

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION
AND
PRIVACY ACTS**

**SUBJECT: BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA SIXTEENTH
STREET BAPTIST CHURCH
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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. LTC

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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SUBJECT: BAPBOMB "JUNE"

Re Bureau radiogram 5-8-64.

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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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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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- Miami airtels and LHMs to Bureau with dual captions, [REDACTED] RACIAL MATTERS," and "BAPBOMB," 1/8/64, 3/12/64, and 5/26/64.
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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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"PLOT TO ASSASSINATE MARTIN LUTHER KING
AND JACK GREENBERG, ATTORNEY, NAACP,
MOBILE, ALABAMA, MAY 17, 1964."

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caption, "PLOT TO ASSASSINATE MARTIN
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NAACP, MOBILE, ALABAMA, MAY 17, 1964,
RACIAL MATTERS," and [REDACTED]
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Miami letter to Birmingham, 6/4/64, captioned
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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

[REDACTED]

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.

December 9, 1963

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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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1.

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)**

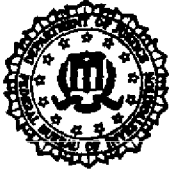
Records of Superior Court of Fulton County, Georgia, show that this Klan organization was granted a corporate charter on February 21, 1961, at Atlanta, Georgia, under the name United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc.

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

Character BOMBING MATTERS

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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 *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	_____
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Mr. Casper	_____
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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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cc [REDACTED] 62

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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: 47, 2, Date 12-1-64, 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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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

Tolson	✓
Belmont	✓
Mohr	
Casper	
Callahan	
Conrad	
DeLoach	✓
Malone	✓
Rosen	✓
Sullivan	
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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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haven't these reports already been furnished the Dept?

*memo
Rosen to Belmont
6-25-64*

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

Tolson	_____
Belmont	_____
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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 Bombing of 16th St. Baptist Church
Birmingham Alabama

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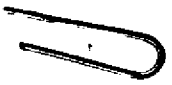
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Subject JUNE MAIL *Baptamb*

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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.

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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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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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 _____
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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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Date of Mail 7-9-64

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See File 66-2554-7530 for authority.

Subject JUNE MAIL Baybomba

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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.

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- 2 - Birmingham

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Special Agent in Charge

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JUL 16 1964

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Mr. Belmont	_____
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Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Evans	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
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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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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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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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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

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Mr. Casper	
Mr. Callahan	
Mr. Conrad	
Mr. DeLoach	✓
Mr. Evans	✓
Mr. Gale	✓
Mr. Rosen	
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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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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.

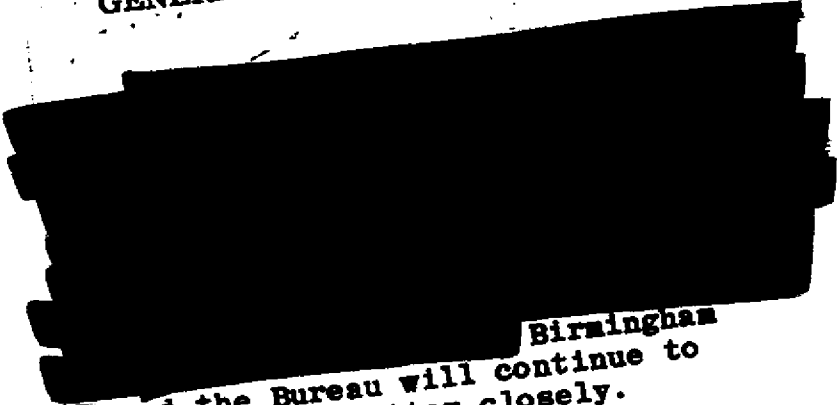
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GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

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



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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]

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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.

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The Washington Post and Times Herald _____
 The Washington Daily News _____
 The Evening Star _____
 New York Herald Tribune _____
 New York Journal-American _____
 New York Mirror _____
 New York Daily News _____
 New York Post _____
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FBI BIRMGHAM

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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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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Mr. Conrad *[Signature]*

FROM : Mr. Jevons *[Signature]*

DATE: July 29, 1964

1-Mr. [Redacted]

1-Mr. [Redacted]

1-Office, 7133

SUBJECT: 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."

[Large redacted block]

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

1-Mr. Belmont

1-Mr. Mohr

1-Mr. Rosen

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[Signature]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Conrad

DATE: July 30, 1964

FROM : [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: BAPBOMB
BIRMINGHAM DIVISION

- Tolson
- Belmont
- Mohr
- Casper
- Callahan
- Conrad
- DeLoach
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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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RE: BAPBOMB

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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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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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Title and Character of Case
BAPBOMB

Date Property Acquired
10/1/63

Source From Which Property Acquired

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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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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