by
NSCA re 1/9/78 request.
(See Bufile #62-117290).

Approved <i>[Signature]</i>	Special Agent in Charge	Do not write in spaces below		
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cc - Criminal Division
cc - Org. Unit
8-6-64

ADMINISTRATIVE

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 which is considered pertinent is being set forth on the administrative pages of this report.

Several 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.

Considerable Agent time has been spent during reporting period conducting neighborhood surveys relative to each of the suspects. These surveys have been extensive and thorough, looking toward the identification of potential informants who can furnish information relative to the activities of these individuals as well as information that will be useful in surveillances of these persons.

Extended investigative period was necessitated by method of reporting inasmuch as some of the interviews were conducted primarily with regard to other matters. This report also contains investigation conducted by other offices not received in time for inclusion in referenced report.

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In connection with this investigation, the following list of bombings occurring in the Birmingham area dating from 1947 to the present was compiled. This list was acquired from reviewing Birmingham indices and files and newspaper accounts from the "Birmingham Post-Herald" and "The Birmingham News" morgues. This list was compiled in chronological order, listing as much factual data concerning each bombing that is available to include the names of victims, addresses, and the names of local police authorities assigned to investigate each case:

AUGUST 18, 1947:

An article in "The Birmingham News" dated 12/8/57, relating the facts of a bombing which occurred on the previous day, went into detail concerning what they termed bombing activities in Birmingham in the postwar era. The first bombing mentioned in this article occurred on 8/18/47 at the home of SAM MATTHEWS, Negro, who lived at 120 - 11th Court, North. A review of the newspaper morgues for further information concerning this bombing was nonproductive. No record or factual data concerning this bombing is present in the Birmingham files.

MARCH 25, 1949:

"The Birmingham News" of Friday, 3/25/49, contained a feature article relating the facts of a blast which occurred the previous midnight and totally destroyed three houses. These three blasts occurred about one minute apart in three separate dwelling houses, none of which were occupied at the time. These houses were located at First Street and 11th Avenue West. They were all being repaired in anticipation of future occupancy by Negroes. Two of these houses had been purchased by Bishop S. L. GREEN, Negro male, associated with Daniel Payne College. The other home had been purchased by JOHN MADISON, Negro, Apt. 10, 1412 - 5th Avenue North. Detective Captain DAN PIERCE of the Birmingham Police Department assigned three detectives to investigate this bombing. They were Detectives PAUL McMAHAN, R. R. RICHMON and J. W. HENSON.

This article also stated that on the previous Tuesday, 3/22/49, the Graymont-College Hills Civic Association had met with the City Commission to protest the selling of property to Negroes in an area that was zoned A-1 White Residential. Mr. CLARENCE E. HENDERSON, 107 - 10th Court West (since deceased),

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was the spokesman for this group before the City Commission. Mr. SAM L. CHESNUT, 124 - 10th Avenue West, also spoke before the City Commission on this date, stating that if the sale to Negroes in this area was not prevented, somebody was going to get hurt. (It is noted that SAM L. CHESNUT was a neighbor of TRENTON S. LECROY, currently involved in investigation concerning bombing activities at that time.) Mr. WALTER O. MONTEITH, 1062 Center Street, North, was interviewed and was quoted by the newspaper as saying he was feeding his baby at the time of the explosion and did not see or hear anything prior to the explosion.

August 12, 1949:

On this date, two blasts occurred on Center Street, North, damaging the homes of B. W. HENDERSON and E. B. DeYAMPERT. This information was acquired from the article in "The Birmingham News" dated 12/8/57 and also from an article in "The Birmingham News" dated 4/23/50, which relates to a bombing on that date damaging a house belonging to B. W. HENDERSON, which will be listed later in this listing. No factual newspaper account of this bombing was located, but several references are made to it in other articles.

April 13, 1950:

On Friday, 4/14/50, "The Birmingham News" carried a front page article relating the facts surrounding a series of violent blasts occurring on the previous evening at 9:00 P.M., which completely destroyed the interior and exterior of a home at 524 - 12th Terrace, North. This was a home which was under construction and nearly completed at the time of the blast. This home was being built by Negro dentist, DR. J. A. BOYKIN. Detectives assigned to investigate this case were J. W. HENSON, J. R. DAVIS, W. E. COLEMAN and CARL NEILL. Dr. J. A. BOYKIN has recently been interviewed concerning this bombing and was unable to furnish any suspects; however, Dr. BOYKIN was unable to say that he had purchased this property from the City of Birmingham and engaged in a legal battle with the Zoning Commission of Birmingham who had originally denied him a building permit. After several appearances were made before the Zoning Commission and positive proof provided to the Zoning Commission indicating that his property was situated in a Negro

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zone area, Dr. BOYKIN was granted a building permit and began construction of his home. BOYKIN could only state that the white people in that neighborhood who seemed to be the most infuriated over his building a home there were CLARENCE HENDERSON and CHARLES PIERSON, a grocer, both of whom have since died.

April 22, 1950:

On April 23, 1950, the Sunday Edition of "The Birmingham News" contained a front-page article relating facts of a dynamite explosion which had occurred on the previous evening at 1100 Center Street and extensively damaged a home belonging to B. W. HENDERSON. This article stated that this had been the second time in six months this house had been bombed. It referred to an instance occurring on October 13, 1949, in which HENDERSON had had a dynamite charge exploded in his front yard and a similar charge exploded in the front yard of the house next door. This article also stated that several months prior to the 10/13/49 dynamiting, he had discovered several sticks of dynamite in his yard with the fuses burned out, which dynamite was at that time surrendered to the Birmingham Police Department for examination. This house was occupied at the time of the bombing by a Negro woman and her five-year-old daughter who lived in a room upstairs at the rear and a Negro man named ROY TERRY, who lived downstairs at the rear. No one was injured by this explosion. This article also related that the Rev. MILTON CURRY, who had previously rented living quarters from HENDERSON in this house, had been personally requested by EUGENE "BULL" CONNOR and J. W. MORGAN (City Commissioners at that time) to move out of the house, but he declined on the grounds that he had paid his rent in good faith.

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December 21, 1950:

There have been several references made in newspaper accounts of other bombings to a bombing allegedly occurring on this date at the home of a man named MONK at 950 Center Street, North. These articles relate that Mr. and Mrs. MONK had previously filed a zoning suit against the City of Birmingham. It should be noted that no individual account of this bombing was found in either the Birmingham Office files or the morgues of the Birmingham newspapers.

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December 25, 1956:

On December 26, 1956, the front page of "The Birmingham News" carried a feature article relating the facts of a bombing which shattered the home of the Rev. FRED SHUTTLESWORTH, 3191 - 29th Avenue, North, on the previous evening. This bombing occurred at approximately 10:00 P.M. and there was estimated to be at least six sticks of dynamite placed alongside the house. Rev. SHUTTLESWORTH and another man were present in the home at the time of the bombing and, as was stated in the newspaper, miraculously escaped injury. There was an attempt on the part of a crowd of Negroes to prevent police officers W. E. HOWSE and C. L. CRUTCHFIELD from entering the house immediately after the bombing; however, Rev. SHUTTLESWORTH shortly thereafter crawled from the wreckage and announced that he was not hurt and the police were permitted to conduct their investigation. This case was assigned to Detective C. B. GOLDEN of the Birmingham Police Department. Neighbors interviewed at the scene identified a black sedan and a red pickup truck as being two vehicles in the neighborhood prior to the bombing, which appeared suspicious. It should be noted that the newspaper on this date and on the date immediately preceding this bombing contained articles concerning the efforts of Rev. SHUTTLESWORTH and other Negroes to ride the city buses while ignoring the existing segregation laws on public transportation.

December 31, 1956:

Newspaper articles written concerning other bombings have made reference to a bombing occurring this date at the home of OTIS FLOWERS, 5713 - 3rd Avenue, North. No individual newspaper accounts or references concerning this bombing were found.


April 10, 1957:

Newspaper articles concerning other bombings have made reference to bomb explosions on this date which damaged Negro houses at 1135 and 1143 - 12th Place, North. No individual accounts of these bombings were found in the Birmingham files or the morgues of the Birmingham newspapers.

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April 28, 1957:

"The Birmingham News" of April 29, 1957, carried a front-page feature article relating to two bombings which occurred the previous Sunday night in Bessemer, Alabama. The first blast occurred at the Allen Temple AME Church at 9th Avenue and 22nd Street in Bessemer at approximately 7:53 P.M. At the time of this bombing, a meeting of the Alabama Association For Advancement of Human Rights was being conducted inside the church. The second bombing occurred at the home of ASBURY HOWARD, 1930 Exeter Avenue, Bessemer, Alabama. HOWARD was the Vice President of United Mine Workers and Smelters Union and President of the Negro Bessemer Voters League. This case was assigned to Detectives LAWTON GRIMES and ANDY EUBANKS. The only clue available to the police after the bombing was two sticks of dynamite found by C. E. PAYNE, 3522 Jefferson Avenue, S.W., and W. D. WATSON, 5104 - 17th Avenue North, at the Powderly City dump on the previous afternoon. Police authorities were quoted by the newspaper as stating they believed the bombs were made there.

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July 26, 1957:

"The Birmingham News" of July 26, 1957, carried a feature article which related the facts of a fire bombing at the home of a Negro, GEORGE JOHNSON, 1411 - 8th Avenue South, which occurred on the previous evening. Witnesses at the scene of this bombing stated they saw three or four white males in a gray 1950 Pontiac pull up in front of the house and throw what appeared to be two one-quart bottles of liquid with burning fuses stuffed in the neck of the bottles onto the

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porch of the house. The driver of this vehicle was described by witnesses as a white male, approximate age 23, 5'10" tall, weighing 170 lbs., wearing a light-colored sport shirt. The investigation of this case was assigned to Lt. A. H. GILCHRIST and Sgt. M. E. GILES. Police investigation, according to the newspaper article, revealed that two bottles of gasoline were thrown, one of which went off when it struck the porch and set the porch on fire. The occupants of the house and neighbors were able to contain the fire before it damaged anything except the front porch.

October 19, 1957:

"The Birmingham News" on October 21, 1957, carried a feature article on the front page relating the facts of a blast which badly damaged a house at 1149 - 12th Place North. This house was damaged by several sticks of dynamite which were tossed into the basement on the previous Saturday night. Detective E. L. PARKER while investigating this dynamiting found a full stick of dynamite unexploded in the basement. This house was unoccupied but had been recently purchased by Mrs. CLEO PRINCE, Negro female, who had planned to move in the following Thursday. Mrs. PRINCE was interviewed by the newspaper and stated that during the previous week while she was cleaning the front yard, an unknown white male stopped by and told her they did not want any undesirable people living in the neighborhood. Mrs. PRINCE stated that other than this incident she could furnish no suspects for the bombing.

November 1, 1957:

"The Birmingham Post-Herald" on Saturday, November 2, 1957, contained a feature article relating the facts concerning a bombing which occurred the previous evening at the home of DAVID H. HOOD, JR., Bessemer, Alabama. HOOD, an attorney, was sleeping in his livingroom at 1:30 P.M. when a bomb exploded on the terrace next to his house. HOOD stated he had a rifle in his hand while he slept, as was his custom. It should be noted that Attorney HOOD is a Negro lawyer who had previously represented a group of Negroes attempting to set aside segregation laws in Bessemer, Alabama, and had been arrested by the Bessemer Police Department during the previous month of October, 1957, and charged with carrying a concealed weapon. HOOD was quoted

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as stating he had a permit to carry a gun for seven years but had recently been refused a permit. He was fined \$50.00 and costs and sentenced to ninety days in jail. The article also noted that HOOD had previously defended a Negro named CALIPH WASHINGTON, who was found guilty of murdering JAMES CLARK, a Lipscomb, Alabama, police officer. [REDACTED] k2.

Another article appearing in the same newspaper related the story of a house at 1149 - 12th Place, North, which had caught fire and burned the night before. Fire Marshal A. ROSENFELD was quoted as saying it was definitely an act of arson.

December 7, 1957:

"The Birmingham Post-Herald" on December 7, 1956, carried a feature article which related the facts concerning a bombing of a Fountain Heights home at 1216 - 13th Street, North, which occurred shortly after midnight on this date. This house was vacant at the time. One explosion occurred in the front and one in the rear. This house, which was originally owned by whites, had been sold to the Tucker Real Estate Company, which in turn had recently sold it to a Negro, ROBERT GREER, who had been denied in his attempt to move in on the previous Thursday by the Building Inspector.

May 12, 1958:

"The Birmingham News" on this date relates the facts of a dynamite blast which shattered the windows in the home of DORA MAULDIN, 2420 Clarendon Avenue, Bessemer, Alabama. MAULDIN and her seven children were sleeping in the house at the time but were uninjured.

July 18, 1958:

"The Birmingham Post-Herald" on this date carried an article relating the facts of a bombing which occurred at the home of Mr. WILLIAM BLACKWELL, 1104 - 12th Avenue North. It should be noted that this is the bombing for which convictions were obtained against HERBERT EUGENE WILCUTT. Investigation concerning this bombing has previously been conducted by the Birmingham Office.

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INFORMANTS

In addition to facts relating directly to BAPBOMB, considerable information furnished by informants deals with the suspects in this case in their Klan activities and their association with each other. Inasmuch as the inner workings of the Klan and the personal lives and characteristics of the suspects are significant to this investigation, the inclusion of some of this information on a selected basis is deemed advisable.

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On May 25, 1964, the morgue of "The Birmingham News" was checked and a copy of the newspaper for April 23, 1950, was noted to carry an article on the front page relating the facts of a bombing which had occurred the previous evening. These facts were that a private dwelling located at 1100 Center Street, Birmingham, was partially destroyed by what was believed to be a dynamite blast on the previous evening. The house was owned by a Negro contractor named B. W. HENDERSON and occupied by ROY TERRY, a thirty-two year old Negro who lived downstairs, and DOROTHY KINDRED, a Negro female who occupied the upstairs with her two year old child. The newspaper account stated this bombing apparently resulted from a zoning dispute being carried on in that area for a number of months and was the latest of a series of bombings which had occurred in that neighborhood.

The following investigation has been conducted to identify and obtain background information on the following possible suspects in this bombing prior to conducting actual interviews:

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-352(P))
SUBJECT: BAPBOMB
RE: ROBERT E. CHAMBLISS - SUSPECT

[REDACTED]

Investigation has been completed relative to the background of the individuals involved, after having established their identities. It is believed logical that interviews of these individuals should be conducted as nearly simultaneously as possible; however, it is believed that discreet interview of [REDACTED] at Mobile, Alabama, is indicated at this time in order to get verification of [REDACTED] story. It is

- 3 - Bureau (AM)
- 2 - Mobile (157-416)(AM)
- 2 - Birmingham

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Inasmuch as there are numerous ramifications involved in the investigation to date concerning this phase of the investigation, it is believed logical that an agent familiar with the facts should conduct the interview with

[REDACTED]

Inasmuch as SA [REDACTED] has conducted this investigation, it is requested that he be allowed to proceed to Mobile and, with a Mobile Agent, interview [REDACTED] as indicated above.

UACB by 8/14/64, a date and place of interview will be decided upon by the Birmingham and Mobile Offices.

In anticipation of this interview, the Mobile Office is requested to discreetly determine if [REDACTED] will be on duty and available for interview during the week of 8/16-22/64. Suairtel.

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TO SAC BIRMINGHAM (157-352)

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FROM DIRECTOR FBI (157-1025) - 1084

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TWELVE INSTANT.

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EXTREMELY CAUTIOUS IN REACTIVATING [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BIRMINGHAM MAKE

CERTAIN THAT MAXIMUM SECURITY CAN BE MAINTAINED WITH

RESPECT TO REACTIVATING THE ABOVE MISURS.

VIA TELETYPE

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7:30 P.M. LLD

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NOTE: Monitoring of microphones installations at the residences of
[REDACTED] two prime suspects in
this case.

[REDACTED] Referenced Buairtel
authorized Birmingham to reactivate the two installations which had been
removed provided maximum security could be maintained.

- Tolson _____
- Belmont _____
- Mohr _____
- Casper _____
- Callahan _____
- Conrad _____
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6 AUG 17 1964

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

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BUREAU AUTHORITY IS WITHDRAWN TO REACTIVATE [REDACTED]

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NOTE:

Microphone installation at the residence of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

monitoring of those misurs were discontinued temporarily. By airtel 8-12-64 Birmingham was authorized to reactivate the misurs at the residences of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] it is believed advisable not to reactivate the installation at the residence of [REDACTED]

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- Belmont _____
- Mohr _____
- Casper _____
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- Conrad _____
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TO SAC BIRMINGHAM (157-352)
FROM DIRECTOR FBI (157-1025)

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SUTEL BASIS FOR [REDACTED] EXPRESSION OF CONCERN OVER
POSSIBLE DANGER TO HIMSELF AND FAMILY.

INFORMATION INDICATING THAT ANY INDIVIDUALS HAVE THREATENED
OR CONTEMPLATE HARM TO [REDACTED] OR HIS FAMILY SHOULD BE FURNISHED
TO APPROPRIATE LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

NOTE:

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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Casper	_____
Callahan	_____
Conrad	_____
DeLoach	_____
Evans	_____
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Rosen	_____
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Holmes	_____
Gandy	_____

TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: August 14, 1964

FROM : A. Rosen

JUNE

1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Rosen

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

At 2:25 a.m., 8-14-64, ASAC Jensen, Birmingham,
called to advise that

[REDACTED]

An FBI microphone installation at the residence of
[REDACTED] a suspect in this case, was discovered by a
telephone repairman on 7-25-64. Because of the discovery of
the installation at the residence of [REDACTED] jumpers were removed
from FBI microphone installations at the residences of
[REDACTED] both of whom
are prime suspects in this case. The jumpers were removed and
monitoring was temporarily discontinued on 7-25-64 for security
reasons because of the discovery of the installation at the
residence of [REDACTED]

It was planned to reactivate monitoring the microphone
installations at the residences of [REDACTED] in the
near future provided security could be maintained. Therefore,
no effort was made to remove the actual installations.

[REDACTED]

ASAC Jensen stated indications are that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Jensen advised
as far as he knows there is no way the device can be traced.

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A. Rosen to Belmont Memorandum
RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET
BAPTIST CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM,
ALABAMA, SEPTEMBER 15, 1963

ACTION:

Birmingham being instructed not to reactivate
monitoring the microphone installation at the residence of
[REDACTED] at the present time because of the
apparent lack of security.

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Rosen

8-12-64

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JUNE

To: SAC, Birmingham (157-382-87-2)

From: Director, FBI (157-1025) 1094

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Provided maximum security can be maintained, Birmingham is authorized to reactivate [redacted] and [redacted] immediately.

[redacted]

NOTE:

See memorandum A. Rosen to Mr. Belmont captioned, "Unknown Subject; Bombing of 16th Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama, September 15, 1963, Bombing Matters," dated 8-11-64, prepared by CAP:fas.

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- Belmont _____
- Mohr _____
- Casper _____
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Subject JUNE MAIL Bap Bomb

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

"JUNE"

Re Birmingham airtels to Bureau dated 7/28/64, 7/30/64, 7/31/64, and Bureau telephone calls July 25, 27, 29 and 30, 1964.

Birmingham airtel dated 7/28/64 advised that in addition to removing [redacted] on [redacted] it was deemed advisable in the interest of security to remove the [redacted] and discontinue monitoring [redacted] and [redacted] as of 7/25/64.

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It is now deemed logical to again reconnect the [redacted] and UACB by 8/14/64, [redacted] and [redacted] will be reactivated on 8/17/64. If for any reason it is deemed advisable not to reactivate these misurs prior to reactivation date, as above, the Bureau will be immediately advised.

3 - Bureau (AM - RM)
2 - Birmingham

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Special Agent in Charge

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Subject JUNE MAIL Bap bomb

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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Belmont	_____
Mohr	_____
Casper	_____
Callahan	_____
Conrad	_____
DeLoach	_____
Evans	_____
Gale	_____
Rosen	_____
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Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Holmes	_____
Gandy	_____

TO : Mr. Belmont *Wob*

DATE: August 12, 1964

FROM : A. Rosen *R*

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
BOMBING OF 16TH STREET
BAPTIST CHURCH,
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA
SEPTEMBER 15, 1963
BOMBING MATTERS

1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Rosen

BAPTIST

[REDACTED]

AS a result, two other microphone installations on suspects in this case were discontinued for security reasons. Birmingham now believes it will be logical and secure to reactivate the two installations which were previously discontinued for security reasons.

[REDACTED]

two other microphone installations in use in this case which were being monitored through the same plant were discontinued for security reasons. These installations were in the residences of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] both of whom are prime suspects in this case.

ALA

By airtel dated 8-7-64 received in the Civil Rights Section 8-10-64, Birmingham advised that they deem it logical to reactivate the microphone installations at the residences of [REDACTED]. Birmingham indicated that unless advised to the contrary by 8-14-64, those installations would be reactivated on 8-17-64.

Enclosure

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S-10. MAIL ROOM

A. Rosen to Belmont Memorandum
RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
BOMBING OF 16TH STREET
BAPTIST CHURCH,
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA
SEPTEMBER 15, 1963

ACTION:

In view of the importance of this matter and since Birmingham believes it is logical to reactivate the installations, it is recommended that they be permitted to do so. Attached for approval is an airtel to Birmingham authorizing them to reactivate the installations immediately.

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- Tele. Room _____
- Holmes _____
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TO : Mr. McGowan *[Signature]*

DATE: August 24, 1964

FROM : A. Rosen *[Signature]*

1 - Mr. Rosen

SUBJECT: BAPBOMB

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[Redacted]

ASAC Jensen, Birmingham, advised that through our source they have learned that

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[Redacted]

Jensen wanted to consider the use of a tesur and, under the circumstances, it was agreed that we ought not to risk this in view of the difficulty which we have had in the recent past on such matters in Alabama. They are giving this matter as close coverage as they can under the circumstances.

This is for your information and if anything develops we should watch it most closely.

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8-25-64

1- Mr. [REDACTED]

Airtel

To: SAC, Birmingham (157-352)

From: Director, FBI (157-1025)

BAPBOMB

ReBhtel 8-24-64.

[REDACTED]

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NOTE: Birmingham in the daily teletype summary 8-24-64, indicated information furnished by informant shows suspect Chambliss [REDACTED] Birmingham has established physical surveillance on Chambliss with a view to identifying this individual as a possible means of obtaining additional information leading to involving Chambliss in the Birmingham bombings. [REDACTED] it appears the same investigative technique may be indicated in [REDACTED] case.

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BASED ON ABOVE INFORMATION, FISURS HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED ON
CHAMBLISS AFTER WORK HOURS UNTIL HE RETIRES FOR THE NIGHT AND WILL
BE CONTINUED AS LONG AS DEEMED ADVISABLE.

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Date: 8/14/64

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

"JUNE"

Re Birmingham airtel dated 8/7/64 and Bureau airtel dated 8/12/64.

In view of recent evidence reported to the Bureau in telephone calls of 8/14/64 involving [redacted] it is not deemed advisable to reactivate [redacted] at this time and UACB, the matter will be deferred until a later date.

When it is believed that maximum security can be maintained relative to [redacted] the Bureau will be advised and a request made to reactivate that informant.

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2 - Birmingham

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Subject JUNE MAIL Baybambi

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Date: 7-30-64

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Evans	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
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Miss Gandy	_____


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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
 FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-352-SF2)
 RE: BAPBOMB JUNE

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 Birmingham, Ala

Re Birmingham telephone calls to Bureau 7-25, 27, 29 and 30, 1964, regarding captioned informant.


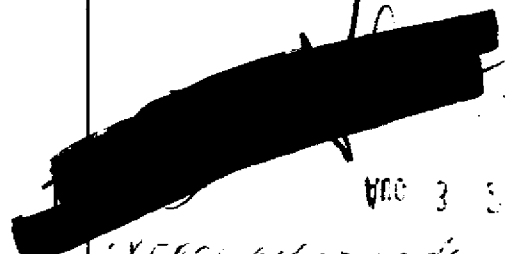
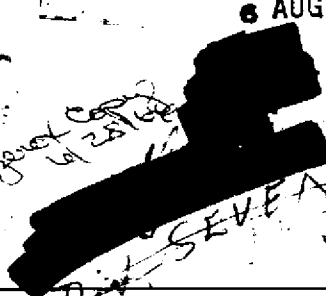

In Birmingham telephone call 7-30-64  was advised of an editorial which appeared in the "Montgomery Advertiser" of 7-30-64 containing information pertinent to this matter.

Enclosed are three copies of this editorial for the Bureau's information.

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Memo to W.C. Conrad 7/30/64

E. D. WICKY





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Special Agent in Charge
K. C. ...
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...chanced this week to learn of two telephone bugs. The accompanying photo is a transistor-type bug wired on the phone of a Birmingham citizen. Apparently one of the relays failed and the citizen could hear other voices feeding into his phone.

Telephone company experts found that someone had entered the basement of the home with a key, concealed the bug behind a rafter and clamped it onto the telephone wire.

The article is one of the capabilities of the bug. Apparently it is capable of relaying conversations to be picked up on a receiver in a nearby automobile or room.

No manufacturer's name appears on the bugs and they are often tailor-made. The device cost perhaps \$150 to \$200. It is not known who was wiring this man.

Somewhat more jarring was the information from an official source that a tap similar to the one in the photo was discovered inside the office phone of the civil rights leader of the Alabama Public Service Commission.

It was smaller and probably more sensitive than the one in the photo and was discovered by a search about a month ago after the tap was connected to the phone company that the dial tone continued after the dialing.

...means that a short time ago when a... was a... undertaking beyond the capabilities of ordinary agencies. But that time long past and beginning is widely practiced throughout the country.

...investigation by Time magazine

...the estimate that the federal government alone buys \$20,000,000 worth of bugs a year. Private detectives conduct the taps on the husbands of tall girls as they listen.

The manufacturing centers for these instruments are California and Miami. Some bugs don't even have to be attached to the phone wire and can be as small as a sugar lump. The only limitation on their size is enough battery power and it is speculated that nuclear energy sources will provide more miniaturization.

...Espionage" was reported, the so-called... in all chemical and biological... that many California... begin to target a visitor so... Michigan... Miami... of... that...

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

THE MONTGOMERY ADVERTIZER

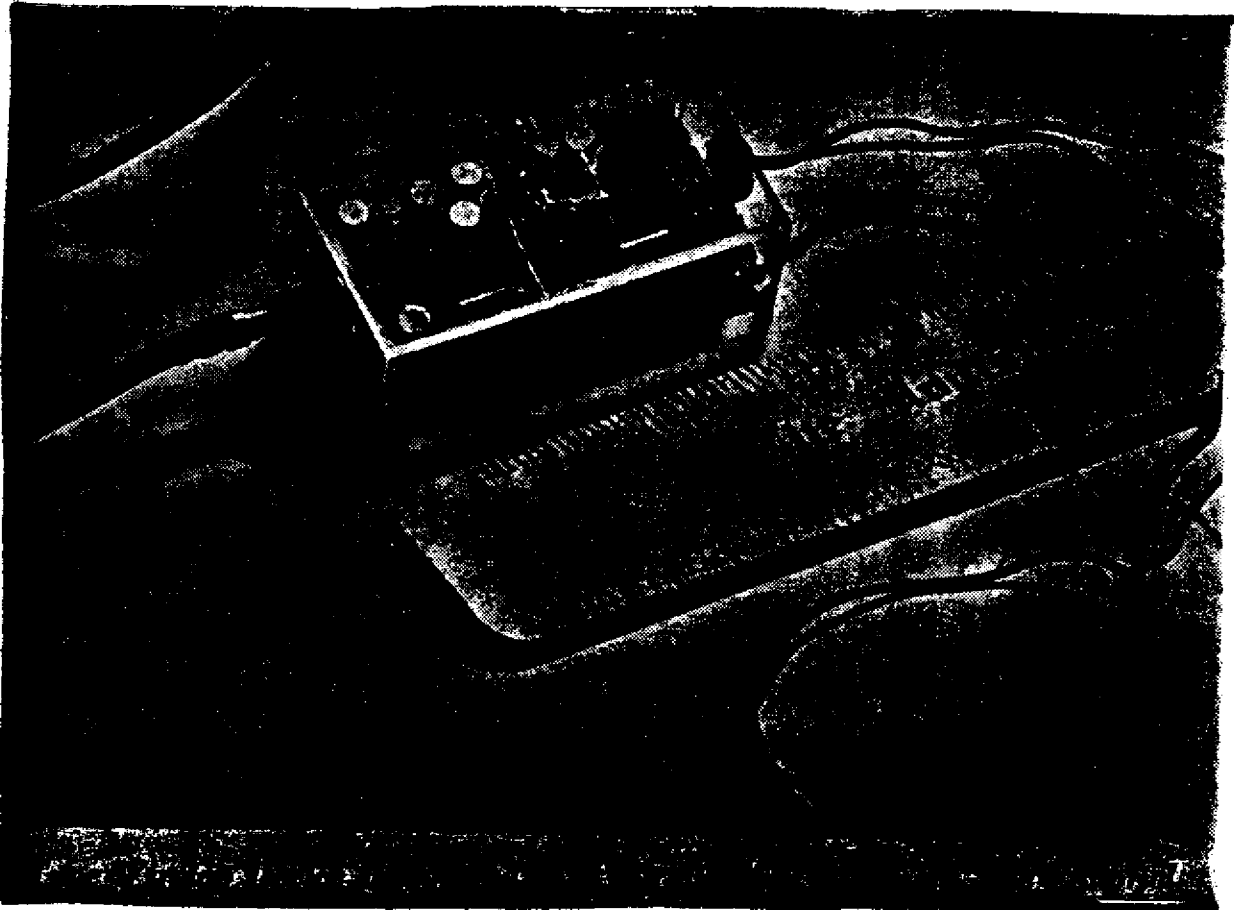
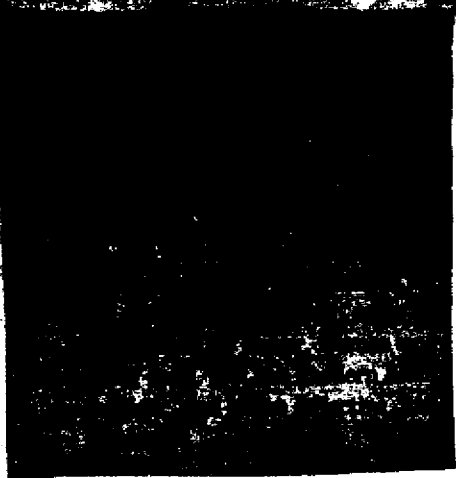
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Date: 7-30-64
Edition: MORNING
Author:
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-352-SF2)
RE: BAPBOMB

JUNE

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Birmingham, Ala

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Re telephone conversation with Bureau Supervisor [Redacted] Electronics Section, 7/25/64, re captioned matter.

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In view of the aforementioned events relating to [Redacted] it was deemed advisable, in the interest of security, to remove the [Redacted] and discontinue monitoring of [Redacted] and [Redacted] as of 6:00 P.M., 7/25/64.

After a few days cooling off period, a re-evaluation will be made as to whether to reactivate the [Redacted] and [Redacted] with appropriate security.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)

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

SUBJECT: BAPBOMB

"JUNE"

b7c [redacted] - SUSPECT

Re Telephone Conversation between Section Chief [redacted] Civil Rights Division, and ASAC ROBERT G. JENSEN, Birmingham, on 7/1/64.

b2 Misur installation effected 7/23/64 at 6:00 P.M. and assigned Symbol [redacted]

Trespass was involved inasmuch as it was necessary to physically enter residence of [redacted] in order to effect the misur coverage.

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[redacted]

9-28-64

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July 28, 1964

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1 - [REDACTED]
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To: SAC, Birmingham (157-352-67-2)

From: Director, FBI (157-1025)

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JUNE

RAPBOMB

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Reurairtel 7/24/64 advising of misur installation of [REDACTED]

For record purposes, furnish location of the plant. In addition, advise new plant locations for misurs on [REDACTED] and Eastview Klavern Hall.

[REDACTED] (b) 67c

- Tolson _____
- Belmont _____
- Mohr _____
- Casper _____
- Callahan _____
- Conrad _____
- DeLoach _____
- Evans _____
- Gale _____
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- Sullivan _____
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Subject JUNE MAIL *Baptomb*

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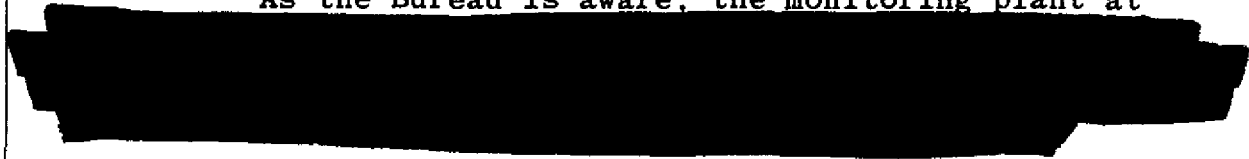
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(Priority or Method of Mailing)

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

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RE: ROBERT E. CHAMBLISS, SUSPECT

As the Bureau is aware, the monitoring plant at



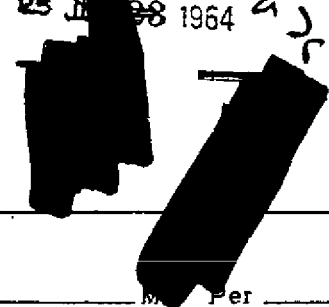
It is my considered opinion that further use of this particular site to monitor this misur is not advisable and UACB by 7/30/64, rental agent will be given thirty days notice as of 8/1/64. Frequent checks are being made in the neighborhood to locate another monitoring site which will offer more security, and should such be located the Bureau will be immediately advised and request made that monitoring of this misur be reinstated. In the meantime, spot checks with mobile monitoring equipment will be made on a periodic basis to determine whether or not the installation is still operable.

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Subject JUNE MAIL *Baptist*

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Date: 7/31/64

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

ReBuairtel, 7/28/64.

The following information is furnished in response to the Bureau's request:

The location of the _____ plant is _____

The plant location on the _____

The Eastview Klavern #13 installation is monitored from 5528 1/2 1st Avenue, North, a two-story office building.

For the further information of the Bureau, the monitoring site on the _____ installation is at _____

The monitoring location for the ROBERT E. CHAMBLISS installation, which has been discontinued and 30-day notice has been given that we intend to give up this location, is at _____ The property at this place will be removed before 8/30/64.

We are also giving notice on the _____ plant site, to be vacated by 8/30/64.

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Subject JUNE MAIL Bap bomb

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

As the Bureau is aware, this office is operating misur installations, installed in the residences of [redacted] ROBERT E. CHAMBLISS, [redacted] and expect to have in operation within the next few days a similar installation in the residence of [redacted] all suspects in BAPBOMB. Each of these individuals works a regular shift and experience shows there is activity that warrants coverage only when the suspect is at home during the waking hours, generally from about 5:00 P.M. until he retires. Inasmuch as this varies to some degree, it has been concluded that an eight hour shift from 4:00 P.M. to 12:00 Midnight each day covers the suspect on the work week day. On weekends, two 8-hour shifts are utilized, from 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. and 4:00 P.M to 12:00 midnight.

The Bureau is further aware of the inability to secure a centralized plant either in the office or some selected location by use of telephone company lines due to the number of persons sympathetic to the "hate" groups employed at the Telephone Company, reducing the possibility of their having security in an operation of this type. It was, therefore, necessary to establish individual monitoring points for each misur. It is noted these monitoring points, of necessity, are in close proximity to the misur itself due to the equipment used, i.e., radio transmitters and the BAT.

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6th SEP 1 1964 Special Agent in Charge

In order to conserve manpower, the monitoring points have not been operated on a 24-hour day; therefore, it is necessary to either remove all technical equipment after each shift or secure the equipment within the monitoring location. Inasmuch as the monitoring points are in residential areas, any unusual activity that varies from the normal behavior of the residents of the area creates suspicion among the residents. It is believed that the moving in and out of the amount of equipment necessary to properly monitor the installations definitely will arouse suspicion and create a security problem. Furthermore, the constant handling of this equipment is detrimental to its effective operation. The alternative, then, is to leave the equipment within the monitoring site. In order to make this equipment secure, the following has been done in each instance where the installation is in operation:

- (1) All locks on outside doors have been changed.
- (2) All windows have been properly secured and locked.
- (3) A lock has been placed on the door leading into the room wherein the equipment is located.
- (4) A steel cabinet, 18" deep, 36" wide and 42" high, having adjustable shelves with a lock in the handle, was purchased for the storage of this equipment. This cabinet has either been bolted to the wall or to the floor so as to prevent it from being moved from the premises. A hasp and good grade lock has been utilized on the doors of the cabinet in addition to the lock in the handle to afford additional security. It would, therefore, be necessary to have a combination of four keys in order to get to the equipment.
- (5) Particular precaution is being taken to be assured that none of the equipment or any written material would identify the monitoring installation with the FBI.

(6) After each tour of duty, all equipment is turned off through one centralized switch and the power cord furnishing power to the equipment is removed from the wall and placed inside the locked cabinet, thereby preventing any possibility of associating the cabinet with electrical equipment, or the possibility of creating trouble on the telephone line or associated equipment.

(7) The furnishings in the installations have been selected to blend in with the cover story of the Agents monitoring and with the neighborhood, with the cover stories suited to the schedules of the Agents.

(8) Venetian blinds and/or shades have been placed on all windows to afford security of movement and to prevent anyone from looking in from the outside and viewing the equipment or occupants.

where?
The neighborhoods in which these installations are located vary from metropolitan areas in that the people residing there are generally long-time residents and many of them are well acquainted, which heightens the security problem. Generally, these people are friendly and curious and want to know their neighbors. For this reason, it is believed mandatory that every precaution be made to maintain the security of the installation, and it is believed that the leaving of the Bureau equipment under the above conditions is essential for that purpose. This practice will be continued, UACB, in these and other installations anticipated.

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Date 12/1/78

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-352-SF-2) (P) "JUNE"
SUBJECT: BAPBOMB
RE: [REDACTED] SUSPECT

As the Bureau is aware, a misur is in operation at the home of [REDACTED]. A review of the logs reflecting the activities in the [REDACTED] residence indicates that numerous telephone calls are made and received at that residence by [REDACTED].

In view of this, it is believed that a tesur would prove productive on [REDACTED]. It is noted that the installation of the misur, a Bat unit, utilizes the telephone line of [REDACTED] and the installation of this tesur would not entail reentry into the [REDACTED] residence. There is a monitoring plant already established that could be utilized in covering the tesur, as well as the misur, without requiring any additional personnel.

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RE: BAPBOMB



RE: WIRETAPPING

Re my telephone call, Bureau telephone call, and Birmingham teletype to Bureau, all of 8/16/64.

Enclosed herewith are two copies each of four separate clippings which appeared in Birmingham newspapers from 8/15-16/64 captioned as follows: "Home Here Wiretapped," "Lingo Sees Arrest Soon in Wiretaps," "Wiretappers Busy, Wallace Tells Center Point Audience," and "Tiny, Sensitive 'Bugs' Make Treasured Privacy Extinct."

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Wiretappers busy, Wallace tells Center Point audience

BY JOE CAMPBELL
News staff writer

Gov. George C. Wallace told a crowd estimated at 7,000 in Center Point Saturday night that "there's no telling how many telephones have been tapped in Jefferson County and elsewhere in Alabama."

He said State Public Safety Director Al Lingo informed him just before his speech that four telephones had been found tapped thus far in Jefferson County.

Without indicating who the wiretappers might be, Wallace said "We know the Justice Department spends \$20 million a year on wire-tapping equipment."

WALLACE, WHO said the state is not tapping telephones, declared, "We believe people ought to have the right of privacy protected."

Wallace's speech climaxed the three-day "Center Point Days" trade promotion sponsored by Center Point Chamber of Commerce.

He crowned the winner of the "Miss Center Point" title, Pam Torck, 14, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Torck. Winner of second place in the contest was Pat Hubbard. Geneva Linger placed third.

Wallace told the enthusiastic gathering, "There will be a junior college in your area by September of next year."

He said he will attempt to get the special session of the Legislature to appropriate more funds for the junior college so as to build a school twice the size as originally planned.

Wallace said the larger school

would be needed because a large enrollment is anticipated.

Touching on his presidential primary campaigns in Wisconsin, Indiana and Maryland, Wallace said people throughout the nation are beginning to awaken to the trends which are taking away individual rights.

"In your lifetime," he said,

"there has never been a national convention, by either party, which has been concerned about the South."

BUT, HE SAID, "they know now that the way the people of the South vote in this election will determine who the President will be."

Attacking the Civil Rights Act, Wallace said the measure

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has taken over every city, state and county government in the nation, labor unions and businesses.

Wallace said his reply to liberals who say "If you are

not going to conform you will not get industry" is that last year Alabama gained \$344 million in new and expanded industry and is still gaining it this year.

The governor said he had talked with 100 top industrial leaders throughout the nation. "Not one of them said he was in favor of the civil rights bill," he declared.

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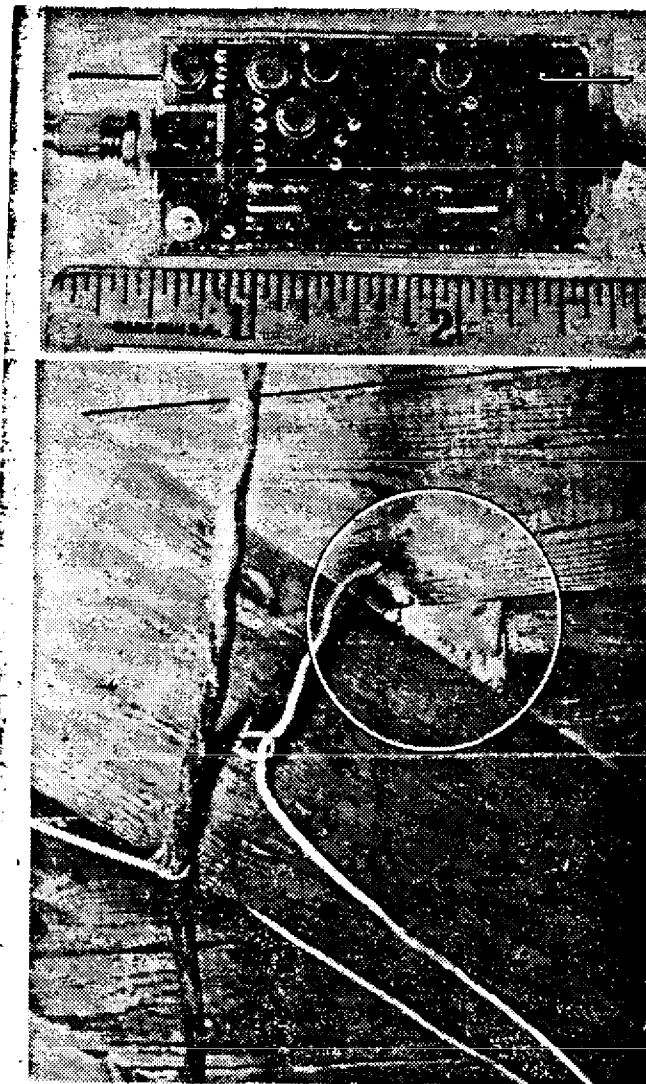
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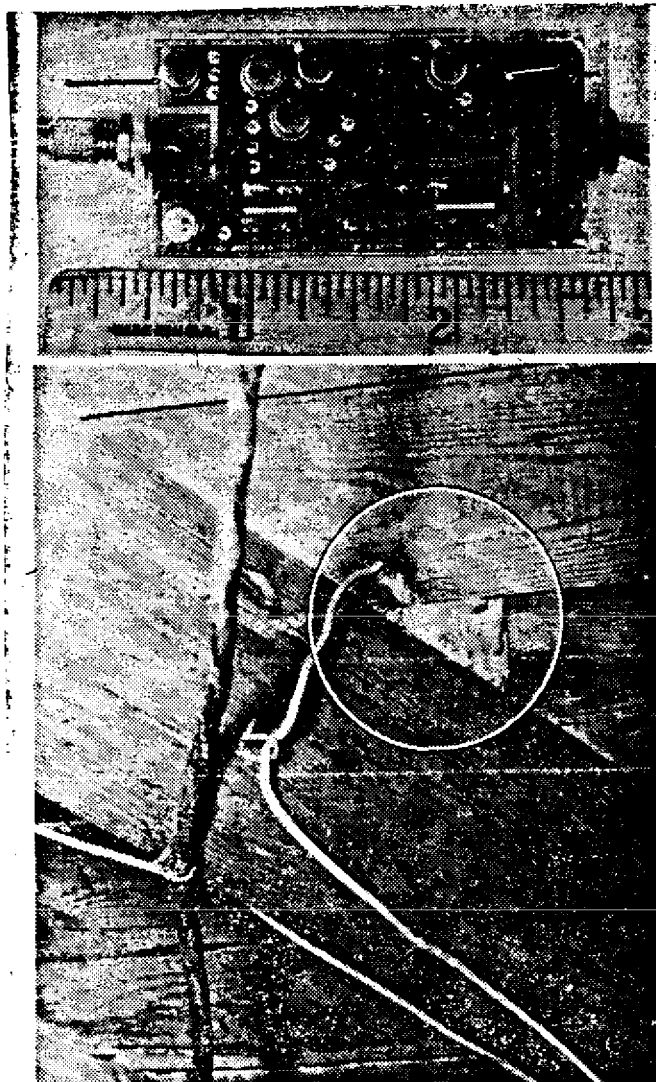
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[REDACTED] are prime suspects in this case. Monitoring of microphone installations at the residence of two other suspects in this case was discontinued for security reasons. There are no FBI microphone installations operational in the Birmingham area at the present time. The reason for the discovery of the microphone by [REDACTED] was probably the discovery of a similar device by [REDACTED].

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TO DIRECTOR (157-1025) (ATTENTION CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION AND CRIME
RECORDS DIVISION)

FROM BIRMINGHAM (157-352) 2P

BAPBOMB.

REMY TELEPHONE CALL AND BUREAU TELEPHONE CALL AUGUST SIXTEEN,
SIXTYFOUR.

FOUR ARTICLES SUMMARIZED BELOW APPEARED IN BIRMINGHAM NEWSPAPERS
FROM AUG. FIFTEEN - SIXTEEN, SIXTYFOUR ON SUBJECT WIRE TAPPING.

ON AUG. FIFTEEN, LAST ARTICLE CAPTIONED "HOME HERE WIRE TAPPED"
APPEARED IN BIRMINGHAM POST-HERALD REFLECTING STATE TROOPERS UNDER
AUTHORITY OF PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR, STATE OF ALABAMA, ALBERT J.
LINGO HAD FOUND WIRE TAPPING DEVICE ATTACHED TO TELEPHONE LINES
HOME OF BIRMINGHAM CITIZEN, SUPPOSEDLY THIRD SUCH DEVICE UNCOVERED IN
ALABAMA DURING TWO MONTH PERIOD. ACCORDING TO ARTICLE LINGO SAID STATE
TROOPERS ARE NEAR SEIZING A SUSPECT.

ON AUGUST SIXTEEN, INSTANT ARTICLE CAPTIONED "WIRE TAPPERS BUSY,
WALLACE TELLS CENTER POINT AUDIENCE" APPEARED IN THE BIRMINGHAM
NEWS REFLECTING GOVERNOR GEORGE C. WALLACE ON AUG. FIFTEEN, LAST
INFORMED A BIRMINGHAM AUDIENCE "THERE'S NO TELLING HOW MANY TELEPHONES
HAVE BEEN TAPPED IN JEFFERSON COUNTY AND ELSEWHERE IN ALABAMA".
ACCORDING TO ARTICLE WALLACE SAID THE STATE WAS NOT TAPPING TELEPHONES

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MR. BELMONT FOR THE DIRECTOR

- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. DeLoach _____
- Mr. Mohr _____
- Mr. Casper _____
- Mr. Callahan _____
- Mr. Belmont _____
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BUT THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT SPENDS TWENTY MILLION DOLLARS A YEAR ON WIRE TAPPING EQUIPMENT.

ON AUGUST SIXTEEN, INSTANT ARTICLE CAPTIONED "LINGO SEES ARREST SOON IN WIRE TAP" APPEARED IN THE BIRMINGHAM NEWS REFLECTING LINGO EXPECTED TO MAKE AN EARLY ARREST IN WIRE TAPPING INVESTIGATION ALTHOUGH HE DECLINED TO ELABORATE SAYING THEY "HAVE A PRIME SUSPECT AND ALMOST ENOUGH EVIDENCE TO MAKE AN ARREST".

ON AUGUST SIXTEEN, INSTANT AN ARTICLE CAPTIONED ~~QUOTE~~ "TINY SENSITIVE 'BUGS' MAKE TREASURED PRIVACY EXTINGUISHED" ~~UNQUOTE~~ APPEARED IN THE BIRMINGHAM NEWS REFLECTING THREE ELECTRONIC DEVICES FOR MONITORING TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS HAD BEEN FOUND IN ALABAMA DURING PAST MONTH. ACCORDING TO LINGO DEVICE WAS LOCATED IN BIRMINGHAM RESIDENCE ON AUGUST THIRTEEN, LAST, ANOTHER THREE WEEKS EARLIER HAD BEEN LOCATED IN A BIRMINGHAM RESIDENCE AND STILL ANOTHER HAD BEEN LOCATED ATTACHED TO TELEPHONE OF MISS SYBIL POOLE, MEMBER OF ALABAMA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION AT MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA. LINGO STATED TRACING DEVICES LOCATED WAS ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE AS THE EQUIPMENT BORE NO MANUFACTURERS LABEL AND A FEW SUCH DEVICES WERE MANUFACTURED IN ALABAMA BY SKILLED ELECTRONICS TECHNICIANS.

(N.R. Bureau notes on Poole 8/17/64 1/2)

ABOVE CLIPPINGS FROM NEWSPAPERS BEING FORWARDED ANSB.

AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVER

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FBI WASH DC

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CC-MR. ROSEN

Mr. deLoach

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PHYSICAL SURVEILLANCE

~~FIGURES~~ ARE BEING MAINTAINED ON ROBERT E. CHAMBLISS IN EFFORT TO IDENTIFY UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL BELIEVED TO BE "KEY" TO BAPBOMB SOLUTION.

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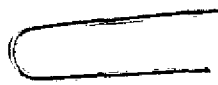
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Subject JUNE MAIL Baybomb

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Date: 8/28/64

Transmit the following in _____
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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL - REGISTERED
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025) *ab*
ATTN: [REDACTED], Room 2710

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

BAPBOMB

"JUNE"

Re Bureau telephone call 8/27/64.

Concerning your inquiry relative to the actual institution of a suit brought against Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company by either Mr. or Mrs. WILLIAM A. HOLT, JR., or ROBERT S. THOMAS claiming damage due to telephone company negligence in allowing their respective telephones to be tapped, there is no information available to date to indicate that such has been done.

[REDACTED]

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- ③ - Bureau (RM)
- 2 - Birmingham

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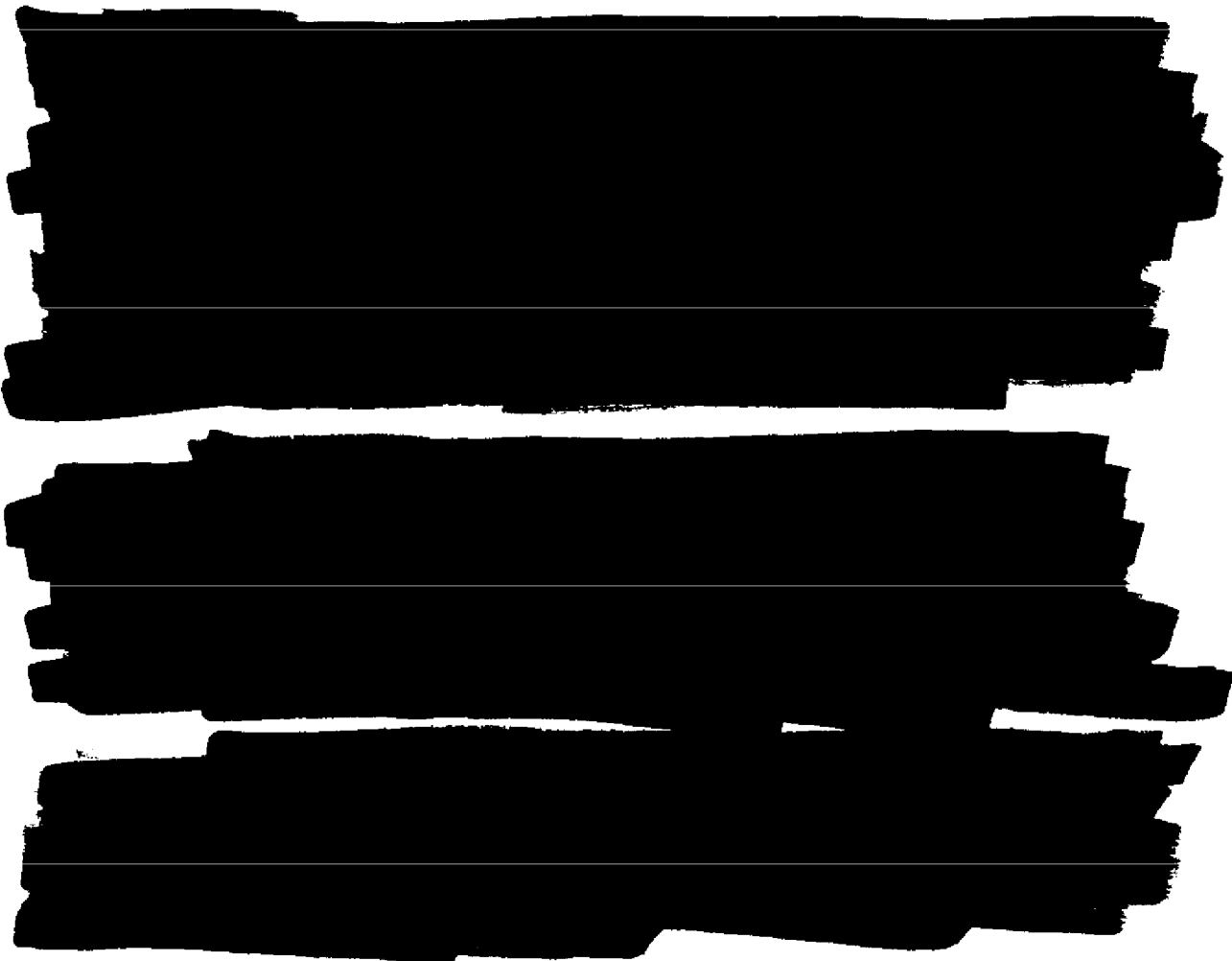
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It is to be noted that no lease lines were rented in connection with the afore-mentioned installations; however, telephones were utilized in each of the plants, but in every instance they were regular commercial installations through the normal everyday service of the telephone company under assumed names being used in the rental of the property involved.

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This matter will be followed and any new or pertinent developments will be immediately forwarded to the Bureau.

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Birmingham, Alabama - Sept 15, 63

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

Tolson	✓
Belmont	✓
Mohr	✓
Casper	
Callahan	
Conrad	✓
DeLoach	✓
Evans	
Gale	
Rosen	✓
Sullivan	
Tavel	
Trotter	
Tele. Room	
Holmes	
Gandy	

TO : Mr. Belmont *UB*

DATE: August 31, 1964

FROM : A. Rosen *R*

JUNE

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

- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Evans
- 1 - Mr. Conrad
- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. [REDACTED]
- 1 - Mr. [REDACTED]
- 1 - Mr. [REDACTED]
- 1 - Mr. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

We have no technical or microphone installations of any type which are operational in the Birmingham Division at the present time.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

(11)

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

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ACTION

Birmingham has been instructed to follow this situation closely and keep the Bureau advised of any pertinent developments.

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GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

BAPBOMB is the code word for the investigation of the bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, 9/15/63. Microphone installation at the residence of suspect [REDACTED] which had been installed 7/23/64 was discovered 7/25/64 while a telephone repairman was making a check on [REDACTED] complaint of no dial tone at times. [REDACTED]

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Robert Chambliss, Klansman, is also a suspect in this case.

Birmingham has been instructed to follow situation closely.

[REDACTED]

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SURVEILLANCE OF CHAMBLISS DISCONTINUED AS HE IS PRESENTLY ON
REGULAR SOUTH ALABAMA AND NORTH FLORIDA BUSINESS TRIP.

Potential Criminal Interest

[REDACTED]

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END

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CC-MR. SULLIVAN *Pisler*

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1 - Mr [REDACTED]

3/1/64

Airtel

To: SAC, Birmingham (157-352)

From: Director, FBI (157-1025) - 1129

BARBOND

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JUNE

Reurtel 3/31/64, in which [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

In this connection it was noted that the [REDACTED] installation was made 7/23/64 and removed 7/25/64.

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Advise whether there is any basis for [REDACTED] statements that [REDACTED] furnish complete details of any official assignment to which [REDACTED] may be referring.

If in an official capacity, and personnel concerned currently assigned to Birmingham, submit recommendations concerning the necessity of personnel action in view of [REDACTED] threat to sue the telephone company in this instance. Handle by return airtel.

[REDACTED] (4)

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NOTE: Installation at home of [REDACTED] removed 7/25/64

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[REDACTED] Birmingham being instructed to advise whether any basis for [REDACTED] remarks as safeguard against possibility she might make some personal recognition if she is referring to situation where Bureau personnel actually resided.

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- Mr. Belmont
- Mr. Mohr
- Mr. Casper
- Mr. Callahan
- Mr. Conrad
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BAPBOMB. DAILY SUMMARY.

[Redacted]

CANCELLED

APPOINTMENT WITH AGENTS TODAY DUE TO PRESSING BUSINESS AFFAIRS
APPOINTMENT FOR INTERVIEW RESET FOR ELEVEN A.M. THIRD NEXT.

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cc: [Redacted]
TFX [Redacted]

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[REDACTED]

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INFORMATION RELATIVE TO [REDACTED] IS BEING GATHERED AND HE WILL BE INTERVIEWED WHEN IT IS DEEMED APPROPRIATE.

IT IS NOTED [REDACTED] PREVIOUSLY CAME TO THE ATTENTION OF THIS OFFICE IN CONNECTION WITH BAPBOMB INVESTIGATION AND HAS BEEN INTERVIEWED PREVIOUSLY.

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Subject JUNE MAIL Rap bomb

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1 - Mr [redacted]

9/8/64

Airtel

To: SAC, Birmingham (157-352)

From: Director, FBI (157-1025)

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ReBHTel 9/1/64.

Birmingham should consider the possibility of a later direct contact with [redacted] after passage of a reasonable time to protect the pretext used as described in your tel, with a view to getting [redacted]

[redacted] ad
[redacted]

NOTE: See Rosen to Belmont memo 9/3/64 [redacted], same caption.

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9/8/64

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~~CODE~~

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RADIOGRAM

URGENT

Det. in Lab
1 - Mr. [redacted]
1 - Mr. [redacted]

TO SACS BIRMINGHAM (157-352)
LITTLE ROCK

FROM DIRECTOR FBI (157-1025)

BAPBOMB.

RE BIRMINGHAM TEL SEPTEMBER FOUR, LAST.

AUTHORITY GRANTED TO GIVE POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION TO

b7c [redacted] AUTHORITY GRANTED TO HAVE EXAMINATION
ADMINISTERED BY SA [redacted] LITTLE ROCK. BUREAU

SHOULD BE PROMPTLY ADVISED OF RESULTS. REC-51 157-1025-1133

HET/nkr

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(4) Bapbomb code name investigation of bombing of 16th St. Baptist Church.

NOTE: If next radio contact missed, send plain text urgent teletype. Request coordinated with Laboratory. Birmingham previously requested authority to give polygraph to [redacted] who is the son-in-law of a former Klansman and who has made numerous statements indicating hate for Negro. Authority was denied 1/14/63 inasmuch as Birmingham advised [redacted] had been [redacted] and it was extremely doubtful that positive results could be obtained. At that time, Birmingham was advised unless compelling reason exists, polygraph should not be afforded. Current developments have indicated [redacted] believed to be person blackmailing suspect Robert Chambliss, Klansman, apparently because of Chambliss' knowledge of this case and Birmingham believes [redacted] is key to solution of Bapbomb. SA [redacted] of LR completely familiar with aspects of this investigation having administered a number of previous examinations in it since 9/63. In view of current evaluation of request, appears authority should be granted. Previous [redacted] diagnosis not based on complete psychiatric examination.

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INQUIRIES HAVE BEEN MADE OF FORMER ASSOCIATES OF [REDACTED]
DEVELOPING BACKGROUND INFORMATION IN ORDER TO HAVE MORE COMPLETE
KNOWLEDGE OF THIS PERSON AT TIME OF POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION.

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1 - Mr. [REDACTED]

9/8/64

Airtel

REC-66 57-1025-1135

To: SAC, Birmingham

From: Director, FBI

BAPBOMB

JUNE

Your daily teletype summary 9/1/64 contains references to the "wasp" and describes the necessity of retrieving this device at the residence of the [REDACTED]. Accordingly, it should have been obvious that such material requires JUNE correspondence. If not already done, the file copy of this communication should be filed as JUNE correspondence. The Bureau copy is being thus filed.

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You should make certain that personnel assigned to matters of this type are completely familiar with the requirements for special handling and you must see that this situation does not recur.

[REDACTED]
(4)

NOTE: The BH daily summary 9/1/64 included along with substantive developments a reference to the necessity for retrieving the "wasp" from the [REDACTED] residence. In view of the fact that a microphone surveillance had been in operation at the [REDACTED] residence until 7/25/64 and in view of the fact that the reference to the "wasp" might possibly divulge the confidential investigative technique, BH is being instructed to handle this as a JUNE matter and to see that there is no recurrence.

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Birmingham, Alabama Sept 15, 63*

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Birmingham, Alabama - Sept 15, 1963

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : Mr. Rosen *R*

DATE: September 4, 1964

FROM : [REDACTED]

- 1 - Mr. Conrad
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. [REDACTED]
- 1 - Mr. [REDACTED]
- 1 - Mr. [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
BOMBING OF 16TH STREET
BAPTIST CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM,
ALABAMA, SEPTEMBER 15, 1963,
BOMBING MATTERS

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By way of background, the microphone surveillance which had been installed on the residence of [REDACTED] was discontinued [REDACTED] when the installation was accidentally discovered in a routine check by a telephone repairman. [REDACTED]

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Memorandum to Mr. Rosen
Re: UNSUBS; BOMBING OF 16TH STREET
BAPTIST CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM

150 [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] We have, of course, been continuing to press this investigation vigorously in an effort to obtain evidence upon which prosecution of the suspect klan group may be based and it is the opinion of the SAC, Birmingham that [REDACTED] like many of the suspects in this case, is continually seeing FBI Agents where none exist, perhaps prompted by the pangs of conscience.

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[REDACTED] In addition to the fact that the monitoring point for the [REDACTED] microphone surveillance was [REDACTED] away from the [REDACTED] residence, it is noted that it was occupied for only one shift of eight hours. On the second evening the installation was accidentally discovered by the telephone repairman and upon learning of the discovery the Agent and all technical equipment were removed from the monitoring point.

ACTION:

Although [REDACTED] as yet reportedly has not entered any suit against the phone company, Birmingham has been instructed to follow this situation closely and keep the Bureau advised of any pertinent developments.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)
Attention: FBI LABORATORY

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

SUBJECT: BAPBOMB

POLYGRAPH MATTERS
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ReButel, 9/8/64.

SA [redacted] on 9/10/64, afforded a polygraph interview to [redacted] in the presence of SA [redacted]

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- 1 - Little Rock (Info.) (94-220A)
- 3 - Birmingham (2 - 157-352)
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The polygraph chart and list of questions are being retained in the Birmingham file.

An information copy of this communication is designated for Little Rock, inasmuch as the polygraph examiner is assigned to that office.

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TO DIRECTOR (157-1025)

FROM BIRMINGHAM (157-352) 2P

BAPBOMB. BIRMINGHAM OO.

REMYAIRTEL, JAN. TEN, LAST, REQUESTING AUTHORITY TO AFFORD
POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION TO [REDACTED] REFERRED TO IN BAPBOMB
DAILY SUMMARY, SEPT. TWO, LAST.

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. DeLoach	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Bishop	
Mr. Casper	
Mr. Callahan	
Mr. Conrad	
Mr. Felt	
Mr. Gale	
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Miss Holmes	
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IT IS BELIEVED POLYGRAPH INTERVIEW WILL SERVE USEFUL PURPOSE
IN THIS INVESTIGATION. IN VIEW OF INFORMATION FROM WHAT IS BELIEVED
TO BE RELIABLE SOURCES THAT [REDACTED] IS KEY TO SOLUTION OF BAPBOMB, IT IS
REQUESTED THAT PERMISSION BE GRANTED TO AFFORD [REDACTED] SUCH INTERVIEW.

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IT IS REQUESTED THAT SA [REDACTED] OF LITTLE ROCK,
POLYGRAPH OPERATOR, BE ASSIGNED TO CONDUCT THIS INTERVIEW, INASMUCH
AS HE IS FAMILIAR WITH INVESTIGATION OF BAPBOMB, ELIMINATING
NECESSITY OF FAMILIARIZING HIM WITH FACTS IN THIS CASE. IT IS
REQUESTED THAT SA [REDACTED] BE AVAILABLE IN BIRMINGHAM OFFICE ON
WEDNESDAY, NINTH INSTANT, TO CONDUCT THIS INTERVIEW.

AIR MAIL COPY FURNISHED LITTLE ROCK.

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SUBJECT: BAPBOMB
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Remyairtel to Bureau, 9/11/64, captioned UNITED
KLANS OF AMERICA, INC., KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, with
enclosure of letterhead memorandum.

[REDACTED]

Bureau requested to review National Stolen
Property File for information.

[REDACTED]

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Special Agent in Charge

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1 - Mr. [REDACTED]

To: SAC, Birmingham (157-352)

From: Director, FBI (157-370)

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UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
RACIAL MATTERS

NOT RECORDED
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ReBHairtel dated 9-15-64, captioned, "Bapbom" and Birmingham airtel dated 9-11-64, captioned, "United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan."

ReBHairtel dated 9-15-64, requested Bureau to review National Stolen Property File for information noting if any

[REDACTED]

For the information of the Birmingham Office the National Stolen Property File is set up numerically by serial numbers and it would not be practicable to conduct such a review as requested by the Birmingham Office. However, if serial numbers are obtained from informant concerning [REDACTED] a check can be made of the National Stolen Property File to ascertain if [REDACTED] have been stolen. When such serial numbers are obtained, a request should then be made for such a search.

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NOTE: ReBHairtel 9-11-64, advised that alleged [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

National Stolen Property File is set up numerically by serial numbers and such a search would not be practicable.

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FROM: SAC, Birmingham (157-352)

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Re summary tel 9/21/64 and BUairtel 9-22-64.

Former SA [redacted] who resigned effective September 11, 1964, handled most contacts with suspect [redacted]. In pursuing inquiries regarding possible dissemination of excessive information to suspects it was determined that members of the Bapbomb Squad, including [redacted] carried photographs of all bombing suspects. These photographs are used as a method of identification when person being interviewed cannot identify an individual by name. This technique was successfully used in persuading [redacted] to identify [redacted] as a member of the [redacted].

[redacted] in an interview by [redacted] on 8-3-64, further identified [redacted].

[redacted] It is believed that the church bombing was planned by this second and more select group. [redacted]

This technique has proven somewhat successful in recent weeks in interviews with [redacted] and ROBERT E. CHAMBLISS. [redacted]

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[REDACTED] further demonstrate the effectiveness of the technique. It is hoped that when tensions become severe enough statements will be obtained from those less involved than the actual perpetrators.

In caption investigation, as well as other investigations in the Birmingham Division, Agents have been specifically instructed to be most careful in interviewing suspects not to divulge any unnecessary information to the person being interviewed. This has been reiterated to insure that all Agents are fully aware of the fact that interviews are for the purpose of obtaining information rather than furnishing information.

The possibility of furnishing local authorities with the details of the 12-25-56 bombing of Reverend FRED SHUTTLESWORTH's house, together with various other past bombings, will be evaluated when investigation regarding these past bombings is completed.

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BAPBOMB. DAILY SUMMARY.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING TO TRACE SOURCE OF HUDSON CLUTCH HUB
ASSEMBLY USED IN SHRAPNEL BOMBING SEPTEMBER, SIXTYTHREE.

NO PERTINENT INFORMATION DEVELOPED.

HOWEVER, HE DECLINED TO TALK TO AGENTS. PRESENTLY SCHEDULED FOR
CONTACT IN ORDER TO FORM BASIS OR APPROACH FOR INTERVIEW IN THE
IMMEDIATE FUTURE/ARE: [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED]

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ATTEMPTED PRETEXT CONTACT WITH [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] UTILIZING [REDACTED]

UNSUCCESSFUL ON SEPTEMBER THIRTY LAST AND OCTOBER ONE INSTANT,
AS NEITHER WAS ACCESSIBLE TO TELEPHONE AT THEIR RESIDENCE WHEN CONTACTS
ATTEMPTED.

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FBI, BIRMINGHAM, TO BE ADVISED OF RESULTS.

IT IS KNOWN THAT INVESTIGATORS OF ALABAMA STATE TROOPERS HAVE
CARS WITH MOBILE PHONES. BIRMINGHAM OFFICE ALSO RECOGNIZES THAT
(FNU) ALLEN COULD BE CAPTAIN BEN ALLEN, STATE INVESTIGATOR STATIONED
AT BIRMINGHAM.

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TO DIRECTOR (157-1025)

FROM BIRMINGHAM (157-352) 2P

BAPBOMB. DAILY SUMMARY.

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"POP" BLANTON WAS ARRESTED AUGUST TWENTY LAST BY BESSEMER PD ON CHARGES OF POSSESSION OF A LIBELOUS PUBLICATION. THE ARREST WAS FOR POSSESSION OF "GIRLIE BOOKS" AND THE CHARGES WERE NOL-PROSSED WHEN BLANTON AGREED NOT TO RETURN TO BESSEMER. POSSIBILITY OF ITOM WILL BE EXPLORED.

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FRIENDLY AT END OF CONSERVATION AND APPEARED RECEPTIVE TO FURTHER CONTACTS. HE WILL BE REINTERVIEWED.

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OBITUARY NOTICE IN BIRMINGHAM POST-HERALD, OCT. FIFTH INSTANT,
REFLECTED FRED THEODORE HOWARD, TWO FOUR TWO TWO AVE. D, ENSLEY,
DIED SATURDAY, OCT. THIRD LAST, AT MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA.

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[REDACTED] INQUIRIES BEING
DIRECTED TO DEFINITELY ESTABLISH INDIVIDUAL REFERRED TO IS THE
ADMITTED BOMBER.

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