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### Memorandum

TO

Director

Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: APR 121965

JD: BKL: jtt DJ 144-1-0

FROM:

John Doar

Acting Assistant Attorney General

Civil Rights Division

SUBJECT:

Unknown Subjects;

Bombing of 16th Street Baptist Church,

Birmingham, Alabama, 9/15/63,

BOMBING MATTERS

Enclosed is a letter, and its envelope, relating to the above-captioned matter received by the Department of Justice on February 19, 1965. The writer of the letter, indicates that he has information relating to the identity of persons involved in the bombing.

Please ascertain whether there is any substance to allegations.

Encl.

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To:

SACs, Birmingham (157-352) (enc. 4) Charlotte (157-402) (enc. 4)

**REC-41** 

From:

Director, FBI (157-1025)

BAPBOMB

Enclosed are two copies of a letter from the Department dated 4/12/65 with two copies of the enclosure thereto. Although the letter from

Birmingham should immediately attempt to identify and determine his present location so that he can be interviewed. Charlotte should attempt to identify and locate and locate and charlotte.

Birmingham should conduct discreet investigation concerning Birmingham mentioned in the enclosed letter.

Advise Bureau results of your investigation in this matter.
You should use caution during this investigation and not mention the enclosed letter or the name of the correspondent.

NOTE: Bapbomb is the code name for the case of the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church, Birm ingham, Alabama, 9/15/63, in which four Negro girls were killed. Enclosure to Departmental letter is a letter from

Tolson — Belmont — Mohr — DeLoach — Casper — Collahan — Contad — Felt — Gale — Rosen — Sullivan — Teler — PR 9

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#### 4/\*3/65 GENERAL INVESTIGATI. DIVISION

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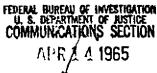
Eugene Thomas and two others have been indicted on Federal Civil Rights charges in connection with the murder of Viola Liuzzo between Selma and Montgomery, Alabama, on 3/25/65.

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Sayreton Mine is a possible source of dynamite used in the bombing of the Crowell residence in Birmingham on 4/1/65 and the unexploded bombs found 3/21-22 and 4/1/65. GREENBOMBS is the code word for the bombing on 4/1/65 and unexploded bombs.

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FBI BIRMGHAM
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TO DIRECTOR (157-1025)
FROM BIRMINGHAM (157-352) 2P

BAPBOMB. DAILY SUMMARY.

Mr. Belmont Mr. Mohr Mr. Delcach Mr. Casper Mr. Callahan Mr. Conrad Mr. Felt Mr. Gale Mr. Rosen Mr. Sullivan Tavel Tele. Room Miss Holmes Miss Gandy

Mr. Tolson.

HOWEVER, THERE IS NO INDICATION THESE INDIVIDUALS

FURNISHED ANY PERTINENT INFORMATION. FBI INTERVIEWS OF ABOVE
SUSPECTS FAILED TO DEVELOP ANY CURRENT PERTINENT INFORMATION OF
VALUE RE BAPBOMB OR GREENBOMBS. EX 105

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25 APR 20 1965

HOWEVER, HE APPEARS LESS HOSTILE FOLLOWING

FEDERAL INDICTMENTS OF EUGENE THOMAS, ET AL, IN THE EUGENE THOMAS, LIC., CIVIL RIGHTS CASE, MOBILE ORIGIN.

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INVESTIGATION CONTINUING; HOWEVER, THUS FAR

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### April 16, 14 GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

Bapbomb is the code word for the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, 9-15-63, in which four Negro girls were killed.

Robert Chambliss is a suspect.

is a suspect in the Greenbombs case. Greenbombs is the code name for bombings at Birmingham on 3/21-22/65, and 4/1/65, and at residence of T. L. Crowell, Birmingham, 4-1-65.

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BAPBOMB is code word for bombing of 16th Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, 9/15/63, in which four Negro girls were killed.

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are suspects in the bombing.

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Chambliss

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE COMMUNICATIONS SECTION APR 2 0 1965

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FBI BIRMGHAM

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TO / DIRECTOR (157-1025)

FROM BIRMINGHAM (157-352) (P)

BAPBOMB - DAILY SUMMARY.

CHAMBLISS OBSERVED AGENTS INTERVIEWING

AFTERNOON

Mr. Eslmont. Mr. Mohr.

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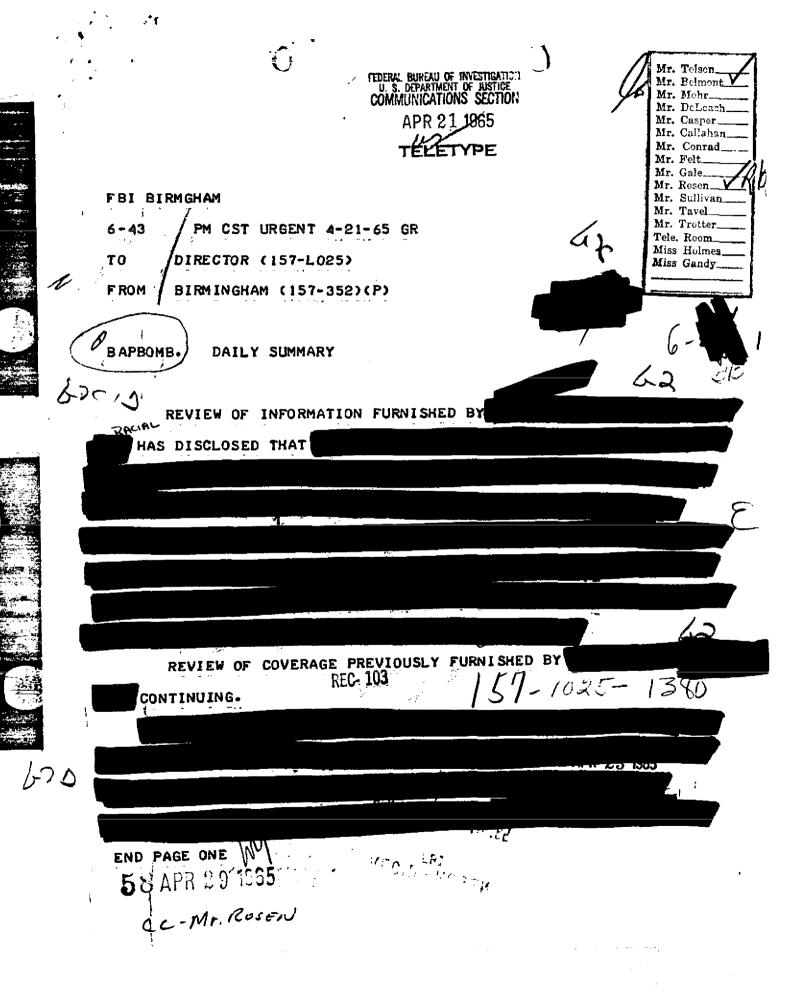
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Chambliss, and are suspects in the case.

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furnished data re murder of civil rights worker, Mrs. Viola Liuzzo, between Selma and Montgomery, Alabama, 3-25-65.

is not an informant and has been considered as suspect in Bapbomb. Has been described by informant as a 'tough individual.' Also been described as Klan member.





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To: SAC, Birmingham (157-352)

From; Director, FBI (157-1025)

BAPBOMB)

Re Bureau telephone call 4/5/65 and urtel 4/21/65. ReBucall instructed that a supplemental airtel be submitted when the tapes had been reviewed and analyzed, advising the Bureau of the specific information developed through Retel stated that review of coverage previously furnished by was continuing.

Your review must be completed and the requested airtel submitted without further delay.

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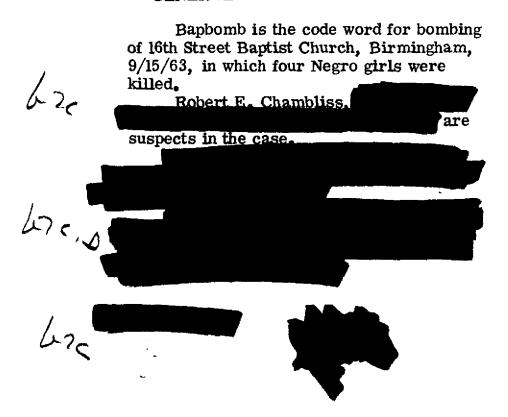
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The microphone Installation has been authorized in the past by the Bureau and is made with the knowledge of the informant. It was last used on and is now inactive.

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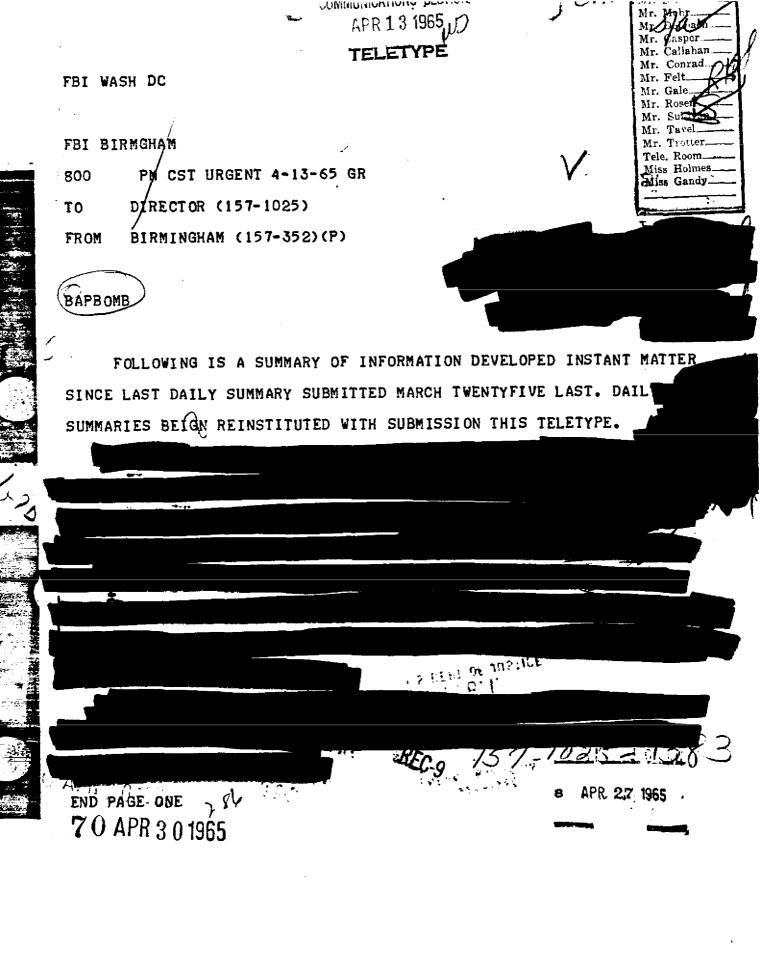
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#### Chambliss.

Also considered as same in GREENBOMBS matter.

GREENBOMBS is the code name for the attempted bombings at Birmingham on 3/21-22/65, and 4/1/65, and the explosion at the residence of T. L. Crowell, Birmingham, 4/1/65.







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PAGE FIVE

INVESTIGATION RE

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RESULTS OF REVIEW OF HIS MILITARY SERVICE RECORD FROM ST. LOUIS
UNDER DATE APRIL TWO LAST NOT BEING CONSIDERED BAPBOMB
SUSPECT.

EXPERIMENTS CONDUCTED BY PERSONNEL, ONE HUNDRED FORTYSECOND ORDNANCE DETACHMENT (EXPLOSIVES DISPOSAL), FT. MC CLELLAN, ALABAMA, INDICATED SAFETY FUSE PLACED ONE TO TWO INCHES AWAY COULD BE IGNITED BY USING GELATIN CAPSULES, CONCENTRATED SULPHURIC ACID AND THREE PARTS POTASSIUM CHLORATE AND ONE PART SUGAR, WITH TIME DELAY ELEMENT VARYING AS TO AMOUNT AND STRENGTH OF ACID USED AND SIZE OF GELATIN CAPSULE CONTAINING THE POTASSIUM CHLORATE AND SUGAR MIX. FURTHER, THAT SUBSTANTIALLY SAME RESULTS COULD BE OBTAINED BY USING TWO PARTS SODIUM PEROXIDE AND SAWDUST MIX TO ONE PART PLAIN THAT TAP WATER, HOWEVER, THE CAPSULE DISSOLVED VERY RAPIDLY, GIVING VERY SHORT DELAY PERIOD.

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#### 4/27/65 E DIVISION GENERAL INVESTIGA'.

BAPBOMB is the code name for the case involving bombing of 16th Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, 9/15/63, in which four Negro children were killed.

Chambliss, suspects in this bombing.





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BAPBOMB is the code name of the case involving the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, 9/15/63, in which four Negro children were killed.

Chambliss, mentioned in attached teletype, are suspects in this bombing

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(Priority) DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025) TO: 1 SAC, CHARLOTTE (157-402)(P) BAPBOM Re Bureau airtel to Charlotte and Birmingham 4/15/65. contacted the On 4/26/65, SA following individuals at Louisburg, N. C., and all advised they knew of no individual in the vicinity of Louisburg, N. C., by the name of Louisburg, N. C. Post Office, who advised that he checked all four rural routes out of the Louisburg Post Office is located and that no family of on any of these routes. 62.0 Bureau - Birmingham (157-352) - Charlotte REC- 24 / 57-1025-1380 **3** APR 28 1965 Sent \_\_\_ Approved: / Special Agent in Charge

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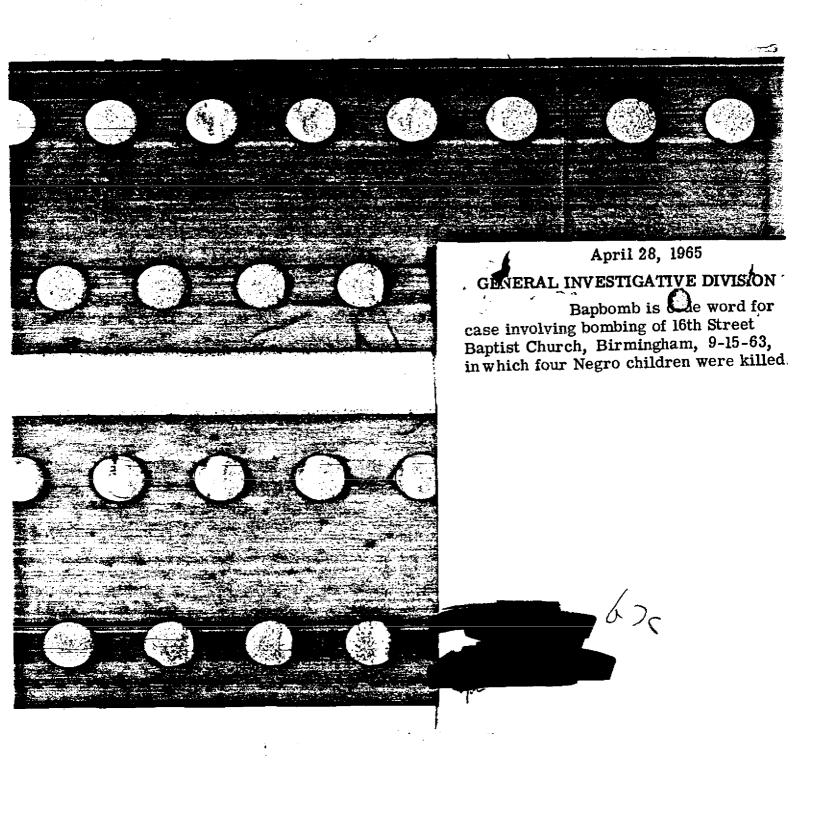
N.C. telephone directory and no family by the name of is listed therein.

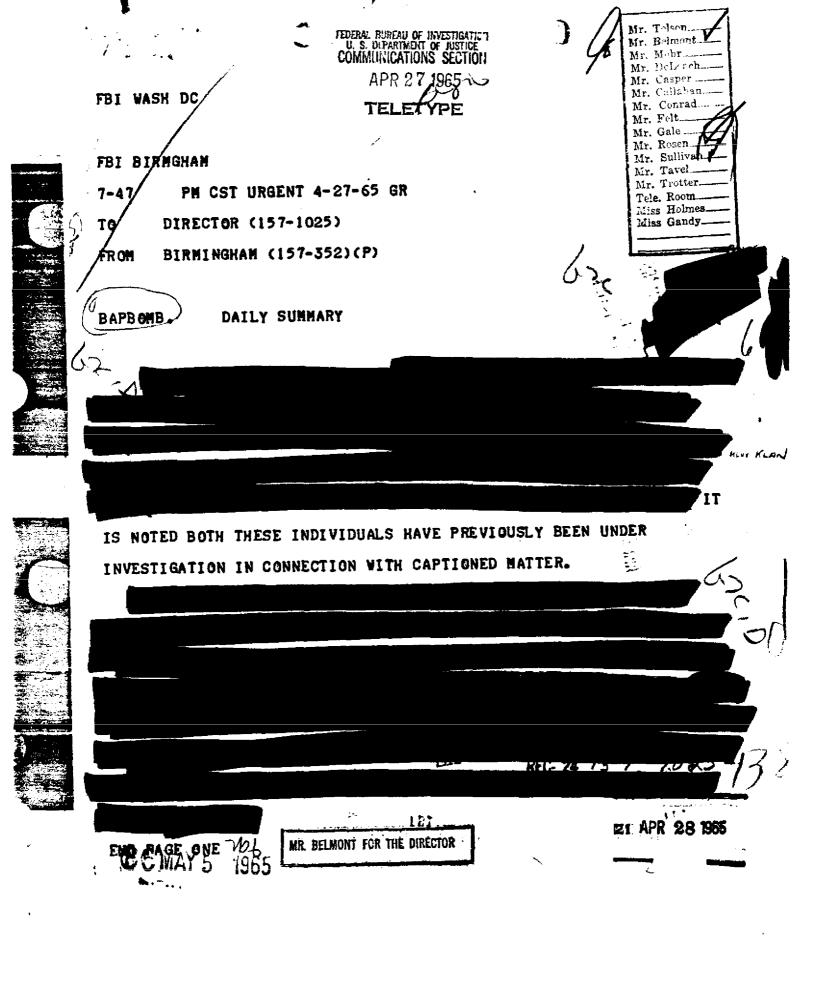
It will be noted that Louisburg, N. C. is a town of approximately 3,000.

Investigation Charlotte continuing.

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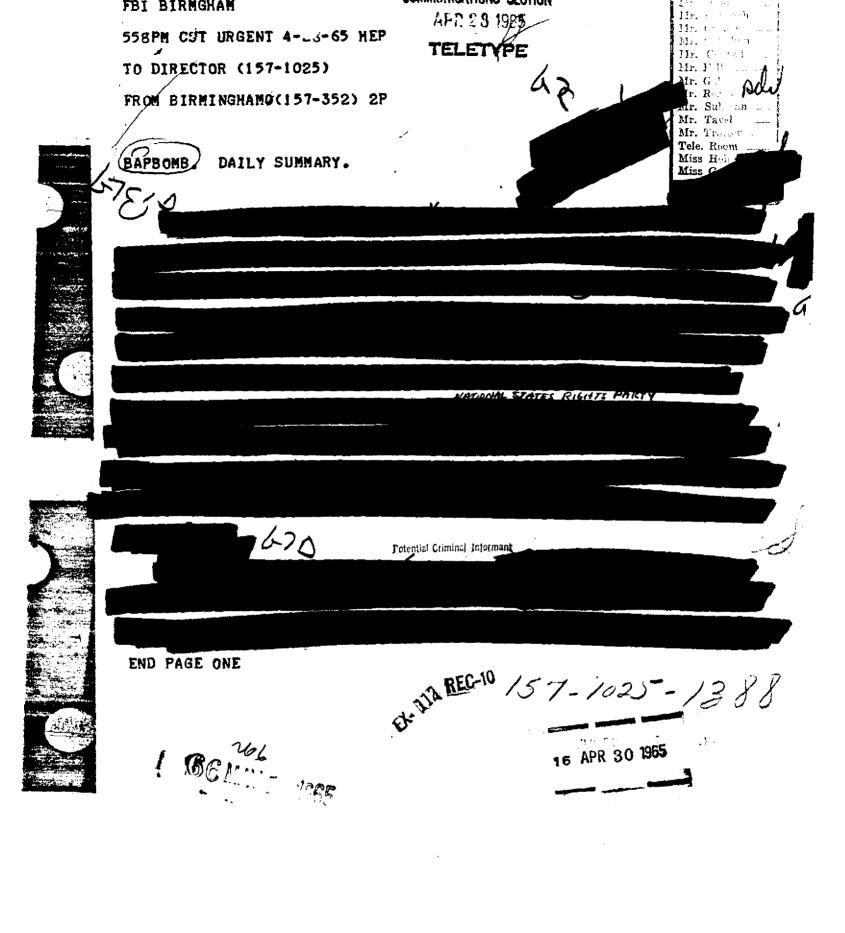






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WITH REGARD TO BUAIRTEL APRIL FIFTEEN, LAST, EFFORTS TO

IDENTIFY NEGATIVE. DETAILED AIRTEL TO FOLLOW FOR
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For information of Bureau and Charlotte, attention is directed to the following:

employed by the There is no Birmingham PD. Undoubtedly, this is full name is

Extensive investigation conducted in the BAPBOMB matter has failed to disclose any connection of

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with the church bombing, any previous acts of racial violence, or association with the principal suspects developed in the church bombing and no derogatory or unfavorable information is known concerning them.

Above submitted to assist the Bureau and Charlotte in appropriately evaluating the contents of the correspondence received by the Department from this information in its proper perspective.

Accordingly, it is felt that any investigation of is inappropriate. It is possible that could be identified by interview of which could be handled discreetly; however, for obvious reasons, this course of action is not being recommended.

No further action as to this aspect of the BAPBOMB investigation being taken by Birmingham pending results of efforts by Charlotte to identify, locate, and interview

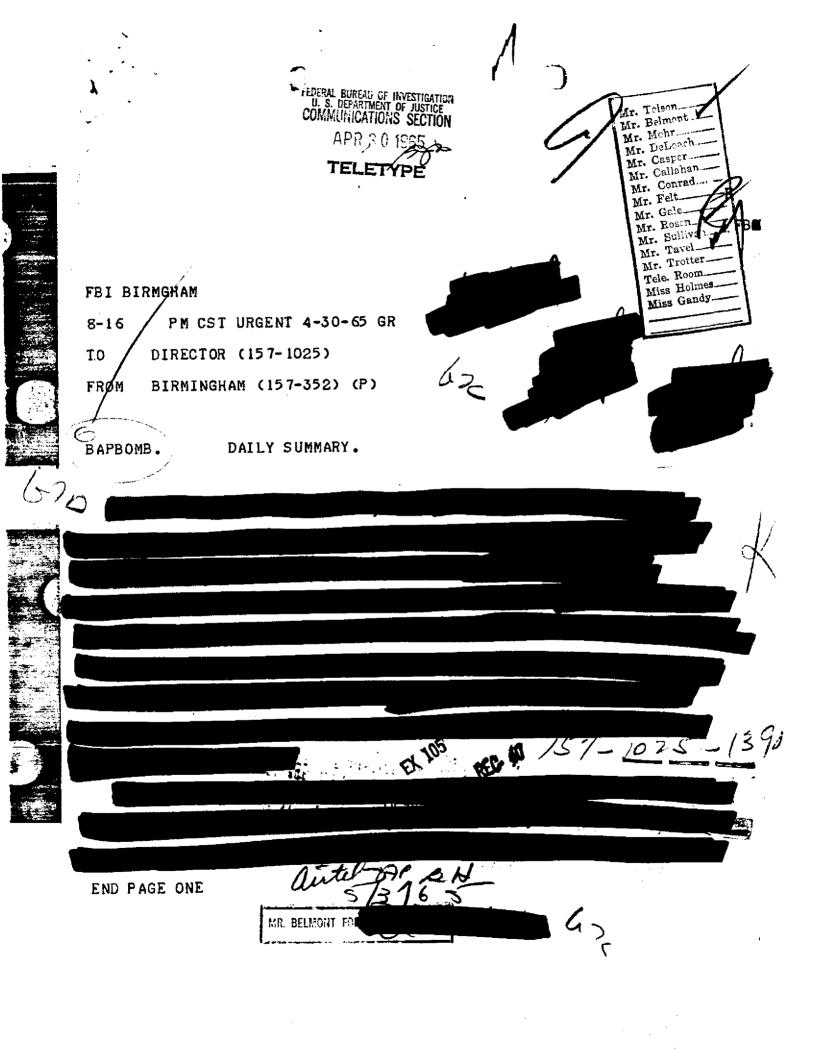
#### May 1, 1965 GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

Bapbomb is the code word for the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, 9-15-63, in which four Negro girls were killed.

Chambliss is suspect in the bombing.







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BUREAU WILL NOTE THAT THIS INFORMATION RECEIVED

AS SUCH IT IS NOT HEARSAY AND IS END PAGE TWO

PAGE TWO

PROPERLY ADMISSIBLE EVIDENCE. DURING FURTHER CONTACTS WITH INFORMANT OTHER INFORMATION WILL BE GONE OVER IN DETAIL ON ORDER TO SPECIFICALLY CLARIFY WHAT ITEMS OF INFORMATION ARE BASED ON STATEMENTS OF INFORMANT, S SOURCE AS OPPOSED TO THOSE ITMES WITHIN PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE OF INFORMANT.

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CC-MR ROSEN

ME S. L.

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To:

SAC, Birmingham (157-352)

From:

Director, FBI (157-1025)

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Reurtel 4/30/65.

Retel states that during future contacts with other information will be gone over in detail which informant has furnished to determine informant's source for this information. This should be done without further delay.

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BAPBOMB is the code word for the case involving the bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama, 9/15/63, in which four Negro girls were killed. Retel states contacted concerning information previously furnished to determine if the information was obtained directly by the informant from the suspect Robert Chambliss or whether it was hearsay.

MAILED 19 mAY 3 - 1965 Tolson COMM-FBI Belmont. Moht -DeLoach Casper. Callahan Contad. Felt. Gale Rosen Trotter -Tele. Room Holmes -MAIL ROOM TELETYPE UNIT

#### 5/5/65

### GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

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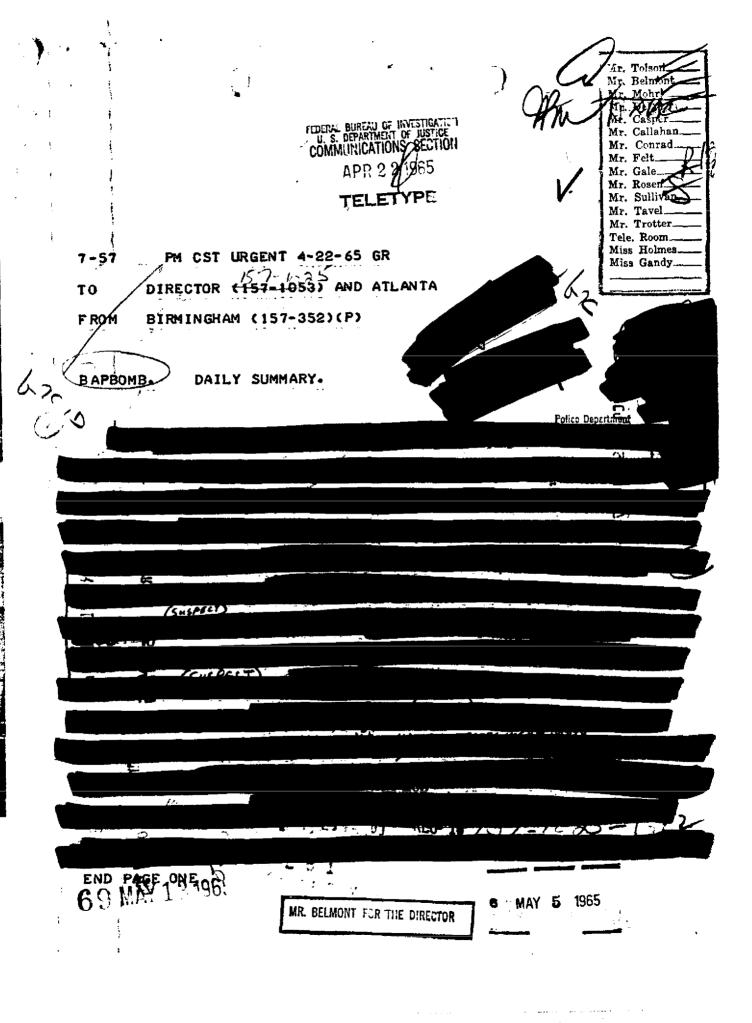
### GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

BAPBOMB is the code J for bombing of 16th Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, 9/15/63, in which four Negro girls were killed.

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wrote letter to Department indicating he had information concerning bombing but gave no return address.



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RESULTS OF SUBSEQUENT POLYGRAPH INTERVIEW OF

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AUTHORITIES BEING OBTAINED.

INVESTIGATION TO DATE HAS FAILED TO IDENTIFY OR LOCATE

MENTIONED BUAIRTEL APRIL FIFTEEN LAST.

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BIRMINGHAM OFFICE FOR INTERVIEW TONIGHT.

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### April 30, 1755 GENERAL INVESTIGE 4VE DIVISION

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Chambliss and are suspects in this case.



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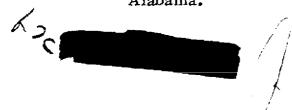
### GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

BAPBOMB is the code of d for the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, 9/15/63, in which four Negro girls were killed.

Robert E. Chambliss, mentioned herein, is a prime suspect in this case.

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The trial of Eugene Thomas and others, mentioned in attached teletype, involves the murder of Mrs. Viola Liuzzo, a civil rights worker, between Selma and Montgomery, Alabama, on 3/25/65. This trial is presently in progress in Hayneville, Alabama.





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1 - Mr.

To: SAC, Birmingham (157-352)

From: Director, FBI (157-1025)

BAPBOMB

ReBusirtel 4/22/65 and urairtel 5/4/65.

By return airtel advise date communication submitted on completed review of all information furnished to date by

If not submitted, furnish reasons for delay.

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NOTE:

Baphomb is the code name for the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama, 9/15/63, in which four Negro girls were killed. It is a microphone installation

The microphone installation has been authorized in the past by the Bureau and is made with the knowledge of the informant. It was last used on and is now inactive. BHairtel of 5/4/65 advised that the completed review would be furnished the Bureau no later than 5/7/65.

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### Memorandum

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: Assistant Attorney General

Civil Rights Division

FROM :

Director, FBI

SUBJECT:

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ALABAMA, 9/15/63

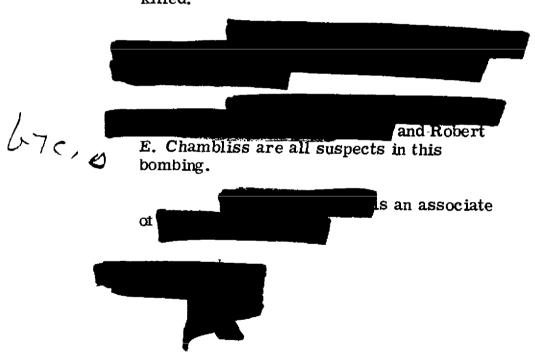
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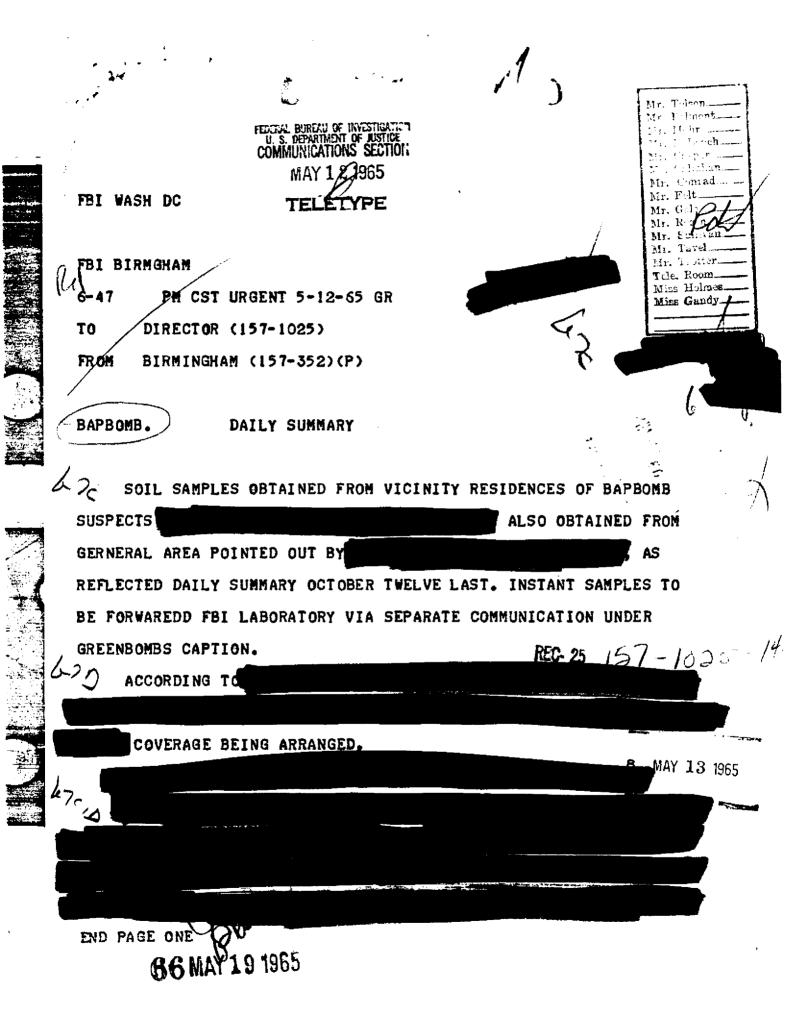
DATE: 5/14/65 Attention:

Reference is made to memorandum dated _3/16/65 (your file _144_1_906).
There is enclosed one copy of the report of Special
Agent dated
at
A. This covers the preliminary investigation and no further action concerning a full investigation will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.
B. The investigation is continuing and you will be furnished copies of reports as they are received.
C. The investigation requested by you has now been completed. Unless advised to the contrary no further inquiries will be made by this Bureau.
D. Pursuant to instructions issued by the Department, no investigation will be conducted in this matter unless specifically directed by the Department.
E. Please advise whether you desire any further investigation.
F This is submitted for your information and you will be advised of further developments.
G. This is submitted for your information and no further investigation will be conducted unless specifically requested by the Department.
H. This covers the receipt of a complaint and no further action will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.
Enc. 7 Photographs of 16th Street, Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala.
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#### May 14, 1965 SERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

Bapbomb is the code word for the case involving the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, 9-15-63, in which four Negro children were killed.







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#### May 13, 1965 GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

BAPBOMB is the code nather for the case involving the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, 9-15-63, in which four Negro children were killed.

GREENBOMBS is the code name for the bombing of the residence of T. L. Crowell, Birmingham, 4-1-65, and the unexploded bombs found in Birmingham 3/21-22 and 4/1/65.

, and Robert E. Chambliss are all suspects in this investigation.

is an explosives dealer in the Birmingham area.

is an associate of

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FBI BIRMGHAM

PM CST URGENT 5-12-65 GR 5-49/

DIRECTOR (157-1025)

FROM

BIRMINGHAM (157-352)

BAPBOMB

RE BUTEL MAY ELEVEN. LAST.

ATTEMPT WAS MADE THIS DATE BY INSPECTOR

AND SPECIAL AGENTS

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TO INTERVIEW

AS HE DEPARTED FROM HIS PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT.

INDICATED THAT HE DID NOT WISH TO HAVE ANY CONVERSATION

WITH GENTS. HE WAS INFORMED OF THE STATUTORY PENALTY WHICH

IS ATTACKED TO ANY ASSAULT OR ATTEMPTED ASSAULT OF A FEDERAL

OFFICER.

IMMEDIATELY ENTERED A CAR DRIVEN

WHO ALSO HEARD THE STATEMENT

CONCERNING PENALTIES ATTACHED TO AN ASSAULT OF A FEDERAL OFFICER.

OTHER THAN TO DEMAND THE NAME OF INSPECTOR

Mr. Tolsen.

Mr. Belmont. Mr. M. hr. Mr. Delmach...

Mr. Caliaban.. Mr. Conrad

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MADE NO COMMENT. IDENTITY OF INFORMANT NOT COMPROMISED.

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#### May 12, 1965 GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

Bapbomb is code word for the case involving the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, 9-15-63, in which four Negro girls were killed.

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Robert E. Chambliss

are all suspects in this bombing.

Matt Murphy is Ku Klux Klan attorney and defended the subjects in the Viola Liuzzo murder trial in Hayneville, Alabama. 4- 50 (Rev. 4-1-85)



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Airtel

To: SAC, Birmingham (157-352)

From: Director, FBI (157-1025)

BAPBOMB

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Rerep SA dated 1/12/65 and urairtel dated 3/29/65 captioned as follows:

"Bapbomb (BH 00) Bufile 157-1025 BH 157-352

"Unsub.; Bombing of Gaston Motel, Birmingham, Alabama, 5/11/63 BM (BH 00) Bufile 157-881 BH 157-241

"Unsub.; Bombing of Residence of A. D. W. King, Birmingham, Alabama 5/11/63 BM (BH 00) Bufile 157-881 BH 157-244

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"Unsub.; Bombing of Residence of Arthur Shores, 1021 Center Street, North, Birmingham, Alabama, 8/20/63 BM

Bufile 157-998 BH 157-331 REC-19 157-1025-116

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"Unsub.; Bombing of Residence of Arthur Shores, 1021 Center Street, North, Birmingham, Alabama, 9/4/63 EM (BH 00) Bufile 157-998 EH 157-339

"Ungub.; Explosion at 1601 Center Street, South, Birmingham, Alabama 9/25/63
BM
Bufile 157-1042
BH 157-407"

A current report suitable for dissemination should be submitted under the Bapbomb caption bringing the investigation up to date. A copy should be designated for the U.S. Attorney but should not be disseminated until the report is approved at the Bureau.

You are reminded that the investigation being conducted by the Baphomb Squad should include investigation concerning the related bombings in 1963 and your Baphomb reports should include and so indicate this auxiliary investigation.

#### NOTE:

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Bapbomb is the case of the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama, 9/15/63, in which four Negro girls were killed. Reairtel stated that the Agents assigned to the Bapbomb Squad were continuing investigation of the related 1963 bombings.

#### May 15, 1965 LENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

BAPBOMB is the code word for the case involving the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, on 9-15-63, in which four Negro children were killed.

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and Robert E. Chambliss are suspects in this bombing.

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CODE RADIOGRAM Teletype per 11 Stewart URGENT TO SAC BIRMINGHAM (157-352) FROM DIRECTOR FBI (157-1025) BAPBOMB. BY RETURN RADIOGRAM, ADVISE RESULTS OF CONTACT WITH (3)BAPBOMB is the case involving the bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, 9/15/63, Birmingham, Alabama, in which four Negro girls were killed. . is a microphone <u>installatio</u> a suspect in this case. The microphone installation was authorized by the Bureau or to be utilized that evening. MAY 1 7 1965 Mohr ... DeLoach 12:14 PMBMS Callahan Conrad .

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Airtel

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To:

SAC. Birmingham (157-352)

Director, FBI (157-1025) From:

BAPBOMB

Reurairtel 4/29/65 and Charlotte airtel 5/11/65.

No further investigation should be conducted in an effort to locate Your next report should set forth investigation conducted Pand also pertinent information in your airtel re to local

**1965** MAILED MAY 18

BAPBOMB is the code word for the bombing of the 16th Street NOTE: Baptist Church, Birmingham, 9/15/63, in which four Negro children were killed. Department referred letter to Bureau received by the Department from in which indicated

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investigation has been conducted to locate to no avail. ReBhairtel have reputations of sets forth that is being highly skilled professional men of unquestioned moral character and personal habits.

19 MAY 19 1965

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#### UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

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FROM :

Mr. Belmont

A. Rosen

DATE: May 14, 1965

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1 - Mr. Sullivan

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1 - Mr. Belmont

1 - Mr. Rosen

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT; BOMBING

OF SIXTEENTH STREET BAPTIST

CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

SEPTEMBER 15, 1963

BOMBING MATTER

1 - Mr.

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This is the case involving the bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama, 9/15/63, in which four Negro children were killed.

SAC Ingram, Birmingham, has advised that Birmingham,

informant

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merophone recorder) in which has been used in the past. The informant will be aware of such installation and there will be no trespass involved.

ACTION:

MAY 19 1965

It is recommended that SAC Ingram be authorized to reactivate the recorder since full security is assured and no trespass

or other illegal action is involved.

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Airtel

for review by Rowe Task Force

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To:

SAC, Birmingham (157-352)

From:

Director: FBI (157-1025) - | |

**BAPBOMB** 

Reurlet 5/13/65.

From an evaluation of the evidence received thusfar in this investigation, the chance of successful prosecution in State or Federal Court is very remote. In view of this, the Bureau disapproves at this time of the conferences you recommended with U. S. Attorney and Solicitor for the 10th Judicial Circuit in Alabama.

COMM-FBI

This matter should receive continuous aggressive action and all investigative avenues pursued in an effort to obtain sufficient evidence so that successful prosecution can be secured.

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NOTE: Birmingham suggests conferences with the U. S. Attorney and the local solicitor in regards to prosecution of the prime suspects in this matter either in Federal or State Court. If tried in Federal Court, it would be under Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 241 (Civil Rights Statute) and in local court the trial would be on a charge of murder. The only information received indicating the prime suspects are responsible for the bombing is information received from two informants concerning isolated statements made by difference suspects which would indicate their participation in the bombing. It is not felt that we have nearly enough evidence to entertain prosecution at this time.

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TO

Director, FBI (157-1025)

DATE:

5/13/65

SAC, Birmingham (157-352)(P)

Copies made by for review by Rowe Task Force Date "

SUBJECT:

O BAPBOMB

As the Bureau is aware, this case has received continuous and intensive investigative attention by the Birmingham Office since 9/15/63, a period of approximately twenty months. No avenue of investigative activity has been overlooked and investigation looking toward the identification and location of witnesses, development of sources and informants, a program of interviewing suspects, and technical and physical coverage of suspects have been emphasized.

As a result, it is apparent that the bombing was the handiwork of former Klansmen ROBERT E CHAMBLISS

although there is no evidence of a positive nature directly connecting bombing. Information leading to this conclusion can be supported by admissible evidence as illustrated in summary below:

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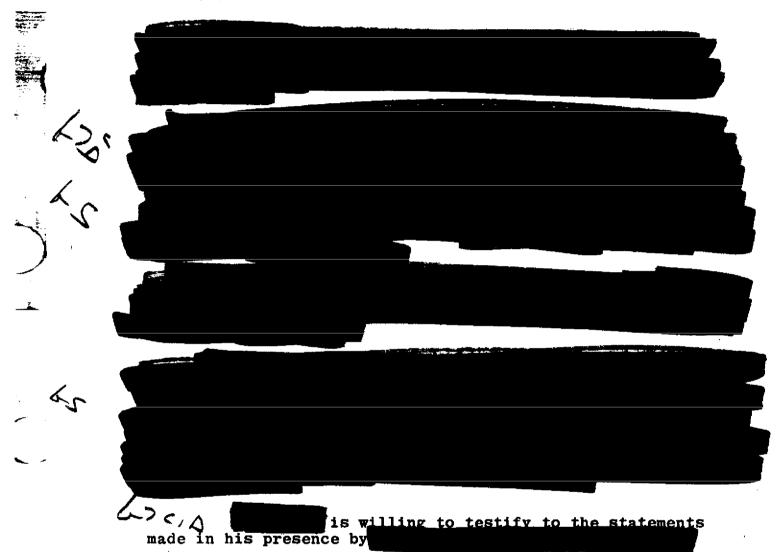
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is desirous of having this matter brought to trial and will, in all probability, testify at a murder trial prosecuted by local authorities where the likelihood of convictions being returned and substantial sentences being imposed is so much greater than in a Federal Civil Rights prosecution as to render the latter a remote improbability.

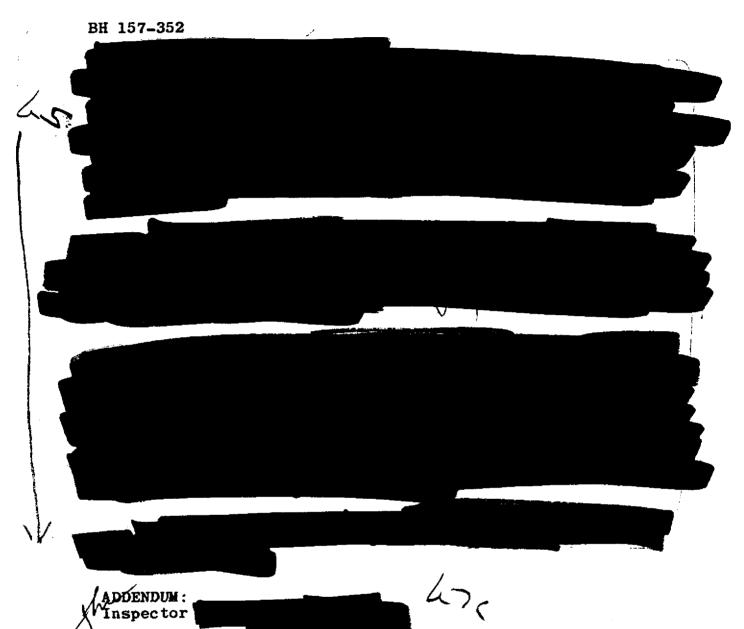
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I have carefully reviewed the contents of the above letter and the recommendations. Furthermore, I have reviewed pertinent sections of the BAPBOMB Investigation, and based on this review, concur with the analysis and recommendations set forth above.

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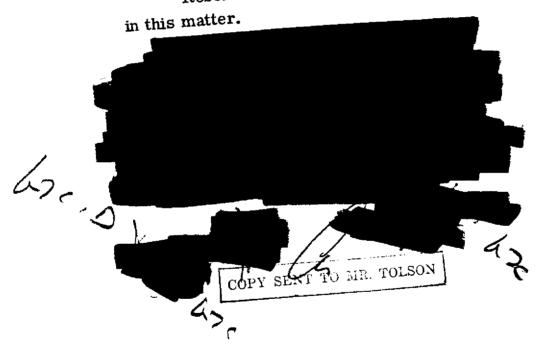
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The Thunderbolt is the newspaper of the National States Rights Party and it has frequently published false

allegations about the Bureau.

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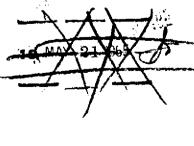
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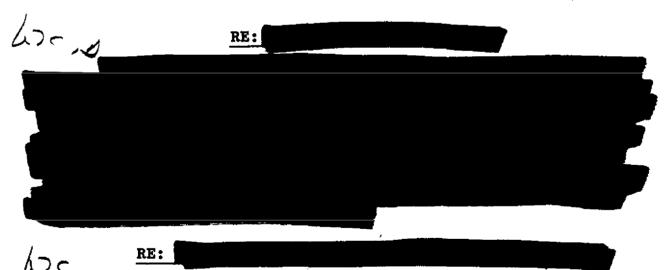
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The decrease in investigative activity in BAPBOMB case subsequent to March 21, 1965, is attributable to assignment of Agents handling instant matter to assist in investigation of GREENBOMBS Special. Also, these Agents utilized for necessary investigation for temporary period in the case captioned et al - VICTIMS; CR - EL", (BH 44-1236; BuTile 44-28601).

Overlap in investigative period this report (1-6-65) prior to last period date (1-8-65), reflected in report of SACCE 1/12/65, at Birmingham, is due to results of investigation not received in completed form in sufficient time to include in last report this case.

As in the preparation of previous reports, sufficient copies are being retained at Birmingham in order that the USA, Birmingham, may be furnished copies of pertinent reports at the proper time. None being disseminated pending Bureau instructions.



The records of the Mobile Division reflect the following concerning also known as

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**BAPBOMB** 

Character:

BOMBING MATTERS

Synopsis:

Investigation continued regarding

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E. CHAMBLISS, and of each.

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Investigation completed regarding in church bombing. Information developed implicating in church bombing. Results of numerous interviews re other miscellaneous aspects instant investigation set out herein. Tests conducted indicate variable delay of ignition or detonation can be obtained, utilizing easily available ingredients and

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I. INVESTIGATION RE PRINCIPAL SUSPECTS

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During the course of spot checking various residences in the Birmingham, Alabama area, the following was noted at the home of

11:05 pm 3/31/65

Observed 1957 blue and white Chevrolet, together with a 1955 brown Ford

behind the residence, with residence in complete darkness.

1:25 am 4/1/65

Observed same as was observed at residence at 11:05 pm previous night.

2:35 am 4/1/65

Observed same as was observed at residence at 11:05 pm previous night and 1:25 am

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11:00 pm Observed 1960 Chevrolet Impala, together 3/31/65 with a 1959 green and white Ford behind the residence, with residence in complete darkness.

1:20 am Observed same as was observed at residence 4/1/65 11:00 pm previous night.

2:30 am Observed same as was observed at residence at 11:00 pm previous night and 1:20 am instant morning.

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11:20 pm 3/31/65	Observed a 1954 International pickup truck, red and white in color; a 1953 black Cadillac, and a 1963 Chevrolet station wagon, brown in color. The Cadillac was parked in front of the residence of the other two vehicles mentioned above were parked in the rear of residence. There were lights on in the residence.
1:40 am 4/1/65	Observed same as was observed at residence at 11:20 pm previous night.
2:50 am 4/1/65	Observed same as was observed at residence at 11:20 pm previous night and 1:40 am instant morning.
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D. ROBERT E. CHAMBLISS

4/2/65

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During the course of spot checking various residences in the Birmingham, Alabama area, the following was noted at the home of ROBERT E. CHAMBLISS, 2505 32nd Avenue North, Birmingham, Alabama:

10:40 pm Observed 1960 Ford Falcon in front of resi-3/31/65 dence, with residence in complete darkness

12:50 am Observed same as was observed at residence 4/1/65 at 10:40 pm previous night.

2:10 am Observed same as was observed at residence at 10:40 pm previous night and 12:50 am instant morning.

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The following letter from Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge, 142nd ordinance. Detachment (Explosives Disposal), U. S. Army, Ft. McClellan, Alabama, was received at the Birmingham FBI Office under date of March 29, 1965. It is noted the results of the experiments, as reflected below, were obtained in an effort to determine if readily available chemicals could be used to ignite standard safety fuse, following a variable delay period.



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#### GENERAL INVESTIGATIV DIVISION

BAPBOMB is the code name for the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama, 9/15/63, in which four Negro girls were killed. Robert E. Chambliss is a prime suspect in this matter.

GREENBOMB, referred to in attached, is the code name for attempted bombings at Birmingham on 3/21-22/65 and 4/1/65 and the explosion at the residence of T. L. Crowell, Birmingham, 4/1/65.

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Robert E. Chambliss and are suspects in this bombing.







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PM CST URGENT 5-26-65 GR

To

DIRECTOR (157-1025)

FROM

BIRMINGHAM (157-352)(P)

BAPB OMB.

DAILY SUMMARY.

ROBERT E. CHAMBLISS OBSERVED BY AGENTS RETURNING FROM FLORIDA TRIP SHORTLY AFTER MIDNIGHT, MAY TWENTYSIXTH INSTANT.

WITH REFERENCE TO INFORMATION CONTAINED IN BIRMINGHAM DAILY SUMMARY MAY TWENTY LAST REGARDING INVESTIGATION HAS NOW

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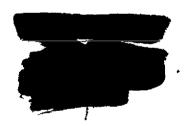
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TO DIRECTOR (157-1025)

FROM BIRNINGHAM 157-352 (P)

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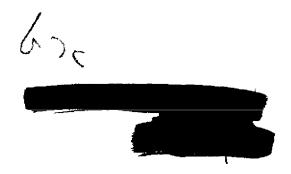
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Director, FBI (157-1025)

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SAC, Birmingham (157-352) (P)

SUBJECT:

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Enclosed to the Bureau are two copies each of a complete summary of information furnished by on February 3, 12, 17, 25 and March 3, 5, and 29, 1965

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These inquiries related to
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