#### FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND PRIVACY ACTS

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

**PART 9 OF 11** 



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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To:

SAC. Birmingham (157-352)

From:

Director, FBI (157-1025)

BAPBOMB

An article which appeared in the June 7, 1965, edition of the "New York Times" indicated that on that date, a stained glass window which was a gift from the people of Wales to the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, had been dedicated. The stained glass window according to the article showed an agonized Negro Jesus being pounded by water from fire hoses with the inscription "You do it to me." It is also noted that of the six white people who attended the dedication ceremony, Mayor Albert Boutwell was present and was asked to stand so that everyone could see him.

It is not known if your office is aware of the publicity this matter has received. If not already done, you should notify the police department and Sheriff's Office and also advise Mayor Boutwell of the publicity since he may desire to take extra precaution.

You should be alert through informants and sources for any information indicating action may be taken to destroy the window or that further action may be taken against Mayor Boutwell.

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BAPBOMH/is the case involving the bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church in which four Negro girls were killed, 9/15/63, Birmingham, Alabama. An unexploded bomb was

found at the residence of Mayor Boutwell on 4/1/65, and is being investigated in the GREENBOMBS case.

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#### GENERAL INVESTIGAT DIVISION

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| TITLE OF CASE    | BIRMINGHAM                  | 6-8-65         | 4/16 - 5/28/65               |             |
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#### ADMINISTRATIVE

Instant report submitted to reflect only that specific phase of the BAPBOMB investigation conducted as a results of allegations contained in the letter of as reflected in the enclosure to Bureau airtel to Birmingham and Charlotte, 4-15-65.

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#### UNITED STATES DEPARTMEN', OF JUSTICE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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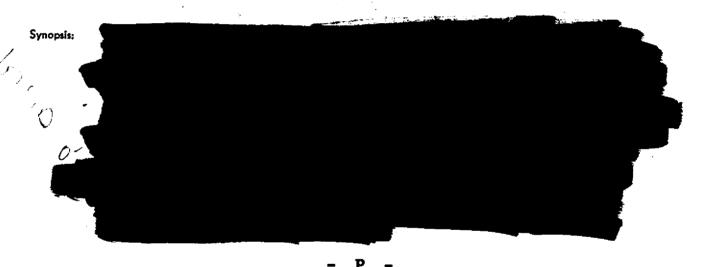
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BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, SEPTEMBER 15, 1963

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BOMBING MATTERS



#### DETAILS:

Investigation reported herein was conducted at the request of the Attorney General of the United States, ' following the receipt, at the U. S. Department of Justice, of a letter dated February 8, 1956 and postmarked February 8, 1965, at Louisburg, North Carolina, which letter is set out below:



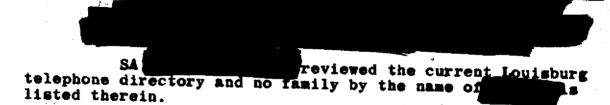
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#### AT LOUISBURG, NORTH CAROLINA.

On April 26, 1965, SA contacted the following individuals at Louisburg, North Carolina, and all advised they knew of no individual in the vicinity of Louisburg, North Carolina, by the name of

Louisburg, North Carolina, Post Office, advised that he checked all four rural routes out of the Louisburg Post Office and that no family of is located on any of these routes.



It will be noted that Louisburg, North Carolina, is a temp of approximately 3,000.

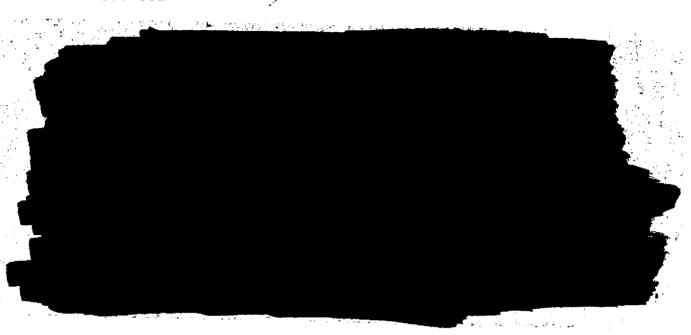
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A review of Hill's Charlotte City Directories. 1960-1964, reflect no information identifiable with

The following persons contacted by IC advised on 4-28-65, their respective files contain no information regarding

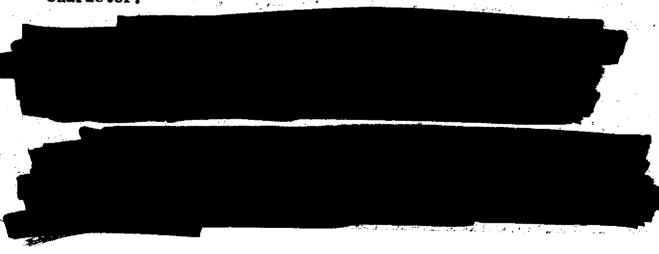
The 1965 Charlotte, North Carolina, telephone directory reflects a subscriber to telephone number to telephone has been disconnected.

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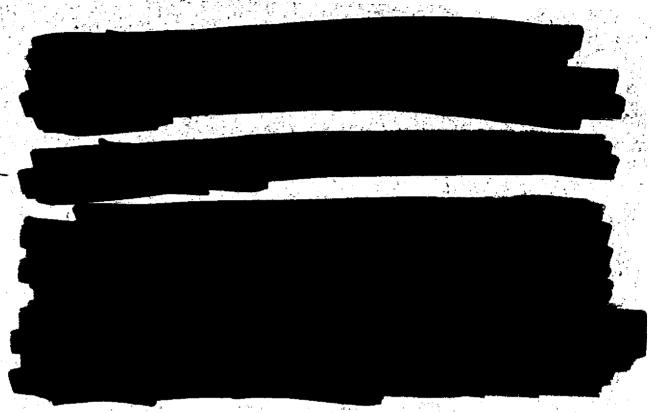


#### AT BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA.

There is, who has been in the law sniorcement profession for many years and who has the reputation of a highly skilled investigator of unquestioned character.



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It is noted that investigation of bombing matters by the FBI has failed to disclose any connection with the church bombing or any acts of racial violence in this area.



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#### 5/29/65 GENERAL INVESTIGAT. E DIVISION

BAPBOMB is code word for case involving bombing of 16th Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, 9/15/63 in which 4 Negro children were killed.

is former Klan official.
Chambliss are suspects.

Information previously received that may have information pertinent to this investigation



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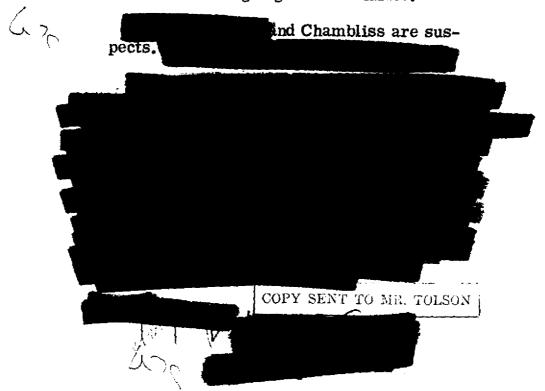


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TO PIRECTOR (157-1025)

FROM BIRMINGHAM (157-352)2P

BAPB OMB.

DAILY SUMMARY.

CHIEF INSPECTOR WILLIAM J. HALEY, ACTING CHIEF, BIRMINGHAM
PD, IN THE ABSENCE OF CHIEF JAMIE MOORE: H. A. DONAHOO, ADMINISTRATIVE
ASSISTANT TO SHERIFF A. M. BAILEY, JEFFERSON COUNTY SO, AND W. C.
HAMILTON, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TO MAYOR ALBERT BOUTWELL, HAVE BEEN
CONTACTED PURSUANT TO INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED IN BUREAU AIRTEL TO
BIRMINGHAN JUNE ELEVEN LAST, BEARING ABOVE CAPTION.

PUBLICITY GIVEN TO THE DEDICATION OF THE STAINED GLASS WINDOW, PRESENTED BY THE PEOPLE OF WALES TO SIXTEENTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH MR. HAMILTON ADVISED HE FELT THE BOMBING INVESTIGATIONS PREVIOUSLY CONDUCTED AND NOW UNDERWAY, IN ADDITION TO THE CLIMATE OF PUBLIC OPINION THIS AREA, MADE IT UNLIKELY THAT ANY ATTACK WOULD BE MADE ON THE CHURCH OR THE MAYOR.

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PLACED INTO EFFECT.

AS A MATTER OF INTEREST TO THE BUREAU, THE STAINED GLASS WINDOW HAS BEEN OBSERVED BY AGENTS AND IT DOES NOT APPEAR TO DEPICT JESUS BEING POUNDED BY WATER FROM FIRE HOSES.

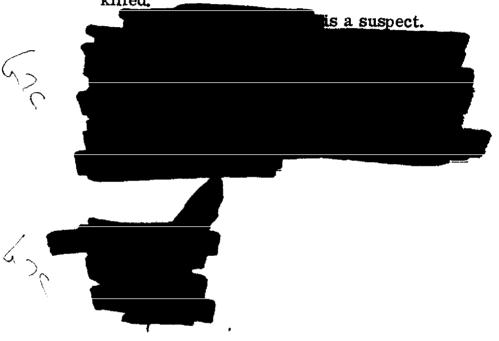
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ENTRANCE TO SUILDING HOUSING BIRMINGHAM FBI OFFICES DURING LATE
AFTERNOON, JUNE SEVENTEEN LAST.
CARRIED SIGN, IN
SUBSTANCE, INQUIRING WHY THE FBI HAS NOT PROSECUTED MARTIN LUTHER
KING FOR TREASON. BLANTON, SR. OBSERVED PICKETING TODAY, JUNE
EIGHTEEN.

CORRECTION... TIME SHOULD BE 903 PM CST END

FBI WASH DC

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CEFBI WASH DC FBI BIRMGHAM 8-36 PM CST URGENT 6-E4-65 GR TO DIRECTOR (157-1025) FROM BIRMINGHAM (157-352) (P) BAPBOMB . DAILY SUMMARY RE MENTIONED DAILY SUMMARY TELETYPES JUNE FOUR, SEVEN AND ELEVEN LAST AND THOMAS E. BLANTON, SR., ALONG WITH OBSERVED PICKETING TWENTYONE TWENTYONE BUILDING, WHICH HOUSES BIRMINGHAM FBI OFFICE, SATURDAY, JUNE TWELVE LAST. WHEN END PAGE ONE

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PAGE TWO THIS GROUP APPROACHED BY AGENTS WHO WERE IN PARKED CAR NEARBY, LEFT HURRIEDLY

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BUILDING TODAY, JUNE FOURTEENTH INSTANT, WITH SAME SIGN PREVIOUSLY
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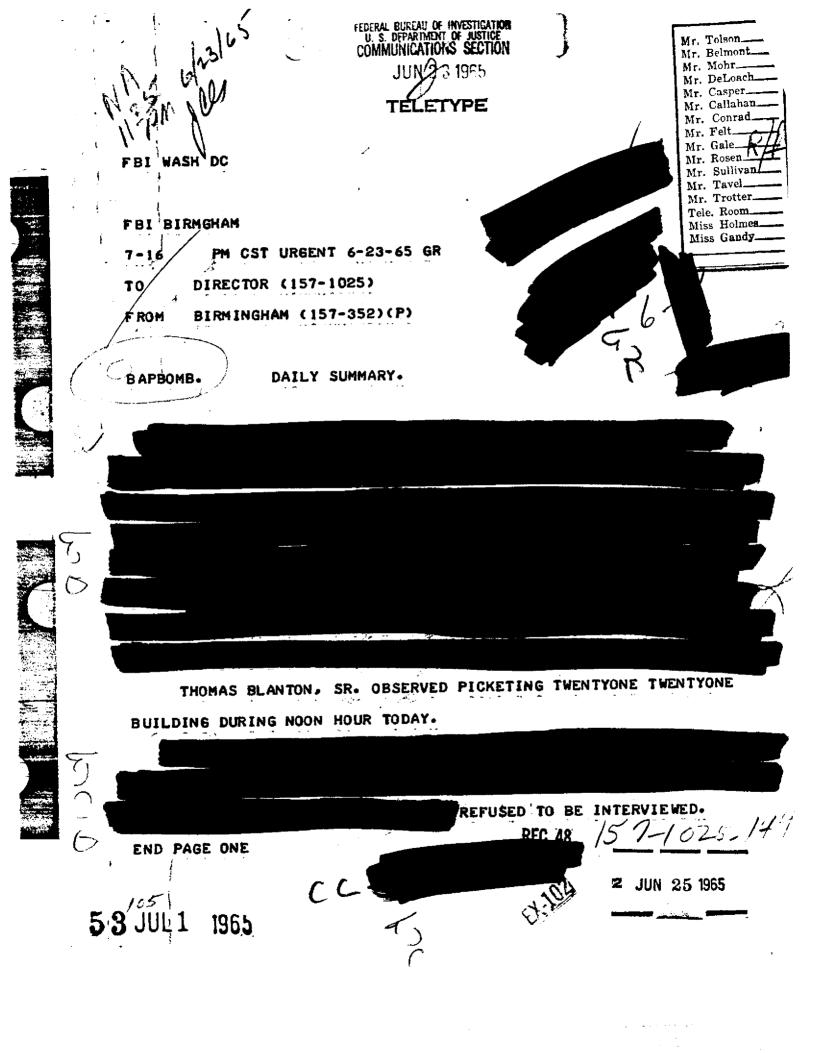
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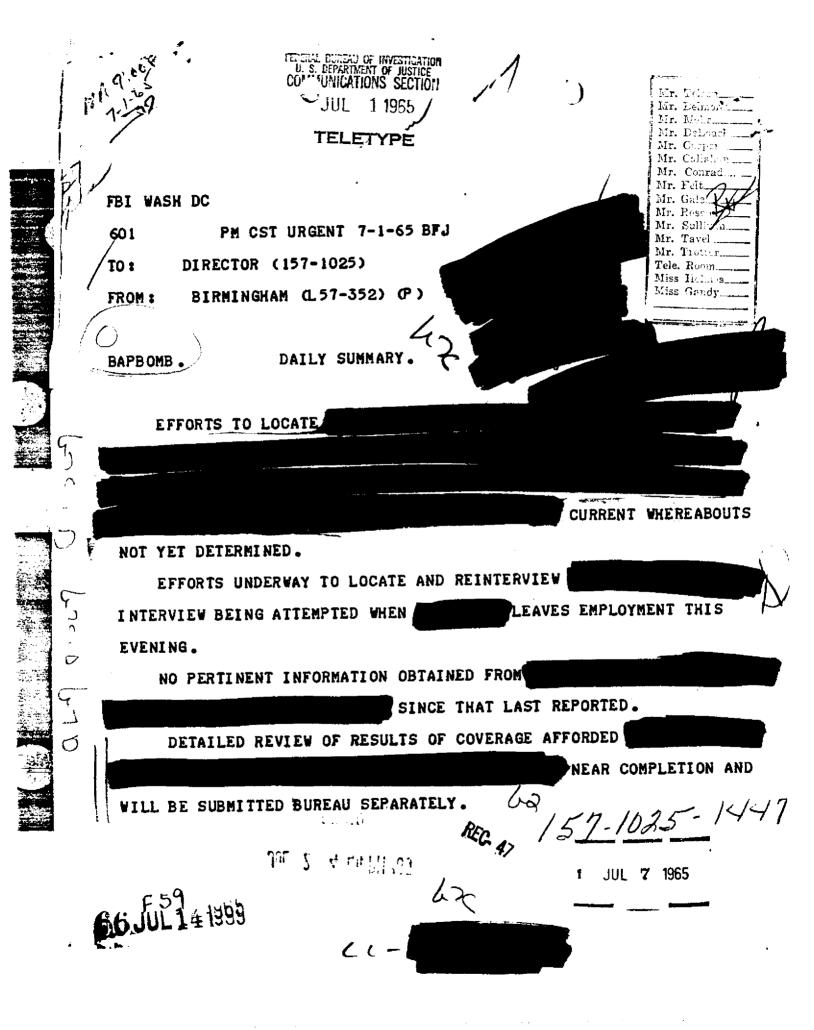
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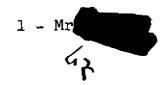


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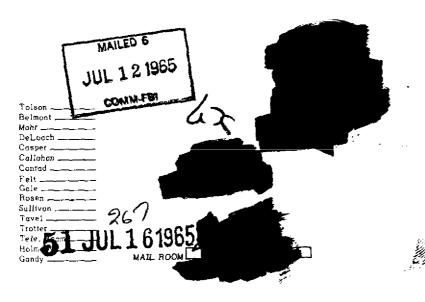
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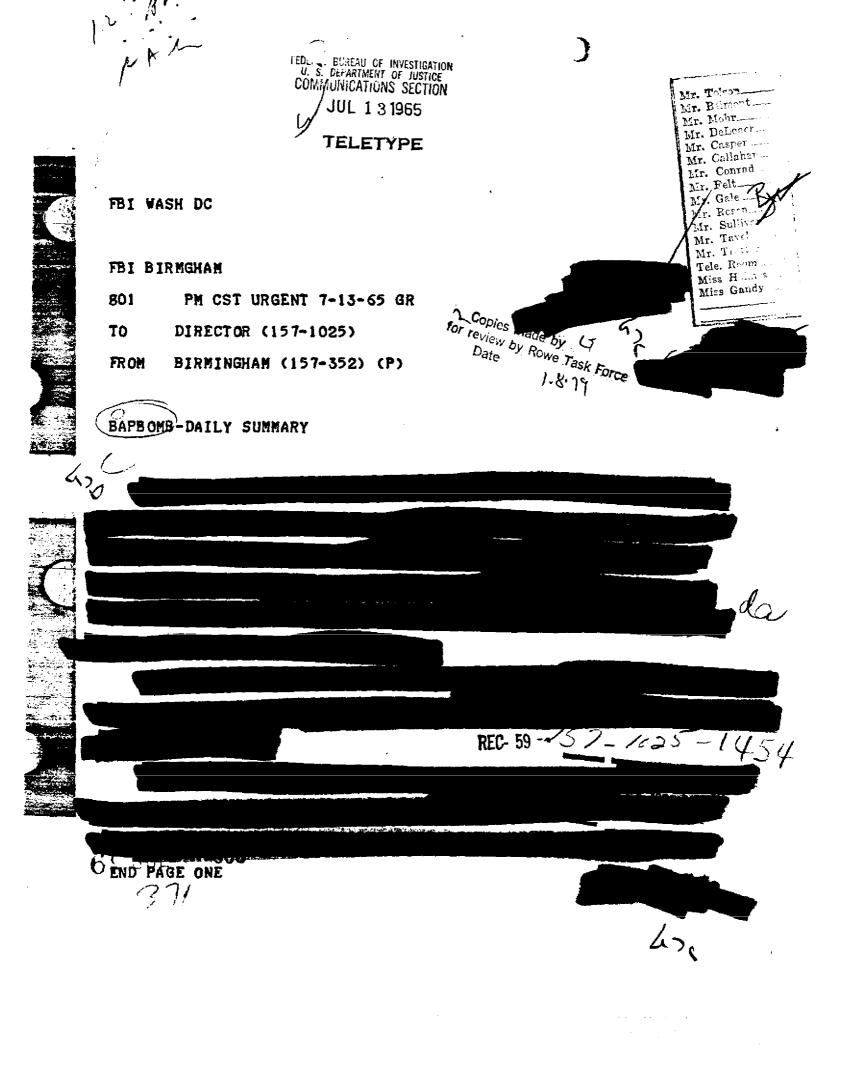
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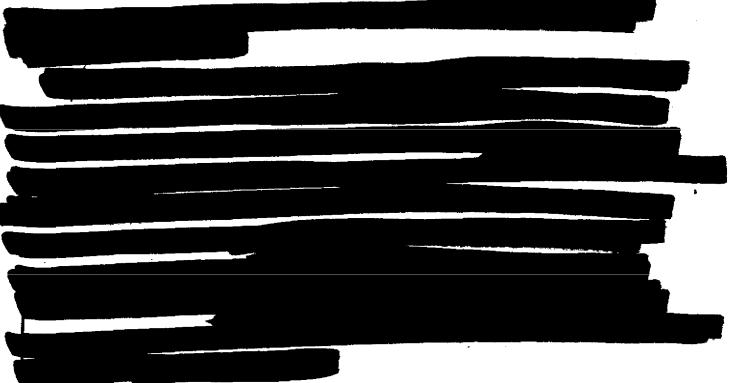
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TO DIRECTOR (157-1025)

FROM BIRMINGHAM (157-352) 4P

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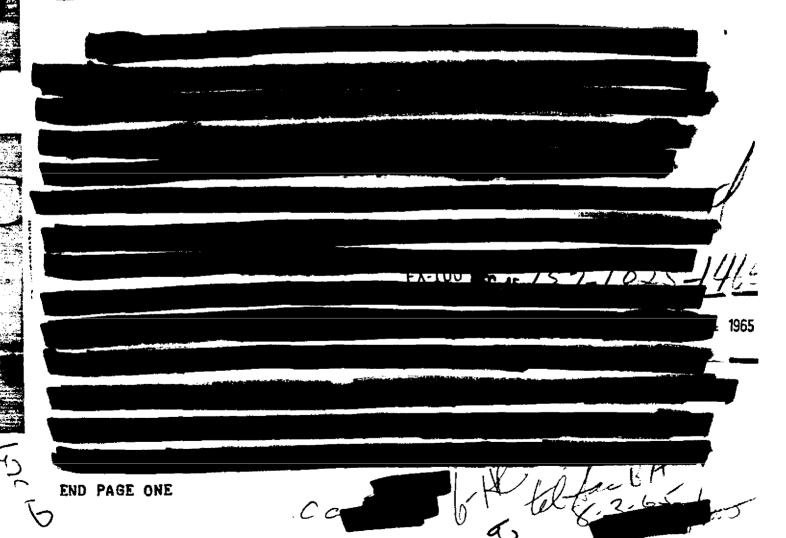
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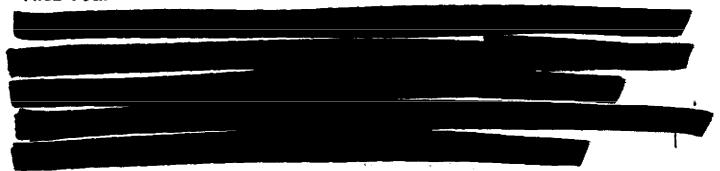


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It is noted that considerable material, the subject matter of GREENBOMBS investigation and reporting, is contained herein. This considered necessary and appropriate inasmuch as the widespread Klan intensification and interview program, which was undertaken as part of the GREENBOMBS Special, naturally included investigative coverage of and interviews with those individuals previously under investigation in the BAPBOMB matter. It is felt that certain information relating to selected suspects and individuals who are primarily of BAPBOMB interest, even though the information was obtained during the GREENBOMBS Special, properly should be reflected in this report.

Investigative period reflected herein prior to date of BAPBOMB report of 5-20-65 due to receipt of results of investigation in form suitable for inclusion in report after preparation of above-mentioned report.

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

The interview of reflected on pages 80 through 84 in this report, includes reference to a polygraph <u>Lnreviously conducted</u> by examination of suspect on behalf of The Birmingham Office is aware of the provisions or volume I, Section 8B, Paragraph 9, pages 14-14a, Manual of Instructions, relating to polygraph examinations and reporting of same. However, taken in the entire context, it would appear these instructions and reporting instructions apply only to Bureau administered polygraph examinations. The interview reported herein, in essence, reflects the information obtained from the interview of a third party having no Bureau connection, who, with the aid of a polygraph, interviewed an individual of significant interest to this investigation. For the above reasons, this interview is set out in the details of this report.

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BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, SEPTEMBER 15, 1963.

Character:

BOMBING MATTERS

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Primary investigative emphasis continuing regarding POBERT E.

CHAMBLISS
previously remains uncooperative and will
not talk to Agents Additional neighborhood social
acquaintances of identified and interviewed.
identified as recent

associate of participating in picketing of building housing Birmingham FBI Office.

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old-time associates of ROBERT E. CHAMBLISS, set out.

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including numerous interviews relating to individuals previously developed as being of interest to instant investigation, reflected herein, including

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III. ROBERT E. CHAMBLISS

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## C. MISCELLANEOUS INVESTIGATION

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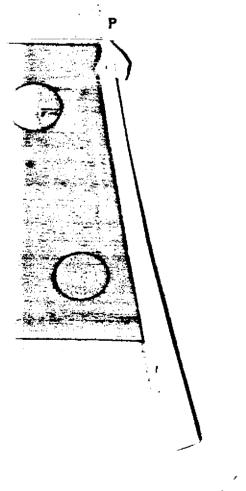
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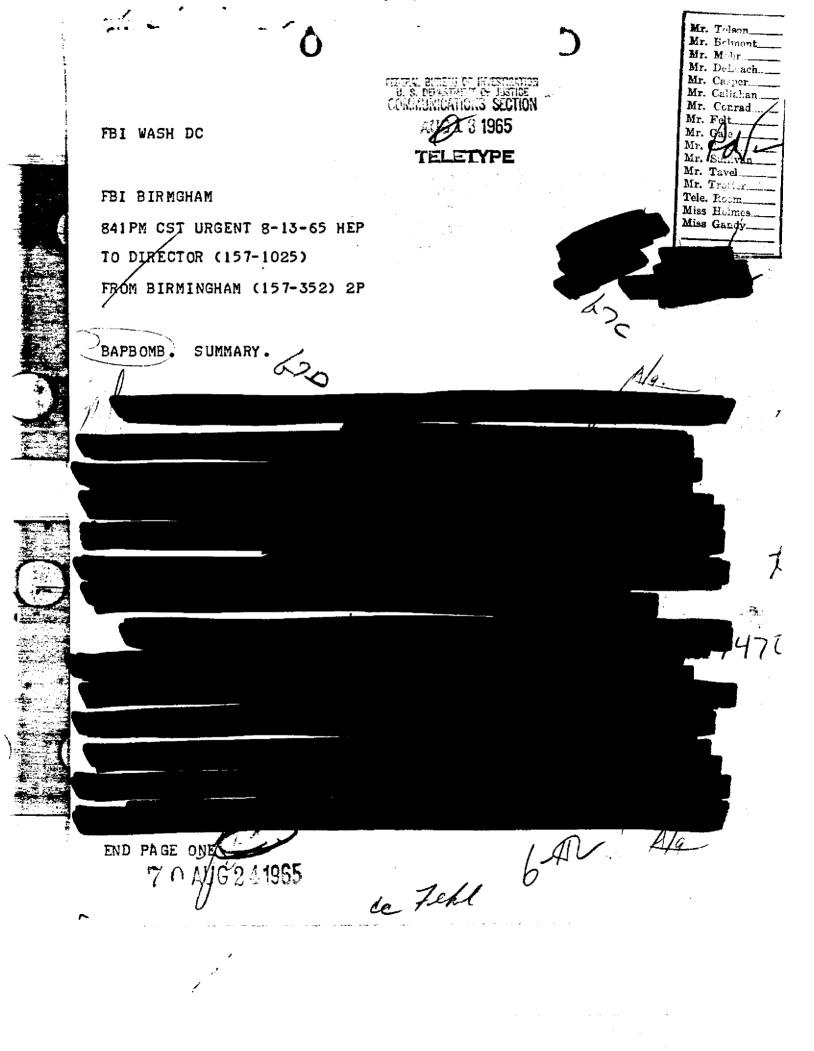
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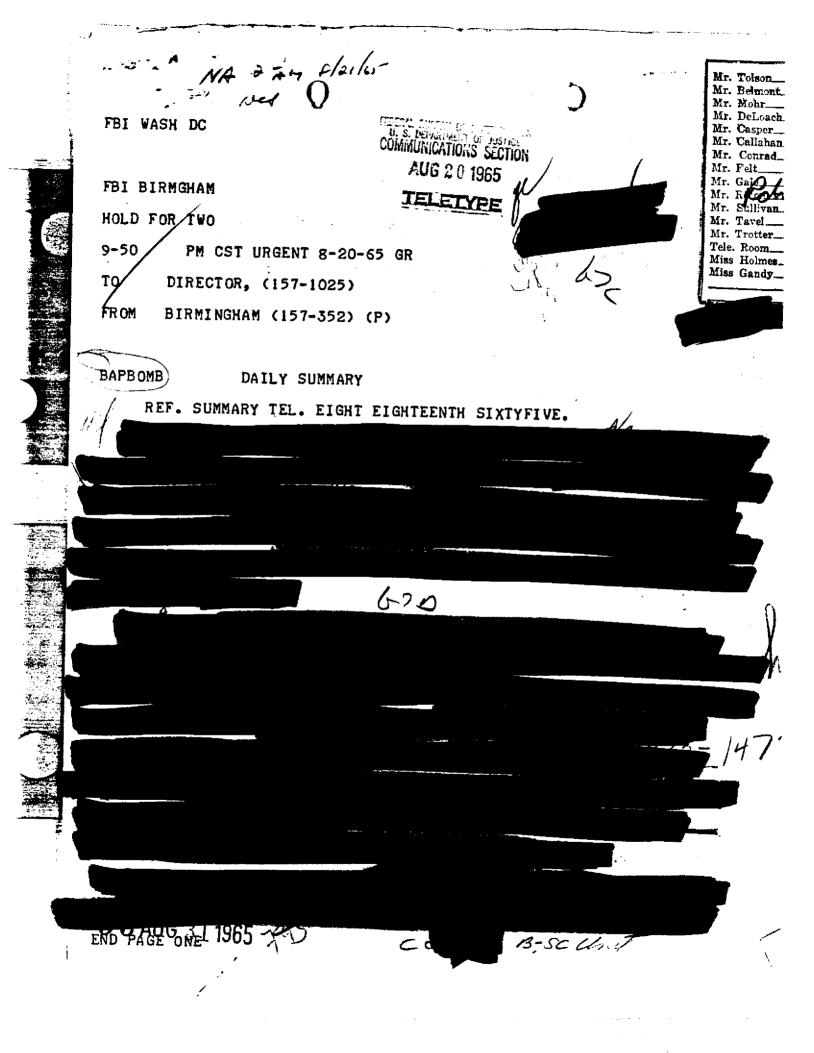
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Director

Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATESeptember 22, 1965

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FROM :

Fred M. Vinson, Jr.

Assistant Attorney General

Criminal Division

SUBJECT: Unknown Subjects; Bombing of Sixteenth

Street Baptist Church, Birmingham,

Alabama, September 15, 1963.

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It is requested that the Bureau review the military service records on file for He was interviewed by the Bureau on several constitutions in connection with captioned matter and it was reported that he served in the United States Army.

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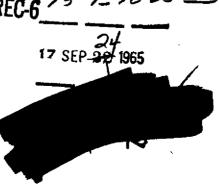
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To: SAC, Birmingham (157-352) REG-6

From: Director, FBI (157-1025)

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Enclosed herewith are two self-explanatory memoranda from the Department, both dated 9/22/65. If it has not already been done, you should immediately initiate the requested investigation. Results should be promptly submitted to the Bureau by letterhead memoranda suitable for dissemination.

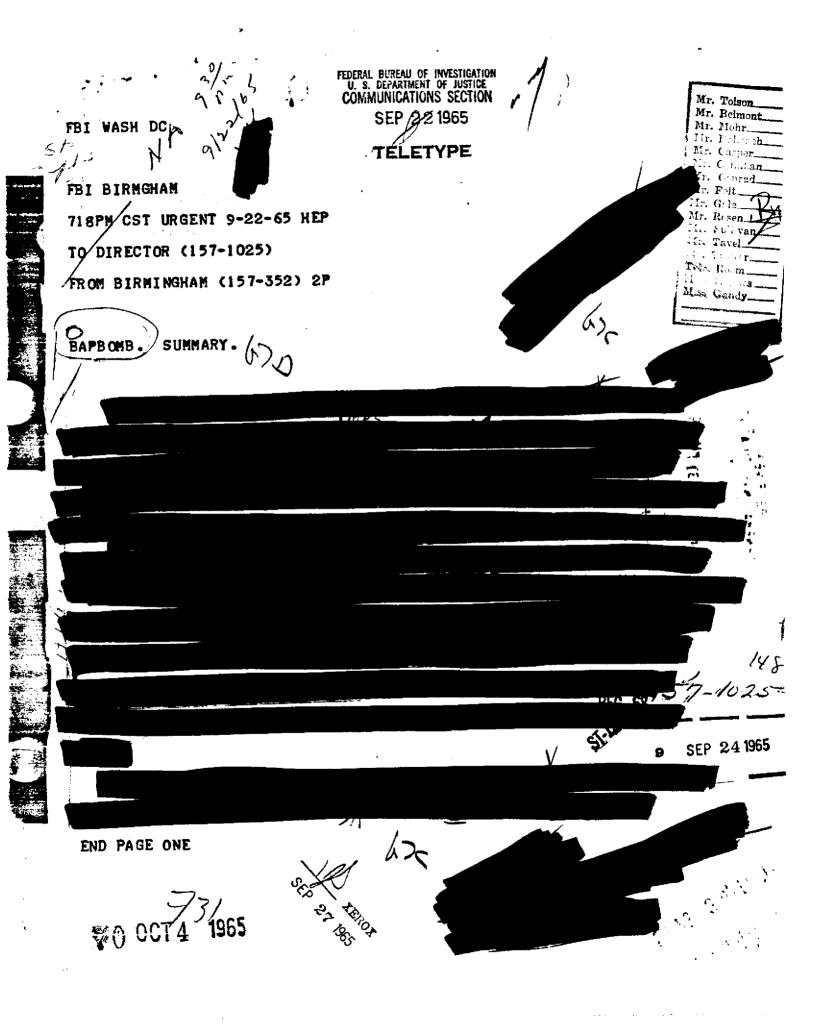
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Enclosures (2)

NOTE: Bapbomb is 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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Valuable information has been developed from informants indicating that suspects under investigation were actually involved in this bombing. Although most information would be inadmissible as evidence, it does definitely establish that the direction and emphasis of our investigation is sound and has been successful. This information should be compiled and disseminated so that the Department may be fully advised.

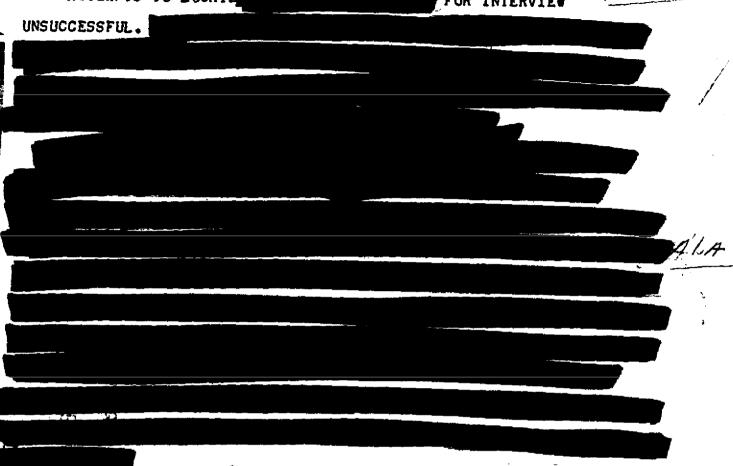


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### 9-25-65 GENERAL INVEST. ATIVE DIVISION

Bapbomb is the case involving the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church on September 15, 1963, at Birmingham, Alabama in which four Negro girls were killed. Chambliss is a prime suspect in this case and other bombing incidents in the Birmingham area.

Investigation being pressed to develop information of evidentiary value which can be utilized toward prosecution of persons responsible for these incidents.









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Special Agent in Charge

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To: SAC, Birmingham (157-352)

REC 1 Director, FBI (157-1025) 14 8 From:

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Re Birmingham airtel to Bureau 9/27/65, captioned "Greenbombs."

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All information submitted to the Bureau in response to the request made in Bureau airtel to Birmingham 9/23/65 captioned "Bapbomb" including information requested concerning should be submitted under the caption "Unknown Subjects, Bombing of Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama, 9/15/63. Bombing Matters."

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Birmingham by reairtel forwarded this request to Philadelphia for handling under the Greenbombs caption. This investigation should be handled under Bapbomb so that appropriate dissemination can be made to the Department. Greenbombs is the case involving the explosion at the residence of T. L. Crowell, Birmingham, 4/1/65, and attempted bombings, Birmingham, 3/21-22/and 4/1/65.





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## Memorandum

TO Assistant Attorney General DATE: 10/7/65 Criminal Division Attention: FROM : Director, FBI SUBJECT: UNSUBS; BOMBING OF THE 16TH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA., 9/15/63; BOMBING MATTERS memorandum datedg/22/65 Reference is made to your (your file 144-1-906. N44-1-1030, FMV:AMP:11. a letterhead memorandum There is enclosed one copy of the report of special dated 10/4/65 AXXXXX Philadelphia 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. ] Please advise whether you desire any further investigation. F. XXX 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. This covers the receipt of a complaint and no further action will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs. Enc · 1 (SEE PAGE TWO)

With regard to your request to review military service records for your attention is called to the report in captioned matter of & 11/30/64, pages 8 and 9 submitted to the Department by my memorandum dated 12/3/64.

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To:

SAC, St. Louis

From:

Director, FBI (157-1025)

BAPBOMB

ReBuairtel to Birmingham September 23, 1965, and Philadelphia to Bureau, October 4, 1965.

The Department, by memorandum dated 9-22-65 made reference to the report of SA at Birmingham in matter captioned "Bombing Devices Found In Birmingham, Alabama, 3-21-65 and 4-1-65" (Green Bombs) wherein the review on 3-6-64 of military service records on file at the Military Personnel Records Center, St. Louis, Missouri, for

as set out. The Department in its memorandum

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At the request of the Department, records pertaining

In view of the Departments request, St. Louis should immediately review again service record and submit a letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination, containing all available information concerning

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Airtel to SAC, . Louis

RE: BAPBOMB

This matter should be handled expeditiously and the letterhead memorandum should be submitted under the caption "Unknown Subjects; Bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama, 9-15-63."

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NOTE: BAPBOMB is the case involving the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, 9-15-63, in which four negro children were killed. Department has requested record check regarding

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 18 MAY 1942 EDITION GSA GEN, REG. NO. 27 UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT Memorandum: Mr. Belmont Rosen

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TO

SUBJECT: EXPLOSION AT THE RESIDENCE OF T. L. CROWELL, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, 4/1/65 AND ATTEMPTED BOMBINGS, BIRMINGHAM, 3/21-22/65 AND 4/1/65 BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, BOMBING MATTERS

DATE: October 11, 1965

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The investigation in this matter and the investigation of the bombings of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama, 9/15/63 are being handled by a squad of ten Agents assigned to the Birmingham Office under the direct on-the-scene supervision of Inspector

The Birmingham Office is currently investigating the possibility that there is a pattern between the recent bombing incidents and those which occurred in Birmingham as far back as 1945. There have been forty-three bombing incidents in Birmingham since 12/11/45. A detailed file review and analysis of available source materials relating to the earlier bombings have been undertaken. A report incorporating this material is Padvises this analysis will in preparation. Inspector develop additional suspects and witnesses; disclose logical leads for interviews of persons with possible knowledge of bombing incidents; and disclose other pertinent information concerning suspects or witnesses which can be used as a wedge to encourage their cooperation. The far reaching investigation to determine the source of the components of the bombs is being pressed.

Continuing pressure is being exerted on the prime suspects involved in the bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church in which four Negro girls were killed. Some excellent informants have been developed among close associates of the suspects and efforts are being made to develop more. Every legitimate opportunity is being taken to maintain the pressure on these suspects in an effort to induce them to make admissions of guilt which can be the subject matter of testimony by these informants. There have been no bombing incidents in Birmingham since 4/1/65.

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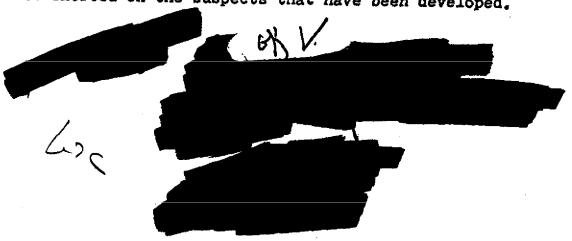
Memorandum to Mr. Belmont

RE: EXPLOSION AT THE RESIDENCE OF T. L. CROWELL, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

Inspector has a detailed knowledge of these matters which enables him to render intelligent and imaginative on-the-scene supervision and guidance to these investigations.

### RECOMMENDATION:

That Inspector continue to provide on-the-scene supervision at Birmingham so that these investigations continue to receive close, intelligent supervision and to insure that maximum pressure continues to be exerted on the suspects that have been developed.



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To:

SAC. Birmingham (157-352)

From:

Director, FBI (157-1025)

BAPBOMB

Reurairtel dated 10/11/65.

Reairtel states "due to security problems involved ... source is in no way indicated as a source in the LHM and no distinction is made therein between the two original sources of the information." It is assumed that all of the information was furnished by attributed to any of this information came directly from "informant's source" to the FBI, a separate T symbol should be used to differentiate this information from that furnished by

The following corrections have been made to Bureau copies of LHM submitted with reairtel: (1) page 2, paragraph one, last word, alibies changed to alibis; page 2, paragraph 2, line 9, bombs changed to bomb; page 16, next to last line, second word, them changed to then; page 19, last word, first paragraph, alibies changed to alibis.

The following items should be clarified by Birmingham and amended pages submitted immediately by return airtel. Page 8, last word in first paragraph "tight" does not appear to be correct in the context of this sentence. Page 11, next to last paragraph "... further substantiating details and facts that were not obtained from informant."

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